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Business and Politics.

It seems still fashionable in some quarters to lay all business disturbances onto the platitudes of "too much politics." "Taking a broad view of things," says the Commercial and Financial Chronicle of Wall street...

This "big business" organ calls on industrial leaders to "speak out and make themselves heard," regretting to see so many "inclined to bend the knee to political clamor."

That is very different from the view expressed by the chairman of the board of directors of the Steel company, Judge Gary, who admits that, with all the mistakes of politicians, the big interests have made a few themselves, and that the time has come for sane governmental regulation of them.

A Millionaire's Joke.

Mr. Carnegie, in his testimony before the Steel trust investigating committee, has given us an entirely new view of high finance and corporate aggression. It is all a joke, a huge joke, of course, but a joke, nevertheless. Why will not Uncle Sam look at it in this light hereafter?

Back to the dear old songs,

is the cry. Sure, "Little Annie Rooney" and "Down Went McGinty," for instance. The peace dinner habit of big men is coming to be as big a trouble-maker as the piecemeal habit of little Johnnie's.

One man gets \$50,000, another \$25,000,

for informing on customs frauds, thus showing that "virtue is its own reward." Perhaps a few of those 5,000 actors out of work might land jobs as end men to some of our leading political minstrels.

What, indeed, is in a name,

when those of Hawthorne and Quincy are connected up with charges of using the government mails to defraud? Russia defines its attitude toward Mongolia, but it is to gobble it up in toto, being Russia's attitude toward any other land that looks good and easy.

As chairman of the new county board,

Commissioner Lynch has a fine chance to show the difference, which he may be depended on to utilize. It will probably take a lot of rulings and legal opinions, and then some court decisions besides, to make sure exactly what our new Nebraska primary law means.

Scientists tell us that in a few million years

it will be just as cold as earth as this at the time. So, then, even at that we may congratulate ourselves we are living in the year 1912.

The Brooklyn Eagle says that Mayor Gaynor of New York

has more Jacksonianism in his little finger than Mr. Bryan has in his entire corporate system. Possibly; we do not know exactly how much Jacksonianism Mayor Gaynor has in his little fingers.

Looking Backward This Day in Omaha

Compiled from Bee files. JAN. 12.

Thirty Years Ago—

The following estimate of expenses to run Douglas county for the year 1882 has been made by the county commissioners: Jurors and court expenses, \$2,900; poor relief, \$5,000; jail and prisoners, \$2,800; miscellaneous, \$1,000; roads and bridges, \$10,000; salary, rents, collections, etc., \$2,500; sinking fund, \$50,000; grand total, \$74,200.

The Hess Opera company, playing 'The Masoch'

at Boyd's, with Adelaide Randall, Henry C. Peake and Mark Smith in the principal roles, elicited laudatory comment.

John G. Jacobs' cut in dead, and the whole establishment is in mourning.

The contract has been let by Mr. Stuebendorff for the erection of a fine residence on South Tenth street to cost \$40,000.

The friends of Captain Rodney Dutcher,

injured a few weeks ago by a fall from a north Omaha bridge, will be glad to learn that his recovery is no longer doubtful.

General Agent Stevens of the Rock Island

has gone on a trip to Chicago. Rev. T. O'Connell is in Omaha on a brief vacation, the guest of Canon Iohery at Browell Hall.

The Bee quotes an item from the Lincoln Journal

referring to "our former townsmen, Carl Montgomery, of Omaha, having his hand full of business in the United States court."

L. R. Loomis advertises that he wants four children

as boarders in a select school at Nineteenth and California streets.

Twenty Years Ago—

At a meeting of the German association these were elected directors: H. Knud, Theodore Becker, O. Leutz, Charles Kaufman, William Schultz, Henry Hausens, G. Blatter, Henry Rix, F. Fruehauf, F. Lehman.

These officers of the Walnut Hill Savings and investment company

were elected: President, Adolph Mayer, first vice president, H. D. Neely; second vice president, E. A. Marsh; treasurer, Henry Dolin; secretary, E. M. Mohr.

Mayor Reavis received the confirmation of the city council of eight of his appointments

as follows: W. J. Connell, city attorney; Andrew Rosewater, city engineer; Dr. A. B. Somers, health commissioner; James F. Lilly, superintendent of buildings; Charles Soudenberg, boiler inspector; J. H. Dumont, street commissioner; H. E. Cochran, city prosecutor; E. J. Cornish, assistant city prosecutor. Cochran was the only one to whom there was no opposition in the council.

Mr. W. S. Seavey was reported to be quite ill.

R. M. Patterson, a former real estate man of Omaha, was over from Chicago on a visit.

Rev. Charles W. Savage, for many years a Methodist,

announced that he had severed his connection with that denomination and would henceforth be an independent minister, having gathered about him a small congregation at Eighteenth and Cass streets, where he had bought church property.

More trouble was brewing between the two water factions

as was accentuated by the arrival of William A. Underwood of Boston and Clarence H. Venner of New York. The latter charged former President Underwood with trying to wreck the American Water Works company. Venner secured a temporary injunction restraining the Underwood faction from proceeding with any plans of attack at present.

Ten Years Ago—

Captain James M. Erwin, late adjutant general of the Department of the Missouri, left for Fort Riley to join Troop A of the Fourth cavalry.

Mr. Mariah Sanford, professor of rhetoric in the University of Minnesota, spent the day at the home of Rev. C. W. Savage, in the morning speaking at the People's church.

Rev. M. P. Dowling, S. J., president of Creighton university,

concluded a retreat for the week and was ready for his school duties.

Gordon W. Wattleis, president of the Nebraska Commission of the Louisiana Purchase exposition,

stated that he would issue an appeal during the week to the people of Nebraska to prepare their exhibits for the St. Louis fair.

E. G. McGillon, attorney for a guarantee company,

was involved through a contractor in the fire losses at the Norfolk insane asylum, left for St. Louis to argue the case before the federal court.

E. J. Cornish addressed the Omaha Philosophical society on "Proposed Reforms,"

or "The Decay of Democratic Ideas." He said that reforms to be effective must be such as will encourage the people to greater political activity.

Constable Hans Timmer, who was shot by John Rolfas, became able to talk and explained how the feud came to occur.

He said he pulled an empty revolver on Rolfas "just for fun," whereupon Rolfas pulled the trigger of a loaded one, not being in on the constable's joke.

AIMED AT OMAHA.

Keane Democrat: An Omaha life insurance agent was held up by a highwayman the other night, but because the agent could get the fellow's signature to an application he broke away and ran to cover.

Niobrara Tribune: With Gaby writing those long articles on "How to look young and pretty" in The Omaha Bee

and Santa Claus donating four fine new dresses, how is a fellow going to behave himself when his wife is out of town?

Keayne Hub: There is nothing in the law at the Omaha Bee reads it to prevent Mr. Bryan from running as the choice for president and also for delegate to the national convention at the April primary.

This is at least as it should be. There should not be any strings on greatness.

Wayne Herald: The electric railway being promoted from Sioux City to Niobrara,

proposing to traverse a rich part of this state, should inspire Omaha to develop more direct lines in north Nebraska. Whatever business is done in metropolitan centers by this section of the state, Omaha ought to sell if possible, and the way to do it is to make it more convenient to conduct with that place than Sioux City. The latter is an alert and active member of commercial society, and is not slow to take advantage of opportunities to increase its wholesale trade. Nebraskans usually prefer to deal with Nebraska points, and would give Omaha preference over outside centers if made possible to do so. The Omaha commercial club ought to encourage railroad building up this way.

Around New York

Ripples on the Current of Life as Seen in the Great American Metropolis from Day to Day.

Greetin' gibe Cardinal.

A succession of receptions, banquets, welcome home speeches, parades and illuminations stretching over ten days and far into the evenings await the homecoming of his eminence, John Cardinal Farley, who will reach New York next Tuesday. A few hours of such twenty-four will be allowed the cardinal for rest and recreation, but the managers of the affair do not calculate on a rest until the Catholic celebration of the big town is arrayed in the color of the cardinal's new hat. The most important public feature of the welcome is to be a parade Tuesday afternoon from the Battery, where the cardinal will land, up Fifth avenue to St. Patrick's cathedral. At the door of the cathedral the cardinal will be met by the New York members of the Papal knighthood, who will escort him to the sanctuary. Waiting within will be some 6,000 small children from the parochial schools—it will be a holiday for them all—gathered there to sing the "Te Deum" because of the cardinal's safe return. Then he, himself, will give the benediction.

The religious ceremony to mark the elevation

will be held in the cathedral on Thursday, January 25, the feast of the conversion of St. Paul. It is thought that bishops and archbishops from all over the country will be present in the sanctuary during the celebration of the solemn pontifical mass, which will be celebrated by Archbishop Prendergast of Philadelphia.

New Swindlers at the Piers.

According to Edward Mallon, chief of the private detective service which protects the steamship piers and liners along the North river, the English and Italian confidence men have disappeared from the river front, and their places have been taken by Hungarians who try to prey on their homeward-bound countrymen in the holiday season.

"The methods of the Hungarian confidence men we have been watching recently," said Mallon, "are different from those of their predecessors. They usually work in pairs. One gets on the pier and takes the victim to the saloon to have a parting glass while his partner stays outside the saloon and drops a purse by the door, walking away slowly. The man with the intending passenger picks up the purse and opens it, disclosing a roll of bills.

"'Whee, look at this purse; that man has dropped it!' he exclaims excitedly. 'Call him back.'

"The unsuspecting greenhorn runs after the other swindler and brings him back. By that time the man with the purse has gone into the saloon, and they follow him in. There they have a wrangle over the amount of money it contained. The crook demands a look at the intended victim's pocketbook to see if any of his money is in it, and while he has it and his confederate manage to extract all the bills, substituting stage money for them.

Traffic Congestion.

"New York City has never been able to keep up with the demands for transportation facilities," says a writer in Cassell's Magazine. "When the Brooklyn bridge was opened, on May 24, 1883, Brooklyn had a population of only 600,000. Today it has a population of 1,000,000. Elevated railroads, as we know them, were not then in existence; nor was electricity used as a power for transportation. For six years pedestrians were charged a cent for crossing the bridge. Mr. John A. Roehling expected that the Brooklyn bridge would carry less than ten million people per annum, but at present more than half a million cross the bridge every twenty-four hours. In 1888 the cable cars not being sufficient to accommodate the people crossing the bridge, many Brooklyn electric car lines were put on the roadway. As each roadway is only eighteen feet wide, one readily sees the congestion caused by the ever-increasing vehicular traffic. The opening of the Manhattan bridge has reduced this traffic one-half, has taken trucks away from the ferries, and besides has created a traffic of its own.

Gets Four Thousand for a Tip.

Thomas Corrigan, a watchman in the park department, obtained a verdict for \$4,000 against Patrick Goff, from a jury before Supreme Court Justice Blyler for information Corrigan gave Goff when they had a chance meeting in Bryant park, where Corrigan was on duty, thirteen years ago.

Corrigan said he got into conversation with Goff while the latter was sitting on a park bench and asked him if he was related to Henry Goff, who had owned \$200,000 worth of property in the Bronx and was married in 1884 to Mary Peterson, waitress in a Bowery restaurant. Corrigan told Goff that Henry Goff and his wife sailed for Sweden on their honeymoon; that the ship foundered and both were lost; that no heirs of Goff had been found and his property was in possession of the state.

Then Goff told Corrigan, as the latter says, that he was a cousin of Henry Goff, that if he was able to prove his relationship and get his property he would pay Corrigan \$10,000 and get him a free trip to Ireland. Goff got the property, but when Corrigan asked for his money Goff said there wasn't anything coming. In his defense to the suit Goff said he paid Corrigan \$0 and that Corrigan was entitled to no more.

POLITICAL SNAPSHOTS.

New York Tribune: Colonel Bryan's name on the democratic ballot? There are those who would not recognize the ballot as democratic without it.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat: Nearly sixteen years have passed since the first nomination of Bryan. He has been nominated and defeated three times and yet the seat of McGregor seems to be his when the democratic party holds a banquet.

Houston Post: A Nebraska paper says old Jim Dahlman has turned his back on Mr. Bryan. We can't believe it. The last time Jim's back was in the vicinity of Mr. Bryan it received a good healthy slash which left a permanent scar.

Pittsburgh Dispatch: But even if Woodrow Wilson had required six years ago if there was not some way in which Mr. Bryan might be got rid of for all time, what if it cannot Mr. Bryan forget and forgive the sins of a convert in the gratification over his conversion?

St. Louis Globe-Democrat: In 1895 Wilson wanted to get rid of Bryan; that is clear enough. Since 1895 Wilson has changed his mind as to the initiative and referendum and good many other things. It is probably wrong to no trouble for him to announce that he has changed his mind as to the desirability of Bryan.

NEBRASKA PRESS COMMENT.

Beatrice Express: Jim Dahlman says Governor Aldrich will have no opposition to speak of next year. He didn't have last year, either.

Columbus Telegram: If Harmon should be nominated for president a democratic nomination for a state office in Nebraska next year would be worth just about as much as a republican nomination in Texas.

Plattsmouth Journal: Politics is blamed for the bad water furnished in Lincoln, which resulted in some sort of an epidemic. Well, politics are to blame for a good many bad things about Lincoln.

Hastings Tribune: A. C. Schallenberg complains because a Texas paper misquoted him. The ex-governor has had more hard luck along that line than almost any other Nebraskan, who has occupied the gubernatorial chair.

Kearney Hub: Bryan says there is no likelihood of the democratic party making an attempt to endorse the initiative and referendum in 1912, "but the discussion of the issue will be useful." Considering Bryan's well known position as to the initiative and referendum this statement may be considered mildly surprising.

Falls City Journal: The democrats are cocksure that they will elect the next president. Their confidence will last until about next September then they will begin to weaken. Bryan was always sure of the election in the early stages of the campaign, but he has at least got his wisdom teeth. He is warning his brethren that the republicans may conclude to vote next November.

Benkelman News-Chronicle: If any liberant preacher or any one else can show a case of destitution in the extreme part of southwestern Nebraska that is worthy of relief, let him do so, in order that the people of the extreme section named may relieve it. As they are able and willing to do. The man who says there is great poverty and destitution in this part of the country is a liar and the editor of this newspaper stands ready to back it up physically or legally. Hastings newspapers please copy.

Alma Record: Many of the farmers and owners of stallions are of the opinion that the new law compelling stallion owners to stand an inspection fee of \$5 on their horses and bring them over had made sense when they were unfit for travel is a most unjust law. Not only that, but the fee is excessive and the way it is being collected makes it a perfect graft. The fee is amply large to pay for the inspector's trip onto the farms of stallion owners and there examine them. It's just another half-baked law that fool legislators palm off on the public.

Rushville Standard: The state levy shows a large increase this year over last, which means higher taxes for next year. The taxpayers have been up against the real thing ever since the republicans have gained control of state affairs. Appropriations, increase of salaries of officers, the manufacturing of new offices for some favorites, and hundreds of other useless, expensive, luxuries have increased the taxes until the people are ready to cry out in alarm of people in the state to vote back in power the very vamps who tax them to death. Will the people never learn that to vote the republican ticket is to vote themselves into a slavery far worse than the negro ever had to endure?

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They journeyed onward, side by side, the wild wind roared away. They gazed for breath and neither of the two had much to say. At last they reached her door, and then she looked up with a smile and asked him if he wouldn't like to stop a little while.

The parlor light was burning low, but it was pleasant there. And Jeremiah Brown forgot, somehow, to have a care. Her hand slipped into his, and then she kissed him in the door. Their hearts were filled with gladness which they ne'er had known before.

"The poor old fool," the woman says, "to let her rope him in! He's more than twice as old as her—it's shameful and a sin! She's went and sold herself to him!" So Jeremiah Brown and Mary Jones, the derelicts, have scandalized the town.

CHEERY CHAFF.

First Suffragette—After all, you should be so hard on your husband. Second Suffragette—Do you take his part? First Suffragette—Not exactly, but we women should show some consideration for the weaker sex, you know.—Baltimore American.

"Some of the people who apply to me for automobile licenses look kind of scared," said the man from the city hall. "Yes," replied the man from the courthouse, "but you ought to see how scared some of those who apply for marriage licenses look."—Washington Star.

Kirman: What is the secret of success in business? Selling the people what they want? Muntoburn:—Not exactly; educating them into wanting the things you have to sell.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

"Harry started to propose to me last night, but his voice stuck in his throat." "Well?" "It was all right, though; I could see his lips moving, and knew what he was trying to say."

"Mr. Grimes," said the rector to the vestryman, "we had better take up the collection before the sermon this morning." "Indeed?" "Yes, I'm going to preach on the subject of economy."—Syracuse Stories.

Tommy Cod—What is it they call a pessimist, Pa? Pa Cod—A pessimist, my son, is a fish who thinks there is a hook in every worm.—Puck.

"Some philosopher says there is always a right way and a wrong way of doing a thing." "I wonder if he ever tried to fall down stairs the right way?"—Judge's Library.

He passed, and a horrified silence reigned for several seconds. "—That is good for us!" Then the revels broke loose again.—Chicago Tribune.

A LEAP YEAR AFFAIR.

S. E. Kiser in the Record-Herald. Her name was Mary Jones and his was Jeremiah Brown; he was the richest bachelor there, she said, in Morristown.

She was thirty years or thereabouts, but people called her plain. And, as for him—he never would see 25 again.

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Advertisement for Priscilla Surplice featuring an illustration of a woman in a dress and text describing the garment's benefits and providing contact information for Fleisher Yarns.