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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.

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.

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 nonpartisanism.

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 nonpartisanism, 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 nonpartisanism immediately lost all its glamour.

What appears to be the most extensive scheme in recent years to evade the Chinese exclusion laws has been unearthed and culminated in arrests in Chicago. The plan was an audacious one and required great ingenuity to work it out.

The smuggled Chinaman, of course, was expected to repay the cost and a profit proportioned to the risk to the fellow Chinaman who had advanced the price. No greater object lesson could be drawn of the difference between the scale of living of the oriental and the American laborer.

The saddest picture of all, however, is contemplating the lot of Chinese labor at home. What must be the condition in China when men are willing to take such risks and work under practical slavery for years to repay the sum represented by steamship passage, smugglers' fees and the toll of the Chinese go-between?

American Capital in China. American money is to assist in building a great railroad in China. With any other country this would mean nothing except that there was a surplus of capital here seeking investment.

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 nonpartisanism in our educational institutions by shutting out the last remaining repub-

lican 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 the "nonpartisan tom-foolery." He might as well get ready to be deposed from his position as chairman and be read out of the party.

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.

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.

Why should our public school principals have to be re-elected every year any more than the teachers? There is no special reason why the principals of our schools should be on a different tenure than the teachers under them.

Someone ought to define the dead line between a pavement that needs repairs and a pavement that needs replacing. If they are not soon resurfaced some of our asphalt streets will be nothing but patches.

Alas for the king's nose, excitedly hardly a tinge of the interest felt in the operation on a tenor's vocal cords.

The boys in the navy are rightly given wide latitude in their reading matter while at sea. Not drawing the line at literature of the anarchistic order Secretary Meyer will not find many objectors.

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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Washington Life advertisement featuring an illustration of a man in a suit and a hat, with text about life insurance and financial services.

Field Club advertisement for Corliss-Coon Hand-Made Collars, featuring an illustration of a collar and text describing the product's quality and price.

PERSONAL NOTES section containing various short news items, including a bachelor's graduation, a fire in Chicago, and a man's death.

Old Eyes advertisement for Huteson Optical Co., featuring an illustration of an elderly man and text about eye examinations and optical services.

Advertisement for ROOT print, featuring a circular logo with the word 'ROOT' and text about printing services.