

THE OMAHA DAILY BEE

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Prosperity Talks—VII.

In the scope of Omaha's commercial activities, the wholesale distribution of agricultural implements ranks second to none save the packing industry of South Omaha...



Looking Backward This Day in Omaha

Thirty Years Ago—The cornerstone of the Douglas county court house was laid under Masonic auspices...

The marriage of Frank Persinger, a popular young banker of Central City, and Miss Hattie V. Gale...

The Jay Gould party heading for Omaha arrived at Westing Water and east anchor for the night...

Edward S. Raff has become a member of the Omaha Glee club...

Work has begun on the Douglas street pavement under the supervision of John Grant...

For the benefit of the Trinity Cathedral building fund Miss E. E. Poppleton delivered a lecture on English literature...

Jack Prince came into town from Kansas City, where he had won a race or two on his bike against horses...

W. H. Sayward of Boston, secretary of the National Builders' and Traders' exchange, was the guest of the Omaha Builders' exchange...

Charles Campbell took out a permit to erect a two-story frame residence at Twenty-ninth and Elm streets...

President Cable of the Rock Island railroad pleaded in a letter received by Mayor Bernis intended for him and the city council...

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Howell, having returned from their wedding trip, were at the Madison...

Martin M. Brown had a fine time on his twenty-second anniversary. A number of his friends gathered at his home...

Gossip as to the possible successor of General Manager Dickinson of the Union Pacific entered E. E. Calvin of Salt Lake, general superintendent of the Oregon Short Line...

The Omaha Teachers' Annuity and Aid association adopted a fitting memorial on the death of Miss Ellen M. White...

The Austria-Hungary society of Omaha celebrated its tenth anniversary at Bohemian Turner hall...

Following the program of exercises Alexander Schmidt and Mrs. Schmidt led the grand march, the dance was on and joy was unconfined...

Frank Owen of Omaha, it was learned, was picked as one of the pitchers to make up the new American league team in New York...

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BILLIONS FOR RAILROAD BETTERMENT

Railroad Presidents Discuss the Business Outlook.

L. B. Winchell, president of the St. Louis & San Francisco railroad, in an interview published in the Manufacturers' Record of Baltimore...

"The transportation facilities of the southwest are already taxed to their capacity, and there is bound to be an embarrassment later on...

"Some idea of the tremendous flood of prosperity which has come upon the whole country may be gathered from the fact that the increase in this year's corn and oats crops alone over those of last year is greater by 142,000,000 bushels than the entire wheat crop of the United States for this year...

"The presidential year is having less influence on business than ever before. People have been holding back for three or four years waiting for something to happen. Something has happened, that something being big crops, and there is no reason why everybody should not be busy now...

"The present enormous crops will demonstrate the inadequacy of the railroads of today in such a way as ought to be...

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THESE GIRLS OF OURS.

Kitty, with the bracelet Tom gave you for your birthday set with precious stones? Marie—Yes, precious few stones.—Boston Transcript.

"Jack and I have parted forever." "Good gracious! What, does that mean?" "Means that I'll get a five-pound box of candy in about an hour."—Chicago Record-Herald.

"Come on, Mamie. There's no use arguing with her. She kin make twice as bad faces as you kin."—Life.

"Daughter," said father on Sunday morning, "I trust that you will go to church tonight. The theme, 'An Hour With Favorite Hymns,' should be very interesting."

"Father," said the daughter, with a smile, "I should like very much to go, but I have made an engagement to spend several hours with my favorite him tonight."—Tit-Bits.

Stanley Went in New York Sun. It was back in the year nineteen hundred and eight...

When I read in the papers there might be a war On account of the Sanjak of Novi-Bazar. And I pictured you then as some grand potentate— A Sultan or Emir or Pasha, so great That the Concert of Europe was all set ajar...

By the schemes of the Sanjak of Novi-Bazar. I saw you surrounded by Orient state. The very personification of Fate. While your minions fell down absolutely prostrate In the dust that was made by the juggernaut car That carried the Sanjak of Novi-Bazar.

And now, though I've gained the intelligence late, And admit that my knowledge was not up to date, Though now I am cognizant just what you are, You troublesome Sanjak of Novi-Bazar, Into Austria forming a kind of a gate— Yet your rhythm syllable still pounds in my pate As a suitable monarch for light opera— The Most Excellent Sanjak of Novi-Bazar.

Notice the frost on your pumpkin? Last chance to register tomorrow. Shut off the water in your outside pipes yet? Senator Hitchcock is in Ohio. That's very evident.

Indiana race tracks are under Marshall law and the gamblers are recapitulating. Any other man 75 years young hereabouts going to live to be 150 by the fasting route? What has become of the Hon. William Ward of New York, also of the Hon. T. Woodruff?

"I am not a candidate for the presidency," says Felix Diaz. That is what they all say. Take no stock in the rumor that Jack Johnson has decided to return to his old home in Texas. Westward the star of empire is still winging its way. It seems to be central now over Nebraska.

If Mr. Ananias finds his club in need of recruiting, he might pick up a few strays from that Becker trial. Although a self-confessed reformer, Hiram Johnson never has a word to say about a governor neglecting home duties. That South Carolina farmer who plows his fields with dynamite must be qualifying for Ben Tillman's seat in the senate.

Tramp, tramp, tramp, the dads are marching up and down the basement steps these evenings to fill up the grand old furnace. The name of Ponex De Leon now figures in the Mexican revolution. Does that mean it has only begun and is to be perpetual? If you have not sent copies of The Bee's big Nebraska Development number to your eastern friends, do it now before it is too late.

There have been no state treasury scandals in Nebraska under State Treasurer Walter A. George. If one good term deserves another, his does. It may be remarked in passing that no one has been able to steal a million dollars from any Omaha trust company without the company missing it. No, the publication of those "forged" letters later proved to be genuine can have had nothing to do with the shakeup of the editors of Collier's. The billboard nuisance is spreading in Omaha. In every other city that has regard for its appearance, the billboard nuisance is being held in check, if not abated. If Massachusetts folk were not such sticklers for that old-fashioned instrument known as the constitution, the nonresidence of Pitcher Joe Wood would not prevent them from running him for governor. If stopping the fraud of misbranded bull moosers is sure to bring the republican state candidates many thousands of votes, as their campaign manager admits, why should any of their object, or want to perpetuate the fraud? Remember that no registration of previous years holds good for the coming election. In order to vote in Omaha or South Omaha you must have appeared personally before the registration officials of your voting district, and have your name properly enrolled by them.

Are the Penalties at Fault? Would we have fewer serious automobile accidents if severer penalties were inflicted? One thing is certain, casualties from this cause are far too numerous. While, of course, a measure of responsibility rests upon the pedestrian for his own safety, the burden of it falls on the autists, and most of those happening to accidents have not been as careful as they should have been. Laws regulating the conduct of automobiles are violated on our streets every day. Is it because naturally careless and selfish persons have grown indifferent as a result of light and trifling penalties? Let us answer this question properly without further delay and if necessary to safeguard life and limb put a compelling force on those who will not otherwise observe certain laws. How Many Terms? President Taft is running for re-election, and is committed to the "wise custom which limits the president to two terms." If re-elected he will retire at the end of another four years. Governor Wilson is running for the first time and not crossing the second term bridge before he comes to it, although his platform advocates a single term. But Roosevelt, having served two terms, demands a third and as many more, if elected, as a carefully worked up spontaneous popular uprising may require. Roosevelt may fix the number of terms with which he would be content, but then Mr. Roosevelt, himself, solemnly pledged the people November 8, 1904, that "under no circumstances will I be a candidate for or accept another nomination." If the Shoe Fits. At whom was Senator Norris Brown taking a satisfying dig when he remarked that the bull moosers of Wyoming are "not numerous, but honorable; that they fasten upon making the fight in the open and not from ambush, and that 'none of them claim to be republicans, but all refuse to run under any flag but their own?'" Surely the senator was intending nothing in the way of a personal reflection upon any of his former friends in Nebraska—Lincoln Star. Those who find that the shoe fits will have no trouble in putting it on. Over in Iowa Senator Kenyon is seeking re-election, but he is doing so as a republican, and as an avowed supporter of Taft and Sherman, although he has to his credit a record for progressiveness just as good as the candidate for senator in Nebraska, who thinks the republican party is no longer enough for him. Up to its startling shriek of alarm, our amiable democratic contemporary was doing its best to lead people to believe that democratic victory in Nebraska was like taking candy from a baby. Still, there have been other elections in which that political prophet has been wide of the mark. One thousand Illinois college students raided a theater and did much damage. A few of the students were expelled as a penalty. The chief difficulty with that is that they are the very young men most in need of what a college training is supposed to give. Won't it be fine if the accumulated delays in completing that long promised supply main can be unloaded upon a scarcity of labor, and relieve the Water boards, from all blame after their stubborn refusal for six years to order the main built?

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People Talked About. Hi Johnson, A. C. Johnson and Jack Johnson monopolize so much space in the papers that the rest of the distinguished family aren't getting a look in. In Venice, Cal., policemen were equipped with "powder puffs, needles, thread, buttonhooks, mirrors and hairpins." When suffragists run a state they do it right. Scutari, the Albanian town, whether the Montenegro is moving, averages three murders a day in times of peace. The ability of the residents to fatten cemeteries without outside assistance is fairly well established. Detroit is to have an all-millionaire jury on an assessment of land values. The millionaires will be paid \$3 a day. This is one way of advertising a city, but not all cities can round up all the millionaires needed. To show that he has the requisite statesmanship for the job of United States senator from Massachusetts, Mayor Fitzgerald of Boston is boosting for an ordinance limiting the length of women's hat pins to six inches. The Muncy twins of Babylon, L. L. Samuel and William, who will be 93 years old next Christmas, walked over from their farm, a distance of two miles, climbed the stairs leading to the election bureau, and registered under the fountain, both being pronounced prohibitionists. That the city of Pittsburgh, where the "holy" Bill Finn lives, thrives and expiates the caloric of reform, is shown by the Voters' league to yield \$1,700,000 a year in graft off all kinds. As soon as Reformers Finn gets the rest of the country on the straight and narrow path, home-grown crooks will get what is coming to them. Governor Colquitt of Texas, is a reactionary with the bark on and doesn't care who knows it. Declaring that "the high cost of living is due largely, if not wholly, to the individual himself," the governor then harks back to the bygone simple life when "we used to live well without automobiles, without motorcycles, without telephones, without electric lights and without ice in summer."

Another Ban on Warts. Boston Transcript. Secretary of Agriculture Wilson has put the ban on potatoes with warts. It is a drastic step, and will offend many, but as the secretary has announced that he will resign on March 4 next the entire potato vote should not be alienated.

SHORT CAREER OF ATHLETES

Champions of Today Pass Away on the Morrow. St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

The other day Thomas P. Connett, once the world's champion long-distance runner, was found dead of heart disease in a camp near Manila, at the age of 45. "Tommy" Connett, as the world called him when, as an obscure Irish boy, he began to lower the records of all distances from one to five miles, and his comrades in the army called him, when his joints began to lose some of their earlier suppleness, became a soldier in Uncle Sam's service, was a member of the Seventh cavalry, Custer's old regiment, at the time of his death, and had risen to the rank of sergeant. Though younger men had long since pushed him out of the championship class of world fliers, "Tommy" maintained an easy ascendancy among his army comrades until his death, and had won success in training young Filipinos in short and long distance running.

"Christy" Mathewson, the Giants' star pitcher, 32 years of age, is called "the old man" among his associates, and the designation is correct enough, for 32 years of age for a base ball pitcher is equivalent to 60 for the man in the ordinary pursuits of life. He has maintained his supremacy much longer than any other man in his calling except a few who could be told off on the fingers of one hand. Powell of the St. Louis Browns, is one of these. The days of usefulness of a base ball player in the major leagues end comparatively early. The active life of men like Mathewson, Redient, Wood and Cobb is short, but it is merry while it lasts. While the vogue remains they are on a pedestal, where the world sees them and worships them. The spectacle of the million-dollar line of "fans" in New York which stood all Sunday, Sunday night and Monday until after noon so as to be sure to get seats at the opening game of the recent series between the Red Sox and the Giants, shows the spell which base ball of the higher order exerts over the average American. But its star performers drop out quickly and then are forgotten.

It is the same story in all fields of professional athletics. Who now recalls the names of Curtis and Yates who, in double and single sculls, won more prizes a generation ago than any of their shells would hold? "Josh" Ward, Hanlan, Courtney and the other old-time champions in the same field are not even names to the average person who reads of the boat races of today, although Courtney, still alive, is a coach for a rowing club. John L. Sullivan, the mightiest man which his calling ever saw down to his day, is now only a tradition, although he, too, is still alive. Does any "fan" of 1912 remember the Wrights, McVey and their associate members of the Cincinnati Red Stockings who played through the entire season of 1869 without losing a game? This feat is unparalleled, but, of course, base ball has attained the scientific development not closely approached at that day.



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