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Now, Mr. Weatherman, no April fooling.

High water usually means tall wheat and big corn.

If Nebraska town elections don't go wet this time, they never will.

Little things to think about—if Bryan is nominated, will G. M. support him?

If our grand jury will only keep up the good work, it may yet catch up on lost time.

Chairman Underwood succeeded again in pulling the wool bill over the house's eyes.

Congressman Pepper of Iowa should become one of the hot members of the house.

The official ballot for the city primary will soon go to press. Do you withdraw now.

Reports from educational quarters indicate that the southern mountaineers are still climbing.

Mrs. Hetty Green turns her back on little old New York, though, only after she has cashed it in.

The author of "Sweet Marie" is being sued for divorce. Probably insists on singing his own songs.

A Commercial club 1,500 strong ought to carry some weight when it goes after something for Omaha.

As Colonel Roosevelt's chairman, Senator Dixon evidently goes on the theory, claim everything and get what you can.

That Chicago university hat girl now wishes she had sued for \$200,000 instead of only half that amount. Mercy, Esther!

Out in California they are disputing as to who was the original "progressive." Could it have been one of the old Argonauts?

M. F. Harrington, Nebraska's most prolific letter writer—World-Herald.

No, never will we admit it while John O. Yeiser lives.

With the elephant as the joint symbol, a Philadelphia man has bet two-to-one that Taft and the Athletics will win again this year. Easy money one way, anyhow.

Colonel Roosevelt must have decided either that he has satisfied the people with his third-term explanations, or that the people cannot be satisfied on that point.

The miners, who have stopped work to negotiate peace, expect to be idle only a short time. Then why couldn't they have remained at work and done their negotiating at the same time?

In Wisconsin the republicans printed the names of Taft and La Follette on their primary ballots, of course allowing any one who wished to write in the names of other preferred candidates. Stop your giggling.

"Shall the people rule?" was Mr. Bryan's slogan. "Was," you understand, not "is." At the least, he has decided that the democrats of his own state shall not rule him in naming their choice for president—unless it happens to be his choice, also.

Governor Harmon declines to enter the Illinois primary on the ground that it is a snap proceeding. It wasn't intended for the democratic bunch anyway—it was snapped by and for republicans only and opened to the democrats merely to avoid charges of partisan discrimination.

Taft Takes Iowa.

It is now practically settled that President Taft will take a majority of the Iowa delegation to the Chicago convention, leaving Senator Cummins with only a few votes in support of his candidacy from his home state. This is a striking testimonial to the strength of President Taft with his party, for it is certain that Senator Cummins would never have announced himself unless fully persuaded that he would have the backing of an almost solid delegation from his own state of Iowa.

It should be remembered that Iowa in particular has been heralded as one of the prairie states, afire with insurgency, which would go to any republican rather than to Taft, and that it was originally counted on by Senator La Follette as part of the insurgent column behind him. When it became doubtful whether La Follette would win in Iowa as against Taft, Senator Cummins was projected with the expectation of making certain of withholding all the Iowa delegates from the Taft forces. Yet it transpires that Iowa republicans prefer the president, not only as against La Follette, but as against Cummins, their own popular senator, who could not convince any of his supporters of landing the nomination, and they were not ready to be party to any plan to nullify the influence of Iowa in the convention.

Now that the republicans of Iowa have spoken through their primaries and conventions, it would be the handsome thing for Senator Cummins to accept the verdict, and throw his influence to Taft.

The High Waters.

It is so easy to speak of breaking records that one hesitates, in referring to the present high waters, to go too far with superlatives. But this we know, that our Nebraska rivers are on what might prudently be called a rampage, and have wrought vast damage. At Waterloo, reports say, for instance, "the water fell fifteen inches, or exactly to the high water mark of 1881." Now, from that, of course, we decide that the water was very high back in 1881, but just how high one cannot tell without consulting the records. But it is thirty-one years back to 1881, and one may afford to go pretty far with his description of the terrible floods of that year.

When some of our commissioners offer to give up their present lucrative employments to serve the city for a pittance \$4,500 a year, the sacrifice on their part ought to be duly appreciated by the people.

The New York World cartoons Father Knickerbocker as hanging to a street car strap for forty-nine years, which ought to make him the last of the forty-niners."

Object Lessons Overdone.

Wall Street Journal.

Labor leader declares the public needs the object lesson of the big strike, which about all he knows of the public's needs.

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something baser than friendship, but in the everyday life of the ordinary individual the currents of acquaintanceship should be let loose to find their own channels.

And must a man seek his friends solely among those who think as he thinks and do as he does? Is that the best way for him to magnify and extend his influence? Why should we not be able to see in this great intermingling forest of humanity something worth while in most every man with whom we come in contact? Wouldn't this breathe broader vision for all and deeper inspirations? The sanctity of friendship, poetry and prose extol and we all know, not unduly. Then if friendship is this sacred relation we make it, why not spread it and increase it as far as we can? In getting a vision of life, why not get it from as many angles as is possible?

Good Men for Commissioner—II.

John J. Ryder.

Another good man, in our opinion, for councilman under Omaha's new commission plan of city government is John J. Ryder. The fact that Mr. Ryder has until recently been employed on The Bee may account for a bias in his favor, but it also has given exceptional opportunities to judge of his ability and reliability.

He has occupied positions of public trust—and always made a creditable record—in the legislature of Minnesota before coming to Nebraska, as labor commissioner under Governor Sheldon, and as present member of the board of directors of the Omaha Public Library. It is his newspaper experience, however, that has given him the point of view of the public on subjects which those charged with our city government will have to deal. He is a home owner and a taxpayer, and yet has had to work for wages for his living, and thus kept in close touch with the great majority of the community that rank as tollers. His endorsement by the Citizens' union, the only one on their list to be classed as a wage worker, is in recognition of his personal worth.

The district court is still wrestling with the so-called riot cases.

Dr. V. H. Coffman makes a report of a smallpox scare at Florence.

The annual meeting of the Omaha Law Library association selected these officers: President, Champion S. Chase; vice-president, R. E. B. Kennedy; treasurer, George Hunt; corresponding secretary, Joseph Clarkson; recording secretary, R. E. Gaylord; additional directors, E. Wakeley, George W. Doane, Howard B. Smith, Andrew Bevin, W. O. Bartholomew and A. Schwartzlander.

Twenty Years Ago.

All the members of the Omaha bell team had arrived except Vickery, Ivory, Sprague and Fitzgerald. Fielder Bob Gilks came in in the morning and was followed by Shortstop Frank Sheivek, and later by Catcher Hayes, Fielder Kelly and Third Baseman Callipy, who came in from Boston.

Bruce McCulloch of the South Omaha Stockmen went to Cheyenne to attend the Wyoming Cattle Growers' convention.

G. W. Huber of Rapid City, brother-in-law of Dr. S. D. Mercer, came to visit the latter at Fortieth and Cuming streets.

Henry C. Stuart of San Salvador was a guest at the home of Dr. S. D. Mercer.

He was a young man who had acquired great wealth on the southern continent.

Rev. Frank W. Foster preached at Immanuel Baptist church on "The Unjust Steward."

The body of Dr. Henry Rau was laid at rest in Pleasant Hill cemetery. Funeral services were held at the home, 208 Harrison street. The pallbearers were S. Blath, H. Heller, I. Oberfelder, B. Newman, Eli Garrett and H. E. Meyers. At the grave services were conducted by members of the Union Pacific Lodge No. 17, Ancient Order of United Workmen.

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