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Dwight Williams, circulating manager of The Bee Publishing Company, being duly sworn, says that the average daily circulation for the month of May, 1912, was 50,421.

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Daughters would be a better name for them.
Colonel J. Ham Lewis' pink 'uns seem to have faded from too much sunlight.

The senator from New York seems to be the root of most of the discord at Chicago.

Perhaps her nine months in jail will give Mrs. Pankhurst time to think out a better way.

From the growing crop of marriage licenses, it seems the rain must have fallen on Cupid also.

Our national labor commissioner, Mr. Neill, admits that the name of his position is not a misnomer.

The New York World and its star convention reporter, W. J. Bryan, do not always agree on all political matters.

Champ Clark's faith is pinned to the belief that "every dog has his day" and that his hound's is yet to come.

Every woman has a right to be as pretty as she can and man wishes that she would exercise the right to the full.

Charles J. Bonaparte writes on "Dignity During a Presidential Campaign." Oh, yes, but dignity alone will not do it.

It was to be expected that some would go to the Weber-Field show and kick because the old stars cracked old jokes.

For a state with an ideal government and governor, California is permitting some very unseemly things in San Diego.

A man recently died in Texas at the age of 80 without being called a colonel. Probably was never heard of until the obituary notice came out.

A mother anxious for her boy to grow up truthful, must be careful how she fools the street car conductor about Willie's age to avoid paying full fare.

Mr. Bryan is going to the Chicago convention as a newspaper reporter. He went to a Chicago convention sixteen years ago as a newspaper writer—but then this is a republican convention.

It will not do to say that bar associations never discipline an offending member. Abe Ruef has been disbarred by the supreme court of California on the request of the San Francisco bar. Set a stake.

Acting on the principle that a jail or an asylum is the best terminal for automobile speeders, Chicago has established a separate court to route joy riders on through tickets without stop-over privileges.

Those that imagine that the deliveries of Chicago and Baltimore will solve the perplexities of the country, are entitled to another guess. The commencement orator has both "beaten to a frazzle."

The waiters' strike does not seriously inconvenience the individual subway systems with which New Yorkers are equipped. A temporary failure of lobster palaces serves to revive the original appetite for hash.

One big argument in favor of the safe and sane fourth are these figures: In 1909, when little effort was made at safety and sanity, 5,365 persons died as result of Fourth of July accidents; in 1910, under the spell of a safe and sane effort, the list was only 2,923. Which, of course, is 2,923 too many.

Changing the Constitution.

The persistent assaults upon our courts are reflected in a resolution for a constitutional amendment, introduced in the house by a member from Indiana, proposing the election of members of the federal supreme court and all judges of inferior courts, as well as all other public officials, except cabinet members, ambassadors, ministers and consuls.

The people doubtless do not realize the sweep of this mania for changing our constitution so as to make this a democracy instead of a republic. Such a change can only rest upon the concession that our republican form of government has proved a failure.

Standpatism Dead, Indeed. Former Senator Lafayette Young of Iowa, in explaining his surprising endorsement of Senator Cummins as Iowa's presidential candidate, conditionally, takes the pains to state that standpatism is dead and buried. Yes, it has been for a long time.

The republican party has this to be thankful for, that on the eve of its national convention both sides contending for the nomination stand for progressive government, in which, of course, as in everything else, there are degrees.

Writers' Wages. The waiters' strike in New York has brought to light the fact that the higher wages are paid by the lower priced eating houses.

Our Troops in Cuba. Criticism of American troops invading Cuba is disarmed by the reply of President Gomez to the appeal of property owners for protection, that he is without power to offer guarantees.

Piction of Tragedy Disproved. Baltimore American. An example of the fiction which is sure to occur in stories of great disasters by irresponsible persons, is the story of the dinner-party party on the Titanic.

Rewarding Duty Well Done. New York Sun. A gold medal from congress and a silver loving cup from the Titanic's survivors are no more than Captain Rostron deserves.

Among the Missing. Chicago Record-Herald. Former Vice President Fairbanks is mentioned for permanent chairman of the republican national convention.

A Clear Demonstration. New York World. The one sole, clear and unmistakable teaching of the presidential primaries is that a big majority of the voters care nothing about them.

An Emergency Trench. New York World. The Mexican republic drops an anchor to windward by placing its \$10,000,000 bond issue with a New York house.

A Premature Kick. Pittsburgh Dispatch. The opposition of the traction corporations to the cologne of three-cent places lest it encourage clamor for three-cent fares may not be abandoned since if the fares are to be raised, as they suggest, the proposed coin may come in handy in making change.

A Senatorial Live Wire. Brooklyn Eagle. Senator William Alden Smith is himself entitled to a gold medal.

SCHOOL DAYS IN EARLY OMAHA

IV. Superintendents, Principals, Special Teachers, Janitors. BY VICTOR ROSEWATER, Member of the Class of 1887 and Now Editor of The Bee.

As already described in these articles, I had started in the first grade fall of 1874 at the age of 5 1/2 years, and by outside work had made up in transit three classes equivalent to a whole grade, so that in the fall of 1887 I was ready to go to the high school at the age of 12 1/2 years, being the youngest boy in my class, and presumably the youngest up to that time to be admitted into the high school.

At this point of my narrative will fit in a few collateral observations. During my school days in Omaha I came under two or three school superintendents. At the outset the superintendent was S. D. Belle, who was a typical school man, although in outward appearance and manner more resembling a clergyman.

His successor as superintendent was George B. Lane, who was even taller and much more angular, with short whiskers, if I remember correctly. Superintendent Lane was so tall that he used to come into the room and place his chair at the edge of the teacher's platform so as to permit, when he sat down, for his feet to rest on the floor without doubling his knees up like a jack-knife.

While the grades constituted the so-called Central school, because of its occupancy of the same building as the high school, the same principal had charge, aided generally by an assistant principal. The principal at the time I entered the school was W. H. Merritt, of whom, however, I have no personal recollection. He was succeeded two years later by C. H. Crawford, a grizzled, red-haired man, who ruled the boys as much by fear of him as by what he did to them.

CHANGES IN OHIO'S CONSTITUTION

Forty-Two Amendments to Be Voted On September 3.

After a session lasting five months, at an expense of \$2,000,000, the Ohio Constitutional convention agreed on forty-two amendments to the present state constitution, which will be submitted to a vote of the people at a special election on September 3.

The proposed amendments deal with almost every phase of political reform and touch upon new conditions in commercial, industrial, economic and social life that have developed since the state charter was adopted in 1851.

Among other proposals adopted are: To put private banks under state inspection, heretofore impossible, and to make stockholders of banks liable to depositors to the amount of double their stock.

To allow the enactment of laws to regulate the sale of stocks, bonds, securities and other personal property.

To modify the governor's veto power by reducing two-thirds to three-fifths the proportion of the assembly needed to overturn an executive veto.

To allow women to be appointed notaries public and to positions in state institutions where women and children are cared for.

To require all nominations, state, county, district and city, to be made at direct primaries. Exempts villages and townships, but requires presidential preference primaries.

To abolish capital punishment. To give the assembly power to enact conservation laws.

To allow the use of voting machines. To give authority for minimum wages and limitation of hours of labor.

To make eight hours a workday on public works. To require compulsory compensation for employees and to recognize "occupational disease."

To require the civil service or the merit system in all state and county offices. To make the new constitution easier of amendment.

To allow the creation of a commission to regulate the issuance of stocks and bonds of all corporations.

To license foreign corporations to sell securities in the state. To regulate the testimony of expert witnesses.

To allow school districts autonomy in local affairs. To allow the regulation of court proceedings in contempt and forbidding the use of the injunction in industrial disputes save to protect property.

To forbid contract labor in penal institutions. To allow the state to regulate rates charged for insurance.

To make the school superintendent an appointive instead of an elective official. To abolish the State Board of Public Works and to substitute a superintendent, appointed by the governor.

believe, he was for many years in charge of the public school system. Mr. Hine made his mark as principal for Homer P. Lewis, of whom I shall speak more at length later.

The system of special subject teachers or supervisors, was not at that time very largely developed, but we had a special teacher of music in Miss Lucetta Rogers, and a teacher of drawing in Miss Kate Ball. Miss Rogers was already middle-aged. She came once or twice a week and tried to drill us in chorus music, but I fear, with poor success.

The janitor of the building was also a janitor named Quinlan, because he had a boy in his family about my age, who initiated me into the mysteries of some of the more inaccessible parts of the building.

Thomas Falconer, a chunky Scotchman, who with increasing attendance and rooms occupied, had more work put on him, and systematized it as it has not been before. Mr. Falconer was genial and accommodating. He was assistant building inspector for many years until his death.

Looking Backward This Day in Omaha COMPILED FROM BEE FILES JUNE 7.

Thirty Years Ago—

The marriage took place in St. Barnabas church of Miss Bessie Gaine Ringwald, daughter of the late Henry L. Ringwald, to Mr. Frank A. Osborne of Detroit, the ceremony being performed by Bishop Clarkson, with Father John Williams assisting.

Another wedding, which took place at the home of the bride's parents, 1545 Davenport street, saw Miss Mollie Bonner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Bonner, wedded to Mr. George E. Wright, a Union Pacific headquarters clerk.

The Millard expects to throw open its doors to guests July 1.

The ladies of Trinity cathedral have organized an association called Cathedral Builders.

Omaha delegates to the Missouri river Sangerbund at St. Louis are John H. Erick and Herman Rosensweig from the Maennerchor and Julius Meyer and William Mack from the Concordia.

One of the prettiest weddings of the season was celebrated at 5 o'clock at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Erasmus Young, 3172 Dodge street, when the daughter, Miss E. Genevieve Young, was united in matrimony to Mr. D. Cruston Benedick.

Miss Emma R. Rugh resigned her position as public school teacher because of ill health.

The county democracy held a social function which took on very much the nature of the prenuptial reception to President Reagan.

James H. Vandusen of South Omaha, candidate for governor, addressed a large crowd of republicans at Peterson's hall in the sixth ward in behalf of his campaign, which was progressing discouragingly.

Mrs. Mary E. Woodard, 67 years of age, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lulu B. Estes, 2519 Bristol street.

General Manager Holdrege of the Burlington railroad received a message from General Superintendent Calvert of Lincoln saying that the state of Nebraska had not been as thoroughly soaked for many years as by the rain which has just fallen.

Rev. A. W. Clark, superintendent of the Child Saving Institute, started on a visit of charitable institutions in the east by request of Governor Sargent and in accordance with his duties as a member of the State Board of Charities.

Eberhard Bihler, 52 years of age, died at the family residence, 128 North Seventeenth street.

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES.

Nebraska Military Academy Summer Camp School.

VACATION IS ALMOST HERE. Where will your boy spend his Summer? You want him to enjoy his vacation, but you'd also like to have him put some of this time to profitable use.

The Nebraska Military Academy Summer Camp will settle your problem for eight weeks. Beginning June 25th and ending August 20th, the boys will have just the kind of vacation that boys like best.

We'll gladly tell you more about this Summer Camp if you'll send us your name.

B. D. HAYWARD, Superintendent. LINCOLN, NEB.

People Talked About

William H. Melcher of Bath, Me., who has just celebrated his eighty-eighth birthday anniversary, has been employed in the joiner department of an iron works in that city for sixty-five years.

John Stevenson, Jr., of Sharon, Pa., told the steel trust brokers a moving tale of being put out of business twice by the trust. Each time he sold out and made money, which accounts for his fortune of \$100,000.

A cruel New Jersey farmer, almost smothered by the dust of joyrides, evoked an idea and got busy. Stretching a row of steel-toothed racks across the road he vaulted over the fence and waited.

EDITORIAL SNAPSHOTS.

Wall Street Journal: Be tactful, don't ask your medical man if he is taking life easy.

Chicago Record-Herald: It is time to warn the young man against the danger of permitting himself to be honeyfueled by the summer girl whose one ambition is to become the possessor of the largest collection of engagement rings.

Cleveland Plain Dealer: The papers carry a story about how William Jennings Bryan once wrote poetry, but this is thought to be a base attempt to discredit him with the ordinary voters.

Washington Post: The people who insist that Charles W. Morse is under an implied contract to play the star role at an early funeral engagement would regard it as adding insult to injury if he were to pass a medical examination for a good sized life insurance policy.

Boston Transcript: As the personal representative of the president at the Chicago convention, Secretary Hilles will be in a position to emphasize the rapid rise of a man who was absolutely unknown in political matters only a few years ago.

St. Louis Republic: If, as a witness has testified, a number of lawyers who practiced before his court, subscribed to a fund that enabled Judge Archbald to enjoy a summer vacation in Europe the government's duty is plain. Not to be outdone by a few lawyers in the matter of generosity.

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THE WARD ROOM TOAST.

Kate Masterson, in Life. Sweethearts and wives—girls that we left behind, Blue eyes and brown—dim when we parted that day; For Jack at sea do they grow soft and kind; May memories come to keep the tears away.

Beneath strange suns we've sailed the seven seas, Where woman's glance the Yankee sailor lures; Our flag has fluttered in the orient breeze; But never have we met with eyes like yours.

Sweethearts and wives—speeding across the sky, We send our longing message—here's to you, The girls we love—the gallant flag we fly— The hearts that tremble for the boys in blue.

See—clear a beacon glows beyond the foam, Steady and warm its welcome never dies; Ah, keep it burning for us there at home, The sailor's star—the loveliest in your eyes.

Now—once again, boys—steady there— Stand by; A gaff with you, sir—now then—three times three! The stars and stripes forever! Bumpers dry— Our flag—our ship—our hearts across the sea!

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