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Evidently Nebraska does not want good roads yet.

The danger of pools in politics is that they too often become cesspools.

Can you imagine what Champ Clark is saying about Mr. Bryan under his breath?

Having duly split his party wide open again, Mr. Bryan doubtless is enjoying life to the full.

If Uncle Joe ever did any worrying, he is in a position now where he can shift it onto the other fellow.

That magazine that advertises for "true fishing stories" is simply encouraging people in fabrication.

Washington, D. C., April 6.—C. W. Bryan, Lincoln, Neb.: Rush steam roller by express. (Signed) W. J. B.

A Chicago paper remarks, "Our jury system needs fixing." The trouble seems to be that its juries are too easily fixed.

The Mexican government is not so consumed in peace plans but it finds it wise to set aside \$4,000,000 more for war purposes.

Operations are in progress for another trade excursion personally conducted by the Omaha Commercial club. "Hear dem bells!"

New York lawyers complain of hard times. It looked like it, the way one tried to force an issue out of the Booker Washington incident.

"The prosperity of Spokane refuses to stop or linger," says the Spokesman-Review. And that is the way of it in Omaha and surrounding country.

"Congress at Work Again," is a caption of an editorial in the Des Moines Capital. It is a misnomer. "Congress in Session Again," would be nearer to the exact truth.

The St. Louis base ball team owned by a woman has just taken seven successive games from the team owned by a man, which looks like playing to the fair galleries.

If beating him for the presidency would get him out of the way, the democrats might resort to the expedient of renominating Mr. Bryan. But what's the use?

The secret vault where John D. Rockefeller keeps a small portion of his wealth—\$200,000,000—has been finally located. The other ten vaults have not yet been unearthed.

Democratic papers expressing gratification at the "good beginning" made by Speaker Clark's speech should give him time. He may stop forty different ways before the session ends.

A brother of Governor Woodrow Wilson has arisen to the city editorship of a Nashville paper. Perhaps the governor may hope to reach as high a pinnacle if he continues as he is going now.

Minneapolis, Oklahoma and Missouri have all fallen down on their 2-cent fare and rate reduction laws. Nebraska is going straight ahead with its passenger and freight rate laws in full operation and effect.

Down at Lincoln the dyes are trying to make political capital out of the number of vacant store buildings in Omaha. Must be hard up for something to explain the number of vacant store buildings in Lincoln.

The excuse that the "better element" of Chicago voters stayed at home and thus caused the defeat of the reform candidate for mayor does not satisfy people who have followed closely Chicago's political predilections. The "better element" is not always for reform.

Roosevelt and the People.

Colonel Roosevelt's Spokane speech must be taken to mean that under no circumstances would he seek another presidential nomination. It is, however, scarcely more nor less than a reiteration of what he has said before upon the subject and means that he will not become a candidate beforehand and would consent to be drafted only in the event of great emergency to which no other man could so well respond. He has a right to have what he says accepted in sincerity when he declares that with him it is a matter of service to the people adding:

You have not got anything I want except your respect and good will. So far as official honor or distinction goes, Colonel Roosevelt certainly, as he himself says, has had all that the country could give him, so why not accredit his explanation of this present tour—that it is his way of thanking the people for what they have done for him? Whatever the future may hold for Theodore Roosevelt, whether it holds another term as president or not, it is far-fetched to charge that he is making this tour of the country in the interest of political ambition. It would seem so even if he had not positively declared himself. Since he has spoken so plainly, he is entitled to be taken at his word.

Colonel Roosevelt is still a very active man and if he should ever be convinced that his country needed him again at the head of a regiment or in the White House, he probably would respond to his country's call. He is one man about whom it seems wholly unnecessary to worry.

The Auto and the Horse.

The Kansas supreme court has just rendered a decision of much interest that touches the auto on the one side and the horse on the other. Some time ago an automobile struck a vehicle drawn by a horse and injured the driver. He brought suit for damages against the automobile man and won in the lower court. It so happened that the horseman had, in his effort to escape the auto, turned out of the road to the left, instead of the right, as, of course, all road rules require. But on appeal to the state supreme court the original finding was upheld and the higher tribunal took special note of the fact that the horseman had violated the road rules, as a consequence of which, it was set up by the autoist, the accident occurred. But the supreme court reasoned that the horseman did this "in time of danger," holding the autoist responsible for placing him in the danger.

For the multiplicity of automobiles over the country the comparative absence of such accidents might easily seem remarkable. Yet there are times when the man in the auto apparently forgets that, with all the rights he has to the road, the horse came a long time before he did and has equal rights, to say the least. Furthermore, the higher rate of speed of the auto as compared with the horse would seem to throw upon it the greater responsibility. It is also difficult to control some horses brought into close quarters with autos. No doubt most careful autoists realize all this and try to guard against accidents, but it does no harm now and then, where such accidents occur, to call them to public mind, if for no better reason, merely as warnings. They may help those autoists who really make a serious effort to keep within speed limits and avoid mishaps.

Mitchell's Appeal for Safety.

John Mitchell's speech in Philadelphia, in which he pleaded for a greater measure of safety for the man engaged in hazardous occupation, becomes very timely in view of the shocking mine disasters resulting in large losses of life within the last few days. So much has been said on this subject that it would seem difficult to add anything new, but if repetition and reiteration will serve to awaken employers and the government to more adequate means of protecting life it will be labor well spent.

Mr. Mitchell has recalled that, taking all mining countries, the average annual number of industrial fatalities in foreign lands is 1.45 per 1,000 men, whereas in the United States it is 3.48 per 1,000, nearly three times as many in the United States as abroad. Why? That is naturally the first question that suggests itself. Is the American employer more indifferent to the lives and safety of his men than the European employer? If he were not, would this disparity exist? That is a question everyone may answer for himself. One thing seems certain—the American employer or mine owner is not careful enough or this awful destruction of human life would not continue as it does.

According to Mitchell, who ought to know, and to Colonel Roosevelt, who made a recent study firsthand, the mining machinery is not equipped with the best practical safety devices. This should not be so. The mine operators of this country certainly are making enough profit out of their industry to throw about the lives of their men every protection which modern ingenuity can provide.

"What the men want," says Mitchell, "is not so much compensation for injury as protection from injury." That is the proposition exactly. Better far save a man's leg to him, if that be possible, than to let him lose it and then try to offset the loss with money compensation. If the big industrial plants did not pay out so much money to lawyers fighting claims for injuries on technical

grounds probably they would have more to invest in safety appliances and thus reduce the number of injuries and damage suits. This would also cultivate a better spirit on the part of the employe. According to figures quoted by Mitchell, the employe's liability companies paid out to injured workmen between 1894 and 1905 \$42,599,495, which was 43 per cent of what they took in and 35 per cent of this sum paid out went into lawyer fees.

An Uninspired Prophecy.

If Thomas B. Reed could enter the house of representatives today and see what changes have been made in the power of the speaker since he held that position he would, undoubtedly, admit that it had undergone a revolution. Reed, who was titled "Czar" because of his style of controlling the house, made this declaration in congress nineteen years ago, as recently recalled in debate by Congressman Henry of Texas:

I have been fifteen years in congress and I never saw a speaker's decision overruled and you will never live to see it, either.

He was not addressing "Uncle Joe," although Mr. Cannon was a member of that congress and, more than any other man today, must feel that prophecy was not one of the elements that made a great man of Speaker Reed. If Reed was a czar, then Cannon must have been a despot as a speaker, to judge from the opposition's estimate. At any rate, the later tendency toward autocratic power in the speaker is what finally brought the culmination of complete change in the house rules. Time and again the speaker was overruled and once all but removed from the position.

Looking at Speaker Reed's declaration now in the light of history, one may be able to appreciate the significant changes made in this brief period. And it cannot be doubted that in the end the majority of the changes will prove to be toward more responsive government and therefore desirable. It was only a little while ago that to have done certain things in the senate, which we have seen of late, would have been denounced as an assault upon that heirloom of tradition—senatorial courtesy. There never was any good reason for indulging much of this so-called courtesy, but it will take a long time to get back to it now, if, indeed, it can ever be done.

Put a Lid on the Pool Halls.

Even though the excitement of the community over recent holdups and murders may have been abated, it still remains the duty of the council to lighten up on the pool halls, which are notoriously the hiding place of young toughs and suspicious characters. A properly conducted pool hall may be a wholesome place of recreation, but there is no good reason why such a resort should be an all-night rendezvous for indiscriminate patronage.

An ordinance proposed a few months ago to establish midnight closing for pool halls got lost somehow in the city council. This ordinance should be resurrected, and the closing hour moved up to 10:30 o'clock at night for week days and earlier for Sundays, and the pool halls made to understand that they will have to observe the closing time or go out of business.

This would in no way interfere with the operation of these pool halls as legitimate amusement resorts, but, on the contrary, should work for their improvement, to say nothing of the relief afforded to the general community.

Several more vetoes are due from Governor Aldrich, among them a veto of the bill requiring publication of constitutional amendments in two papers of different political faith in each county instead of in one. This bill comes within the governor's definition of "playing politics." Two years ago, to get this patronage away from republican papers, the democratic legislature transferred the designation of the papers from a republican secretary of state to a democratic governor, and now that we have a republican governor again, the very same democrats seek by this means to keep what they had purloined even though doubling the expense. The governor may under the present law designate more than one paper in a county where desirable, but there is no good reason why he should be compelled to designate two in each county.

The local democratic organ is as frantic in its appeal for a "supernatural" veto of the telephone merger bill as it was in its protests against the veto of the Omaha charter bill. In the meantime Governor Aldrich will make sure he is right and then go ahead.

It goes without saying that every one of our Omaha city officials should use more money than is at his disposal under charter limitations. That's nothing, however, for so could all the rest of us use more money than the condition of our pocketbooks would justify.

According to the World-Herald Governor Aldrich has no business under any circumstances to use his veto pen on any measure duly enacted by the legislature, but if he will only veto the telephone merger bill it will applaud him for once.

Postmaster Thomas is hurrying to Washington to save his meal ticket again. As his case now stands, the

shake-down of postoffice employes absolutely never occurred, and anyway none of the money which the employes admit paying on his demand ever got within reach of the innocent postmaster.

Our precious (\$8,250,000) Water board, which is so eager to take the people into its confidence at all times, refuses to transact public business in public when a reporter for The Bee happens to be present. Must be another hen on.

Dropping into the White House, Congressman Sulzer was told by Mr. Taft had sent the troops to Texas, but all other Americans are compelled to keep on guessing.—St. Louis Republic.

Oh, no, Senator Norris Brown also had it tipped off to him in strictest confidence.

Material for Lively Session.

With a republican senate, a democratic house and a republican president, things promise to be pretty lively in Washington all summer through.

Premature "Hailing."

Governor Wilson was hailed as "the next president" at a New Jersey rally the other day. There is no harm in a candidate being hailed as a coming president, but he must be careful about the snow.

They Spared the Chaplain.

The chaplain is the only survivor of the republican officials of the house of representatives. He has been unanimously re-elected, the members realizing that invincible optimism is the essential qualification for the chaplain of the house.

Points to a Common Road.

The German chancellor evidently believes in the "good old way," the simple plan that they may take who have the power and they may keep who can. It isn't a very high ideal, but it is to be feared the world is likely to keep on along that line for some time yet.

Paroled Scenes at Trial.

The emotionalism of the Camorrist trial in Italy takes on a farcial appearance in astonished American eyes. If scenes could be possible in the courts here as are recited as taking place in Viterbo, mob law would soon take the administration of justice into its own hands.

HANDOUTS FOR OMAHA.

Fairbury News: The Bee is advocating a larger police force for Omaha. We had supposed with Jim Dahlman for mayor they would be able to dispense with police duty.

Grand Island Independent: The harem skirt has appeared on the streets of Omaha and caused not a little amusement. But the actress secured several columns of advertisement out of it.

Rushville Recorder: As usual the red neck brigade of Omaha are sending out their annual chestnuts about the prisoners of Kansas and Nebraska. These cheerful liars must think the rest of Nebraska idiots.

Kearney Democrat: The bloodhound as a criminal catcher has proven a miserable failure in Omaha. The dog may be all right to track a criminal in the country over an undisturbed road, but in a city where the trail is covered and recovered by many other tracks, the hound is a failure.

Springfield Monitor: With the dynamiting of Douglas county a million dollar court house and the murdering of one of its leading citizens, all within a few days, last week, shows up pretty bad. It would be a great relief if the guilty parties would be captured and brought to justice, or even if the motive for the deed could be discovered people would feel easier.

Tekamah Herald: Judge George A. Day of Omaha was holding a term of court in Burt county for the first time, although he has been a judge in this district for eight years. In speaking with the editor about Burt county's court house, he said it reminded him of the story of the dam by the mill site. He said that he had a good site for a court house, but there was no court house by a — site.

Kearney Hub: After a great deal of time and trouble in getting a new Omaha charter bill through the Nebraska legislature, which is the principal job of nearly every session, The Bee advises Governor Aldrich to veto it. This serves as a frequent reminder that this class of special legislation ought to be kept out of legislatures and that all charter-making ought to be done under a general statute, or else all cities of first or second class should be given authority to adopt their own charters without referring the same to the legislature.

Haastings Tribune: Omaha wants to be the new division of the railway mail service which Assistant Postmaster General Stewart recommended in his report. The proposed new mail division is to embrace Nebraska, Colorado and Wyoming. It is pointed out by those who are interested in securing the headquarters in Omaha that Washington would be twenty-four hours closer to the headquarters if it were located in Omaha than it would be if the headquarters were located in Denver or some other western city. Here's hoping that Omaha gets what she is after.

People Talked About

Senator John Sharp Williams is occupying the desk in the capitol once used by the historic Jefferson Davis.

The primaries in Baltimore contributed two names of pleasing significance to the list of candidates to be voted for on election day. Mr. JAMES P. THAYER will run for comptroller on the democratic ticket, and Mr. RICHARD N. SHEKELLS for the city council on the republican ticket.

Chanting an old Sioux death song handed down by his aboriginal forefathers, Frank Young Buffalo died in the Gary (Ind.) city hall from the effects of poison. Separated by an insurmountable barrier of race from the white girl who unwittingly had won his heart, the Indian sought solace in oblivion.

A Hartford man read so much about the "wave of crime" in New York that on visiting that city he took his revolver with him to be ready to shoot thugs. The police took him in for carrying concealed weapons and he was fined for not realizing that "carnivals of crime" always start in when general news is dull.

One of the last of the few surviving brigadier generals of the confederate army, Alfred Iverson, who served under General Joe Wheeler, was buried in Atlanta, Ga., recently. The veterans of every camp in the city were present, for he was much beloved. Taps were sounded by Fay Wilson, who performed this service at the burial of General Wheeler and John B. Gordon.

The Bee's Letter Box

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

Monmouth Park School. OMAHA, April 10.—The editor of The Bee: The citizens of Monmouth Park school district are opposed to the proposed erection of an eight-room addition on the north side of present school, for the following reasons:

1. It would spoil the present school site and would be an exorcise to the residents of this district for the next thirty or forty years.

2. It would cut down the size of the playground to such an extent that the children would be forced to play in the street, and.

3. The erection of an eight-room building on the north side would place the north end of the school out twenty-six feet beyond the houses along the south side of Meredith avenue.

It is proposed as a compromise that we accept an erection of four rooms on the north side for the present and at some time in the future there would be erected an additional four rooms on the south side, making in all a sixteen-room school.

We are opposed to any plan which would result in the erection of four rooms at a time, for the reason that it would take in the neighborhood of \$15,000 to erect either wing leaving only \$10,000 for future use.

When the time came for the erection of the other wing the people would have to appropriate another \$15,000 to complete it. The two pieces of property lying to the west of the present school can be purchased at a reasonable figure (and this will have to be done sooner or later), making it possible to erect an eight-room addition on the west, also increasing the beauty of the school site and enlarging the playgrounds so the children can be accommodated without being forced into the street.

These are the facts in the case, and the citizens of Monmouth Park district in opposition of the proposed plan have adopted resolutions setting them forth and urging that the school board purchase the property on the west of the present site to permit the erection of the new addition.

E. D. BLACK, Secretary.

Duty of Council.

OMAHA, April 8.—To the Editor of The Bee: It behooves the city council now to resolve itself into a committee of the hole where the money goes.

BERNARD F. COCHRAN.

The Church and Labor.

SOUTH OMAHA, April 9.—To the Editor of The Bee: In the issue of your great paper appeared an editorial headed "Church and Labor."

After reading said editorial I was delighted to perceive that The Bee is still faithful and true to the policy adopted by it in the days of 1909, advocating the uplift of the down-trodden and oppressed laboring man, eye, and woman.

You ask, "Why should church and labor stand apart?" To give a frank and fearless answer to your question: Many clerymen of all the denominations who occupy the churches nowadays recognize only the wealthy, consequently the poor in their dignity ignore the clergy, thereby destroying an inspiring influence that ought to be for the betterment of mankind. There are some noble exceptions among the clergy of all denominations. I shall cite one or two for an illustration.

Cardinal Gibbons in a sermon stated that the stores and factories which paid the highest wages were the ones to patronize.

Low wages have made more drunkards and prostitutes than all the saloons in the nation, and I challenge the sacrosanct prohibition politicians to prove otherwise.

Senator Horton and Representative W. Z. Taylor introduced a minimum wage bill, calling for 20 cents an hour for those who worked by the hour, and 25 a week for those who worked by the week. Governor Aldrich assured me he would sign it if the "bookkeepers" passed it. Rev. Robert L. Wheeler, pastor of the First Presbyterian church in this city, is the only clergyman in the state who said a word in favor of the bill.

Twenty-one hundred school children signed a petition appealing to the legislators to pass the bill, nevertheless it would not be passed, for there was no "jack pot" behind it. Society and the "political highwaymen" will do nothing for the laboring class, and as their wages are regulated according to supply and demand, consequently they have no weapon of defense—only the old weapon—the "strike."

JERRY HOWARD.

Pool Hall Votations.

OMAHA, April 10.—To the Editor of The Bee: Let me endorse what you say about requiring the pool halls to close at decent hours instead of providing an all-night place for mischief making for young fellows who ought to be at home and in bed.

These pool halls are now infesting the residence parts, as well as the down town districts, and a source of annoyance and terror to the neighbors and folks returning home at night.

THE LORIMER "SLUSH FUND."

Chicago News: In the stock yards they save everything except the squeal. There are indications that some have been saving even that ever since the Lorimer election.

Philadelphia Record: The latest evidence in the Lorimer case will probably give fresh impulse to the demand for direct election of United States senators by the people.

St. Louis Republic: We violate no confidence when we say Senator Lorimer would welcome a foreign war and move to commission a certain Wisconsin colleague commander of the aeroplane squad in the field.

Indianapolis News: That there was "Lorimer money" seems to be pretty well established. That it came from somewhere is certain. And having got so much of a start, it would appear that only diligence and earnestness are needed to trace the trail to its beginning.

Louisville Courier-Journal: Dead men tell no tales, bribers use no checks and corrupt politicians accused never hesitate at perjury in swearing they are not guilty. Under these circumstances it may never be possible to prove in a court of law that certain interests put up a "slush fund" of \$100,000 to elect Lorimer United States senator from Illinois.

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CHERRY CHAFF. "The bride was charming, was she? How did the bridegroom look?" "There! I knew there was something I had overlooked—I forgot to notice him!"—Chicago Tribune. "He told me that I was simply stunning in my fancy costume." "And what did he tell you when the masks were removed?"—Houston Post. "What are they doing to that building, George? Pulling it down?" "Yes, they are razing it." "And who is that very sharp looking man?" "That's the razer."—Cleveland Plain Dealer. "Old Gentleman—I'm glad to see that you are unselfish, my boy, and let your little brother use the skates first." "Little Boy—That's that, mister; I weren't sure if the ice would bear."—M. A. P. "Do you object to paternalism in a government?" "In a way," replied Senator Sorghum. "It becomes depressing when every one of my constituents seems determined to offer me fatherly advice."—Washington Star. Mr. Youngbride: "This coffee, my love, is—?" Mrs. Youngbride: "I know it is not very good, dear, but I've boiled it over half an hour and the kernels haven't melted one bit."—Boston Transcript. "But why does your father object to me?" demanded the humble suitor. "Because," exclaimed the haughty beauty of proud lineage, "papa says his ancestors have always been gentlemen of leisure and you have to work for a living." "Well, tell him I don't expect to after we are married," replied the humble suitor.—Philadelphia Record. NO LINES HAVE I. John Kendrick hangs in Bookman's. No lines have I as fine as those "That Petrarch wrote to Laura fair." My sonnets have no golden gloves "That come along from genius rare." Yet when I gaze upon her eyes "Who hath become the heart of me," I hold for all my own a prize "That Laura ne'er could hope to be." No inspiration deep is mine "As Dante's when he hymned his praise." And sang the loveliness divine "Of Beatrice and golden days." Yet when I look upon her face "Who hath become the heart of me," I seek no laurels from above. "Nor Dante would I wish to be." Immortal lines? "There sweet to pen Such lines to thrill a future time; To have them sung and sung again "Till heaven echoes to their chime." Yet when I see that wondrous love "That hath become the life of me," I seek no laurels from above. "Nor dream of immortality." To pen immortal verse—ah, well! It is not my appointed part. Elusive is the singer's art. But 'e'en as Dante wrote, and he "Who limned fair Laura for the throne," So hath a gift come down to me "If not to write to live my song!"

Spring brings to each its little dream Of love and riches of field and stream. But sweeter than any dream I see. Is the LAMPIER THAT spring brings to me.

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