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Every little weather prophet has a ready explanation all his own.

The popular demand is for lower water rates, "not next year, nor next month, but now."

Just underneath this heavy coating of snow you will find a thick layer of money—in wheat.

Nebraska again has seven living ex-governors, being enough to warrant an occasional reunion.

The weather man's New Year gift of a heavy snow to the farmer could not have been improved on.

It is a sure sign of greatness when people begin to ponder over the pronunciation of a man's name.

"Oh, why should the spirit of mortal be proud?" And Joe Bailey in the distance whispers, "Search me."

One difficulty about unscrambling eggs is that gentlemen try to eat the eggs and have them at the same time.

In spite of the admitted disadvantage of wealth, but few men are found dodging it when thrust at them.

Primitive man, scientists say, could think, but not talk, which means they could have had no politics then.

Judge Colt of Rhode Island will now trot into the United States senate with the toga Senator Aldrich once wore.

"Things are not as bad as they seem." Of course, that seldom refers to a man's mail at the first of the month.

Mind those good old days when you washed your face in ice water out of a tin pan, with the mercury below zero and still falling?

"Every man has a chance at the cabinet," naively remarks the Philadelphia Record. Yes, and most of us have a long chance, haven't we?

A Philadelphia policeman named Murphy recently whipped eight men in a free-for-all fight. Hundred to one none of the eight was named Murphy.

Utah's electoral vote will be cast for Herbert S. Hadley of Missouri for vice president, a compliment to which no good republican will make objection.

The Commercial club has introduced a rotating ballot in the election of its directors. The next innovation will doubtless be the rotation of directors.

Kansas City housewives have organized to combat high-cost-of-living prices. How long will Omaha housewives continue to look pleasant while taking what the local grocers' trust hands them?

Everybody in Lincoln with city lots to sell in the neighborhood of the down-town campus is opposed to the removal of the university to the state farm where no more land will have to be bought.

The methods pursued in Omaha and South Omaha justice courts have long been a disgrace to all concerned, to say nothing of the injustice constantly perpetrated on poor people. It is a bad system that needs complete reformation.

Talking about burdensome taxes, the enforced installation of 11,000 water meters at an average cost of \$12 is equivalent to a tax burden upon Omaha householders and property owners aggregating \$130,000, for which some offset should be had in the form of rate reduction.

The Threatened Flood of Laws.

The political philosophy attributed to Jeremy Bentham, that "that government is best which governs least," seems to have been long ago discarded, if it was ever generally accepted. With a national congress and from thirty to forty state legislatures simultaneously in session, competing with one another to see which can add the most pages to the statute books, the question is no longer how little government, but how much government.

The multiplication of laws and regulations which people are presumed to know, but which they cannot possibly know, overwhelms law-enforcing officers and clogs the courts, while the accumulation of unobserved and dead-letter laws tends to weaken the force of, and destroy popular respect for, law altogether.

Most of our proposed laws are designed to put brakes on people tempted to exceed the speed limit in various activities of life, but there seems to be no way yet devised to put on brakes that would restrain our legislators in their speed-breaking mania for enacting new laws.

Here in Nebraska we have undertaken a first small step by halving the number of days for the introduction of new bills, but we venture to predict that the number of bills will not be cut in half.

Some day in the dim and distant future the statesman who will save us from being inundated by legislation will have monuments built to his memory and his praises sung in song.

Petty Prejudice.

A man whose calling is to help in the redemption of men once said in the presence of many that he would not believe anything he might read in a certain publication, which had contained comment unfavorable to him personally.

On the basis of a personal grievance he whose life mission is to lift up the most holy influence in the world that it might "draw all men" unto it hazarded such a declaration.

How many of us run the risk of doing violence to truth and justice by just such unbridled outbursts as the result of irritation which is a part of life? Wrath, hate, prejudice, malice, are all base and sordid emotions which one must not only control himself, but teach others to control.

Was this man consumed by a passion for a principle or a passion of personal vengeance? He was personally offended and not large enough to rise above it, to sink his own grievance, which may or may not have been justified, for the sake of his influence and example.

And of all the passions to which he surrendered, what was worse than that of prejudice? Humor, prejudice far enough, and it will develop all the others. Prejudice is incorrigible. The man who says, "I disagree with you; I think I am right; but I am open to conviction," is a reasonable man, worth talking to, but the man who says, "I am right, and nothing you or anyone could say would change my mind," is the man to beware of.

Righteous causes—the most righteous—are often impeded in their progress because their chief votaries are sometimes men so blinded by their own personal grievances that they cannot see beyond them.

Shorter Christmas Vacation.

Now that the Christmas-New Year holiday vacation has come and gone, it might be permissible to ask if it is best to have two full weeks' intermission of school in midwinter? Do the children need it, or the teachers, or the parents?

If the decision were left to the parents we fancy it would be largely in favor of one week's vacation. In that time the child, if in need of rest, surely can get sufficient and have time to enjoy the diversions of the season. A long school vacation at a period when the children must be kept indoors, is often a source of annoyance to all concerned.

Two weeks at Christmas time, in addition to the spring vacation week, really seem to be a little more than actually required. The multiplication of school holidays for various occasions promises soon to present a real problem and make necessary a rearrangement of the school calendar.

Church Unity.

The proposal of a world conference on church unity coming from the ultra-conservative Church of England may be regarded as most significant. In the United States evangelical churches have engaged in various plans of co-operation involving effacement of denominational lines and some real headway has been made.

But the announcement by the archbishops of Canterbury and York of the appointment of a committee of twenty to represent the Church of England in the preparation of plans on which world unity may be accomplished cannot but impress men with the intense earnestness of the movement.

The Edinburgh conference has profoundly inspired churchmen the need of closer unity of action and less devotion to sectional creeds. Evidently the accumulating forces of this conviction crystallized in that great convention, which drew men from all quarters of the globe. What an impulse it must have had if it

disturbed the trenchments of the venerable Anglican church.

The splendid enterprise of unity in which twenty denominations have engaged receives tremendous impetus by the co-operation of this church. It must arrest the most serious attention of men everywhere and tend to strengthen the claim of the institution representing itself as the body of the divine on earth.

The exact methods of procedure are not now disclosed, but they must be taken in a rather literal sense if judgment is to be formed from what has thus far been done or attempted in our own land.

It is natural that such a climax should come in the life of the church at a time when the whole tendency of human activities is toward conserving and concentrating power and energy.

Every intelligent churchman must understand that, without extra agrandizement to the cause of religion, tremendous waste of spiritual and temporal elements filters through the coarse screen of multiplying denominations.

Vagaries of a Popular Vote.

The vagaries of a popular vote are again illustrated by the fate which has overtaken the component parts of the pretentious plan for public improvements in Kansas City embraced in an issue of bonds for different purposes.

At the election held last week the people of Kansas City were asked to approve nine bond propositions aggregating \$2,950,000, but only two measures carried, one providing \$750,000 for flood protection and another providing \$100,000 for a tuberculosis hospital.

While a third, to raise \$500,000 for a garbage disposal system, hangs in the balance. The list of bond propositions lost include: Bridges and viaducts, \$450,000; municipal farm, \$150,000; traffic ways, \$300,000; Swope park, \$250,000; playgrounds and other parks, \$450,000.

To an outsider the strange part is that the utilitarian projects should have received the big vote, while the plans for parks, playgrounds and viaducts, supposedly popular, should fail to rally the necessary support.

Kansas City's experience is a counterpart of Omaha's when our park bonds lost out in the last election.

Recognizing the Chinese Republic.

Some who arrogate to themselves a sort of intuition as to the motives of the present administration assert that the government's failure to recognize the new Chinese republic is a part of an attempt on its part to coerce China into certain terms for a loan of many millions, which it has been trying for some time to obtain.

The government's explanation of its delay is that it had entered into an agreement with certain other great powers not to accord formal recognition to the new republic until it finally passes out of the provisional into a permanent status.

It has been recalled in this connection that England, as the best friend of Portugal, endured unfair criticism for its refusal at once to recognize the Portuguese republic.

The United States used to act more promptly in matters of this kind, but in concert with other nations, it determined upon the wisdom of a policy of deliberation, giving no preference to republics over other forms of government.

In any event, the government's word for its action in the case of China ought to have as much weight as that of those predisposed to discredit nearly everything the government has done under the present administration.

Euthanasia.

Those who believe in euthanasia for the hopelessly afflicted may find satisfaction in the reports of the wholesale slaughter of lepers in China. And in the procedure there is also a suggestion of the new spirit of progress springing up in the hearts of the Chinese.

The lepers are driven into a trench dug for the purpose and filled with kerosene-soaked fuel, shot and burned to ashes, and after the execution a charge of out-lavry is filed to clothe the act in the garb of legality.

But this subterfuge would not be demanded by ultra-advocates of euthanasia, who would find in their theory of humanitarianism sufficient justification. The practical side of the system lies in the possibility thus of reducing the spread of leprosy.

But is the world ready to trust to any official authority to say whether human beings, however afflicted, shall be put out of misery by being put beyond recovery?

Abuse in Land Selling.

The west has suffered from the effects of fake land booms. It used to be easy for professional gold-bird artists to get hold of land and exploit it, regardless of ultimate consequences. This resulted in some retarding of western development, because it shook people's confidence in land selling.

But a marked improvement has taken place in recent years and, while time is required to overcome all the ill effects formerly inflicted, the country is showing the results of cleaner ways of dealing.

Yet the lack of cash as well as of confidence deters many a man from

acquiring a farm of his own.

The Denver Republican undoubtedly is correct in asserting that "there are thousands of tenant farmers in the country wanting to secure land of their own." Owners and agents of land on the market can have them for purchasers any time they make terms they can meet.

They are unlike the city man who has to be first persuaded toward land, at all. According to the Republican, a company in a southwestern state has seemingly provided a profitable arrangement in selling the land, erecting the houses, taking the purchaser on merely as a lessee for four years, letting him pay a fair rent, which applies on the cost price, then begin his regular installments, receiving title to his land in six years more, or a total of ten years from the time he occupied it.

Such a plan might meet both the lack of cash and confidence and benefit all concerned.

American Homes and Architecture.

Time was when Europe decried the suggestion of American literature, just as it also decried our architecture, or, as it appeared to Europe, the absence of architecture. But in both relations European criticism has undergone revision.

As Price Collier observed some two years ago: "It was less than a century ago that the sarcastic question, 'Who reads an American book?' was posed in the Edinburgh Review," adding that no Englishman at that time dreamed that well within the century two authors, dealing directly with the British empire, would be given a prominent place in the library of every serious-minded Englishman.

Just so now with American architecture, the mention of which a short time ago provoked only mirth in Europe. M. Achille Duchon, one of the famous French architects, recently made a professional tour from coast to coast in the United States with resulting amazement at our architectural beauties.

"The progress since my last visit, four years ago," says he, "is distinct and admirable. It is an architecture born of necessity and based on a knowledge of every architecture the world has known."

America already is a land of beautiful homes. Our people in village and city, as well as at summer and winter resorts, in proportion to their means, are cultivating the artistic, combined with utility, in their residences, and still further progress may be confidently counted on.

Mayor Dahman offers personal assurance that the new Civic league is not part of any political machine.

If the mayor says so, that goes. Wonder how anyone acquired the suspicion that an organization manned by so many different kinds of reformers could ever be made a political machine.

The lawyers are trying to put on the law-makers the blame for the laws' delay. Digging below the surface would disclose that the lawyers and law makers are one and the same. Were it not for the lawyers there would be no laws' delays nor delays in laws.

Governor Morehead stepped from the position of president pro tem of the senate into the executive chair. Still, that line of promotion never happened before in Nebraska, and may never happen again.

De Wolf Hopper's fourth wife wants a divorce. It is a fast three-cornered race between Hopper, Nat Goodwin and a distinguished feminine member of the profession now, temporarily at least, occupied.

One can never tell what a January will bring forth. While oranges and lemons are destroyed by unprecedented cold weather for California, Alabama is having the warmest January on record.

Speaker Kelly of the Nebraska house of legislature, we are pleased to note, takes up his gavel "in the fear of God." It is to be hoped he fears no other power in the discharge of his duty.

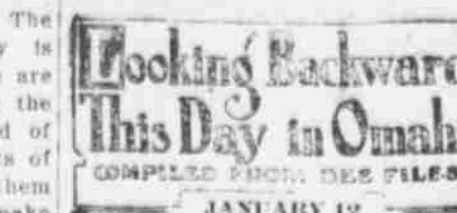
Our Water boarders may set the hot air gauge for their meetings anywhere they please if they will only pull the water gauge down to what they promised consumers before the plant was bought.

What to do with our ex-presidents is evidently not so burping a question in Nebraska as what to do with our ex-state supreme judges to save them from the necessity of becoming railroad lobbyists.

The inference is unescapable that the entente cordiale between "Brother Charley" Bryan and our democratic United States senator is not warm enough to counterbalance this cold weather.

Mr. Fatten may think he can do as he pleases with his money, but if cornering cotton or foodstuffs with it is one of his pleasures, then he cannot please himself with impunity.

If the street car company could only be convinced that there are enough owl birds in Omaha to make it pay, the owl cars would be forthcoming without further pressure.



Thirty Years Ago—The departure of G. T. Houser, secretary of the Y. M. C. A., for his new field in Chicago is signified by a farewell endorsement from the pastors of the Protestant churches of Omaha.

The names signed are William M. McCandless, J. W. Harvey, F. S. Binsay, Charles W. Savage, J. W. Shank, Frank H. Hays, A. P. Sherrill, G. E. Stelling, W. J. Harsh.

Information comes of the wedding at Winterest, Ia., of Charles T. Bunce of Omaha and Miss Clara Hardy of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Bunce will be at home at their residence on Nineteenth street.

A real Nebraska blizzard struck the city in the evening with the wind blowing a gale.

Judge Hencke is on the sick list again from rheumatism.

Mr. J. J. Tans has been engaged temporarily as secretary of the Y. M. C. A. The condition of Hon. Joseph W. Garnett is still critical, although hopes of his recovery are expressed by the attending physicians.

A distinguished party of Third house officials came up from Lincoln, including Squatter Governor Pearson, Hon. Pat O. Hawes, the chief justice, and Mr. H. T. Leavitt, the postmaster.

The Swedish library fair is in progress at their building on Farnam street.

Twenty Years Ago—It was announced at the court house that part of the \$100,000 voted last summer for paving would be used to improve some of the most popular of suburban roads near the city.

City Engineer Rosewater, replying to the complaint of inefficient water pressure to enable the fire department to compare flames properly, said it would take time to make the necessary investigation, but he could see, offhand, no reason why the water company should not furnish the necessary high pressure.

Numerous recent fires increased people over the matter and remonstrances were becoming acute.

Mrs. Arthur C. Smith gave a reception and was assisted by Miss Yates, Miss Knoutze, Mrs. Will Poppleton and Miss Sherwood.

The K. W. B. Whist club was entertained in the evening by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ebnalish. Prizes were awarded to Miss Alice Brome and J. A. Hake. These members of the club were present: Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Balliett, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Blanchard, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Kessler, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Livingston, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hake, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Shelly, Mrs. H. L. Whitney, Miss Alice Brome and Miss McCune.

Ten Years Ago—William Barrett, a young man residing at Florence, fell from a wagon at Twenty-sixth street and Ames avenue and sustained a fracture at the base of the skull pronounced to be fatal. Barrett, E. L. Hazzell and Charles Phelps, all of Florence, were driving home in a spring wagon and the whiffle-tree broke as they reached this corner. Barrett being hurled to the ground forcibly.

The following were chosen directors of the street car company at the annual meeting of stockholders: Guy C. Barton, G. W. Watters, W. V. Morse, W. A. Smith and Frank Murphy of Omaha; Tundall Morgan, Albert Strauss, Hugh McGowan, C. R. Tyler, the last of Council Bluffs. The directors elected Mr. Murphy president, Mr. Barton vice president, Mr. Smith treasurer and general manager, and R. A. Teussler secretary.

C. M. Wilhelm, W. S. Jardine and H. J. Fenfold were re-elected to the Board of Governors of Ak-Sar-Ben.

Mrs. H. V. Burkle, who has been sick at the home of her parents at Council Bluffs, returned to her home in Omaha recovered.

Omaha coal dealers announced that they were so affected by the coal shortage as to be unable to supply demands.

People and Events

Mayor Fitzgerald of Boston promises to extend the glad hand to the poor rich on four wheels by dispensing gasoline from city tanks at wholesale prices.

According to the Philadelphia standard, the real joy of independence is possessed by the man "who is not married, engaged or living with his sister."

The failure of a manufacturer of "galluses" in Chicago, owing to decreasing demand, proclaims the triumph of the safety pin over the old reliable nail.

Although the new governor of Missouri is a lightweight of 100 pounds, the executive department has sent to the legislature the "deficit" budget in the history of the state, amounting to \$12,714,433.33 for two years.

A wave of indignation threatens to overflow the bounds of prudence should the courts persist in their attempts to rob New York of its horse cars. These relics of the simple life in Gotham are revered only a shade less than Pete Minuet's memory.

A steel worker in a Pittsburgh suburb went off to work last Monday without his dinner pail. A few hours later the shadows of a dinnerless day was banished by a telephone message from his wife: "Go to the postoffice and get your dinner." The loaded pail was there, decorated with parcels stamps.

About Motor or Wife

It isn't the initial cost; it's the upkeep that counts. Every man thinks his own the best—or pretends he does. There is something about having one that makes a man feel mighty important.

SECULAR SHOTS AT PULPIT.

Detroit Free Press: The king of England says he prefers short sermons. In this respect almost any man is every inch a king.

Philadelphia Ledger: You doubtless have noticed that the man who expresses the wish to meet you in heaven nearly always wears a face clouded with doubt.

New York Post: At first sight it is no extraordinary feat to have read the Bible from cover to cover in twenty-seven hours. That is only the equivalent of a couple of Sunday papers. But then the Bible is not such interesting reading.

Cincinnati Enquirer: Rev. Alfred Mortimer, recently unfrocked by the bishop of Pennsylvania, says his teachings were sound and that the mantle of charity should cover his personal conduct. The minister who fails to practice what he preaches places himself in an indefensible position. The charity plea is barred.

BLASTS FROM RAM'S HORN.

The only real giver is the cheerful one. Beauty in the heart shows itself on the face.

Some folks never look up as long as they can stand up.

Love is blind, but vain regret has good eyesight.

Some very sweet music comes from organ pipes that are unseen.

The Lord made some laws to show how much He hates idleness.

Take the nails out of the church and down goes the steeple.

You can't measure a man's religion by the length of his face in church.

The world pays much closer attention to what a man does than to what he says.

In most cases we look in the wrong direction for our happiness.

The preacher who calls the devil by his right name seldom has his salary raised.

As long as prize fighting pays so much better than preaching the devil will have plenty of hired help.

YOU CAN'T LOSE 'EM.

Brooklyn Eagle: Mrs. Robinson, the only woman senator of Colorado, doesn't object to tobacco smoke. Her safety and sanity cannot well be doubted by her male colleagues.

St. Louis Republic: The eternal feminine lobbed up again in the opening words of the first speech made by the first woman senator in Colorado when she said, "This is no time for oratory, but for lunch."

Philadelphia Bulletin: When the Colorado legislature met in its opening session, Hon. Agnes Riddle, republican member of the lower house, formally greeted Senator Helen Ring Robinson, democrat, with an embrace and a kiss. But we thought the equality of sex was the basic principle of feminine participation in political rights. Where were the rest of the legislature?

SUNDAY SMILES.

The little one was crying lustily. "Mother," said the superior small boy, "won't you please let sister hold the baby?"

"Certainly not. She is very careless and might drop him," replied the mother.

"John, I wish you'd make a complaint at the postoffice."

"What's wrong?"

"Why, somebody set a keg of nails on that mince pie your Aunt Maria mailed us."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

McQuirk-Pidney Grogan has been arrested for stealing a suit of clothes and is liable to go to jail for it.

"Boyanov-Pidney's a blame fool. Why didn't he buy the suit on credit and then forget to pay for it?"—Yonkers Statesman.

"Every cloud has a silver lining for some one," remarked the optimist.

"That may be so," replied the literal pessimist, "but the silver stays there."

"Our sins are sure to find us out," quoted the Wise Guy.

"Yes, but they have an unpleasant habit of calling again," added the Simple Moe.—Philadelphia Record.

Geraldine—Did you ever play kissing games?

Gerald—Yes, and I remember them as games that didn't have to be called on account of darkness.—New York Times.

"He knows all the best people in town." "Why doesn't he associate with them then?"

"They know him."—Cleveland Leader.

"I understand you have bought an automobile?"

"Yes, I saw seven of them chasing one pedestrian the other day and I decided that I was on the wrong side of the spot."—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

A SONG OF LONG AGO.

James Whitcomb Riley. A song of long ago— Sing it softly—sing it low— Sing it softly—like the lispings of the lips— We used to know— When our baby laughter spilled From the glad hours ever filled With music glad as robin ever trilled! Let the fragrant summer breeze, And the leaves of locust trees And the apple buds and blossoms and All that partake with glee, Till the happy harvest comes, Bring back each child's joy to you and me. Let the eyes of fancy turn Where the tumbled poppins burn Tangled grass and fern— There let the old path wind In and out and on behind The elder press that chuckles as we grind. Blend in song the moan Of the dove that grieves alone, And the wild whine of the orchard, and the bumble's drowsy drone; And the low of cows that call Through the pasture bass when all The landscape fades away at eventfall. Then far away and clear, Through the dusky atmosphere, Let the wailing of the lullaby be heard— O sad and sweet and low As the memory may know Is the grand-oldest song of long ago!

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