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The man who spoke of "living on \$1 a week" evidently meant dying.

Mr. Bryan also appreciates the deep-seated objection to a third term.

That Platte river power canal would indeed be a fine valentine for Omaha if—

"A Hard Winter for Gamo," observes the Chicago Record-Herald. And that isn't all.

"Beer Goes Up in Pittsburgh," says a headline. That never will be said about St. Louis.

If the grand jury's motto is, "How but sure," the time consumed will not be begrudged.

Every now and then "Our Jim" appears to come out and remember that he is mayor of Omaha.

For a man grieving at the thought of dying rich, Mr. Carnegie has excellent control of his emotions.

There is reason to fear that Mayor Steidel's press agent has begun too soon to rest upon his laurels.

Those men who have jumped off high bridges have seldom left the world noticeably poorer for their going.

Those thirteen democratic congressmen on Mr. Bryan's blacklist may yet prove that there is nothing in signs.

Some democratic papers speak of "unloading Bryan." They seem to forget about the man who caught the bear.

As chief magistrate of the city and head conservator of the peace, Mayor "Jim" might begin by setting an example.

Those insurgent bosses who fixed up the Fresno-out job at Lincoln in secret connivance evidently didn't know Yelzer.

Senator Bailey says women who meddle in public affairs are a nuisance. And Apostle Paul said something similar.

The popular position for candidates for office to take on woman's suffrage is, if woman has the ballot favor it, if she has not, oppose it.

Champ Clark has received the approbation of Missouri as its favorite son, but getting adopted by the country at large is quite another matter.

The world neither weeps with those who weep, nor sighs with those who sigh, but it gives the horse laugh to the man who thinks it does.

Men have been proving and disproving every religious argument by the Bible and now politicians are using Lincoln in a similar way for every political creed.

Colonel Yelzer's call for a Roosevelt convention would indicate that he is proceeding on the theory that he knows what Colonel Roosevelt's answer to the governors will be.

The banks and business men are reasonably favorable to a sane plan of currency reform. It is the wage worker, the artisan and the farmer who has to be educated and won over.

University of Nebraska students always find their ways to the South Omaha stock yards and meat-packing plants both instructive and enjoyable. These periodical pilgrimages are likewise calculated to produce closer bonds between the university and the metropolis.

Protecting the Woman.

No one may criticize President Taft's treatment of the Major Beecher B. Ray case without reflecting upon his own regard for woman's honor. Dragging the major through the tedious details of a court-martial might, to be sure, have been the formal way of handling the case, and it would have done irreparable injury to a woman's name and a family's honor, and no army rule or discipline, in the mind of the president, warranted any such mockery of justice.

The sane, right-seeing public will applaud the president's action, not failing to admire the splendid wisdom and chivalry, the refined sense of propriety, that prompted it. How easy it would have been, in the pursuit of routine official conduct, to have acted otherwise and disclosed what could not possibly have benefited anyone or any interest, but would have inflicted permanent harm.

It sets a fine example of reliable wisdom and charitable concern for those things that lie at the very foot of every family altar. If only the example might be more zealously emulated by others whose positions give them a monitoring guardianship of similar secrets, what an excellent thing it would be.

Confidence and Business.

"There is nothing the matter with business, except that confidence has been shaken. Restore confidence and business will quickly recover from any local affliction."

That has been said so often as to become axiomatic. It is the invariable reply to popular outcry and to political agitation. Everybody admits the indispensability of confidence as a factor in prosperity.

But confidence implies and involves candor. Business may not expect to retain the public's confidence without being candid with the public—taking the people into its confidence. Ugly rumors are affloat to the effect that certain high officials of a certain well-known railroad have been engaged in graft.

The rumors have been widely circulated. They look bad on their face yet they may be utterly false and unjust. It is reported, though, that the whole matter is to be "hushed up" and settled privately.

Waste in the Restaurants. This high-cost-of-living problem is such an insistently personal matter that it may be found obtruding itself, in some form or another, into one's most private affairs. Everywhere he turns, he finds it.

the high-cost-of-living one goes, he invariably finds that the element of waste, needless, wanton waste, cuts a tremendous figure in more ways than it is easy to rectify. Not only might expenditures in restaurants be reduced to actual needs, but in every other department of our life with profitable results.

Arizona's Admission.

When Arizona became a state a new era was commenced for the United States. The ceremonies at Washington and Phoenix meant more than the mere establishment of a new commonwealth, clothed with the powers and privileges of a sovereign among the states.

The incident would be noteworthy if only as an indication of the material growth of the United States. It is not so very long since the mention of Arizona brought up pictures of sun-scorched sand and arid wastes of stony foothills, stubborn mountains and desolation.

But a deeper significance attaches to the event. With the admission of the last of the continental territories to statehood, we are brought to face the future of the extra-continental possessions of the United States, among which is included Alaska.

Twenty Years Ago. The free and unlimited colnage of silver was the subject of discussion before the Current Topics club and Allen Root took up the silver side against James M. Gillian on the gold side of the question.

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A Waste of Energy. The lower house of congress spent an hour or two last Saturday in kicking Mr. Bryan's dog around. An enjoyable time was had.

A Clue to the Hoaxing. To the government's suit the cash register trust answers that its supremacy is due to "lawful enterprise and progressive policies."

Mayor Brightens the Gloom. The supreme court of the United States has decided that one Chinaman in a laundry, but that one white washerwoman is only a washerwoman.

Proposed Jury Innovations. Ohio has adopted the decision of a majority of the jury, that is so far as the constitutional convention is concerned. Trust magistrates, burglars and Black Handers will probably vote against ratification of this innovation.

Where is the Best? The Standard Oil company of Indiana, which was fined \$200,000 by Judge Landis, is reported to be preparing to have a motion picture party, at which it will distribute \$200,000 worth of stock among its shareholders.

Looking Backward This Day in Omaha. COMPILED FROM BEE FILES. FEB. 15.

Thirty Years Ago—

The Extra Nous held the last of their winter season of private Germans at the residence of Mr. W. H. Jams on Leavenworth street. The membership of the club is limited to twelve, and there were eleven present.

The seventh annual masquerade of the Standard club took place tonight with sixty couples en masse, the costumes being the richest and most varied ever seen in Omaha.

Green grass is appearing in some spots. Girls are wanted to repack lemons and oranges for Millard & Johnson, 1111 Farnam street.

The recent discharge of fifty passenger and freight conductors on the Burlington created no small sensation. The officials are reticent, but it is hinted that the cause was knocking down fares.

Joseph Smith would like to have a red and white 2-year-old spotted heifer, which strayed from his place at Tenth and Pierce, returned.

Wake up, candidates for Douglas county. OMAHA, Feb. 14.—To the Editor of The Bee: Please note the enclosed on pensions.

Do not let Hopper appear in the operative burrito "Wang" at the Boyd. Omaha democracy look a day off and went to Lincoln to join in the jubilee over the inauguration of a governor.

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Dr. W. H. Coffman, city physician, redoubled his efforts to enforce the ordinance compelling children of the public schools to be vaccinated.

General Manager Holdridge denied the story from Walla Walla, Wash., to the effect that the Burlington was arranging to run a line from Billings, Mont., west across the Blue mountains, striking Washington about at Walla Walla.

City Attorney Connell finished his answer to the application of the Real Estate exchange for an alternative writ of mandamus requiring the city council either to reconvene as a board of equalization or show cause for not doing so.

The labor unions comprising Central Labor union began moving into their new Labor Temple at Fifteenth and Dodge streets.

These, comprising an executive committee to have charge of the engagement of Jan Kubelik, the famous Bohemian violinist, were named: John Rosicky, Rev. J. Vranek, St. L. Kostorya, Vas Buresh, St. B. Beranek, Mrs. Nellie Svoboda, Mrs. V. Buresh, Joe Mik, C. F. Herzanek.

Three hundred and fifty women members of a church in Muskogee, Okla., jointly and severally kept a secret from their pastor and his wife for two whole weeks. In its own thinking department Oklahoma is a land of wonders.

J. S. Templeton, a Chicago broker, has given \$1,000 to the chief of police of that city to be spent for hot coffee during the cold weather for crossing policemen while on duty and for lemonade and ice cream for the bluesets in the torrid summer months.

December 15 last, during a thaw, Mrs. T. H. Kennedy of Moose River, Minn., dug a root of rhubarb from her garden and planted it in a tub of earth in her cellar near the furnace. The root has produced a plant with leaf stalks two feet long and last week Mrs. Kennedy cut enough to make a large pie.

The Bee's Letter Box

The Feed Trust.

SOUTH OMAHA, Neb., Feb. 14.—To the Editor of The Bee: Noted you had an editorial on the price of eggs a few days ago. It might be well for you to write an article to go along with the other one on the high price of fees.

Eggs at 50 cents a dozen are not in it with wheat at \$2 per 100, bran at \$1.45 per 100 pounds, corn at \$1.25 a bushel, and other feeds in proportion.

Too Lenient with Fire Companies. OMAHA, Feb. 14.—To the Editor of The Bee: The Bee brings a letter from a "Taxpayer" in which he touches upon the needs of a salvage corps for Omaha.

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COST OF LIVING INQUIRY.

Washington Star: The president feels that this question should be studied scientifically, by experts, with the view singly of getting to the basic facts and evolving remedies.

New York World: Among the causes of the high cost of living has Mr. Taft given due consideration to the item of too much government, too much militarism, too many tariff taxes, too much paternalism, too much interference with individual liberty, too much legislation, too many officials and government dependents?

Chicago Tribune: Thoughtful Americans who realize that the evils of poverty and social discontent which are shaking the old world with ever increasing force must be dealt with also by this country will support the president in his recommendation for a commission to investigate the main conditions of industrial relations.

Springfield Republican: If an international commission on high prices, such as the president has been persuaded to recommend, could settle the question of the economic effect of the greatly increased production of gold it would do much to justify its existence.

New York Post: It is to be hoped that when congress takes up the subject, we may be spared all exhibitions of demagoguery on the one hand and arrogant standpatism on the other.

No Loading on This Job. Boston Transcript. The president of Mexico does not wear a crown, but his head must lie about as uneasy as if he did.

Questions Worth Studying. Baltimore American. To what extent do our markets reduce the cost of living? Are prices there cheaper than elsewhere?

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LAUGHING GAS.

Knicker-What would happen if an immovable object met an irresistible body? Bocker-The irresistible body would yield to be called.—New York Sun.

Reporter-I have a story here, sir, about a human salamander who could live without discomfort in a temperature of 360 degrees. Editor-Good! That's hot stuff.—Baltimore American.

"Isn't that Mrs. Templeton-Brown the most entertaining creature?" "I noticed the crowd around her. What was she talking about?" "Oh, yes, she was talking about things that happened to her when she was in the hospital"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"Great Scott, Maria, that's a daring dress!" "It's a fancy costume." "Well, if I were you, I would stick a little closer to Judy." "I want a dress to put on around the house," said the lady in the department store.

"One-half the world doesn't know how the other half lives," quoted the Wise Guy. "I never knew there was so many people to mind their own business," murmured the Innocent One.—Puck.

"You're a college man, doctor?" asked the haddock. "Oh, yes," replied the physician. "Did you ever take an interest in foot ball?" "Indeed, I always did." "And did you ever suffer from any accidents?" "Oh, yes; let of the fellows neglected to pay me!—Youkers Statesman.

"That was too young a lot you sent me to suit me for a crew." "Too young?" "Yes, my vessel is a bark, and I want old sea dogs."—Baltimore American.

Sergeant-Why do you think this dog was stolen from a lady? Policeman-Because as I walked down the street with it, it stopped in front of all the department store windows.—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Old February brings the time. Of thawing and of slush, Where ice and snow for weeks have lain The little streamlets gush; And when that maelstrom gets to work His rays are powerful too; And he stills long pent up feelings In the souls of men and you.

Old February ushers in Dan Cupid with his darts, And when that maelstrom gets to work There are many wounded hearts. So buckle all your armor on. Ye daring men and maids, For the month is his battle ground Where none immune invade.

This is the month of heroes; Some great ones we never meet. This pen of mine would not attempt To do them justice here; But there are lesser heroes—More suited to my gush. Who on Dan Cupid's battle ground Swift to the onslaught rush.

Yes, February is a month; Pull clear up to the brim; For Lincoln and for Washington We cheer with loyal vim. For Longfellow and St. Valentine We feel most grateful too, And Cupid and the groundling Will surely receive their due.

BETTER FOR MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN THAN CASTOR OIL. SYRUP OF FIGS and ELIXIR OF SENNA. IS THE IDEAL FAMILY LAXATIVE, AS IT GIVES SATISFACTION TO ALL, IS ALWAYS BENEFICIAL IN ITS EFFECTS AND PERFECTLY SAFE AT ALL TIMES. CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP CO. Very Low Fares to California March 1st to April 15th. Tickets good in Rock Island clean, sanitary, comfortable Through Tourist Sleeping Cars. A Reduction Made in Upper Berth Rates. Choice of Three Routes. Daily service via Denver, Salt Lake City, Ogden and Truckee, or via Denver, Salt Lake City and the Golden Feather River Canyon. Weekly service via El Paso and along the borders of Old Mexico. Each route replete with picturesque and historic scenes.