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Major Zimman is entitled to congratulations. He is the only public official who asked for an enlargement of his record and got it.

The city election at Chicago, where municipal ownership and \$1,000 license proved to be the winning card, reflects the tendency of the times.

Dr. Dowrie promises to return to Zion, but unless he brings the cash needed to place his enterprises on a secure basis his reception will hardly be cordial.

By their votes Chicago people show that they have not the courage of their convictions on the subject of municipal ownership.

South Omaha has gone democratic as a result of republican indifference. South Omaha is really a republican city and ought to be administered by republican city officials.

If W. R. Hearst can frighten eastern democrats so badly that Bryan will look to them like a conservative it will have to be admitted that the whirligig of politics is still revolving.

It is greatly to be feared that some of the reckless promises made to catch votes at the primary may plague their makers when they come back for redemption after election.

Distinguished educators striving to develop the "play motive" in the public schools may be suspected of really trying to make their work as easy and as long drawn out as possible.

Land fraud cases are being started at Sioux Falls. It is safe to say no convicted offender will be permitted to spend the time with his lawyers nor take a trip to Massachusetts.

The Omaha Grain exchange makes an excellent showing of business for the month of March, just closed, compared with previous months and with corresponding months of last year.

Bishop Hartwell says African savages are not as easily debauched by civilization as are American Indians, but until the native negro has "gone up against" agency whisky, final judgment should be suspended.

The disreputable Westberg will now wait until next election and then try again to connect with another public payroll job, unless he is taken care of in the interval with an appointive office.

If Pennsylvania desired it could make a strike in the anthracite region so expensive as to be practically impossible. When responsibility for annual interference with American industry is being placed the Keystone state politician should not be forgotten.

Mississippi is enforcing its anti-lobby law to the extent of arresting persons who talk to legislators on the subject of pending bills in any other place than in open committee meetings.

"Constitutional democrats" who have won a victory in St. Petersburg, are said to be but the "outer works" of the reactionaries. It is just possible that when the congress meets it will be found that the bureaucrats are more firmly entrenched than ever.

PROPOSED STATE RAILWAY COMMISSIONS.

When the republican state committee comes to formulate its call for the state convention, it should not overlook the fact that a constitutional amendment is pending providing for the creation of a state railway commission to be submitted for ratification at the election in November.

It is taken for granted that the party will nominate three candidates for railway commissioners contingent upon the adoption of the constitutional amendment. This procedure was followed with reference to additional supreme judges when the amendment was last submitted for the enlargement of the supreme court by the creation of new judgeships.

Inasmuch as the law has been changed so that a constitutional amendment now gets the benefit of all the straight votes of each party that has given it an endorsement, while all the straight votes cast for any party which has failed to endorse the amendment count against it, the formal endorsement of the constitutional amendment in convention by the principal political parties contesting for supremacy in Nebraska would assure its ratification, while failure to endorse in convention would almost certainly foredoom it to rejection.

To make sure that this important subject does not go by default the convention call should recommend that every delegation selected be instructed specially to vote for or against an endorsement of the amendment as a part of the party platform.

It is not too early to direct attention to this crucial point of the railway commission amendment. The people who want effective state control of railroads in Nebraska will have to keep their eyes open at every stage of the game.

THE COAL SITUATION.

The miners and the operators of the anthracite region seem so far to be making no rapid progress in their conference toward agreement, but the general fuel situation tends distinctly to improve, whether agreement shall be reached soon as to anthracite mining or not.

Bituminous coal is far more important than anthracite coal, and the meeting of miners and operators at Indianapolis left matters in such shape that a bituminous supply is almost assured. During the few days since that meeting agreements have been signed whereby tens of thousands of union miners will resume work at an advanced wage, and more of these agreements are being signed every day.

Even should there be a protracted deadlock in the anthracite region, there are enormous reserves of hard coal which would suffice for months and probably well into next winter. A strike of the hard coal miners would tend to stimulate operations in the soft coal mines.

The consuming public has not forgotten the lesson of the strike four years ago, demonstrating the possibility of substituting soft for hard coal for most ordinary uses without serious discomfort or loss. The competitive consequences may move the anthracite mining companies toward settlement by concessions to the miners.

CARPING AT THE PRESIDENT.

The querulous disposition conspicuously exhibited in the senate with reference to the part of President Roosevelt in the proposed judicial review amendment will strike the public mind unfavorably. The press reports of a meeting at the White House at which the proposed amendment was a topic of conversation between the president, the attorney general and several senators, at once inspired insinuation and outright attack on the president's course as an interference with the prerogatives of the senate.

It is hard to contemplate without a sense of humiliation the scene in which one senator after another rose to cross-examine Senators Allison and Long as to the details of what occurred at the White House, disclosures which by courtesy and unwritten law cannot be made, nor would they be content with the positive assurance that the amendment in question had not been prepared by the president and that it originated outside the White House.

Not less significant is the fact that the discussion did not go to the merits of the amendment, whether it should be adopted or not. Such a discussion honestly conducted would be pertinent. Its drift was toward arousing jealousy and prejudice, and arraying senators in hostility to the chief executive.

It is of course true that the departments of the government are independent of each other, but that fact has never been understood to bar the executive from expressing his views to members of both branches of congress and consulting and advising with them. On the contrary such conference has always been the rule, and no president ever carried it further than did Abraham Lincoln.

The stimulated sensitiveness of senators due to the contrast between the president's zeal for railroad control with their desire to defeat or weaken the movement to secure it, and as a confession of their own fault rather than as an arraignment for any fault on his part. For no feature of President Roosevelt's administration is so admired and heart-

ily approved by the people of the country irrespective of party as his insistence for "the square deal" in official messages, in public addresses and in every proper way of exerting his influence. It is well known that he was consulted at every step by those who had the Holliver-Hepburn bill in hand in the house, and if the public approved his interest in the original measure it will also approve his continued interest in its perfection and progress in the senate.

If more senators would invite the president's counsel and advice, instead of carping and seeking to excite prejudice against him, it would be better for them and for the public interest.

RESULT OF THE PRIMARY.

As a result of the primary Erastus A. Benson will head the republican ticket in the coming municipal election and with him will be associated the entire list of Fontanelle endorsees, with two exceptions.

Under the conditions this result is not surprising. It is a reflection of the general sentiment in favor of municipal reform and the periodic popular demand for a change of rulers, the administration of city affairs in Omaha having been now for three consecutive terms, covering nine years, in the hands of what is known as the Moores regime. The feature of the primary is the extremely large vote polled in excess of 8,300—indicating the intense interest our people are taking in the subject of their own government.

The victory of Benson, however, carries several significant side lights. It is a minority nominee. His vote of 7,700 is counterbalanced by a vote of 4,500 for the opposition candidates. His ideas of strictest law enforcement, therefore, are not endorsed by a majority of Omaha republicans, and if those who favored a more liberal administration had been united on a single candidate they would have won.

City Treasurer Hennings, who was supported by The Bee for the nomination, has reason to be gratified at the showing he has made. He comes second to Benson, notwithstanding the effort to grind him between both extremes—the resort to trickery against him and the unrestrained use of the police club on many who would be inclined to support him.

The contest will now be between Benson as the republican nominee and Dahlman as the democratic nominee. The Bee will discuss the men and the issues as the campaign proceeds.

If Governor Mickey wants to know what the people of Omaha think of his infliction of the community with Broath as police commissioner he may learn it by scanning the primary election returns. With all the fierce swinging of the police club, the dragging of keepers of resorts of all kinds subject to police surveillance, the exertion of every pressure of his official position on members of the police and fire departments and the profuse promises of patronage and favor, Broath was still able only to score third in the race.

Without the police club which Governor Mickey put into his hands he would not have known he was running. How proud Governor Mickey must be of his appointment of Broath!

The goal toward which the agitation for stricter regulation of the liquor traffic is heading is disclosed by the latest move down at Lincoln, where a delegation of ministers has appeared before the excise board asking that the number of licenses issued be arbitrarily restricted to twenty-five. This number is arrived at by figuring that saloon licenses should not exceed one to 2,000 of the population. If applied to Omaha such a rule would cut the number of saloons down from 240 to sixty, with corresponding shrinkage in the revenues of the school fund from liquor license receipts. There are no immediate signs, however, for even Lincoln to adopt this rule.

The difference between the old-fashioned ballots and the new style voting machines is strikingly illustrated by the experience of Omaha and South Omaha Tuesday. South Omaha had an election, at which the voting machines were used, and the complete returns on every office were had within two hours after the polls closed. The primary election at Omaha, on the other hand, had to be conducted by marked paper ballots and it took nearly twelve hours after the polls closed to get the last returns in.

A representative of an asphalt company fined for bribery in Michigan asserts that the company knew nothing of the illegal transaction. In the light of the Chicago decision it seems strange he should undertake to show that the intangible person was really guilty.

The direct primary has vindicated itself, at least so far as arousing the interest of the voters and getting the vote out. When the rank and file have a chance to register their will as to party nominees they may be depended on to take advantage of the opportunity.

The World-Herald keeps on talking about "the World-Herald's plan" for a popular expression of choice for democratic candidate for United States senator by having all the aspirants put their names on the ticket by petition. But it is not the World-Herald's plan.

The fact that Jim Hill is building a new transcontinental line through Canada would hardly indicate that he fears the blight of government supervision of railroads, as the Canadian law is even more stringent than anything so far proposed in the United States.

Louisiana newspapers seem to be torn between a desire to keep alive the spirit of state sovereignty and a desire

for government control of quarantine regulations. The ancient spirit of the south may be expected to flee incontinently before the first "zip" of the steamguy.

Advertising Pays.

Alton B. Parker's presidential candidacy may have cost him some money, but the present size of his law practice would indicate that it was worth it.

"Sore, Mike"

O, yes, the Honorable Elkins is a friend of the rate regulation bill! "Art thou in health, my brother?" affectionately asked Job just before he stabbed Amasa under the fifth rib.

More Regulations Coming.

If "And" Hamilton Richard A. McCurdy ever tell all they know, as they threaten to do, their revelations will have a tendency to make H. H. Rogers' testimony look like a ragged dollar on a test mahogany bar.

Dear Trade.

Trade purchased at the cannon's mouth is dear trade. It costs the United States \$20,000,000 a year to retain that purchased by the Spanish-American war, and really it is not worth as much as the trade of half of the fresh population added to our country every year by natural increase and immigration.

Storm Ravages on Sea.

Although one of the mildest of winters on the land, the past season has been one of extraordinary severity on the sea, and particularly on the North Atlantic ocean. Marine insurance companies complain of unusually heavy losses. They are not ready to give exact figures, but say that the destruction to shipping from the furious storms of the winter will involve them to the extent of \$4,000,000 or more.

The American Invasion.

An invasion of Europe by American automobiles is indicated by the appointment of an attorney in Paris to represent Americans who get into trouble with the narrow-minded and bigoted natives who lose their tempers when their children are run over and their horses have to climb over the fences to get out of the way of motor cars running like railway trains. If the Automobile Club of America would induce its members to refrain from decimating the population of European villages it would do more permanent good than in arranging for their defense when arraigned for manslaughter.

Coal Land Grabs.

While the senate, at the instance of Senator La Follette, struck out of the five civilized tribes bill a provision for leasing coal lands in the Indian Territory to railroad companies, there seems to be a possibility of the clause being restored in conference committee. Inasmuch as the supreme court only a short while ago set the seal of disapproval on the combination of the business of mining coal with the business of carrying the same, it would be very bad policy for another branch of the government to encourage the practice condemned—even assuming that the proposed lease do not conceal hundreds of millions of graft. The wriggling of this coal lands "snake" in conference committee should be watched.

PERSONAL NOTES.

Banker Parson of Chicago says a millionaire is a slave. But think of the many who are eager to emancipate him.

Talk about being born with a silver spoon in your mouth. John D. Rockefeller III is likely to have an entire mine under his gums before he is many months older.

Alva J. Niles, recently appointed adjutant general of the Oklahoma National Guard, has the distinction of being the youngest adjutant general in the United States, being but 26 years old.

Five thousand civilians fought in the defense of Port Arthur. They endured the perils and hardships of the siege and lost much of their property, often all of it. Their grateful government has offered them \$20 apiece by way of compensation. They have rejected the pittance.

Frederick Saugrain, the oldest native-born person in the Louisiana purchase, celebrated the 100th anniversary of his birth Saturday at his home in Sedalia, O. Mr. Saugrain is the son of Dr. Anton Francois Saugrain, the friend of Benjamin Franklin and the "pioneer scientist of the Mississippi valley."

Andrew Jackson Buchanan entered the Western & Atlantic railroad shops in Atlanta sixty-seven years ago last October. His name is still on the payroll as a competent mechanic, though he is nearing his 87th birthday. The old gentleman shows few signs of age, standing as straight as he did at 40 and moving with a wonderfully elastic step.

General Sir Redvers Buller is such an excellent cook that he would have little difficulty in obtaining a first-class chef's position in a west end hotel. In his younger days, before he reached his high military rank, his brother officers used to say that Redvers Buller could make an appetizing dinner out of old saddles when rations were short on a campaign.

"Girls in love are not competent to teach school." This is the decree proclaimed by a jury in the case of Ethel M. Downend against the Madison township Board of Education, which was finished in common pleas court in Cleveland last Saturday. Miss Downend was discharged by the board several months before the expiration of the term for which she was hired, the board alleging incompetency because of smitten affections.

Follies of the Rich.

To the fact that all the fools are not dead yet, especially the rich fools, the newspapers of the day furnish abundant evidence. It was one of this class living in Philadelphia who spent \$30,000 the other evening on the "coming out" of his eldest daughter—a sum of money, expended in mere display, larger than the total income for a year of a score or more hard-working and worthy men. More of a fool, by several degrees, was the wealthy woman in a New Hampshire town, who had a pet dog buried in a costly casket, and had a white satin and adorned with cut flowers. Upon such pabulum as this does anarchism feed and grow.

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ROUND ABOUT NEW YORK.

Ripples on the Current of Life in the Metropolis.

Before the good old summer time wanes and vacationists hike far from home there will be added to the Hudson river pleasure fleet a floating palace which will ply between New York and Albany. The steamer was launched last Saturday and christened Hendrick Hudson. It is pronounced the largest passenger steamer in the world used on inland waters. The steamer will accommodate 5,000 passengers and is handsomely decorated throughout. After no freight of any description will be carried, every deck is given over to the use of passengers. The general dimensions are: Length over all, 280 feet; breadth of hull, 43 feet; depth, 14 feet; draught, 8 feet. The new boat will be placed on the Albany-New York run next August. The Hudson will cost almost \$1,000,000.

Transatlantic travel this year promises to make a new record in volume. All the steamship offices in Lower Broadway are doing the great business of their existence. Never before has a desire so thoroughly awakened to travel in foreign lands. In a morning mail of one of the agencies the other day were no less than 1,500 letters making inquiries about sailing. Whole office staffs are working overtime to keep up with the volume of business. When at the close of 1905 figures of the different lines were summed up and it was found that in round numbers 7,000,000 first and 60,000 second cabin passengers, a total of 18,000,000 had gone to Europe from the port of New York alone, there was a general speculation as to what this year would bring forth. Some doubting Thomases predicted a slump, but they were few. The business men here have good reason to be the veriest optimists, and the outlook has never been equalled or even approached.

Twenty per cent over the record of last year is regarded by many as a conservative estimate of the increase in the volume of this year's business. This year has seen a record for storage traffic. There are some who say that 25 per cent would be a better estimate, based on the bookings already made and the vast number of inquiries that are pouring in.

The United Fruit company's steamship Bodo, from Port Antonio, Jamaica, is practically on the maritime lists. The men who go down to the sea in ships can't quite puzzle out where it does belong since it gaily jumped the bar of Gilo's Inlet, L. I., and crawled ashore.

The Bodo lost its way in a snowstorm when, Captain Sawyer N. Larson thought he was off the Jersey coast, he felt a bump, after an eagle-like swoop on the top of a big wave. He immediately began firing off rockets in the hope of awakening Jerseyites.

The Bodo, which draws eleven feet, had been groping its way through very high seas. The bar off the inlet is exposed at low tide, the beach sloping gently to the water line. Beyond is deep water. In the hollow of the sea the Bodo would have struck upon the bar and have been smashed to pieces. As it was, it was riding the crest of a mighty wave, when it reached the bar. It didn't bump until it hit the beach, the wave that carried it there scurrying back to sea and abandoning it.

The life saving crews of Oak Island and Fire Island answered the signals, but it was high tide and the surf was too heavy for them to go to the Bodo. When the tide went out there was not a drop of water within 200 feet of the vessel. The crews of Fire Island and Oak Island stroled out to the vessel and paid a morning visit.

There is no way of getting the Bodo on the maritime lists again unless a canal is dug for it.

Despite its reputation for misrule under Tammany New York has a way of doing things that do not surprise property holders in other cities. At a meeting of the commissioners of the sinking fund a resolution was adopted that the Pennsylvania pay \$400,000 for West Thirty-second street, between Ninth and Tenth avenues. The Pennsylvania, New York & Long Island railroad, which is building the immense terminal for the main system, secured the abandonment of Thirty-second, from Seventh to Tenth avenues, having purchased property on both sides of the street. For the blocks between Seventh and Ninth avenues the Pennsylvania paid to the city \$78,000, or an average of \$284,000 per block.

Nearly forty years ago there was a famine in China and the New York Chamber of Commerce raised a fund of \$60,000 which was sent to China for the relief of the sufferers. In return the viceroy of Nanking sent to the chamber a tablet with an inscription which was never translated until the other day, when one of the Chinese commissioners now in this country said it read: "There may be a difference in races; there exists a universal brotherhood."

Attorneys for the New York Central railroad created a new basis for the settlement of damage suits growing out of accidents when they compromised with Rev. Dr. Daniel Bella, a Slovak preacher, at the rate of \$1,000 for every bone broken.

Dr. Bella was in the vladout collision at Oak Hundred and Fourth street last fall. When he was removed to St. Mark's hospital it was found that twenty of his bones had been broken. Piling on the basis of \$1,000 a bone the railroad compromised the case for \$20,000.

The proprietor of the newly furnished New York hotel has given an order to publishing house for 200 Bibles, which will be placed in the rooms for the use of guests. "It will surprise most persons to know," he says, "that a great many requests come to us from commercial travelers for a copy of the Bible. They say they like to read a chapter before going to bed. Just why they do not carry the book with them I don't know, but it is a fact this supposedly godless class of men often call for the Bible when stopping here."

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WALTHAM WATCHES.

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STATE POLITICS HUBBLING.

Stanton News: Don't forget that George L. Rouse of Hall county will be a factor in the gubernatorial nomination that will have to be reckoned with.

Grand Island Independent: There is nothing constitutional in the way of Hon. Peter Mortensen for railroad commissioner. No better selection as one of the commissioners could be made.

Syracuse Journal: If George Sheldon should receive the republican nomination for governor he would sweep the state with a genuine Roosevelt wave and on its crest would be seen a majority of the democratic voters of his home county.

Weeping Water Herald: State Senator George L. Sheldon announces himself a candidate for governor of Nebraska. We believe Mr. Sheldon will make a strong race for the nomination as he represents the principles of the republicans of the state.

Blue Springs Sentinel: Our present lieutenant governor has taken a tumble to himself and will not be a candidate for governor. This was what you might term a happy tumble for McGilton. Had he persisted in being a candidate his real tumble might have hurt him.

Plattsburgh Journal (dem.): The mention of Senator Sheldon's name in connection with the candidacy for governor has the hearty support of the Fremont Tribune and many of the leading republican papers of the state. Senator Sheldon is said to be an ideal citizen and a man with a backbone. The governor's office has long been in need of such an occupant.

Fremont Tribune: Some of the political romancers connected with the corporation wing are trying to frighten Senator Burdett away from the support of George Sheldon for governor lest the latter gentleman loom up as a possible opponent of Mr. Burdett four years hence. They are not likely to do this unless they see the ears, which is the plain purpose.

Brumley Courier: We hear a good many complimentary remarks about J. M. Burdett as Thayer county's candidate for state treasurer. His qualifications in a business way are undisputed, he has proven his ability and integrity by serving as county treasurer two terms, where he gave the most perfect satisfaction to all regardless of party affiliation, and not a breath of scandal or suggestion of wrong-doing is even hinted at. Mr. Burdett is a gentleman whom the republicans of Thayer can bring forward before the state convention with confidence and honest pride.

Falls City Journal: Hon. George L. Sheldon of Cass county has announced that he is a candidate for the office of governor at the hands of the republican party. Mr. Sheldon is a young man of marked ability and his candidacy will be supported solidly by the entire southeastern corner of the state. He filled the office of senator from Cass county during the legislative session, and is himself and his party and if elected governor will represent the entire people and not a few bosses or politicians. When the convention meets Richardson county will be there with a solid delegation for Mr. Sheldon for governor.

Fremont Tribune: Senator George Sheldon of Cass county has announced his candidacy for the governorship and it is an important contribution to the political situation. He is a farmer and stock grower and has made a pronounced success of the business. He is a native of Nebraska and if he should be nominated and elected he would be the first Nebraska-born governor. He is a graduate of the State university and of Harvard. He was a captain in the Spanish-American war. Senator Sheldon is an ideal candidate for governor. The Tribune has no axe to grind. It wishes only to deal fairly and justly between the people and the candidates. It is acquainted with all those who aspire to the governorship. With no disparagement for others it is free to state it as its own opinion that Senator Sheldon is the best one of them all for the governorship of Nebraska.

Bid for Boom Launching.

St. Louis Republic. Since Secretary Shaw wants to be the first president from west of the Mississippi it is the proper thing for him to launch his boom from the right-hand bank of the big river. St. Louis will be pleased to furnish the wine and the crowd for the ceremony, but Missouri cannot possibly vote for him.

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Advertisement for Sloan's Liniment, featuring an illustration of a man and text describing its uses for sprains, bruises, and sore muscles.

Advertisement for Browning, King & Co, located at Fifteenth and Douglas Sts., Omaha, Neb., featuring an illustration of a man in a suit.