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DEMOCRATIC ANTI-REORGANIZERS.

The men who are promoting democratic reorganization are not to have the field wholly to themselves. Those who believe in the Chicago and Kansas City platforms are beginning to bestir themselves and are likely to be heard from in no uncertain way in the near future. A national conference of democrats is announced to be held in Chicago next month, at which it is said that Mayor Harrison, Mr. Bryan and a number of others opposed to the reorganization movement will be in attendance and make addresses.

At all events, the Chicago conference of democratic anti-reorganizers will be a political incident of interest and significance. It will doubtless disclose what this element intends to do by way of counteracting the eastern movement, which so far as appears is at present mainly in the interest of the nomination of Mr. Cleveland.

IMPORTANT POSTAL REFORM.

The judicial decision sustaining the ruling of the Postoffice department regarding the classification of second-class mail matter, excluding therefrom a vast amount of books and publications which had for years been carried at newspaper rates, is of very considerable importance, particularly in the effect upon postal revenues.

NO CHANGE IN BRITISH POLICY.

From what transpired in the House of Commons yesterday it is perfectly safe to say that no change in the British fiscal policy is imminent. The government's proposal to remove the grain tax will prevail and there will be nothing done, so far as Parliament is concerned, to promote the policy urged by Mr. Chamberlain.

WHETHER JUDGE TAFT FILE THE BILL AS A WESTERN MAN FOR VICE PRESIDENT DEPENDS ENTIRELY UPON THE GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION OF THE OBSERVER WHETHER HE IS EAST OR WEST OF OHIO.

Whether Judge Taft files the bill as a western man for vice president depends entirely upon the geographical location of the observer whether he is east or west of Ohio. Still, if he could be credited up to the Philippines he might be referred to either as a far western or as a far eastern man to suit the occasion.

For senseless chatter tinkering the late Douglas delegation to the legislature eclipsed everything that had gone before, and that is saying a great deal. The complication over the Board of Public Works employees is the result of legislative inactivity, incited solely by political vindictiveness.

WHERE ARE THOSE WATCH DOGS?

For a number of years past the Omaha Commercial club, and especially the members of its executive committee, have manifested intense anxiety to place the city in control of the water works. Municipal ownership of the water works has been discussed before the club by political economists and politicians, and resolutions favoring the acquisition of the water works plant by compulsory purchase have been passed and spread upon the journals of the club.

When the water works purchase bill was before the legislature last winter the Real Estate exchange fell in with the Commercial club and gave the bill a unanimous endorsement without discussing its merits or demerits. Since the enactment of the Howell-Gilbert bill the effervescent enthusiasm over the proposed purchase has died out and an inexplicable indifference is exhibited by the executive committee of the Commercial club and the Real Estate exchange concerning the danger that confronts the city in the three appraisers' arbitration.

While The Bee cannot justly be held responsible for the lack of interest manifested on the part of any organization or the suggestive silence of its contemporaries, it does not propose to put anybody in or out of Omaha in position in the future to charge it with dereliction of duty or betrayal of public interests for private advantage.

When the water board selected J. W. Alvord as the city's appraiser The Bee called attention to the fact that an extra hazardous risk was being assumed in the selection of an engineer comparatively unknown to negotiate on behalf of the city a deal that will involve millions of dollars.

THE LOSS SAID THE BETTER.

Southern newspapers are respectfully requested to make no mention of the lynching bee at Belleville, Ill. Comments upon such an affair could only have the effect of embarrassing the people of the south in their work of pointing out and reproving similar sins of the south.

NO ELBOW ROOM AT SEA.

There is too little elbow room on modern United States warships, especially in the general mess, and this is one reason for the discontent which causes many recruits to desert. Decks during the last month numbered more than 300. The general mess system has resulted in a very well cooked and plentiful ration of considerable variety, but the space for the mess table is so small that the men have to sit very close together and all their feet are on the table before mess call is sounded.

COLLAPSE OF THE BUBBLES.

Isolated values vanishing from overloaded combines. The speculative element is painfully realizing a truth which has long been patent and which has been so frequently reiterated that it is strange the public has not profited by its lessons. The man who buys a bag of wind and holds it with the idea being that some fool bigger than themselves would rush in behind them and buy at higher prices.

A police officer who discharges his revolver at an alleged beggar and shoots him in the back by accident is not a fit man for police duty. Policemen are not armed with revolvers for target practice with men as the target. A policeman has no more right to use a deadly weapon except in self-defense or in an attempt to arrest or capture a dangerous criminal than any private citizen.

One of the questions that forces itself upon municipal corporations by a recent decision in the courts is whether a railroad right of way for trackage through streets and alleys in cities constitutes a franchise. Conceding that the grant of a right of way to a traction company that operates street railways by horse power, electrical power or steam power constitutes a franchise, the natural inference would be that the use of public thoroughfares within city limits for the transportation of freight and passengers, whether local, state or interstate, would also constitute a valuable privilege subject to all the regulations and limitations of municipal authority.

Omaha might be plastered over with paving plants, but that would not insure keeping the streets in good condition. It takes money to pay for paving maintenance and repairs and the funds available for this purpose will

AN UNCONVENTIONAL PRESIDENT.

"Open-Minded, Free-Hearted, Willing to Tell His Own Story." The word which perhaps most fittingly characterizes the present chief of our nation, is "unconventional." It is a harmless word, in that it suggests no motive, while it suggests wonderful strength of character when it is remembered that he is in the heart of traditional public and political conventionality, and not only holds his own, but impresses himself upon the nation as a dominant force in its life.

King Victor Emmanuel evidently knows how to touch the right spot with President Roosevelt. His gift of handsomely bound volumes for the president's library could not have been more appropriately selected unless, perhaps, he chose to present a new rifle or a pair of revolvers.

A Doleful Prospect.

In short, what will Editor Bryan do when all the rest of the world has joined the conspiracy against itself and adopted the gold standard?

Chinese Thrift.

No doubt the Chinese are conferring a great honor on us by letting us house our money in their sacred temples.

Pathos in the Silence.

The former Congressman who achieved fame by coining the query "Where am I at?" is dead, and we cannot answer his question now any more accurately than when he first asked it.

Shedding Oil in Strife.

Under a budding lilac bush, whose white petals dabbled in his heart's blood, young Roy C. Butler in a fit of despondency cut the throat of his life with a pistol bullet in City park yesterday afternoon.

The Strenuous Era.

With floods in the Mississippi basin, forest fires in the west, and a cyclone in the south, really nothing is needed to complete the work of devastation but an earthquake in California and an automobile race through the middle west.

The Less Said the Better.

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The Aftermath of War.

Patriotic citizens who whooped vociferously for war with Spain are likely to scratch their heads at the information that \$7,654 "invalids" of that conflict have already made application for pensions along with 3,300 "widows and orphans."

PERSONAL NOTES.

Christopher Stimis, who has just died in Newark, N. J., helped to build the yacht America, the first cup boat.

Martin Fornes, who has succeeded temporarily to the desk of the Postoffice department at Washington vacated by Machen, is a Norwegian by birth.

Evidently the French Academy has not heard that a Chicago real estate man wrote "Cyrano de Bergerac." Edmond Rostand has just been elected to membership among the immortals.

Jersey farmers whose crops have been ruined by the drought may muse upon the benefits of compensation. The state entomologist announces that the dry weather will cut down the mosquito output to 50 per cent.

John L. Griffiths is at work on the life of the late President Harrison. All the private papers of the president, including some unfinished manuscripts, have been turned over to him. Mr. Griffiths was closely associated with Mr. Harrison for many years. He is at present at Indianapolis.

Hall Caine recently completed his first book of the century. While he is chiefly known as a novelist and dramatist, he is a man of many energies. He spent five years as an apprentice in an architect's office in Liverpool, but the technical knowledge he acquired he used mainly for themes in his literary writings.

The new plan, which is one of five that are in course of construction, measures from the bulkhead to the extreme end 1,314 feet, or within twenty-four feet of a quarter of a mile. It is 150 feet wide, thus affording a floor space of 207,100 square feet for the handling of freight.

The proprietor of an expensively decorated drinking place located on one of the lively business streets of Harlem discharged all of his bartenders a couple of months ago and employed women to take their places. His idea was to introduce the English barmaid system in New York, and he thought he saw a chance to make a sensation, in addition to a lot of money, out of his scheme. The barmaids he employed were all pretty women, and he had them instructed in the art of mixing drinks before discharging his male bartenders.

With the neatly dressed and aproned barmaids installed, the proprietor of the cafe sat back and waited for the rush. The rush didn't ensue. The regular customers of the establishment would poke their heads in at the swinging doors, gaze mystifiedly at the barmaids and then bolted for it. Passing strangers, darting into the place for refreshments, did exactly the same thing. The proprietor kept his barmaids for about a week, during which

A Change for the Better.

Indianapolis Journal. The administration is showing a most commendable disposition to push the investigation of the scandal in the Postoffice department to the furthest limit, to find every rotten spot and provide a drastic cure. It forms a striking illustration of the progress of political methods in the United States. Two or three decades ago, no matter which party had been in power, the chief concern of the administration would have been to get at the bottom of the matter and clean it up, but to smother it as quickly as possible.

ROUND ABOUT NEW YORK.

Ripples on the Current of Life in the Metropolis.

"The course of the Pennsylvania Railroad Stock," says a New York dispatch to the Chicago Tribune, "since the formation of the underwriting syndicate is a puzzle to Wall Street. The stock has steadily declined since the syndicate was formed and on last Friday touched 12 1/2, the lowest point since 1899. The accusation is made openly in the financial district that several of the heaviest subscribers to the syndicate have been the principal sellers of the stock, and the presumption seems to be that the object of the attack is to depress the stock in order to make it unattractive to Pennsylvania stockholders, who have the right to subscribe at 130.

"If the real object of the syndicate is to get possession of a great share of the new \$75,000,000 issue, with a view to securing a nucleus for a control fight, it is likely to be accompanied by pyrotechnics such as Wall Street has not seen since the Northern Pacific panic two years ago, in which several members of the syndicate played prominent parts.

"The change in the control of the Pennsylvania railroad, involving as it would similar changes in the Baltimore & Ohio, the Reading, Jersey Central, Norfolk & Western, Chesapeake and Ohio, and other smaller properties, would be accompanied by a financial upheaval that would make some startling changes on the railroad as well as on the banking map.

"The great Pennsylvania system was founded to capitulate to John D. Rockefeller in 1877, when it abandoned its support of the independent refiners and accepted the terms of the Standard Oil company unconditionally. At that time Andrew J. Cassett bore the flag of truth. Wall Street has forgotten whether history is going to repeat itself."

Mr. Dooley is a police captain in Brooklyn. At the Latoria race track the other day a horse named for "Philosopher Dooley" was running and in a Brooklyn pool room the progress of the race was being called "Dooley second" came the announcement at the conclusion of the race. "No, Mr. Dooley is first," came the voice of Captain Dooley, as with his detectives he broke into the room and arrested proprietor and patrons.

George D. Widener, the Philadelphia financier, returned on the steamer St. Paul and at his pier made the usual declaration about the effects. The customs officer drew a paper from his pocket and said: "Here is a cabigran from London saying that you had a number of diamonds." "Oh, yes, that reminds me," said Mr. Widener. "Sure enough, I did have some. I remember now having forgotten them and left them in my room on the bureau at the Hotel Carlton. They are in your care, and I had a number of diamonds. The customs officer thereupon passed the baggage.

Certain women are seen in New York's shopping district this month who are never seen there in any other season of the year. Most of them are old and shabby, but they live in little homes that are the last remnant of "squatter sovereignty." But catnip grows in the rocky gardens that surround their homes and every woman who owns a pet tabby likes to treat it to a sprig of fresh catnip. It is a woman's almost fall over her. Many of the shoppers buy more than 10 cents worth and give all the cats in their neighborhood (respectable cats with homes) a treat. Cat owners exchange little courtesies in this way and the women who have catnip to sell make almost fall over her. Many of the shoppers buy more than 10 cents worth and give all the cats in their neighborhood (respectable cats with homes) a treat. Cat owners exchange little courtesies in this way and the women who have catnip to sell make almost fall over her.

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"And this," exclaimed the traveler from the old world, emerging from an steamer and gazing dreamily at the shore of Illinois. "No," said the free American passenger in the steamer chair. "That is New York City," uttered the Tribune.

He—Now, there's a woman I can't help admiring. She is so easily satisfied; has such plain tastes. She—I didn't know you knew her. He—I'm married to her husband I know—Brooklyn Life.

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ADVICE FOR HOT WEATHER.

Indianapolis News. When the thermometer is doing just a little more each day. Toward the breaking of its record while it will not be long before it will be under certain circumstances it is unwise to get gay.

And all you do so you had best think twice, man. As the days get getting hotter you will get a good supply. Of a thing that just a little takes a lot of sense. As it's put upon the market by an independent guy. If you want you must take it at its price, man.

When at times you hear his raucous cry come from the alley gate. It will not be long before you that's unpleasantly frate. But before you get aggressive and attempt to get the establishment out of your mind. 'Twould be wise to ponder over this advice, man.

For advice on what's called a hundred pounds may seem a little light. It were better to say so than bring in on a fight. As a jolly and clear will make you solid and all you get more for your money from the ice man.

Size of His Fortune a Surprise to Others Than His Heirs.

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