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How about it, Lincoln? Wet, or dry? Or just middling?

The honorable Jap still has his own country to fall back upon.

Looks as if Jack Frost had cut us off his calling list for the season.

Has The Hague been lost in this shuffle of the militant suffragettes?

The inconsiderate man usually produces inconsiderable results in life.

Some Californians are again beginning to feel that it is a case of too much Johnson.

Another spurt in the anti-smoke nuisance campaign is promised. If we can help, call on us.

James J. Hill insists on congress adjourning for ten years. Might prove a popular proposal.

That old-fashioned household with the "new twins" seems to have been swept along with the tide of time.

Looks as if the new call would be for the organization of a society for the prevention of cruelty to candidates.

Mayor Dahlman is making a mighty poor bid for the rising young vote in pushing his dandelion ordinance.

Objection is made that Mr. Bryan never got down on his knees to anybody in human form. Objection sustained.

Reports are that President Wilson's Japanese policy is much admired in Berlin. More, perhaps, than in California.

The king of little Montenegro, like the poor old benighted Hindu, "did the best he kin do," in deciding to evacuate Scutari.

As priced by the state assessment board, the value of a Pullman sleeping car is \$12,500. Want any at this dirt cheap price?

Speaking of steam rollers, the honorable Japanese school boy doubtless feels that Governor Johnson has applied what knowledge he has of them.

Note it down that water is turned into the new supply main only five months after the day affixed in the contract. Let us see whether any penalties for delay are collected.

It took twenty lawyers to represent thirty-six claimants for the reward in the Union Pacific train robbers' case. A blind man can see where that reward money goes.

The weather man is hereby duly advised that Omaha is billed to entertain several conventions during the month, and would like his cooperation to make their stay pleasant.

A set of lawyers smart enough to pull out a 40 per cent contingent fee contract to collect an alleged delinquent \$15,000,000 tax, ought to be smart enough to gather in some of the coin.

Governor Morehead has duly affixed his signature to a proclamation designating next Sunday as Mothers' day. Which reminds us that it was our Senator Burkett who achieved fame as the father of Mothers' day.

Collier's sums up the situation tersely thus: The affair must be conducted with every possible consideration for a sensitive, proud and warlike people, but what California has set out to do must be done.

That is, it is all in the way the seed is done.

How About It!

There is every indication that the Third ward bosses, and the Third ward gang, were never in deeper, richer clover than they are right now.—World-Herald.

So let the democratic World-Herald hark back to its campaign of less than two years ago in which it paraded the big promises of its pet candidate for sheriff. If that sheriff were only elected, there were to be no more such things, no matter what the police department did, or did not do. How about it?

The Contempt Case.

While Messrs. Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison will doubtless carry their case to the court of last resort, the decision of the court of appeals in the District of Columbia, though primarily affirming the finding of the lower tribunal, represents substantial gains for the defendants.

It is but natural that the defendants propose further appeal to the highest judicial authority. The decision in the court as to John Mitchell's refusal to apologize for an act he denies committing is interesting.

I am unable to see how the refusal to apologize for an act, the commission of which has been expressly denied, shows a reprehensible intent or temper.

And so it must strike others. Apology would be admission of guilt and therefore undo the whole case of the defense. It is too bad a final settlement of this remarkable case has not been had long ago and the last word from the highest authority now appears more important than ever.

Omaha Parks.

The season is at hand when the parks may again be fully utilized by the public. It should be said for Omaha that our parks are as a rule conveniently located, and favored with a natural beauty of configuration and trees and shrubbery that can scarcely be overvalued.

Those Last-Drop Stands.

The sultan declared more than once that Turkey would never give up Salonika so long as a drop of blood remained in the veins of his soldiers. The king of Montenegro as dramatically stationed his army in Scutari, never to yield until the last man perished in defense of the royal mandate.

And the sultan and the king had to back up as gracefully as possible. Evacuation came as a matter of course in both cases simply because the power behind them was not equal to that in front of them.

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Looking Backward This Day in Omaha

Compiled from Bee files. MAY 7.

Thirty Years Ago—The new school board organized by selecting E. K. Long president, J. J. Points, vice president, and Charles Conroy, secretary.

The contract for the African Methodist Episcopal church has been awarded to Pomeroy & Mack for brick work and A. H. Donecker for carpenter work.

At the session of the United States court, opening the May term with Judge Dundy on the bench, John L. Kennedy of Omaha, among others was admitted to practice.

Dr. W. F. Carver of the Wild West combination was in the city, returning again to Columbus, where the show will go into camp and start instead of from Omaha as was first intended.

The smiling and popular Frank Goodrich, with Max Mayer & Co. is happier than ever, and setting them up to his friends. It's a boy.

John C. Thompson was united in marriage yesterday to Miss Bonowitz at the residence of the bride's parents, Seventeenth and Dodge streets, Rev. Mr. Savage officiating.

Hon. W. H. Munger of Fremont is at the Paxton.

Incorporation papers for the new match factory have been filed. The incorporators are Frank Kaaper, Frank Daniels and Anton Lourman.

Frank Davis has leased and opened the old Pacific house at Tenth and Capitol avenue.

Mrs. Ira P. Highty, 310 North Sixteenth, will reward the finder who will return a ring with opal stone and diamond setting.

A. L. Sheets of Grand Island was a Sabbath visitor.

State Auditor Eugene Moore spent the day in Omaha.

Mrs. Coe returned to Denver and is still improving in health.

Clara, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Krug, 5 years of age, died at the family home, 2301 South Thirteenth street.

Rev. Dr. R. L. Wheeler preached a sermon commemorative of his fifth consecutive year as pastor of the South Omaha Presbyterian church.

At the annual meeting of the Business Men's league and speakers for the employers, said he and his clients took kindly to the plan. It was stated emphatically that no troops were to be called out for the present.

Omaha started off in its home series by beating Des Moines, 3 to 2, with Schafatz pitching and Goding and Thomas catching.

Major Church Howe of Auburn and United States consul at Sheffield, England, was in Omaha attending the Nebraska commandery of the Royal Legion.

The Real Estate exchange voted to send two of its biggest guns, probably C. F. Harrison and W. G. Ure, up against the state's Board of Equalization in protest for a more equitable assessment of property, railroad or otherwise.

George A. Kimmel, the notorious "man of mystery" from Omaha, Arkansas City, Kan., and Niles, Mich., has been released from jail at Bowling Green, Ky., and sent to relatives in Texas.

Fifteen grand opera stars, members of the Metropolitan and Chicago Opera companies, sailed from New York for Europe last Tuesday carrying with them the greatest part of their earnings for the season, totaling \$30,000.

Judge George Lakin of Phillips, Mo., has the reputation that not one of his decisions has been reversed by the supreme court during the forty-two years that he has acted as a trial judge.

Mrs. Margaret Heller, recently elected a member of the Wood River, Ill. school board, made her battle cry, "Down with Bossism and the Standard Oil." Her competitors were six men employed by the trust.

George Robert E. Lee is to have a splendid memorial erected to his honor in Washington. The chief feature of the monument will be a statue of heroic size of the confederate leader. This tribute has been made possible by the gift of a northern man, Emerson McMullin, a New York banker, who has offered \$50,000 to pay for the statue.

A belated banquet, carrying a horrible "load," rolled under the bed of Mary Garden's stateroom in a steamer about to sail from New York last Tuesday. "A man under my bed!" explained Mary in plain prose. "My dream of years came true. Isn't it delightful?" An inspection brought disappointment. "Too fat," she said. "Take him out and feed him to the sharks."

Four score and two years old and as lively as a kid at a picnic, the Detroit Free Press celebrates its birthday anniversary by moving into a new ten-story home and issuing a boom edition in joy colors. A great deal of water and other things floated by Detroit's front door since the Free Press leaped into the swim, but the passing years improved its stroke and beautiful glow. The anniversary number is as bright and cheery and informing as the new electric light signs illuminating Detroit street at night.

Twice Told Tales

Perseverance won. "It's only by persistence that woman will get the vote," Miss Zella Emerson, the American girl who went through the hunger strike and forcible feeding in a London jail last month, wrote recently to a friend in New York. "And persistence is always unpleasant. It recalls poor old Bache."

Bache, a former man about town, had become so poor that often, donning his shabby evening clothes, he had either to bone his friends for a dinner or go hungry.

"This Bache dropped in on a former cronie one evening and said: 'I thought I'd just drop in. I knew you were giving a dinner, and I heard that your guests were just thirteen. So, as your wife is superstitious about that number, I thought—ha, ha—I'd just drop in.'"

"But," said the host, "you're quite wrong, Bache. We are not thirteen. We are just twelve."

"Bache, as he drew off his shabby old overcoat, said: 'Well, I'll stay anyhow, if only to laugh your wife out of her superstitious whim.'"

Last Resort. A farmer near Corning, Kan., whose son was an applicant for a position under the government, but who had been repeatedly turned down, said: "Well, it's hard luck, but John has missed that civil service examination again. It looks like they just won't have him!"

"What was the trouble?" "Well, he was short on spells and geography, and missed purty fur in mathematics."

"What is he going to do about it?" "I dunno. Times is mighty hard, and I reckon he'll have to go back to teaching school for a livin'!"—National Monthly.

The Warning Age. Mrs. Benjamin Guinness, at one of her brilliant dinner parties in New York, made an epigram upon old maids. "When an unmarried young woman," said Mrs. Guinness, smiling—"when an unmarried young woman gets to be 25 I've often noticed that she begins to call old maids bachelor girls."

Editorial Snapshots

St. Louis Globe-Democrat: Turkey expected that the allies arrayed against it would have been fighting each other long before this, but is always hopeful of the same old jealousies.

Baltimore American: After June 1 expires baggage will be charged on trunks over forty-five inches long. Since the gown of the moment could well be carried in a vest pocket the ruling should handicap the fair vacation seekers.

Chicago Record-Herald: The vice president will have exhausted all general topics of discussion presently and then he will have to get down to facts, than which nothing could be more pestiferous to handle.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat: Wheat prospects in this country are reported to be "extraordinarily good." Crops generally are unusually promising, and a \$100,000,000 production on the farms this year is getting to be a probability.

Philadelphia Ledger: A new senator's wife is going to try Washington society after having traveled thousands of miles through the frozen north. This preliminary experience should help her in her journey through the new fields of ice.

New York World: A powder manufacturer and an ordnance expert as vice presidents of the International Peace forum do not necessarily exhibit inconsistency. Is it not a principle of militarism that peace is best preserved by 10-inch guns and plenty of powder?

Boston Transcript: In appointing a woman to a high-salaried position in Colorado Secretary Lane declared it to be an established fact that money can be handled more safely by women than by men. Right—what man could do a whole day's shopping with nothing in his pocketbook but six samples and a couple of ear tickets?

Philadelphia Record: Secretary Daniels was shocked the other day by the revelations of the use of drugs among the enlisted men in the navy which were made by a seaman. A few years ago a Vermont physician produced evidence that the use of drugs increased as fast as the use of alcohol was repressed. France is alarmed at the consumption of drugs, and is seeking some way of circumventing it. And now it has been found that the pupils of a Cleveland high school, both boys and girls, are acquiring the drug habit. When China is uprooting the fields of poppy the Christian world should be able to find some way of checking the use of narcotics.

Women's Activities

Contrary to general belief, men do not look for a white horse when they see a red-haired girl. As a matter of fact, they continue to look at the girl until she passes from view.

The supreme court of New York has decided that a divorced woman is not obliged to pay her divorced husband alimony. According to the law of California she may be made to do so, but New York courts will hold the husband responsible for his wife's debts.

The Pennsylvania legislature passed the female labor bill, with only six votes against it, and the child labor bill with only two dissenting votes. The child labor bill makes the minimum age of the child worker 14 and the working day for women nine hours.

Mrs. Emma A. Fox of Michigan is the accepted parliamentarian of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. She has written books on the subject, and through her efforts many clubs of the country have taken up courses in parliamentary ruling and have found it most interesting.

Miss Melita Knowles, executive secretary of the Women's Educational and Industrial union of Boston, says that the society has on its books 550 certified lodging houses, every one of them having been visited by the agent of the society. She thinks that for girls working in a large city the question of lodging is the most important one, and that the places offering board to such girls can not be too carefully investigated.

The Bees Letter Box

Justice for the Little Fellow. OMAHA, May 6.—To the Editor of The Bee: In your fight for lower water rates I wish you would take up the item of the minimum charge. There are several thousand of consumers in the city who have cisterns and their meter rate would not go over 25 to 40 cents per month, yet they are forced to pay 50 cents; hence the Water board is charging them for services they do not render which is no more or less than a theft. It is scolding just as much as though they put their hand in his pocket and took out 10 or 15 cents each month. At best the small consumer pays a higher rate than the large and is also compelled to pay for what he does not get. There is nothing fair or honorable about that. I believe in meters so that each will pay for what he uses, large and small consumers alike, but not steal a few cents off the small each month. Keep up the fight.

A. S. HEWITT, A Voter and Taxpayer.

An Echo of the Boss. OMAHA, May 5.—To the Editor of The Bee: Inclosed find clipping with alleged report by Mr. Wead of great deeds of the Water board which is almost a verbatim rehash of a speech by E. B. Howell at a meeting of the Twelfth ward progressive improvement club in December last year on which occasion I was present.

EMIL THOMPSON, 217 Bristol Street.

Security for National Bank Notes. ATLANTA, Neb., May 6.—To the Editor of The Bee: Let's look at one of the national bank notes in your pocket. Glancing at the upper left-hand corner you find the following print: "Secured by United States bonds and other securities."

The question wanted answered is: What are the "other securities" referred to? Kindly answer through columns of paper. J. A. BAUER, A three-year-old Subscriber.

According to the best available information nothing but United States government bonds have been accepted to secure national bank note circulation. The words "other securities" refers to bonds approved by the secretary of the treasury, under authority of the law, for emergency currency, which authority has not yet been utilized. It is asserted that the words "other securities" were added so as to make the form the same for the emergency currency when issued as for the regular bank notes.

Discrimination Unjust. OMAHA, May 6.—To the Editor of The Bee: Referring to editorial in Sunday's paper on the matter of a charge against the property of a portion of the cost of laying water mains.

If the argument against making the charge because it had not been made in the past were logically carried out progress would be badly hampered. If the charge is just and proper it should certainly be the duty of the city's representatives to enforce it as soon as possible. Failure to make the charge previously would not excuse them.

As to the justice of the charge, when you consider the fact that the laying of the main which makes a water supply available is of positive, actual, tangible value to the property abutting, of such value that it can be immediately cashed in the shape of increased rent, it is evident that the property owner does not suffer. On the other hand, when the city at large, including property owners and non-property owners, is taxed to furnish this convenience to particular property injustices result, for a valuable privilege is conferred from which no general benefit could result.

I should be glad to see this view emphasized. WILLIAM F. BAXTER.

The Alien Land Law. IRWIN, Ia., May 6.—To the Editor of The Bee: Since the question of "Alien Land Owning" in California has assumed such a delicate phase, it seems necessary for every true American citizen to voice his or her opinion of the affair so that the spirit of the whole nation might be manifested.

According to the laws adopted by our forefathers, the desirable elements of the foreign countries who became citizens of our country, were accorded the same privileges and protections as native born citizens. This evidently does not apply to the situation in the "Golden Gate State" where the Japanese are branded as undesirable characters, offensive and very impudent. Secretary Bryan is an ardent advocate of world-wide peace and will do all in his power to preserve peace among all the nations, but it does not seem right and just for this, or any other administration, to thrust upon the people of any state or states that which seems a detriment to their welfare or a piercing thorn in their flesh.

It is true that every American citizen is an ardent lover of those liberties which were so dear to the hearts of our forefathers and have been revered by every generation from that day to this. If the people of our states are going to be denied the liberties given to them in the doctrine known as "states' rights," it would seem to me that our government is undergoing a radical change from a republican to a "monarchical" form.

For my part if I am to be denied the liberties for which our forefathers gave their lives that we might enjoy the fruits of their victories, then "give me death," for without liberties life would not be worth living. If the Japanese are not satisfied with the sentiment as expressed by our statesmen and by our citizens, and are longing to hear the voice of cannons echoed and re-echoed from our mighty dreadnaughts, then let them speak loud and loud, voicing the doctrine of "liberty and equal rights to all" to the entire world. The best informed of our most eminent statesmen do not endeavor to conceal the fact that there must be war with Japan sooner or later.

It would be a hard fight, but I do not doubt the outcome. It is the earnest desire of my heart that peace may be maintained with all nations of the world, but if we must fight to maintain our liberties, then give us war with all its cruelties and we will prove to the world that every true American citizen will willingly die fighting for his country rather than give up our liberties to any nationality.

It remains to be seen whether the present administration will uphold California in the fight for equal rights or not.

GRET PUNCEL.

CHEERY CHAFF.

Church—Did you ever see "The Forty Thieves"? "Gotham—Why, yes; I guess I've seen that many taxicab drivers.—Yonkers Statesman.

"You are always complaining about the taxpayer." "Yes, I sympathize with the masses." "How much do you pay in the way of taxes?" "My dear sir, that has nothing to do with the case. The man who is paying a whole lot of taxes is usually so busy that he hasn't time to do his own complaining."—Washington Star.

"I never believed in banks." "I see. Did the rats make a nest of his money, or was it burned up in the parlor stove?"—Kansas City Journal.

His Stenographer—So your wife says she likes me? "Yes, she does." His Stenographer—Heavens! Is it possible that I am as plain as all that?—Browning's Magazine.

Burton was writing his "Anatomy of Melancholy." "But not for the 'bones' that are in it," he said.

Being richer than the general run of authors, as you remember, he could afford to be gloomy just for fun.—Chicago Tribune.

"What's the matter?" "She has rejected me again. She said this is final." "Did she say how final?" inquired the older and more experienced man.—Washington Herald.

"There was a woman in our town who was so wondrous wise she used her ears for hearing things, for seeing things her eyes." "And when she'd heard and seen it all, what did this female do but use her tongue for telling every blessed thing she knew."—Boston Transcript.

"Biggins and his wife have quarreled." "What about?" "Woman suffrage. He wants her to vote and she says she won't be bothered about it."—Chicago Times.

THE AFTER DINNER SPEECH.

Detroit Free Press. They called on him to give a speech. The chairman praised his eloquence. And told the heights that he could reach. Referred to his pre-eminence. Worked in a story, old and true; (Toastmasters always have to do it) Got off: "We have with us tonight." Then called his name, and said, "On to it!"

And this, as well as I recall, Is how he thrilled us, one and all; "Er-hem—kind friends, I didn't know That you were going to call on me; I haven't much to say, and so I won't say much. I do not see them—er, hem I do not see. Why I was called on, anyway; I don't know why they called on me. I really haven't much to say."

"I always like to be with you, I hope I make my meaning clear, I'm very proud, and happy, too, I'm very glad that I am here, I hope to meet with you again. I'm very glad, let me repeat To be with all you splendid men, I hope again with you to meet."

"I haven't much to say to you, Except that I am very glad That I am here, I thank you, too, For such a splendid time I've had. I'm very glad that I am here, I hope to come again some day, That I am here I'm glad—I fear That this is all I've got to say."

Ford THE UNIVERSAL CAR. If it's right why change it? A multiplicity of models is evidence that the maker is still experimenting. There is but one Ford model. And for five years our rapidly growing factories haven't been able to make all we could sell—because it is right.

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