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Tally one for the old legend. The Germans have one that June 7, 8 and 9 are always cold and wet.

Mayor Jim's famous backbone seems to have stiffened up a little. Wonder how long before it will wilt.

Count Zepplens' airship calls to John Bull's mind the old fable of the baldheaded man and the turtle.

It is now denied that Betsy Ross made the first American flag. No matter who did it, it was a good job.

If, as Bishop Hamilton asserts, war is an antiquated relic, the side that is defeated certainly looks the part.

A correspondent wants to know how to be happy. There is no way if your ball team is in the last place.

It is announced there are 20,000 magicians in the country, and this does not include the wizards of the stock market.

It looks as if every robbery and holdup-pull-off in this section of the country lately is to be charged up to those train bandits.

Strange how men will forget all about a little thing like an automobile costing several thousand dollars when the assessor comes around.

There is some talk that the Denver platform may bring an action against democratic congressmen and senators for desertion and non-support.

Dr. Morley, a prominent English educator, says there are no children in the United States. The professor should come over on circus day.

Governor Smith of Georgia says there are at least 800 men in the penitentiary of that state who should not have been convicted. All black?

Senator Aldrich has been advised to go home and hide his head. It should be kept in mind that Aldrich lives in Rhode Island and the state is small.

A Milwaukee ordinance prohibits the driving of more than ten cattle on the public streets at one time. But then Milwaukee has no cowboy mayor.

A few more seconds has been clipped off the record for crossing the Atlantic ocean. It is getting it down less when seconds are counted on a 3,000-mile trip.

Ex-Senator Hopkins is out of the question as a Chautauqua attraction. What he thinks of the Illinois primary law would not stand repeating before a mixed audience.

Booker Washington says the dollar draws no color line, but for all that in the choice of currency the world has shown a decided preference for the yellow fella.

The demo-pop World-Herald continues to prate about a nonpartisan judiciary. We repeat our question, When did the World-Herald ever support a republican candidate for supreme judge. Please name the man.

Another state bank converted into a Nebraska national bank notwithstanding the Nebraska deposit guaranty law, which is supposed to give the state banks a big advantage over the nationals. Strange how blind those bankers are to their own interests.

Traffic on the Rivers.

An object lesson for those interested in encouraging river transportation is contained in a statement of Captain Ellison, who has spent years in boating on the Ohio and Mississippi rivers, showing that river traffic has been better maintained on the Ohio than on any other of our rivers.

Lack of channel improvements, he asserts, has made long haul river traffic so uncertain in time of delivery that higher-priced rail transportation has driven water routes from the field and this cannot be changed without the expenditure of large sums under government direction.

The pertinence of this suggestion can be seen by scanning any river and harbor bill of recent years. The Ohio river receives more money than any similar length of river and it is largely because proof is offered that the river is navigable and that the facilities created will be used.

Edward Everett Hale. In the death of Edward Everett Hale the Unitarian church loses its best known clergyman, the world of letters one of its greatest lights and humanity one of its kindest and most inspiring figures.

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Spurious Nonpartisanship.

The idea of a nonpartisan judiciary is right. The large majority of the people believe in it and desire it. The only question is how to secure it in such a manner as to defeat the plots of the scheming special interests and safeguard the popular welfare.

The idea of a nonpartisan judiciary is attractive, but the conclusion that to secure nonpartisanship we have to elect democrats to the bench is no necessary part of it. It is a trifle early to commence on the fall campaign, but inasmuch as the World-Herald has started its customary dust-throwing we may as well clarify the atmosphere a little bit at this time.

It might just as well be understood now as later that the nonpartisan election act passed by the late democratic legislature is one of the most partisan pieces of legislation ever put on the statute books. Its purpose is not to improve our courts or take politics out of our educational institutions, but simply a plot of scheming democratic politicians to regain the foothold which the demo-pops once had in these places and which they had forfeited.

The rank hypocrisy and insincerity of the World-Herald is conclusively proven by the indelible record. In 1897 the demo-pops elected Silas A. Holcomb, a Bryan populist, to be supreme judge, and in that campaign the World-Herald's chief argument was a plea for nonpartisanship and a misrepresentation that a bench made up solidly of three republican judges would be offensively partisan.

In 1899 the demo-pops elected John J. Sullivan, a Bryan democrat, to be supreme judge, and again in that campaign one of the World-Herald's chief arguments was a plea for nonpartisanship, urging that the bench should consist of one republican, one populist and one democrat.

In 1901 the opposing candidates for supreme judge were Samuel H. Sedgewick, republican, and Conrad Hollenbeck, democrat. But among the demo-pops nonpartisanship immediately lost all its glamour. The arguments previously put forward would support the republican in order to prevent the court from becoming solidly demo-pop, but, of course, it did nothing of the kind. It was not a question of nonpartisan politics then at all. To the World-Herald it was "Hollenbeck—the man," whose personality alone should insure his preference.

On the regents of the State university the record of the demo-pops and World-Herald is equally convicting. The Board of University Regents consists of six members, of which four constitute a majority. In 1897 the demo-pops elected their two candidates—Von Forell and Kenower. In 1899 they elected two more—Teeters and Rich—giving them a majority of the board. Were they willing to let it stand at that? Not for a moment.

In 1901 they nominated Hawsky and Bayston and made a supreme effort to capture all six places. No crocodile tears about a nonpartisan management of the university in the World-Herald then. The two demo-pop candidates were the best men because they were the fusion nominees, and if the World-Herald had had its way the republicans would have had no representation on the board whatever. It happens that the whirligig of time has reversed the situation so that the Board of Regents is now made up entirely of republican members and the demo-pops naturally would like to get back under cover of spurious nonpartisanship.

Confederate veterans object to a statue of southern womanhood belted and armed for physical combat. The southern woman, like other women, doubtless possesses physical courage, but that is not the quality which a strong man most admires and wants to see perpetuated in bronze.

Secretary Wilson delivered the address at the dedication of the greatest agricultural college ball in the world at Ames. The work of the scientific agriculturist is being fittingly recognized and the progressive agricultural states are providing needed facilities for prosecuting the work.

An Illinois man wants the government of Honduras to pay him \$38,000. Why not add three ciphers to the bill? It would look better and would be just as easy to collect.

Governor Shallenberger has emphasized the idea of nonpartisanship in our educational institutions by shutting out the last remaining republican member of the board of trustees in charge of the state schools for the deaf and blind, and making this board unanimously democratic.

The chairman of the democratic county committee of Cedar county writes a protest to the local democratic organ against this "nonpartisan tom-foolery." He might as well get ready to be deposed from his position as chairman and be read out of the party.

Governor Shallenberger has handed out a few more appointive plums to jobs created or transferred to him by the recent legislature. Those democratic law-makers knew what they were doing when they enlarged the pie counter presided over by the governor.

The suit for \$30,000,000 damages against the Sugar trust for closing down a refinery, in which it secured a controlling interest, has been settled out of court after part of the testimony was heard. Was the trail growing too warm?

The automobiles driven through our crowded thoroughfares by young boys and girls are multiplying. Presumably we will have to have a few serious auto accidents in Omaha before we raise the bars against irresponsible drivers.

Washington Life

Short sketches of incidents and episodes that mark the progress of events at the National Capital.

A short session with the supply board of the government convinced Washington ice dealers that there are several trust busters doing business at the old stand. Washington's merry monarchs of summer are glad to supply hotels and other large consumers with ice at from 30 to 35 cents a hundred. As Uncle Sam's treasury is nearly and supposed to be susceptible to a cool touch on a hot day, the dealers offered to ice the drinks of government employes at the level rate of 40 cents per hundred pounds of ice. Your Uncle responded to the deft touch by showing the trustees that now the ice-bustlers are falling over each other in their haste to get the job at current prices, and prevent out-raters coming in. Evidently the trust busters are still able to out-ice some in Washington.

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Captain Samuel C. Lemly, judge advocate general of the navy during the Spanish-American war and prosecutor of Rear Admiral Schley in the famous court of inquiry, has been an inmate of St. Elizabeth's hospital for the insane in Washington for nearly a year.

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PERSONAL NOTES.

A bachelor of journalism has just been graduated at the Missouri State university.

An admirable feature of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition is that after its close, \$600,000 worth of fine buildings will be added to the University of Washington.

Mr. Patten has given \$25,000 to the Chicago Art Institute. Wall street did not know that it was about to benefit art in Chicago when it started out to beat Mr. Patten's game.

San Francisco grafters who had the money coming to them placed in a soap-dish were more particular than their kind generally are, and thought the money would be purified in that way.

Despite the law in France against betting on races, Yarrdribit "stands to win" a million in wagers. It is believed that in the absence of the handicap of hostile legislation he might have gone in deep.

Foreign potentates are finding more and more the need for seclusion. The czar and the kaiser will have a meeting in the Finnish Gulf, and the former is proposing to inspect some remote parts of his domain in the privacy of a heavily fortified railroad train.

The secretary of the navy has been ordered by the secretary of the navy to make an immediate investigation of the cause of the late in the navy department.

About a year ago this city and the navy were startled by the suicide of Lieutenant John W. Crawford, confidential secretary of Admiral Dewey, who was president of the board of inquiry. Lieutenant Crawford attended all the sessions of the court and several times was put in as stenographer.

Justice Brewer is quoted as having said that the cost of the recent tour of our battleship fleet was "money well wasted." "Money well wasted" is a phrase calling vociferously for judicial interpretation, surely!

Public health officials of Iowa and Nebraska are going to form an organization for the purpose of fighting flies. It may be that they know how to kill off the flies in Iowa and Nebraska, but how they are going to keep flies from crossing over the borders out of adjoining states?

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GENERAL PROMISE OF REVISION DOWNWARD, without discrediting the fundamentals of protection, which fundamentals, as he has pointed out, have been obscured by modern practice. One of the strongest statements yet made on protection as practiced, and as advocated by Aldrich and the interests behind him, is that which appeared in displayed form on the editorial page of The Star of this morning. It is a charge that the morals of the proposed tariff legislation are morals that no honest man would apply to his private life or to his common walks as a citizen.

Tommy-Paw, I've heard you talk about Easy Street, where is it? Mr. Tucker-It's at the further end of a long, rough and hard thoroughfare called Hard Work Street, my boy. Chicago Tribune. "Strange things happen in life," remarked a citizen. "What do you refer to?" inquired his neighbor. "Three years ago I moved out of a flat because I couldn't stand the soprano singer's voice who lived above me, and here I am tonight paying \$120 a seat to hear her warble." Detroit Free Press.

THE OLD HOME CALLS. L. M. Montgomery, in Youth's Companion. Come back to me, little dancing feet that roam the wide world over, I long for the lift of your flying steps in my silent rooms once more. Come back to me, little voices gay with laughter and with song. Come back, little hearts beating high with hopes, I have missed and mourned you long. My roses bloom in my garden walks all sweet and wet with dew. My lights shone down on the long hill road the waning twilight through. The swallows flutter about my eaves, as in old years of old. And close about me their steadfast arms, the lipping pine trees fold. But I weary for you at morn' and eve, O children of my love, and I long for the lift of your flying steps in my silent rooms once more. And sit ye down where the red light shines from my welcoming fireside. I keep for you all your childhood dreams, your gladness and delights. The joys of days in the sun and rain, the sleep of care-free nights. All the sweet faiths ye have lost and sought again shall be your own; Darlings, come to my empty heart, I am old and still and alone.

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