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The Beef trust inquiry threatens to resemble a serial story.

The Milwaukee bank-quake has not interfered with the Milwaukee beef season.

Dr. Nansen may discover more trouble than he found in the frozen north if he continues to prod the "terrible Swedes."

Now that Judge Munger has given the water board the privilege of amusing itself by whittling at water rates, we shall see what we shall see.

Is it not rather premature for candidates for the majority to spar for wind in view of the fact that the election for mayor will not come off until May, 1906?

It is hardly probable that one of the features of the meeting of the General Federation of Women's Clubs at Atlantic City will be an excursion to Princeton.

It is said "Tom" Tibbles is to start a new paper in Nebraska. Strange that neither so good a democrat as Mr. Bryan nor so good a populist as Mr. Berge can fill the place.

Lee Herdman is already nominating Colonel Bryan to make the race for governor of Nebraska next year. A call for a meeting to reorganize the Success League will be in order.

"Omaha will have to fight for what it gets," says President Stickney of the Great Western. That is nothing new, however. Omaha has always had to fight for what it has gotten.

It does not matter very much to the Omaha jobbers and grain dealers what inspired J. J. Hill to build the Ashland cut-off. Suffice it to say it was not designed for their benefit.

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Chief Wilkie of the Secret Service is to try to stop counterfeiting in the Philippines. There will be some more people on the island who will now have further cause to regret American occupation, which interferes with customs long established under Spanish rule.

One of the railroad magnates before the senate investigating committee expresses particular solicitude lest the enlargement of powers to the Interstate Commerce Commission might operate to the disadvantage of the west. The west has an idea that it is at a decided disadvantage under the present system of limited powers of regulation and arbitrary powers of railway management. The west would be perfectly willing to take a chance at a change and rely on its ability to exact "a square deal."

THE DUTY OF DIRECTORS.

The Milwaukee bank defalcation has naturally commanded a great deal of attention, due to the extraordinary amount of which the bank was robbed by its president, a man who stood high in the business community and was universally regarded as not only a financier of great ability, but of the highest integrity.

There is nothing unreasonable in this. When a man accepts the position of a bank director he takes upon himself a duty of the very first importance, legally and morally. He knows that the law imposes certain obligations upon him and he also knows that he is morally bound to care for the interests of the depositors in his bank as well as for the interests of the stockholders.

There is manifestly a lesson in this Milwaukee defalcation for bank directors generally, but how many of them will be instructed by it? There have been many such lessons, though few quite so impressive, yet it is not improbable that there are numerous banks in the country today whose directors are as careless and as lacking in vigilance as were those of the bank looted by Bigelow.

AS TO REASONABLE RENTS. Capitalists who have money to invest in business blocks suitable for wholesale dealers would undoubtedly be satisfied with 6 per cent net on their investment, but that 6 per cent should represent returns outside of interest upon the money expended for the ground and building, the taxes, insurance, repairs, and a reasonable amount for depreciation.

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are fully equal and in many respects superior to those now possessed by Minneapolis, and Omaha's trade radius is constantly extending.

Incidental to the enlargement of Omaha's milling facilities will come enlargement of its cooperative facilities and the establishment of new industries independent with and growing out of the various demands made for articles especially fabricated for flour mills.

A striking instance of the interdependence of industries is furnished by the impending removal of the plant of an extensive manufacturer of rubber goods, giving employment to 900 wage workers, from Chicago to Detroit, for the reason that its owners find economic advantage in placing their factory in close proximity to the colony of automobile factories located in Detroit.

Our German market has become very important and valuable. It is a market to be cultivated, so far as this can be done without injury or detriment to our own industries.

It is suggested that the German market which we might have to buy through the medium of a reciprocity treaty is one for which we cannot afford to pay any very high price; that the loss of our trade with her would really be more serious to Germany than the loss of her trade would be to us.

A novel scheme is on foot to relieve the monotony of Russian prisoners of war, detained in Japan, by furnishing them reading matter with the two-fold purpose of affording entertainment and instruction, and of planting within them the lessons of peace by a benevolent selection of the books and pamphlets placed at their disposal.

Bank clearings are any index of business activity, Omaha is in a very healthy condition. Its clearings for last week show an increase of 23 per cent above the same period of last year and exceed those of Buffalo, Indianapolis, St. Paul, Denver, St. Joseph and Seattle by from 20 to 50 per cent.

SHUCKS!

Many a good wife desires above all things to "run" her husband, and does it, too.

Looking Before Giving. Chicago Record-Herald. Andrew Carnegie says he always finds out before offering money whether it will be accepted or not. It's a wise plan. No rich man should run the risk of being humiliated for the mere sake of keeping his conscience from rocking the boat.

Concerning the Bear Hunt. Philadelphia Press. Many men have many minds over the president's successful bear hunt. Some think he is taking it on the bears, others feel towards certain statesmen.

PERSONAL NOTES. Mr. Gompers says the bakers are so short of sleep from long hours of work that they lie down on their dough and rise with it.

SMOKERS AS FIRE HAZARDS. Prince Nicotine Hits Insurance Companies Below the Belt. New York Independent. According to H. D. Davis, Ohio state fire marshal, tobacco smokers cost his state \$122,321 during 1904 for buildings and their contents destroyed through the agency of hot cigar stubs and pipe ashes.

WHEN SHALL THE PASTOR CALL? Bishop's Advice to Preachers Upeats Old-Established Customs. Detroit Tribune. Bishop Berry of the Methodist church has started the clergy and the laity by warning pastors against afternoon calls upon their women parishioners when the husband and the head of the household is at home.

Free Criticism. St. Louis Globe-Democrat. There are plenty of anxious men, some of them holding positions of trust and profit, who are free to criticize President Roosevelt for exposing himself to the dangers of boating fishing.

BITS OF WASHINGTON LIFE.

Minor Scenes and Incidents Sketched On the Spot. Around the Interior department hangs a cloud menacing the peace of the Indian bureau. Political weather prophets are forecasting a cyclone which will lift several pie-bitters from the chairs and land them on short grass.

These discoveries caused Secretary Hitchcock to turn his attention to Chicago. It was found that similar conditions existed at Chicago, so far as concerned the overloading of the payroll, but it was not charged that any one has been guilty of financial irregularities, except with regard to the waste of public funds in paying outside men to pay some of his political henchmen who had been appointed to office.

Lincoln Journal: The complaint uttered by the Bee against the selection of indifferent men for office in Nebraska is neither new nor startling. It is notorious that strong men have been discouraged from seeking office in this state for many years for the simple and sufficient reason that they are likely to develop traits of independence that are not relished by the railroad managers who assume to guide our politics.

Wood River Sunbeam: Already the gubernatorial race has begun to buzz in the bonnets of a few of the chosen ones of the state. At the present rate the candidate for the republican party will be settled upon long before the campaign takes on active work.

Grand Island Independent: While some of the old-time politicians of the state with the alleged co-operation of the managers of the political departments, the big transportation companies are apparently arranging slates for the gubernatorial campaign of a year from next fall, it is to be remembered first that the said managers have hitherto not been in the habit of putting out the candidates they really desire to make quite so early in the game, and secondly that if the present

A fraud order was issued last week against Edward A. Vaughan, a former postoffice clerk. Last summer this young man was stranded penniless in Cincinnati. The first of the year saw him deposit \$4,000 in one Minneapolis bank and appear as a full-fledged grain commission broker.

Senator Proctor and ex-Representative J. Hamilton Lewis are engaged in conversation at Washington recently, when Colonel Lewis said: "Senator, it is true that some enterprising fellow citizens of yours have sold pieces of marble from your quarries for Vermont maple sugar?"

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ent dissatisfaction with the record of the legislature continues, the rank and file of the party may have something to say in the matter at the psychological moment that would erase part of the slate. It need not surprise anyone if, when the time comes, there be a new deal altogether.

Woman of the House (handing him a plate of cold scraps): You look like a man who has been eating a hard turn. "My, that's better than a hard turn." "Well, he's one of those fellows who will eat a hard turn if he can get it with his wife while to order for dinner." - Philadelphia Ledger.

When the soap is on the stairway and the carpet's on the line. Then I do not hope and long for any Homs. For I know the books are corded in the cellar by the cool, and the pictures are reposing by the punch and salad bowl, and the maps and rugs and dusters in confusion intervene.

When the soap is on the stairway and the carpet's on the line. They would feed me on cold victuals, I would sleep upon a cot; "Get busy!" "Get busy!" - make me help them, like as not; So I hover at a distance till I see them. All the furniture and bedding, and companionably grin. That a fellow's mighty lucky if he knows the mystic sign. When the soap is on the stairway and the carpet's on the line.

AYER'S Sarsaparilla advertisement featuring an illustration of the medicine bottle and text describing its benefits as a family medicine.