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Just so the dark horse is not a trick horse... The "oldest pensioner" will outlive all the others.

No, Jane, the money trust is not exactly a trust for money... Rumor has it that the market in Everglades is a little sluggish.

The courts may dissolve the Oil trust, but the price sticketh fast... President Madero seems to be as good at an end of a revolution as at the other.

There are more ways than one of Colonel Bryan getting into the Congressional Record... That talkative gentleman from Texas is in a fair way to get himself disliked down about Fairview.

The hen is the only captain of industry who takes a vacation in the winter... No, there is cartoonist McCutcheon.

Statistics tell us each man, woman and child in this country average \$34.61... Senator "Bob" Taylor of Tennessee is a candidate for re-election.

There is an old saying that water will run up hill, but recent price movements show it does not refer to the cost of living current... Mayor Harrison is said to be an authority on cooking eggs.

Governor Stubbs of Kansas says he is "hot for Roosevelt" if he is for him at all... This whole subject of world peace is a paradox, anyway.

The city clerk's compilation of the law establishing the commission form of city government is a very handy volume... With La Follette and Folk both taking themselves out of the presidential battle.

Another of that legion of distinguished old Iowans has gone in General James B. Weaver... President Comiskey of the Chicago White Sox has been asked by democratic friends to run for governor of Illinois.

At any rate, the Citizens' union will have to go far and hunt hard to secure a new publicity committee... If there is to be a test of the validity of our commission plan law.

It should be made at once... The chaos that would be produced if the law should be declared unconstitutional.

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The Democratic Harmony Program

Through the medium of the staunchly reliable democratic organ conducted by our old friend, Edgar Howard, the public is apprised that a harmony program for Nebraska democrats is about to be sprung.

And now it appears that the democrats of Nebraska have decided to dispart the republicans by having perfect harmony in the selection of delegates-at-large to the national democratic convention.

At one time there were many indications for a finish fight for control of the delegation, but now it seems assured that all will be harmony.

This brew is supposed to have come out of the recent meeting of the democratic state committee.

Some time ago a near-scandal arose at the Annapolis Naval academy over what purported to be a species of social snobbery among the cadets.

In any event it seems that Uncle Sam will have to set up a few new rules at Annapolis and stiffen the course just a little if he expects to keep his ships properly manned.

Not only at Annapolis, but also at West Point, the substitution of hard work for play has gone to great lengths.

The Lincoln Journal notes the preparations being made to relocate Johns Hopkins university on a typical university campus which has just been undertaken on a comprehensive scale to accommodate all the activities of the university except the medical school and hospital.

Senator Reed of Missouri is sponsor of a constitutional amendment to bar any man from holding the office of president of the United States more than two terms of four years each.

The assertion is often made in a tone of complaint that American laws are made and administered by the lawyers.

Speaking of reformers Herbert Croly observes that "Roosevelt, Bryan and Hearst (whom he does not approve) are not lawyers by profession."

It goes without saying that the experience and avowed purpose of the law creating the water board, and likewise the law for the commission plan of government, to keep all officers in charge of our municipal affairs out of politics, is to be strictly observed.

A Chicago judge has fined two street railway companies for insufficient heating of their cars.

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Looking Backward This Day in Omaha

Compiled from Bee files... FEB 12.

Thirty Years Ago—Craig's green house is now open to the public with a full supply of cut flowers and plants.

Anna Dickinson and the "Double Uncle Tom's Cabin" are both scheduled as theatrical attractions this week.

A beautiful sight was witnessed on the Iowa bluff by some of our citizens this evening, caused, apparently, by the burning of dry grass or possibly of a fence.

Miss Lizzie Isaacs is back from a protracted visit with friends in New York.

Twenty Years Ago—Miss Yost gave a very dainty collation in honor of her patron, St. Valentine.

The Board of Public Works barred wooden blocks from being used in paving Omaha streets at least for one year.

Colonel W. E. Cody wired to Nat Brown, in response to an inquiry from Chicago, saying he certainly would come to Omaha to see Lincoln and join in the justification of the inauguration of James E. Boyd as governor.

Ten Years Ago—The birthday anniversary of Lincoln was celebrated in nearly all the public schools of the city.

The Metropolitan club gave an enjoyable reception in the evening. The early part of the evening was devoted to bowling and Miss Dreyfus and Mr. Dave Degen made the high scores.

An interesting sequel to the double marriage of John and Frank Vitoch, brothers, developed when two birth certificates were filed at the office of the health commissioners showing that the stork had played no favorites, but arrived on the same day at both homes.

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Lincoln's Humor

Saving Grace of Cheer Eased the Mighty Burden of War and Strife.

Wayne Whipple in Hampton's Magazine... The ignoring of Abraham Lincoln as a humorist is doubtless due to the fact that he has been taken at his word.

Colonel Elias W. Burt and several military friends called on President Lincoln on business for Governor Seymour of New York, late one evening in the summer of '61.

"I believe I have the popular reputation of being a story teller, but I do not deserve the name in its general sense, for it is not the story itself, but its purpose or effect that interests me.

Laughter, by preserving the life of the present, saved the nation in its "mortal need." An old friend of Mr. Lincoln's, waiting outside the door of the executive office, heard his high, ringing laugh within, and remarked to others standing near.

In this way Abraham Lincoln came to be the savior of his country. A memorable day on which he tried to give his nearest advisers a laughing lesson was in September, 1862. He had called the cabinet together for a special purpose.

"The president turned to us and said: 'Gentlemen, did you ever read anything from Artemus Ward?'

Once, in recommending a colonel for a colored regiment, he anticipated capricious opposition by writing:

"Well, now, that's queer," replied Mr. Lincoln. "I've been waiting a long while, looking for that message. Don't you think it rather strange that the Divine Master should have sent it at around by way of the wicked city of Chicago?"

He had the emancipation proclamation in his pocket then, and was holding it till the proper time to promulgate it.

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The Bees Letter Box

Hot Questions for Fire Agents... OMAHA, Feb. 10.—To the Editor of The Bee: I would like to know what this city is coming to.

How is Seed Corn to be Had? SOUTH OMAHA, Feb. 10.—To the Editor of The Bee: I have read with interest concerning the Omaha Commercial club's campaign on seed corn testing.

Let the railroads as their share of this expense grant half-rates on seed corn from any point in Nebraska to another on the certificate plan.

Let the Omaha Commercial club through the agency of the Grain exchange send competent inspectors to those localities in Nebraska holding the best seed corn and conduct extensive tests.

This will lend confidence, as a farmer naturally wants to know he is getting something better than his own crop provides. The whole situation appeals to me as merely a question of where to get good seed corn, acclimated to Nebraska.

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Grins and Groans

Friend—So you think your play has a scene that will catch the women... Playwright—Positive of it. It shows a new family moving in, and all the women in the audience will be peep-ey watching the furniture arrive.

The Passerby—You took a great risk in resuing that boy; you deserve a Carnegie medal. What prompted you to do that? The Hero—He had my skates on—Fuck.

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"And did you ever suffer from any accidents?" "If you find that the terms of the contract don't suit you you can always call in a lawyer to have them interpreted."—Washington Post.

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He—That affable young fellow told her she had a musical laugh, and she went into hysterics and told her stories.—Woman's Home Companion.

The Hand of Lincoln. Edmund Clarence Stedman. Look on this coat, and know the hand that has made it. It is the hand of Lincoln.

The hand of Amak, sinewed strong; The fingers that on greatness clutch; Yet, lo! the marks the lines along Of one who strove and suffered much.

For her in knotted cord and vein I trace the varying chart of years; I know the troubled heart, the strain, The weight of Atlas—and the tears.

Again I see the patient brow That pain erewhile was wont to press; And now 't is hushed, and deep, and slow, Made smooth with hope and tenderness.

For something of a formless grace This moulded outline plays about; A pitying flame, beyond our reach, Breathes like a spirit, in and out.

The love that cast an aureole Round one who, longer to endure Called mirth to some his ceaseless toil, Yet kept his nobler purpose sure.

Lo, as I gaze, the statured man Built up from your large hand, appears; A type that nature wills to plan But once in all a people's years.

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thoughtless of condition. But the sub-colonel who follow the great man himself, really do not know enough to really know a great deal, therefore they promise all things. But what right a La Follette with utter lack of confidence in any one, utter denial of integrity anywhere, has to promise any thing. I cannot understand.

I have had no political ideal since Blaine, but I admire Taft's honesty, his fidelity to duty as he sees it, his comprehensive knowledge of legal conditions, his confidence in the business man understanding business, and his determination to do right, so I believe that if the great republican masses will stand by him, we shall see happy times and peace and success to our people, and the highest honor to our common country.

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