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At last! J. Ham Lewis is for Harmon.

Even the suffrage party has into insurgents.

Those trouser skirts probably will look all right on him.

Joe Bailey is what might be called an obviously incorruptible man.

The Hope diamond ought by now to draw fairly well at the box office.

It's up to Mr. Groundhog to prove himself again a true weather prophet.

"Steel earnings shrink to \$25,990,000."—Headline. Think of it, men!

A good many people kick about upper berths who never ride in a lower.

Louis Brandeis now saves the railroads a million a day by force of habit.

It is hard for New Orleans to see the hand of the Lord in that expedition deal.

The anti-Lorimer forces in the senate have at least escaped the handicap of Jeff Davis' support.

We move to refer the hatpin bill to a special committee on equal civil and political rights for women.

It is poor consolation to tell a man in King Manuel's fix that the constitution follows the flag.

That New England girl who makes \$100 a month growing pop corn would be a good one to pop the question to.

It is to be hoped all our spring poets observed that the sun reflected the groundhog's shadow on the 2d last.

It does seem a little far-fetched for Montana to chide Massachusetts, or any other state, about corruption in politics.

Judge Alton B. Parker says there are too many leaders in the country. Yes, at least one too many, just as there was in 1904.

What's this? A popular movement for a more liberal municipal government for Lincoln? Surely there must be some mistake somewhere.

Does Senator Lorimer also believe that the "tremendous power" of a newspaper should not be combined with the power of the prosecutor?

It would be a boon to the public if the Schmeck would settle their trouble out of court.—Pittsburg Post.

Yes, but the poor lawyer has to live.

William Travers Jerome's attitude toward alienists, as the attorney for a bank defaulter, is radically different from that of the prosecutor of Harry Thaw.

If W. A. Clark, erstwhile of Montana, were still in the senate Joe Bailey would have another ardent supporter of his plea to pass up all investigations.

A Chicago girl pines for her Indian auditor, despairing she cannot love a white man. Well, there ought to be a lot of good Indians around Chicago, open to love.

Now it ought to be safe for our amiable democratic contemporary to be for or against parcels post without letting anyone know how its owner-generator is going to vote on it.

The Chicago News suggests as a motto for the Illinois legislature, "Do it now." Several eminent members who were in the 1905 session might retort, "We already done it."

At any rate, several members of the Nebraska legislature representing rural constituencies will have learned a lot more about elections and election methods in a great metropolitan city.

Staving Off the Inevitable.

Sentiment for the popular election of senators is fast crystallizing and that small group of senators in the present congress attempting to block the progress of the movement cannot really hope to do more than stave off the inevitable.

The direct election of senators is not a reform that can be any construction credited to what is called insuburgency or to any other recent propaganda, but rather it is due to a conviction born in the breasts of men long before the days of this recent movement in the republican party.

Of course the victory is not yet in hand. All that is tangible is a vague ground from which the advocates of the system believe they can see its perfection within the course of a very short time.

Partisan Part in Politics. Samuel R. Van Sant, twice governor of Minnesota, when asked if he were out of politics replied with characteristic vigor, "No, not out of politics; just out of office."

An Appeal for Help. The Bee has received from the Seattle Commercial club a telegraphic appeal for help for the starving famine sufferers of China to which we cheerfully give space as follows:

Congratulations to Mr. Newbranch on his well-earned promotion to the high and honorable position of official goat for Senator-elect Hitchcock.

Of course, all those Greeks and Italians herded in Omaha pool halls and employment agencies for the last election were legally entitled to vote.

Boxing Matches at Weddings. Society and pugilism have something in common to look forward to in the marriage of Miss Vivien Gould to Lord Decies of London.

Fads and fashions have been suspended from much more slender threads of excuse or apology. Pugilism is grasping at every straw today in its desperate effort to save itself from total extinction under the law in this land.

fight as the central attraction at a society wedding. Why, the thought is just too smart for anything. It has your gymkhana completely eclipsed.

Relief for Railway Mail Clerks. It transpires that the grievances of the railway mail clerks in this division which trouble-breeders and political medicine mixers were endeavoring to use to foment discontent and manufacture political capital are being adjusted and redressed by the officials of the service so far as these complaints were well founded and legitimate.

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Around New York

Triumphs Hang on Trifles. Baltimore American. For want of a horse a kingdom was lost—and for want of a bit more oil Aviator McCurdy failed to make the record he set out to make.

A Pair to Draw To. Philadelphia Record. Mr. Taft has no trouble in showing that he stands exactly where Mr. McKinley did, and his party must take its choice of following him or repudiating Mr. McKinley.

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The Bee's Letter Box

Contributions on Timely Subjects Not Exceeding Two Hundred Words Are Invited from Our Readers.

Case of Victor Schmidt. OMAHA, Feb. 4.—To the Editor of The Bee: Your editorial comment might lead me to believe that Victor Schmidt was hanged at the county hospital (county poor farm) without paying for his keeping, but this is not the case.

Our boasted civilization made it necessary to remove Victor Schmidt to the county hospital and pay for his keeping or send him to a mad house at Lincoln with a lot of lunatics and insane people.

William and the Hobble. COUNCIL BLUFFS, Ia., Feb. 4.—To the Editor of The Bee: I wonder if the Prophet Isalah had the hobble skirt and the extreme narrow skirts in mind when he uttered those words, "Moreover the Lord said, Because the daughters of Zion are haughty and walk with stretched forth necks and wanton eyes, walking and mincing as they go and making a tinkling with their feet, therefore the Lord will smite with a crooked staff the head of the daughters of Zion."

Ambassador in "Merry Widow." SOUTH OMAHA, Feb. 4.—To the Editor of The Bee: To decide a wager will you kindly advise me the name of the man who took the part of the "ambassador" in the Chicago production of "The Merry Widow," and also, the name of the man who took the same part at each presentation of the same opera in Omaha?

About a Poem. COUNCIL BLUFFS, Ia., Feb. 4.—To the Editor of The Bee: The poem that appeared in The Bee of February 3 and credited to Leslie's Weekly of February 2 and giving Harrison Lee as its author, is not an original piece. As it appears in the weekly, it bears the air of originality, it may be that this paper does not claim it to be such.

Falls City Factious. FALLS CITY, Neb., Feb. 4.—To the Editor of The Bee: In your issue of February 4 your staff correspondent speaks of two factions in Falls City. In this he is in error, for there are no two factions in the republican party as he charges.

Local Option in Indiana. Philadelphia Ledger. In Indiana at the last election one issue, at least, was closely joined. The republicans stood for the maintenance of the county option law; the democrats demanded option by the smaller units of city and township.

Where Do Insurgents Stand? Springfield Republican. There is comparatively little danger to the reciprocity agreement on the other side of the boundary. The peril is at home. The most hopeless provincialism of selfish interests is an obstacle insurmountable. Even our republican insurgents of the middle west, who have been so furious for the last year and a half in their appeals for a tariff reduction that would benefit the people, are now said to be in a cold sweat because the Canadian agreements affects the farmers of their own states.

Advice Worth Heeding. Boston Transcript. Excellent advice, that given to the railroad by W. G. McAdoo of New York in his speech at the Chamber of Commerce dinner. "Take the public into your confidence," says he, "to make opera bags and similar handicrafts, and then a second-year high school pupil produced an ill-spelled letter like that."

WESTERN BUSINESS UPLIFT.

Springfield Republican: It is an announcement decidedly significant of improved business sentiment which comes from the Union Pacific railroad directors. They propose to spend \$3,000,000 within five years in reploting the double-tracking of the line from the Missouri river to the Pacific ocean.

Philosophy Record: This confidence the public is not misplaced, and it is not in doubtless no little apprehension as to the effect of his death upon the interests that vast and complicated system which he had built up and controlled.

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New York Journal of Commerce: The roads, with their enormous capitalities, have been paying expenses, meeting charges and keeping up dividends, and it will probably be able to raise the needed money for improvements which are so necessary to add commensurate to their revenue.

When the Australian example was followed in America, first by one state and then by another, in the adoption of a secret ballot, it was believed by reformers of all classes that honest elections would be the order of the day.

LAUGHING GAS. Man in the Lower—I say, madam! What the mischief!—Lady in the Upper—Oh, won't you please get home, I've tried, and I simply can't do it, while there's a man under the bed—FUCK.

Washington Star. "Was your bitter hurt at pole vaulting last night?" "Yes, but he hopes to get over it all right,"—New York Telegraph.

First Physician—"Can you make anything out of this?" "I can't say, doctor, it is a Second Ditto—I think it may manage right on, can make about five hundred apiece out of a barrel of nothing."

WAITING. Galloping, galloping. Trailing hold shadows behind. Like a ray over the hills. Swift as the wings of the wind. Down from the mountain side Out in the west. Proudly his courier had sped; Eyes brightly gleaming. Spurring the soil 'neath his tread. Hope full whispereth Tidings to me— He cometh to woo thee today, O! to discover Glimpse of my lover— Blithe as the sunshine of May! Round soft and rhythmical Surely I hear— Borne on the sweet summer air! Heart cease thy fearing; Swiftly he's coming— Coming his love to declare. Gently the breeze blow In from the west. Joy still the pulse anew. Bright eyes are beaming; Love's light is streaming; Welcome! My lover so true!