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When in doubt about going on a strike, don't.

Welcome postmasters. Make yourselves at home.

Respecting the guilt of young Beattie, a lot of people beat the jury to the verdict.

Skin grafting, scientists say, is going out of date. There are enough other kinds left.

Mosquitoes are reported to have bit J. P. Morgan. Old masters—at the game, doubtless.

At any rate, keeping congress in session we escaped the worst of the chautauqua season.

With a carpenter to perform the ceremony, that Astor-Force marriage was just a mechanical affair.

Attempt to change the calendar. Headline. Some scamp probably trying to steal an extra pay day.

A California man who believes in hallucinations, went to sleep and woke up deaf and dumb. He says so, himself.

Wonder if ex-Governor Shallenberger has been foxy enough to arrange for "Mike" Harrington to oppose him.

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Those railway accidents in our station yards indicate that the railroads here need more trackage and switching facilities. It does not take a prophet nor the son of a prophet to predict that a big paw union station will supplant Omaha's present dual passenger stations in less time than it took to supplant those that went before them.

The youthful democratic nominee for sheriff makes the thrilling announcement that if the voters will only connect him with the payroll he will do his best to see that the laws are enforced without favoritism. But no matter who is elected sheriff, the first thing he will do in order to qualify to take possession will be to subscribe to the oath of office, which obligates him to that very thing, and any willful failure would subject him to ouster.

The Postmasters' Convention.

Omaha is honored this week with the privilege of entertaining the convention of the National Association of First Class Postmasters, which is composed of the men who manage the postal business for Uncle Sam in all of the larger cities of the country.

While the meeting is essentially for the interchange of ideas and discussion of subjects connected with the more efficient and economical handling of the mails, it should also afford the visitors an opportunity to size up Omaha and see what a live, up-to-date city we have here.

Omaha is not so self-satisfied that it believes it has outdone all other cities, but our people feel confident that their city can make a good impression, and perhaps put up a showing of one kind or another embodying a profitable lesson. The new railway mail service division headquarters are just being located in Omaha in recognition of the importance of this city as the focal point of mail distribution for this section, and Omaha is bound to become steadily more and more important to the development of the postal system in its various branches.

On behalf of Omaha we extend to the visiting postmasters a most cordial welcome.

Money and War.

France seems to be borrowing an idea from us Americans touching the utility of dollar diplomacy and applying it with good results in its controversy with Germany over Morocco.

In pure American diction, France appears to have caught Germany where the hair is short and to be holding on with a firm grip.

The pro-war spirit is not dead in Germany, and there is no lack of courage or confidence, but the strong box is not exactly in fighting trim.

Money cuts a much bigger figure in the problem of world peace than it used to. Germany has been spending large sums in strengthening its military arms, so that, in the event of war, it might be able to proceed without stopping for long preparation.

War under most any honorable circumstances is to be avoided and we expect it to be in this case, but nevertheless Germany, after so long a period of preparation, finds itself at a disadvantage with a nation than which it is incomparably stronger in military power.

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State of the big wheat. State of the fall meat. Corn crop. Pork crop. Rich red blood. Can't beat Iowa time of day. At any time of year. Jaw-breakers. Or just plain meat.

Looking Backward This Day in Omaha

Compiled from Bee files. SEPT. 12.

Thirty Years Ago—The opening of the state fair is thus described: "The sun rose this morning in a cloudless sky, and disclosed bustling activity all over the state fair grounds.

Harmon's Opening Gun. That was evidently Governor Harmon's opening gun which he fired at President Taft in Boston.

The plan of the democrats is to make Taft's vetoes of their slipshod tariff bills the basis of their 1912 campaign, but what of the president's plans for scientific tariff revision next winter?

Twenty Years Ago—The city to the contracts for furnishing the city hall. The Bee says: "There are some funny things connected with the city hall."

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Army Gossip

Matters of Interest On and Back of the Lines. News gathered from the Army and Navy Register.

Examinations for Commissions. Examination of civilian candidates for appointment as second lieutenants in the mobile army commenced at various posts throughout the country on September 2.

New Infantry Equipment. The sweater has been adopted as an additional article in the new infantry equipment recommended by the special board which originally convened at Rock Island Arsenal.

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The Bees Letter Box

First Suggestion of Commission Plan. OMAHA, Sept. 9.—To the Editor of The Bee: You say you can't tell who first suggested commission form of government for Omaha.

A Word from a Friend. BROOKLYN, N. Y., Sept. 9.—To the Editor of The Bee: Last Tuesday morning I received from Portland, Me., by the ocean steamer the North Star to New York City.

I was pleased when I saw the dispatch from Omaha that the public party had reaffirmed its faith in President Taft and that you had again led the party in Nebraska along that line.

And so far as I am able to see, President Taft stands at the forefront of the world's thought, its highest desires, its best purposes, and is leading the republican party in accord with its ancient traditions and principles with a wide and strong common sense which is justified in asking the confidence of the entire party, which he so justly and conspicuously leads to the honor and glory of the great republic.

On the steamer I became acquainted with Chief Justice Russell of the criminal courts of New York City, who kindly invited me to call on him. This I did yesterday, and the Times mentions today that I sat with him.

As one who has acted quite a part in the judicial matters of Iowa and Nebraska, I have a feeling that I would like to have my friends know where I am and what I am doing at times.

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People Talked About

The pitcher for whom the Pittsburg base ball club paid \$25,000 has won three straight games. It is reluctantly admitted, however, that he had help.

Senator Shelby M. Cullom, at 82 years, seeks re-election from Illinois. "Oom Shelby" never got the habit of letting go a tooth on a good thing.

A New York woman has been arrested for trying to sell four bunches of alginate, eighty in all. Total fines of \$2,000 are the maximum penalty under the new law protecting the heron by prohibiting the sale of its plumage.

A bundle of \$75,000 taken in at the door of a boxing match in New York, \$50,000 of the wretched match in Chicago and an Ohio man paying full rates for his dog at a highbrow hotel in New York are imposing facts that stifle the voice of the calamity howler.

The Young Women's Christian association of Boston is unable to determine at what age a woman should be considered for laboration. On a question of such transcending importance there should be no limit to the conversation.

Prominent Baltimoreans express optimistic opinions on the Monument City being chosen for the democratic national convention next year. Some doubters, fearful lest the party leaders might refuse the purse of \$50,000, canvassed the committee and found every mother's son of them hot for the stuff.

A compilation of aviation fatalities made by the Boston Transcript shows that since the death of Lieutenant Innes there have been eighty-nine victims. The aviators who lost their lives were of many nationalities, but America and France supplied the largest number of victims. Last year thirty-one aeroplanists were killed, and this year forty so far have met with death.

A few New York papers are shocked by the discovery that the doctors who send their fees with the doctors who send in the business. According to the Erie County Medical society, the practice of dividing the surgical jackpot is too deep-rooted for local treatment, and the matter was passed up to the state board for consultation and conversation.

For ten years Connecticut has been wrestling with the problem of making new congressional districts for five statesmen of the house of representatives, instead of four, the former being the number to which the state was entitled under the census of 1900.

Some of the newspapers and political leaders deprecate making any change even though they have had restricting since 1842 and seem to think they can get on very well until 1942.

Ucle Joe on the Links. Washington Star. The report that comes from Boston that Uncle Joe Cannon has taken to golf will appeal strongly to the imagination of the country. Has the former speaker sought in the ancient game distraction from the annual release from strenuous official duties? Does he contemplate a comparatively idle time henceforth while the political battle rages high around him and he watches the combatants with the calm of nonparticipation? He will unquestionably play the game as he wields the gavel in the house of representatives, vigorously and with emphasis.

Labelled Pure Fun

"A girl in a phonograph establishment can be accused for affection." "Why can she?" "Because it is her business to put on airs."—Baltimore American.

"An' deep-as-fishing at your summer place, Einks," asked Barkaway. "No," said Binks. "There was a girl at the hotel who made several million cents for a high C, but she was stranded on the flats every time."—Harper's Weekly.

"I am looking for an honest man," said Diogenes severely. "So am I," replied the plain citizen. "And, by the way, that lantern you are carrying looks exactly like the one that was taken from my back porch."—Washington Star.

"Even the Standard Oil company has found out that there's a hereafter." "Think so?" "You'll find out in due time that it's hereafter is about the same as its hereafter."—Chicago Tribune.

"That woman pretends to move in the most aristocratic social circles, but I have found out one fact which strongly intimates she does nothing of the sort." "What is it?" "She pays all her bills."—Boston Transcript.

"Oh, George, come quick! Baby has his toe in his mouth!" "That's all right. Don't disturb him. He's practicing the toe hold."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Sally, a dainty cook down in Virginia, has been taught by her mistress to cook chicken in a casserole—an accomplishment in which she takes great pride. It is always done on occasions of state, and Sally hunts up company to show her prowess. Sunday morning, recently, she came in gleefully with the remark: "Yonder come Mr. Clifford up dead to see Miss Judith. Hadn't I better cook chicken in casserole?"—Lippincott's Magazine.

A NEEDED HOLIDAY. John O'Keefe in New York World. The millionaire sat at his desk, Computing a corporate debt. Outside was the roaring of persons outpouring. Their holiday pleasures to get. Said he: "It is tragic burlesque. I had a legitimate share. Won't some legislature Exhibit good nature. And give us a rich man's day?"