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It is no longer simply May, it is "is."

The universe revolves about Ty Cobb just now.

Why call them dandelions? What is dandy about them?

Emma Goldman and Doc Reitman kick for being taken at their word.

Father's day comes the first of every month with bills on it; also bills.

Perhaps Champ Clark would make Mr. Hearst managing editor of his cabinet.

Mr. Bryan will go to Baltimore with a skeleton key to undo any deadlock.

A base ball strike-breaker should have no difficulty in finding interest in his calling.

Mr. Bryan is waging this war against Harmon in the interest of party peace.

St. Paul could market water bonds at 4 per cent; why couldn't Omaha do the same thing?

Some exchanges are still complaining about "an overproduction of gold." Where did they notice it?

Crop scares are all right on the board of trade, but they cannot affect the Nebraska wheat fields.

Nothing in all the Titanic investigation has even hinted at an excusable reason for the appalling tragedy.

Still, it never occurred to us that eating dandelions on the pretext that they were "greens" was any way to get even with them.

The bravest man in the world has just been discovered in Dr. Spitzka, who says woman will never be the intellectual equal of man.

St. Paul was more careful of his word than anything else, and if Ananias had been things might have gone differently with him.

"Mexican Federals Expect to Crush the Rebels Within Three Days," says a headline. They have been at it only about three years so far.

With George Ade governor of Indiana and Beveridge president of the United States, the Hoosier state would be getting a part of its own.

"Taft stands on his record," says the San Francisco Chronicle. If some men were to attempt to stand on their records serious casualties would ensue.

George Ade has been mentioned for governor of Indiana. George probably now realizes the value of that agricultural college course he took at Purdue.

After the skirmish is over will Prof. Wilson go back to teaching those doctrines in political science which he taught for fifteen years and repudiated on entering politics?

That brain specialist who has discovered the invariable superiority of man's mind over woman's should attend the next woman's club convention if he cares for a good time.

St. Louis is proud of its modern, highly improved Forest park, but Forest park's best days were those when barefooted boys "with cheek of tan" roamed through its forests and adjoining cornfields to the old swimming hole and fishing pool. "Them were the good old days."

Commission Form of Government.

The commission form of city government continues to gain in popularity. About 220 cities of the United States have now adopted it or are operating under it in some phase or other. The erroneous statement has been made that Omaha was the largest city to adopt the commission plan, until St. Paul took it up about the time of our late city election. But the fact is, three other cities larger than Omaha—Oakland, Cal.; Birmingham, Ala., and Memphis, Tenn.—are operating under this plan.

One notable fact about this tendency in reform city government is that no city ever adopting it has permanently revoked it. Galveston led the way with the commission form in 1901. Houston followed in 1905 and Des Moines came along in 1907, when the scheme really began to make progress. Galveston's reform was induced as a result of the tidal wave which nearly destroyed the city September 8, 1900. It was virtually wiped out and needed political, as well as physical, rehabilitation. Its citizens thought it wise to change the form of city government and so devised the commission plan.

Its popularity soon began to spread as rapidly as did that appalling hurricane which drove the waters of the gulf back over the Texas city that day. The plan is probably as good as the personnel in any city. It is for the citizens to elect the right men and the men elected to do the right thing or this plan will not accomplish the things expected of it. The fact that its popularity and growth continue uninterrupted after eleven years would indicate that the plan is making good. This is encouraging, for most students of government have admitted that where it is weakest in this country is in the municipality. If we have hit upon the proper method of strengthening ourselves, then we have builded wisely

Speaking for the Middle Country.

Congressman Martin's opposition to the use of the Panama canal by railroad-owned ships and to the admission free to the canal of ships engaged in coastwise trade on the ground that either provision would tend to stifle competition and deprive American shippers of much of the natural and prime advantages the canal is designed to afford, is timely and important. It is a plea especially for the great middle section of the country, the producing center.

The people of the United States cannot afford to invest in an enterprise with an initial cost of $375,000,000 unless they are guaranteed every possible protection against monopoly in every form. One of the fundamental purposes of this canal is beneficial freight rates, that will reduce the expense of transportation by land and thus assist in solving that great national problem of the high cost of living. No one expects the canal to become a panacea in this or any other relation, but it will be mighty disappointing if it does not improve our condition.

Every means must be used in planning the operation of the canal that will tend to preclude the possibility of unfair discrimination. Special privileges must be given to no interest or industry. If this is done, then we are cheated at the very outset. It simply must not be done.

The Unfaltering Champ.

The Lincoln Star, one of the Champ Clark papers, recently said of its preferred candidate for president:

> Whenever a great question has arisen in congress involving a clash of interests between the masses and the specially favored of the government, Champ Clark was found in a serious mood. * * * and his vote and voice have been unfalteringly with them (the masses) and against the favored of government.

This is interesting. It brings to mind Champ Clark's monkey-shines on reciprocity, which, undoubtedly, was a great issue on one side or the other of which the masses and the classes were interested and legitimately so. Did that great issue find Champ Clark in a serious mood? How did he meet it? Political expediency forbade him to come out and take a man's stand for or against reciprocity, so he joked about it, he reared the bogey of annexation and later admitted that he was only in fun. Like the mischievous boy who hurls a rock through a neighbor's window and when the neighbor seizes him by the nape of the neck and demands redress, the boy whines out, "I was only in fun."

But Champ Clark's fun was taken seriously by Canada and England and went far, undoubtedly, toward defeating reciprocity, not only so, but in cheating this "great issue" out of a serious hearing.

Again, the tariff board proposition of the president's was a serious issue. Let us see how "unfalteringly" this adamantine Missourian stood on that. He first advocated it as a "good measure," then he attacked it and then squirmed out of any decisive position on it. On the subject of house rules he switched twice. When the matter of amending the reciprocity agreement, to which he was at first committed, came up in committee, Clark opposed it on the ground that any amendment would invalidate the agreement. This was early in the year of 1911, yet in June, 1910, Clark had delivered himself of this speech on the floor of the house:

> I do not know how long we shall be here, but as long as I am here I intend to fight for the right to amend every section of every great bill which comes into this house, and I do not care a straw whether the democrats control the house or the republicans.

What does it matter what Champ Clark says? He is here today, there tomorrow, with fixed views on nothing, apparently, except what will make for his personal political expediency. Unfaltering, indeed.

CONTROLS NATIONAL COMMITTEE

Poll Gives President Taft Thirty-Eight of Fifty-Three.

New York Herald.

A thorough canvass just completed shows beyond question that President Taft will be in control of the republican national committee when it meets in Chicago on June 4 to make up the temporary roll of the national convention. This canvass was made by men high in the councils of the party, and they are entirely convinced that Mr. Roosevelt cannot dictate the action of this important body.

As matters now stand, thirty-eight members are friendly to Mr. Taft, eight to Mr. Roosevelt and five are doubtful, with leanings toward the president. There are fifty-three members of the committee.

The function of this body is always important, because it decides in advance who are to have seats when the convention is called to order. In other words, it makes up the temporary roll. The work is especially important this year, because at least one-third and possibly one-half of the delegates will be contested.

The temporary roll is recognized by the chairman, and from it he appoints the two highly important committees which finally decide all contests and draft the platform.

Realizing how important it would be to control the national committee, agents of the Roosevelt movement started out proselyting among them several months ago and intimated that they would have a majority of the members. But now it can be stated flatly that it is quite the other way.

Breaking all precedent, the national committee will convene two weeks ahead of the convention to take up the more important contests. It is likely that it will sit continuously until June 18, the date set for the convention. It will have before it contests from nearly all the districts in the south. Most of the contests will be taken before the convention, but they will then be referred to a committee which will have been named by the Taft national committee and which will be counted on to favor the Taft contestants.

People Talked About

Although Alfred C. Kennedy was defeated in the recent city election for commissioner he still smiles and goes on collecting old books and autographs, a hobby of his.

One group of doctors back in Illinois accuse another group of exceeding the speed limit in dispensing medicine. That is a gentle way of saying that increased patients diminishes patience.

Such mothering and smothering as the "mother of presidents" has received during the week places Mother Ohio in a class by herself. Seven days of endearing scream puts the old lady in condition to appreciate the "morning after" feeling.

Only five prisoners are officially admitted to have been taken in the Tripolitan war up to date. The figures are believable. A dry climate and desert sands afford unexcelled facilities for putting captives out of sight. Turks are particularly shy on boarding house arrangements.

Miss Margaret Smith of Showhegan, Me., has the distinction of being the only woman member of the New England Retail Coal Dealers' association. Miss Smith began her business career as her father's assistant as a retail coal dealer immediately after her graduation from the high school in 1901.

The boyhood home of Mark Twain at Hannibal, Mo., has been presented to the city as a memorial to the great humorist. In and around this building occurred many of the incidents which his matured humor fashioned into gripping stories, and here were dreamed the fancies that have made the world happier.

Former Banker Bigelow of Milwaukee, during his season of rest and meditation at Leavenworth, caught on to some winning points in the ticker game, and is said to have recouped the family fortune since his return to the activities of the curb. The victims of his $2,000,000 defalcation have not been reimbursed at last accounts.

The rarity of a winning streak in the Washington base ball club made so great a draft on the fans in congress a few days ago that the sergeant-at-arms of the house of representatives made a raid on the grounds for enough statesmen to make a quorum. Only a lofty sense of duty caused the officer out of the ground before the finish of the game.

Looking Backward This Day in Omaha

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MAY 20.

Thirty Years Ago—

The Bee prints the new city charter amendments which have just been enacted and gone into effect, the main feature of which is the creation of a Board of Public Works and provisions for paving at the cost of paving districts.

The game between the B. & M. nine and the Council Bluffs ball tossers across the river resulted in a score of 7 to 6 in favor of the B. & M. bunch.

The list of grand and petit jurors drawn for the term of district court commencing in June includes among other familiar names those of Alfred Sorenson, J. J. Brown, Charles L. VanCamp, H. P. Devavalon, A. Riley, Julius Meyer, Richard Tisard, D. V. Barkalow, M. H. Bliss, Henry Barthold, George Jacquinot, C. E. Squires.

About 9 o'clock this evening the handsome place just fitted up and opened by Joe Blake was the scene of a pleasant presentation by the proprietor, W. F. Hines, on behalf of the many friends of Mr. Blake, in a neat little speech gave him a large and beautiful steel engraving, entitled "Presentation de la Marie," in a costly frame. The recipient could not speak as he was so surprised, but at the conclusion of the performance he opened up the champagne to the boys with a lavish hand.

M. S. Martinovich is rejoicing over the birth of a son.

The contract for the basement of the new Nebraska National bank building has been let to Martin & Maguiet. The basement story will rise six feet above the sidewalk.

The Garfield house at the corner of Fourteenth and Jackson streets has changed hands. Charles Doughtry, former manager of the Carlton house, will conduct it.

Clinton Bennett, just graduated at the Boston university, arrived in Omaha and will probably locate here permanently. He is a brother of Walter Bennett, the young attorney.

Captain Marsh and Hon. James Stephenson departed for Chicago together.

Twenty Years Ago—

General J. C. McBride, for many years a resident of Lincoln, moved with his family to Galveston, Tex., paying a farewell visit to Omaha.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kilpatrick started for Scotland and the European continent.

L. A. Whitney of Worcester, Mass., was the guest of Will Nash.

George Potter, 17-year-old son of Charles S. Potter, general agent of the American Express company, and Dan Kinney, a 10-year-old boy, living at 2524 Half Howard street, were playing with a loaded revolver when the thing went off and struck young Kinney in the cheek. Fortunately medical aid reached him soon, and there were hopes for his recovery.

Wallace J. Broatch, son of ex-Mayor Broatch, gave a reporter for The Bee a detailed account of the cruelties practiced upon him at West Point, which formed his reason for giving up his intention of being a soldier. He condemned the system of hazing bitterly.

Ten Years Ago—

The city council passed the long deferred tax levy ordinance providing for a levy of 30 mills upon taxable property in the city, the amount to be raised being $1,128,491.45.

Word was received of the death of William Cortelyou, son of the late John G. Cortelyou, at San Pueblo, Philippine Islands. The young man was well known in Omaha, where he attended school, going through the high school.

The high school faculty was wrestling with the knotty problem, "Shall our young men be permitted to attend school in shirtwaists?" Principal Waterhouse answered it in the negative, when twenty-nine of the young men came into school without their coats. Some of the young women teachers were shocked at their appearance.

J. S. White resigned as a member of the executive committee of the commercial club, and the selection of his successor was referred to a committee, of which J. H. Dumont was chairman. Albert Cohn, J. H. Van Dusen and C. E. Sellick were elected to membership.

A New Experience.

Springfield Republican.

It is a new experience the present generation is having in hearing a former president picture a president of the United States as all kinds of a liar. Mr. Roosevelt makes a new record in this direction with each succeeding effort. But he fairly surpassed himself in declaring not only that the president did so and so, but that it was impossible he could have forgotten that he did so and so. Mr. Roosevelt, you see, sets up as an infallible authority on the operations of another man's memory.

Indians Are Not Vanishing.

Philadelphia Ledger.

The redskins now living in the United States number 265,683, as against the 237,196 of a decade ago. The director of the census reports that 34.5 per cent of them are full-blooded Indians. There are at least 200,000 Indians in North America, and their number is increasing; they are not "vanishing." Indeed, ethnological experts say that the continent harbors perhaps more aborigines than in the days before the white men came. In the hunting stage of civilization the land could not support many Indians.

Disgraceful Politics.

Baltimore American.

The effort to create religious prejudice in the presidential campaign is the most contemptible and mischievous attempt, which has yet been made by his enemies to discredit President Taft. He has acted in all cases with justice and impartiality and his own manly refutation of the charge of favoritism to any denomination will help his cause with all fair-minded people, who believe in the "square deal" as a matter of principle as well as of well-rounding theory.

Perils of Air Navigation.

Boston Transcript.

Four deaths in one day from aeroplanes. As speed and staying power in the air increase it would seem as if the increase of caution in navigation must be sadly disproportionate. Two of the disasters reported seem to emphasize the special danger of passenger-carrying by airship.

After the Operation.

Chicago News.

Taking judges out of politics is not nearly so painful as having an aching tooth extracted, but when accomplished it will afford similar relief.

The Bee's Letter Box

Anarchy.

OMAHA, May 18.—To the Editor of The Bee: Anarchy does not necessarily mean opposition to justice nor even violent opposition to an unjust government. The anarchy that stands for equal freedom, and that opposes government because it prevents the exercise of equal freedom, is the highest imaginable form of human association. The prophets dreamed of this and called it the millennium, a place composed of people who need no force or violence to make them do right. If all people were wise and good they would have anarchy in the true meaning of the term. Really, is there any sense, from the ideal standpoint, in a part of the people paying someone to compel them to do what they know they ought to do? What is the difference between this idea and the idea of Theodore Roosevelt in heaven with the "big stick" to keep down socialism and anarchy?

Of course, we have to have government so long as some of the people will not or cannot be good. But I wish as a citizen to enter a protest against the people who believe in government adopting disorderly and violent methods to punish alleged anarchists. The so-called good citizens of San Diego, Cal., who fiendishly abused Mr. Reitman, Emma Goldman's agent, are head and shoulders below the man they tortured from all standpoints of respect, ability and honor. They proved that they are the anarchists of the most dangerous kind. They are not only the most dangerous anarchists, but the most dastardly and cowardly. The lone man who risks his life in the misguided fight against society is a hero and brave citizen compared with a mob that will take advantage of a lone individual and act like brutes and demons, even if the individual does believe in social violence, a belief that neither Mr. Reitman nor Emma Goldman upholds.

The San Diego mob is a disgrace to civilization, a burlesque on humanity, a joke on government, an insult to the American flag and a stench in the nostrils of common courtesy.

WILLIS HUDSPETH.

Here and Hereafter.

OMAHA, May 18.—To the Editor of The Bee: The scattering of flowers by Mrs. Loring on the ocean waters, where the Titanic sank, in memory of her husband, who "lost his life" in that disaster, was a pathetic incident, viewed from the standpoint of popular beliefs in regard to the state of the "dead."

It reminds me of a woman I once knew who had "lost" a baby boy, and when the first snow fell on its grave she went and "clawed"—to use her own expression—the snow off its grave. So little comfort can popular teaching give to those who depend upon it for consolation.

A great contrast was the demise of a spiritualist of Indianapolis, who requested that his wife dress in white at his funeral and promised to give them a manifestation of his intelligent existence, and, if we credit the newspaper reports, his wife and son have received a verification of his promise. Later in life the woman who scraped the snow off her boy's grave with her naked hands was made happy by communications from him.

Much grief and sorrow have been banished for those who have not been so antagonistic that they would not investigate facts in nature, and if all those who "lost" loved ones in the ocean disaster or any other way had the scientific knowledge that enables one to know the future state of existence they would know that all who have passed to the "beyond" know all things—every thought we have—and can supply their every need from nature's inexhaustible supplies of matter.

Yet every evidence that has been given to prove the unlimited intelligence of those on the immortal side is ridiculed by the press. Nature's final evolutionary process is a sealed book to the majority. The fact that Henry Ward Beecher knew the whereabouts of the widow's mite which had been lost for years and which fact he communicated from the so-called spirit side to mortals means nothing to them. And this is but one of thousands of such happenings. There are those who will not admit even if they know. The psychic research societies bend every energy to invent or coin phrases to explain what they do not understand. And it is amusing to read Darwin's "Origin of Species" and also a little tiresome to be confronted so frequently with the phrase "natural selection." He is only interesting from a natural history standpoint. One wonders that such an exhaustive researcher into the mysteries of nature did not think to account for the origin of types from which such wonderful "natural selection" resulted. Had he done that he would have had the key to the whole situation, the key that unlocks the door to the origin and destiny of the human race.

THE SCIENTIFIC SPIRITUALIST.

Prayer of a Voter.

OMAHA, May 17.—To the Editor of The Bee: Maybe so, mein Gott, now that we have the honest, square and model men instead of crafty and grafty politicians to administer affairs and govern our city; maybe so. I say, these commissioners will move the iron lamp posts and some big wooden poles out of the middle of the sidewalk, on Leavenworth street, west of Park, so that an honest German voter on a dark night, when the lamp light is out, won't butt into one of these lamp posts and knock his brains and stomach out, and lose his hat, where he can't find it, down the steep hill by the side of the walk.

Maybe so, mein Gott, they will do dis. Yours very truly.

A GERMAN VOTER.

Cereals Chasing Meat.

Brooklyn Eagle.

Government inspectors find that cereal is used largely in the manufacture of sausages. The hot tamale of Mexico is usually 90 per cent johnnycake and 10 per cent of Sunday bullfight byproducts. The misrepresentation does not injure the customer. If these carbohydrate capsules are more wholesome in hot weather than the pure variety, the meat trust is a benefactor and is contributing unconsciously to the advancing cause of vegetarianism. We shall not be surprised nor greatly disappointed to learn that packages of shad roe are composed largely of carefully graded and assorted bird seed.

Who's Got the Answer?

Philadelphia Record.

Governor Harmon is becoming more interesting. He asks whether a succession of defeats justifies a man in denouncing a democrat who has several times led his party to victory even in a republican state.

POLITICAL SNAPSHOTS.

Louisville Courier-Journal: "Harmon Jolts Bryan." "Taft lands on Roosevelt." "Roosevelt smashes Taft." Oh, no! not pugilism. Just politics.

Sioux City Journal: Governor Harmon is the logical compromise candidate, but logic is the least of considerations in the present weird and woozy campaign.

Chicago Tribune: Lorimer has not lived wholly in vain. He is helping amazingly to bring about the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people.

Houston Post: One thing is certain. Somebody has convinced Champ Clark that a candidate for president must avoid garrulity. A man can run better when he doesn't talk so much.

Chicago Record-Herald: Hon. Champ Clark is supposed to possess a strongly developed sense of humor, but it is reported that he is no longer able to regard Mr. Underwood's candidacy as a joke.

St. Paul Pioneer Press: Democratic prognosticators at Washington select either Clark or Underwood as certain to be the choice of the Baltimore convention. This is the feeling in the atmosphere of congress, though it is supported by the fact that so far the congressmen have been getting more delegates than the governors.

Springfield Republican: At last the secret is out. "My greatest asset," says the colonel, "is that I have never been excited over my candidacy one way of the other." The calm has indeed been almost oppressive. As the lady observed in a play by one of Maeterlinck's disciples, "I am calm! I will be calm! Oh, my God! how calm I am!"

Direct Election of Senators.

Indianapolis News.

By a vote of 297 to 23 the house of representatives yesterday passed the constitutional amendment providing for the direct election of United States senators. As the senate has already acted favorably, the amendment will now go to the state legislature for ratification. It is believed that the long-talked-of change in our foundamental law will at last be made. Many who have heretofore opposed the reform will, in our opinion, now welcome it as at least preferable to conditions which have lately developed. If the people are determined to elect their senators, it is much better that they should do so under law rather than in runabout ways under preferential primary laws, or by a popular vote, which has and can have no legal effect. We shall at least escape such ridiculous results as the forced choice of a democratic senator by a republican legislature, as in Oregon, and the disregard by the legislature of the expressed will of the people, as in Illinois.

Recalling Some Decisions.

New York World.

We are sober, phlegmatic people, incapable of rendering snap judgments or misusing a recall of decisions. Four years ago a bill to restrict the equity power of the federal courts in the grant of injunctions was a heated issue. Now it passes the house by a large majority and nobody else seems to care one way or the other.

SMILING LINES.

"Human nature is peculiar," observed the thoughtful looking individual. "Many a man capable of giving up his seat in a lifeboat to a woman won't give up his seat in a street car."—Boston Transcript.

"What's the baby crying about?"

"The nurse thoughtlessly told him that Shakespeare plays are supposed by many to have been written by Bacon. Get him his Sanskrit blocks. They may divert his attention."—Washington Star.

"This is a portrait of the Duke of Dedbroke, one of my ancestors."

"Um."

"What do you think of him?"

"Well, my boy, with such a start, you deserve credit for turning out as well as you have."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Mrs. Nuritch—I think I'll take the bracelet. You are sure it is made of refined gold?

Jeweler—Yes, madam.

Mrs. Nuritch—Because I do detest anything that isn't refined.—Baltimore American.

"I don't blame young people for being rather self-confident and aggressive," said the conservative citizen.

"You think the rising generation is entitled to consider itself superior?"

"Beyond question. You are constantly hearing parents telling what smart things their children say, but you never hear children reporting any clever observations by their parents."—Washington Star.

"Charlie is an awfly loyal chap, don't you know?"

"Is he? How so, deah boy?"

"Why, he saw it in the papers that there's a strike of all the London tailors and so he's wearing his old clothes out of sympathy for the London chappies, don't you know."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

THE SPELL.

J. M. Lewis in Houston Post.

It's time for overhaulin'
Your fishin' lines an' things;
It's time to hear the callin'
Of gurglin' wayside springs,
It's time to hear the lowin'
Of cattle in your dreams,
It's time you was a-goin'
A-trampin' by the streams.

These dreams come in a-timin'
Their comin' to the day,
To when the sap is climbin'
Up in the trees, an' way
Out off across the meadows
You see the changin' shades
O' green, an' dream o' shadows
An' of a forest glade.

It's funny about dreamin'
These dreams this time o' year,
You see wide streams a-gleamin',
The air is cool and clear,
The butterflies go driftin'
A lazy to an' fro,
An' your two eyes are liftin'
To smiles o' long ago.

A girl is always glancin'
At you through all your dreams,
Her pink bare feet are dancin'
Across the shallow streams,
Her hands are held out to you
To help her up the height,
And always there goes through you
A thrill of old delight.

Work may await your doin',
Tasks know no time or place,
But you know winds are strewin'
Rose petals, and a face
Shapes in the mist before you
And eyes you loved once gleam;
The spell of spring steals o'er you
And you just sit and dream.

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