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King Corn distributes his titles of nobility by conferring on his devoted subjects decorations in the order of prosperity.

It should be distinctly understood that every democratic politician reserves a woman's right to change his mind on shortest notice.

Second wind for the claimants to the Fair estate means a second windfall for the lawyers who succeed in breaking into the litigation.

If our coming state fair is a faithful reflex of the present condition of agriculture in Nebraska, it will be a show worth going miles to see.

If Omaha had all of the market houses in brick and stone that have been erected on paper, it would have a market house on every other corner.

Senator Hanna is quoted as saying that he is very sure no extra session of the senate will be called to pass on any Cuban reciprocity treaty.

The reunion of the Society of the Army of the Philippines has disclosed the fact that there are still a few veterans of the Philippine war who do not claim to have been anything more than privates.

Governor Savage's honeyed Labor day proclamation will not wash away the bitter taste of his insulting letter to the union plumbers.

The democratic congressional convention may rest under a cloud of a few trifling irregularities, as gauged by the requirements of the election laws, but in the democratic copies of the statute books the election laws are made applicable to republicans only.

If Charles M. Schwab should be displaced from his \$1,000,000 job at the head of the Steel trust before his new \$3,500,000 residence in New York is finished, a half bill palace may be thrown on a market which only multimillionaires can patronize.

In their zeal to convince the public that the railroads of Nebraska are overtaxed, those railway tax bureaucrats are just liable to prove that the roads are really entitled to an annual subsidy out of the state treasury and total exemption from paying anything into it.

Colonel Bryan declares he is not anxious to be convinced that he is the man needed to lead the democratic horse next time, but he is convinced that several other self-styled democrats who are anxious to lead the democratic hosts are neither needed nor wanted on the ticket.

The necessity for the republicans of the Second Nebraska district to nominate for congress a man who makes his home here and whose interests are identified with this district is now more urgent than ever.

In the aftermath of the sham battle crowds at Lake Manawa the collection of empty pocketbooks, in evidence of the activity of the pickpocket brigade, constitutes a striking reminder of what used to happen in Omaha under a former reform police regime.

It hasn't happened in Omaha, however, since the late Martin White and his successor, John J. Donahue, have had charge of the police force.

GRASPING AT A STRAW.

A drowning man grasps at a straw. It is given out by the backers and admirers of Congressman Mercer that his visit to Oyster Bay would bring about a change of front on the part of The Bee with regard to his candidacy for a sixth term through the intervention of President Roosevelt.

If Mr. Mercer's mission to Oyster Bay had no other object in view, it is destined to prove a dismal failure. President Roosevelt is not in the habit of interfering in local political contests, whoever may be involved.

Up to this time at least President Roosevelt, so far as we know, has not shown the slightest solicitude for the nomination of D. H. Mercer and will doubtless be just as well satisfied with any good republican. The editor of The Bee has had four interviews with the president within the last six months, but at no time was the name of Mr. Mercer even mentioned by the president.

If Mr. Mercer's only hope is to save his political life by grasping at a straw from the White House, his chances of landing on shore are awfully slim indeed.

THE SHIPYARD TRUST.

The combination of shipbuilders, known as the United States Shipbuilding company, the organization of which was completed last week, has for its object to put American shipbuilding establishments upon such a basis that ships can be built here for foreigners.

In order to do this the American shipbuilders must be able to compete in the matter of cost with European shipbuilders and if the combination can effect this without reducing the price of labor, which now makes the difference in the cost of ship construction between the United States and Europe, it will be a good thing for the shipbuilding industry of this country.

According to the statement of an official of the company, it is building the largest cargo carrying steamships in the world and has a fleet in course of construction of the value of \$31,000,000, composed of every known type of vessel, and the total contracts in hand aggregate \$50,000,000.

Enlargement of the shipbuilding industry of the United States is certainly to be desired and there appears to be no reason why the so-called Shipyards trust should not be highly successful.

GREAT BRITAIN'S NAVY.

The disclosures regarding the weak features of Great Britain's navy, brought out by the review of the channel fleet, are really not new. For several years English naval officers have been telling the government that many of its vessels would be found almost useless in case of war.

But none the less Great Britain's navy is by far the most powerful in the world and would still be so if all the ships which are deemed to be too feeble to fight were put out of commission. Omitting these from consideration and the British navy still is equal in fighting power to the combined navies of France and Russia.

The new police board is already undergoing an irresistible impulse to transact business behind closed doors, in executive session. As The Bee has repeatedly remarked, no public body, acting in a representative capacity, has any excuse to conduct its proceedings in secret to avoid the enforcement of responsibility.

CRUSADE AGAINST CHILD LABOR.

The movement against child labor in the mills of the south cannot fail to have good results. The facts in regard to the employment of children under 12 years of age and the deplorable consequences have aroused a feeling in the south that must result in remedial action and it is safe to assume that there will be legislation in the southern states for the correction of the wrong that is being done to thousands of children in depriving them of opportunity for schooling and subjecting them to a slavery which ought to be impossible in this country.

Some of the southern papers claim that the statements which have been published as to the number of children employed in the mills and their condition are exaggerated. Thus the Tradesman of Chattanooga says that all who have written on the subject have been either ill-informed or ill-advised.

St. Louis is in raptures over the promise of President Roosevelt to participate in the dedication exercises of the Louisiana Purchase exposition. Plainly the ill-fated star of the Buffalo show is having no deterrent influence on President Roosevelt.

Two of a Kind.

Russell Sage now stands shoulder to shoulder with Senator Hanna as a friend of the laboring man. "I feel that the better you treat the employes the better...

Consider the Price, Doc.

Chicago News. Chancellor Andrews must think young men have a lot of nerve when he asks them to plunge into matrimony while meat and provisions are at the present prices.

A Carb Bit News.

Indianapolis News. Trusts go on forming. One might as well try to stop the laws of gravitation as to stop this economical and industrial evolution, but some direction and control is daily becoming more imperative.

A Refuge for Crooks.

Springfield Republican. It is a great pity that that precious pair of fugitives from American justice, Gaylor and Greene, should have the Canadian courts on their side in the extradition proceedings.

Gush for Foreign Consumption.

Washington Post. General Joe Wheeler is quite enthusiastic and wants us to send our officers over to see a great army that precious pair of fugitives from American justice, Gaylor and Greene, should have the Canadian courts on their side in the extradition proceedings.

Relieving Fools of Their Money.

Minneapolis Times. Another get-rich-quick scheme has come to grief in Boston. The concern was known as J. M. Fisher & Co., and it offered marvelous profits to investors.

Hot Air on the Ocean.

Chicago Chronicle. "By a singular coincidence," John M. Thurston, who is ex-Governor Lillookan's attorney in her claims against the United States for crown lands, sails for Honolulu with Senators Burton and Mitchell, who are charged with investigating those claims.

SAMPLE OF WATERED CAPITAL.

Mr. Schwab's Latest Deal in the Game of Bunco. Philadelphia Press. Mr. Charles M. Schwab has "made" \$18,500,000. He bought the Bethlehem steel works for \$1,500,000, so it is reported. He has "sold" it to the shipbuilding trust for \$16,000,000 in securities.

FARMERS TO COMBINE.

Dakota Movement to Control and Market Farm Products. Milwaukee Sentinel. The Farmers' National Co-operative exchange company was recently incorporated at \$50,000,000. The purpose of the organization is to buy and sell in grain and other farm products and to build elevators and warehouses, storage plants and stockyards.

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BITS OF WASHINGTON LIFE.

Gossip and Incidents Noted at the Deceased Capital. Announced changes in the personnel of the supreme court started a flood of gossip about the august tribunal, and gave Washington correspondents a chance to shake off the midsummer drowsiness.

Since the retirement of Justice Gray, and not Justice Shiras, is the man who executed a somewhat in the income tax decision. One of the traditions of the supreme court is that no affirmation or denial is ever given by members of the secret deliberations or conclusion in the conference room.

When the case was first argued only eight justices sat in the case. When the decision was announced in open court the chief justice stated that the court was equally divided. No explanation of the vote Shiras, the statement is made that "it was not to the details of the vote. All the justices, except Gray, Shiras and Brown, delivered independent opinions.

As a clincher to the story the Washington gossipers say that when Justice Harlan was referring in vigorous and emphatic terms to the sudden change of heart upon the part of the chief justice, who had previously favored an income tax, he turned and stared at Justice Gray. The force of this circumstance is drawn from the fact that at that time Justice Gray sat on the left of the chief justice.

The new liquor law of Washington boasts the license fee from \$400 to \$800 a year, and it is expected the raise will reduce the number of bars from 513 to about 300. The ratio will be about one saloon to every three people.

Attorney General Knox is credited with a desire to leave the cabinet. He said to a friend at Atlantic City the other day: "I left a law practice of \$70,000 a year in Pittsburg to come to Washington to take a cabinet place that pays me \$8,000 a year. In Pittsburg I had my city house and a little place out in the country where I used to go on romps. In Washington I have just one place and to get out of doors and have some fun I come to Atlantic City, where I pay \$72 a day for the board of myself and my family. Oh, I am getting rich at it. The joy of being in the cabinet is wonderful."

Messrs. Gaylor and Greene appear to have floundered on the right side of the Canadian seas of justice. J. N. Casanova, proprietor of the Havana Post of Havana, Cuba, is in New York. He was formerly the mayor of Philadelphia, this state.

Prof. Reginald A. Fossenden of the weather bureau has been granted patents on eleven different parts of wireless telegraphic apparatus by the patent office. Prince Henry of Prussia is insured against assassination. The policy is for \$500,000, which sum is not payable in case of death from any other cause than that stipulated.

Ex-President Steyer of the Orange Free State is recovering his health at Schwenningen, Holland, where he intends to spend the remainder of his days. He is still "unreconstructed." Commandant Moller, lately of the Boer army, was not born to be shot. During the conflict with Great Britain he had twenty-one horses shot under him, but never received a scratch.

Governor Crane of Massachusetts takes no winter vacation. He has been home one day earlier than usual last week, and even that bit of relaxation was considered something unusual at the statehouse. Barrett Browning, son of the two eminent poets, Robert and Elizabeth Barrett Browning, has bought a new residence in Florence, Italy, the city of his birth, where he has long resided in an ancient palace once occupied by his father.

Eliza Cook, the oldest "old lady" of the American stage, is dead at the age of 90. Although it is some time since she was in active service, she did not die by any means "unpreparedly" upon the earth, for her disposition was sweet and cheerful to the last and her word of encouragement was never wanting.

Several more Prussian nobles will visit this country. They are Count von Tiele Winckler, Count Axelbert von Sierstorff, Count von Bernstorff, Count von Yorck, Count von Huhle, representative of aristocratic Prussian houses, who are coming with the emperor's consent to study social conditions and observe the methods used here in educating the sons of leading American families.

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SAVAGE AND THE POLICE BOARD.

Kearney Democrat: So far as some of the citizens are concerned, Governor Savage is the biggest and busiest mayor Omaha has ever had.

Blair Pilot: The new Fire and Police board in Omaha seems to be upsetting things generally and there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Beatrice Sun: The letter recently sent to the labor organizations by Governor Savage was not copied from a book on police letter writing. It was original with the writer.

Ord Journal: It would seem that there are some people in Omaha who do not like the Fire and Police board appointed by Governor Savage, nor the influence that brought about the appointments.

Beatrice Sun: When Governor Savage intimates that a large sum of money would have been paid if he had appointed the men that certain Omaha citizens desired he leaves the people in doubt. He should be more specific.

Kearney Hub: Governor Savage's recent epistle to the head of the labor unions of Omaha is simply still further indubitable evidence that as a letter writer he is a monumental failure. His epistles kick back the old-fashioned army musket.

Weeping Water Republican: Governor Savage has announced his probable intentions of locating in Oregon after his official term expires. He says he has had some flattering offers to engage in the lumber manufacturing business in the west.

Blue Springs Sentinel: The labor unions of Omaha have passed some very warm resolutions against Governor Savage and pointing the fire and police commission he did. They claim that the governor invited them to submit names from which he would give them a representation and then turned them down.

Blue Springs Sentinel: The governor has taken his pen in hand to let the fellow who are on the outside of his fire and police board in Omaha know that he is well and hopes they are the same, or words to that effect. The sparks that are being emitted from his pen are quite electrifying, but political writing has never been his forte.

Valentine Republican: Omaha has another fire and police commission and it is disgusting to see how some papers, through jealousy, are trying to throw the harpoon into E. Rosewater in connection with the same. Rosewater, an editor of a public house, is the only man in the city bold enough to fight corruption and to assist, the other fellows are always jumping on his back.

Premont Herald: The Bee charges that John N. Baldwin, Union Pacific attorney, dictated the appointment of a fire and police board to Governor Savage, the purpose of "converting the police force into a railroad constabulary." Nobody denies that he dictated the nomination of the little man, Mickey, for governor—and the people are going to tell him next November that he made a great mistake.

Premont Herald: Mayor Moore's speaking of the active part taken by D. H. Mercer and John N. Baldwin of the Union Pacific Railroad company, in dictating the appointment of the new police board in Omaha, declared, "It will lose Mercer \$6000 in labor, and the city will be defeated by 2,500—that is if he succeeds in getting the nomination. Hitchcock or Ransom would have a walkaway with him, and anybody running against him will be elected."

Norfolk News: It is rumored that Governor Savage has been given a federal appointment after the expiration of his term of office. In view of the regard in which Savage is held throughout the state, it is considered that a very grave mistake would be made by the general government in appointing him to a position.

David City Press: For appointing a fire and police board in Omaha, opposed to Rosewater, Senator Willard, David B. Marcker and Baldwin of the Union Pacific have agreed to give Governor Savage a good federal job when his time is out. He was turned down for pardoning Bartley, but that was to fool the voters. The state-union in Washington is already in a ready been seen. The president has come to come here this fall, and endeavor to persuade demo-pops they should vote the republican ticket.

David City Press: Broatch, one of the men Governor Savage appointed on the Board of Fire and Police in Omaha to spite Rosewater has a record. For instance, an exchange offers the following: "As far as no business man out of politics has shown greater capacity than Broatch. He drew three salaries at the same time, one of \$2,500 a year from the federal treasury as Missouri river commissioner, one of \$2,500 a year from the city treasury as mayor of Omaha and a third of \$500 a year as member of the police board."

Beatrice Times: Governor Savage, in his reply to the labor union of Omaha, cuts to the quick. He vigorously denies that he lied about appointing a labor union representative on the Omaha police commission. He goes after the walking delegates and the principle of labor unions in working enforced idleness upon those of their number who, if unfettered, would willingly work. The governor's letter is readable because of its brevity. His intimation that the labor union from the union was written by the editor of The Bee will probably bring something rich from that paper.

Grand Island Independent: The Omaha labor union makes an excellent point in an answer to Governor Savage's letter to them, in which he gave but little credit to the honest, intelligent manhood, that is associated nearly everywhere with the labor unions. The governor intimated that money had been offered him for the appointment of certain men on the Omaha Fire and Police Commission. The labor union asks who offered the bribe. The governor leaves this to be inferred as the reader may please. It is a matter of which the people have a right to the full particulars. The officer of the Omaha labor union wants him to speak out. Let the governor speak.

Norfolk News: The labor unions of Omaha are lately discovering what sort of an individual has been occupying the governor's chair for nearly two years past, and they are not sounding his praises to the skies in any great extent. When it was considered probable that the governor would have the appointment of the police board of Omaha, his excellency decided that the opportunity was ripe for making a grand stand play, and he did. He recommended that the labor unions should get their own men together and make a first, second and third choice of men whom they desired appointed on the board. This looked fair to the laboring men, and they made such selections, with the governor's promise that one would be appointed. But the governor forgot or declined to be bound by his promise to the labor unions, and when the appointments were announced the other day they were not long in discovering that they had been made the victims of Savage, and that neither of their recommendations had been considered. The governor has his friends very particular that his previous intentions were given wide publicity, but they have not been so prompt in explaining his final action to those in-

terested, and the unions have fallen into the habit of writing bitter letters and adopting biting resolutions which they take great pleasure in addressing to the governor's office.

Grand Island Independent: Governor Savage has penned a letter to the Omaha labor organization in which he tries to explain why he did not appoint a member of that organization or a representative of it on the Omaha fire and police board. Mr. Savage seems to presume that there is not a member of a labor union in Omaha who would be as well fitted as anyone of the four men he had named, and argues that really it doesn't make any difference—all men are laboring men. It doesn't concern the people of the state that there is not a member of a labor union in Omaha who would be as well fitted as anyone of the four men he had named, and argues that really it doesn't make any difference—all men are laboring men.

Superior Journal: Governor Savage is out in an open effort to trade union in Omaha, in which he intimates that Editor Rosewater was being trying to lead him astray. "Large sums of money were available in exchange for executive pleasure," says Mr. Savage, in relating that Rosewater wanted some of his "pet minions" appointed members of the Omaha fire and police board. Notwithstanding the governor's angry and intemperate utterances, it is hardly probable that Rosewater is guilty of a foolhardy attempt to bribe Governor Savage. Mr. Rosewater in the past has been accused of being a trade union man, but he has always come out unscathed when charges against him have been investigated. This parade of great virtue on the part of Governor Savage in announcing that he had refused a bribe strikes the funny-bone of the people of the state.

Tilden Citizen: The everlasting bickering connected with the question of the appointment of the Omaha police commission has been given a new lease of life by the recent decision of the supreme court, which places the appointive power in the hands of the governor. The ruling is a slap at home rule with a vengeance. No act of the British Parliament in its dealing with Irish matters could be more arbitrary and unjust. The opinion is, on its face, a plain intimation that the voters of Nebraska's metropolis are incapable of self-government. Why the governor of the state should be considered more competent than the chosen mayor to select a board of management for the municipalities' fire and police departments is inexplicable—except upon the uncharitable charge that political bias or prejudice is recognized as of greater importance than representative government. To be perfectly consistent it would seem strictly in order that the governor be accorded the privilege of naming the village marshals of Tilden and all other towns in the state.

Premont Tribune: Governor Savage has taken the public into his confidence in the matter of a reply he has made to the plumbers', gas and steamfitters' union of Omaha. These persons denounced the governor for not appointing candidates endorsed by them for members of the fire and police commission, whom the governor had just named. The reply of the governor is couched in language that has smothered on it. The governor is not expecting any votes this year, and so he is free to say exactly what he thinks. He informs these persons that he didn't appoint any of their candidates because after he had sifted the aspirants the best men in his judgment, didn't happen to belong to organized labor. This was merely a circumstance, one of the misfortunes of war. The governor pays a just tribute to honest labor, but he raises some big warts on the labor agitators "who swayed by money and ambition."

Western Crop Movement. Boston Transcript. The western crop movement promises to be the greatest in the history of the country, and the capacity of the railroads to handle the grain of the western states will be severely tested. Even in ordinary seasons there is sometimes difficulty in obtaining cars, and every road will make an effort to press its best equipped equipment into service. There is likely to be considerable complaint about a "car famine" where the crop is moved, but the farmers of the northwest can hardly expect the railroads to maintain an equipment to meet the conditions of some phenomenally productive years. With the "car famine" in the air, a car, to move the estimated wheat crop of the United States alone at one time would require a train about 65,000 miles long—enough to put several girdles around the earth.

FLAMES OF FUN.

Philadelphia Press: Her Mamma—You certainly were flirting outrageously with that young man on the beach. Don't you know you're a married woman, and— Mrs. Gay—Yes, but he didn't.

Smart Set: Madge—How is it you're not out yachting with me? Dolly—It took both his hands to manage the boat.

Brooklyn Life: First American—Which do you prefer, Marjorie, to be very rich or very poor? Second American—If I had my choice, Alas, I would be neither. I should have about \$2,000,000.

Chicago Tribune: "I don't believe these new neighbors of ours are people of any religious convictions," said a man. "Oh, yes, they are. I heard one of them say the other day they were going to join one of the churches here or soon as they have gone around and taken a look at all the congregations."

Cleveland Plain Dealer: Worried Conscience—Why is it that you know what course should be followed by a person who finds a pocketbook in the street? "Perhaps they have gone around and taken a look at all the congregations."

Chicago Post: "Why is it that unmarried people always assert such superior wisdom with reference to matrimony?" "Possibly it isn't a matter of superior wisdom, but of inferior wisdom. Perhaps they merely feel more free to express an opinion."

Baltimore American: "No," declared the honest coal dealer, "I don't increase the price of coal from my yards on the 'high, noble man,' exclaimed the listerener, "you are a true friend of the people. You may take our orders immediately." "I will take you at once, if you so desire," said the dealer, "but I have to coal in my yards."

THE STAY-AT-HOME.

Philadelphia Catholic Standard. Let others go For pomp and show Where ocean beats or mountain towers. I'm glad I've got off a home here in the city. To rest in after working hours.

My wife and I, Contented, sigh For nothing that the haunts of pleasure By sea or lake. Could add to make Our joy in life of greater measure.

Good food to eat, Despite the heat, I love my meals, and so does Kitty, And I don't care for the haunts of pleasure. What clothes to wear, We're quite contented in the city.

Although to stink Where wilds of brigs Encumbered with all indignities, In hard, we've got to do it. That's what we're doing, on my wife's connections!