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Subscribed in my presence and sworn
to before me this 25th day of May, 1912.

Subscribers leaving the city
temporarily should have The
Bee mailed to them. Address
will be changed as often as re-
quested.

May has not been giving us
the cold shoulder entirely.

If a perfect stranger asks you
to loan him \$500, don't do it.

Prices are falling, reports tell us.
But not enough to hurt anyone.

Two days have passed and not a
new word about the Willy baby.

Corporate net earnings fell off last
year. The volume of business, how-
ever, increased.

Ty Cobb will be back in the game,
and then the old world will roll along
as smoothly as before.

Kentucky's whisky output shows a
big surplus this year. Now, if the
mint crop only holds up.

Omaha has just given commissions
to a bunch of medical healers; also
to a bunch of political healers.

It is gratifying to learn from Ohio
that Adams county cast a clean vote
this time, divided though it was.

Germany has just launched a ves-
sel larger even than the late Titanic.
Let us hope it will be better man-
aged.

Lucky Omaha does not have to
take its next census during the period
of the Chicago and Baltimore con-
ventions.

Nebraska dentists will hold their
state meeting next year in Omaha.
Come on with your forceps and
laughing gas.

A Los Angeles policeman is dis-
charged for slapping his wife. Some
cops are scolded for not being on the
beat enough.

Another noise in the Darrow case
similar to the one that exploded in
the McNamara trial is now predicted.
Let her come.

A scientist asserts that Eve was a
very plain woman, not at all beau-
tiful. At any rate, she was very
plainly dressed.

Mr. Morey says he went into the
sugar business against his will.
Which only proves how some men
have millions thrust upon them.

One of the Nebraska penitentiary
convict murderers has been acquitted
by a jury of free-born and intelligent
citizens. Fine example for the other
convicts.

"I am absolutely convinced Champ
Clark can win," says Mr. Hearst.
That leaves only about 7,500,000
more for the bound dog candidate to
convince.

A San Francisco newspaper is mak-
ing a fight for a better ball team for
that city. Some city must have the
best team, but not "this" city, is
usually the cry.

Still, if "Charley" Wooster is to go
back to the legislature, he ought to
promise in advance not to inflict an-
other two-and-a-half-hour speech on
his defenseless colleagues.

With a corporation counsel, a city
attorney, two assistants and a city
prosecutor, Omaha, under its new
form of government, should have no
difficulty in getting into legal
trouble.

Perhaps Mr. Hearst would not
enter the cabinet if Champ Clark
became president even if he were
asked; he might prefer to continue
to be just Champ's chief adviser and
head publicity agent.

Omaha's \$7,000,000 water bond
issue sold this month by the Water
board secretly without competitive
bids for 100% are already quoted at
102 1/2, subject to increase in price.
Great financing that.

To Whom it May Concern.

The officers newly elected to ad-
minister the municipal affairs of
Omaha under the commission plan of
city government have made public a
list embodying their selections for
the principal appointive places.

On the face of it, this list shows
that it is the result of a process of
trading, and that it contains names
that are good, names that are bad
and other names that are only indif-
ferent. The presumption and as-
sumption will be that these appoint-
ments are to be taken as probations-
ary, and that the test for retention
will be the ability of the appointee
to make good. To do this some of
them who have been on the payroll
heretofore, without rendering ade-
quate service in return, will have to
straighten up and do a good deal
more than they have been doing to
earn their money.

To whom it may concern, there-
fore, The Bee gives notice right here
and now of its attitude toward the
city officers and employes; that its
searchlight of publicity will be kept
in focus and that it will not hesitate
to show up any case of crookedness,
graft or time serving that may de-
velop; and where the evidence of dis-
honesty or incapacity is conclusive,
The Bee will feel free to call upon
the mayor and council to remove
the misfit, and substitute some one
of integrity and ability equal to the
job.

The Truth About Omaha.

Omaha men with pride in their city
are often pained at the erroneous im-
pressions they find prevailing in the
minds of good people in the smaller
cities and towns of the state. Ex-
cept for the seriousness of these
wrong impressions, there is an in-
escapable humor to find how
ludicrously distorted they are. Of
course, the blame is not to be laid,
entirely, on the deluded individual,
but rather more largely upon his
source of information.

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paign of "Know Omaha Better" is to
accomplish its object, the converse
propaganda of blackwashing Omaha
for selfish purposes will have to
cease. To make Omaha better known
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Omaha has everything to gain from
being known as it is and the more
complete the knowledge, the better
for Omaha. It is an average Ameri-
can city, certainly no worse, perhaps
no better, than the average when it
comes to morality. This, of course, is
thoroughly realized by those respon-
sible for the blackwashing and that is
what makes it so irritating. People
who are not in position to understand
this cannot be severely censured for
their adverse views, but should and
must be enlightened.

Women in the Pulpit.

The Presbyterian holds its place
among the conservative churches
which refuse to ordain women for the
ministry. Its general assembly has
rejected the suggestion of a change,
clinging to its doctrinal belief that
woman shall "keep silence" and not
"usurp authority over man."

That doctrine and not expediency
actuates this assembly may be gath-
ered from the fact that, instead of
there being a surplus in ministerial
supply just now, there is a decided
shortage. According to official re-
ports, 2,000 Presbyterian churches
are pastorless and the seminaries are
each year showing smaller numbers
in their classes. One of the prob-
lems in this, as well as some other
denominations, is to attract young men
into the ministry. Nevertheless the
followers of Calvin and Knox refuse
to fall back upon the women for their
reinforcements to the ministry.

Most other professions and voca-
tions are wiping out the lines of dis-
tinction between men and women, but
many of the prominent sects of reli-
gion, Protestant, Catholic and Jew,
decline to follow this trend of busi-
ness and other professional callings.
Yet it may be just as well, for already
the criticism is made, not only by out-
siders, but by the church, itself, that
it has more women in its pews than
men and needs more of the latter to
increase its power and influence.
Whether putting woman in the ma-
jority in the pulpit as well as the pew
would re-establish the equilibrium is
decidedly questionable.

The Wild Man from Texas.

Ben Tillman threw away his pitch-
fork when the blustering Jeff Davis
stamped into the senate. The Ar-
kansas man raved around for a while
and then he cooled down and the
south, known for its conservatism,
began to breathe more freely in the
hope that its last wild man had found
his way to congress. Of course Till-
man and Davis both have intermit-
tent spells even yet, but the danger
of the fever seems to have passed.
And now comes Texas with its Dies
of the house to embarrass the south
and amuse the rest of the country
with his ravings. His latest display
should make us all hope that he may
not soon be superseded in this unique
distinction. Tracing the history of
Greece, Rome, Italy, France and
down to the present day in Mexico,
so reports say, Dies broke loose in

Looking Backward

This Day in Omaha
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Thirty Years Ago—
The Burlington & Missouri extension
was completed by connecting the track
a little over ten miles east of Denver,
the silver spike being driven by Superin-
tendent Holdrege in the presence of a
number of officials.

No Canal Tolls on Domestic Traffic.
The house has twice within the
week voted upon the proposition to
levy tolls upon coastwise traffic on
the Panama canal. This action is in
line with every attempt to monopolize
control of the canal and to make it
a free highway of domestic transpor-
tation, which in every sense of the
scheme it was intended to be. We
levy no imposts on interstate or
coastwise commerce, so it is asked
why we should levy any on commerce
from one seaboard to another. More-
over the toll and toll-gate system has
long ago been done away with in this
country and to all practical purposes
the canal is a part of continental
America, for we own the land as well
as the waterway.

The powers behind the toll system
manifestly were not those chiefly to
be benefited from a clear-cut com-
petitive basis of transportation and
they were not easily defeated. This
is apparent from the fact that after
the house had once voted the propo-
sition down 100 to 90, it bobbed up
again and was then able to muster
126 votes as against 147.

This canal should be made a part
of our national system of waterways,
including our rivers and inland
canals, upon which we have thus far
spent \$600,000,000. One of its prime
functions is the improvement of ship-
ping facilities and costs to the shipper.

It turns out that several of the
democratic national convention dele-
gates in Nebraska had their names
written into the populist ballot so
that they were commissioned as dele-
gates to a populist national conven-
tion, which, however, has not been
called this year. The farce and
fraud of branding democratic nomi-
nees for office with the populist
label, however, continues in this state
alone of all the states in the union.

Our old friend, "Johnny" Maher
and his typewriter have emerged to
make a few remarks after the Har-
mon victory in Ohio, and its sig-
nificance for an eminent Nebraska
three-time loser. It is at least pleas-
ing to know that the Maher type-
writer battery is still in condition for
action on proper occasions.

A man who seeks and accepts em-
ployment from the city ought to do it
on the same conditions that govern
employment in any big business es-
tablishment. No business concern
would tolerate the diversion of time
and attention which it pays for to
side lines worked by the employe for
his private profit.

Our Congressman Lobeck is fath-
ering a proposition to compel banks
in the District of Columbia to dis-
close the unclaimed deposits held by
them. For some unfathomable reason,
Mr. Lobeck did not evince any
such solicitude about unclaimed de-
posits in Omaha banks when he was
city comptroller.

Some fun has been poked at the
colonel because a book, "The Life
of Roosevelt," which formerly sold
for \$2 is now selling at 35 cents. But
it seems to be circulation among the
people able to pay 35 cents that counts.

Some Gain by Fire.
Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Those burned records of the trusts
might be included in the nation's annual
"fire-waste" statistics.

Short-Lived Halleluiah.
New York World.

National enthusiasm over the launching
of the biggest warship in the world is
tempered by the fact that other nations
are no longer boasting of the biggest
ever in ship construction.

Anarchy Turns Upon Its Preacher.
Louisville Courier-Journal.

Emma Goldman's manager, Dr. Reit-
man, complains that he was tarred and
feathered and kicked out of San Diego.
Too bad! And assuredly reprehensible.
But can the manager of an advocate of
anarchy complain about anarchists?

Civilization's Comrades.
New York Tribune.

Those persons who feared for the safety
of the nation when it was announced
that more whiskey was used last year
than ever before may be cheered by the
announcement that last year was also
a record-breaker in the distribution of
Bibles.

Eliminating the Danger.
Boston Transcript.

The Union Pacific is now working 115
employes in the freight department at
the transfer depot.

Superintendent Lane is giving personal
examinations in arithmetic to all classes
in the high school.

Judge Benke in the police court has
handed down the same decision that the
Stocumb law requiring \$1000 license fee
does not apply to wholesalers.

Hon. John L. Webster delivers the oration
at Fremont on Decoration day.

Twenty Years Ago—
The exciting feature of the day in the
Methodist general conference, was the
adoption of the committee report giving
laymen equal representation with the
clergy. Some of the clergy fought it hotly
and the vote stood for 14 laymen and
129 clergy, against 11 laymen and 128
clergy. So, it appears, in spite of the
clerical opposition, the laymen would
have lost without the help of the min-
isters.

Walt Seley returned to Minneapolis,
where he secured good quarters at the
Brunswick hotel for the Nebraska rep-
resenting the national republican conven-
tion at a flat rate of \$2 a day.

The city republican committee met
and endorsed the plan of the county commit-
tee for a third ratification rally after the
Minneapolis convention. Dave Moore
was added to the committee having charge
of the affair.

Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Torpe returned
from Salt Lake City, where they had
been visiting.

President S. H. H. Clark of the Union
Pacific and George Gould left Omaha at
3 p. m. in a special car for the west, ex-
pecting to consult about railroad matters
with Jav Gould at Portland.

Mr. Alan Lewis Bell and Miss Jeanette
Reisland Schofield were married in the
evening at the Church of the Good Shep-
herd, Episcopal, by Rev. J. W. Bell, the
groom was the son of J. W. Bell, the
well-known druggist, and the bride the
daughter of Mr. Henry Schofield, the
antiquarian store keeper. Mr. and Mrs.
Bell left in the night for a honeymoon
trip in the east.

Ten Years Ago—
Three hundred and fifty high school
cadets looking duffy in their regimentals
left for Wausau, Wis., on their annual
encampment under Commandant
M. T. Tompsett.

F. B. Kennard, who returned from Chi-
cago, where he attended the convention
of the American Plate Glass Jobbers' as-
sociation, reported that the glass combine
was not yet broken; not even cracked,
though some of the little independent boys
had been busily hewing stones at it.

The city engineers' office gave out the
statement that the amount to be raised
by taxes for the Central boulevard to pay
for the property condemned was \$9,000.

Among those drawn on the district
court jury panel were: Harry Nott, Wil-
liam Burthen, Richard L. Metcalfe, W. G.
Ure, Thomas H. McCauley, C. M. Hunt
and August Miller, a South Omaha city
councilman.

Tom Fleming, Omaha's left fender,
who had been sulking for Pa Rourke,
was let go to Colorado Springs, which
was then playing in Omaha, and George
Stone, who had been doing utility work
for Rourke, took Fleming's place in left.

Frank Genies talking center, leaving
Bobby Carter in right.

Sam Drescher left for Washington, D. C.,
where he will work for his brother,
George, a bridge contractor. Sam was to
be camp boss.

August H. Arviken, 152 Sherman ave-
nue, died at the age of 38, leaving a
widow and three children. He had resided
in Omaha for nine years.

Chairman Elkus Root.

Senator Elkus Root of New York has
been called "the wisest mind in the rep-
ublican party." He will need all that
wisdom in the office to which the na-
tional committee of his party has called
him. As temporary chairman of the
Columbus convention he will have to han-
dle a situation upon which may depend
in large part the nomination of either
Mr. Taft or Colonel Roosevelt. Certainly
the task will be his to meet and
calm the first outbursts of the bitter
feeling engendered in a bitter campaign.
The party may congratulate itself that
in this crisis it is to be served by a states-
man too big and too wise to lend himself
to any political trifery by either fac-
tion.

A Lamentable Reproach.
New York Tribune.

The Lake Mohonk conference last week
was right in commending the president's
effort for general arbitration treaties as
an "illustrious service" and in expressing
the belief that in that memorable effort
he represented the great popular senti-
ment of the American people. It is a
lamentable reproach that such service
should have been even temporarily haf-
fled and annulled by a jealous unwilling-
ness to let the president have the credit
and prestige of so noble an achievement
and by a mean and spiteful desire to
"put him into a hole."

Sovereigns in Action.
St. Paul Dispatch.

The house has passed the resolution
providing for a constitutional amendment
to permit the people to pick their own
United States senators. It is getting so
in this country that the people can do
almost anything they please.

Short and Simple Life.
New York World.

King Frederick VIII of Denmark had
a short reign, coming to the throne late
in life, but he was a popular and im-
pressionable ruler, and much loved by his
people.

In Other Lands

Trifling With a Live Wire.
Despite the frequency of the shocks
administered to the complaisant aristoc-
racy of Great Britain by the live wire
of Wales, Mr. Lloyd-George, spokesman
of the guild, like spoiled children, return
for more and get it. In the debate over
the Welsh church, disestablishment bill,
Lord Hugh Cecil led the Tory opposition,
charging the ministry with divers crimes
against civilization, religion and God. A
gentle reminder to the Tory lord that ac-
cused him of the mouth of one
whose forebears were enriched by the loot
of the Catholic church during the refor-
mation, passed unheeded, Lord Cecil
blindly returned to the charge, per-
petrating in substance the words of a
political leaflet which accused the Liberals
of "the robbery of God." Doesn't he
know," queried Lloyd-George, "that the
foundations of his fortunes were laid deep
in sacrilege and built on decimated
churches and pillaged altars?" Angry pro-
tests from Lord Cecil and his followers
brought from Lord Cecil the cart. He
checked this scathing error: "What was
the story of the pillage of the reformation?
They robbed the Catholic church, they
robbed the monasteries, they robbed the
almshouses, they robbed the poor, and
they robbed the dead. Then they come here
and when we try to recover some part of
the pillage for the poor they accuse us of
theft, these people whose hands are drip-
ping with the fat of sacrilege. Those
charges that we are robbing the church
ought not to be brought by those whose
family tree is laden with the fruits of sac-
rilege. Their ancestors robbed the Catholic
church, the monasteries, the altars, the
almshouses. They robbed the poor. They
robbed the dead. Then when we try to
recover some part of this pillaged prop-
erty for the poor, they descend upon us
as if we were the thieves. Their hands are
dripping with the fat of sacrilege." By
this time the current of opinion, and the
great leader of British nonconformity,
ripped off the sanctimonious mask of
aristocracy, exposing a typical representa-
tive to the rude gas of scoffers. None
enjoyed the discomfiture of Lord Hugh
Cecil with keener relish than the English
Catholics.

Hard Times in Japan.
To those who study authentic reports
of the struggle for life in Japan, the
stories of designs on American territory
must appear as ridiculous as the weird
tale of Baron Munchausen. Not only is
the empire staggering under the load
of debt incurred in the war with Russia,
but the increasing cost of living is dimi-
nishing the ability of taxpayers to meet
obligations. Prices of foodstuffs are now
higher than ever before in the Meiji era,
and distress is very great among the
working people, since wages have de-
clined. Count Okuma has been person-
ally investigating conditions and reports
that the average monthly income of the
coolie class is \$1.75 a family, or \$3.50,
while the average monthly expenditure is
\$3.50, or \$12.50. The result is an appal-
ling increase in crime, men being driven
to steal for the support of life. In the
last five years the number of convicts
has increased 33 per cent. The problem
of dealing with this state of affairs is
one of the gravest and most urgent be-
fore the imperial government.

First "Irish Cabinet."
Home rule for Ireland is far from be-
ing out of reach of the storms of time
and politics, but this does not check
the activities of political prophets in fore-
casting the "first Irish cabinet." Here
is the lineup: John Redmond, prime min-
ister; Joseph Devlin, home secretary;
Thomas Sexton, chancellor of the ex-
chequer; J. J. Clancy, lord chancellor;
John Dillon, president of the board of
education; William Redmond, postmaster
general; William Field, president of the
department of agriculture; T. W. Russell,
president of the land purchase depart-
ment; Hugh Law, president local gov-
ernment board; Michael Joyce, minister
of marine; Thomas O'Donnell, president
of board of railways (when taken over
by the state); J. P. Boland, minister of
commerce; Thomas Esmonde, president
of board of public works; Swift McNeill,
president of department of constitutional
law. It is predicted that T. P. O'Connor
will be speaker of the Irish House of
Commons; Timothy Healy, attorney gen-
eral, and J. J. Mooney, solicitor general.

Endless Caravan of Ciphers.
Preaching against militarism while
world powers strain their productive re-
sources in striving for supremacy on land
and sea resembles the object attacked.
It is energy wasted. The unorganized
taxpayer is the goat of organized power.
The hopelessness of relief from the load
in this generation or the next may be
gathered from the statement of President
Jordan of Leland Stanford university that
the present war debt of the world
amounts to nearly \$2,000,000,000. "An
endless caravan of ciphers" is the pic-
turesque name President Jordan, writing in
World's Work, attaches to the mighty
girth of moneylenders on big and little
nations. "The figures carry no meaning
to the average taxpayer," says President
Jordan, "until he feels its pressure in the
rising cost of living, and in his own diffi-
culties in making both ends meet. The
interest charges of the world on its na-
tional bonded debt are about \$1,000,000,000
a year, and about \$2,000,000,000 are ex-
pected yearly on standing armies and
on battleships. If we were to sell out
the entire holdings of the United States,
capitals and returns, and put the whole
sum at interest at 4 per cent, it would
just about keep up the military expenses
of the world in time of peace."

The Situation in China.
Dr. Morrison, the well-known corre-
spondent of the London Times at Peking,
referring to the recent opening of the
Chinese advisory council, writes: "The
ceremony which was held in the former
seat of the national assembly, was simple,
quiet, and dignified. No one seeing these
earnest, well-educated men aspiring to
raise their country to the rank of highly
developed western nations and contrast-
ing them with the antiquated reaction-
aries who in the past misgoverned this
country, could share the pessimism of
those critics in Europe who condemn
the republic as hopeless within three
months of its creation inaugurated.
Certain conditions in the interior,
due to the change of government and the
lawlessness of the troops, have been in
many provinces deplorable, but there is
no reason to fear that they are irre-
remedial. The situation is getting under
control; the forces tending towards con-
solidation are infinitely stronger than
those making for disintegration."

People Talked About

Lawyer—You claim to be a professor.
What is your degree and where did you
get it?
Witness—The only degree I ever got
was the third, and the police gave it
to me.—Baltimore American.

Mabel—Yes, my grandpa has reached
the age of 90. Isn't it wonderful?
Willie—Wonderful nothing! Look at
the time it's taken him to do it.—Boston
Transcript.

"The table of Venus must have been
intended as a satire on the inconsistency
of the feminine sex."
"How so?"
"Why, she was born of the foam of
the sea, wasn't she?"
"Yes."
"Then she went and married a black-
smith."—Baltimore American.

LILACS.
Junnie Kenower McGrew.
Lawsa here, honey, child; where'd you
get them flowers?
Why, I ain't seen no such a bunch for
many a day;
How'd you know th't I was just a homin'
for 'em, hun?
I a-lus did think lilacs was the purtiest
flowers of May.

I jest wanta take an' hug 'em, the purty
purple things;
I love 'em, puke my nose right down into
a bunch of 'em;
An' smell an' smell, till I am full clean
down to my toes—
I never s'it her had enough tuh git my
fill of 'em.

I reckon I'm plumb foolish tuh be actin'
this way;
But when I smell them posies, I c'n see
my dear old home—
Jest a little white-washed cottage settin'
back amongst the trees—
An' in the spring the lilacs loaded
down with purple bloom.

Mother a-lus loved 'em—said they made
her think of heaven;
I wish they bloomed the hull year
round, instead of jest in spring;
But maybe if they did I wouldn't care so
much for them;
It's the pleasure that air rarest that
the most enjoyment bring.
So jest 'em here tuh me, dearies,
I never s'it her had enough tuh git my
fill of 'em.

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CHERRY CHAFF.

Lawyer—You claim to be a professor.
What is your degree and where did you
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Witness—The only degree I ever got
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