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Yes, the groundhog for once appears to be onto his job.
The political fence is full of non-participating old friends these days.

Millet's "Man With the Hoe" has that tired look like Gray's weary plowman.
No, Mr. Leaman cannot see you now; he is busy finding reasons for raising prices this season.

The Spring Overflow.

An alert press correspondent once wired to a New York newspaper that a tornado was headed toward Omaha and asked for instructions as to how much of a story to send in when the demon storm broke.

Without wishing to wigwag any false alarms, we can see now that, unless all signs fail and precedents miss fire, portions of the Missouri valley are to be visited by more water this spring than they will really need.

Some day provision may be made for storing this vast volume of water against a time of necessity. If storage reservoirs could be constructed sufficient to take care of part of the water that overflows river banks, not only would it save destruction in the spring, but other destruction by means of prevention later in the year when water is at a premium.

But Peace Moves On.
The senate's reactionary action in defeating the arbitration treaties may have killed those two compacts, but it has by no means deadened the cause of world peace.

It is better standards and progress we must achieve, not old ones and retrogression. The fundamentals have not been disturbed, so with them we need not be seriously concerned in this discussion.

Intervention in Mexico.
Two views of Uncle Sam's proper attitude toward Mexico in the present crisis, diametrically opposite in the main, are at hand, which furnish interesting contrasts and open up the subject to profitable thought.

People Talked About
Gutzon Borglum, the sculptor, says that fine art schools are a hump and a snare and ought to be closed or turned over to the teaching of young men and women how to make useful things.

Where Are the "Common People"?
Washington Post.
The people in America are individual. They think for themselves. They are beyond the stage where they respond to impassioned appeals directed at them as a herd.

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Looking Backward This Day in Omaha

Compiled from Bee files
March 18.
Thirty Years Ago.
At the opera house that famous actor, Milton Nobles, appeared in his grand play, "The Phoenix," and "the villain still pursued her."

At the request of a large number of prominent citizens, Miss Lizzie Calderwood had consented to a benefit concert prior to leaving for Boston to pursue a course of vocal training to fit her for a professional music career.

Street cars all stop now before going over a railroad crossing.
A fair is in preparation for the benefit of St. Joseph's hospital.

Proclamations for the approaching city election have been posted.
County Clerk Baumer is making out the fee bills to the deputy sheriffs employed during the strike, which swell up to a considerable sum.

President Barton of the smelting works has 125 men at work, having taken back all the old force they desired and refusing to employ quite a number.

A conference was held in this city today between Sidney Dillon, Thomas L. Kimball and Samuel L. Potter of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy as to the joint use of the depot in Denver.

A new dry goods store has been opened up at 1115 Farnam street in Leslie's new block by George P. Brown, who comes from Colorado.

George Fitchett, corner St. Mary's avenue and Convent street, wants returned to him a setter pup about 3 months old, which he thinks has strayed or was stolen.

Memorial resolutions for Edward Riddis adopted by the congregation of St. Margaret's church are subscribed with these names: James Patterson, rector; H. G. Clark, senior warden; William Cleburne, B. C. Cooper, S. Robinson, William Tudor Tucker and L. Webster, vestrymen.

The Bee's Letter Box

Where Light is Needed.
OMAHA, March 18.—To the Editor of The Bee: I often wonder if in this country that boasts of being the land of the free and the home of the brave if the negro, who has fought so hard to uphold the constitution, has any rights which the white man is bound to respect?

Wootter Doesn't Forget.
SILVER CREEK, Neb., March 14.—To the Editor of The Bee: I am in receipt of one of those informal invitations which the president of the Lincoln Bryan club is sending out to democrats over the state to attend the annual Bryan birthday banquet in Lincoln.

Twenty Years Ago.
Captain John Palmer of Albany, N. Y., commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, came in from Dakota on a tour of inspection of the Grand Army of the Republic.

County Commissioner Timms returned from Chicago much improved in health.
Mrs. Joseph C. Griffith, formerly of Falls City, who had been visiting her parents for several months, Mr. and Mrs. George Powell, 38 North Nineteenth street, left for her new home at Madison, Ill.

Deputy United States Marshal Hill came in from Hillmore county with a couple of alleged counterfeiters.

General Manager Bidwell of the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley railroad said the scarcity of steel was becoming serious and might become appalling.

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The city council confirmed the appointment of Mayor Moore of Dr. J. B. Ralph to be health commissioner, succeeding Dr. Victor Coffman, the salary being fixed at \$200 a year.

Dr. Coffman and Dr. H. L. Arnold was made assistant in place of Dr. Ralph.

All but one of the twenty-nine Douglas county assessors met at the court house and decided that the basis of assessment for the year should be one-sixth of a fair cash value of the property.

George Washington is being quoted as having said that he could imagine an emergency that might call for the re-election to a third term in the White House of a man on whom the people universally agreed.

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Roosevelt boomers are appealing to leaders of the negro race for their support, but the negro has never had a better friend in the White House since Lincoln than President Taft.

Who Wealth Produce.

It is not the magnate with his stocks and bonds;
It is not the banker with his hoard of gold;
It is not the man who simply buys and sells;
Who wealth produce in this our busy world.

All wealth produced comes from Old Mother Earth.
Produced by daily toil, and sweat, and blood.

The honest toil of those who dwell in the fields and woods, and on the farm, produce the wealth that is for the common good.
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