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All over but the voting. "Let 'Charley' Fanning pay his own bookkeeper."

The safest way of all: Pull the Republican lever. Joseph Pulitzer's life is the spirit of America lived out.

Polis close at 6 o'clock. Do not shut yourself out by delay. What, asks an exchange, should be done with the recall? Recall it.

Mr. Bryan, as we get it, is now running the team from the bench. Colonel Bryan seems to overlook the fact that China wants a president.

Uncle Sam has received no challenges for a fight since that naval review. For prompt and reliable election returns, people will, as usual, look to The Bee.

In dissolving trusts they drain off the water, but how will that work with sugar? That Omaha Indian pardoned by the president must be one of the "good" Indians.

The parents of that "perfect" youth in Massachusetts have just cause for alarm. Why should enforcement of the anti-trust law create panics when violation of the law does not?

President Taft's triumph may now be considered complete. He has Wall street and Mr. Bryan all on his back. Mr. Munsey shows his sincerity as a reformer by discontinuing publication of his Sunday afternoon Boston paper.

It is safe to say that Champ Clark will set hitch wheels to his band wagon. He will need swifter locomotion. A Richmond, Va., minister is fixing himself for a heresy trial by preaching that wives should boss their households.

From the wild shrieks that are going up from the Third Nebraska district, the exposure of the McKillop check-book must have hit a vital spot. Just to prove that it is taking an interest in its first state election, New Mexico comes forward with 1,000 candidates. Let the people rule.

A society leader in St. Louis recently gave a pyjama party which was attended by fifty men and women. That must be the democracy of the 400. Mr. Bryan got as close to Omaha as Blair and Papillion, but was evidently induced out of consideration for the local democratic ticket not to come any closer.

It is perfectly natural that Senator Hitchcock's democratic organ should justify the colonizing at the poor farm when the colonizing is done by democrats and for democrats. The check-book statesman who was going to match Latta's 7,000 democratic majority of last year has revised his claim downward to 3,000. We shall see what we shall see.

The water board's attorneys still insist that they have saved the taxpayers some \$2,400,000. The next thing is for the lawyers to put in legal services on that basis.

Two Propositions.

While choosing candidates for various offices to be filled at this election, voters in Omaha are called on to express themselves also on two propositions—one authorizing the issue of \$50,000 park bonds, and the other consenting to the annexation of South Omaha.

The park bonds, we are assured by members of the Park board, collectively and individually, are really needed for continuing the development of our park and boulevard system. Omaha has made notable progress toward embellishment and beautification of its parks and boulevards, and it must go ahead.

As to the question of annexation, that must be decided by the people of South Omaha, but the law requires a concurrent affirmative majority vote from each of the two cities to be consolidated. If South Omaha should vote "Yes," and Omaha should vote "No," annexation would be defeated, and the blame would be put upon Omaha, whereas if Omaha should vote "Yes," it will be up to South Omaha to accept or reject the invitation.

Big Business.

In its proposal for a congressional definition of the terms upon which "big business" may operate, the Illinois Manufacturers' association, we think, needlessly raises the question whether big business is to continue. There is no serious doubt of its continuation and the terms of its continuation have been explicitly stated. They are simply to "live and let live."

Before proceeding too far with public condemnation of the Sherman law as an obsolete statute, it would seem advisable for big business to stop and ask itself whether it has exhausted its efforts to comply with the law and do business legally. It is difficult to believe that the law as interpreted in the Standard Oil case is entirely inapplicable to present conditions.

It remains to be seen whether congress will amend the Sherman law. With all the criticism of the so-called "legislative decisions," congress' refusal or failure to do something to make the law more modern and widely in its applicability forced upon the courts the necessity for its interpretation. The president seems to think the law is not now lacking in definiteness and that with fearless and faithful administration back of it, it can be made quite effectual and fair to big as well as little business, which is also entitled to a hearing.

Drinking, Here and Abroad.

Despite the fact that the United States consumes more beer than any other nation, Americans are far from being the greatest beer drinkers. Their per capita consumption is only 30.08 gallons a year as compared with 56.20 of the Belgians, 31.44 of the United Kingdom, 26.47, Germany and 23.95, Denmark. Our aggregate consumption is greater because our population is greater and it must be remembered that our population is more heterogeneous than that of any of these other countries. Perhaps that makes a big difference. Possibly assimilation of other people swells our average.

Our per capita consumption of distilled spirits and wines is also less than that of various European countries, showing further that we are not the greatest drinkers. If our average consumption of wine and even whisky approached that of France, Spain, Italy or Portugal or even Austria, we would have reason for much more agitation than is now going on in the United States. Of course, it is but natural that these southern European countries, where wine is more abundant and cheap, would consume more of it than we here in the United States, though we also make a good deal of wine. But to get an idea of how little we consume per capita as compared with what other countries drink, it is interesting to note that our annual per capita consumption is .56 gallons—a fraction over half a gallon—while France's is 29.56 gallons, Spain's 18.25, Italy's 31.17 and Portugal's 27.39.

Biennial Elections.

Only a few states have elections this year, Nebraska being among them, as we all know. The tendency everywhere is toward fewer elections, as well as toward fewer elective offices. The result is brought about in many states by providing for biennial elections, and making the terms of elective state, judicial and county offices terminate uniformly in the even year. Municipal elections are still held separately, and at odd times, but the elimination of the off-year general election has proved acceptable wherever brought about, for no state we know of which has gone over to the biennial election system has ever gone back to the annual election.

But if we escape on the plea that the wine is costlier here than in those countries, Americans likewise drink less distilled and malt liquors which cannot be charged to the price.

Looking Backward This Day in Omaha

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The Bee's Letter Box

OMAHA, Nov. 4.—To the Editor of The Bee. Bryan, Champ Clark, and Oscar Underwood—Mr. Clark has been in Nebraska talking progressive politics. Is Speaker Clark a progressive democrat? We now see in Missouri a contest between Mr. Clark and Mr. Folk. For the delegation to the next democratic national convention. Suspicion is aroused from certain events with respect to the interests which are behind Mr. Clark's candidacy.

Those who read the controversy between Mr. Bryan and Oscar Underwood, and the speech which Mr. Underwood made on the floor of the house against Mr. Bryan will recall certain facts respecting that controversy. First, Mr. Bryan called Mr. Underwood a protectionist because of certain of his acts in congress. Second, Mr. Underwood in response to the accusation of Mr. Bryan denounced Mr. Bryan in the severest terms because of the accusation, and there immediately followed a controversy between Mr. Bryan and Mr. Underwood as to the occurrence of certain events in a secret caucus of the democrats. Clark and Underwood were both in that caucus, and Clark thoroughly understood the actual proceedings of the caucus.

Third, When Mr. Underwood made that speech in the house against Mr. Bryan, he denied certain relations which he had with the special interests, that is, Wall street.

Now, if Speaker Clark is an actual progressive democrat, as he would have the public believe, why did he sit in the house and hear Mr. Underwood misrepresent Mr. Bryan, and deny his relation to Wall street, while corporate democrats cheered, knowing that Mr. Underwood misrepresented the actual events of that caucus?

It will be remembered that Mr. Norris made the statement that he was of a party to take the floor in the defense of Mr. Bryan. Mr. Clark, if you are what you want people to believe, why did you sit under the infamous language of Mr. Underwood and refuse to make a statement as to the exact position that Mr. Underwood took in that caucus?

The people will keep in mind that Missouri is to be the first battleground of the campaign of 1912. It has too much of the appearance that Clark is being backed by a hoard of money from Wall street to get that delegation from Folk. It has the appearance that Wall street has a card up its sleeve in this Clark-Folk controversy.

The people seem to be of the opinion that progressive democrats are all made of the same material. Wall street seems to understand that in case of the election of a man like Folk, some of the frenzied bankers might go behind the bars for continuous violation of law. It will be well for the people to keep their eyes on that barrel of money which comes from Wall street.

If Stephens is elected to congress, Harman to the railway commission and Oldham to the supreme court, there are three men who will quietly work on the sly for a Clark delegation in Nebraska, and against Folk. If Wall street is to succeed in nominating Woodrow Wilson, and turn the country democratic, it is of paramount importance that Folk be defeated in his own state. Wall street will go democratic if Folk can be gotten out of the way. The fact is that the long heads of Wall street have planned to get a candidate against Folk.

WALTER JOHNSON.

Northwest Canada Today.

OMAHA, Nov. 4.—To the Editor of The Bee: A year ago, after my return from Canada, I wrote you a letter. That was by request of my friends. You had the kindness to publish all of it. It corrected some mistakes. To write in the same line now seems unnecessary. At present I want to give some interesting facts. Few people have adequate conceptions of the extent and possibilities of our northern neighbor.

The territory is vast. Three provinces are especially attractive. The rush of settlers into these is incredible to such as have not seen. Saskatchewan interests me most of the three. It is five times the size of my native Pennsylvania. It has 24,000 square miles. Yet Pennsylvania has 7,500,000 people. This year Saskatchewan produced 200,000,000 bushels of grain—mostly wheat. These crops can be raised even 60 miles north of the United States line. Only one-tenth of the arable land was as yet cultivated. Fifteen months ago Lusland, in our Lutheran colony started. The railroad had just opened for freight. It carried no passengers yet. The town has become the county seat. All lines of business prosper in it. People come to stay. The colony had option on over 150,000 acres of land, covering seven townships. It is all sold. Prices have advanced. When the Hudson Bay railroad is finished, these people will have only 200 miles to reach the ocean steamer. They'll have European markets nearer than we have them.

Wonderful growth of cities! Winnipeg, capital of Manitoba, was only a trading post in 1870. It numbered 15 people. In 1900 it had 50,000—now, with its suburbs, it counts 200,000. The building permits for 1911 were over \$17,000,000. Only two other towns of any size are in this province, Portage La Prairie, 7,000 and Brandon, 15,000. Both are west of the capital. The latter I never saw. The former several times. All activities are booming.

Regina, the capital of Saskatchewan, is 25 miles west of Winnipeg. Its population in 1901 was 2,242; in 1911 it counted over 18,000. Saskatchewan, 120 miles northwest of Regina, has 15,000 people. It is in the midst of one of the very best agricultural districts of the great west. Everything grows luxuriantly. Farmers become independent speedily. Near there one of my old friends has suddenly landed in affluence. In Nebraska he supported his large family on the square. He always had a decent living—nothing to "blay up." Five years ago he went to Canada. Like I said he had a survey and his field produced 100 fields. He is in danger of the Carnegie disgrace of dying rich! North of Saskatoon, ninety miles, on the bluffs of the Saskatchewan river, is Prince Albert. It used to be a trading post of the Hudson Bay company. It is a beautiful city of 8,000 people. Quite a number of Scandinavians live there.

Edmonton, capital of Alberta, is 30 miles west of Saskatoon, by a little north. It has 45,000 people.

The Saskatchewan river runs through the city. Until lately there were two cities, two corporations. They united and the name Sartheona disappeared. The capital is simply Edmonton.

About 200 miles, nearly coast, a little east from Edmonton, is Calgary. The population is over 50,000. It is beautiful for situation. It's site is an what used to be the bottom of a lake. It is near the foot hills of the Rocky mountains.

BREEZY TRIFLES.

"I heard that your little sister had killed you and broken your heart," said the kind friend to the lovelorn maiden. "Yes," answered the frazzled one with a hard glitter in her eyes. "And you was breaks, papa."—Hullinott's American.

Unexpectedly the financial magnate entered the parlor of his staid dwelling. "Hey, there," he exclaimed. "Unscrupulous! Whereupon the blushing Miss Lotman lifted her head from the young man's shoulder, and the young man moved his arm from the back of her chair.—Chicago Tribune.

"The usual rules of sport are not followed in the hunt for health." "Why not?" "Don't you notice few men start a hunt for health until it is already run down?"—Boston Transcript.

Employer—See here. Do you think you know more about this business than I do? New Office Boy—No, sir, honest. I ain't no magazine writer.—Puck.

SHERMANIZING THE STEEL TRUST

Indianapolis News: Notwithstanding the unfortunate conditions caused by the distributors of business, the Steel trust was right on the job with its regular quarterly dividends all right.

New York World: John Wanamaker's statement, "Monopoly in Italy is a crime that America will not allow to be kept in cold storage," shows a capacity for style that ought not to have been wasted in writing advertisements.

Houston Post: We hate the Steel trust as much as anybody does and we are rejoicing at the prospect of its destruction, but it is to be hoped nobody is fool enough to believe we ever expect to see Gary, Carnegie, Schwab et al in the poor house.

Pittsburgh Dispatch: John Wanamaker thinks that the trusts will accept and obey the law. This recalls the remark of the man whose wife had died and of whom the clergyman before the funeral asked if on her death-bed she was "reconciled" to her demise. "Reconciled!" said the mourning husband, "why, she had to be."

Springfield Republican: There is something to be said for J. Pierpont Morgan. Accustomed to receiving friendly summonses to the presence of the emperor of Germany and the king of England, the president of the United States changed the program by sending the great banker notice of a law suit. The new order of things was well calculated to jar the recipient.

They are coming, they are coming, from our state's remotest bounds, they are heading for our city; can't you hear those whirring sounds of the pedagogic feathers spiked with all the atmosphere's a-tingle with their pedagogic thrills; With their pedagogic psychologic thrills, they are coming, they are coming, from the cities and the towns, wearing lists of all descriptions, flaring brims and breezy crowns, Deeked in gay and somber festers—what an awe the sight instills! As they swoop right down among us with their altruistic thrills, With their altruistic philologic thrills, They are coming, they are coming, from the rural districts, too; They wear hats, I am certain, to enlarge our point of view; As they rustle in among us from the plains and from the hills, Adding to the pedagogic many realistic thrills, Many realistic, optimistic thrills, They are coming, they are coming to our city, do you hear? Then let us meet them at the gate, with many a smile of cheer, And when features pedagogic all our streets and highways fill, Let us strive to make them tingle with a most admiring thrill, With a most admiring, soul inspiring thrill. OMAHA. RAYOLI, NE TRELE.

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