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Even presidential booms find the soil dry and hard just now.

Kansas also got a good rain. That is once it was glad to go wet.

When it comes to pioneering, give it to Old Sol for blazing the trail.

New Jamaica has gingered up to the point of asking for reciprocity.

"Butter remains firm," says the market report. It does when kept on the ice.

Missouri is thumping its heart to see which is its favorite son, Champ or Joe.

Manufacturers of fireworks doubtless regard safe and sane laws as class legislation.

Castro is not as wise as Diaz or he would know better when to let well enough alone.

The umpire who killed himself in Salt Lake doubtless thought he heard the crowd coming.

Having been divorced Richard LeGallienne may now hope to take his place with the real artists.

If England's 40-year-old king had been chloroformed Dr. Osier never would have become a duke.

Such excellent things as horseshoes and butter, milk, however, can be crowded back only for the nonce.

An investigation into the conduct of the officers of the ill-fated Santa Rosa might help fix responsibility.

Evidently the trouble with the Albert law is that it falls short of the description given by its advance agent.

Think of what talking points the present generation will have when it gets to be the weather philosophers of the future.

Our republican United States senator and our democratic United States senator are already getting to constitute quite a mutual admiration society.

Well, that railway mail service headquarters will be something to offset the loss of the army headquarters.

It costs no more to manufacture and deliver ice in Omaha in July than it did in April, but the ice man is charging 25 per cent more in July than he did for the same ice in April.

Local democratic candidates for district judge will run this year as democrats, and not as nonpartisans.

It will be left for those democrats who run on the state ticket to play the nonpartisan dodge.

Ireland was not as cordial to King George and Queen Mary as it might have been when they set foot on Irish soil.

King George could melt the Irish heart in just one way, which he is evidently not yet ready to embrace.

The New York World says that if existing conditions continue, "Charles F. Murphy will be the excuse of tens of thousands of independent democrats for supporting the republican ticket next year," And the World knows.

Ex-Governor Shallenberger has been slightly injured in a train accident while chautauquing in Wisconsin.

No one has any business to take to the chautauqua circuit without putting on a little extra accident insurance.

The concrete sidewalk laid on the state house grounds at Lincoln is costing 3 1/2 cents per square foot.

The concrete sidewalks laid in Omaha under city contract cost the property owners 11 cents per square foot. Is the difference in quality, quantity or simply in price?

Monument of Hundred Years' Peace.

President Taft gives out the assurance that the pens of England and the United States are about ready to sign the arbitration treaty, which shall bind these two great nations in a compact of peace.

It is indeed a worthy monument to rear to such a grand achievement. Since the war of 1812, Great Britain and America have lived on terms of ever-increasing friendship and good will.

Wars leave nations weakened in many ways and confronted by new and perplexing problems, potential of still other outbreaks. England and America have not been excepted from this rule.

Suicides and Modern Life.

New York Spectator mortality tables show fewer suicides committed in this country in 1910 than in either of the two years immediately preceding and a falling off in the rate of suicides from 21 per cent in 1909 to 19.7 per cent in 1910.

The general tendency of suicide is downward, but this, the Spectator says, is probably only temporary. It looks for a reaction showing an enlarged number of suicides as a result of our complex modern life.

This suicide problem is a strange and perplexing one. Germany, where the complexities of life are not supposed to be more confusing than in the United States, has a larger suicide rate than we have.

Selfishness undoubtedly has much to do with self-destruction. When people learn to think more of the unfortunate fellow-being they may be able to slow down the suicide rate to some extent.

When Detectives Fall Out.

These are rather serious charges which the Perkins Detective agency hurled at the Burns Detective agency, accusing it with conspiring with post-office inspectors to put the Perkins people out of business.

From these charges it would seem that with all the big, fat fees recently picked up by our esteemed detectives, there has not been enough to go around, or at least the distribution has not been as symmetrical as some of them would have liked.

Looking Backward This Day in Omaha

Compiled from Bee files. JULY 10. Thirty Years Ago—The tenth day of July fell on Sunday.

Ex-United States Senator Phineas W. Hitchcock, the father of our present senator Gilbert M. Hitchcock, died suddenly at his residence at Twentieth and Dodge streets.

Steel Masters in a World Pool.

The Sherman law scarcely reaches international commerce. Possibly that fact may have some bearing upon the Brussels agreement entered into between the steel magnates of the world.

Omaha Railway Mail Headquarters.

The location of the headquarters for the new railway mail service division at Omaha must be particularly gratifying to our people in view of the strong contest put up for it by competing cities.

Ten Years Ago—

Four thousand Epworth leaguers pass through Omaha en route to national convention on the Pacific coast. City council decides to spend \$5,000 on asphalt repairs.

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The Bee's Letter Box

Thanks of Commercial Club. OMAHA, April 28.—Victor Rosewater, The Bee, Omaha—My Dear Mr. Rosewater:

In sending you herewith check to cover your expenses of trip to Washington to lay before the postal authorities Omaha's claims to the headquarters of the new railway mail division, we do so with the thought in mind that while we may meet the expense of your railroad fare, etc., we cannot reimburse you for the sacrifice of your time, effort and influence in our behalf.

Mr. Mavretick wishes to thank you personally for having served us in this matter. J. M. GUILD, Commissioner.

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IT IS A FESTIVE EVENT to come across a book such as "The Prodigal Judge," written by Vaughan Kester. The novel, which treats of American life and conditions of several decades ago, is wholly unlike anything else in recent fiction. It glows with sturdy spirit and is so resolute and gladsome in its methods that at the very first page the reader is captured completely; and he is thereafter its most willing and uncomplaining slave. Mr. Kester has demonstrated in this story the fact that America offers many inspirations to the real artist in literature along lines not frequently worked, and "The Prodigal Judge," let us hope, is the forerunner of other creations equally virile and engaging. Philadelphia Record