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sensible

This is a great year to be a Nebraska farmer.

And always and ever Senator Cummins echoes, "coming."

"Oh, where is my wandering boy, tonight," still sings New Jersey.

Sioux City has a ball player named gazine has collapsed and gone out Million. He ought to bat at least of business. It is not altogether .500. commendable to laugh at anyone's

Sending a wife beater to jail exmisfortune, but if the good to the largest number is still to count for alts him to the level of a common thief.

"Job" corner are not to be twitted for cent spectacles. troubles, some of which seem to be boiling.

Perhaps those New York hotel reforms do not need its advocacy. are full of danger diners might find the self-help plan It is a mistake to say that this kind but their perils can helpful.

ator Kern would very naturally

Safe and Sane Fourth. Omaha's characteristic sanity has asserted itself on the Fourth of July, as well as at other times, but as yet this city has not got entirely away from the noisy, unprofitable

mode of celebrating that day. It Daily Bee (without Sunday) one year \$4.00 has entered upon no definitely organized plan for what is commonly called a safe and sane Fourth. Might it not do so this year with great

> New York, Boston, Chicago and aganda over the country has shown how it serves to protect life, limb and property. Nothing of the spirit of our independence day anniversary is lost by the new method of celebration, for the very good reason that very little if any of that spirit ever got into the form of celebration that depends upon unbridled pande-

monium and reckless adventure. Just now the Woman's club of Minneapolis is promoting the safe and same Fourth for that city. It plans definitely laid out, showing what it proposes to do and what it is

determined not to have done. Some UST OF SCHOOL organization in Omaha will have to get behind the movement to give it promising momentum. occurrances.

trudged through the new fallen snow and high piled drifts as pioneers making our Failure of Muckrake Magazines. own tracks, sliding down snow embank-Wisdom of old laughed at the ments, writing our names on side hills, calamity of the scorners. So wis- or making butterflys by lying at full

dom today must smile, even though length and moving our arms and legs up and down. Once and a while we would in regret, at financial loss, every have a hard sleet or a rain that froze. Miss Weeks, I have been told, soon after time one of the potorious muckrake which tempted us to skate to school or magazines goes under, as several to take our sieds along for the homecom-If you cannot be funny, try being have. Those who have stemmed the ing. It was not till later that the bicycle

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tide have unlimited backing, but came into vogue, nor till still later that roller skates made their debut, and there even they have modified their tones; were no street cars at that time running they are less lurid, less garulous than anywhere near the high school building It was climb up the steep hill on shank's

Nobody can beat a muckraker horses or not at all. But to go back to my first day at girl in the class above me, who was there sounding public opinion. He keeps school, of which one or two impressions only temporarily during the initial days. his finger constantly on the people's

pulse and the instant he detects a change for the better, shifts his WHAT TO DO IN A THUNDERSTORM cure-alls to suit the case. In the last few days another muckrake ma-Its Perils Can Be Eliminated by Proper Precautions.

mud were not rare

By GARRETT P. SERVISS. than experience has proved it to be. Our

The season of thunder storms has opened and in no country are the electric anything in casting up the results of marvels of the atmosphere more imposfair play, then perhaps those lips ingly displayed than in the United States. Harriman also has his that curl into a half smile at one They are among nature's most magnifi-

> We shauld learn heterodoxy. The muckraker has been to look upon these consumed by its own lust. Worthy without fear. They of publicity or agitation has helped; be almost comit has hurt. It has created false is-

sive discharge.

## THE BEE: OMAHA, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 1912. SCHOOL DAYS IN EARLY OMAHA

II. My First Class and My First Teacher.

BY VICTOR ROSEWATER,

Member of the Class of 1887 and Now Editor of The Bee.

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When I first started to school I was are indelibly stamped. The primary class iving with my parents in a little cot- was in the southeast corner of the first Thirty Years Agotage facing on Farnam street, occupying floor, as a consequence of which the part of the site on which The Bee build- room was the sunniest and brightest in ng now stands. I had a little more than the building. My first teacher, who was six blocks to school then presiding over this room, was Miss

over a path that Helen M. Weeks, a young woman, sunny went up hill and and bright as the room. She made every dale, with one feel at home by her cordial welcome poor sidekalks and although she assigned me, along with several others, temporarily to an uncushno pavements. The oned and backless seat on the edge of intervening space the slightly raised platform which supbetween Sevenported her desk. Looking around the teenth and Farnam room I saw high blackboards on all sides streets and the running from the wooden wainscoting school grounds con- about four feet up, except where the wintained only a few dows and doors took the space. On a little houses and many shelf below were pointers, chalk and erasvacant lots, across ers, and ranged in rows across the floor which the wind were tiers of desks, all occupied by pupils swept almost un- who had gotten there ahead of me. These obstructed when it desks were the regulation double seat blew, and it blew variety, so that each pupil had to have a companion to share the occupancy, while then as it does now.

When it rained it a mere open shelf supported by the back meant mud knee of the seat in front served as repository deep, this nice, rich, for slate and accessories, sticky, soft yellow

At that time each grade had three clay, and losing classes, and, I believe, it took several rubbers and even days to secure the necessary readjustin the month of May for each of the getting stuck in the ment forced by the newcomers, during vears 1872 1872 1877 1878 1879 and 1881. which time I was permitted to continue The opening of the June term of the the winter we often to sit on the edge of the desk platform. district court was signalized by the ap-In the interval I was busy making my pointment of Henry Grebe, J. H. Crowell self acquainted with my companions. and John J. Galling as balliffs, and a Miss Weeks continued to teach me committee to examine applicants for adthrough the whole year, promoting me mission to the bar was made up of H. C. through the successive classes, and finally Brown, H. C. Wakeley, E. M. Bartlett into the next grade. I believe it was her and Charles R. Redick. last year of teaching in the school, al-

For the board of directors for the Union Pacific Athletic association these new members are elected: M. H. Goble. left the city and later married, although freight auditor; E. Buckingham, car ac-I would not want to be positive as to countant department; W. R. Main, telethat. As indicating the quickly changing population of Omaha even in those days, graph department; W. E. Cooley, passenger department. it is interesting to note that when I graduated eleven years afterwards not a

the Union Pacific.

Bell and Mr. John Housen.

## member of my class had been with me in Twenty Years Ago-

that first school room that first day with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cole, 1709 North but a single exception, that one being a Twentieth street, were instantly killed on the Douglas street bridge at 4 p. m. and the following persons were injured: Louis Wehril, N. A. Tyson, Council Bluffs: Dr. William O. Gorman, wife and child, Council Bluffs; Anna Eirsling, Commercial hotel, Omaha, and Andy Freiburg, 821 North Twentieth street, Omaha. The motor car was running at an unusually rapid rate in order to make up lost time, when it was wrecked by an obstruction.

relative security is due to the fact that Omaha beat Toledo, 11 to 5. Old Dave most of the discharges take place be-Rowe, as manager, played first base for tween clouds, and that when the lightning Omaha, and little Hugh Nichol of the strikes earthward it usually has an inold St. Louis Browns, played center finity of points presented to it, which offield for Toledo. fer ready ways for its escape and dis-

Just before the regular services began sipation. This is why isolated objects, esin the Presbyterian church at South pecially if they are long and pointed at Omaha the organist, Mrs. Munshaw, the top, are the most liable to be struck. struck up on a wedding march, at which Tall, pointed objects, especially if they signal Mr. A. R. Kelly and Miss Huldah are metallic, serve to draw off the elec Lambert, two of the Magic City's most tricity from the clouds without an explo popular young people, came forward and were united in marriage by the pastor, The danger from lightning at sea was

greater in the old days of wooden ships. Rev. Dr. Wheeler. Then serious damage, or even destruc-



Ethel-Maud says she uses lemon juice on her face for her complexion. Marie-I wondered where she got that

"Selling your home to buy an auto-mobile. What will you do without a home?" "Won't need none after I git the auto:

ton Post. "Did your husband have luck on his

"The very worst. He accidentally shot the friend who was going to take us on an automobile tour, and missed the man to whom he owed a lot of money."-Baltidispatcher of the Wyoming division of more American.

Comley-Barton Opera company at Boyd's The amateur hunter fired, and some elicited enthusiastic approval. Familiar names among the singers are Miss Marie Jansen, Miss Laura Joyce, Mr. Rigby B.

"What was hit?" "A fellow named Smith. They're rather plentiful in this vicinity."-Louisville The School Board held its regular meeting at the rooms in Williams' block, Courier-Journal.

yet? Wife-Not yet; the dressmaker is put-ting the finishing touch on it. Hub-Oh, I supposed that I was to get the finishing touch.-Chicago Tribune.

eception room .- Judge.

St. Peter-Well, what do you want? Applicant-I'm looking for the well known philanthropist who put up the price of ice to the poor and left a million-







sour look .-- Boston Transcript.

wouldn't never be there, anyhow."-Hous

An order signed by E. Dickinson, division superintendent, announces the appointment of R. W. Baxter as chief train

A performance of "Patience" by the

thing limped off through the bush - The guide investigated. "Was that a rare species I hit?" "Not so rare.

Hub-Has your new dress come home

"Shadbolt, if you'll help me out this time I'll be under lasting obligations to

"No, you won't Dinguss. By the great

Madge-What makes you think that your doctor isn't up to date? Marjorie-I judge by the papers and magazines he keeps on the table in his

Wortermillon beat the mush. "Red," he says, "and juicy. Hush! I'll jes' leave it to the crowd!" Then a Mudsock chap, says he, "Them beats millions! What say, Wess?" Punkin pies. I mean," he says. 'Punkin's good enough for me-I chawed on. And Wess says, "Well, You jes' fetch that wife of mine All ver wortermillion rine-And she'll bile it down a spell-In with sorghum, I suppose, And what else Lord only knows! But I'm here to tell all hands Them p'serves meets my demands."

dollar library to his home town when he

It was at a 10 and 15-cent vaudeville

"Ten or fifteen?" asked the ticket seller.

ticket window. A country villager ap-

"Jist one," said the villager. "I hain's got the fam'ly along."-Judge.

THE LIZTOWN HUMORIST.

James Whitcomb Riley.

Settin 'round the stove, last night.

Down at Wess' store, was me And Mart Strimples, Tunk and White, And Doc Bills and two or three Fellers of the Mudsock tribe No use tryin' to describe!

And says Doc, he says, says he, "Talkin 'bout good things to eat,

Ripe Mushmillion's hard to beat!"

I chawed on. And Mart he 'lowed

Peter-Take the elevator-going

Next! Step lively, please!-Boston

died.

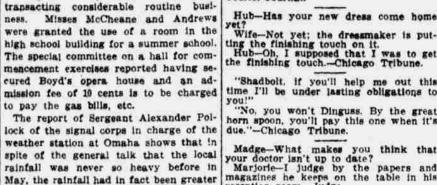
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proached.

chawed on fer quite a spell-I chawed on ler duite a spen-I chawed on; and White, he says, "Well, I'll jes' stand in with Wess-I'm no hog!" And Tunk says, "I Guess I'll pastur' out on ple, With the Mudsock boys!" says he. "Now, what's yourn?" he says to me. Then I speaks up, slow and dry, "Jes' terbacker!" I-says-I,

"Jes' terbacker!" I-says-I, And you'd ort o' heerd 'em yell!



sues and obscured the truth, all for tions. All fatal acbe an old-fashioned man with those a price. whiskers.

about.

faith.

they were.

"California Oil Gusher Catches Fire," says a headline. Flaming tongue in real life.

"Candy is good for children." says the Medical Journal. Gee, what kid did not know that?

These are the days the kids are thinking it is great to be a schoolboy-in vacation time.

At any rate, the contest in the United States has not as yet reached dumb ears. Some cynic sniffles were killed by lightning in the United the phase of that in Belgium.

The open season for trouble lasts the year round, and the man who goes hunting for it always finds plenty of game.

fighting Mr. Bryan. Tom Watson, young bachels compose a large percentage. why have you forgotten him? He was one of the tails to one of Mr. Bryan's kites.

Uncle Joe Cannon must be thinking how mild his licking was after all, as compared with what some monitory hand.

It surely must have been sentiment ment of expert economists. Whether of water. at the price of seats.

"No bachelor or widower should be too much alone." says a learned man. They would cease being bachelors and widowers if they followed that advice, maybe.

A few days more than twenty years ago Senator Hansbrough predicted that James G. Blaine would be nominated on the first ballot. "and no mistake about it." And President Harrison was renominated.

Open sessions of the national com- per cent; oats, which has risen to At the same time, through the effects mittee to listen to the testimony in such importance as a foodstuff, in- of what is called "induction," a charge the contest cases ought to have the creased in production 19 per cent, neighboring cloud, or on the earth beeffect of making those contests less while wheat actually fell off in out- neath. As these changes increase in infrequent in the future. In any event, put nearly 16 per cent. it will give the public an opportunity to judge of the merits of the cases.

The new salary list for city em- the high cost of living. More farm- is a baby lightning stroke. As the disk ployes is probably subject to further ers, and better methods of farming of the machine is turned, more and more adjustment. After the plan has are the needs of the hour. been a little further tested, it will be up to the commissioners to put a theoretical efficiency.

If the school board proposes to primary instructions. The adjustmake a .change in its executive offi- ment of conditions so that the people cer, it ought to present some really may rule is not so easy as it looks. weighty reason for so doing. The present incumbent has served for potent argument to convince the ice bill, remember it was The Bee public that he has outlived his use- that opposed the ice trust and by fulgess in the position.

Babies Are Fashionable. Bables are evidently coming into

vogue again in the fashionable quar- placed and cared ters of New York. In all Gotham for, furnish an all but absolute proteclast year 135,000 were born, a gain, tion for buildings. Great cities are so full for instance, over 1898 of 24.12 per of ready-made tracks for electric discent, and statistics show that the sing over them seldom cause any serious

aristocrats did their part in this hu- damage by lightning. The sudden gusts manitarian contribution to society. of wind do more harm than the electric So we have the pleasing consola- charges. tion of knowing that all curtain lec- Statistics show that the danger

greatest in the open country, and partures upon this delicate, yet vitally ticularly in hilly and mountainous dis important topic, have not fallen upon tricts. In the year 1900, 731 persons about the almost complete absence States, and the greater number were of new bables along Fifth avenue, in the Rocky Mountain district and the upper Missouri valley. In the same

which in times past, was another year 1.842 domestic animals were killed name for aristocracy. Not how, in the United States by lightning, and however. That once swell thorough- 1.847 buildings were struck. Cattle fare is now largely populated by and sheep are apt to gather about The Hon. Tom Watson is still boarders, of whom old maids and isolated trees, or along wire fences caught in a thunder storm while in

How vain it is to knock, when one the open country should keep a hunrealizes not what one knocketh dred yards away from any tree that may happen to stand in the field. In a dense woods he is safer if he does not

place himself under some tall tree High Prices and Staple Crops. Eight or nine persons have been killed The cost of living is higher today by a single stroke of lightning while sitting under an isolated tree. Such a others have since had from the same than it has ever been in the history tree invites lightning, and offers it a of America, except, possibly, during ready path to the ground. One should the civil war, according to the state- also avoid the neighborhood of a body

that brought that troupe of comedi-any new and more lofty pinnacles inthe cause of nghtning is the actouds. ans all the way from New York to are yet to be attained, we are not These charges grow stronger as the Omaha. If you don't believe it, look advised. We can only hope not, with particles of water in the cloud coaleses little ground on which to base our to form larger drops. Electricity resides

on the surface of the charged particles, and as they coalesce the surface in-And what is the cause? The ques- creases proportionally less than the tion is still unanswered, in this and volume. The consequence is that the other countries. James J. Hill has electricity contributed by each particle been dinning it into our ears that to the united mass has less space to one vital factor in the elevating spread itself over than it had when the particles were separate. It follows that

range of prices is the failure of our the combined charge on the surface of the production to keep pace with our larger drop is more intense than were consumption. Government census the charges on the separate particles. In reports tend to confirm his theory. other words, the "potential" of the In the ten years from 1899 to becomes heavily charged as its countless 1969 our production of corn, king multitudes of drops grow larger and of all cereals, increased not quite 4 larger.

tensity they strive to burst across the

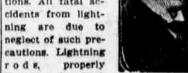
intervening air, and if the potential be-Those figures tell their own tale. comes sufficient, they do so. The result Such ratios must not continue if we is a lightning stroke. are to solve this grave problem of The spark from an electric machine

electricity accumulates on the polished knob, called the conductor until the surrounding air can no longer resist the

Uncle Jud is now face to face with strain, and then a spark passes between rating on the servants of the city ac- the most serious of all his problems. the knob and some object placed near. cording to actual rather than If the unit rule is applied, a minor- on which a contrary charge has been produced by the curious property of inity of the Ohio delegation to Baltiduction. more will be forced to disregard the But the spark from the most powerful

electric machine is but a few inches in length, while a lightning stroke may be from a mile to ten miles long! No sudden prenomenon of nature, except perhaps,

When you credit yourself with suggestive of terrific power than a bolt many years, and it will take some that 20 per cent discount on your of lightning. Considering the immense a severe thunder storm, it seems wonderpublicity forced the concession.



## tion from lightning was not a very un-Ten Years Agocommon occurrence. It has been thought Right Rev. John Lancaster Spaulding,

that some cases of the disappearance of D. D., bishop of Peoria, Ill., was the ships at sea may have been due to guest of a dinner given by citizens of lightning. A British ship, the Resistance. Omaha without regard to religious creed was struck by lightning in the Straits at the Omaha club, Catholics, Episcoof Malacca, the powder magazine ex- pallans, Presbyterians, Baptists and ploded and every soul was lost except others joined in making it a hospitable three sailors. If that had occurred in occasion. Toasts were responded to by the middle of the ocean, no doubt the Bishop Spalding, "My Country, 'Tis of ship would have been added to the list Thee;" Senator Charles F. Manderson, of the mysteriously missing. Not What We Gain, but What We Do;' Modern iron and steel ships are in lit-Bishop Scannell, "His Worth is Warrant tle danger. They present a broad, confor His Welcome;" Dr. George L. Miller, ducting surface for the escape of elec-Rev. T. J. Mackay, T. J. Mahoney and tricity. The latter, like water, is only Mel Uhl. John Rush acted as toastmas-

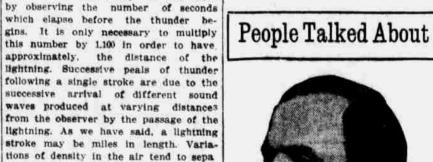
dangerous when it is, so to speak, crowded ter. into a narrow channel, with a steep Head Consul W. A. Northcott of the descent and no ready way to escape. The Modern Woodmen of America made a flood that comes down from a broken pilgrimage to Omaha and spoke at the reservoir through a narrow ravine de-Orpheum theater, in which he chopped stroys everything in its path; but it a few chips out of the plan of assessspreads out harmlessly the moment it ment for that order and blazed the enters a broad plain. So a charge of way for a change. He said: "After twelve electricity dissipates itself without viol- years of experience with our society ) ence if many ways of escape are prehave come to the conclusion that our sented to it. plan is not sufficient and that it will The grandeur of an electric storm is bring us trouble in a very few years

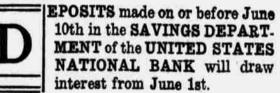
eastly increased by the thunder. Many and I believe that some remedy must persons find that more terrifying than be adopted to preserve this order." the lightning. Thunder is due to the

Mayor Moores wrote a letter to the rush of air to fill partial vacancies city council calling attention to the demade in the asmosphere by the sudden plorable condition of many asphalt expansion produced by the passage of streets, and urging steps for improve the lightning. The heated air expands ment. with great force and immediately the

Richard C. Patterson addressed a letter vacancies are filled again, thus produc to The Bee, in which he urged that the ing atmospheric waves, which impress city council establish public drinking the ear as sound. If the stroke occurs places for dumb animals. near by, the thunder follows almost A clipping from an Albuquerque paper

instantly, in a sharp clap. If the light showed that Judge Ben S. Baker was ning is at a distance from the observer. making a hit in New Mexico. The clipthe thunder follows the stroke at an ning stated: "Judge Benjamin S. Baker interval depending upon the distance. is winning golden opinions as judge of Sound travels in the air about 1,100 feet this district and he is also a pleasing and per second. The distance of the light patriotic orator." ning stroke can easily be calculated





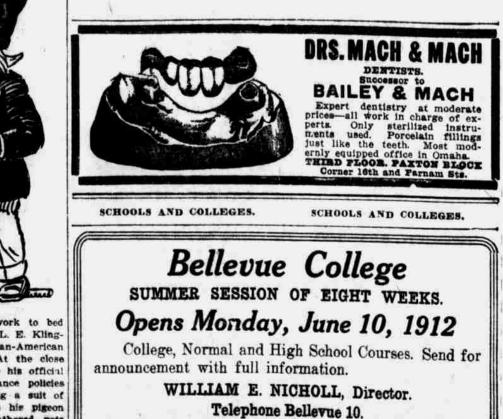
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the necessary inquiry. It is likely, therea volcanic explosion, is more startling number of strokes that fly from cloud stricted. At present the consumers of and mortgages, and, donning a suit of to cloud and from cloud to earth during domestic sizes of anthracite coal seem to white overalls, goes out to his pigeon be wholly dependent on the moderation loft, where a host of feathered pets ful that lightning is not more destructive of the producers. await him.

Philadelphia Press.



of a number of men from the bureau of Some people take their work to bed investigation for the purpose of making with them. Not so with G. L. E. Klingbell, president of the German-American fore, that the right of the coal companies Life Insurance company. At the close to mark up the price of their coal at dis- of the busy day devoted to his official cretion may be defined, limited and re- duties he lays aside insurance policies

successive arrival of different sound waves produced at varying distances from the observer by the passage of the lightning. As we have said, a lightning stroke may be miles in length. Variations of density in the air tend to sepa rate the sound waves and make them

arrive in peals instead of in a continu ous roll. It is an old adage that "thunder sours nilk." If there is any effect of this kind it must be due to the electric state of the air, rather than to the thunder. The of the opposite kind is produced on a great heat which often accompanies a

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thunder storm, may cause a sudden development of ferments in the milk.

