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Subscribers leaving the city temporarily... Should have The Bee mailed to them.

As in my olden times, truly the harvest is great, but the reapers are few.

When a boy is scared at night he whistles to pretend that he is not. Some politicians yell.

The laugh is on the Nebraska man who is spending good money at a cooling summer resort.

Notice how clean all those \$100 bills are since the Treasury department started its laundry?

The novice in aviation who fell 300 feet without injury is the kind of a man to grin under adversity.

At any rate, Governor Stubbs was mistaken in predicting that Senator Curtis would get only a small vote.

Indiana does not mind being called the mother of vice presidents; it has been the butt of so many jokes.

One murder a day in July was New York's record. So many people were out of town on their vacations, though.

The one thing lacking, and an omission that never can be made good, is a second speech by "Mike" Harrington.

The real test of our new commission plan of government will be its ability to distribute the city hall free circus tickets peaceably.

A Minnesota surgeon has performed an operation on a confirmed thief to cure him of his criminality. Cut off his hands, probably.

Our hotel men want legislation to protect them against loss through bad checks. Other people beside hotel men get caught on bad checks.

"I wish to tell you how deeply sensitive I am to the way the nomination has come to me," said the colonial, apparently without cracking a smile.

Having nominated himself, Colonel Roosevelt has the edge over those candidates who had to fool away so much time with speeches of acceptance.

Now, the old question of women being better than men has been raised again. Why, of course they are, or how could they be man's better half?

In the lull of things the press dispatches naively announce as one result of the Missouri primary that "Speaker Clark was renominated for congress."

Electric light rates in Omaha are coming down. Here would be a real solution of the high cost of living if we could only confine our living to the night time.

Some of these excursion cities poke fun at Omaha for not keeping spruced up more. But if it was not for cities like ours, what would become of them?

Woodrow Wilson's speech of acceptance, it may be recognized, is not such as would have come, for instance, from Champ Clark—World-Herald.

How fortunate at least that one good word can be said for it.

During the three days the convention was in session not a roll call nor ballot was taken.—From the bull moose gathering.

No, it was all cut and dried in advance to fit the slogan, "Down with the bosses, let the people rule."

With 30,000 registered numbers out in Nebraska, the assessors return only half that number of autos for taxation. These assessors ought to be compelled to submit to a slight test by a board of competent oculists.

A Purchasing Agent.

The school board is considering a plan to have a purchasing agent charged with authority and responsibility over all the supplies bought for the schools.

The city has already discovered that there is profit accruing from the establishment of a single purchasing agent for all municipal departments, which previous to the commission plan of government, indiscriminately bought right and left, each for itself.

The next thing in order will be a similar centralization of purchasing under one head by the county board. Without unified responsibility the leaks in the supply accounts of the various county institutions cannot be effectually stopped.

Purchasing agents for city, school district and county will surely be money in pocket for the taxpayers. It may even work out so well that these three will later be consolidated into one.

Prophecy or False Alarm?

Prophets are legion, but few of them as true prophets. Is the editor of the socialist "Appeal to Reason" a true prophet, or just a prophet? He evidently thinks he has a vision, as witness this proclamation:

I ask you to keep your eye on ex-President Roosevelt. He is preparing a surprise that will take the breath out of most politicians, and sweep the unthinking people off their feet.

These never was such a game of "stop thief" played before. The Appeal has in its possession information concerning the colonel's plans that would make the nation gasp.

We do not care to make this information public for the good reason that no one would believe it now—but take my word for it, even in your wildest imaginings you have not dreamed of what is to take place within the next few months.

Here is an epitomized prophecy. All we can do is to possess our souls in patience, and see what we shall see.

Wanted—A Time Limit.

It is necessary to obstruct public thoroughfares more or less with materials while buildings are being erected, but for how long? There is no good reason why a time limit should not be placed upon the permission.

People should not be subjected to such inconvenience and annoyance indefinitely just because a builder or contractor does not take the pains to accommodate himself to the convenience of others.

Where building operations have been begun and then suspended for weeks or months, obstructions to sidewalks, especially in the heart of the business district, should not be permitted to stand.

If there is no way of compelling contractors to proceed with their work, there should be a way of removing the obstruction.

Delivery in Advance.

It appears to be only a matter of majorities by which the bull moosers will carry the various states. Press dispatches say that at the Chicago convention Raymond Robbins generously pledged Illinois for a majority of 100,000 and that Gifford Pinchot promised to deliver Pennsylvania with a majority of 300,000.

Now, that is the right system to run a campaign. Let it be known in advance definitely just what to count on in each state and it will save much confusion and useless exertion, to say nothing of money, though, of course, to bull moosers money is not a matter of the least moment.

Since we have Illinois and Pennsylvania to start with, let the roll proceed: Minnesota! How many, Senator Clapp? Kansas, Senator Bristow? New York, Mr. Perkins? New Jersey, Mr. Fort? And Texas, Colonel Cecil Lyon, how many thousand majority may we count on from you for the bull moosers in dear old Texas?

It is as simple as rolling off a log into a creek and about as safe.

What struck our old friend "Hank" Richmond most forcibly at the Woodrow Wilson notification party at Sea Girt was "the crisp salt air." After having imbibed during two sessions of the Nebraska legislature the atmospheric whiffs that come up to the state house from Salt creek, we would have thought Richmond had gotten over that.

The spinster who descants on the advantages of single blessedness and maintains that a woman is happier without than with a husband lays herself open to the charge of expertise judgment, never having experienced the joy of having a real, live husband.

The new third party invites support "without regard to previous political affiliations." In the south, however, this does not mean "without regard to color or previous condition of servitude."

The weather man is doing well for us so far as rainfall goes, but we will please remember to give us enough hot weather yet to fill out the ears and dry them before the first frost.

It is fair to assume there is no sinister significance in the fact that the birth rate of Pittsburg, Kan., is 23 per cent.

Looking Backward This Day in Omaha

COMPILED FROM BEE FILES AUGUST 9.

Thirty Years Ago—The democratic state committee, with Hon. J. Sterling Morton as chairman, met at the Millard and issued a call for the state convention to meet at Boyd's opera house September 14.

Two large picnic vans of McShane & Homan started from Max Meyer's jewelry store with merry loads of young people to spend the evening picnicking. The affair was in charge of a committee headed by Mr. Harry Hunt.

In the show windows of McCarty & Burke, on Fourteenth street, may be seen a magnificent lithograph of the new cathedral of New York, which has been presented to the U. C. A. by Mr. William Bushman.

A fair audience greeted Prof. Perry of Williams college in the first of a series of lectures on the tariff throughout the state.

Mrs. W. A. Cumings has presented her husband with a little daughter. Although it is August people are sleeping in blankets comfortably in Omaha.

Twenty Years Ago—The elevators in the new city hall, which were conceded to be paragons of beauty, were persistently refusing to run, thus seriously hampering their usefulness.

The Omaha Wendell Phillips Prohibition club met at Sixteenth and Douglas streets to name delegates to the state convention at Hastings August 11. The delegates named were Rev. John Dale, George H. Baker, Rev. George W. Woodby, F. S. Roe, Charles Watts, Thomas Erickson, R. W. Richardson, Anthony Jackson, W. Knight, E. C. Brewer, J. B. Wiley, Rev. E. B. Graham, Rev. J. A. Hultman, W. H. Hazard, W. H. Vandercrook, and Meddames G. W. Clark, E. G. Langtry and E. G. Covell.

C. D. Thompson, formerly connected with the advertising department of The Bee, went to Pittsburgh to do some advertising work for the Chicago Tribune.

George F. Gates of the Missouri Pacific city ticket office was rusticated at Clear Lake, Ia.

The John M. Thurston Drum corps left for Fremont to attend an open air meeting of young people.

License Inspector George L. Hurst started a raid on all teamsters, expecting to make each man put up an annual license fee of \$10 or so out of business.

City Superintendent of Schools Fitzpatrick announced that the total enrollment of pupils in the public schools for the last year was 14,835.

Ten Years Ago—Rumors of the development of a meat combine to control all the big packing houses came to a head in South Omaha when a telegram was received from E. A. Cudahy at his summer home on Mackinac Island, suddenly changing his plans and saying he would be in town the next day.

This was taken as proof that the trust was maturing.

Miss Edith M. Fay of the Daily Hotel Reporter went to Springfield, Mo., for a two weeks' visit with her father.

Organized labor men were in a ferment of indignation over the appointment by Governor Savage of the Fire and Police board without a representative of labor upon it, after promises the governor had made to recognize labor.

County Commissioner James P. Connelly admitted he had trapped the mayorally he gave it out cold that he was after the nomination strong.

G. M. McKinney, manager Immigration agent for the Harriman lines, returned from the Pacific coast where he had been in connection with the Harriman plan of colonizing immigrants along his roads in the west.

The immigration department under Mr. McKinney's New York was to have its headquarters in Chicago and enter upon a scientific distribution of immigrants.

People Talked About

Bertha Krupp's fortune has been increased from \$45,000,000 to \$70,000,000 in ten years. In giving practical effect to the doctrine of preparedness Bertha attains the eminence ahead of the procession.

S. F. Chaplin, 71 years old, of Damariscotta, Me., who claims to be the champion fly maker for a person of his age in that part of the state, pitched on six loads of hay in the field and pitched off two loads in the barn one day last week.

Mrs. Mary Livesey has applied to Governor Hadley of Missouri to be appointed probate judge of Howell county. She asked to be allowed to fill out the term of her husband, who died recently, and it is believed that the appointment will be given her.

The Chicago Tax Board of Review has decided that a man who raises twenty children on \$25 a week should not be made to pay taxes. The decision was in the case of H. Finkelstein, a tailor, who said ten of his children, six of them girls, were going to school.

The cruel war breaks out in spots on the autumn slopes of veterans' lines. The old of the Civil War warriors of '61-65, weary of battling against superior force and strategy appeals to the court for a divorce from his wife and custody of his three teeth.

Boys in the political trenches of Indiana are duly shocked because Governor Tom Marshall declined a fund for the payment of his campaign expenses. Tom is no spendthrift, as the boys know by experience. Without outside assistance a proper degree of Hoosier enthusiasm is hard to work up.

The population research bureau of the New York federation of churches has gathered some significant figures concerning the increase and congestion of the foreign-born population of the United States. The bureau finds that for the first time since 1870 there are more foreign-born in all the thirteen original states than in all the other states put together, and New York City alone had, in 1910, 14.4 per cent of the whites. In 1900 the city had 14.4 per cent of all the foreign-born. The number of foreign-born within nineteen miles of New York City had in 1910, 2,832,000.

HADLEY OF MISSOURI

A Live Wire in the Political Activities of Today and Tomorrow.

Herbert Spencer Hadley, governor of Missouri, just now stands out before the united States as a man of peculiar dignity and worth.

At the Chicago convention, he led the fight on the convention floor in behalf of Colonel Roosevelt.

Unlike various others at that particular time and place, his language was not that of the submerged two-fifths.

He was frank, direct, convincing, and his mental attitude was unmistakable.

Had the entire body of assembled visitors and delegates been allowed to vote individually, unimpaired, for a candidate, Hadley would have carried off the prize on the first day of the convention.

The man is tall, slender, with a pardonable pride in his good looks and in his mental abilities.

He speaks with great deliberation, thinking out every sentence before sending it forth.

Had it not been for Hadley's refusal to bolt on the order of Roosevelt, undoubtedly the deflection would have occurred and the entire Roosevelt contingent would have walked out of the hall with much clatter of brogans.

Hadley, from the very start, refused to listen to any proposition of disorder and holding two conventions at one time.

He insisted that the entire procedure must be orderly and according to parliamentary rules duly laid down and recognized.

And now that the convention is over, Governor Hadley refuses to desert the republican party and start a third party.

Hadley is a Kansas product. The name sticks to him by his parents suggests their intellectual faith.

Hadley now is exactly 40 years of age. But forty years ago Herbert Spencer did not occupy the same position in literature that he does today.

BUSINESS IS FLOURISHING

General Prosperity Routing the Political Knockers.

Chicago Record-Herald.

From statistics and general reports it is evident that agriculture, commerce and manufactures are in good condition throughout the United States.

The iron and steel business, an index of general manufacturing, is active to the extent that pig iron production for the first half of the year was 14,973,274 tons, an increase of 2,468,278 tons, or 30.6 per cent over the total for the first half of 1911.

No. 2 foundry iron, which could hardly be sold at \$10 a ton, Birmingham delivery, at the beginning of the year, now commands \$12 a ton. The railroads are freely buying iron and steel products after having kept their purchases down to a minimum throughout 1911.

Steel mills in and about Chicago are so crowded with orders that they are not seeking new business.

Crop reports show an abundance of staples. The hay crop has broken all records; the oats crop is much larger than last year's; the wheat and corn crops probably will amount together to 400,000,000 bushels more than they amounted to last year.

Our exports of manufactures have reached an unprecedented value. Mercantile houses report such large sales that trade in general is evidently brisker than it has been for a long time. Bankers express satisfaction and confidence.

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ELBERT HUBBARD IN HEARST'S MAGAZINE.

The Darwinian fight was on and Spencer was the chief exponent of the detested and feared theory of evolution.

People who did not think were not apt to know anything about Herbert Spencer and to care less.

The recipe for having educated children is to educate yourself.

Hadley's mother, like Thomas Edison's, was a school teacher. She had intellect and she had ambition.

The chief educational influences in Hadley's life were the teachings of his mother. If he had never gone to school at all, he would yet have been an educated man.

His views now are moderating along this line. He is the man who began the action against the Standard Oil company, that resulted in its so-called dissolution.

Governor Hadley must realize now that the dissolution worked no advantage and benefit to the consumer or to the American people at large.

But all through life we work for one thing and get another.

The crushing of the trusts is not a desirable thing, but their regulation is, and this supervision and regulation must and will come. Hadley paved the way for this.

That he did not know what he was doing is nothing to his discredit. The man has been good to school, and he is still going to school. And so are all us taking postgraduate courses.

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VERY MUCH AFRAID HE WILL BECOME UNPOPULAR.

Some day he is going to prove so amusing to the players that they will delay the game to watch him.—Washington Star.

"I just saw Hunter, and he looks pretty bad. What's the matter with him? Do you know?"

"Compound fracture."

"What sort of a compound fracture?"

"He's broke, and Miss Richly, discovering the fact, broke her engagement to him.—Catholics Standard and Times.

As the couple entered the dining room at Ryere Beach a ravenous voiced young fellow was assaulting the air with alleged vocal music.

"Wonder who he is?" said the girl when the howler had stopped his racket.

"Don't you know who that is?" returned her escort. "He's the guy who put the tin in dinner."—Chicago Tribune.

"Yep," said Farmer Cortnessel; "my boy Josh is a great help to me since he got home from school."

"Does he know much about farming?"

"Not a thing."

"Then how does he help you?"

"Keeps the summer boarders interested by explainin' 'all about agriculture to 'em."—Washington Star.

AN EASY JOB.

The Railroad Employee. I want to be a railroad clerk and draw his princely pay.

Where all I'll have to do is work some eighteen hours a day.

I'd like to join those happy guys with hearts so full of cheer.

Who overstrain their weary eyes six hundred days a year.

I want to be a railroad clerk. I'm very fond of toll!

In fact, I dearly love to work while burning midnight oil.

Such things as sleep I truly hate; I much prefer to pore.

O'er waybill made in triplicate and heaped up by the score.

I want to be a railroad clerk. I really do not care to lurk.

Of evenings in the park I'd rather sit upon a stool.

And scotch with busy pen. Than e'er else in the wide world.

Then do it e'er again.

I want to be a railroad clerk. For that's the way to climb.

I will not lag. I will not shirk. But labor all the time;

I will not mind the strain and stress, so, if you'll take me on.

You'll find me at this plain address: Ward Seven, Mattewan.

LINES TO A LAUGH.

"Henry, the baby shouldn't have been given that hard rubber ball. He has just thrown it at his sister and made her cry."

"I saw it happen. Wonderful, wasn't it?"

"What was wonderful?"

"Why, the little cub threw it with a curve!"—Cleveland Plain-Dealer.

"Pa, what's a pessimist?"

"A pessimist, Willie, is a man who says this is the worst governed country on earth, and then goes to vote."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"How can you tell the politics of a newspaper at a glance?"

"By noting whether the headlines refer to an important statement as a 'feeble defense' or a 'stunning rebuke.'"—Washington Star.

"I never spend a penny foolishly."

"I buy food, don't you?"

"Food keeps me alive."

"Well, isn't it foolish for a man like you to remain alive?"—Houston Post.

"That man makes himself very conspicuous by his efforts to be funny at a base ball game."

"Yes," replied Miss Cayenne. "I am doing it nothing to his discredit. The man has been good to school, and he is still going to school. And so are all us taking postgraduate courses."—Washington Star.

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