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This has been a severe winter on favorite son candidates.

What is world peace as compared with senatorial dignity, anyway?

Champ Clark will do well to tie a tin can to that bound dawg song.

"Why" is the name of Elinor Glyn's latest book. "Just 'cause."

White shoes, we are told, are here to stay. But they do not stay white very long.

To Councilman Gregg: Greetings and felicitations. Keep the straight path and avoid trouble.

Still, it was not quite polite in Councilman Bridges to call the trick before the cards were played.

Wu Ting-fang should be made secretary of the information bureau under the new Chinese republic.

The arid personalities are on the democratic side of the fence. Witness the rejoinder of Chris Gruenther.

"Seven little governors, sitting in a row." There is the first line of a poem. Who will furnish three more?

Yes, Uncle Sam, be patient. Your long standing question, what to do with ex-presidents, is again being propounded.

Governor Hunt of Arizona, we are reminded, was once a waiter. So was Arizona, much longer than it wished to be.

Amundsen may have it on old Doc Cook as a discoverer, but the doc could teach him the rudiments of free advertising.

If there is anything else in the way of entertainment that the visiting retailers want, it is not too late if they will only speak up quick.

Our amiable democratic contemporary is trying hard to forget its promise of \$275,000 annual net profits to the city from the water works.

Coal dealers say there is no anthracite on the docks now. Just think what the mere mention of a strike does—to the consumer and for the coal dealer.

Colonel Yeiser will not be permitted to go as a delegate to the Chicago convention, but the whole delegation may have to go hitched to his vice presidential cart.

The Washington Star thinks that in case of a deadlock Mr. Bryan will be nominated. Politically speaking, they always associate Mr. Bryan's name with dead locks.

Why refer to the south pole's discovery as the "last" when we are just getting ready to launch out upon that annual search for world's championship pennant pole?

It will be an eight-foot ballot to be voted in Douglas county in our April primary with ninety-odd cross marks. We see what is in store for the judges and clerks of election.

Something should be done with these fake promoters who are hauling a lot of fake prize fighters over the country trying to find some community with little enough self-respect to permit a fake fight for the financial benefit of the fakirs.

The supreme court holds that the requirements of the filing fee and a petition signed by 100 electors to place the name of a candidate for commission on the primary ballot is not exclusive, and that any one may be voted for by writing his name in. Candidates who expect to figure in the returns, however, will do well to file in the usual manner.

Another Endorsement.

When the Roosevelt press bureau called attention to the tribute to President Roosevelt contained in the last republican platform upon which President Taft was elected, The Bee dug up the laudatory endorsement of President Taft and his administration embodied in the platform adopted in the New York state convention in 1910, over which Colonel Roosevelt presided and which he completely dominated. Trumping this card, several newspapers over in Iowa have pointed out that the eulogy of President Taft by Colonel Roosevelt in the speech he delivered as chairman of that convention is even more commendatory and emphatic in approval, for this is what he said:

"We come here, feeling that he have the right to appeal to the people from the standpoint alike of national and state achievements in the last eighteen months a long list of important legislation most heartily to be recommended as combining wisdom with progress has been enacted by congress and approved by President Taft. The amendment to the interstate commerce law; the beginning of a national legislative program for the exercise of the taxing power in connection with the big corporations doing an interstate business; the appointment of a commission to frame measures that will do away with the evils of overcapitalization and improper and excessive issues of stocks and bonds; and the provision for publicity of campaign expenditures; the establishment of a maximum and minimum tariff provision and the exceedingly able negotiation of the Canadian and other treaties in connection therewith; the inauguration of the policy of providing for a disinterested revision of the tariff schedules through a high class commission of experts which will treat each schedule, purely on its own merits, with a view to protecting the consumer from excessive prices and to securing to the American producer, and particularly the American wage worker, what will represent the difference of the cost of production here as compared with the cost of production in countries where labor is less liberally rewarded; the extension of the laws regulating safety appliances for the protection of labor; the creation of a bureau of mines—these and similar laws backed up by executive action, reflect high credit upon all who succeeded in putting them in their present shape and upon the statute books; they represent an earnest of the achievement which is yet to come; and the beneficence and far-reaching importance of the work done for the whole people, measure the credit which is rightly due the congress and to our able, upright and distinguished president, William Howard Taft.

If William Howard Taft was the best qualified man to be his successor, as President Roosevelt in 1908 unqualifiedly assured us he was, and if the record he made during his first two years' occupancy of the White House entitled him to be heralded as an "able, upright and distinguished president," certainly nothing that has happened since 1910 justifies the repudiation of this endorsement by Colonel Roosevelt, to say nothing of any emergency requiring a violation of the third term precedent.

Cutting Out Personalities.

A while ago Senator Dixon, as manager for Colonel Roosevelt's third term campaign, issued a certain challenge to Congressman McKelvie, as manager for President Taft's committee. Now the president, himself, has done a little challenging on his own account, at least it may well be regarded as a challenge, for, though not so intended, it should have the effect of one. The president has asked his campaign representatives to avoid personalities and attacks. Mr. Taft wants to win, but does not want to win so badly that he is willing to stoop to vilification to achieve it.

Of course, while the president takes this position irrespective of what others may do, or have done, it amounts to a challenge of his opponents' sense of equal justice and the square deal, about which, in the past, so much has been said. It puts the question up to them very flatly, as to what will be their attitude? That is just now a very tricky question. It is going to be difficult for the Roosevelt forces to avoid the appearance of making a personal fight, for the colonel's candidacy, itself, is an implied attack upon the president, for it rests upon a false impeachment of the president's good faith in carrying out the party platform. The president's initiative in this matter, especially after his opponents had begun their campaign of personalities, is most commendable and sure to make friends for him.

The New Member.

The vacancy in the city council created by the resignation of Councilman Davis has been filled for the unexpired term by the election of a new member. Discussing the question whether the place should be filled at all in view of the fact that only two months remain before the commission plan supplants the present city government, it was suggested that the new member could accomplish nothing more than to get acquainted with his duties.

Perhaps so, but it depends upon the new member, and the kind of stuff he is made of. Councilman Gregg has the advantage of entering public life with a good reputation, and credited with possessing a fair measure of ability. If he wants merely two months' salary without over-exertion, he can have it quite readily. But if he is willing to get busy with a view to making a record, he can find things to do without waiting to learn all the ropes. A real live wire in the city council can make enough sparks fly in two months to illuminate some of the dark corners if nothing else. It is up to him as to whether he makes the most of this opportunity.

Stoppage of Waste.

Why not apply the same system of economy and efficiency to the conduct of the household as large business concerns are applying to their management? Have the people done as much to shut off channels of waste and extravagance as they have of complaining about the high cost of living? There is no gainsaying that our living comes exceedingly high, but neither is it risking much to say that the average family could cut down expenses materially without depriving themselves of necessary comforts by devoting more time and skill to economy.

Looking Backward This Day in Omaha

Compiled from Bee Files
March 14.

Thirty Years Ago—Conditions are quiet at the dump, and excitement subsided. The militia still holds the fort in the old Catholic church and sentries are on guard as far as Ninth street on both Howard and Harney. The coroner's jury is still taking testimony.

William Hen, a German switchman, was caught while coupling cars in the Union Pacific yards and severely injured. Spring openings attracted the women to displays in the new dry goods stores of S. P. Morse & Co., on the south side of Farnam street near Thirteenth; Hickman's millinery shop, a few doors east; and Samuel Burns' china and crockery place across the street.

The coopers at the Willow Springs distillery are out on a strike. The laborers at the Omaha Nail works have received a raise, and now get \$1.75 a day.

Fannie Davenport and Oscar Wilde are both on the boards to appear at Boyd's before long. City Engineer Rosewater is back from an extended visit east with a report on pavements and paving materials used in Cleveland, Cincinnati, Detroit and other cities.

Constable Rodney A. Dutcher, who broke his leg by falling off Military bridge two months ago, was down town today for the first time. Hon. Chris Hartman returned from Kansas City, where he has been visiting his brother Charles Hartman.

Hon. E. M. Bartlett left for a trip east. Twenty Years Ago—The Current Topics club discussed the question of lengthening the terms of the president and governors. Among the speakers were J. H. Conrad, J. N. Gillan, E. E. Zimmerman, Allen Root, W. A. DeBor.

The committee on entertainment of the populist national convention, by Secretary R. F. Hodgen, published a request for all hotels, boarding houses and private dwellings, expecting to entertain delegates, to forward names, addresses and rates to W. N. Nason, chairman. Judge F. G. Hamer of Kearney was registered at the Millard.

The thirty anniversary of the George A. Custer Woman's Relief corps was celebrated in the evening at the home of Mrs. H. H. Kirby, 2536 North Twenty-second street. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Rhoades, Mr. and Mrs. Willett, Mr. and Mrs. Musser, Mesdames Parkhurst, Davis, McKenna, Schamel, Gruing, Remington, Griffey, Rellly, Hough, Peironet, Frey, Witmarsh; Messrs. Henderson, Skwhill, Feenan, Oils, Anderson, Durbin, Griffey, Will, Edson, Rellly, Charles, Whitman.

Mr. Russell, Hartson and daughter, Martha, returned home from a long stay in the east. The High Five club, whose members are Mesdames Beall, Benham, Wells, Worden, Rankine, Wessels, Bachs, Ayers, Munroe, Hubbard; Misses Wakeley and Boyd, met at the home of Miss Wakeley.

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People Talked About

With the North and South poles removed from the domain of mystery, idle gossip chasers may eventually discover why cold waves duck black flag signals. Every hard luck story generated by sinners seethes the stream of cold pouring into the coffers of the coal barons. Coal orders from Europe puts the American end of the trust limousine on Easy street.

In the fire swept section of Houston, Tex., where jobs are abundant, nearly as many idlers look on as there are workers, but the former manage to connect with the free lunches and the beer and prefer to remain spectators.

Hudson Maxim, inventor of explosives, declares that in a short time there will be only three countries in the world. These will be the United States of Asia (including Europe), the United States of Africa and the United States of America.

Miss Marjorie Work and De Courcou Lawrence Hard, Long Islanders, effected a matrimonial combination last Saturday. The fact that both ends of the merger possess considerable cash leaves paragraphs without provocation for a joyous scream.

Prof. O. S. Morgan of Columbia university is going to undertake a systematic investigation into market conditions with the view of determining just where the consumer is to fix the responsibility for what it costs him to eat butter, eggs and poultry and other things that he thinks he needs.

J. Adam Bode, former congressman from Minnesota, dresses a grade of humor as keen and clean as Mark Twain's. The political mix-up draws from him the merry suggestion that the gold bricks shipped to Oyster Bay be utilized in building a lighthouse on Sagamore Hill.

Among the unusual gifts Mrs. Taft has received are several sacred tea plants from the garden of the Buddhist priests in Ceylon. The plants were sent to the secretary of agriculture, who will have them cared for in the tea farms of California, which are under the supervision of the department.

Gladys Vanderbilt sent a check for \$60 to the detective who recovered \$250,000 worth of jewels that had been stolen from her. The chief of police made him return it on the ground that police are not allowed to receive rewards for doing their duty. You guessed it first time. That did not happen in the United States.

The Bee's Letter Box

Objects to the Questions. OMAHA, March 12.—To the Editor of The Bee: I see from last night's Bee that the Citizens' union is sending out blanks to members to express their preference for seven commissioners in which are the following questions: Name, age, nationality and political affiliation. I was much surprised to see this. I know since The Bee started up about the commission form of government it said all the time that no politics will be mentioned. Now comes the Citizens' union, which is supposed to look for the benefit of the people and is violating the main principle of the commission form by asking political affiliation. Next is the nationality question. Would it not be better to ask of the record of the applicant. Is not this to work up some prejudice to certain applicants? The next question they forget to put in is to what church the applicant belongs. This would fill the whole list. Don't you think it is being worked up a new political graft on a new platform? A READER.

A Boost for Oleo. OMAHA, March 12.—To the Editor of The Bee: As a reader of your paper, I have been much interested in the articles of late relating to the high price of butter. In comparing the market price with previous years it shows that butter, has sold in Chicago and New York in the last sixty-seven years, i. e., \$8 cents, in consequence retailers have been making prices as high as 90 cents, which is beyond the purse of the average wage-earner.

While in Chicago recently I had an opportunity to inspect an oleomargarine factory and confessing to the popular prejudice against oleomargarine, it occurs to me many who have had the same impression as I would be interested to know how and of what oleomargarine is made.

The plant I visited is a modern building with all the improved methods of sanitation, such as high ceilings, concrete floors, tile walls and was immaculately clean.

The employees were clean young men and women and wore white duck frocks. The materials used—creamy butter, neutral lard, oleo or beef fat oil, milk, peanut oil and salt—are under the scrutiny of and must be approved by the United States government inspectors, who are always present. These ingredients are pasteurized in process of manufacture, with the result that the product is a pure and nutritious food.

In my opinion oleomargarine is more desirable than the average dairy butter. Certainly it is made under superior conditions of materials which are used daily by housewives in cooking.

My suggestion is that if housekeepers would use this article more generally it would give just as much satisfaction as butter at half the cost. S. L. KOPALD.

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CHIPS FROM SOUTH POLE.

Chicago Record-Herald: Captain Amundsen is going to begin his lecture tour in Australia, thus giving the people of this country a little longer to recover from the Cook and Peary lectures.

Cleveland Plain Dealer: One of the most impressive scenes in connection with the discovery of the South pole is the eagerness with which Copenhagen is not hurrying forward to crown the victor with laurels and things.

New York Tribune: Amundsen seems to have been too busy traveling to send from the South pole to notice the purple "snow patches" which fascinated the aesthetic fancy of a noted observer of the approaches to the North pole.

St. Louis Post-Dispatch: The South pole explorers are not so suspicious as the lot that went to the Arctic region. They are willing to take one another's word without insisting on corroborative testimony from any Eskimo witnesses.

New York World: It is gratifying to learn that the discovery of the South pole will give us information on which we can base sure forecasts of coming weather, but what we want is the discovery of a means of heading it off if we don't like it.

Chicago Post: The captain of the expedition made no elaborate arrangements by which one after another of his lieutenants dropped out as they neared the goal, so that he alone should reach it. On the contrary, all five men who started from the headquarters at White Bay went through to the pole, and "all hands took hold of and planted" the Norwegian colors at the magic spot.

Philadelphia Record: If Colonel Roosevelt had any remaining doubt of the popular demand for his third-term candidacy, of course, the persuasive "night-errand" Perkins was able to dissipate it.

Chicago News: Mr. Roosevelt is earning \$1 a day as a juror, and doubtless he hopes to do such good work at this minor task that a grateful people will call him to a better salaried position.

Chicago Record-Herald: Champ Clark's favorite hymn is "Quit Kleins' My Dawg Around." Governor Harmon of Ohio announces that his favorite hymn is "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," and it is as summed that Woodrow Wilson's first choice is "How Can I Leave Thee?"

Chicago Inter-Ocean: Andrew Carnegie says Theodore Roosevelt is one of his best friends—but he'd like to take and spank him. Guess what Theodore Roosevelt would like to do to the man who let out that Andrew Carnegie gave him \$3,000 toward his African trip and his triumphal progress homeward!

Springfield Republican: The colonel "will accept, if nominated." Of course, he will do nothing to force his own nomination. Heaven forbid! All the same, he is now planning a stamping tour to get delegates, being compelled to do this, mind you, purely in self-defense. "The people's call" is going to get a severe shaking up by the colonel for not being louder.

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SMILING LINES.

Marks—Would you marry a woman "Yes?" Parks—No, indeed. The ordinary woman can cross-examine quite well enough.—Boston Transcript.

She—The lawyer who asked me all those questions was very good-natured about it. He—Why shouldn't he have been? She—Why, I was told it would be a cross-examination.—Baltimore American.

"Pop!" "Well, what is it now?" "Say, pop, did the dog star ever have the dipper tied to its tail?"—Phila. Record.

First Society Dame—How are the acoustics of the new opera house? Second Society Dame—Too good. Some people in the family circle said they could hear every word spoken in our box.—Life.

"There's only one way to avoid being put into an Aslanias club." "And what is that?" "Organize the club yourself and keep everybody else busy escaping it."—Washington Star.

Mrs. Lydia E. Pinkham had just affixed her signature to the immortal sentiment, "Wife's breakfast table said they could hear every word spoken in our box."—Punch.

"The Greeks were once leaders of thought." "Yes," replied Miss Cayenne; "they seem to run to extremes. Instead of polishing people's minds a great many Greeks are now engaged in polishing people's shoes."—Washington Star.

REMEMBRANCE. Minna Irving in Leslie's. I remember, I remember, in the house where I was born. How father made us all get up at daylight every morn; The slice of cold and greasy pork upon my breakfast table, the kind of stuff in the muggy coffee that I drank, the soggy bread I ate. I remember, I remember, how I trudged a mile to school; And was tramped across the knuckles if I broke the slightest rule; The birch above the teacher's desk, the lightning in his eye, the way he used to keep me in till stars were in the sky.

I remember, I remember, how in winters long ago I woked to find my attic bed half covered up with snow; And how the home-made socks of blue that patiently I wore Were knitted of the kind of stuff in Nestor's shirt of yore. I remember, I remember, how we sat by candlelight And vainly tried to see to do our lessons overnight; And how before the glowing hearth from time to time we turned, Because a blast of wind would freeze the while our faces burned.

I remember, I remember, how our holidays were few; And father always found some chores we had to stay and do; In heeding corn and sawing wood we got our exercise; And dad's old trousers for us boys were made of a smaller size. I remember, I remember, how the seasons came and went; And we helped to reap the harvest, but we never got a cent. I like to recollect to all and talk of it, I vow; But thank the Lord with all my heart these things are over now.



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