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Somehow we seem to begin more trust prosecutions than we finish.

At any rate, Omaha's Aero meet was eminently safe and sane.

Rain still falls on the unjust as well as the just, as we may perceive from the fresh crop of dandelions coming on.

So long as the vigilant press has such men as Lee O'Neill Browne to condemn it, it need not fear for its reputation.

It is to be hoped the briar arf from our good old Nebraska rains will reach sweltering Washington and cool it off a bit.

A New York court holds that force may be lawfully employed to eject a bill collector. Now there is a real "rule of reason."

Chicago is wrestling with the problem of regulating taxi cab fares. Here in Omaha we have not yet scored on regulating hack hire.

The new secretary of war, Mr. Stimson, says, "I am not an expert, but I served nine years in the state militia."

After reading about the lynching of six negroes in Florida, someone ought to move to expunge all that magazine stuff about "barbarous" Mexico.

Of course, the only reason why trusts have ever violated the Sherman law is that they had never had it correctly interpreted for them before.

The city of Denver is in the same condition in regard to its water plant that Omaha is. -World-Herald.

That's generous consolation for us, Denver has our deepest sympathy.

In this democratic family quarrel over free wool Mr. Bryan is due now to resurrect that woolly one about being ashamed to look a sheep in the face.

It is gratifying to know, however, that the decision will not compel Mr. Rockefeller, at his advanced age, to go back to earning his living by daily wage.

The physician who prescribes singing for one hour every day is, of course, concerned only as to the welfare of his patient, not those who have to listen.

The "power of the press" was again asserted in that peace pact at Juarez, which was signed by the light of a match held in the hand of a war correspondent.

This is the time to remind ourselves again that Nebraska, not so many years ago used to be labeled in the school geographies "The Great American Desert."

Omaha's trade boosters are off, and prospects are they will maintain their reputation as rain-makers, even though the farmers are no longer crying for more rain.

The editor of the Dry Goods Economist says the harem skirt has come to stay, and that it will be economical. Even if it is sugar-coated with economy we doubt if Houston can swallow it. -Houston Post.

They were not made to eat. Colonel Roosevelt pronounces as "absolutely rot" the story that he will spend part of 1912 hunting Polar bear in Greenland. No doubt the perpetrators of the tale would like to have him off on such an expedition.

The democrats are beginning to talk about candidates to run for supreme judge this fall, but it is to be noted that they are still so deeply immersed in "nonpartisanship" as to figure upon running only dyed-in-the-wool democrats.

Barriers to the Peace Pact.

Retierated assurances by both the American and British governments that the proposed Anglo-American treaty is not an alliance have failed to satisfy the German and Irish in this country and the homelands.

If the proposed agreement aims, as it does, at promoting world peace, it might broaden its scope so as to take in Germany, as well as France and Great Britain.

Public Opinion in Mexico. The fourth article of consideration in the peace pact signed by federal and rebel representatives in Mexico contains this provision:

That the national government will study the conditions of public opinion in the actuality to satisfy these conditions with the provisions of the constitution, etc.

Sticking to the Aeroplane.

A Chicago architect, who has returned from a visit to Europe, in a public speech takes Chicago to task for being "twenty years behind the times in the subject of aeronautics."

Just think of it! In up-to-date Chicago people persist in doing all their travel in the antiquated aeroplane, while their friends over in Berlin, Vienna, Paris, Rome and Madrid have long ago discarded the aeroplane for the more modern means of travel, the dirigible balloon.

"How do the progressive Germans, Austrians, Frenchmen, Italians and Spaniards entertain their visitors?" asks this traveler and, answering his own question, says: "They say, 'Come take a trip in my dirigible, and going to hangar, get out their balloon and fly away off into the air.'"

Unenviable Publicity.

Every little while someone who ought to know better breaks out with some freak proposition that gives Omaha unenviable publicity and tends to counteract the good advertising we go to such pains to cultivate.

The latest that is going the rounds of the newspapers is a dispatch from Omaha representing our people as organizing old-time vigilance committees to maintain law and order.

OMAHA, Neb., May 23.—An old-time vigilance committee is being organized in Omaha to check the lawlessness and crime which prevails.

Mr. Wells is a big game hunter and for ten years managed a gang of cowboys on the range, where he several times engaged in frontier battles.

PEPPER PARAGRAPHS.

Washington Post: Another thing: suppose the government clerk joined the union, and found they had to observe union rules and work eight hours a day!

New York World: Lloyd-George proposes in the new budget to give members of Parliament a salary of \$2,000 a year. This will give the American senators and representatives, who draw \$1,500, a fresh text for reflecting upon foreign pauper labor.

Cleveland Plain Dealer: The military authorities at a western post have decided that the peacock makes a good mascot. This will seem like a wise definition to the young man who is annoyed by the presence of the girl's mother.

Big Job in Alaska.

The report of the field division of the general land office indicating that every coal land claim filed in Alaska may be invalid reveals a deplorable condition, emphasizing the task that confronts the government in ferreting out the crooked work that has been done there.

Of course repining over the situation will not cure it, nor has the government indicated any intention of quitting at that. Manifestly it is going to the bottom with the determination of protecting public rights, or it would not have this information to disclose.

The machinery of the United States government is invincible when properly exercised and it should be exercised so as to keep for the nation, the rightful owner, full benefit of all the remaining public domain in whose bosom is locked the wealth of present and future generations.

Statement of Historic Truth Usually Forgotten.

The Jew needs no confession. The president, in his address to the Jews of this city at the Eighth Street temple, as usual, has uttered the right expression in the right place.

Your committee has reached the conclusion that the election of William Lorimer would not have occurred had it not been for bribery and corruption.

Some sapient lawyer, writing about the preacher's salary and living expenses, puts down the item "housemaid's wages" at \$120 a year. If that lawyer can locate a few good housemaids at \$120 a year he will have no trouble in finding some fat fees for himself.

It is discovered that the proposed issue of fire engine house bonds will be held down to \$100,000 because more than that would exceed the charter debt limit for the year.

Just to show its appraisal of relative values, one Omaha newspaper gives less attention to a magnificent dramatic production by the world's greatest actress than it does to a change of bill in a 25-cent burlesque house.

People Talked About

Blaming the Way. Chicago Record-Herald: The United States senate is busy furnishing arguments for people who wish to have it treated as the British House of Lords is about to be treated.

Logic of Insurrection. St. Louis Republic: Some of Madero's insurrection officers were for a time insurrectionists against the insurrection, thus carrying a little farther the general logical principle on which all insurrections are conducted.

Business Before Politics. New York Post: How academic even the agricultural students can be is shown by the action of the 1,100 at the Michigan Agricultural college, who, although farmers' boys, have voted three to one in favor of reciprocity.

Showdown for Books. New York World: The supreme court found time to rule that men charged with crime cannot refuse to give up books of corporations that might possibly disclose that crime. To claim that they could do so was rather a cheeky proposition.

Promise of an Eye-Opener. James M. Beck, general counsel of the sugar trust, complained of the vagueness of the rule of reason laid down by the United States supreme court in its interpretation of the anti-trust act in the Standard Oil case.

Lifting the Lid Imperative. Boston Transcript: The Illinois senate by resolution tells the senate of the United States that it considers the election of Senator Lorimer "was brought about by bribery and corruption." Though the Illinois senate could not get hold of all the witnesses it wanted, it doubtless ought to know what it is talking about, and its request to the United States senate to investigate again is evidence that it is perfectly satisfied that it does know. The public will agree with the Illinois senate as much as it disagrees with United States senate.

Army Gossip

Matters of Interest on and Back of the Firing Line Gleaned from the Army and Navy Register

The conditions prevailing in southern Texas make it possible to conduct many tests under conditions equivalent to those of actual warfare.

The Standard Oil Company has a capital stock of \$110,000,000, of which \$100,000,000 is common and \$10,000,000 is preferred.

Its Surplus Worth More Than Five Times Its Capital. The cash assets of the company, according to the last annual report, were about \$58 million. These assets do not include the value of the company's oil above ground, which is figured at \$300,000,000, or about \$300 a share; so that in actual liquidation the value of the Standard Oil stock would be about \$700 a share.

More than one-half of the company's refined product is consumed abroad, 300 vessels, including six oil-carrying steamers, being engaged in transporting its products, and this foreign business has brought to this country more than \$1,000,000,000 of foreign gold.

The company employs 70,000 men, has a pay roll of \$100,000 a day, and in forty years of corporate existence has had no labor trouble.

PRESIDENT TAFT AND THE JEWS

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The Jews of Washington are acting wisely when they propose to honor the memory of Chaim Salomon. The man deserves that honor as much as the rest of those whom we are wont to look upon as heroes of our revolution. It is important to have the names of war or there can be no war, and these stevedores of Philadelphia, free, without a thought of ever asking the struggling new government to reimburse him or his heirs.

There may be some doubt in congress as to the wisdom of increasing the term of enlistment in the army from three to five years, as proposed in Representative Ford's bill, upon which hearings have been held during the last two weeks, but there is no question of the lack of confidence in the proposition to establish a reserve force, however much some may be needed as a means of augmenting the army in time of war.

Income Tax Sky Four Votes.

Wisconsin has ratified the income tax amendment to the constitution. The state senate having concurred last Tuesday in the resolution, which passed the lower house a couple of months ago.

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