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It is never too hot to book for Omaha.

All governors look alike to King Al-Bar-Ben.

Senator Stephenson at 82 should have known better.

The term "short cake" evidently originated in a boarding house.

Really, we had no idea that our junior fellow would be so peevish.

There seems to be glory enough for all in that partially safe and sane Fourth.

But nobody dared call him "Jack" Hammond when he had those knees breeches on.

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The singling out of Chief of Police Donahue, however, is explainable only on the theory that a fall guy is wanted. The chief of police is no more responsible for law enforcement than the mayor or the county attorney, and the same evidence which would sustain such a finding against him would likewise oust both the mayor and county attorney. But these proceedings were instituted and prosecuted by our late democratic governor and temporary democratic attorney general, who, while picking on the chief of police because he registers as a republican, gave an immunity to both the mayor and the county attorney, who had been elected as democrats. There is altogether too much politics in the effort to make Chief of Police Donahue a victim.

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More Money for Rural Carriers.

The Taft policy of combining efficiency and economy is observed, we believe, to a high degree in the postmaster general's order for the expenditure of the entire congressional appropriation of \$4,000,000 this year for increased pay to rural mail carriers. This will add \$150 a year to the wages of 40,000 men, paying each a yearly income of \$1,400. To be sure, it will add to the cost of the rural service, bringing it up to \$44,000,000 for the year, which, it is estimated, will mean a net loss of \$12,000,000. But correlated with this order the government has in mind the plan of a general postal post, which the president will recommend to congress in his next message. A general postal post, the postmaster general believes, will entirely, if not more than, wipe out any deficit in the rural mail service.

Nearly everyone will agree that this will be money well spent. It directly promotes both the efficiency and economy of an important branch of the postoffice and at the same time does but simple justice to the army of faithful men trudging in all sorts of weather over rough roads in the rural districts with our mail. Many of these men are old civil war veterans, giving their last service to their country, and they have been given it for a very moderate wage. But the government has done well by these carriers, after all, increasing their pay gradually as work increased and conditions warranted. No post departure it has ever taken has paid better, comparatively, than the rural mail service, and it should be advanced just as fast as it is possible to do it.

Abating Smoke Nuisance.

It is very true to speak of abating the smoke nuisance in this country, especially in large cities. Chicago, for instance, has protested loud and long against this so-called nuisance, but thus far without much result. It has directed its remonstrance particularly against certain railroads, whose interurban trains along the lake front pour dense volumes into the air. Yet those railroads continue to heed not the outcry.

Now comes President Felton of the Chicago Great Western, who has just returned from Europe, with the statement that the city of London is practically smokeless, so far as its railroads are concerned, and that Chicago could be if the railroads would only do what the London roads have done—adopt appliances for the consumption of certain elements in the fuel now going into smoke. He suggests that railroad men be sent to London to study methods there and come back to put them into vogue.

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The 7 per cent interest accruing on over-due hydrant rental has no offset against it to be deducted. But what's a little thing like that between friends?

Strange how all the incumbents of public office who constantly complain about being underpaid are still ready to run for re-election and pay out good money to hold on.

The State Board of Equalization will meet again shortly. Wonder if the Lincolnitans will repeat their annual performances of registering complaints against Omaha's returns.

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Very heavy rains have saved the day, instead of facing a mere failure, they stand to harvest a bumper crop.

This should have its lesson to every person. While some people of plow mud and perhaps faint hearts were getting ready for large meetings to pray for rain are now rejoicing that rain has come, why wouldn't it be a good time to express a word of prayerful gratitude for what has come? Do we hear from the same communities any calls for meetings of thanksgiving? It is a good thing to leave matters of nature to the Master of nature, after the creature has done all his feeble hands can do.

Newlands as a Dark Horse.

Senator Newlands of Nevada is mentioned as a possible dark horse democratic presidential candidate in the failure to agree on any of the men now noteworthy in the field—Harmon, Wilson, Clark, Folk. It is noted that the senator was born in the south and educated in the east, that he has resided in California and Nevada and that he has had long years of training and experience in both houses of congress and therefore may lay claim to a wide circle of influence.

All this may be true enough, but what is it that has suggested at this time the possibility of failure of the democrats to unite on one of the other men? It is entirely too early to determine the fate or power of any, so that if the friends of Senator Newlands are laying out a presidential boom for him they must be doing it with the knowledge that he will have to take his place in the race as an open candidate along with the other entries, since no dark horse conditions exist now.

One might think of many reasons why the Nevada man would not become available as a presidential candidate for next year, perhaps, not the least of which is that he lives too far west. Neither party would in 1912 deliberately select its standard bearer from Nevada and not even the fact, as is intimated, of Mr. Bryan's backing would serve to make the Newlands candidacy formidable. There are reasons for suspecting that Mr. Bryan is not averse to projecting the Newlands at this time; in the first place, the more candidates in the field, the better it is supposed to suit him, and in the next place, he might have a plan for wishing to run Newlands for vice president, especially in the event of the nomination of Wilson, from the east, for president. But that seems to be as far as we can go now with the Newlands boomlet.

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The Bee needs to make no apology for its attitude toward the commission plan of city government, is playing the baby act because The Bee has undertaken to procure the petitions necessary to submit the question of adopting the commission plan in Omaha to a vote. This delectable organ would serve to abate the smoke nuisance. Will there be any action this time? Perhaps Lawyer Brandeis, who proposed to cut off extravagance in railroad management to the extent of \$1,000,000 a day, had the smoke nuisance in mind.

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