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The icy sidewalk is the great leveler. Back to the Back Bay for Mr. Storror, oh, sorrow!

Is the bleached flour that which was born to bluish unseen? These icy sidewalks are great for "middle-of-the-roads."

Chicago, without its loop, should look like a good-sized town. The fatal snowball has the arena where rats was fatal-foot-bail.

Wonder if Boston has carried the news to Lincoln Steffens and Norman Hapgood. It is up to the old Missouri to prepare in advance for a safe and sane spring thaw.

Dear Alfonso: For your Marquis Vaudeville, (thanks! And who is the next headliner? Dr. Hirsch says Mrs. Eddy's teachings are ancient. What a shame to expose a lady's age!

If "pogonip" can stand the Pittsburgh air, the Pittsburgh air ought to be able to stand "pogonip." Opportunity may knock but once, but the rest of the members of that club knock early and often.

At the rate the staple is going up, cotton goods will soon be under suspicion of woolen adulteration. Of course, acknowledgment that the churches are aided by printers' ink is only giving the devil his due.

General Weyler's book, "My Rule in Cuba," fills four volumes! Must contain a roster of his butcheries. "Nutbrown comet, thou hast a slender, slender tail," would afford a timely chorus for the star-gazers.

The steel dinner at \$100 a plate makes one fear that the armor plate magnates partook of some real food. Uncle Sam wants the nations to appreciate that he stands equally ready to be either peacemaker or peacemaker.

Those Brooklynites who were swindled by a bogus vaccination health board have a right to feel sore—also a left. Funny, isn't it, how malcontent republicans here in Omaha always seek publicity through the local democratic organ.

It seems that during the Boston campaign, Storror got the ovations, but at the polls Fitzgerald got the o'votes. Those who complain about the artificiality of the dancing set are reminded that there is nothing artificial about the Virginia reel.

General Funston is physically a small man, but he has a military record quite big enough to enable him to command the Department of the Missouri. City Comptroller Lobeck is willing to accept the democratic nomination for congress. Not an office with attractive emoluments has come forth in fifteen years for which Mr. Lobeck has not been willing to sacrifice himself on almost any pair 'tickle.

The Revolution of the Hub.

As a result of its first so-called non-partisan election under the new charter fostered by the reform element, Boston is back where it started from when the serious movement for reform began, and Fitzgerald, the politician, is elected mayor just as he was in the old days of straight party nominations.

In many quarters the Boston experiment was hailed as the dawn of a new era in municipal government, but the only change in local conditions apparent was the bringing out of a full vote. Rousing up of the citizens to perform their duty at the polls is always an excellent thing and in this respect the radical innovation seems to have accomplished something worth while.

The result of the balloting, while disappointing to all the reformers, who conducted a ceaseless campaign for Storror, as the reform candidate, cannot be viewed as a confirmation of the attitude of President Lovell of Harvard, who maintained that responsible party organization was essential to the proper conduct of an election.

The Inaugural Date.

Inasmuch as the committee on the Judiciary has passed favorably upon the joint resolution providing for a change in the inaugural date, it is to be presumed that technical difficulties have been overcome, putting the matter squarely before congress. While there may exist a sentimental feeling against departing from the traditional Fourth of March, the argument of general welfare may be urged for the proposal to shift to some such day as the fourth Thursday in April.

It is urged that much sickness and death has unquestionably resulted from exposure to the elements during those treacherous early days of March in Washington. Last year the conditions were so bad that Mr. Taft had to take the oath indoors, the parade moved through snow, and multitudes were disappointed. Republican traditions warrant continuing the inauguration as a public function and as a national fete, and the change of date, if it can be legally accomplished, would be warranted by humane considerations.

National Holidays.

Pending before congress is a bill to establish October 21 as a national holiday, with the title Discovery day. While it doubtless has little chance of passage, still its presence in the lists affords occasion for the reflection that at present, notwithstanding the popular notion to the contrary, we have no national holiday. While the government has for commercial purposes recognized the fact of popular observance, of certain holidays, still congress has never enacted legislation legalizing such dates, except as regards its jurisdiction over the District of Columbia.

Pool Hall Regulation.

The proposed regulation of pool halls in Omaha will be generally conceded to be in order. The city authorities have complete power invested in them under the charter to prescribe restrictions on the conduct of pool halls, and the fact that these places have been almost unregulated up to this time may be accounted for by their comparative unimportance.

Our Birthday Book

January 13, 1910. Great King David, who made a great reputation as a war correspondent, was born at Baldwinville, N. Y., June 4, 1840. He now represents the New York Times as its Washington correspondent.

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Success That Kills.

Why Not Slacken the Pace and Live Longer? Indianapolis News. Ten Pittsburg men, all of them millionaires, have died within the last few weeks. Nearly all of them were what is known as "self-made men," who started in a humble walk of life and by their own efforts managed to get on to the great highway of great wealth.

Rounding Up Congressmen.

Whether change in the pairing rules of the house of representatives is an arbitrary invasion of individual rights of members, as has been suggested, it certainly contemplates a rounding up of the congressmen which should make them responsible and enforce keener attention to business. If it shall have this result, the public cannot but be distinctly the gainer, for while much of the absence from sessions finds the absentee attending to committee work, still the popular idea of a congressman's first duty is that he shall be in his seat while the work of legislation is in progress.

Ready for the Census.

Millions of the public money will be spent in compiling the federal census, and the wise citizen will lend every possible individual aid to the government in making the returns accurate and complete. Under the law the enumerators are compelled to ask a long list of questions that to many may seem impertinent, but it should be borne in mind that correct answers are not only compulsory, but also desirable, if the vast effort to review the nation's progress is to be consummated.

Martyrs of Progress.

The death of Leon Delagrangre is another facility marking the path of progress. It is world history that pioneers of every epoch have died in their hour of triumph. The discovery of America, the opening up of Africa, the finding of the North Pole, the lifting of the veil of Tibet and the conquest of the air, all have added to the record of the brave men who perished in efforts to give their fellow-men greater knowledge.

Putting It Up to Wilson.

Secretary Wilson finds that the farmer is not getting the high prices the consumer is forced to pay for food stuffs and he will look to the matter and report. Will he favor us by organizing a Wiley Squid of oleomargarine eaters and report if 15 cent 'heat-butter' that order produces the same sort of feeling in the human breast, etc., and if it yields just as much fat and heat as 50 cent butter?

How the Trouble Started.

A Cleveland bank has failed because its president loaned too much money to another concern in which he was interested and which also has gone to the wall. When a man's name becomes deeply interested in something else than his bank he generally assumes a risk similar to that which is taken by a married man who begins to lead a double life.

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PERSONAL NOTES. An intelligent jury at Cairo, Ill., after looking into a recent double lynching made the return "no innocent man need die." Mrs. J. R. Harris and Mrs. Narcissa Owen, Indian women, are active in getting signatures for the national suffrage petition in eastern Oklahoma.

NOT THE NEBRASKA HOODOO. A Naval Episode and a Gleeful Chortle. Something like 1,000 officers and men on the battleship Nebraska will chortle in almost ghoulish glee over the news that the battleship Georgia has run aground near the Norfolk Navy yard.

ALL tomatoes do not ripen alike. We use a variety grown from selected seed that matures perfectly on the vine. They are ripened to the minute; sound solid, with no trace of green; evenly red all over. If you could see the blaze of color they make splashing into crystal-clear running-water from our artesian wells, you'd expect just the delicious flavor you find in Campbell's Tomato Soup.