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When do we get our January paper? Only a week more of ground-hog hibernation.

"Shall auld acquaintance be forgot?" 'Tis sad, 'tis true.

Governor Aldrich is a pretty good publicity bureau all by himself.

It would seem that the Cummins boom were waiting for an encore.

It is up to the street cleaning department to enlist the help soon of Old Sol or Jupiter Pluvius.

While the Manchu dynasty may have abdicated, it is evident now that some of the satraps did not.

Colonel Roosevelt's secretary evidently neglected to mark all the letters sent out "personal and confidential."

Why was wroth in Turkey's behalf ever Italy annexing Tripoli? The Turks probably have never heard of it.

A recess of the grand jury will at least permit a few out-of-town sojourners to return home for a change of linen.

"Taft is our biggest going concern," once said Mr. Roosevelt. Yes, and since then Taft has grown bigger and bigger.

The nearest Colonel Roosevelt came to pleasing Mr. Bryan was in that Columbus speech that displeased nearly everybody else.

Any sound democrat looks good enough to the people of this country.—Pittsburgh Post.

All right, where will you find a "sound democrat"?

Mr. Morgan's librarian, Miss Green, has bought up \$400,000 worth of Coptic documents in Europe. It is a cinch she is not the daughter of Mrs. Hetty Green.

Certain interests in Texas desire that Senator Bailey change his mind and stay in politics. Certain interests in New York, doubtless, desire the same thing.

"Rioting in Peking," "Looting in Tien Tsin," "Massacring in Nanking," "Uprising in the Interior." Yes, China seems to be thoroughly revolutionized.

What's this? Another dope inquiry at the state penitentiary? Why, we thought the sale of drugs to the prisoners had been effectually and forever stopped several times in succession.

Those men who persist in digging up old letters of the colonel's in which he strenuously declared he would not "run again," are a lot of measly molluscoiders if not "reprehensible abscondulators."

The Bee opens its letter box column generously to its readers for airing their views, but the mere printing of a communication must not be taken to indicate approval or disapproval of any statements or arguments of the writers.

Ex-Attorney General Mullen is to be the commander-in-chief of the Champ Clark forces in Nebraska, while his old political partner, "Mike" Harrington, acts as drum major for the Woodrow Wilson band.

It takes this team to play both ends to the middle.

The first shadow cast athwart the Taft campaign comes in the announcement that the stork has had his most strenuous year in New York, landing 137,642 times in 1911.

"Coming events cast shadows before them." But all signs fall in leap years.

Our Great Financier.

How fortunate it is that at this crucial moment Nebraska is supplying the country with a democratic United States senator to come to the rescue of the country with a panacea for all our financial ills. Flaunted in big type, "Senator Hitchcock's plan" scolds the central bank idea, rejects the monetary commission's reserve program and proposes, instead, twenty-five independent national reserve cities. This great financier has put all the monetary experts to rout, so that now all that is necessary to fill our pockets with money, and make panics impossible, is for congress to add its endorsement.

Without going into the merits of Senator Hitchcock's plan, which would require more than cursory reading, we may be permitted to recall another financial panacea prescribed by the same eminent financier in the wake of the other great panic back in 1893. At that time, the now Senator Hitchcock also came bravely to the front to tell the lawmakers "what to do," and here is his formula:

First—Repeal the silver purchasing clause of the Sherman act, for the reason that its effect has been to put into circulation silver currency of such a debased value as to shake the confidence of timid investors and to force out of circulation much money ordinarily used to transact the business of the country, thus producing stringency and alarm.

Second—Provide for the free and unlimited coinage of silver on such a standard as will not about 100 cent of silver into each silver dollar, taking the average value for the last twelve months. For this plan for the free and unlimited coinage of silver, its sponsor exhibited almost the same enthusiasm that he does now for his new financial remedy. He said that this would be "practical, safe and honest bimetallicism," adding this clinching argument:

No people except the greedy owners of silver mines, anxious to make inordinate profits, are interested in coinage at the ratio of 1 to 16.

No people, except those avaricious owners of money, who profit by contracting the currency, are interested in prohibiting free silver coinage at the ratio of 1 to 16.

We have no silver mines in Nebraska and the interests of the people of this state simply require free and unlimited coinage of silver upon the basis of its reasonable value, which cannot be far from one part of gold to twenty-five parts of silver.

Needless to say that within a few months thereafter Senator Hitchcock and his newspaper had repudiated this "practical, safe and honest bimetallicism" and had "joined" the greedy owners of silver mines in their denunciation of the repeal of the purchase act, and in their demand for the dishonest ratio of 16 to 1.

A National Board of Trade.

A sane sense of the need for closer sympathy and co-operation between governmental activities and commercial interests underlies President Taft's proposal for a national board of trade, or by whatever name the project shall be known. Most of our legislation today has to do with conduct or control of trade, domestic more than foreign, though just now the expansion of our foreign commerce is the source of very serious thought. The executive and legislative branches of the government would, undoubtedly, derive vast assistance from a thoroughly representative commercial bureau or body at Washington working in advisory relations and private business would, of course, be greatly benefited.

Business thinks it is not getting a square deal at all times and it has complained bitterly of late that it has been disturbed and hampered by "too much politics." However just the criticism may be, very unsatisfactory conditions exist. With business, big and little, faithfully represented in a body of its own choosing to work in close sympathy and co-operation with the president and congress, much of the fault that now exists could be corrected.

It seems to us to be a thoroughly rational, reasonable, progressive and much needed movement. We hope to see it carried to its logical possibilities and we have a similar example in conservative Germany to reassure us against its radicalism. The president advanced the idea last December, so that he has evidently, in his careful way, thought out the whole situation before urging it upon the country. It is nonpartisan and non-political, and may be embraced, therefore, without any reference to politics in that relation.

William Dean Howells.

This grand old man of letters has been the contemporary of most of America's greatest writers and he stands full height among them. At 75 he seems to retain the old-time virility that made him great in literature.

William Dean Howells never has lost his hold upon the affection and the esteem of the literary world and has it stronger than ever. No author has been more faithful to the trust and few more versatile. Novelist, poet, critic, essayist and editor, Howells always has held high the credit of the profession of letters. He has been a persistent effort at improving the purity of the language and he has shown some impatience at the get-rich-quick spirit that has found its way into writing as well as into most other fields. He showed this impatience to a young man who coined a name as a newspaper hu-

morist and a fortune dashing off slang fables and comic operas, when the young man got big enough, financially, to go to New York. It seems he called upon, or in some way, met Mr. Howells, who gave him this advice: "You have acquired some fame and much money with your jargon, now you are financially able to turn aside and try to write something with a literary merit that will live when you are gone." Evidently the advice was not heeded.

Americans should feel encouraged by William Dean Howells' prediction that our best literary days are before us. That should be very reassuring, indeed, in view of the avalanche of matter through which we are just now plowing our weary way. In this prophecy, the old man reveals the cheer of an optimist; so many at his age fail to see the best ahead.

The Lafayette Letters.

Much of the bric-a-brac on which Mr. Morgan's fame as a connoisseur rests has little attraction for Americans, but his latest investment in the letter of Marquis de Lafayette, the great Frenchman who rendered such unselfish and valuable services to the colonists in their fight for independence, must appeal with particular interest to those Americans who value the trophies of their best traditions.

These letters, written to General Lafayette by Presidents Washington, John Quincy Adams, Jefferson, Madison and other famous Americans, possess a genuine historic interest and value, and it is very appropriate that they should have come into the possession of American hands. They will go to form a part of Mr. Morgan's great private library, but some day this institution, for it is nothing short of an institution already, will become public and possibly much, if not all of it, will fall into the government's possession by the generosity of its present owner. At any rate, such collections as these may well be prized by Americans, who feel the incentive for treasuring those facts and traditions associated with the founding and fathering of their country. Lafayette and that coterie of great French, German and Polish patriots who gave such distinguished aid to the colonists against England have never enjoyed any too great distinction at our hands; our children in their public education, have been made none too familiar with the part these men played in the Revolution and it is well that our great men of the present set the example of appreciating their services in the way that Mr. Morgan has in this instance.

The supreme court decision sustaining the commission plan law also affords relief to the petition circulators, whose labors would otherwise have gone for naught.

Chicago is planning to celebrate its seventy-fifth anniversary as an incorporated city, which reminds us that Omaha this year makes fifty-five years, counting from its first charter.

Who Owns the Cattery?

St. Louis Globe-Democrat. Some of the progressives say they have been misled. They should examine the cattery to see if it resembles their own.

Utility of Free Seeds.

Indianapolis News. Don't throw away those extremely expensive free seeds that your congressman sends you. Feed them to the birds. They will be grateful for the treat after a hard winter.

The Prevailing Usage.

Cleveland Plain Dealer. The Rockefeller Bible class agrees that when one seeks a wife he should look for real value. That seems to be the prevailing opinion also among foreign counts, real and pseudo, who invade America for life partners.

Where Are Democratic Governors?

St. Paul Dispatch. The democratic presidential aspirants are out hustling for the endorsement of a few governors. Attention is called to the fact that William Jennings Bryan went into the last campaign with the endorsement of Governor Haskell and did not find it much of an asset.

Exemptions in Mexico.

Philadelphia Ledger. Juarez has fallen into the hands of the Mexican rebels, the United States troops are patrolling the border, and history seems to be repeating itself in northern Mexico. How long will it be before the capital re-echoes with the popular acclaim of another president? In the meantime the patriotism of the exiled Diaz cannot altogether suppress his satisfaction.

Passing of the Fire Horse.

Baltimore American. The day has dawned when the fire horse of modern cities sees the beginning of his end with the auto contrivance coming into vogue. Modern conditions will make the change necessary and yet few there are who will look upon the change without a passing sigh. The fire horse has been among the bravest and most faithful friends of man, and to his record in all cities there is a list of life rescued and property saved which many a man might well envy the noble beast.

White House Secretary.

Philadelphia Bulletin. A description of the president's executive office in the current number of the National magazine concludes with the following paragraph: "The president's desk is always replenished with beautiful flowers, and the few books on either side in the room give it a very legal atmosphere. On one side of the desk hangs the picture of his distinguished father, Judge Alonso Taft, secretary of war and president Grant, and on the other side the likeness of his predecessor, ex-President Roosevelt." But how long will it be before we shall next learn that this White House portrait has been sadly turned to the wall?

Looking Backward This Day in Omaha

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Thirty Years Ago—

In the morning, weather permitting, twenty-five men from the B. & M. who work elsewhere will be set at work on the dump, protected by fifty special policemen sworn in today. How long these men will last is the question.

The mud is drying up. Turn loose the balmy breezes of spring.

The masquerade ball of the Swedish Library association was a success in every respect.

It is said that the clerks of the Union Pacific general freight offices are all calling peasants to excess in hopes of one day succeeding to the position of general freight agent.

Coroner Jacobs has improved his undertaking rooms by putting a skylight in the roof. He has also by so doing added to the comfort of the old-time retainers of Jacob Gish, who can read the morning papers now without edging toward the window, and away from the bright light of the sky.

The gentlemen of the Oates Opera company were entertained by Mr. Julius Meyer after the opera last night at an informal reception and musical. "Julius Meyer never does things by half, and these little receptions, at which the pleasure is in Omaha, are among the pleasantest in Omaha."

Andrew Murphy, 630 South Fourteenth street, wants two good blacksmiths.

Orthodox Jews celebrated the feast of Purim today. A reception, given at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Bernstein on Capitol avenue, near the Creighton house, was one of the features.

Twenty Years Ago—

Henry J. E. Hayes, R. B. Peattie and Clement Chase were appointed as a press committee in connection with the assembling of the Pan-Republic congress and Human Freedom league committees in Omaha April 23.

Mrs. Doolittle, 539 South Eleventh street, was knocked down and run over by an ice wagon at Tenth and Jackson streets. The driver of the wagon was arrested for careless driving.

The banks and Omaha clearing house reduced the rate of interest on certificates of deposit from 3 per cent to 2 and 1/2 per cent.

A committee of the Samoset club, consisting of John Monihan, Adam Snyder, John Doolittle and Nat Brown, left for Chicago to make arrangements at hotels for accommodations for the club during the democratic convention.

One of the worst snow and wind storms in history struck Omaha and vicinity about 5 p. m. It tied up traffic on the streets, street railways and railroads for several hours.

Councilman Elasser was the saddest man in town when he discovered that a Kansas City man, whose bond he had gone, instead of appearing in court at the proper time, skipped out of town and left Elasser and Billy Donnelly to hold the sack. The man was E. A. Koen of Kansas City, whom W. S. Shoemaker had had arrested on the charge of criminal libel.

Ten Years Ago—

Ed Van Weels, a painter, 23 years of age, fell from a ladder at Sixteenth and Douglas streets, fracturing his skull at the base and probably fatally injuring himself.

City Attorney Cunnell received a telephone message from Lincoln stating that Judge Robert Ryan of that city had been appointed by the supreme court as referee for the application filed by J. H. McIntosh for a writ of mandamus to compel the Omaha city council to reconvene as a board of equalization and hear the complaints of the Omaha real estate exchange in the matter of the tax levy. The Real Estate exchange got busy in an effort to raise money to defray the expenses of this fight.

Black Book Editor of the Byrne-Hamm Dry Goods company and Miss Cleo Ponder were married at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Dufrene, 1924 Farnam street, in the morning. The bride was a Fort Madison, Ia., girl.

D. W. Broderick of Chicago, an organizer for the International Association of Machinists, made an address at Labor temple for the purpose of arousing interest among machinists in the desirability of classifying and organizing according to special character of work.

News just reached Omaha friends that David Newport, a Western Union operator, had died of consumption at Las Vegas, New Mexico, on February 23, and that his wife, Mrs. Florence Newport, died of the same disease at the same place February 25.

People Talked About

Encouraged by virile leadership, some simple-minded New Yorkers hope to recall the law of supply and demand in relation to butter and eggs.

"No month in the twelve," says a coal dealer, "puts up a better appearance in a white coat than March." As an oracle in weather fashions he has the groundhog in a hole.

Richard Croker, the former Tammany chief, who is spending the winter near Palm Beach, hunted all day Sunday for a wildcat which had frightened one of his pieces, but failed to shoot it.

W. Morgan Shuster, lately treasurer general of Persia, says that after two weeks or so of public speaking he will confine his activities to his law practice in Washington, perhaps emphasizing international matters.

A great demand for American steam rollers is expected from China at an early day. During the next eight months the output will be thoroughly tried out at home, so that when the orders arrive the machines will be ready and some trained drivers free to go with them.

E. H. Scott, who has just been elected president of the North Branch Agricultural Society of Ottawa, Kan., has been blind from childhood. He is a machinery agent and horse dealer, and travels about the United States and Canada, unassisted, buying horses, which he judges solely by the sense of touch. His judgment is rarely at fault. It is said.

Three out of four bachelor missionaries of the Lutheran church, booked to sail from New York for Brazil, the day before sailing sent out a hurry call for wives and the call reached the ears of the intended. Did they respond? Um-huh! As the freighted ship moved down the bay on leap year day the lonely minister hitched the three pair.

Henry Weaver, a battle-scarred veteran, who became General Winfield Scott's personal orderly during the Mexican war, was just dead at Tacoma, Wash. He was 92 years old and one of the last surviving veterans who served directly under General Scott during the conflict with Mexico. In the civil war he was wounded at the battle of Cold Harbor and taken prisoner.

The Bee's Letter Box

Farmers Know a Thing or Two. ALEX. H. DEB. Neb., Feb. 23.—To the Editor of The Bee: We, the farmers of the west and of Nebraska especially, for many years have been of the opinion that we were a very intelligent class.

Our ideas of our status along intelligent social and industrial lines received a sickening shock when an inquisition was instituted a few years ago by our beloved president to learn through a commission of the causes of the backwardness of the American farmer and incidentally to teach him how to live.

This winter we seem to be hit in the same spot by the seed corn investigators from the state university and Commercial club of Omaha.

Is it possible that the farmers of Nebraska do not know their business? Late in October, 1909, Nebraska had a cold snap, the ground freezing more than one inch deep. The same condition occurred last fall, late in October. The farmers first thought the next morning was a hard frost on the ground.

The farmers tested their seed corn. The 1909 crop was not injured, the 1911 crop was. We have known the danger since we opened our eyes that morning. We have learned since how hard we had been hit, but not through the Commercial club. Thank you, gentlemen for your good intentions.

We have made our tests as usual, not by "biting grains, nor incubator innovations, but by grandfather's test. I. e. a fair sample in soil of the proper temperature, depth, moisture, etc.

We farmers do not make the mistake of believing that seed corn having an 85 per cent germinating power will not produce a full stand.

H. F. D. CHASE.

The Bane of Drugs.

OMAHA, Feb. 23.—To the Editor of The Bee: Some days past an article in your paper on essay contests in the public schools, signed, "A Voter," used the success of Kansas City schools in these contests as an argument to Omaha.

Some day (and that day is not far distant), people will know what is a stimulant and what is a narcotic, and will not mistake one for the other. This knowledge is necessary for the preservation of our people.

President Taft is at the head of the agitators for education calling the attention of the people to the urgent necessity for promoting a crusade against opium. He has given this advice: "To the man who is actively engaged in responsible work, who must have at his command the best that is in him, at his best—to him I would wish with all emphasis that I possess advice and urge—leave drink alone absolutely."

Nebraska University promotes this education in regard to the effect of drugs. They simply tell the truth as science teaches it. "No exaggeration is necessary to convince the intelligent citizens of Nebraska of the demoralizing power of drugs, as all narcotics are called."

A few Sundays ago, dropping into our Young Men's Christian association I heard a prominent surgeon of Omaha talking to a flustering number of young men on the use of tobacco. At the close of his talk most of the men listened to Doctor Lyman, director of the department of pharmacy in the university of Nebraska, who spoke on "Alcohol and Disease."

Our public library contains a number of books giving the detailed experiments of German scientists and others on the effect of alcohol.

Within the last three or four months leading men from different departments of the State University have lectured in Omaha in the campaign of education. Let all our ideas of the effect of drugs be subject to the light of scientific truth. A READER.

ROOSEVELT IN IOWA.

Cedar Rapids Gazette: Roosevelt makes us tired.

Creston American: It is generally conceded that Roosevelt makes a fine as president.

Waterloo Times-Tribune: To our mind this presumptive man is placing his egotism against the sober judgment of the country.

Dubuque Telegraph-Herald: Colonel Roosevelt will be defeated for the nomination and his defeat will be due to the lateness of his entry into the campaign.

Boone News-Republican: The News-Republican has been a great admirer of Colonel Roosevelt. It is not prepared to follow him against the third term precedent.

As between President Taft and Colonel Roosevelt, the News-Republican much prefers the nomination of Mr. Taft.

Waterloo Reporter: Should Mr. Roosevelt at this time be disappointed, repudiated by the party, and the result is more than probable, his star as a political candidate will be set. He made a splendid president while in the White House, but his record has been well sustained by his successor.

Nevada Representative: The country simply will not stand for Taft, while the popularity of Roosevelt is, we believe, very much exaggerated in the estimates of his friends. There are numerous republicans who would, if nominated, be much more generally acceptable than either of the two.

Davenport Times: In other words, Grant, after serving two terms as president and being out for four years, could not secure a third nomination. Whether Roosevelt can do what Grant failed to do remains to be seen. But Roosevelt is not bothered by superstitions concerning what may or may not be done.

Waterloo Courier: If we were one of Roosevelt's family we should tremble for the success of his unprecedented undertaking. As it is we are more interested than inflamed. We want the best man for the republican party and for the nation. Roosevelt has a chance—perhaps a better chance of being both than any other man.

Burlington Hawkeye: It is a sad-sounding spectacle. Hero worship is innate; but it grieves the American people to have one of their heroes toppled from his pedestal and especially by his own act. Mr. Roosevelt has made one of the great mistakes of his life. His ambition will not come to fruition. All he will have to show for it will be a diminished luster of reputation.

Marshalltown Times-Republican: There is a chance, more than a chance, an opportunity, for Iowa and western progressives in the next convention. There will be no candidate before it more logical from every point of view as to party success at the polls than Senator Cummins of Iowa. At any rate, with the better will of a firmly convinced that they have been betrayed by Taft, and the Taftians bitterly resentful of Roosevelt's candidacy, the outlook for Taft in event of his nomination is extremely dark, and of Roosevelt doubtful.

SALUTING THE COLONEL.

New York World: In June, 1911, Mr. Roosevelt said his nomination for president would be "a calamity." In February, 1912, Mr. Roosevelt says: "I will accept the nomination if it is tendered to me."

Chicago Tribune: It will be noticed, however, that the democratic voters are not inviting or endorsing any of their party candidates. Probably because each one hopes he may have a chance himself.

Chicago Record-Herald: Colonel Roosevelt got angry because he was hounded by Boston newspaper photographers. The colonel surely isn't going to become "touchy" about pictures of himself!

Boston Transcript: The colonel has seven governors lined up to his credit and the president, to date, has none. This is a new way of computing strength for presidential candidates, but it is perhaps quite as dependable as the straw vote.

New York Post: Thousands of members of the Ananias club are reported to be reigning out of mean jealousy of the founder, who, they say, is now first and the rest nowhere, while others are moving to have the charter name changed to the Third Term club.

Springfield Republican: In his Boston speech Mr. Roosevelt interpreted the federal constitution contrary to all the teachings of Daniel Webster. That instrument was designed for something more than to delimit the boundaries between the states and the nation. The preamble says: "We, the people of the United States, do ordain and establish this constitution." Where did Mr. Roosevelt learn his constitutional law?

"Mothering" the Baby State. St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Arizona, the youngest among the forty-eight states, is the first to appeal to the national government for troops to protect the border. But if all its history in the civilizations of the southwest is allowed to count, Arizona is about the oldest inhabitant.

Lines to a Laugh.

"Blinks is a very selfish man. There was only one time in his life when he showed an attachment for anyone but himself."

"When was that?" "When he was serving a term as sheriff."—Baltimore American.

"How is your 12-year-old boy progressing in his studies?" "Brilliantly," replied the anxious-looking parent. "He has thought up the most marvellously extensive equipment of questions you could imagine. If he ever acquires the answers to all of them he will be the wisest man since Solomon."—Washington Star.

"Ah," cried the count, gallantly, as he bent low before the American beauty. "I would I was as good upon your hand."

"You may act in that capacity, count," she replied, graciously. "I never wear a glove more than once and then give it to my maid."—Harper's Weekly.

ADMONITION.

Washington Star. I met a sport one day who had a mind with wisdom stored.

Although the pattern of his vest was like a checker board.

Quoth he, "My friend, a bit of good advice I'll give to you.

Which you will find of benefit your whole existence through.

"Twere best to shun the flowing bowl, like the glass that clinks.

But if you can't abstain, be sure and never mix your drinks.

"If you would quaff from pleasure's cup, no matter where or how.

Select the kind of bliss that circumstances will allow.

If you're a peasant, be content to dance upon the green.

And don't butt into palaces and make a shaver of them.

One man's equipped for study toll, another schemes and thinks.

You can't do both at once my friend, so do not mix your drinks.

"If you are bred unto the lot which takes a modest chance.

Don't undertake to play the game with kings of high finance.

If you are gifted with a voice, less musical than straws.

Be happy as an auctioneer; don't try to sing a song.

Stick to the course which once you choose and thus avoid the kinks.

And change threads of destiny. My boy, don't mix your drinks."

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