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Now, let's see, what was it the governors' conference did?

The fighter who fights with a smile has the upper hand.

Why do people pretend they are young when they are not? Vanity of vanities, all is vanity.

Perhaps it was a man from Maine who stumped Dr. Wiley with that question, "What is whiskey?"

Cheer up, the price of sugar may drop as soon as the canning season is over.

In splitting the kindling trust, Uncle Sam will hew to the line, letting the chips fall where they will.

Won't the moths have a dandy time when those fuzzy hats are laid away?

All free advertising is not judicious advertising, as Hunnewell, Kan., by now knows.

Adam and Eve had all the better of us when it comes to those out-of-doors bedrooms.

When bankers disagree as to the cure for financial ills, who shall decide?

The new campaigning: If you don't pay up I will expose you in the democratic newspapers.

When President Taft visits the Omaha High school, he will see the flower of the family.

If lead pencils hold out, the insurgents may yet be able to figure out Mr. Taft's defeat for renomination to their own satisfaction.

Out of the first week on the road, that California aviator got in one day's traveling. The trains are safe for a while yet.

And now the talk is of hitching Harmon and Wilson in the same team. For Mr. Bryan that would be adding insult to injury.

The New York man who insists his erring wife shall marry her affinity probably thinks that is the best way he can get even with her.

If King Ak-Sar-Ben should run his invitation all the year around, there is no telling how high those membership figures would soar.

"I can say without hesitation that all the farmers from the Atlantic to the Pacific are in favor of reciprocity," asserts Premier Laurier. Hoop, mon.

No sooner is the fight between Texas and Georgia over watermelon supremacy settled, than South Carolina and Maryland bob up with their pow-wow over sweet potatoes.

Mayor "Jim" has contributed a letter signed by him officially, and its contents, to a cornerstone for a new office building for a brewery. Here is a chance for some ministerial protests.

A Kansas City judge has fined a man and his wife \$100 for kissing one another in a public park. This must be a notice that when in Kansas City a man must be careful whose wife he kisses.

The official junket at taxpayers' expense recalls the story of the camel who merely wanted to put his nose under the Arab's tent, and when permission was granted, ended by getting in, bump and all, and crowding the poor Arab out.

"Mike" Harrington says his invitation to Candidate Harman to go into court holds good, and Candidate Harman renews his offer to let "Mike" prove up before the democratic state committee. Just another case where the one dassent, and the other does not dare.

A Chance for the Courts.

Detroit is in the throes of a street car strike which has put 1,500 men out of employment, and completely stopped street car traffic in that city during the very busiest week of the year.

The last street car strike of threatening proportions was that in Des Moines, which was brought to a sudden and summary end by the issuance of a court order requiring the men to go back to work and the company to take them back, that operation of the cars for the benefit of the traveling public might be resumed, with all matters in dispute between the company and its employees referred to the court for final adjudication and adjustment.

How long the strike in Detroit will last, and what may be its outcome, is, of course, problematical. Such a struggle interests other cities keenly because they are exposed to the possibility of street car strikes and consequent stagnation of business.

Spanish Crisis—No Surprise.

In the transition of an ancient monarchy into any form of liberal government such crises as that that now reigns in Spain are to be expected as a part of the natural process. A good many such upheavals probably will ensue before Spain ever becomes in fact a republic.

In the present crisis, the labor turmoil is evidently used only as an instrument or weapon to further the plans and purposes of the new order of things and used, it appears, to very great advantage. It is, indeed, a complicating element and complications always have been at a premium in national overturnings.

Kansans Leaving the Farm.

The back-to-the-farm movement should gain its chief momentum in the distinctive farming states, but, unfortunately, it seems not to have made such gains in the last few years. Iowa was the first state to show heavy losses of population in the rural districts as compared with the towns and cities.

What is the secret of this townward movement?

Does overmuch prosperity on the farm create a discontent among the people for the bucolic life and lead them into the gayer precincts of the city? Certainly in the good old days of grasshopper plagues and populist vagaries, when crops were short, prices low and mortgages high, this tendency was not so marked.

Looking Backward This Day in Omaha

Compiled from Bee Files. SEPT. 21.

Thirty Years Ago—

The proclamation decreeing a period of thirty days' mourning for the dead president signed by William Taft as governor of Nebraska and S. J. Alexander as secretary of state.

Election Contest Sure in Maine.

Maine is still in doubt as to the exact result of the late election for the repeal of the prohibition clause in the state constitution, but it can be in little doubt about a contest to determine the outcome.

Even should a contest show a reversal of conditions and a victory for the drys, it would be too scant a majority to offer substantial hope of long continued status quo of this organic prohibition.

Outside of the mere fact of victory or defeat in this election, what the returns show most conspicuously is that there has been a formidable overturning of sentiment in Maine on this proposition.

Ten Years Ago—

The Ak-Sar-Ben carnival starts with between 25,000 and 30,000 people on the Midway.

Swinging Around the Circle.

Mr. Taft is never more engaging or convincing than when he talks face to face with the great public. His western trip ought to be illuminating and fruitful in a political sense.

Some To Old to Learn.

Secretary Wilson says President Taft decided the Wiley case wisely, which proves that Tama Jim has been mixing some with people since he inaugurated his Iowa vacation.

Sugar Trust's Long Haul.

Incidentally, in connection with the present prices of sugar, the people of the United States spend more than \$400,000,000 a year for sugar.

Something of a Suspicion.

Despite the vigorous effort of the governors in conference assembled to magnify their office, there are deep impressions that one or two of them are willing to experience the consolidation of executive powers in the presidency.

THE EMBATTLED GOVERNORS.

Transportation Problem Has Passed Beyond State Bounds. Philadelphia Bulletin. The declaration of Governor Aldrich of Nebraska that his state would "at any or all hazards" carry forward its inherent governmental functions and that it would respect court opinions only on condition that the court stay within well-marked lines, sounds even more revolutionary than the formal resolution of protest passed by the conference of governors.

Governors at Court

Comment on Plan of State Executives to Uphold State Regulation by the States.

Why This Distract?

Have our friends the governors any reason to suspect that the justices are about to violate their oath and betray their trust? Or is it the unblameable assumption of the governors that while the supreme court means well, it is too stupid to be able to recognize the constitutional issue involved in the Minnesota rate case?

New and Better Way.

This new and better way of looking at things will be helped by the conference and saving the people many needless efforts. The people may find in the new doctrine of state duties they will find the means of developing and making more efficient their state governments in a multitude of ways which are now neglected.

Some Delicate Questions.

The supreme court has not shown any inclination to trespass on the rights of the states to amplify the powers of the national government. It has vindicated the powers of the latter and has shown itself on many occasions to be disposed to defend the rights of the former.

Question of Fact.

The question at issue is almost wholly one of fact. For the law is correctly stated by Judge Sanborn. If the Minnesota rate law encroaches on the authority of the Interstate Commerce commission it must give way.

Interesting and Important.

It is beyond question that this action on the part of the governors is both interesting and important. The first tendency will be to exaggerate it and talk about it as a revolutionary proceeding.

A New Development.

It is enough to say that if the United States supreme court should concede the right of the governors' conference to be heard at that tribunal, the court's act would be equivalent to an official recognition by the highest interpreter of constitutional law in America of the standing of the conference under the American constitutional system.

Good Time for Economy.

High prices seem to be assured for some necessary food products. Potatoes are a short crop and are sure to be dear. Sugar is rapidly advancing in price. Meats are likely to go higher. Coffee is dearer. There is, however, no apparent danger that the average cost of living will be greatly advanced for the coming winter.

NEBRASKA PRESS COMMENT.

Beatrice Express: The Omaha Bee gives us a tip that had not occurred to most Beatrice people.

Blue Valley Blade: The "progressives" who attack President Taft in their campaign and other addresses are doing themselves more harm than they are the president.

Grand Island Independent: Secretary Showell of the Nebraska Progressive Republican league has been given free transportation through the transom because he expressed the opinion some months ago that President Taft would be endorsed by the republicans of this state.

North Platte Tribune: The Nebraska Republican Progressive league starts out on a rule-or-ruin policy. It has deposed F. A. Showell as secretary because he favored the renomination of Taft, and undertook to discipline J. L. Kennedy, the newly elected chairman of the state committee, because he, too, is for Taft.

Lincoln Journal: The city of Omaha will not have gained anything by going to the commission plan of city government. The overwhelming vote for it was due to a wide-spread dissatisfaction with the present administration.

Lincoln Journal: Mayor Dahlman will be retained as the head of the city. It is an anomalous thing that men will fight for certain principles and then neutralize those principles out of friendship.

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SUNNY GEMS.

"I was just thinking if there were to be an aviation financial scandal."

"Yes," replied Farmer Cottontail, "as it might be to find the man higher up."—Baltimore American.

"Is this really chicken soup?" asked Mr. Starboard.

"Of course," snapped Mrs. Starboard. "Don't it taste like chicken?"

"Why, no! It's positively tender."—Catholic Standard and Times.

"Truth," said the orator who quotes "is at the bottom of a well."

"Yes," replied Farmer Cottontail, "as it might be to find the man higher up."—Baltimore American.

"Here," shouts the dealer in liquid assets, "What do you mean by giving too much?"

"Why, you told me that your policy was to sell five quarts to the gallon, answered the new assistant."

"So I did, you condensed idiot, so I did! I said to make five quarts of a gallon, not to make a gallon of five quarts."—Chicago Post.

"The young husband next door to us is just crazy about his wife."

"Yes," replied Farmer Cottontail, "as it might be to find the man higher up."—Baltimore American.

"That makes you think he does, then?"

"He won't let her bring up the coal."—Baltimore American.

"What damage we infer."

"The headlines ever tell!"

"He Didn't Hear the Bell!"

—Los Angeles Express.

"The tragedies, the tragedies. We've run on every side!"

"Like 'Tried to Break a Record' and 'Mistaken for a Guide.'"

—Milwaukee Sentinel.

"The tragedies, the tragedies. They cause us much grief!"

"Like 'Ventured in Deep Water' and 'Worst Still, He Rocked the Boat.'"

—Springfield Union.

"The tragedies, the tragedies. Like 'Tried to Cross Before the Train' and 'Too, He Married Her.'"

—Boston Transcript.

"The tragedies, the tragedies. That every day are seen."

"The Runner Died at Second" and "Gets Popped 'St Louis Times."

"The tragedies, the tragedies. Through the pages break!"

"Like 'The King Admires Fair Dancer' and 'Wed on Twelve a Week.'"

—St. Worth Record.

"The tragedies, the tragedies. My goodness sakes alive!"

"Stepping Backward on a Moving Cart" and "Toadstools Poison Fowl."

—Detroit Free Press.

"The tragedies, the tragedies. They cause us much grief!"

"Like 'Extra Maine Has Voted Wet' and 'Latter: Maine is Dry.'"

—Cincinnati Enquirer.

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