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The Missouri river begins to indicate that spring has at last sprung a leak.

What final excuse did the ice dealers decide on for raising prices this season?

It seems hardly possible that Kansas should have a county named Bourbon.

The "hat in the ring" and the hound dog song are having their day, all right.

"They all fall for it"—vaudeville. Next season comes Lily Langtry and Sarah Bernhardt.

These New York primary ballots measured a long, long, long, Well, wait till you see ours.

How strange did Colonel Roosevelt be to the one to protest against steam shovels and big sticks?

Anyway, it must be gratifying to those ten packers to realize that they do not have to go to jail.

With Harmon the nominee, what will W. J. Bryan do, hon. potatoes and make chautauqua addresses?

Well, are these later sheriff raids to be followed by Albert law prosecutions, the same as the earlier ones?

"Tatt Wins in Hoosier State," says a headline. Pretty soon they will be writing it: "Tatt Wins in a Walk."

Battles for would-be councilmen under the commission plan of city government close soon. Do your filing now.

Shall we add to the recall of judges and of their decisions, the popular vote recall of juries and their verdicts.

Evidently the third term is not as popular among New York and Indiana republicans as certain persons were led to believe.

Volta, runner-up for old Alex Dowie, insists that he is Elijah III. And doubtless will be able to put it across and cash it in.

"How to make a hat last forty-two years," is a line in the Kansas City Star. One way would be not to put the hat in a ring.

The Springfield (Mass.) Union has discovered that the letters, R-O-O-S-E-V-E-L-T, properly arranged, spell "Vote Loser." Can't twist T-A-F-T into that.

The grand jury has at last indicted a South Omaha city councilman—not for graft, to be sure, but for keeping his saloon open on primary election day. Still that's progress.

A pioneer of St. Louis, quoted by the Globe-Democrat, says that they were hunting duck and snipe around Fourth and Pine streets back in the '30's. Some wild birds can be found there now.

If there is anything in the platform put out by the candidates on the Citizens' union "slate" that every other candidate cannot conscientiously subscribe to, it is not visible on the surface.

And to think of it, that the democrats asking to be sent as delegates from Nebraska to the Baltimore convention should have to be polled to put them on record to abide by instructions of the party registered in the presidential preference primary.

What a reflection on their integrity and good faith. Imagine, if you can, what the democrats would be saying if republicans had to be subjected to that sort of cross-examination.

New York and Indiana.

Over and above Colonel Roosevelt's protest on the New York state-wide primaries is the salient fact that they resulted in a two-to-one victory for President Taft, which, together with the decisive Taft victory in the Indiana state convention on the same day, goes far toward insuring nomination.

On the face of returns in New York the president will have over eighty of the ninety delegates to the Chicago convention, several more than his friends had claimed. On the face of returns in Indiana the president will have eighteen of the thirty convention delegates, whereas his friends had claimed no better than an even split.

The line is lengthening for Taft. New Mexico, Iowa, North Dakota, Michigan, Indiana and now New York, without counting the south, march along. So astute a politician as Colonel Roosevelt can be no longer deceived by the notion of an overwhelming popular demand for a third term.

Acquittal of the Packers.

The outcome of the government's prosecution of the packers is another cogent argument against the law's delay. This case was in the courts for ten years in one form and another. For ten years these men, the packers, were branded before the world as alleged criminals. A speedy, direct trial upon the merits of the case, arriving at an early verdict, would have been more just to the ten accused men. On the other hand, the people, too, have suffered by this tedium of delay.

But, while the jury has decided the case and its verdict must be accepted, the packers may not entirely escape criticism. Through the most skilled of counsel they resorted to every device and instrument of a highly technical law in those ten years that offered delay, and time and again when it seemed nothing more could prevent the case coming to trial, another ingenious method of continuation was devised and the case went over. So, while the packers, themselves, have suffered the odium and obloquy of indicted criminals, they have helped to bring the reproach upon themselves by taking advantage of an unwise system in the courts.

Surely this case should help in bringing about reforms that will make court procedure move more quickly. This very decision, coming at the end of ten years of almost interminable delays, will never command the confidence and esteem that it would had it come directly and swiftly many years ago.

The Retort of Offended Law.

What has happened in Rock Island is simply the inevitable result of indirect assault upon law by unbridled denunciation of the law's agents. Men even of local following cannot stand in the street and antagonize the constituted authorities without inflaming the mob and what follows depends entirely on how well the law, backed into a corner, succeeds in defending itself against those who would overthrow it.

Local animosities, aside from the spirit of anarchy, are factors in this particular situation, but, according to reports, the culmination came only when passions had been sufficiently played upon by incendiary public speech as to precipitate a demonstration against the officials in the community. Free of speech and a free press; that is, free criticism that stays within the bounds of reason, are not to be abridged in this country, but neither is liberty to become license or the virtue of this freedom turned into anarchy.

Playing for the Women Vote.

If any large number of people remain in ignorance that woman suffrage already prevails in several states in which the votes of the women may cut no small figure in the pre-convention contest, the fact must be impressed upon them by the palpable bids for suffrage favor that are being handed out by solicitous candidates.

When interrupted in a meeting in New York with a cry, "How about the women?" Colonel Roosevelt replied:

"Madam, I have asked that you women, yourselves, be allowed to vote to determine whether you shall vote."

And when this did not quell the commotion, he continued:

"Apparently you do not feel contented with this. In that case, I have a great deal better opinion of your sex than you have."

The reason why the suffragettes are not contented with Colonel Roosevelt's offer may possibly be found in the fact that Senator La Follette has made a higher bid. In his autobiography, published in the Current American magazine, Senator La Follette says:

I am glad to say that the legislature of Wisconsin passed at its last session, a suffrage law which will be submitted on referendum next October to the voters of the state. I shall support it, and campaign for it.

Looking Backward This Day in Omaha

Compiled from Bee Files
March 28.

Thirty Years Ago—

Application for renewal of liquor licenses have been coming in at the city clerk's office thick and fast. The number of licenses reach eighty, a large increase over that of a few months ago when the first enforcement of the diabolical law was made.

The old Brass building, which has moved into Twelfth street, is being rapidly fitted up for temporary quarters for the Nebraska National bank. The plans for the new building, drawn by Dufresne & Mendelsohn, have been adopted.

The property belonging to the Omaha Nail Works company was sold at auction by Deputy Marshal Allen and bought in for creditors by W. J. Connell at \$45,000.

The grand jury has adjourned at last, its most noteworthy indictment being that of Sidney Smith, the Wheeler & Wilson sewing machine agent who had absconded, and was arrested at Little Rock.

A beautiful sight is presented by the grand display of millinery goods of Mrs. E. B. Carter's on the north side of Farnam street near Thirteenth, in connection with this exhibit Mrs. A. E. Keith has the finest display of hair work in town.

J. Monnell of Omaha has presented St. Alban's lodge of Council Bluffs Knights of Pythias, with a handsome sword and scabbard.

Charles McDonald, the Worth of P. S. Eustis, general ticket agent of the B. & M., left for Chicago.

The harvest of hair has come, and shaven heads are appearing in profusion. Five hundred wild geese at Buffet's, 25 cents each or three for \$1.

Twenty Years Ago—

Chief Salter got out one of the city's old steamers and pumped the water out of the cellar of the Ames building, which was destroyed by fire on Tenth street.

Prof. John Pike of Harvard lectured at Unity church on "The Discovery of America."

John Campbell, who was crushed by an elevator and reported dead, was still alive with a chance of recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Talleferro went to Chicago to attend the funeral of Mrs. Talleferro's brother, Henry R. Symonds.

President Rogers of the Real Estate Owners' association announced that the association was still assiduously trying to induce manufacturers to locate in Omaha.

Word came of the death of Mrs. Charles S. Mellen, wife of the general traffic manager of the Union Pacific, her death occurring at St. Paul, where she was visiting a sister, Mrs. J. M. Hannaford.

Benjamin H. Barrows, the literary man of the Union Pacific, was at his desk again after an absence of several weeks he spent at Hot Springs, Ark. for the recuperation of his health. He said a colony of Omaha men was at the Springs, including John A. Creighton, Frank P. Hanlon, Lew Hill, Henry D. Estabrook and George Mills.

Ten Years Ago—

N. H. Loomis, attorney for the Union Pacific to Topeka, Kan., was in the city on legal business, stopping at the Millard.

Bern J. A. Becker, who resigned the presidency of the Congressional church at Spearfish, S. D., came to Omaha to take the superintendency of the western department of the Interstate Lecture bureau, and intended to lecture himself in Iowa, Indiana and Ohio.

Carrie Nation spent the day and the night in Omaha, but still it was possible. The Bee said, for a dry man to get a drink after she left.

Frank Crawford defeated Frank P. Hanlon in a friendly rivalry for exalted ruler of the Elks.

J. L. Lamproch of Cleveland, O., president of the National Oil company, was in town trying to straighten out a middle which had been created by another representative of his company, who had proposed a co-operative plan with local merchants to furnish them oil, Mr. Lamproch, instead of finding co-operation, found numbers of merchants eager to have their names stricken from the stock list.

People Talked About

Most of the London suffragettes out of jail are convinced that Carrie Nation hatches are better campaign arguments than bricks.

Fourteen boys with dad at the head of the procession marched into a Denver hotel and pre-empted fifteen rooms. They hailed from Kansas and left thirteen of the family bunch at home with ma.

Dr. A. R. Dunlap of Ripley, Mo., who has just celebrated his ninety-third birthday anniversary, carries with him on his walks a cane made from a piece of oak taken from the old covered bridge, held by the British, April 30, 1775.

A concealed telephone revealed an interesting poker game in one of the rooms of the Young Men's Christian association building in Philadelphia. This is not the first time that the diatograph has been revealed as a joy-wrecker.

William W. C. Griffin, 14 years old, of Wheaton, Ill., is the editor of a twelve-page golf magazine, which is said to be full of "live stuff." He called on President Taft and asked him to play eighteen holes with him. He calmly assured the president that he could beat him. He also offered Colonel Roosevelt \$250 for a golf shirt, providing it was good enough to print.

Ex-Senator W. A. Puffer of Kansas, 80 years old, one of whose legs was amputated a month ago, has resumed work on his autobiography. He expects to finish the book in two months, having gathered all his speeches and writings on the railroads, tariff and the money question, and the speeches of others on the farmers' alliance and the populist movements.

John E. Parsons, the venerable lawyer and counsel for the Sugar trust, who is now on trial in New York, can blame his predicament partly on his old-fashioned dialke of the telephone, which he has never allowed to be installed in his office. Every time he had occasion to advise his clients as to the next move to be made he either wrote with his own hand or dictated to a stenographer a letter, and these letters are being produced against him.

The Bee's Letter Box

Upfold Officers Who Perform Duty. SOUTH OMAHA, March 28.—To the Editor of The Bee: A good many people, some very sentimental ones, are terribly agitated over the killing of those outlaws who murdered the warrents in the penitentiary at Lincoln, and were ready and anxious to shoot down and everyone who in any manner resisted their escape. We have a strong tendency to put the trusts out of business. WALTER JOHNSON.

Assailing Congressional Ginger.

Pittsburgh Dispatch. An iconoclastic congressman from Louisiana has introduced a bill prohibiting the insertion of the words "great applause," "prolonged laughter" and other embellishments in the reports of speeches "extended" in the Congressional Record. Why this harsh discrimination? So long as congress permits the publication, at government expense, of speeches that were not spoken, why should not the pleasure be enhanced by indicating the applause that was not applauded and laughter that was not laughed?

Ajax with the Stagers.

St. Louis Republic. England names its newest dreadnought Ajax. That is appropriate, considering the heavy burdens under which its navy is staggering. Old Ajax himself would have broken his suspenders trying to raise money out of the British Isles at this moment to pay for the ships they are obliged to build.

Wants Real Nonpartisanish.

Omaha, March 28.—To the Editor of The Bee: We all anxiously expected and patiently waited for about four months to see what choice the Citizens' Union would make in presenting their slate to the Omaha voters. Without going into the merits or demerits of the candidates for commissioners, stated by the Citizens' Union, it strikes me that a grave and serious mistake has been made by them. If the executive committee has used their best judgment in presenting to the voters of Omaha the best material that they could have selected, I pity their judgment in lack of more political ability. Not one of the candidates of their selection has shown any success in his own business and how could the people of Omaha trust them with the municipal affairs of a great city? The executive committee of the Citizens' Union has made a great and serious blunder and the best thing they could do, under the circumstances, is to let the people at large do one who will not swallow their political bait which they have, or try to stuff into our throats and make us do their unreasonable bidding.

There are hundreds of men in Omaha who are eminently qualified for commissioners to govern the city affairs with justice, honesty, and ability, and who would, if prevailed upon, accept that office. Among whom are such gentlemen as W. W. Bingham, Charles C. Withnell, John E. Beach, Harry B. Zimmerman, James G. Dahlman, and others who would make splendid men for commissioners and would carry out the city affairs with honesty, ability, and satisfaction to the majority of the people. I hope that the voters of Omaha will get together and select good and able men regardless of any union, club, or other political organization, who will be made of the right kind of material to govern our affairs of Omaha with honor to all. A. SUBSCRIBER.

Caused by Short Weights.

NORFOLK, Neb., March 27.—To the Editor of The Bee: In the "Sunday Checks Car Weight," I cannot agree with you where you say the car which was off 1,200 pounds was a Northwestern car and the stenciled weight much less than its real weight, the company thereby cheating itself out of that much on each carload if it weighed up to the maximum. According to my figuring if the company took the stenciled weight marked on car they would be getting pay for 7,200 pounds more than was actually in the car. I think that is where a whole lot of our coal shortage comes from. Every car of soft coal runs from 1,500 to 1,600 pounds short to the car. We have an awful shortage on coal and I think the most of it is from taking the tare from the stenciled weight marked on the car. H. E. HARDY.

The Patent Decision Aggravates.

OMAHA, March 27.—To the Editor of The Bee: The micrograph decision is not an extraordinary decision. I will make this statement: The trusts are not built on the patent right laws as some of these gentlemen would have us believe.

This recent decision in which the court compels a company or individual to use a certain ink with the micrograph is not any part of the patent laws. It is a part of the constitution relating entirely to the substance of a contract. Suppose that you would sign a contract in good faith; would you be manly to abrogate the same without the consent of the other party? Now this is the substance of the decision. A company signs a contract to make a certain piece of machinery which is protected by a patent. In the contract the inventor has required that such company use a certain kind of ink. The company after signing the contract wants to continue the making of the machine, but does not want to use the ink. The inventor insists upon the use of the ink according to the contract, or discontinues the making of the machine. The court says that the contract must be lived up to or discontinued the making of the machine. Now where can you see any horrors in that decision? The patent laws do not give the inventor the power to compel the patron to use any attribute he may suggest. In this case it is the fulfilling of a contract which has been signed, which would simply be a contingent contract.

All of this roar is the foolishness of a lot of editors who know nothing of law and most of them probably did not read the decision. It reminds me of the position of a lot of those chaps on the success of the airship. Every machinist knew from the start that the success of the airship was all hot air, and time has shown the true position of the editor.

Patent rights are one of the chief sources of prosperity and they are at the bottom of the best principles of our modern civilization. All of this tail of the commentator as to the patent right, and the trusts is pure, unadulterated hot air. The patent laws should be revised, but they should be revised so that the inventor will not have to spend a fortune to keep off infringement. We should not be compelled to stay in court for twenty or thirty years while a trust or powerful company is infringing. We need a patent court so that a hearing may be had in every state and we want no appeals from that court except to the supreme court. Then we want it fixed so that there is a good strong financial penalty for the act of infringing. The protection of the inventor will have a strong tendency to put the trusts out of business. WALTER JOHNSON.

SMILING REMARKS.

Barber—Your hair is getting very thin, sir. Customer—Yes; I treated it for two weeks with an anti-fat, thinking it was hair restorer.—Boston Transcript.

"I wonder," said Cholly, "what I ought to do about these ugly creases in my thumb nails." "Why not go to a laundry," languidly suggested Fwedly, "and have them ironed out?"—Chicago Tribune.

"The wireless operator who set a message to the Gibraltar station, ought to make a good poker player." "Why so?" "For the reason that he can call the biggest bluff ever made."—Baltimore American.

"Will you make any rear platform speeches next summer?" "I don't know," replied the candidate. "It's kind of embarrassing to have an engineer blow the whistle, ring the bell and pull out just as you get to the grand climax on which you relied for applause."—Washington Star.

THE VETERAN.

Duff your hat for he names by. A veteran old and gray. His shoulders bent and dimmed his eye. Grown dull in the yesterday.

His visage wan with weary years And lined with livid scars. A conqueror calm of tulle fears, An echo of wild wars.

Tempestuous youth or wild hot blood. How to a kindred flame; It's burning low, but once he stood Where life was all the game.

The cannon's shriek, the musket's flare, His faced with grim intent, And gladly would have perished there For this, Our Government.

Then doff your hat in due respect To the battered hulk of the vet. His comrad's gone, he's battle-wrecked; But there's life in the old man yet. —ANTHONY M. EASTERLING, Omaha.

Advertisement for 'Our Hair's Health' featuring an illustration of a woman and text describing the benefits of Q-Ban Hair Restorer. The ad mentions that the color of one's hair is an indication of the health of the scalp and that the product restores color and natural brilliance.

Advertisement for 'Kansas City Hot Springs Express' featuring a large illustration of a train and text describing the service between Kansas City, Coffeyville, Ft. Smith, Little Rock and Hot Springs. It highlights the improved service and provides a schedule of trains.

Advertisement for 'The Lanpher Hat' featuring an illustration of a hat and text describing it as a quality brand that covers wise heads in every land. The ad mentions that the hat is made of the finest material and is available in various styles.