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Only eleven men were killed in the model steel mills at Gary in August. Must have been a dull month there.

Those letter carriers who have more work are also to have more pay, which ought to equalize the burden.

Having made good on his hot wave and his showers, will the weather man please pass the "cooler"?

Omaha is now among the progressive cities equipped for automobile funerals. Some day we will also have street car funerals.

The weather man keeps on telling us that we still have a deficiency of rainfall since March 1. Here is where a deficiency must be better than a surplus.

Germany is also agitated over the high cost of food, and with cause if quoted prices are reliable. Fifty-six cents a pound for beefsteak makes Omaha figures look cheap.

Chicago is bragging now that it has 2,326,400 inhabitants, based on directory count. Sounds pretty big. But when bragging, why stop for a couple of hundred thousand?

All real progress in this country during the last half century has been made under republican rule, and advance is only possible by close adherence to republican policies.

President Taft is getting some bouquets along with the bricks these days, showing that his efforts as executive are appreciated by a lot of people who are not politicians.

It is probably news to "Bosa" Flinn to be told that he is an "idealist" with "no thought of personal return" for time and money devoted to politics. But he will not deny the allegation.

Half the coal mined in the United States is wasted by reason of poor burning devices, says an expert of the government. But it all has to be paid for by somebody, so the coal man does not worry.

Ormsby McHarg was the man on whom Roosevelt originally depended to push through the fake contests for seats in the Chicago convention, so it is not to be wondered at that he admits the hollowness of the bull moose pretensions.

The Commercial club should not be alone in its efforts to induce the investment of home money in Omaha enterprises. Money made in Omaha might very well be reinvested here, to the advantage both of the individual and the community.

One might get the impression from his statements that Senator Tillman does not like Governor Blease, were it not for the fact that they were both nominated by the South Carolina democrats at the same primary.

If our distinguished hydraulic water boarders had only let the water company build that second supply water main under their standing offer to do so, they would have avoided all this trouble over which street the main should come down.

Good Idea—Push it Along.

The Commercial club announces its purpose to take greater part in municipal affairs than heretofore, and that the appointment of some kind of a permanent conference committee to act with the city commissioners is probable.

The idea, however, is a good one, not only for the Commercial club, but for other civic organizations having to do with various subjects and activities that come in close contact with the municipal government.

The new organization of retail dealers, for example, has a right to have its wishes consulted through a committee just as have the improvement clubs, the labor unions, and other similar bodies.

The way to make a city government responsive to public needs is through constant conferences between the officials and representatives of all the different civic units.

Fellers Will Figger.

Out of the kindness of his heart the bull moose political weather forecaster for Nebraska has taken us early into his confidence by giving out advance returns of the November election, which he says will show as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Votes. Roosevelt 100,000, Wilson 75,000, Taft 60,000.

Far be it from us at this time to make a counter prediction. We would not even call attention to the fact that four years ago Taft had 127,000 and Bryan 131,000, although making 258,000, or nearly 25,000 more than the bull moose accounts for.

But we know of no law in this state that prevents "fellers" from "figurin'."

What is the Gain?

If every action ought to have a purpose, inquiry is justified as to the end of automobile road racing. Generally efforts are directed at curbing the mania for speed, but these events must have the effect, if they have any, of stimulating the desire to "burn up the road."

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Anyway, Omaha beat Lincoln to it in erecting a monument to the martyr president, even though the statue on the grounds of the old territorial capitol here is not quite so pretentious as the one just unveiled on the state house grounds there.

New York City has lost \$3,000 a day on its municipal ferry plant for the last seven years. This is just a trifle ahead of Omaha's experience with its water plant, but Omaha has not had the water plant that long yet.

Judging from the photographs, the only thing still needed for that Lincoln monument just unveiled is a new state house for a background.

Well, we will hear from Vermont in due time.

STEREOTYPERS AND ELECTROTYPERS

By Louis Connelly, President of the Omaha Local.

New Record Established. When in June, 1910, the ninth annual convention of the International Stereotypers and Electrotypers' Union of North America was entertained in Omaha by Stereotypers' union No. 24, the local organization established a new record and took its place in the front rank with the strongest among the many unions of this city.

The news flashed over the wire in 1910 that Omaha had been selected for this convention was a complete surprise, but arrangements for the entertainment of the national body were begun at the next meeting, when the president appointed all members of No. 24 a committee of the whole.

Previous to July 1, 1910, we were practically a union in name only. I do not recall one instance where our working conditions were improved, or any effort put forth to improve them. We had no regular scale, and were working unreasonably long hours.

At this time we surrendered the old charter, so zealously guarded, and applied for a new charter under the jurisdiction of the International Typographical union. This charter was destroyed by fire in Labor Temple hall in March, 1910, and a new one was granted, which we worked under until the organization of the International Stereotypers' and Electrotypers' union in 1912.

In March, 1910, a scale calling for \$2 per day for newspaper stereotypers and eight hours per day, or night, was submitted to the publishers, and on April 22, 1910, the committee reported that the managers of The Bee, World-Herald and News had verbally agreed to the scale as submitted.

The first newspaper stereotyping attempted in this city was on The Bee, when it occupied its old quarters at 614 Farnam street. This was in August, 1885. A man named Curtis, from Detroit, was the first stereotyper, and I was his helper. It was a new business, but indifferently understood at best, and Curtis made a failure of it.

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While wages have been improving, conditions have also been gradually and steadily bettered. The stereotyping business has made wonderful strides in even the last three years, by reason of new machinery now being manufactured, so that where formerly the work was so hard as to be literally slavish, it is now not only easier, but the work is done better, as for instance in the case of the auto-press, pump, casting-boxes and compressed air steam-tables installed by The Bee, the pump boxes put in by the News, and the semi-automobile and pump-boxes put in by the World-Herald.

The Omaha union is today a 100 per cent organization—every stereotyper and electrotyper in the city is in its rolls. It has now thirty-three members, all in good standing, with an average attendance at meetings of twenty-five. We have in our local treasury about \$30 per capita, loaned out at interest, and we reserve it for the benefit of the membership.

Two hundred and sixty-two years ago today—September 3, 1650—Cromwell and his Ironsides met the men of the heather at Dunbar and gave them the beating of their lives. That Scotchmen are brave has been demonstrated upon a hundred battlefields, but the drubbing that "Old Nell" gave them at Dunbar they can never forget.

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He entered Scotland on the 23d of July with 11,000 of his "Ironsides," and on the 2d of September found himself face to face with Leslie's army at Dunbar. It was the largest army that Scotland had ever mustered—27,000 strong, striking the amphitheater of hills. Outnumbered more than two to one, Cromwell was never before in so critical a position.

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Looking Backward This Day in Omaha COMPILED FROM BEE FILES SEPT. 3.

Thirty Years Ago—The feast day of the patroness of the cathedral was celebrated by the unveiling of an oil portrait of St. Philomena, the mass being conducted by Rev. Father English, assisted by Fathers Colanari and Cleary, with sermon by Rev. P. F. McCarty.

Creighton college will reopen with these officers and faculty: President, Rev. T. H. Miles, S. J.; vice-president, Rev. T. S. Leason, S. J., and Messrs. J. F. Bergen, S. J., Gartland, S. J.; F. McKenna, Ed. A. O'Brien, Ed. Owens and Dr. M. J. O'Rourke.

John A. Creighton was an east bound passenger. Annie Giacomini goes to Notre Dame, Maryland, to pursue her studies. Miss Alen M. Williams, principal of Cass street school, has returned from Colorado, where she spent the summer.

Twenty Years Ago—The republican committee met and completed arrangements for the city primaries. In the absence of Chairman Smith, T. K. Sudborough presided.

Why Women Are Not Rich. Man is a millionaire many times over in the possession of blood cells. Woman is not quite so rich, for scientists have proved that the normal man has five million—the woman only four and a half million to a cubic millimeter of blood.

Dr. Pierce's Medical Adviser, 31 stamps, to pay for wrapping and mailing only.

People Talked About

Joseph G. Robin, who is in the Tombs awaiting sentence following his conviction for the wrecking of the Northern bank, is said to have made another fortune through speculation carried on while a prisoner.

George F. Edmunds, who drafted the Sherman anti-trust law twenty-two years ago, is quoted as expressing his belief that Roosevelt should not be entrusted with its further application.

King George is reported to have said that the duchess of Roxburghe, who was Miss Mary Golet of New York, is the best-read woman in England, "being equal to the queen," which is a great compliment, coming from his majesty.

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TOLD IN FUN.

"You are still a bachelor?" "Yes." "I'm waiting for equal suffrage. Before I marry a woman I want to see how she votes."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"You never go to banquets with your husband?" "Yes." "I'm always afraid that they'll ask him to make a speech." "And he can't make one?" "That's it, exactly. But if he were asked I just know he'd get up and try."—Detroit Free Press.

"What reason have you to think that my campaign contribution was gratefully received?" asked Mr. Dustin Starks. "The fact," replied the secretary, "that the gentleman immediately came back for more."—Washington Star.

"The city editor looked over the manuscript the editor had handed him." "If I run this item, madam," he said, "I shall have to use the blue pencil on about nine-tenths of it." "Oh, that's too much trouble!" she exclaimed. "Let me have it again, and I'll write it all with a blue pencil."—Chicago Tribune.

"Gimme a choc'lit sody—draw me a leron lime." "But this dump is crowded—been here an awful time—Gee, o' sassaparilla—strob'y collie—ioe—"

"No, I don't want no banana, told you I whadd' y' have; try coffee—say, this ain't orangeade." "Don't talk to me, young feiler—I know how the drink is made."

And thus they keep on coming, with insistent, brisk demand. The soda clerk keeps moving, as he works with either hand.

He's fast enough in winter, but the summer makes him fly. It's then he demonstrates the hand is faster than the eye.

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THE BATTLE OF DUNBAR

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