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And still we do not doubt that it may yet snow.

Skirts, it is said, will be tighter next spring. How can they be?

Literary merit and the "best sellers" are not always synonymous terms.

Mr. Morgan has gone to Egypt to worry over the Money trust investigation.

Turkey not only seems to have some sand left in its crop, but a few brickbats, too.

An exchange says a million dollars in gold weighs 3,855 pounds and a fraction avoirdupois. Um huh.

And what is more, the ex-president who takes the chair of law at Yale will dignify it as well as fill it.

Mr. Corey and Judge Gary might repair to a little room, say 8x10, lock the door and settle this matter as to who got the gray.

Any man of 70, who can call himself a "life-long democrat," can lay just claim to being a versatile man—at least in his politics.

"Bobbie" Burns will never cease having birthday celebrations so long as there is a son of bonny Scotland in any corner of the earth.

For what people have to pay for milk in Omaha they are certainly entitled to lactical fluid up to the official standard, which is none too high.

The chairman of the Money trust investigating committee is named Pajo, but some of the Wall street witnesses call him worse names than that.

Diners in fashionable New York restaurants during the waiters' strike doubtless feel the realism of the song, "The Miek Who Threw the Brick."

President-elect Wilson talks as if he meant to be president without waiting for "the aid or consent" of any other democrat on earth. But we shall see.

Dr. Hall talks as if he were laboring under the delusion that his position in the democratic national committee vested him with the distribution of the postoffice plums.

Omaha never lacked for candidates, such as they were, for any office, high or low, and it is incredible that even a charter-making convention will go by default for want of aspirants for the job.

A New Jersey man declares he has chewed tobacco since Andrew Jackson was president and on his 100th anniversary chopped wood all day. Think of what he might have done had he let tobacco alone.

Vice President-elect Marshall evidently figures out that even after tipping the waiters, bell boys, butlers, doormen and the rest of the army, boarding at a hotel will be cheaper than keeping house.

San Francisco does not relish divorcing the Central Pacific from the Union Pacific. This is all the more reason why Omaha should give moral support to the demand of the Union Pacific for control of the through line.

No presidential appointments made since the adjournment of congress last summer, except diplomatic and army promotions, are to be confirmed in order to leave the places open for President Wilson to fill. Oh, what a pushing and a jostling the White House will witness as soon as the new tenant moves in.

In the Scrap Heap Again.

A proposal is before the legislature to do away with the use of voting machines in Nebraska by repealing the law authorizing their installation.

When on a particular occasion two years ago suit was brought in court to enjoin their use for the then impending county election, a terrible outcry was raised by the democratic World-Herald against this atrocious outrage which, it declared, would throw into the scrap heap \$50,000 worth of voting machines paid for out of the public treasury.

To discontinue voting machine voting, we were told by this democratic organ, would be equivalent to a rape of the ballot, a consummation of a clever conspiracy and an assault on the liberties of the people that must be repelled at all costs.

And then, within a few weeks, the democratic county board voted the machines out of commission, since which time they have not been recalled.

Getting back to the main proposition, experience in Omaha with the voting machine has shown it to possess many advantages in its infallible accuracy, its expedition and its automatic count.

The one feature that has evoked objection—and we are not sure whether it is peculiar only to the particular machine used in Omaha—is that the party lever is strongly conducive to straight party tickets. If the machine could be used with facility without the party lever, this objection would be removed and the advantages retained.

We believe, therefore, that it would be better not to repeal the voting machine law entirely, but to amend it so as to remove the party lever along with the party circle from the ballots, and to permit the use of the voting machine whenever it can be readjusted to comply with such requirements.

The Dignity of the People. A stereotyped legal phrase refers to the "peace and dignity of the people of the state," but where is the dignity of the people in such a disgraceful spectacle as that presented at Springfield, Ill., where a handful of selfish politicians, by manipulating a legislative deadlock, refuse to let a governor take the seat to which he was elected?

Perhaps Illinois has grown callous to such humiliation, but that does not lessen the contumely a particle. Governor-elect Dunne stands in none too enviable a light in not finding a way to assume the office, which is his by the mandate of a sovereign people, especially since the incumbent, Governor Denen, is eager to vacate and place the reins of government in his hands.

Hobble Skirts and Woman's Rights. Breathing out an anathema upon the hobble skirts, Dr. Jenkin Lloyd Jones says they have "hobbled woman's rights." A little incident has occurred in Los Angeles that tends to refute this.

The railway corporation operating all the suburban lines radiating out of that city has been forced to agree to lower all the steps on its cars for the accommodation of women wearing hobble skirts.

It does not appear from this that the hobble skirt has circumscribed woman's rights or power to achieve her desires. When Dr. Jones adds that "hobble skirts are the despair of the industrial world," he comes nearer the fact at least in this case.

The Los Angeles corporation was evidently in despair or it would never have given up to a freak of fashion.

The Roosevelt party in Iowa threatens to "get" Senator Cummins, no matter what he may do from now on, all because he dared favor the idea of reorganizing the republican party within itself.

Senator Cummins casts his eye over the recent election returns in Iowa and observes that, as the Burlington Hawkeye observes, "every successful candidate for state office in Iowa is a regular republican," he will let them go ahead and "get" him.

It would seem that the plan of two prominent Omaha churches to consolidate and establish a modern institutional church is in line with present-day tendencies.

Hazlett uttered a mighty truth when he said, "Simplicity of character is the natural result of profound thought." What a give-away simplicity of character is, then.

Looking Backward This Day in Omaha

Compiled from Bee files JANUARY 29, 1913

Thirty Years Ago—The location of the state fair at Omaha for another two years is settled by a meeting of the State Board of Agriculture. The date for this year is the week beginning September 16.

At the German school fair, which closed Saturday night, the following prizes were won in the drawings: Child's dress by C. Krelle; clothes wringer by George Trauback; towel rack by Miss Clara Windstein; doll baby by Louis Schroeder; flower pots by Henry Pundt; silver bouquet stand by Henry Dittz; morocco stationery case by M. Toff; china cup by Fred Metz, Jr.

The resignation of John G. Morse as superintendent of the Omaha Electric company has been handed in.

Relief for the needy, a warm meal and charge, at Free Maasons' hall each day from 1 to 12, free entrance.

W. E. Heipryer will begin a class in dancing for ladies and gentlemen, new beginners, in his rooms over Wyman's. He will also give a party Saturday afternoon for children.

Ruth Hebekan lodge No. 1, has installed these officers: Mrs. Monroe West, noble grand; Mrs. Hattie M. Armstrong, vice grand; Miss Alice D. Bean, secretary; Mrs. E. Stuhl, treasurer.

Mrs. J. B. Wilkinson is home from a two months' visit in Boston and New England.

J. E. Markel and family left for San Francisco and Los Angeles, to be gone two months.

St. K. Herman the celebrated architect who is still remembered, designed the Bee building, was in the city at call at the Bee office to see his friend, Edward Rosewater.

Joe Chozynski, the California heavyweight, sent word that he would be here to box Jack Davis of Sioux City before the Omaha Athletic club February 22. Peter Jackson, the famous negro pugilist, was to have met Joe at this time, but because of other engagements.

Rev. J. Mackey delivered an eloquent address at All Saints' Episcopal church on the life and character of St. Philip the Deacon. "Ninety per cent of the Cubans," said this prominent negro soldier, "are Roman Catholics and since being among them for years I have more respect for that religion than I had before."

Two hundred braves of the Douglas County Democrats met at the rooms and elected these officers: President, J. H. Jones; first vice president, George Holmes; second vice president, J. Levi; third vice president, Peter Hofeld; secretary, J. F. Morlarty; corresponding secretary, Charles Emery; treasurer, J. J. Mahoney; financial secretary, Joseph Panuka; sergeant-at-arms, Harold Overbeck; marshal, Captain P. H. Mottlyn.

The McKinley club have an annual banquet at the Millard hotel attended by 300 guests, at which McKinley was the hero of the hour. Many tributes of respect were paid to the martyred president after whom the club was named.

President Frank Crawford presided and read a telegram from President Roosevelt, congratulating the club and best wishes to the club. Charles G. McDonald, Governor Mickey, C. E. Adams of Superior, Judge Paul Jensen, Charles F. Reavis of Falls City had spoken when the orator of the evening, Governor Cummins of Iowa, was introduced. He spoke on McKinley and the tariff and was most enthusiastically received.

Colonel Teysier, a French soldier, who has just received the grand cross of the Legion of Honor, was commandant of the fortress of Bitche, which held out against the Prussians from August 3, 1870, until March 24, 1871. He is now 85 years of age.

Charles E. Finlay, president of the Avina National bank, New York, has pledged \$1,000,000 to Dr. F. E. Friedman of Berlin. If the doctor's remedy cures the banker's son-in-law of tuberculosis, and does the same thing for ninety-four others.

Just to show the boys that the cares of office have not given him the tired feeling, Governor Sulzer of New York climbed a series of ladders to a height of fifty feet and made a personal inspection of the steel work on the capitol building.

Secretary of War Stimson has approved plans for providing tent shelters for 5,000 old soldiers who are expected to participate in the reunion of the blue and the gray on the Gettysburg battlefield next July to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the battle.

Aimed at Omaha

Pender Times: The Omaha Bee makes a good showing in opposition to the plan to increase the number of the supreme judges. Nebraska has seven judges. Five states have more than that number.

Trust Companies Not to Blame. NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—To the Editor of The Bee: My attention has been called to an editorial in a recent issue of the Bee in which the statement appears that trust companies precipitated the panic of 1907 and that it is a favorite device of promoters to disguise their questionable or speculative operations under the title of "trust company."

Hoobrook Observer: No matter what westerners think of Omaha, one thing we must admit, and that is that its business men are about the finest bunch of boosters in the state. That is what makes Omaha the first city of Nebraska.

Aurora Sun: Omaha has quit fighting—that is, advertised flatly encounters at which the public is expected to attend and pay toll. What a dreary place Omaha is coming to be!

York Times: Representative Sugarman of Omaha seems to be the candy kid all right. He is intent on getting a law enacted for purer elections. There is no complaint, nor reason for any, outside of Omaha. The people will be curious to see what kind of a law it will be that will make them honest in that burg.

Kearney Hub: The legislature is asked to come to the rescue of Omaha and pass a bill intended to secure "honest" elections in that city. We may be somewhat at a loss to understand whether this is an admission that Omaha has been having dishonest elections or whether it is merely in the nature of a wise precaution or a "stitch in time."

Howells Journal: Score one for Omaha—a squad of police put a stop to a prize fight down there the other night. Who says the world does not move?

Fairbury News: They are having a great time trying to name their new hotel in Omaha and The Bee is publishing a column of suggestions every day. But up to the present time no one has thought of the name "Dahlman."

Fremont Tribune: Representative Loebbeck is a Jacksonian democrat and purposes to apply his principles in passing out postoffices. Evidently with Dan Morgan collection for in all the vast Morgan collection there is not a single object about which the shadow of doubt exists.

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Division of Wealth. The late John Arbuckle, the coffee king and of Socialism: "Socialism is, in a word, the golden rule. It is excellent in theory, but worthless in practice—for human nature is incapable of living up to it."

Poverty's Sign. Mayor Rockwell of Akron, O., was condemning the claim, often put forward by the rich, that poverty is good for the character. "Poverty is good for nobody," he said. "It embitters the mind, hardens the heart, causes unhappiness and fear and suffering."

There's nothing like adversity, a millionaire once said to me—there's nothing like adversity to bring a man out. "Yes, I replied, 'out at the elbow.'"

Here and There Direct trains from Key West to Cuba are promulgated. Missouri's state debt is \$4,388,850. On the first of the year there is \$2,981,829 in the state treasury to the credit of various state funds.

A decision of the New York state court of appeals restricts loan shark interest rates to 6 per cent per annum. Four more national bird reservations were established by the United States government last year, making the total number thirty-six.

The ice trade rises superior to the seasons. If there is an open winter the summer price will be high because there was no ice to store. If we have zero weather it is too cold for the men to work and only a small crop can be hoisted.

The predicted \$15,000,000 cost of battle-ships has been reached, according to the testimony of the chief naval constructor before the house naval committee. Last year congress appropriated on a basis of about \$12,000,000 per ship, a few years ago it was about \$5,000,000, and not so very far back the figure was around \$600,000.

The weather bureau, Washington, is extending its service by sending to the larger cities reports of weather conditions in certain foreign places which show what is happening on the Atlantic. Places included are in Iceland, Faroe Islands, Scotland, Ireland, England, Germany, France, Portugal, the Azores, Bermuda and the West Indies.

The Bees Letter Box

Lines to a Laugh

"I see they are trying in politics to revive the Jeffersonian simplicity." "Yes, and the first thing they know they will find it turned into a Thompsonian aweal."—Baltimore American.

"Yes, said the old man, 'I find my strength is falling somewhat. I used to walk around the block every morning, but lately I feel so tired when I get half way around I have to turn and come back.'—Woman's Home Companion.

"Yes, I had to swear off." "What?" "It was time. After getting safely into the house I deliberately awoke my wife to ask her the name of the song I was humming. When a man gets that way it's time to quit."—Washington Star.

Hamlet had just been hit by a cold-storage egg. Whereupon he turned slowly to his audience. "How truly spoke the good Marcellus!" "How truly! 'Something is rotten in the state of Denmark!'"—Harper's Weekly.

"I'm sorry to tell you, mum, that I'll be leaving you next week. I'm going to get married." "Get married?" "That so, Emma? Who is the lucky man?" "He's a policeman, mum. On this beat." "That's fine. I wish you joy. And what is his name?" "I don't know yet, mum, but his number is 35."—Detroit Free Press.

"John," snapped Mrs. Dorkins, "do you know what I think of a man who will go to sleep while his wife is talking to him?" "I believe I do, Maria." "But don't let that stop you; go ahead and get off your own mind." Whereupon he went to sleep again.—Chicago Tribune.

"Brown got off a great mother-in-law joke the other night." "That so?" "What was it?" "He said he was very fond of her."—Detroit Free Press.

Blahhs—Do you think the death of old Closefast will be a loss to the community? Blahhs—Well, I understand the loss is

WOMAN WINS.

Chicago News. I'm for patient, loving woman, whether mean or rich or gown. She is on the road to glory—and you just can't keep her down!

There's my little wife, Roxana; she's as artless as can be. Yet she's not so simple, mark you, but she gets the best of me!

If you try to beat a woman, when discussing something grave, She'll come bobbing up in triumph like a cork upon the wave.

Then before you've time to meet her with a sermon on her doom, She'll have floored you with an adjective and chased you from the room!

Though you try to stop her progress, put her momentarily to rout, With her logic she'll attack you, knock you down and drag you out!

Man has sense, but woman senses of a kind to cause dismay, And can tell a man's chief weakness when he's half a mile away.

She can scent a winter bargain with the cunning of the fox, And beat all her male contenders to the shop by twenty blocks!

That is why I bow to woman, noble, pure and sweet-witted, How before her gentle wisdom, kneel and kneel, ave and crawl!

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Twice Told Tales

How He Knew. With malicious chuckles the connoisseurs of New York are retelling a story, perhaps apocryphal, about J. Pierpont Morgan.

How the story runs, was invited by a Fifth Avenue dealer to view a beautiful set of antique ivory. He inspected the ivory, he praised their loveliness, he even admitted their cheapness; but, shaking his head, he ended: "There's only one trouble. A doubt still persists in my mind about their antiquity. That, of course, is an insurmountable objection for in all the vast Morgan collection there is not a single object about which the shadow of doubt exists."

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