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Now the gentle milliner has a few hats in the ring.
 Omaha now boasts an art guild, although not much gilded art.
 That "famous sting of ingratitude" is once more on exhibition.
 Remember that old song, "Oh, We'll Wait for the Turn of the Tide!"
 To use one of "Met's" characteristic phrases, "Mr. Bryan is mad, that's very evident."
 With Iowa for Taft and Colorado for Taft, Nebraska can go along assured of good company.
 Looks as if we might have a "heckling" campaign here in Omaha. It's quite English, you know.
 A man named Hancock is running for sheriff in Kansas. He is entitled to the office on his name.
 Obviously that Boston taxicab driver who was fined for not blowing his horn was no true "progressive."
 Knowing how he hates the recall, we assume there is no danger of Senator Bailey recalling his decision to retire.
 The only wonder is Gifford Pinchot does not demand back the money that he gave to help inflate the La Follette boom.
 General Leonard Wood is accused of using his political influence for Roosevelt. Has the general any political influence?

Although the new commission plan of city government law contains a recall provision, it says nothing about the recall of platforms.
 Yes, Anxious Inquirer, the grand jury yet has time to indict the ex-councilman who made himself scarce when his graft was exposed.
 Tramp, tramp, tramp, the states are marching—New Mexico, Iowa, North Dakota, Indiana, Michigan, New York, Colorado and the south thus far.
 It is presumable that branch Annals clubs are to be established at once in Colorado, New Mexico, North Dakota, Iowa, Indiana, Michigan and New York.
 Too bad Colonel Roosevelt's friends have allowed themselves to get so mad over the people's refusal to rise up and thrust him back into a third term.
 It transpires that our Water board members are on both sides of the so-called water power site grab, but doubtless with a complete mutual understanding.
 The Chinese women are going to have the ballot. Does that mean the Chinese men are more generous or that the Chinese women understand them better.
 According to Mr. Bryan, a platform is binding for what it omits as well as for what it contains. But the presidential preference vote is binding only when it goes our way.
 Mr. Bryan will never forgive Mr. Harmon for not voting for him in 1896. Mr. Bryan's test of party regularity is whether they voted for him in his "first battle." He seems to ignore any similar responsibility on his part in the fact that his nomination in 1896 was the result of irregularity to his party organization. But Mr. Bryan is a good deal like Colonel Roosevelt when it comes to a rule working both ways in politics.

preparing to do. Here is the Panama canal rushing to completion under the splendid direction of President Taft and a law should be enacted by this session of congress authorizing the president to install a government for the canal zone, and yet the democratic leaders are frittering away precious time playing politics and letting the urgent necessities of the Panama take care of themselves. Now is the time to make the rules for the Panama; waiting past this session of congress may interfere with setting the machinery in motion when the time comes for that.

Shorter Homestead Periods.
 One of the best reasons for reducing the homestead period of settlers on government land from five to three years is that the land needs the settlers, needs them much more, perhaps, than the settlers, as a rule, need the land. Congressman Mondell of Wyoming has urged this point on the floor of the house in his effort to secure the passage by congress of a bill making this provision. He has also pointed out another notable fact, namely, that conditions of homesteading today are more difficult than they formerly were, which is another reason for reducing this period to three years.
 The three-year period will not be new on this continent. It has long obtained in Canada and Texas, which has charge of its own land and has worked with good results. If a settler resides upon his land for six months each year for a period of three years it ought to be accepted as pretty good circumstantial evidence of his intention to prove up on the land and make it his. And leaving the period five years long is not going to act as a guaranty against subterfuge.
 The government should do what it can to encourage the settlement of western land and those who have made a careful study of this question are convinced that a change of this kind in the law would be a big step in that direction. Congress, it seems to us, could well afford to pass the measure, which is amendatory, of course. What we need in the west is bona fide settlers—men who will go on the land and develop it, not a lot of land speculators, and under this amendment, it is believed, we will get more of that kind of men.

Oh how funny! Woodrow Wilson's campaign manager charging the other candidates with have entered into a combination to defeat him, when here in Nebraska the Wilsonites tried their level best to force Champ Clark into a combination with them to defeat the other fellow. All combines are had except ours.
 Mr. Bryan says he has known all along that Senator Hitchcock never was more than a skin-deep democrat, but confesses that it has taken him twenty years to convince himself that the senator is irredeemable. Mr. Bryan may have the patience of Job, but even Job's patience sometimes gives out.
 Labor orators accuse the Citizens' union of stealing their thunder. Still, there is no patent property right on political thunder, with which any candidate, or set of candidates, can easily coin a lot of hot air on short notice.
 Why Not Trust the People?
 Houston Post.
 Mr. Bryan says that if Nebraska goes for Harmon he will decline to go to Baltimore as a delegate. Mr. Bryan has said much about trusting the people. Why can't he trust the people of Nebraska?
 Modesty Forbids.
 St. Louis Globe-Democrat.
 Mr. Bryan has not yet been able to pick a favorite among the democratic candidates. What may happen in the Baltimore convention when he talks to it makes him cautious about putting on a button just yet.

Squaring a Trust.
 Indianapolis News.
 The report that the aluminum trust has agreed to square itself with the Department of Justice reminds us that there are a good many people who believe that the only good trusts are like the only good Indians.
Financing a Rev.
 Pittsburgh Dispatch.
 If the Mexicans are deprived of arms they will have to resort to pugilism as a means of warfare. This will yield more returns than special trains may be run to the battles and the ring workshops of this country invited to contribute large sums of money.
Remedy Hests with Congress.
 Boston Transcript.
 Congress can revise the patent laws at will, as they are not entrenched within the constitution. Therefore, if it is so disposed it can remove that excess of monopolistic tendency which has drawn forth such vigorous denunciation from Chief Justice White.
Mixup of Progressives.
 Philadelphia Record.
 Senator La Follette, rejuvenated by his victory in North Dakota, has struck out a new designation for T. R. He calls him a "soft-shell progressive." Presumably the Wisconsin senator is himself a hard-shell progressive. We have not heard as yet what the colonel thinks of "Batting Bob," but the probabilities are that it will, if freely expressed, have to be printed in dashes.
Swinging the Pendulum.
 Springfield Republican.
 Mr. Roosevelt has commonly been credited with having staved off defeat for the republican party by his injection of radicalism in its body while he was president. If the unbridled extremes of his present attitude he is to make radicalism seem as dangerous as to swing back, he may prove to be the party's savior again. But he will not get its blessings.

Mr. Bryan says that if he is elected delegate, and his party instructs for Harmon, he will resign and go to Baltimore in a private capacity to oppose the candidate who would, in that case, have the endorsement of his party in his own state. Is such conduct, as Mr. Bryan's enemies declare, contrary to the principle of people's rules?
 What Mr. Bryan proposes to do represents, in fact, the ideal attitude of the popular representative. It is now hardly disputed that a representative should reflect the wishes of his constituents. Now, when such a representative finds his constituents favoring a policy he feels to be wrong, what is he to do? He has no right to act against their wishes. He has no right to violate his own convictions. His only course is to make an effort to bring his constituents to his way of thinking, and failing in this to give up his place to a representative in harmony with their views.
 Yes, Mr. Bryan does not propose to stop there. He threatens to exert himself to nullify the expressed command of the very constituents whose message he sought to carry and offered to carry on condition that they let him dictate what the message should be. If he succeeds in making his threat go he frustrates the rule of the people which he has been preaching. It will take more than mere sophistry to square Mr. Bryan's present attitude with his past professions.

Looking Backward This Day in Omaha
 COMPILED FROM BEE FILES
 March 29.

Thirty Years Ago—
 A so-called citizens' meeting has made nominations for ward councilmen as follows: First ward, Alex McGavock; Second ward, W. J. Kennedy; Third ward, Henry Hornberger; Fourth ward, Martin Dunham; Fifth ward, Thomas Daily; Sixth ward, W. J. Baker, and Messrs. Thrall, Conover and Long renominated for the school board.
 A workman named Ryan fell from the scaffolding in the new Paxton hotel and broke his right leg.
 Prairie fires were visible all around the city.
 The Omaha boys' industrial has closed for want of funds. It is too bad.
 Ice cream and cake served by the Earnest Workers at the table of the Christian church tomorrow.
 An amateur dramatic club was organized with A. T. Large, president; C. B. McLaughlin, secretary; J. S. Shropshire, secretary, and Mr. Wilcox as instructor. Physicians were called from this city to attend the bedside of T. Dalton, six miles west of here, who was badly burned in a prairie fire yesterday.
 Grand military opening at the Boston store Thursday, day and evening.
 The beautiful weather brings out the bootblacks in full force.
 The grading of the Farnam street hill will cut off the supply of gas in that vicinity for a while.

Twenty Years Ago—
 Henry S. Grove of Pueblo, vice president of the Colorado Coal and Iron company, in the city enroute to Washington, expressed a favorable opinion of Omaha as a location of a smelter to reduce refractory ores.
 The Gentlemen's Roadster club at the Millard, was presided over by Dick Smith, D. T. Mount, H. K. Burket and H. F. Terry had been appointed a committee to secure grounds for speeding homes, and Mr. Burket reported that thus far no grounds had been obtained. These new members were received: Frank Gould, C. L. Chaffee, Major T. S. Clarkson, Dr. McManigle, Ed Burt, C. Morrell, Bert Wilkins, Thomas Swobe, James McGavock. Resolutions on the death of J. P. Boyd were adopted.
 Rev. W. J. Harsha, pastor of the First Presbyterian church for fifteen years, announced his acceptance of the pastorate of a Dutch Reformed church in New York City.
 Meyer Hellman, one of the pioneer merchants of Omaha, passed away after an illness of three weeks. When death came his wife, and children, Blanche, Mabel, Selma, Lillian, Clarence and Grace, were at his bedside. Mr. Hellman had come to Omaha in 1864.
 County Clerk Sackett, issued a set of instructions to his deputies, or assessors, calculated to enable them to get at everything assessable.

Ten Years Ago—
 Sheriff John Power made a fast drive to Florence which, he thought, prevented a lynching. The man who had the narrow escape returned with the sheriff. It was a case of attempted criminal assault.
 Mrs. Carrie Nation left Omaha for North Bend after twenty-four strenuous hours in which she broke nothing but her own record for talking, hitting the high spots about town and lecturing those offending the particular laws she most admired. She visited Micky Muller's place and the orchestra, on seeing her, struck up on her favorite air, "The Last Rose of Summer." This happy thought of the musicians may have saved the day for Micky, as he did not have a glass, mirrors or window smashed.
 William Sanford Robinson, 27 years of age, died of pneumonia.
 It was announced that Frank Golch, the Humboldt, Ia., wrestler, who handled Frank Coleman in good shape at the Trocadero a week before, had finally got a match with Tom Jenkins of Cleveland, the champion catch-as-catch-can wrestler of the world, sometime in April at Chicago.
 General Manager W. A. Smith of the street railway company gave out that if the company could get into it in time it would build its line to Florence so the people of that suburb might ride home to their next Thanksgiving dinners.
 "I still have hope that tariff on Cuban sugar will not be reduced," said H. G. Leavitt, who returned from Washington, where he had been for two months fighting the bill. He was president of the Leavitt Beet Sugar company of Leavitt, Neb.
 A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur W. Patrick.

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The Bee's Letter Box
Too Much Politics Already.
 OMAHA, March 28.—To the Editor of The Bee: There is no doubt that we have entirely too much politics in this country. Here we are having federal, state and county elections in the fall, city elections in the spring and primaries between times.
 The country is being kept in such a turmoil and the truth is so intermingled with misrepresentation that a large part of the voters do not know what it is all about anyway, and the main trouble is that an increasing percentage are getting so they don't care what it is all about.
 The initiative and referendum is all O. K. as we have it in Nebraska, but to now add to this crazy recall business will simply make the whole thing ridiculous.
 If we keep on for the next dozen years with as much politics as we have had the last few years I fear for the future safety of our country.
 There is grave danger of the people of this country becoming so unsettled in any general policy that the restlessness of the republics to the south of us be repeated here.
 It is time to take stock and see where we are drifting. D. CLEM DEAEVER.

The City Ugly.
 OMAHA, March 28.—To the Editor of The Bee: I would like to know why the city has to furnish men to remove the cards that have been tacked on telephone and telegraph poles throughout the city? Have the companies no men in their employ that the city must clean up their property for them? Wouldn't it be better for the city to employ its policeman in enforcing the ordinance that are intended to prevent such disfiguration of private property?
 And, while we are willing to admit that the tacking of cards and the like on poles and fences makes the city unsightly, is this any worse than some of the other nuisances in the "advertising" way that we patiently endure? How about the bill boards? Have they ceased to be an obnoxious advertisement? And the signboards that block the streets with a shadow by day and an intermittent glare at night?
 If we are going to go in for a city beautiful, let us not strain at gnats and swallow camels.
 OLD FOGY.

Miller for Mayor of South Omaha.
 SOUTH OMAHA, March 27.—To the Editor of The Bee: It is to be hoped that the people of South Omaha regardless of party will rally to the support of August Miller for mayor next Tuesday. In him we will have a man who will stand up for the best in the affairs of our city.
 South Omaha is not so bad off that there is but one man for mayor. In the seventeen years I have lived in the city there are some men whose names have been on the ballots nearly every time there was an election and they have held office almost continuously for the last twenty years. It does good once in a while to make a change and we have the chance now. Some men get the idea that they are the only ones capable of holding office and if anybody wants an office outside of a certain few they are made the targets of those who hold office until they think they own them. It is time to get back to old principles and make the officeholders the servants and not the rulers of the people.
 Even the loudest fighters for the rights of the people are among the most persistent officeholders and seekers and names of prominent leaders in both political parties in the United States could be mentioned now. They simply profess to be making fights for the people to further their own ends and ambitions and they trample on these they profess to favor. There are just as capable men today not holding office as any who have been holding office for almost a generation and it is time for a change. Although I am a republican I always vote as I please. When I think a man on the democratic ticket will fill the bill better than the candidate on my own ticket, I vote for him. And I hope our good democratic friends will exercise their right to vote for whom they please next Tuesday and help elect August Miller as mayor and start a new era in our city affairs.
 F. A. AGNEW.

Woman's Education and Divorce.
 SPRINGFIELD, Mass., March 28.—To the Editor of The Bee: In an editorial, "Education and Divorce," you appear to accept as sufficient justification of the existence of a certain eastern school for girls the fact that not one of its graduates "has ever been a party to a divorce." A moribund Boston newspaper the other day published an editorial commendation of Mt. Holyoke college—it is possible that your reference was to the same school—because its statistics showed that 44.79 per cent of its graduates during seventy years had married, and that among them no divorces had ever occurred.
 I beg you to consider whether it is not possible that arguments like this tend to confuse further our ideas about the higher education, which, heaven knows, are already cloudy enough. Certainly, a girl does not go to college to enhance her opportunities of marriage; or, if she does, the question that seems pertinent is, why subject parents to the burden of maintaining her for four years at college when she could be maintained for less expense at home, and presumably, under the tutelage of a mother or duenna, be better equipped for the duties of married life.
 The truth is, of course, that a girl who goes to college without any intention of making a "career" should go simply and solely for the sake of pursuing, under the guidance of teachers, such intellectual and aesthetic pursuits as may go to the making of an education, or, at all events, its foundation. Now if some such ideal as I roughly sketch be the aim of the "higher education," how can its value and the efficiency of the colleges in imparting it, be measured by the figures of marriages and divorces?
 Personally, I am of the opinion that a large part of the so-called "higher education for women" does not justify itself because the colleges are looked upon merely as pleasant places for spending four years after high school or boarding school, and because the colleges themselves have no sane and searching conception of the end of all their activities. That this is largely true of the men's colleges I do not hesitate to admit; but it seems as though the tide was beginning to turn, and that in a few years higher standards would be required in those hives of scattered and unavailing industry.
 The word for the American colleges is not "Expand," but "Contract." It is important to democratic principles to insist upon a selection of the fit!
 REACTIONARY.

MARRIAGE O. K'D BY DOCTOR
 St. Louis Republic: Why should not the preachers who have agreed to demand certificates of health from people wishing to be married exact also a bond as to good morals and character? They do not seem to have thought of that.
 St. Paul Dispatch: Dean Sumner of the Episcopal cathedral in Chicago has made a ruling that no couples are to be married there unless they can present certificates of good health and character. Maybe the dean does not realize that at such times very few could qualify as being altogether in their right minds.
 Chicago Record-Herald: There is some danger that the action may be misunderstood at a distance, but here in Chicago there is no excuse for misconception. The cathedral is simply going to practice what it has preached so earnestly and so long. The integrity of the home is to be protected as far as possible, but without raising obscure and doubtful questions. No eugenic theory or fad is even remotely connected with the reform. The certificates required is merely to state that the applicants are normal physically and mentally and have neither an incurable nor communicable disease.

WHAT A MARRIED MAN THINKS
 Of course it seems quite natural that some married men should groan about the little tasks they have to do about the home.
 But I look upon the ways of life in a different light than this.
 When I think about the "joy of love" a batch is sure to miss.
 Why? "The greaser that is married, and has passed the forty mark," should be up and out a singing.
 At daybreak with the lark, cause he has a wife to live in.
 A small world all his own, he should be quite happy doing little tasks about his home.
 Think how many a sad old bachelor, by the firelight a murky glow, is trying to darn a pair of socks.
 He lonely and does not know how very pleasant life would be, if he'd only caught "some miss."
 He'd try his spuds in the morning, and wake him with a kiss.
 His shirts are always unlaundered, he never can find a comb, nor there's not the usual order of things, you'll find in a married man's home.
 Why he hasn't any wife, to come and tie his tie, or put her soft arms round his neck, and bid him a fond goodby.
 He hasn't any bouncing boy to roll upon the floor, to come home and play horse with when you are my age!
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Lines to a Laugh.
 "I see Jack has colored his hair black where it was turning. Why did he do such a foolish thing?"
 "Well, his girl asked him to do it, and of course, no man could refuse a loved one's dying request."—Baltimore American.
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