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When artists disagree, who shall decide? Mark it down that the German auto car reached Omaha on St. Patrick's day...

With sausage bark piled up in the drug store windows, the approach of spring can not be long delayed.

The city council and the city engineer have now gotten out on the sidewalk with their differences.

Mr. Wadd is a candidate for office in Massachusetts. Still, a Wadd does not go as far in politics as in olden days.

Billy Sunday says he would rather start a revival in hades than at Harvard. No objection to the choice will be offered by Harvard.

The special election to vote on the court house bond proposition is set for Tuesday, May 5. Put a cross on your calendar for that date.

Those city councilmen are an inquisitive lot. Most of the time, however, they are asking questions to which they already know the answers.

Judge Landis, who fined the Standard Oil company \$29,240,000, has also fined a man 1 cent without costs. The government has collected the cent.

The weather bureau at Washington promises great improvements in the service. It might direct its first efforts to the production of rainless holidays.

Congressman John Daisell says the tariff has saved the country. This seems like an attempt to rob J. Pierpont Morgan of credit recently given to him.

A Washington druggist has pleaded guilty to labeling a headache remedy improperly. He is not up to date or he would have blamed the proofer for the mistake.

A few more wrestling bouts ought to put the permanent roof on the Auditorium without necessitating the sale of second mortgage bonds or the resort to another lottery.

"The ring around the moon is not followed by rain," says an official of the weather bureau. That won't go. A ring hung around the moon one day last summer and it has rained several times since then.

According to decision of the Nebraska State Railway commission owners of stock in the telephone company must pay the same rentals and tolls for their telephone as other telephone users. What's the use of being a stockholder?

Nebraska has been furnishing a lot of cases for the United States supreme court of late. That only means that Nebraska is doing its full share toward working out the big problems of constitutional law that are confronting all the states in the union.

Demanding that the democrats should get together and "beat the bloated bunch of bullion bidders," Thomas E. Barkworth of Michigan has made a bid for the vice presidential nomination on the ticket with Bryan. Bryan and Barkworth would be alliterative at least.

AN OBJECT LESSON. Before we get away too far from the recent republican state convention and the presidential preference primaries which led up to it, attention should be called to the object lesson furnished by one county, showing how a first and second choice primary works.

Table with columns: Candidate, First Choice, Second Choice, Total. Lists names like Roosevelt, Taft, La Follette, Hughes, Cannon, Fairbanks, Knox, Foraker.

A little analysis of this table discloses several facts: First. More than one-fifth of the voters who expressed themselves on first choice refused to state a second choice.

Second. Of the 299 first choice Roosevelt votes Taft received 172 for second choice, being four times as many as the next highest and half again more than all the rest put together.

Third. The total first and second choice votes for Taft are nearly two-thirds of the total number of ballots, meaning that two-thirds of the republicans voting in the Hall county primary favor him as the successor to President Roosevelt.

Fourth. Notwithstanding the fact that two or three newspapers had been exploiting the claims of La Follette against Taft, he was favored by only 55 voters altogether out of nearly 450 and only ran 10 ahead of Hughes.

Finally, it is safe to say that on a similar test in any other county in the state the Taft strength would have shown up even better than this.

A CENSOR OF JOKES. Mayor Fred Buse of Chicago, who has established something of a reputation for a happy disposition to laugh away all his own troubles and many of those of his friends, has made the mistake of taking himself too seriously.

The excitement over the anarchistic assault upon Chief of Police Shippy of Chicago has apparently gone to the mayor's head. In order to strike at what he considers the real root of the evil he has solemnly ordered that all jokes reflecting on John D. Rockefeller, E. H. Harriman, Andrew Carnegie and other prominent men of great wealth be prohibited in the theaters and vaudeville houses.

"Just they have a tendency to inflame the minds of ignorant people who believe they are getting the worst of everything." The police department has taken the mayor's order with enough seriousness to notify managers of the vaudeville houses that it would be well to stop the class of vaudeville acts which come under the mayor's ban.

The Chicago mayor does not go far enough. He should broaden his order to include prohibition of the stage Irishman with pink whiskers and the slap-stick artists who intersperse their knock-about acrobatics with those venerable chestnuts about "Why does a hen cross the road?" and "What is the difference between Buffalo Bill and Bill Bryan?" and others of that type which are calculated to inflame the minds of theater patrons to "believe they are getting the worst of everything"—and are not often mistaken. If the jokes of the people are to be censored, it is a mistake to limit efforts at reform to the vaudeville stage.

BOURKE COCKRAN AND TAMMANY. Tammany has not changed much since "Boss" Croker's time, according to the reports of the recent row between the Tammany organization and William Bourke Cockran. In the old days Croker ruled the democratic politics of New York City with an iron hand and those who would not agree to his terms paid the penalty by being consigned to political oblivion.

The Croker precedent is still being followed and Bourke Cockran, the most versatile orator and spellbinder of the organization, has been deprived of his Tammany orders and notified that he will not be allowed to return to congress—all because he has balked the appointment of a receiver for the Knickerbocker Trust company.

When the trust company closed its doors last October, it held \$72,000,000 in deposits, for which a receiver was necessary. The records in New York City show that a receivership has come to be looked upon as fat picking for political favorites and Boss Murphy of Tammany Hall eagerly demanded the perquisite for a beloved pal. Then Cockran interfered and succeeded in securing the plum for his father-in-law. That was enough to drive Murphy to the warpath, but Cockran rubbed salt in the sore by having his own law firm appointed counsel to the receivers. That was the final straw that broke the back of Tammany patience and Cockran was dethroned, just as Judge Daly was once removed from the bench because he refused to make an appointment desired by "Boss" Croker.

Mr. Cockran may not be greatly depressed by his removal from a seat in the Tammany councils. He has played many parts in the political game. He has supported republicans, democrats, independence leaguers, though at different times, of course. However, he will be missed from Tammany Hall. He was utility orator of the organization, ready with a speech either upholding or opposing whatever or whomsoever Tammany was favoring or fighting. He has been for Bryan and against him and the way he could slide backward politically when Tammany wanted him to always won the admiration of both friends and enemies. In congress he has driven the democrats to frenzies of enthusiasm by his support of Bryanism and has forced the republicans to their feet with cheers as he lauded President Roosevelt and his policies. He has been perhaps the most typical representative in national politics of the real spirit of the Tammany school.

A striking tribute to the personality and character of two men, rival aspirants for the presidential nomination, both keenly alive to the issues before the people, and both typifying highest standards of citizenship and official integrity, was paid to William Howard Taft and Charles Evans Hughes when they met as honor guests at the annual dinner of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick in New York City. Governor Hughes, having previously attended a reception in his honor, arrived at the dinner a little late. As the governor, amid the cheers of the assemblage, neared his seat at the left of the toastmaster, Secretary Taft, seated at the toastmaster's right, arose and the secretary and the governor clasped hands. They stood so for a moment and then both laughed, the wholesome, good-natured laugh of friends. In a moment the banquet hall was in an uproar with laughter and mingled cheers for Taft and Hughes.

The incident illustrates the lofty character of the two men and the spirit of fair play which has marked their rivalry in the present contest. This was first shown by Mr. Taft's refusal to enter into a fight for delegates from New York, or from any favorite son state, as soon as it was ascertained that Mr. Hughes would seek the presidential nomination. Since that overture on the part of Secretary Taft, acrimony between him and Governor Hughes in the anticipation canvass has been made impossible. While their rivalry, particularly in the New England states, has been keen, it has been open, honest and good-natured, as it should be. In fact, there is little room for quarrel between the secretary and the governor because they are in practical accord on the great issues confronting the country and their policies are not dissimilar. In the contest for convention delegates, Secretary Taft has the advantage by reason of his larger experience in executive capacities, his more extended acquaintance and more familiar, personal knowledge of the issues and problems that are to be vitalized into legislation by the next administration.

The meeting of the two candidates at the New York dinner will serve to strengthen the growing sentiment of the country that Taft and Hughes would make an ideal ticket to lead the republican party to victory in November.

Representation by City Treasurer Fry to the Board of Education that a number of teachers on the public school payroll are on the personal tax delinquent list, has brought forth from the board's attorney an elaborate opinion to the effect that the board can legally exercise no compulsion upon its employees to make them pay their taxes. This may be the law, but it does not alter the case. If there is any good reason why anyone drawing money out of the public treasury, whether as school teacher or in some other capacity, should not pay up on his or her share of taxes for the support of state and local government, we would like to hear it. Of all of the public officers and employees, it seems to us, that the school teacher would have a special incentive to give an object lesson of prompt and cheerful payment of taxes, especially inasmuch as in no case can the taxes be very great or burdensome.

Members of the police department and of the fire department and of several other departments of the city government must abide by rules requiring them to pay their honest debts and any chronic deadbeat takes a chance of separation from the payroll. The school board can no more afford to encourage nonpayment of legitimate debts by its employees than can the police board, and delinquent personal taxes surely come within the classification of legitimate debts. If there are any teachers living off the school fund able to pay their taxes, but refusing to do so, their names should be reported to the board and put on record. Why not?

The house at Washington has passed a pension appropriation bill with the amount fixed at \$151,000,000, the largest on record. The senate always adds a few millions for good measure. Congress is determined to refute the old adage about republics being ungrateful.

Some Wall street experts profess to be unable to understand why stocks advance and then fall to hold the gain. The answer is found in many illustrations such as appeared last week. Railroad stocks advanced several dollars a share on a fake report that the president was going to favor an advance of 10 per cent in freight rates.

ROUND ABOUT NEW YORK. Rippling on the Current of Life in the Metropolis. One baby was born every three and a half minutes in New York City during the year 1928, and a death occurred at the rate of one in every five and one-third minutes. Statistics for the year show 137,732 births against 73,265 deaths, a favorable excess of 64,467. Accidents resulted in 5,919 deaths; there were 284 murders and 711 suicides. There was a marriage every eight and one-third minutes.

The single cause of death was consumption, which had 8,999 victims. Organic heart diseases caused 7,237 deaths. If this ratio of births over deaths should be maintained for ten years, New York would have by natural increase, exclusive of immigration, a population of 4,940,000, an increase of about 12 per cent.

Engine 141 was on its way to a New York City last Friday when the driver, Patrick Mullin, was suddenly confronted with a frightful dilemma. With tense muscles and alert eye the strong armed fireman was guiding the galloping team down the thoroughfare when directly ahead of him he saw a crowd of children rush into the highway. It was the closing time at one of the big public schools and the pupils, most of them of tender age, swarmed across the sidewalk and into the street. In a flash the driver realized that he could not continue his course without killing and maiming many of the little ones. There was but one alternative and he took it. With a mighty pull he turned the obedient team across the curb and over the sidewalk and against an iron fence. The horses went down in a sprawling heap and the driver was flung on the stone flagging and knocked unconscious. Both horses were killed, but the plucky driver was finally revived and sent to his home. It was a frightful price to pay, but the children were saved.

When the annual roll of fire heroes is made out and the medals are handed round, the name of Patrick Mullin should stand among the first.

With the lower part of her body paralyzed from excessive dancing, Miss Mary Oyster, 26 years old, of 107 Bushwick avenue, Williamsburg, is a patient in the Eastern District hospital.

On Saturday night, March 7, she attended an entertainment, followed by a dance, and for three hours she whirled around the floor. When the band struck up another waltz Miss Oyster tried to rise from her seat. She was unable to move and became hysterical.

A call for an ambulance was sent to the Eastern District hospital, and when Dr. Ogden, the surgeon, examined the young woman he found her legs were paralyzed. Her condition caused a lot of excitement in the hall. Several girls fainted and were treated by the ambulance surgeon.

The hospital physicians were puzzled over the young woman's condition. An examination convinced them that it was brought on through an injury to her spine, due to excessive dancing. She is in such a nervous state the doctors fear she may not recover.

To build the most imposing bank structure in the world on the site of the old custom house is the ambition of the National City bank's president, James Stillman. He has completed all plans, and workers have begun to tear down the grim federal landmark.

President Stillman wants his Standard Oil institution to remind people of the Bank of England. The great colonnades of the old custom house look much like those of the Threadneedle street structure, and they will be preserved in the new home of the National City bank.

Although the plans call for a twenty-five-story structure, only the lower part, that includes the double rows of colonnades, one above the other, and which is to form the base of the structure, will be built at present. This base will contain eight stories.

The effect, while preserving the old custom house style, will suggest the Bank of England, and it will impress the Wall street throngs with the fact that the National City bank's home is far more majestic than the old structure.

The new building will cost more than \$2,500,000. The land is worth \$7,500,000. The bank paid for it to Uncle Sam a little over \$3,500,000, but got more than that back in rent and interest. The site covers the entire block bounded by Exchange place, Wall, William and Hanover streets.

"Some men are quite martyrs to office drugginess," said a physician quoted by the Tribune. "Any monotonous sound near them, the hum of traffic outside, or even the scratching of a clerk's pen is sufficient to induce a feeling of sleepiness which it is almost impossible to resist. The worst of it is that this symptom seldom is regarded as anything serious, though I have known it to be the beginning of critical mental trouble. Far more often, however, it is merely the effect of constitutional infirmity, though in either case a few simple remedies might be tried with advantage."

"For example, I always advise the old indigestion cure—a glass of hot water—when the feeling comes on. To keep the eyes tightly closed for two or three minutes and then bathe them in very warm water often gives relief at once. And another good idea is to lower the head for a few seconds to the level of the knees. Above all, one should never give in to the feeling of drowsiness by taking a short nap in the hope of waking up brighter after it. At the same time the condition of the office might be looked to. The slightest defect in ventilation will often cause one man to be affected by office drugginess, even if other persons in the same room feel nothing of it whatever."

It is estimated that the public playgrounds, the open places that are not only in bodies of many acres, but in small spots of green that are lungs for the great congested districts of the metropolis, are worth as vacant real estate \$1,200,000,000. This enormous amount in value is tied up in land for the health and pleasure of more than 4,000,000 of inhabitants of the five boroughs and friends who may visit them and strangers who come within the city's borders. It is shown that the original cost of these parks, which number 115, was about \$6,486,000, and they are worth now nearly twenty times as much as at the dates of their purchase.

THE TAFT BANDWAGON.

Growing Tendencies of Delegates to James A. Baird. Baltimore American (rep.). In the progressive outlet for delegates to the republican national convention the combined opposition to Secretary Taft has demonstrated thus far a strength that falls far short of being impressive. Barring the fact that four states that will each cast a large vote in the selection of the presidential candidates are either actually or concededly committed to the support of a "favorite son," the entire opposition vote to the Ohio candidate is not only scattered, but of insignificant volume. And the signs of the weakness and inconsistency of the favorite son program are constantly multiplying and magnifying. For instance, Illinois is concededly for Speaker Cannon and will send a delegation for Cannon to the convention. But it will be secondarily, as to three-fourths of its voting strength,

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