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That is an odd name the governor of Nevada has—Tasker L. Oddie.

Miss Lillian Russell has again proved that she is of marriageable age.

Mr. Darrow now seems to think he made no mistake in refusing to confess.

Where is that man who predicted that this was to be another 1911 summer?

Miss Russell did not even take a day off from her editorial work for her marriage.

"Senator Lorimer is no quitter," shouts one of his friends. No, pity 'tis 'tis true.

Omaha is big and good-hearted enough even to sacrifice a game of ball for a rain like that.

Alaska probably thinks those volcanoes are easy as compared with other storms it has weathered.

Governor Harmon's men are first on the ground in Baltimore. They probably will be the first off, too.

July 4, Mistah Johnson meets Flynn at Las Vegas. July 4 is getting to be a donation day for Jack.

The senate will vote on Lorimer's case July 6. That need not prevent our holding a safe and sane Fourth, though.

By the time both national conventions adjourn, we fear it will be futile for anyone to resort to strong language again.

A Boston hand-organ grinder recently retired worth half a million. Life may be a grind, but there is some music in it.

Should congress stick to its job during the coming two weeks, the country will have a rare exhibit of duty submerging desire.

This last series of rain just about finished the Rev. Irl R. Hicks as a sure-thing weather prophet up in this part of the country.

James J. Hill goes on his annual fishing trip to Labrador. Inasmuch as he owns the place, he is not amenable to the game laws.

How J. P. Morgan used to consult George W. Perkins—"Here, Perkins, (snapping his fingers), divide that \$25,000,000 up into small lots."

Offers of high salaries to Dr. Wiley to settle in Boston and get busy give rise to the impious query: "What's the matter with the Sacred Cod?"

We seem to see in our mind's eye the weather man sitting back and between the clouds of his pipe's smoke, asking, "Well, what else is it you want?"

Admirers of Mr. Filin, the new boss of Pennsylvania, explain that he dropped the "y" from his name before the political batters got a line on his curve.

Frank Gotch gets \$8,000 for wrestling in Baltimore. That will seem like the price of one admission compared with the money that is soon to hit that old town.

Last the convention crowds should forget that Chicago restaurateurs are also working for the uplift, menu card prices go up 25 per cent on Saturday and stick till adjournment.

Mother Necessity is training her sons up to the needs of their day. The Dartmouth athlete who with a pole jumped to a height of thirteen feet, two and a quarter inches, set a fairly safe mark for pedestrians obliged to dodge joy riders.

Why Drag Lincoln In?

Hearst has gone to the extreme of calling his candidate, Champ Clark, "the peer of Abraham Lincoln," and "a second Abraham Lincoln." This is enough to beat the funny Missourian through the sheer disgust of the American people.

Second Bridge Denotes Growth.

A bill has gone into congress providing for the construction of a second bridge over the Missouri river at Omaha by the Union Pacific Railroad company.

The Wyoming Spirit at Work.

The little town of Buffalo, Wyo., one of the most typical "cow" towns of all the west, was almost swept away by a cloudburst, suffering financial losses running up beyond the half-million mark.

The Power of Mr. Morgan.

The president of New York's Stock exchange gives before the senate Money trust investigating committee the illuminating testimony that Mr. J. P. Morgan stemmed the tide of the 1907 panic by tossing over to the Stock exchange \$25,000,000, with the instruction to George W. Perkins to "cut that money up into lots" and apportion it out among several banks.

Swearing on Street Cars.

The right to use profane language on the rear platform of a street car should not be included in the privileges bought with the 5-cent fare. If a loose-tongued passenger finds it necessary to use expletives that are offensive to others more refined than himself, especially women, he ought to get off the car.

WHAT I WANT TO DO FOR OMAHA

By James C. Dahlman, Mayor.

I stand now, as I stood before the recent city election, firmly in favor of local self-government for Omaha. I am irrevocably committed to this as the first essential to a forceful and effective administration of the commission form of government.

Now, some of the good people may say, "But that is putting it off too far in the future." It is and it isn't, but in any event, it is not my fault nor the fault of any of my colleagues that Omaha has not now the power of local self-government or that it has to make another fight to get that power before it can do some of the things it needs to do.

Here is a matter which to some might not seem of consequence, but to me it is, namely the power to compel property owners or residents to keep their lots and walks clean and neat. I think the people of Omaha are a home-loving people; they take great pride in building and maintaining pretty and commodious dwellings.

When we secure this concession through the legislature, I want to see a charter commission of fifteen representative citizens elected, this commission to embrace men from every department and section of our city's life and activities.

I might write out a long list of improvements which I think ought to be made in our city management right now, without waiting for a new charter, but that would be futile because we have not the funds and have not the power or the means of getting the funds required for reaching out and making these improvements.

I say the city should have such power. Now, in a general way, I desire to cooperate with the good people of the city who have three times sent me up here to this hall to work for them.

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SOME FACTS ABOUT "OLD GLORY"

Birthday of the Flag and Its Present-Day Makers.

Everybody knows, or ought to know, that today, June 14, is the birthday of the flag.

In a little side street shop in the city of Washington a single individual for twenty-five years has manufactured all flags used by the government, with the single exception of the flags of the navy.

Each department of the government contracts for the banners it needs. Copeland, the man of the flag shop, began bidding for these contracts a generation ago, and getting them. One after another of the departments gave him their contracts.

The impression is abroad, for instance, that the official banners are silk. No poet ever wrote of other than silken folds in his nation's emblems. Yet there are almost no silken flags. Neither are they cotton, as might be guessed upon a second chance.

The bunting for the flags is bought by the government in great quantities direct from the factories. It comes, not ready striped, but with the colors in separate rolls. This is the form in which the contractor receives it. In the shop it is cut into strips for the body of the flag and a rectangle of blue is cut out as a field for the stars. These stars are cut by machine from the white bunting. Then the girls begin the stitching together of the sixty pieces that go into the making of a single official flag.

This flag is seventy feet long and thirty-six feet eight inches wide. Its stripes are nearly two feet wide and the stars are more than a foot in diameter. It requires 400 yards of bunting to construct it and so great is its weight that it requires a strong man to take it from its moorings. The flag is the only one of its kind ever made by Copeland and he is the man of the greatest flag-making experience that the country has ever known.

Congress has never said what the proportions of the flag shall be. The various departments have never come to an agreement on this point, and as a result, each department when it lets its con-

ditional policy which slowly, under compulsion of necessity and business sense, found embodiment, first, in the extended authority of the commission, and, in the second place, in the limitation of the power of the courts as regards issues of fact in cases coming before the commission.

Chicago is to have a "beauty squad" of women who are authorized to enforce the ordinance against dangerous hatpins. Each member must be both vigorous and attractive, but it will be the vigor that counts.

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Looking Backward This Day in Omaha

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THIRTY YEARS AGO—The threatened war between the roads to Denver has been declared off.

The Crutcherbank and the S. P. Morse base ball nines are carrying on an animated contest, knocking hot ones at one another in the form of letters and defies, interchanged through the columns of The Bee.

The removal of the hydrant on Fourteenth and Farnam attracted a large crowd of spectators.

The Bee acknowledged receipt of a handsome basket of strawberries raised in the garden of Mr. Avery, on Saunders street near the barracks.

The two-story frame house which has long stood on the Redick property was yanked off the site today to make room for substantial improvements.

Skip Dundy skipped east today to accompany his bride to Nebraska. Skip's secret marriage in Chicago had accidentally leaked out.

Hon. John Rush will go to Seward on the 25th to address a land league meeting.

James McKenna, well known in this city as a prominent attaché of the Department of the Platte, was here on a short visit from Fort Snelling.

Joseph F. Shesley left for New York, intending to take in Niagara Falls enroute.

Twenty Years Ago—Peter J. Fagan, 89 years old, died at the family residence, 1021 Chicago street, leaving one son and three daughters.

The city council placed itself on record favorable to the proposed bond issue by the city for construction of the Nebraska Central railway.

Marriage licenses were granted to the following: James H. Robinson and Nellie G. Simpson; Jeff Seymour and Saddle Hemwick; Owen Carr and Mary Luckey, and of Omaha, and Charles B. Kelley and Mary Cleary of Council Bluffs.

A building permit was issued to George N. Hicks for the erection of a dwelling at Thirty-second and Pacific streets, costing \$500.

Omaha beat Indianapolis at Sportsman's park, 3 to 2. Frank Genins played second base for Indianapolis.

The militia men attending the national competitive drill, began active training at the fair grounds, under the inspiration of an official proclamation by Mayor George P. Bemis, calling upon the people of Omaha to patronize the drill.

Ten Years Ago—An infant hurricane frolicked through Omaha business streets about 8:30 in the evening and did a good deal of small damage to plate glass windows and other fragile structures, wrecking Gentry's animal show on the show grounds and also Dr. Carradine's revival tent on Fifteenth street.

Miss S. H. H. Clark of St. Louis was at the Millard hotel to remain in the city for several days, awaiting Mrs. John Evans of Salt Lake City, who was to visit her.

H. K. Burkett, R. W. Richardson, Hugh Myers, George Cone, H. B. Molyneux and their wives had a private picnic at Courtland Beach.

The republican convention for the Fourth judicial district nominated Guy C. Reed for judge and transacted all its other business in less than fifteen minutes.

Eddie Gordon, the law student, who had been on the pitching staff of the Omaha team, about decided to leave base ball and devote his time to his studies.

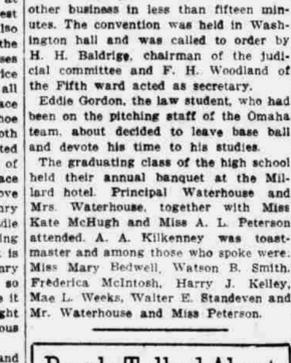
The graduating class of the high school held their annual banquet at the Millard hotel. Principal Waterhouse and Mrs. Waterhouse, together with Miss Kate McHugh and Miss A. L. Peterson attended. A. A. Kilkenny was toastmaster and among those who spoke were: Miss Mary Bedwell, Watson B. Smith, Frederica McIntosh, Harry J. Kelley, Mae L. Weeks, Walter E. Standeven and Mr. Waterhouse and Miss Peterson.

People Talked About

Manager C. F. Schwager of the Alamo creamery has recently purchased a large auto truck in order to more promptly deliver their products from farm to home.

Bishop Quayle of the Methodists, has one proud recollection in common with Speaker Champ Clark, of the democrats; for a while he was the youngest college president in America.

John Kendrick Bangs, the humorist, having completed his book of Christmas stories, is about to sail for Australia and New Zealand, where he is under contract to deliver a series of 100 lectures. His trip will involve a complete circuit of the world.



GRINS AND GROANS.

"All men are liars."

"Prove it."

"Hasn't every man at some time vehemently declared that he wouldn't stand something or other and then stood it?"

"Plague take that girl!"

"My friend, that is the most beautiful girl in this town."

"That may be. But she obstructs my view of second base."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

"I suppose," said the young matron, sweetly, "that these long, sweeping plumes we ladies wear on our hats annoy you gentlemen?"

"Annoy us?" cried the crabbed old bachelor; "they just tickle us to death."—Baltimore American.

Knicker—Do you use labor-saving devices? Bocker—Yes, a fishing pole will prevent you from having to take up the carpets.

"Why do you refer to your favorite candidate as the prairie wolf?"

"Well, it's customary to give a popular aspirant some animal name. And he's one of those fellows who manage to get just out of gunshot range and then bark and holler till nobody can sleep."—Washington Star.

"How's your son getting on in college?"

"Not at all. Every time there are two men on bases and it's his turn to bat they bench him and give a substitute batter a chance."—Detroit Free Press.

Manager—So you are looking for a job. What can you do? Applicant—Nothing in particular, but work is not so much an object as good wages.—Boston Transcript.

"GOD BLESS THE FLAG."

Baltimore American.

Hail to the day we celebrate, And to our nation's sign, The emblem of a destiny Shaped by a fate divine. From that first moment when its folds Were to the air unfurled, Until it came to be the mark Of freedom to the world.

"Twas born in awful throes of pain, 'Twas waded in bloody strife O'er martyr heroes who their own Gave for the nation's life; 'Twas consecrated by their right, To cause of liberty, That evermore its folds should bear The message of the free.

That message it shall always tell, Were to the air unfurled, Then freedom shall link hands with peace, The weak come to the brave, And in the love we bear to it, Ah, let us never lag, And let the nation's voice today, Cry out, "Good bless our flag!"

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