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Why a Presidential Primary?
 Why a presidential primary if it does not accomplish what it purports to do? Here in Nebraska Mr. Bryan announced in advance that if he, himself, were elected a delegate, and Governor Harmon was the high man for president, he would refuse to accept the nomination, but would resign and go to Baltimore in his individual capacity to fight against the people's choice. By the signal victory scored by Champ Clark Mr. Bryan has been released of this alternative. Presumably, then, as a delegate so instructed, Mr. Bryan should be an out-and-out Clark man, or at least willing to say that his first choice is Clark. It is amazing to find, however, reprinted with approval in the Commoner, this interview taken from the Baltimore Sun: "Who is your choice for the nomination?" Mr. Bryan was asked. "He smiled and gave the answer he has given many times before: "I will not announce my preference now." "Will you not announce your preference now?" "No," he replied; "I have no choice now, except that I hope to see a progressive nominated." "But, Mr. Bryan," he was told, "the Clark victory in Nebraska and the Wilson victory in Oregon have both been ascribed to your influence. Have you not taken any position in the matter at all?" "No," he said, "I have not. I have carefully avoided taking any position, especially in Nebraska, where I have continually reiterated my refusal to take sides. The only place in which I tried to exert any influence was in my own precinct in Lincoln. I was afraid a one-sided vote there as between Wilson and Clark might be taken as an indication that I was either for the man who led or that I had no influence among my neighbors. So I asked the workers there to try to get the vote as nearly even as possible and suggested that the democratic voters among themselves vote half and half." "Two voters were nearer to me than the others and I advised them to pair off, one to vote for Clark and the other for Wilson. I was glad to find the vote in the precinct almost a tie—Clark got 19 and Wilson 16. So I am proud of my precinct. I must say that I would a little rather have had the vote 15 to 17, and wouldn't have cared which had it." "Mr. Bryan has made his slogan, 'Let the people rule' (provided they rule according to his directions), and has gone so far as to say that a platform is as binding for what it omits as for what it contains. But if this is all the effect a presidential primary has upon Mr. Bryan in his representative capacity as a delegate, what influence should such a preference vote have on ordinary people?"

Contract Convict Labor.
 For many years every attempt at national legislation to control convict labor has met with defeat. It has been opposed by formidable selfish interests, and now that the Booher bill, which, if enacted into law, would practically do away with this system in the penitentiaries, has passed one house, it, too, may expect to meet with this same opposition, but the prospect is fair for its enactment.
 The Outlook, in discussing this question, contends that contract convict labor in state prisons is really worse in a way than ordinary slavery; that the contractor, who buys the time of the prisoner at a stipulated figure and gets out of him all the work he can, becomes his master just as much as the slave owner is of the serf, but the slave owner, having money tied up in his investment, is careful of the physical welfare of his chattel, while the contractor is not.
 This point certainly demands consideration, as does also the point that free labor outside the penitentiary is forced into competition with the prison labor. Still another is the unsanitary conditions too often prevailing in prison labor quarters. The Outlook effectually replies to an argument regularly advanced in favor of the prison system, that it teaches convicts trades they may use after they leave prison, by insisting that the trades followed in the prison are seldom worth anything to the free man. A federal law stopping interstate trade in goods made by contract convict labor would unquestionably end these evils, although it would leave other evils equally requiring attention.

Same Old Crop Killers.
 The Oldest Inhabitant probably would have to stretch his memory to recall a spring when the wheat crop was not killed, that is, by the premature predations. This spring has been no exception in that regard. Some two weeks ago reports were sent broadcast that wheat in Nebraska and other big wheat states was away below par and in places so worthless that the ground was being plowed up for other cereals.
 Promptly the wheat market got the crowds. Prices began to soar. They threatened to outdo corn, which for months previous had been sent to an absurd ascent by the fictitious conditions which it lay in the power of the bulls to create. Then the rains came, as rains usually do at this time of year, and the ground began to get greener and the prices trembled, then fell.
 In parts of Nebraska, Kansas and other wheat states, more reliable reports say, an enormous crop of wheat will be harvested this year, and all over the wheat belt the crop is likely, barring adverse conditions from now, to be very fair. The crop killers, like the poor, we have always with us, and they are usually doing the bidding of the speculator. If, indeed, they

are not the speculator himself. No need to become too exuberant over the prospects of a bumper wheat crop, but those who have made investigations for the legitimate purpose of finding out what the situation is, are entitled to some credence and they say prospects are promising.

Good Men for Commissioner.
 Another candidate for commissioner in the primaries whom The Bee is pleased to commend again for the election is Albert C. Kugel, representing the Tenth ward in the present city council. We need hardly add to what we said before in these words:
 Mr. Kugel is one of the highest type of the mechanic, a class that constitutes such a substantial part of our community. By trade a plumber, now conducting a plumbing business of his own, he has the good will and confidence of both fellow laborers and employers. As plumbing inspector, and later as councilman, he has made a creditable record. He has been constantly accessible to his constituents, responsive to their demands, indefatigable in attending to the public business entrusted to him, and as commissioner could be counted on to apply the same intelligent, common sense and industry in the performance of his duties.
 Mr. Kugel demonstrated his popularity, and the high esteem in which he is held, by the handsome vote accorded him in the preliminary race, which is sure to be repeated in increased size and decisiveness in the election.

British and American Inquiries.
 Apparently the relative temperaments of the Briton and American are fairly reflected in the respective conduct toward the Titanic investigation. A senatorial committee was at the docks in New York to meet the owner and remaining crew of the ship with an official inquiry, which has been pushed with vigorous indifference to any prearranged plans of query. In London, nearly three weeks after the disaster, the British announce their readiness to enter upon an investigation, but they will pursue a regular court procedure with the questions, character and number mapped out beforehand.
 Yet, as a matter of fact, the Britons could hardly have got to work any sooner, since they have not had the men at their disposal for witnesses. But the comparison is quite striking, typical of the way the two people do things. We do not know but that in this case methods, at least, of our cousins are more impressive than our own, and yet no criticism is to be made of the Americans for prompt and vigorous grasping of this situation. We had no time to lose, Owner Ismay had announced his intention of sailing for London on the same day of his arrival in New York, and other shipmen desired to make a hasty departure. Whatever was done must be done without delay. Our American senators were alert to the necessity of the case, whether the British would have been or not.
 But the important thing is that London should co-operate, as it seems anxious to do, with the United States in getting at the facts that need to be brought out of this distressing situation. London has elected to follow much the same line of inquiry as that laid down in Washington. With both sides of the sea pressing for the right action to forestall another such tragedy all minor differences may well be waived.

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 Joseph S. Eyles was buried in Forest Lawn cemetery. Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. C. W. Navegale at the undertaking parlors of Bralley & Dorrance.
 The body of a man found floating in the Missouri river proved to be that of Henry Tenken, who had disappeared a few days before from his home at West Point.
 C. C. Joy of Alliance and A. M. Modest of Rushville, big cattlemen in the state, who with Bartlett Richards of Ellsworth, C. F. Coffey and E. C. Harris of Chadron, William Fardon of Brownlee and Dan Hill of Gordon, had just returned from Washington, where they went to urge the passage of the land-leasing bill, expressed little hope of success. They were discouraged by their interview with Secretary Hitchcock of the interior, who, though receiving them courteously, gave them no promise.
 Captain Thomas Swobe, United States army, and Mrs. Swobe arrived at the Iler Grand, where they intended to reside until the captain received his new appointment. Their son, Dwight M. Swobe, traveling passenger agent for the Union Pacific, arrived from Chicago to spend the day with them. Captain and Mrs. Swobe had been in the Philippines.
 Actor John Drew was at the Iler Grand, having come to present his new play, "The Second in Command," at the Boyd.
 President Dowling of Creighton university addressed the graduates of Creighton medical college on "The Necessity for Earnestness in Religious Matters."

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In Other Lands
 Some Side Lights on What is Transpiring Among the Near and Far Nations of the Earth.

A Spectacular Finish.
 In all the annals of crime there is no climax with modern trimmings as sensational and picturesque as the finish of the motor car bandits in Paris, this week. In many respects the battle was similar to that fought in the Houndsditch section of London on January 3, 1911, which lasted nine hours, occupied the attention of 1,300 armed policemen, two detachments of soldiers, some artillery, a fire brigade and thousands of spectators. Destruction of the beleaguered building by fire ended the battle in London. Dynamite did the business in Paris. But what the Paris affair lacked in duration was offset by a succession of brief thrills, pictured in all their shadings by batteries of cameras and moving picture machines. Jules Bonnot, leader of the gang with ten murders and scores of robberies to his credit, took refuge in a garage, from which a hail of bullets fired by a cordon of policemen and republican guards failed to dislodge him. The manner in which the climax was reached and its photographic reproduction elevates the event above the common and gives it distinction never before attained. Two attempts to dynamite the building failed. Each one was a thriller, but the third, which was successful, exceeded the thrills of all that had gone before. A police lieutenant carrying five pounds of explosive, crawled up to the building behind a load of hay, planted the deadly package and lit the fuse. One may well believe the "suspense was agonizing," as the account states. There was breathless silence, "broken only by the click of the cinematograph as it took in the scene, tracing the thin, curling smoke of the fuse blown hither and thither by the breeze." A flash, a puff, a loud report, and the building was wrecked. Many a desperado in the old and new world have been shot to death under conditions equally spectacular. One of the James boys, Black Bart, Sontag, Pale Wolfe, the Big Springs train robber, and the Benders, abundant of effectively before smaller audiences. The Nebraska convicts chased to death on a Sarpy county road six weeks ago, produced a spectacle less heroic, but equally thrilling. None had the advantage of batteries of cameras and moving picture machines to immortalize the spectacle and furnish red headlines for nickelodeons for years to come. The late Monsieur Bonnot is in a class by himself.

Home Rule and After.
 Home rule for Ireland is moving through the second stage of discussion in the British Commons, which will probably occupy a week, after which the bill goes into committee of the whole for final review. The determination of the ministry to press the bill to the concluding stage and send it to the House of Lords by June 1, demonstrates the unity of the Liberal party allies, only one of whom joined the opposition on the crucial first vote. The debate now proceeding as the customary means of relieving minor party artillery of its load, and is fashioned for campaign purposes. That the bill will be sent up to the lords at an early date is as certain as anything human. Its enactment into law and the installation of an Irish parliament in College Green is so generally accepted by London correspondents that some of them are speculating on the effect Irish statesmanship will have on the constructive statesmanship of the empire. Hitherto all Irish nationalists debarred themselves from accepting office under the government. They occupied a position of protest against the degradation of Ireland, and consistently opposed all ministries which antagonized Ireland. Once a responsible government it set up in Dublin the political genius of Ireland will have abundant opportunities at home and in the larger activities of the empire. "To the British public," writes the London correspondent of the New York Evening Post, "the Irish leaders have hitherto figured very much as did Botha and De Wet during the Boer war. They had been thought of as first rate fighting men, whose resourcefulness in a sort of filibustering tactics had often brought trouble to the imperial forces. Recent history has revealed to us in the former Boer riders who can play a worthy and distinguished part in the building up of a new South African union. It will take only a brief experience of a government at Dublin to show that the Irish leaders, too, possess other and greater qualities than their undoubted skill in attack."

Stead on Naval Rivalry.
 Expressing the characteristic British view of naval supremacy in the New York Independent of April 11, the late W. T. Ross, editor of the London Review of Reviews and victim of the Titanic disaster, lamented the conditions which impelled nations to "waste the money" in maintaining certain standards. But he foresaw the necessary end of all the rivalry, for he said: "The discontent and irritation occasioned by this persistent naval competition is lessened by the compelling reflection that it is rapidly nearing its end. For my own part I am strongly of opinion that none of these great monsters, dreadnaughts and super-dreadnaughts will ever fire a shot in actual war. They are like the cumbersome armor which reached the maximum of weight and unwieldiness just before the discovery of gunpowder made armor an anachronism. The Diesel motor engine will necessitate the scrapping of all the dreadnaughts, and the airship and the aeroplane will render the construction and repair of these monsters impossible. The late Count Aehrenthal saw clearly years ago that the future lay in the air. For my part as a pacifist I would willingly give up one of the new super-dreadnaughts if I might spend the 2,000,000 sterling which it will cost upon the airship and the aeroplane, which will wipe out frontiers, render fortresses untenable and destroy the bases where fleets are equipped."

Housing Workmen in Paris.
 The housing of the working classes in Paris is daily becoming a more acute problem. Only a small proportion of them can find accommodation. The statement is made that there are about 30,000 destitute persons in the city who earn less than \$1 a week, and who can hardly find shelter. The price of workmen's rooms has been constantly rising, like rents in general, and whereas it was still possible for a workman fifteen years ago to find a room with a kitchen for himself and his family at \$9 a year, the price has now risen to \$50 or more. Old five and six-story houses, built fifty or 100 years ago, which had been inhabited mostly by work-people, are now being pulled down in every quarter, and brand new, modern apartment

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 Mrs. Anna B. Fitzer, sister of Champ Clark, is one of the Colorado delegates to the democratic national convention. Besides a vote for the speaker, Sister Anna will bring along a colliery of pink ribbon for the Missouri lion's dawg.
 John Hays Hammond and other friends of Major Archibald Butt, who was lost on the Titanic, have started a campaign for the erection of a monument to him in Washington. It is planned to make the tribute national by having congress appropriate \$200,000 for the purpose.
 General Benjamin Franklin Tracy, who fought through the civil war with a regiment which he organized and served as secretary of the navy in the cabinet of President Harrison, celebrated the eighty-second anniversary of his birth by putting in a good day's work at his law office in New York.

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 The final test of Omaha's new water works system took place this evening. The scene on Farnam street was photographed at the beginning of the display.
 A local council of the American Legion of Honor was instituted last night at Knights of Pythias hall by Deputy Commander E. D. Titus. The following officers were chosen: Commander, Nathan J. Burnham; vice commander, G. R. Rathburn; past commander, F. J. McShane; past vice commander, A. L. Swartzlander; collector, A. N. Ferguson; treasurer, E. T. Duke; orator, Sol Prince; guide, C. Specht; chaplain, F. E. Bowen; trustees, C. N. Dietz, Smith R. Campbell and S. H. Wyatt.
 The school board deadlock on secretary continues, but with Conroy holding the job.
 The last of the monthly exhibitions at Creighton college took place yesterday, consisting of readings and recitations. The participants included Master John McCrary, Master Thomas Flynn, Master Thomas Denney and Joseph McGrath, Master William Barrett, Master William Flannigan, who recited Moore's "Fire Worshippers." Medals also went to Master John Riley, Master Frank McCrary, Master Charles Donahue, Master John Donahue, Master John Kelly and Master Frank Dohring.
 The heating apparatus is being put into the Paxton today.
 Additional cars will be installed on the Hancock Park line within a week.
 A complaint has been filed against George Hartman for maintaining a barbed wire fence inside the city limits.
 Captain Marsh has issued an order granting free transportation to the mail-carriers of the city over his street car line.
 The many friends of Mrs. E. R. Armstrong will regret to learn of her serious illness.
 Miss Frances Bueter of Nebraska City is the guest of Miss Jennie Dellone.
 F. G. Hamer of Kearney is registered at the Metropolitan.

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 A friend would take a blow from me as often as I chose to strike. A true friend really ought to say: "Now close my left eye if you like." And if it pleases me to call him names that have a grating sound. A gentleman by friendship's rules to hold his tongue is ever bound. But now I find that Mr. Taft displays a very sorry lack of courtesy. He thinks it fair and square of him to hit me back.
 He hurls his fireworks facts at me, he publishes my letters, too. To show that once I favored all the things that now he seeks to do. No gentleman would fight this way—not one with any gratitude. However attacked would turn upon a former friend and be so rude. I have no use for Mr. Taft since every time his eye I black. He disregards all friendship's rules and deals a good stiff wallop back.

Passing Pleantries.
 Agnes—And did he say that I looked intellectual?
 Gladys—O, no, indeed! I assure you he said nothing disparaging.—Life.
 "Are you in favor of the recall, Mrs. Knott?"
 "Yes as long as they don't try to have it applied to the proceedings in Reno."—Chicago Record-Herald.
 "That old sailor friend of yours plays a good game of ball."
 "It ought to come natural to a tar to be good at a pitch."—Baltimore American.
 Hiram—I tell ye, them there rich fellers is easy marks.
 Hank—Ye don't say.
 Hiram—Yes, the paper says Spendt was taken in by one of them frats, an'—an' won't tell how it happened.—Philadelphia Record.
 "Prisoner at the bar, I find you have been sentenced to prison twice before. What have you to say why I should send you there again?"
 "I urge, your honor, the generally accepted feeling against a third term."—Chicago Post.
 Briggs—See here, Briggs, what's that you've been saying about me? I've a great notion to give you a piece of my mind.
 Briggs—Don't do it! I little thing like that isn't worth dividing.—Boston Transcript.

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