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The Business Outlook.

Neither the quiet tone of business for the last year, nor the combination of conditions, in which politics figures, for the ensuing year, discourages the prospect of a fairly good season for trade and industry. Reports from eighteen cities, covering the entire country, compiled by Dan's Review, while they do not warrant florid predictions, fail to justify deep pessimism.
 Beginning at Boston, it is found that orders for new goods, one of the signs of times always, are larger and well distributed, though in Massachusetts there are some discouraging conditions. Philadelphia reports "further progress in numerous lines," and "most merchants regard prospects as encouraging." The "Industrial outlook has broadened and in commercial lines feeling is more optimistic than for some time" at Pittsburgh, while at Baltimore "there is marked improvement in nearly all wholesale lines." Richmond reports improvement after a dull period, while New Orleans finds "general trade conditions in all lines seasonably quiet, though collections are fair." This same tone of restraint in the south is sounded at Louisville, where "business has very little snap and the volume is not equal to that of the same period last year." Cincinnati, Cleveland and Milwaukee make guarded statements with the tendency slightly toward improvement. Minneapolis jobbers "report slow movement with very little improvement except of a filling line." In St. Paul orders for new purchases are arriving in large numbers at St. Louis and buying heavily, while Kansas City reports prospects of decided improvement. On the Pacific coast trade moves cautiously, but better times are expected later on in the year. Omaha, which is included in this list of cities, reports that "while the situation as a whole is not so favorable as expected, indications are that there will soon be a decided improvement."
 Of course, much of these situations are affected and influenced by weather conditions, over which men have no control. There is certainly no need to fear an exceptionally dull year, though capital may hesitate, as it usually does, to take aggressive stands in a national election year.

Panama Canal for England?

That was a most entertaining article John F. Wallace contributed to the New York Times on the Panama canal, in which Mr. Wallace, the first American in charge of the work on the isthmus, bluntly asserts that the canal will benefit British commerce far more than American. That is his judgment as things now stand, in view of what he declares to be a state of unpreparedness on the part of this country to avail itself of the advantages the Panama canal will offer.
 First, he says, we must change our "obsolete" shipping laws which require all coastwise traffic to be carried in American bottoms and give the shipper the benefit of foreign bottoms as well. If we are justified in spending \$775,000,000 in an attempt to reduce through transcontinental railroad rates, why, asks Mr. Wallace, do we not go a step further and permit this business to be carried in foreign ships? It is a well-known fact, he says, that it cost two and three times as much to ship in American bottoms as in foreign, and he adds:
 The highest rate possible to apply to the tonnage passing through the Panama canal, even if adopted in favor of American cargo carriers, would not be differential enough to enable American ships to compete with those of foreign countries operating under their native laws and conditions.
 Mr. Wallace expects one of the chief immediate benefits to be in arousing Americans to the importance of reconstructing their merchant marine, without which they will not get in on the ground floor of advantages from the canal. As to sections of this country, he concedes that the Pacific coast will derive greatest benefits and that Vancouver, a British port, will stand at the head in this respect. The middle west, he says, under present conditions, will be practically without any benefits. Mr. Wallace's forecast is not optimistic so far as Americans are concerned, yet, of course, he does not discount the tremendous potential good of the canal to them. He is scolding the United States for knowing so little about the true situation and doing so little to prepare for it. Inasmuch as he directs his remarks pointedly to "politicians," they should not be lost on congress.

The Late General James B. Weaver.

The late General James B. Weaver was in his day a commanding figure in this, the central west. He was a man of ability, and a politician of no mean parts, although hardly measuring up to the standard of statesmanship. As an exponent of greenbackism, and later of 16 to 1 free silver coinage, he followed false gods, but in his successive fights for anti-monopoly and against corporate oppression, he helped sow seed that resulted in later throwing off the yoke of railroad domination in Iowa and Nebraska and other so-called granary states. General Weaver was

nominated for president on the populist ticket right here in Omaha in the 1892 convention, an honor, however nominal, yet bringing him in closer view to our people.
Unseemly.
 The haste of the noisiest shouters for the La Follette boom to get away from it, and to scramble for conspicuous places in the Roosevelt movement strikes us as decidedly unseemly. Senator La Follette deserved better of his followers after the self-sacrificing campaign he has been making to be deserted over night the moment his star seemed to be setting. No matter how much we may disagree with Senator La Follette, every one recognizes in him a sturdy and undaunted fighter for whatever cause in which he is enlisted, and it is unthinkable that he would throw down his arms and join the forces flying another standard because the outlook for his chosen leader did not impress him as hopeful. For him to be cast aside so unceremoniously after they had proclaimed him "the greatest living embodiment of progressive principles" strikes us as evidencing a lack of appreciation, if not of insincerity, on the part of the backsliders.

Bruno Teschuck.

The death of Bruno Teschuck takes away another pioneer who helped lay the foundations of what has become our great state of Nebraska. He located here even before the territory was formally thrown open to settlement, being associated with Peter Sarry at the old trading post at Bellevue. Of rugged German stock, he went promptly to war to preserve his adopted fatherland, and later, after Nebraska came into the union, was honored by election as secretary of state, and afterwards by appointment in the United States consular service. Incidentally he was closely associated with the founder of The Bee, the late Edward Rosewater, both personally and in the organization of the paper. While in his later years he lived a life of retirement, the name of Bruno Teschuck will be found on many of the pages of Nebraska history.

The report of the school board finance committee, pointing out and advising and suggesting a halt on extravagant expenditures, is to be placed on file. The finance committee should consider itself duly admonished not to be so inquisitive hereafter.

Now that we are promised one slate for the seven commissioner places to be filled at the city election, the chances will be good for a lot of slates. Of slate-making and slate-breaking there is no end.

Down in Kansas City they are still fleeing them with fake pool rooms equipped with dummy telephones. The Mabray bunch will not have far to go when released from that federal prison in Kansas.

It looks as if the chief danger to arise out of the fusion of the insurgent factions would be a surplus of self-constituted leaders and bosses. An army cannot be made up exclusively of generals.

The Chinese emperor is dead broke—all he has left is his title, palace and 4,600,000 taels.

Provocation for a Smile.
 Philadelphia Bulletin.
 President Taft has a right to indulge in another smile on reading that of 14-00 replies to a query issued by the National Civic Federation, the majority are opposed to repealing the Sherman law.

Making Up for Lost Time.
 New York Post.
 The Chinese are making such effective use of bombs that we can only wonder what would have happened if they had not neglected for several thousand years to perfect their original invention of gunpowder.

Suspicious Confirmed.
 Indianapolis News.
 However, probably nobody is surprised at the declarations concerning the enormous profits of the express companies. Certain net per cent dividends and juicy salaries had given most of us an idea of the existing state affairs.

The "One-Track Road."
 Denver Republican.
 Governor Wilson in his letter to Mr. Harvey makes the frank confession: "Every day I am confirmed in the judgment that my mind is a one-track road." Evidently expects to run the grand old nation as a narrow-gauge jerk-water.

Case of Political Knuckling.
 Philadelphia Ledger.
 The progressive democrats of Ohio have brought a very severe indictment against Governor Harmon; they declared with scorn that he has been recent in his party and to the trust reposed in him. His offending is this: Though he has been governor three years he has retained 1,500 Republicans in office. The progressive Democrats appear to be very much akin to the so-called progressive Republicans who are filled with wrath against Taft chiefly because there have not been enough offices to go around.

Greatest Mission of the Year.
 New York World.
 The mission in which President Taft would make this nation a leader is the greatest ever presented in practical and concrete form for the betterment of the world, and the letters read at the peace dinner from democratic governors, jurists and legislators show that, while his supporters and his opponents are, for the most part, in agreement, that he is the man for the occasion, and that he is the man for the occasion.

Looking Backward This Day in Omaha
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Thirty Years Ago—
 A novelty in the way of church socials was given this evening in the parlors of the First Presbyterian church when "The Seven Sisters," a series of tableaux, were presented. The text, written by a lady prominent in the church, was read by Mr. G. M. Hitchcock and the characters were taken as follows: Artist, by Mr. Will Gurley; Dorinda, by Miss Fannie Wilson; Dorothea, by Miss Mary Wilson; mother, by Mrs. G. W. Tibbels; father, Mr. A. Huntington; the costumes and scenery were striking and an enthusiastic encore followed the tableaux.
 Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Test celebrated the fifth anniversary of their wedding at their residence on Dodge street, with a few friends and present were Mr. and Mrs. Howard Kennedy, Mr. and Mrs. Webster Snyder, Mrs. George B. Lake, Mr. and Mrs. M. Shelton, Mrs. J. L. Webster, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Jarvis, Mrs. Pollock, Mr. and Mrs. George P. Bemis and Colonel J. J. Diokey.

Retirees and Promotions.
 Four officers of the infantry arm of the army go on the retired list in March of this year. The names of these officers and of those that are to be promoted as a result follow: Colonel Alfred Reynolds, Twenty-second infantry, retiring in promotion of Lieutenant Colonel A. C. Ducaut and W. L. Buck, Major H. C. Cabell and F. Perkins and Captain J. P. Fraser and L. R. Upton; Colonel B. E. Turner, retiring, and the Kentucky officer went to the limit in the armory of attack. Colonel Watterston was at war with the last democratic president through the larger part of that eminent statesman's public career. The break with Governor Wilson came astonishingly early, but perhaps it had to come.

Army Gossip

Items of General Interest to the Service Gathered from Various Sources.
Army Chaplain Vacancies.
 Some time ago the War department submitted to the White House a list of Baptist ministers suitable for appointment to the vacancy in the list of chaplains caused by the dismissal some months ago of Chaplain Charles M. Brewster, Sixth field artillery, but the president has as yet made no appointment from the list. The question of filling the vacancy to be caused by the retirement for age of Chaplain Henry Swift, Thirtieth infantry, on September 12 next, has already been taken up. Chaplain Swift is of the Episcopal denomination, and the list of eligibles to be submitted to the White House by the War department will be ministers of that faith.

The Grand Jury is at work on the Hamner homicide case.
 An enthusiastic and largely attended meeting of the B. M. base ball club was held at headquarters, at which officers for the ensuing year were chosen: President, Robert M. Taylor; vice president, William M. Foreman; secretary and treasurer, P. A. Wrick; manager and captain, A. W. Saxe. As a committee on suits, Messrs. Durke, Saxe and Brunt were named.
 A rink for roller skates will be opened in Central hall next week.
 The contract for slating the roof of the Trinity cathedral was let to C. Spetch, the manufacturer, of this city. The slate used will be red and blue and the cornice material galvanized iron.
 The Golden Rule Pleasure club gave a masquerade at Standard hall with about thirty couples handsomely, tastefully and gorgeously masked.

Twenty Years Ago—
 The Real Estate Owners' association adopted a resolution favoring the leasing of bonds by the city to buy parks and property for parks, but insisting that the bonds be sold to the city in all transactions. Fred L. Boggs of the association presided at the meeting and Judge C. R. Scott, Edward Rosewater, former Governor Saunders, Joseph Barker, W. J. Connell and others spoke.

Ten Years Ago—
 A young man and young woman of good standing in the community were arrested at 3 a. m. for violating Chief of Police Donahue's decent dance order. They were tripping off the terephorethone ring known as "whiskies." President Dowling of Creighton university entertained the Dramatic club at an evening dinner at the Dodge restaurant. These toasts were delivered: "As Others Saw Us," W. D. Coffman; "Auld Lang Syne," J. E. Woodard; "Solo, E. A. Umstead; "Some Possibilities," D. J. Hurley; "Behind the Scenes," L. A. Lilly; "A Glimpse of the Future," F. Ballance; "We heartily commend," F. A. Coffey; "Dramatic Personages—A Retrospect," J. M. Phinney; "Character on Masque," W. D. Brown; "Farewell," E. F. Leary; W. Prof. A. C. Fox acted as toastmaster.

Abandonment of Army Posts.
 The secretary of war has received the report of the chief of staff on the project of the abandonment of useless army posts. The memorandum indicates that the reservations from which garrisons should be withdrawn. It is proposed that the land shall be sold and the proceeds used by the War department in the construction of quarters and barracks and other buildings at those places where it will be necessary to establish enlarged garrisons. This is the memorandum of which copies have been heard so much during the last year or two, and it is expected that Secretary Shimson will submit his recommendations to the house and senate military committees during the next week.

People Talked About
 Governor Baldwin of Connecticut has a presidential bonnet anchored in his system. The Numerator's fourteen delegates to the democratic national convention are pledged to him.
 Mrs. Charles Neicher, extensive owner of Chicago property, is so far as known, the holder of the largest amount of life insurance now carried by any woman. Mrs. Neicher has just taken out a policy for \$200,000, making the total amount now carried by her \$1,300,000.
 A land boosting company with headquarters in Seattle sold bonds of the face value of \$1,500,000 of which Seattle investors put up \$100,000 cash. A search for twenty-four hours by a receiver failed to produce even 50 cents worth of assets. Furniture in the company's office was left piled for and rest was past due.

POLITICAL SNAPSHOTS.

Sioux City Journal: If the democrats or progressives think President Taft is trading federal jobs for support they can easily cure the evil by taking up the president's suggestion that practically all the federal patronage be covered into the civil service.
Pittsburgh Dispatch: Mr. Taft's admission that he and Harmon hold about the same opinion on insurgency may be fresh proof that he is not a politician, but it cannot fail to increase popular regard for his absolute frankness and honesty, which, after all, may be a vastly more valuable asset.

St. Louis Republic: One of Mr. Watterston's complaints is that Governor Wilson said "undivil things" about Thomas P. Ryan of the traction and tobacco trusts. The next thing we know the governor of New Jersey will be slapping J. P. Morgan or Andrew Carnegie on the wrist. What will Watterston say to that?
Louisville Courier-Journal: Boss Cox of Cincinnati says his confidence in human nature has been shaken. It is sad indeed to see an idealist's faith in human nature shaken. But let us hope that even if Mr. Cox has discovered that there is more or less sin and duplicity in the world—even in Cincinnati—he will not rush precipitately to the bridge and cast himself into the Ohio at a time singularly unpropitious for drowning with comfort.

Springfield Republican: Since Mr. Tilden's day "Marco Henry" of Louisville has had no end of trouble with democratic presidential candidates. His feuds with Bryan were to be expected, perhaps. But even with Mr. Cleveland the Kentucky editor went to the limit in the armory of attack. Colonel Watterston was at war with the last democratic president through the larger part of that eminent statesman's public career. The break with Governor Wilson came astonishingly early, but perhaps it had to come.

GRINS AND GROANS.

"Why is a goat so often chosen for a mascot?"
 "Because natural superstition likes a mascot who can butt in."—Boston Transcript.
 She—Mr. I wish to propose—
 He—I am sorry, my dear young lady, but I can only be a brother to you.
 She—I was going to propose, sir, that if you engage me as a stenographer I want only to be assister to you.—Baltimore American.
 He—Do you give your wife an allowance, or does she ask you for money when she wants it?
 He—Both.—Boston Transcript.
 "I want your advice," said the well-spoken man.
 "No you don't," replied Mr. Growcher. "You want me to think you are a fine, sensible man and feel like doing you favors. That's what you want."—Washington Star.

Jackie—You're right; most people worry over what they haven't got, but I know certain people who worry because of what they have.
 Jackie—That's so? What have they?
 Jackie—Nothing—Catholic Standard.
 "Begin every day well," said the philosopher.
 "Begin" said the grocer. "But what are you going to do if you've got chronic indigestion?"—Detroit Free Press.

After he had tried for a moment to

stop his key inserted in the keyhole he stopped back and leaned against the side of the vestibule. Then he scratched his head in perplexity and said:
 "Which strange? I never knew before that we had one of these revolvin' doorknobs here."—Judge.
 Ted—I'm going to send that old girl of mine a valentine—something that depicts her in her true colors.
 Ned—From what I've seen of her you'd better get one of those hand-painted ones.—Judge.
 Teacher—Now, boys here's a little example in mental arithmetic. How old would a person be who was born in 1867?
 Pupil—Please, teacher, was it a man or a woman?—Buffalo Express.

SONNET TO A CHERRY.

Oh, cherry in my cocktail, deep immersed, I'd hate to be as pickled as thou art! I fear my power of speaking would depart.
 And I'd appear, forsooth, quite at my worst. But, cherry, as I look at thee, I think I know thou hast done a kindly turn to me—
 Thou'lt take space that otherwise would be; I'll appear, forsooth, quite at my worst.
 They tell me thou art going out of style, that folk of late prefer their cocktails drier.
 And they're right. Let them thus choose, but I will still prefer thee swimming in my "emile."
 Or, cherry, though thou hast a stony heart, I'm very prone to take thee as thou art.

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