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Test of the Democratic Tariff.
The higher money rates, lower stock values and sluggish markets existing at present may not be conclusively advanced as disparaging to the present administration, since an overturn in the government is usually followed by similar conditions, especially with a complete change of the tariff in process.

Looking Backward This Day in Omaha

Thirty Years Ago—
A game was held on the St. Mary's avenue grounds between the nine representing the freight auditor's office of the Union Pacific and the Pacific Express company.

The Bees Letter Box

The Banana for Political Pie.
OMAHA, Aug. 9.—To the Editor of The Bee: It's barely possible a certain Mr. Bemis of York does not know how many bananas are sold in Nebraska in a week.

eminent theologian of former times, of whom many readers of The Bee may have heard. In Romans, 1: 7, that gentleman says: "For if the truth of God hath more abound through my lie unto his glory, why yet am I also judged as a sinner?"

an ordinance fixing the price of gas at \$1 per thousand cubic feet. The Omaha Gas company at that time stated that "apart from questions going to the validity of said legislative act and contract, under conditions existing in the city of Omaha, the rate of \$1 as fixed by said ordinance is confiscatory in that such rate will not enable the company to earn a reasonable return on the fair value of its property, used and useful in the manufacture and distribution of gas in the city of Omaha."

company fails to "agree" to a lower rate which maybe our commissioners will insist upon it means that Omaha consumers of gas will pay \$1 for gas for the next quarter of a century. And our city government would be powerless to help us then, for the gas company can sell gas to consumers for a price not exceeding \$1 per thousand cubic feet as "their franchise" calls for. Is it not better for Omaha to wait the few years which will terminate the hold of the gas company upon the city and then be in a much stronger position to make our own terms, than to be at the mercy of twenty-five years on a catch phrase of \$1 gas.

50,142
State of Nebraska, County of Douglas, ss:
Dwight Williams, circulation manager of The Bee Publishing company, being duly sworn, says that the average daily circulation for the month of July, 1913, was 50,142.

The Poor Farm Census.
The census of population in the Douglas county hospital and poor farm warrants careful study and comparison. The exhibit shows the total number of inmates on August 1 to have been 272, of whom sixty-four should have been in the state insane asylum, while only thirty (thirty-nine if the tuberculosis patients are included) properly belong in the hospital.

Twenty Years Ago—
Omaha's bank clearings for the week were \$3,466,787, a decrease of 36.5 per cent. The reports showed that bank clearings all over the country, with but few exceptions, were falling off.

The Language of Bear Ball.
OMAHA, Aug. 9.—To the Editor of The Bee: I notice an item to the effect that some of the Chicago papers are submitting to a vote of their readers the question as to whether they prefer "standard" or " slang" language in reporting base ball games.

Likewise a Defense of Wooster.
COLUMBUS, Neb., Aug. 9.—To the Editor of The Bee: David said that he hated them who loved not God. It seems from their writings that W. T. and his followers are following the teachings of David rather than the teachings of Christ.

A Lover of Bear Ball.
The Pulmotor as a Life Saver.
OMAHA, Aug. 9.—To the Editor of The Bee: I was greatly interested in your commendable editorial, entitled, "Protection at Watering Places," in which the urgency for maintaining life-preserving devices and methods is dwelt upon.

Twice Told Tales
George Ade in the Stargazer.
George Ade, of the Chicago Athletic club, listened to a youth's passionate panegyric on love.

Straw hats for horses are again being decried as barbarous. Make them diaphanous, or at least all them up the side.

How does the hospital come to be down to only thirty inmates? Is it because the other hospitals of the city are doing the work in their free wards, and, if so, would it be more economical for the county merely to maintain a convalescent home?

As in Omaha, these pulmotors were placed at the free service of the entire community, and were used for all sorts of cases, including gas asphyxiation, drowning, poisoning, failure to recover from anesthetics, electric shock and even certain diseases, such as asthma and pneumonia.

Wooster Defends a Christian.
SILVER CREEK, Neb., Aug. 9.—To the Editor of The Bee: In The Bee's Letter Box of Thursday June M. Farrell of New York City takes "W. F." to task for having said that Colonel Ingersoll at the time of his death cried out "God, forgive me," and seems to have a very clear case against him.

There's a Reason.
OMAHA, Aug. 10.—To the Editor of The Bee: The ordinary observer it seems strange how much interested the city commissioners and the Omaha Gas company are in urging the voters to adopt the proposed gas compromise franchise.

Chicago Great Western
Elastic Woollery
Deformity Appliances
Arch Supports

"Buy your surgical supplies where your physician buys his"
The W. G. Cleveland Co.
1419-12 Karney St. Tele. Doug. 1155

President Wilson may have picked out John Lind for that Mexican mission on the theory that any democrat who could withstand the battle of ballots in Minnesota could run the gauntlet in Mexico.

Europe and the Exposition.
England's announced withdrawal from participation in the San Francisco Panama exposition after agreeing to do so constitutes bad faith, which is intensified by the explanation that it would be incongruous for it to take part in an event designed to celebrate the opening of the canal while a dispute as to its free use is pending.

He Wanted to Be There.
Tony came over from the old country and obtained employment in America as a section hand. Some time afterward he went to his foreman and said: "Boss, I like haf vacation."

An Adaptable Prodigal.
A man who lived in Raleigh, N. C., fell heir to about \$15,000 and immediately spent it in high living. A second and a third good-sized sum of money came to him, and each time he played prodigal son until he was without funds.

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