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Vote today... Polls open from 8 a. m. till 9 p. m. Here, where did you lay that fly swatter?

The "houses" won in Maine, but then they were good houses. Go to the polls if only to satisfy your curiosity about that eight-foot ballot.

The greatest thing about the Chicago Cubs is that they used to be so great. Did you ever notice how much scarier cigars are right after the polls close?

The headline "Taft to Fight Roosevelt with His Own Weapons," is surely false. Our idea of a cinch is the job of president of China—ten years' term and no recall or re-election.

It is coming the time of year when the auto must give up the right-of-way for a while to the moving van. Mr. Bryan presents his compliments to Senator Hitchcock, which the latter promptly returns. Let the merry war go on.

In Ohio Mr. Bryan is campaigning for Woodrow Wilson, but in Nebraska he is sitting on the fence for anyone but Harmon. The man who yells loudest about "the interests" too often has a private interest of his own he is trying to subvert under cover.

The colossal says that harvest trust money is not paying for his special train, but he does not tell us whose money is paying for it. The ordinary Mexicans may not understand English, but from the way that ultimatum was received, somebody down there does.

It was a good thing we did not need our troops in Mexico, while those Cook county democrats were holding their convention in Chicago. The esteemed Outlook has displayed commendable enterprise in not being scooped on a single speech delivered this season by the contributing editor in his third-term fight.

Do not say one-half the world neither knows nor cares about the other half, when wealthy women in New York hand themselves together to receive and provide for the helpless Titanic survivors—many of them impoverished—when the rescue ship is landed. The last time Colonel Roosevelt talked in Omaha he pronounced an unconditional endorsement for Senator Elmer J. Burkett as one of the men on whom he relied when he was president. This time he is silent so far as advising us whom to send to the senate.

Omaha is in many respects an unalterably wicked town, but the Lord will remember it kindly for the generous consideration it always extends to good old Jim Dahman, democrat, Texan and gentleman—Houston Post. Jim has another hurdle to hop in this race, so, perhaps, final felicitations may well be postponed. Make the opening ball game today a high water mark for the season in the way of attendance. In addition to being the national game and the greatest of sports, clean and captivating, base ball is a great big commercial institution. Every community needs it and every community that has it owes it support. Omaha promises a team this year worthy of support.

Our Most Important Primary.

The primary which is in progress today throughout Nebraska is the most important primary ever held in this state. It will not only determine to whom the support of Nebraska's delegation shall go in the great national nominating convention, but is also fraught with deep significance as to the future of the commonwealth.

Five amendments to the state constitution are to run the first gauntlet of popular approval, and if eventually adopted will greatly alter our fundamental law. They aim to establish the initiative and referendum, to abolish half of our state elections, to put the state institutions under a Board of Control, to give a measure of home rule to our municipalities and to increase the pay of our legislators.

In this same primary all political parties will indicate a preference for United States senator, between whom the voters will decide in November. They will nominate candidates for governor, and all the executive state offices. They will nominate candidates for congress. They will nominate complete legislative tickets. They will nominate candidates for county attorney, assessor and commissioner, and here in Omaha for School board and Water board.

More places are to be filled, and the ballot is longer than ever before in a primary election. It is a severe test on the voter, and the efficiency of our election machinery, and returns will teach many lessons.

Lack of Lifeboats.

The Titanic, it develops, had barely enough lifeboats aboard to satisfy the London Board of Trade's outside requirement for a vessel of 10,000 tons. No schedule of requirements is made for a vessel larger than that, in which the ill-fated ship belonged. But in short, there were not half enough lifeboats, yet the mammoth liner could well have accommodated a sufficient number. But the vice president of the White Star Line company and the captain of the Titanic regarded the ship as "unsinkable." They were both on record as saying so. This appalling disaster, therefore, which like all such human catastrophes, teaches humility, ought to set at rest all further cavil about how many lifeboats a huge ocean liner should carry and set the number not a boat under what it would take to save the lives of all the passengers.

Had there been sufficient lifeboats—woolen, steel, collapsible, cutters or whatnot—there was evidently ample time to save every human being aboard that vessel, for four hours elapsed between the time it collided with the concealed iceberg and its fatal plunge into the unfathomable abyss with its 1,300 precious lives. Four hours was enough time to let all the people out in the rescue boats and get them far beyond the zone of danger from the suction when the Titanic went down. So long as we now see from the fate of this peerless ship, that no seafaring vessel thus far conceived by the mind of man is unsinkable, we shall have to depend upon the best means of protection against the dangers of the water. Congressmen have begun already to introduce bills on the subject. It is high time. The element of "human infallibility" is present on sea and land, it appears, for notice of the submerged iceberg seems to have been sent to all big steamship headquarters and officers. The law, therefore, has a work to do.

No Action on Economy Plan.

Thus far congress has done nothing with the president's plan of economy and efficiency recommended in a recent message by which \$11,000,000 at least might be saved to the government every year. Yet, of course, while this message lies unanswered on the desks of members they will continue to prate oratorically about economy. But all that is in the abstract. With concrete plans, such as the president has mapped out, the majority has little to do. Concrete economy is not near as easy to talk about as the abstract. President Taft showed in this message just exactly where improvements were needed in the clerical conduct of the government, precisely where and how much money might be saved, while at the same time raising the standard of efficiency in the departments. Clerks and bureaus were overlapping each other, systems being duplicated. He named the very securities to be cut out. He had already done the biggest share of the work before laying the plans before the tired and weary congressmen, but they seem indisposed to complete the job.

Practically speaking, this is a democratic congress, at least the democrats desire to regard it so when claiming credit for what they assume has been accomplished. Very well. We are very much mistaken if the people of the country are going to be deceived by campaign orators into believing that the democratic majority has been true to the faith and is entitled to rewards. Thus far—and the session is long spent—its only distinction is its do-nothing policy. What about Alaska? What about the Panama? What about real tariff revision? What about any of the really big problems that demanded attention at this session? Chairman Underwood, as the major-

ity leader in the house, has exerted his whole power to prevent action and play to the political galleries.

The Matter of Patronage.

President Taft has reappointed the collector of customs at Salem, Mass., who is a rampant Roosevelt worker, doing all he can for the colonel and, therefore, against the president. Some of the collector's friends had assumed, as his term of office drew near, that because of his radical Roosevelt proclivities, President Taft would decline to reappoint him, but the president, it appears, had taken no pains to ascertain what the man's presidential preferences were. He was concerned only with knowing the collector's fitness for the office, and how well he had conducted it. That determined, it made no difference to the big man in the White House whether the collector admired him or Roosevelt the more.

And yet even Colonel Roosevelt, himself, goes over the country declaring that President Taft is deliberately using the patronage club, originally known as the "big stick," to further his campaign, and all the Roosevelt claqueurs echo the misstatement of fact. President Taft says: "The truth is, there has never been a time with which I am familiar in the history of politics in this country when the political support of the federal officeholders, such as it is, has been so divided and at no time has the federal patronage exercised less influence in the national convention than it will in the one to be held in Chicago."

But that truth, so clearly stated, probably will not even affect the president's detractors in their systematic scheme of misrepresentation. So long as they can get a hearing they will continue to scatter their false charges. The two biggest liners afloat, the Titanic and Olympic, are to pass each other today but not too closely, it may be hoped; the new doctrine of "suction" has made skippers a bit nervous.—Springfield Republican. No wonder Ambassador Bryce never made much of a hit with certain distinguished citizens. It was Bryce who wrote a chapter on "Why Great Men Are Not Chosen Presidents."

Where Conservation Lags.

It has been estimated that we spend \$25,000,000 a year for funerals in this country. If the Conservation congress can devise any means of eliminating funerals, the movement should secure strong backing. Cause and Effect. New York World. New England mill owners who are wondering that discontent should increase while wages are rising overlook the fact that the effect of forcing a strike is price increasing the wage is a plain incitement to further strikes.

Coming Shower of Pathos.

Indianapolis News. Meantime, the express companies will have a great deal to say about that price to revise their rates downward, and w. of course, be easily able to show that they can not undergo such a reduction and still maintain the American standard of living. Kindest Thing to Learn. Indianapolis News. It may be taken for granted, however, that the gentlemen from Arizona and New Mexico will be able readily to accommodate themselves to the luxury of the senate's club-like facilities. That's one of the easiest things that a new senator does.

Arranging a Walkway.

Cleveland Plain Dealer. One General Plaza has been elected president of Keaukua. It will be remembered that a number of prominent presidential candidates were hanged, shot or burned at the stake some months ago, so that the general may be supposed to have had somewhat of a walkway.

Is It Worth the Price?

Indianapolis News. It is estimated that the primaries held Tuesday in Illinois will cost Cook county alone about \$200,000. This is expended largely, as it is alleged by both sides, to guard against fraud. Seeing that the large part of the money goes to alleged watchers and supernumeraries, the question rises whether there could not be some better means devised for the ascertainment of the popular will. A fund of \$500,000 turned loose in a preliminary party skirmish is not stimulative of good government.

Pain of a Loving Cause.

Springfield Republican. It is mighty odd that all the lying and fraud should be confined to the supporters of President Taft. It is fortunate that an alternative explanatory thought will occur to sensible people. This is that the supporters of the president are conducting the more decent and rational campaign. They are not intruding upon an existing monopoly in the flinging about of ugly charges. It is mighty easy in a losing case to abuse the court, but as in this instance the court is composed of the people, it may not be a very profitable undertaking.

HEROISM OF THE FLOOD.

Highest Type Exemplified by Wives and Mothers. St. Louis Republic. Many a splendid deed of heroism is being enacted in the lowlands of the Mississippi during these days of flood which will go unrecorded and unang. We do not refer solely to those self-forgetful moments of decision requiring quickness of choice and action and involving visible defiance of danger and death. The hardest lot is not that of the husband who turns ferretman to save his family or the boatman who risks his life in the rushing flood that those who are reminded may be helped to safety. The wife and mother, forced to wait with children and a feeble old people and bolster up their courage in face of advancing waters, may owe more to the husband or father who resource except the strength of her own resource heart and faith in the God that notes the sorrowful fall, is the incarnation of the highest type of heroism known in a weak and imperfect world.

Looking Backward This Day in Omaha

Compiled from Bee Files April 19. Thirty Years Ago—Senator Van Wyck is spending a few days in Omaha, and was serenaded at the Withnell house by the members of the Omaha Protective union headed by the Irish-American band. The senator, when introduced by Edward Rosewater, responded with a characteristic talk. Hugh Riddle, president of the Rock Island, accompanied by his family, was in Omaha and held a consultation with General Manager Kimball of the Union Pacific, going east in the afternoon.

Ex-Mayor Wilbur has been appointed quartermaster of the Union Pacific, near Carter station on the Union Pacific, and has gone west to assume his duties. Hon. J. B. Philbrick, for twenty years superintendent of Boston schools, spent the day with Superintendent Lane, inspecting our public schools. A young anti-Slocum young man has arrived at the residence of Mr. Ed. White. The newcomer is as fat as his father, and weighed eleven and a half pounds. Remnant faces all styles from two to five years, at 19c a piece at Anders' Bazaar, 1088 Farnam street.

A house belonging to W. B. Shriver, standing near Ninth and Dodge, has been stolen, and complaints filed against eight persons charged with having torn it down and carrying off the lumber. Twenty Years Ago—Mayor George P. Bemis vetoed a council resolution voting \$25 to defray the expenses of a reception to the visiting Methodist conference. The mayor enclosed his personal check for \$5 toward the expenses, suggesting that councilmen raise the balance from their pockets, but he thought the resolution having the city appropriate the money was illegal.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Schmidt lost an infant son, George Edwards Schmidt. Suit was filed in the federal court involving the title to \$1,500,000 worth of Omaha real estate owned by Phoebe Rebecca Elizabeth Elvina Linton and her husband, Adolphus Edward Linton, of Brighton, England. The defendants were W. Greenwell & Co. and John Whitaker Cooper, James Craig and Ernest Tozer Jensen, and suit was brought to set aside deeds and mortgages on the ground of fraud.

General Secretary E. F. Hodgin of the Nebraska State Business Men's Association, sent out a specially prepared notice to boom the coming convention over the state and get a good crowd to come to Omaha and boost for Nebraska. Policeman Sigwart discovered a mail box at Nineteenth and Grace streets from which mail had been stolen.

The members of the county board adopted a resolution requesting A. J. Poppleton and John D. Howe to assist County Attorney Mahoney in drafting a proposition to be submitted to the voters for a \$200,000 subsidy to the Nebraska Central Railway company. Ten Years Ago—Klopp & Bartlett, printers and lithographers, 314 Farnam street, bought from Edgar M. Morsman the old Republican building at Tenth and Douglas streets, which they propose fitting up for their place of business, occupying it entirely, basement and three stories. It was the property of the New Hampshire Insurance company.

Nearly 300 Presbyterians participated in the annual banquet of the First Presbyterian church. Rev. E. H. Jenks, pastor, spoke on "Our Progress." Dr. D. E. Jenkins of the seminary spoke on "Our Educational Institutions." Other speakers were William McCormack, Howard Keimley Jr., Rev. Dr. Stine of Lincoln, Mrs. F. L. Parris and John C. Wharton. Captain Iler of the police force was 24 years of age, and his anniversary was celebrated by friends, who sent him loads of cigars—almost enough to do for thirty-eight other years.

Frank T. Nagel, 77, who had resided in Omaha for twenty years, died at the home of Paul Gettemann of old age. He left a wife and three children, Mrs. Gettemann, Mrs. Mary Bohmann and Charles Nagel. He was a native of Switzerland, Austria. Little George Arthur Straight, 6-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry G. Straight, died at the home.

People Talked About

A Chicago grocer, resenting competition in the holdup business, flayed and routed three amateurs who reached for his till. Cheer up! Symptoms of progression manifest itself in courts here and there. A Yankee (N. Y.) Judge rules that a woodpecker has the undeniable right to peck for grub and pleasure at 4 a. m. or later, no matter how much his zeal for an early breakfast disturbs the slumbers of plain people or plutes.

HOW EDITORS SEE THINGS.

Houston Post: Prof. Wilson is making rapid strides in acquiring the arts of the politician, considering what a novice he is. He is denouncing those who oppose him as liars and corruptors. New York Post: Republican mathematicians are now justified in figuring they have added delegate for Champ Clark increases by so much the possibility that President Taft may be elected. Pittsburgh Dispatch: Governor Marshall of Indiana says that the term "progressive" applied to the republicans means only progress to the presidency. And some people are mean enough to say that that progress is like the crab's backward.

St. Louis City Journal: Taft's Iowa bandwagon is already overcrowded. It was built to accommodate 75 delegates, and already 75 are crowded into it. Room could be made for a few more with further crowding, but it would be done mainly as a favor to the late comers. If they do not care to get close to the music, it will be all right with those who are now occupying congested quarters in the glittering vehicle. Philadelphia Ledger: Governor Hooper of Tennessee made a good selection in naming News Sanders to succeed the late Senator Taylor. Mr. Sanders is a high-minded upright man, a successful manufacturer, who came south from Indiana a poor boy and, by industry, integrity and capacity, built up a successful industrial institution. He is a typical ideal of his party. He is the first real republican senator from a Confederate state since reconstruction days, and will honor his state, his party and his sponsor by conscientious, faithful public service.

The Bees Letter Box

Why Not Taft? FREMONT, Neb., April 12.—To the Editor of The Bee: A new leaf in the history of civilization, Mr. Editor, is gradually being turned over today. Turn where we will over lands and seas political progress is everywhere noticeable. The voice of labor, the call of the professions outside the ranks of war and the weather-beaten planks of political demagogues, and the enlightened judgment of the best rulers now holding forth at the helms of the most powerful nations on earth, mark the inception of a crusade interested in the cause of universal peace. At the head of this world-wide movement stands the dauntless, unweary and hopeful champion of the United States, our own President Taft.

Why are we not at war with Mexico? Why are we not at war with the "right new"? Because the commander-in-chief of the United States army and navy represents the highest national integrity and stands for the national honor—respected at this moment as it has rarely been before. Our religious and moral instructors owe it to themselves and to those whom they instruct, to stand by the president in his effort to advance the cause of humanity by every honorable means at his command.

President Taft knows no "good" and "bad" trusts, and his record in prosecuting offenders against the Sherman anti-trust law is unapproached by that of any other occupant of the White House. He is not seeking a "third term" in defiance of one of the most cherished traditions of our country—a tradition in any other country that would be regarded more binding than a written statute—and respected from the days of Washington to the time of the great McKinley; no, he is simply a candidate for a second term! G. M.

Bachelor Love. OMAHA, April 12.—To the Editor of The Bee: I am a daily reader of your most worthy paper for the last ten years. Of late I notice a number of complaints and also so-called encouragement to bachelor men and women. To the one that wants to know if bachelors know what true love is I will say, yes, they do know. I as an individual do not conceive of any true love before marriage.

Marriage should be determined from a business standpoint first, not necessarily love. Yet if it is determined that they are suited as ideal man and woman, they also would be ideal husband and wife. Then and only then would true love come into effect. Love before marriage is only a mild case of insanity. It vanishes with the wedding day. Love after marriage never vanishes. This is the only true love I can conceive of. I am a bachelor and am glad of it. I have my reasons, as you see. HERMAN RICK.

Out in the Open. OMAHA, April 12.—To the Editor of The Bee: The attempt of a certain Jens Nielsen in his article published in The Bee, dated April 10, to make nil an article which was published in The Bee dated April 10 and signed "H. T. A. A. Dams," was futile.

The article last mentioned did not mention the Danish Brotherhood at all, nor did it mention any particular Danish society. It is said "a guilty conscience needs no accuser," so it is not surprising that Mr. Nielsen himself should name certain societies.

Said article was in no wise meant as a knock at any society, nor at the Dames as a whole. I believe its context will prove this fact to a fair-minded reader. It did call attention to the fact that, for the good of Omaha, the Danish voters should be fully decided before giving Mayor Dahman undivided support for city commissioner.

Does the fact that "Mayor Dahman has asked only as the Danish organization have requested him to act" prove that such organizations have always asked clean and lawful privileges? Are the Danish people the mayor's dictators, or is the law his better guide? A. F. HANSEN.

Expert Explanation. SEWARD, Neb., April 12.—To the Editor of The Bee: Bacteriology, of whom there are very few, often read items like the one of today concerning the "Humboldt woman being the victim of ptomaine poisoning from eating English walnuts," which should be commented on or explained, as some of the laity, and very few physicians, know what this poisoning really is. We have many sudden deaths all diseases and many sudden deaths are caused by bacteria, but the masses are not aware that bacteria are a genus of unicellular vegetable life, or micro-organisms, which come under the head of Fission fungus. While nearly all bacteria are harmless, and in fact many aid materially in supporting animal life, yet a few produce diseases and often death, by creating an exudate (toxines or poisons), that have a destructive action on their host. The ptomaine poisoning which is so fatal, is caused by taking into the stomach a kind of pathogenic bacteria, which is developed only in flesh at a certain stage of decomposition, and the bacteria elaborate or creates a cadaveric alkaloid, that changes its host so quickly into a ptomaine (Greek for corpse), whence they derive their names—ptomaines.

Hence it is evident that ptomaine poisoning cannot come from walnut meats, nor from canned tomatoes, however much the can may be rusted. J. F. POTTER, M. D.

Nebraska Prisoners. OMAHA, April 12.—To the Editor of The Bee: I wish to call the public's attention to the conditions of the county prison of Douglas county, and if the state prison is conducted on the same principle, you cannot wonder that the same murders which occur in the state prison are prevalent here. Having been a law abiding citizen in my life and never having to come in contact with the criminal element I will admit that I am ignorant of the treatment that should be accorded to criminals, but I do know the treatment which should be accorded to inoffensive citizens. I had the experience Sunday, to find out something of the conditions of the prison that we, as taxpayers, support. I do not believe that the sheriff or any other official would condone the treatment I received at the hands of his deputies.

Some of my friends happened to be so indisposed as to stop at a place they believed to have been a restaurant to get supper. While there the place was raided and the inmates were taken to the county prison. I was informed of the fact early in the morning. I went down and gave cash bail to the amount of \$25.00 and inquired as to the bond of another friend and was informed that the bond

GRINS AND GROANS.

Hinks—What yere in the Bible best describes the college student? Jenks—"They toll not, neither do they spin, yet Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these."—"Judge."

"You women claim to be able to run business and public affairs in a satisfactory manner." "No," replied Mrs. Baring-Barners, "all I say is that men have proved that they can't."—Washington Star.

"You have taken your son into business with you?" "Yes," replied Mr. Groweber, "but you seem to work harder than ever." "I have to. I have an ambition to know as much about this business as he thinks he does."—Chicago Record.

"I went out to speak to your cook while she was making up her bread, and she was so plim and silent that I felt compelled to leave. I thought she was so scoldish." "So she is as a rule, but unlike the majority, she does not care to have any one around in her hour of need."—Baltimore American.

THE OLD GAME.

You may play by land, you may play by sea. You may brave the tempest's breath. You may play for life with an open knife. You may rattle the dice with death. You may game for love, or game for hate. Nor the merriest game that's played. Will you understand 'ill you take a hand in the game of a man and maid.

You may stake your all on a single cast. You may laugh at loss; good luck! You may strip your purse, nor feel the worse. When you know that it won't come back. But if ever you play for gain or sport. At the oldest game that's played. Do well your part or lose your heart in the game of a man and maid.

For when lad and lass be last and lad. And youthful blood runs red. When the downcast eye tells presently. Of heart run away with head. Oh, it's then that pulse throbs quick and fast. And the wary game is played. While the betting jumps—for hearts are trumps. In the game of a man and maid. New Athens, O. F. L. WILSON.

Whoops for Uncle Jud. Houston Post. We desire to say in behalf of the flag-bearers of an invincible and indestructible democracy that they greatly appreciate the fact that there have been so few venomous mouths to spew out slanders upon the name and fame of Uncle Judson Harmon.

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