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Most men who bet on elections are easily angered.

Who is provisional president of Mexico this week?

Aunt Della is still baking her pies for Nephew William.

Suppose the Turko-Italian war ended, what else would they have to do?

They do not recall their presidents in Mexico, they just declare new ones elected.

This country cannot safely tolerate white slavery any more than it could black slavery.

And still \$1 a day is not too much for the man who laid his life on the altar of his country.

Any time that Champ Clark fails to write that letter of acknowledgment to Hearst it is all off.

Cuba's finances in bad shape, says a headline. In which Cuba has none the better of certain others.

Farmers who have been looking for warmer weather will remember that Old Sol is a speedy individual in the stretch.

If mint julep and watermelons were not coming on the editor of the Houston Post could never survive this Wilson blow.

Of course, the new commissioners alone cannot make the new city government a success; it will take the cooperation of all good citizens.

St. Paul has adopted the commission form of government. It, too, will learn that this new plan is as good as the personnel and no better.

Mr. Bryan says Underwood displays ingratitude in not boosting for Champ Clark, "who made him." Oh, that is an obsolete idea entirely in politics.

Main witness in Archbold case denies own statement of day before. You cannot get a man to admit anything these days. The wise one of old probably knew what he was talking about when he sadly said that "All men are liars."

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch, though published in Missouri with democratic predilections, warns the people against the weakness of Champ Clark as presidential timber. Other Missouri democratic papers that are not bound by party or state bias will do likewise. And it is a good public service.

Some of the facts being brought out by the British inquiry concerning the Titanic disaster are more surprising than those developed on this side. A lifeboat loaded down with fifty-one of the ship's hands and only five passengers doesn't speak very well for the boasted discipline that apparently did not pervade the crew. The more this affair is inquired into the worse it looks.

Reports keep coming back to Nebraska of investments made outside by men who accumulated their wealth at home. This is poor advertising for Nebraska at a time when the energies of most are bent in the direction of developing the latent resources of the state and attracting outside capital, and it does not seem right that local capital should go abroad for investment. California land doubtless looks fair under the sunships, but government reports show that Nebraska's crops annually exceed in dollars and cents by a very wide margin the California output. Our capitalists should get better acquainted with their home state.

Bryan Exposing Democrats.

Under the caption, "The Game Exposed," Mr. Bryan, in his Commoner, relates some inside democratic campaign secrets, for which the public should feel obliged to him. The exposition concerns the Harmon and Underwood backing. Both, says the oracle of democracy, are Wall street tools, Harmon being brought out first, as he was a northern man and presumably the more available, but as time progressed and he failed to show strength, Underwood was groomed and trotted forth.

In another editorial the Commoner goes after Underwood, demanding that he explain why his state of Alabama tied up its delegates so they are pledged to vote for him and no other democrat at any time in the convention. He desires to know if this was done at Underwood's behest and says that if it was it shows Underwood to be ungrateful to the man who made him, Champ Clark.

All this is not significant except as showing that, in Mr. Bryan's judgment, Underwood, while possibly not a formidable candidate, is strong enough to need attacking. Mr. Bryan has too many others to knock out of the way to be wasting his time on dead ducks. So it must be concluded that in his judgment the Alabama man has dangerously potential strength. Of course, never does Mr. Bryan entirely cease his assault upon Wall street, so that his connection of Underwood with that source might, of itself, account for his unrelenting opposition. But Mr. Bryan is doing a good piece of publicity work, just the same. Turning the limelight on the rascals will get them every time.

Damning the Flag.

There is such a thing as Americans becoming too nonchalant in the confidence that, whatever befalls, the safety of their flag and all that it stands for is secure beyond the possibility of peril. Either this impulse of serene patriotism or the less worthy one of patriotic indifference must underlie the dispassionate countenance we give to such incidents as transpired a little while ago in New York, when pseudo-anarchists tore down an American flag with the shuddering exclamation, "We don't recognize that flag—take the dirty rag down."

The father of the present governor of New York once gave orders to shoot "on the spot" the man who "tears down the American flag." But we are less emotional today, it will be said, and the flag, while it may be insulted by a handful of irrational cranks, is in no danger of destruction. Yet our rationality as patriots and the flag's safety are not conserved by impassively countenancing such indignities.

But this is not all. Over yonder in Faneuil hall, with its inspired memory of American patriotism, one of these near-anarchists declared with brassness that the time was at hand "when the government of the commonwealth must be overthrown." What would those former Faneuil hall orators have said to that? Oh, well, it may be said this was the utterance of an irresponsible demagogue that carries no weight with thinking men.

The sad answer is that a member of the congress of the United States introduces this irresponsible demagogue to his colleagues as a "martyr of labor's cause." Now, it should be said right here that it is not the rank and file of honest labor that foment disrespect to the flag and condone anarchy. But that has nothing to do with the dangerous tolerance of unpatriotic examples.

Who is Responsible?

One phase of the Titanic disaster has not yet had its due share of consideration. How much of the responsibility for that awful tragedy rests with the public? Are the owners alone to be condemned because of the mania for speed, because safety was sacrificed for luxury, or does some of the blame rest properly with those who by their patronage and plaudits encouraged the recklessness that threw away so many lives?

It is not a fact that in the fierce competition of the day success is the reward of the man who "takes chances"? At worst, he can only fail, while wealth and fame await on the fortuitous issue of his daring. So it is with the transportation companies; the railroad that can drive its trains by the swiftest speed from point to point gets the passengers; the steamship company whose boats make the shortest time in passage across the ocean is hailed as victor and crowned with profits. Slower and safer trains and ships exist, but they do not attract the multitude, whose demand is for speed. And speed is purchased at the price of security.

Much sermonizing has been indulged in concerning the tendency of the public towards speed. Hurrying is the bane of modern life, and not one phase is free from the influence. J. Bruce Ismay and those associated with him will not be relieved from righteous blame for the dreadful disaster that has so profoundly shocked the world, but they are not alone culpable. The public, all over the world, is responsible primarily for the madness that has thrown all safety to the winds in an effort to do everything quicker, and the public must accept its share of blame for

the loss of the 1,399 lives that were sacrificed in an effort at speed.

The tragedy is that the public will not accept its share of the blame. It will hurl its anathemas at the man who failed, and encourage others to try the same experiment.

Horse Cars and Skyscrapers.

Provincial old New York still holds to some of its horse cars. According to the last report of the public service commission there, the city has 170 of these street railway vehicles in use. They are run on short cross-town lines and the reason for their retention is, not sentimental, as might be supposed, but purely commercial; they can be operated on these short circuits more cheaply, it has been found, than can the modern electric car. So this city, which has become a veritable forest of towering skyscrapers, the center of modern life, clings to these relics of the "good old days" for the same reason that it abhors its business blocks so high into the air—money, not sentiment.

Visitors who have not been to Gotham before are unprepared to find that the metropolis of the country is the one city in which the old horse car still is operated. It takes a force of 2,000 horses to operate these 170 cars, which, if run by electrical power, would require hundreds of thousands of that kind of horses. Doubtless these old lines are heavily patronized by strangers, who, some of them coming from the provinces, are delighted to find in the heart of this hurly-burly metropolis, some means of travel that does not send them through space at a break-neck speed and by others who are struck by the novelty and wish to have it said that they rode on a horse car in New York in 1912 or '11 or '10.

Confusing the Public Mind.

The mayor of Kansas City, in negotiation with the street railway company over a new franchise, holds all his hearings in secret, and when asked for his reason for not holding them in the open, explained that the effect of open hearings "would be confusing to the public mind." Whereupon the Kansas City Star remarks:

The complete publicity of the negotiations for the franchise in 1909 did not "confuse the public mind." The record shows it enabled the public mind to be wonderfully clear.

The Star is another newspaper that has not learned to appreciate the magnanimity of secret sessions by public officials on public business. It probably would be so impertinent as to question the wisdom of conducting a \$7,000,000 bond sale in secret. If Kansas City had begun the "immediate compulsory purchase" of its water works at \$3,000,000 some ten years ago, with the purchasing probably still going on around \$3,000,000, the Star would know how to value this self-sacrificing spirit on the part of its public servants, this spirit that protects the weak-minded people from confusing their minds with the intricate problems which are being settled in secret.

Wise View of Education.

Fit a man for the day's work, but at the same time equip him to meet the crisis and the emergency which the day's work will inevitably bring forth. He who has laid a broad and secure foundation will find no difficulty in erecting the superstructure. Whatever he builds he will be able to build himself into the work of his hand and brain. Make a man and he will find his work.

This is the function of higher education as Dr. John G. Hibben, the new president of Princeton university, expressed it in his inaugural address. It is a view that needs wide reflection. It has the right focus, a true perspective and must come more and more into popular favor. Education's prime function is to train men and women for life, and let them find their vocations. It will make little difference to the world what sphere they cast their lots in, just so they are men and women with proper appreciations of what it is to live, of the world's need for service, of the relative value of the spirit to get and the purpose to give.

"Fit a man for the day's work, but at the same time equip him to meet the crisis and the emergency which the day's work will inevitably bring forth." Nothing short of maximum preparation or equipment will do. No man can afford to stop with a minimum of resources. All right so long as only minimum demands arise. Crises and emergencies come to every life and the life unequal to them must expect nothing but failure.

Penetrating Rebate Dispute.

It appears from the \$60,000 fine imposed by the federal court at Chicago that a railroad rebate is still a rebate even when it is disguised, but it does seem extremely difficult to eradicate this evil which we were solemnly assured only a few years ago never existed.

Promise of New Coins.

The secretary of the treasury has finally been converted to the side of the bill providing a three-cent piece and a half-cent piece. Only Canada and some South American countries, says the house committee in its report, have no coin approximating in value to the half-cent piece. Such a coin is a standing lesson in thrift, and many of our new citizens come from countries where fractions of a cent are by no means negligible. To avoid confusion it is suggested that the half-cent piece might be perforated like some Chinese coins. Then they could be strung like wampum till a substantial sum should accumulate.

Looking Backward This Day in Omaha COMPILED FROM BEE FILES MAY 13.

Thirty Years Ago—

The Swedish Library association held a picnic at Hanson park this afternoon, with music by Hoffman's orchestra.

Lawrence Barrett and his company presented "Rosdale" at the matinee and "Julius Caesar" for the night performance.

The Union Pacific base ball club has organized itself into a stock company by the name of the Union Pacific Athletic association.

As no bids accompanied the recently received bids for grading the north side of Farnam street the commissioners will advertise again.

Neilson S. Pinney has been relieved as United States storekeeper at the Willow Springs distillery and John W. Jacobson of Hastings assigned to fill the place.

The steamer Behan arrived this morning en route from St. Louis to Hiemark. While lying tied up to the bank just above the Union Pacific bridge it caught fire and the crew had a lively fight with fire buckets to extinguish the flames.

A crowd of laborers in front of the city clerk's office proved to be the men who had made the big ditch in North Omaha and were being paid off by the committee on water works.

Twenty Years Ago—

Missouri river was threatening to leap out of its banks at Florence and in the east bottoms.

Ralph Stout, president of the Omaha base ball club, expressed his determination to strengthen his team before it returned from its trip abroad.

President Euclid Martin of the Board of Trade appointed three delegates to attend the national Nicaragua canal convention to be held in St. Louis on June 2.

George O'Connell, 1364 South Seventeenth street, a Western Union messenger boy, was assaulted in the night near Davenport and Seventeenth streets by a man he did not know.

The national executive committee of the people's party met at the Millard hotel and promulgated the official order and program for the national convention, to be held in Omaha on July 4.

Senator J. N. Kyle was to make the response, with short addresses by L. L. Polk, T. V. Powderly, J. E. Weaver, Ignatius Donnelly, Jerry Simpson, Ben Tarrel and others.

Ten Years Ago—

Richard Mansfield presented "Beaucaire," a comedy, at the Boyd theater.

S. H. Waters, 320 Jones street, foreman of the Willow Springs distillery, slipped and fell from the steps of the Eleventh street viaduct thirty-five feet to the ground and died from the injuries in a few hours.

The funeral of D. H. Goodrich was held with services at the home, 104 South Twenty-ninth street, and burial in Forest Lawn. The Rev. Robert Yost preached the funeral sermon.

Mrs. Melora McPherson, clerkship of Nebraska and the Dakotas, died at 6 p. m. at the residence of S. H. Davis, 304 South Twentieth street, of heart disease.

Claude Cates, the boy who was run over by a street car at Twenty-fourth and Biardo streets, died from the injuries at his home, 810 North Twenty-second street.

People Talked About

Robert L. Borden, the premier of Canada, who is at the Virginia Hot Springs, is known as the earliest riser at the springs. He is up at 6:30 every morning, and from that hour is likely to be found on the golf links.

A New Jersey woman, dead at 98, never was sick till within six months of the end. Such a case might have been nipped in the bud by physicians of a century ago.

Mrs. Elizabeth Brandon Stanton of Windy Hill Manor, Natchez, Miss., is at the head of a movement to have congress declare Josiah Fox, an old Quaker ship-builder of New England, the "Father of the American Navy" in the place of John Paul Jones.

At Danville, Ill., Judge Kimbrough issued an injunction in the circuit court against a mule belonging to Jack Goodwine of Potomac, restraining it from braying and annoying the sleep and repose of Benjamin Wise, publisher of the Potomac Record.

William Alden Smith, the senator from Michigan, who has been conducting a somewhat handsomely investigation of the Titanic disaster in Washington, started out in life as a newsboy in Grand Rapids, but he always had one eye on the national capital.

Frank A. Hardy, living in Miami county, Ohio, has just given up the office of justice of the peace, at the age of 94 years. In the course of his life he has held office for 108 years, accomplishing this record by continuing in two or more positions at the same time.

Senator Jeff Davis promises to remain in the senate until the last trust is dead. The distinguished fop of Arkansas thinks he has inherited the gift of prophecy of James K. Jones—a gift which adorned with galaxy every democratic presidential campaign since '88.

Planning for Peace

Republican National Committee and the Disputes of the Rival Delegations.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat (rep.). Acting Chairman Roosevelt is wise in calling the national committee together at a date earlier than usual in advance of the convention.

The committee will meet on June 6, which is twelve days before the convention opens. As the principal business of the committee in such cases is to settle the disputes between rival delegations, it will be kept pretty constantly at work during the time which will intervene before the big gathering comes.

Already there are 236 seats in the convention in dispute, which is a greater number than any national committee has been called upon to deal with since this time, and 300 delegates are still to be chosen.

Three-fourths of the contests which have already been set up are made by the friends of Colonel Roosevelt, and the remainder are by the supporters of President Taft.

To a large degree the choice to be made in the convention will be influenced by the decisions which are made in these disputes. Thus the work which the committee will be called upon to perform is of large consequence to the republican party and to the country.

It is well that Mr. Roosevelt and his associates have arranged to give plenty of time to these fights between rival delegates. The time for filing contests will expire on May 20, but many delegates will be chosen after that date, some contests will probably be handed over to the convention to settle.

Nearly every presidential year the convention has a little work of this kind to do, but that body's task of this sort in 1912 promises to break all records.

It will be well for the party, however, to understand that the committee intends to deal impartially with all these disputes. This is the promise which the chairman makes. It is the course which the party will insist upon.

Personal prejudice must not be allowed to bias either the committee or the convention on this point. All the aspirants must have fair play. The aim of the committee and of the convention will be to bridge the chasm between the leading nomination seekers, as far as possible.

While the republicans have a normal lead of about 1,000,000 votes over the democrats in the country at large, they cannot win unless they have a reasonable degree of unity. There is discord among the democrats also, but the republicans must not count too much on this factor in balancing chances in November.

The committee and the convention must exert their utmost endeavors to insure a large vote for the ticket. The fluke in the congressional canvass of 1910 must not be permitted to repeat itself in the larger campaign which is just ahead of us.

POLITICAL SNAPSHOTS.

Pittsburg Dispatch: Out in Washington state an attempt to stampede a convention to Bryan failed. This should please the other candidates at Baltimore.

Philadelphia Record: After this mess is cleared up we'd better get back to old fashioned ways and keep presidents and ex-presidents out of politics. There are plenty of other spellbinders.

Indianapolis News: Omaha has gone into the commission government business, with Mayor Dahlman and six of his friends on the job, and now we might as well be prepared to see what we shall see.

St. Louis Journal: Jim Dahlman appears to be the most popular public servant Omaha can elect under any form of city government. It would seem to be high time that Omaha either quit knocking Jim or quit voting for him.

Chicago Tribune: Mr. Bryan asserts that the nomination of Governor Harmon would mean sure democratic defeat. Still, there are at least three good reasons for distrusting Mr. Bryan's ante-election judgment as to democratic winners and losers.

New York Post: The defeat of Governor Hlease of South Carolina for renomination is one of the most gratifying bits of news to come out of the south in many a day. His original election was in the nature of a fluke, since the thinking portion of the public had not believed possible the choice of such a vulgar and demagogue. But chosen he was on his anti-negro platform, and his administration has been a humiliation to the state.

The press of South Carolina has been overwhelmingly against him, and he has berated it like a fishwife. The legislature edited his last annual message to it, declining to print certain tirades it contained.

Ancient World is Lighthouse.

Philadelphia Record. It is curious to note how modern expeditions, such as the present little spat between Italy and Turkey, bring the ancient world into the limelight again. Here is the island of Rhodes, which is the famous Colossus that once adorned its harbor possessed one of the seven wonders of the world, dragged out of its long obscurity through its occupation by an Italian fleet.

Like everything else upon which the Turk has laid his vandal hand, both the island and the city bearing the same name now enjoy but a shadow of their former population and prosperity; but it is not beyond the realms of possibility that, if the rule of the Moslem can be permanently shaken off, these beautiful islands, so famed in history and poetry, may be again restored to something of that commercial importance which once distinguished them.

Premature Pretender.

Pittsburgh Dispatch. General Orozco intimates that Mr. Gomez was a little too previous in accepting that invitation to become provisional president, which it seems had not been extended. If there is to be any provisional president this time, Orozco, profiting by his experience with Madero, may have decided to take it himself.

Citings to Extra Cash.

New York World. Nobody knows better than the members of the house of representatives that the mileage allowance is excessive, but they have not reached the point of self-denial where they are willing to forego any of the perquisites of office, especially extra cash for themselves.

LINES TO A SMILE.

"You shouldn't call me a boss," said Mr. Warfield. "But you are a leader and an autocrat." "Maybe. But a boss is a man who makes people work. My specialty is showing anybody I take an interest in how to live easy."—Washington Star.

She—it must be a hard blow to a man to be rejected by a woman. He—indeed it must. She—Do you know, I don't think I could ever have the heart to do it.—Boston Transcript.

"You know," he was saying, "I couldn't see a woman stand up while I was sitting." "So you gave her your seat?" "No, I closed my eyes and pretended to be asleep."—Judge.

Floorwalker—Something I can do for you sir? Nervous Gentleman—I have lost my wife. Floorwalker—Mourning goods on the third floor.—Life.

"Gee," said the man with the shabby coat. "Eggs 80 cents a dozen. What do you think of that?" "What have you got to kick about?" said the man with the fur-lined overcoat. "Some oranges are 50 apiece."—Youngstown Telegram.

"It is useless to talk any more. The flat is too dark." "But, my dear madam—" "You see, I wouldn't mind it so much, but we want to do light housekeeping."—Baltimore American.

"Haven't you any fruit that you can guarantee to be free from worms?" asked the particular customer. "Yes, sir," said the dealer. "I've got a

carload of bananas. There may be a tarantula or two, but if you can find a worm in any of them I'll make you a present of the entire lot."—Chicago Tribune.

WEST AND EAST.

Henry A. Bellows in Scribner's. A vast new land, half wakened to the wonder Of mighty strength; great level plains that hold Unmeasured wealth; and the prophetic thunder Of triumphs yet untold.

A land of eager hearts and kindly faces, Lit by the glory of a new-born day; Where every eye seeks the far-distant places Of an untraveled way.

Oh, generous land! Oh, mighty inspiration! That floods the morning of the world, To be! Thy people are the builders of a nation, Lofly, benignant, free.

Yet, at a trivial word, a star's clear gleaming, A bird's sweet song, a sunset fading fast, There comes a longing for the homeland, dreaming Upon its sacred past.

A land of dear remembered faces, moving Through happy days that had to have an end; Each stream is a companion known and loving, And every hill a friend.

A longing to behold the mountains, rearing Their great gaunt heads; and once again to be Upon the barren, wind-swept headland, hearing The surge of the sea.

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