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Now, Mr. Weather Man, it's up to you. The campaign contribution covers a multitude of sins.

Laundries, like banks, always claim the benefit of the doubt. Attempt at Suicide Fatal—Headline. Death to the man, or failure of the attempt?

A lot of other dead letter laws on our statute books are waiting to be resurrected. If home rule is a good slogan to run on, it ought to be a good slogan to stand on.

The only way for the High school band boys to get even is to play rag time all the time. When those Omaha policemen shave every day, they will be smooth coppers, they will.

Old King Cole was a merry old soul, but he never was in it with our own King Al-Bar-Ben. The law's delays may constitute a denial of justice, but they help ring up the lawyers' cash register.

He just reading the Washington Herald of September 16, and died without a struggle—Washington Herald. Oh, sir, is it that bad?

The trouble with the average get-rich-quick scheme is that it is only a side show to a get-poor-quick circus. It would be just natural enough to find a silk shirt at the bottom of that notorious \$1,000,000 suit for divorce.

Wonder if some of the other cabinet members do not "need the money" and with less to fall back on, no. The secretary of state leads the cabinet in battling up to date, and is giving them all a tussle for fielding honors as well.

This knocking on the junket habit has had one tangible result; it has furnished the lawyer a lot of good free advertising. A Missouri town has instructed its marshal to shoot the tires of speeding autos. You have to stop and show those folks.

If Met does not re-christen that canal boat by the name of New Nebraska while he is there, we shall be dreadfully disappointed. Those underground rivers in Nebraska's semi-arid region would have been tapped long ago if they were anything else than water.

Well, fans have the satisfaction of knowing positively that the Omaha ball team will not lose another game on the home ground this season. It probably was not so much the vacation that led Wizard Edison out as the condition due to the fact that he had never made a rule of taking vacations.

Right, you are, Mr. Businessman, in saying that a good name is a priceless possession, but mightily few people will know that you have it, if you don't advertise. The Shaw case has been delayed a week," observes the St. Paul Pioneer Press. Just who, please, should be before us now to bring it up to schedule time?

All this hoisting about the recapture almost creates the suspicion that the escape of the prisoner from the sheriff was for the very purpose of boosting the hoisting.

Just an After Thought.

The opponents of home rule, fearing that their real motives might not be a winning card, are now trying to mask themselves behind a pretense that the proposed home rule charter for Omaha is drawn in the interest of the public service corporations.

That this obvious fake is just an after thought is clearly proved by its tardy appearance. Thirteen out of fifteen members of the charter convention declined to sign the document, each explaining his reason, but not one of them gave as a reason that the charter was too favorable to these corporations. On the contrary, every one of the three dissenters voted for every section of the charter in any way relating to the public service corporations, and their objection to and control by the city.

Every member of the charter convention knows, and everyone else who knows anything about it knows, that the proposed charter lays new burdens on the franchised corporations and clinches tax obligations which they would like to throw off, and that the charter would have read far differently if they had been allowed to have their own way.

Everyone knows that the street railway company does not rely on the prospect of being compelled by the new charter to pay for paving the entire occupied area of the street and a foot on each side of its tracks, something it had thus far succeeded in fighting off through plant legislators making charters for us at Lincoln.

Everyone knows that the telephone company objects strenuously to the assertion of reservation in this charter of any right to regulate its charges through the council or by initiative ordinance because it prefers, and contends that it should be subject to, regulation only by the State Railway commission made up of non-residents and holding sessions in a distant city.

Everyone knows that all our public service corporations object to being required to pay an occupation tax never less than 3 per cent of their gross receipts; that every one of them affected objects to the establishment in the new charter of a maximum charge for the service it renders lower than the charge it is now exacting; that every one of them, except those with perpetual franchises, objects to the twenty-one-year limit on renewal franchises; that every one of them objects to the charter clause that would forfeit a franchise for failure to live up to its terms or to pay the taxes, royalties and other obligations imposed by the city.

Everyone knows that every one of these corporations objects to authorizing the city, as the new charter does, at its option to acquire their property either by purchase or condemnation, without paying for a fictitious franchise value, or to construct and itself operate or lease a plant to supply any such public service as the voters of the city may see fit.

No, when anyone tries to tell you the home rule charter is just what the franchised corporations want in place of present charter provisions procured by them down at Lincoln when the home people were not looking, he is presuming upon your intelligence.

Patriotism and the Press.

Joseph Daniels, the North Carolina editor serving as secretary of the navy under President Wilson, in discussing "Patriotism and the Press," demands to know "What was the basis which led Huerta into the error" of believing, or at least saying, that the Mexican policy of the United States did not have the sympathy and support of the American people? We do not know what it was. Possibly nothing more than a wild notion that got into Huerta's mind, but certainly it is such a basis really existed, it was not because the American newspapers as a whole had failed to preach patriotism.

It is inexcusable that any administration should enlist unanimous approval of the press in such a policy, yet it must be admitted that, regardless of political bias, our newspapers as a whole have exhibited a broad and patriotic spirit toward the president not only in the existing situation, but in his general policies. When it comes to preaching and practicing patriotism in season and out, the press of our country, as Mr. Daniels well knows, is second to no other influence or agency.

The Evil of Land Speculation.

It is true that, as contended by a government statistician, the land speculator by fictitiously inflating prices repels settlers and obstructs development! The land speculator came with the early pioneers of the west and has operated continuously during all this era of unprecedented growth and settlement. But for the natural growth and rising prices, the speculator would be a sign of discouragement. The lure of the west is greater than the obstacles. It has overridden them all. Some twenty years ago these land speculators thrived among parts of the growing west in the San Joaquin valley of California, which was then being boomed from one end of the country to the other,

and into which new settlers fairly swarmed. Land undoubtedly rose to fictitious prices in places, but the records will show a stupendous growth and development in the San Joaquin valley. So far as general results go, it is difficult to discriminate between the speculator in land and in anything else. Land speculation, fortunately, is an evil that wears itself out and seldom has a long course to run.

Intensive Religion.

In one of the modern church papers runs an advertisement to this effect: John Jones and staff, consulting sociologists, surveys, efficiency methods, publicity for the churches. If you desire your church to meet its local problems in a more effective manner, have our experts make a careful diagnosis of the entire situation. On another page is an advertisement of a religious training school, which begins: The demand for people who "know how to do it" is one of the conspicuous signs of the times. Don't you think it is time for us to undertake more seriously the training of church workers, other than ministers?

Quite significant of a new awakening in the forces of church propaganda. Yes, most folks doubtless will agree that it is time for more serious undertaking to train the men and women who are shouldering the burden of religious enterprises in this day of intensive methods in all other lines of activity. This is the day of the expert, of the specialist, of intensive cultivation in business of all sorts, and why not the business of the church? If the temporal agencies so keenly feel the need of new life and energy and science, certainly the sacred pursuit of religion, finding it none too easy at best to cope with worldly forces, can afford to heed this call for larger efficiency. Progressive churchmen realize that now, as of old, men do not always come to the feast unbidden; that it is often necessary to go out into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in, and they have scriptural authority for the validity of their importunities.

Advancing in Sanitation.

The reduction of our infant mortality in an over-heated summer such as the one just passed is proof of the progress being made in modern methods of sanitation. Surely if the mortality can be kept down below former records during abnormally hot weather so conducive to infantile disease, it is encouraging of the possibilities under favorable conditions. It seems to show that as communities we are gradually learning the lesson of scientific health preservation. Municipal, state and federal agencies and resources have operated in this propaganda and it would be discouraging, indeed, not to achieve definite progress. But after all, the scientist is correct in saying that as compared with what may be done, what has been accomplished amounts to very little. And this again is encouraging, since the movement for modern sanitation is but in its infancy. It has been only a few years since the cry of swatting the fly was raised; since the fresh air and sunshine mania took hold of us; since the pure food and drug laws were enacted and people really set themselves seriously to the task of guarding their health against its most natural enemies. In the whole category of new and modern methods, nothing is more promising than the future of this very movement for sanitary living.

Responsibility for Crime.

The convenient theory that crime is a disease, with its corollary that the criminal instinct is transmitted by inheritance, and its inferential conclusion that the criminal is a victim of his physical nature and not responsible for his offense against society, never appealed to us forcibly. The notion that criminals are born or created entirely by conditions beyond their control and are in no way self-made, if accepted, would set our entire method of dealing with crime beyond the pale of civilization and humanity. Not that these methods are the best, or even tolerable without reform, but that the whole idea of punishment and redemption underlying all our penal institutions rests on the assumption of individual accountability. It is gratifying, therefore, to have new testimony corroborating and supporting our refusal to regard crime as a disease. In the current number of Scribner's Magazine, a wholesome suggestive article on "The Man Behind the Bars," is contributed by Winifred Louise Taylor, one of our foremost prison workers, with an experience with hundreds of convicts covering more than twenty-five years, in which she says: Among these convicts I encountered some unmistakable degenerates. The most optimistic humanitarian can not deny that in all classes of life we find instances of mental degeneracy. This fact has been clearly demonstrated by some of our multi-millionaires. The true degenerate, however, is usually the result of causes too complicated or remote to be clearly traced. But throughout my long experience with convicts I have known not more than a dozen who seemed to me black-hearted, deliberate criminals; and among these, as it happened, but one was of criminal parentage. Crime is not a disease, for there's no doubt that disease often leads to crime. We find in the prisons the same human nature as in the churches; far differently developed

and manifested, but not so different after all as we should expect, remembering the contrast between the home influence, the education, environment and opportunity of the inmates of our prisons with that of the observances of our churches. These observations, it seems to us, ought to be stimulating to those who want to believe that the man who goes wrong may be set right and can be made over into a useful citizen. The conclusions embodied in this study are also fatal to the theory that the way to stop crime is to prevent the propagation of a criminal race and hold up to scorn recent legislative attempts in that direction. The way to stop crime plainly is to teach every man, woman and child the difference between right and wrong, to provide opportunities to travel the straight path without being submerged in want or misery, and to make each individual feel that he is responsible for his own acts.

Art in the Schools.

You realize, do you not, how that tastefully dressed teacher stands out in the memory of your school boy days? Something about her helped you then and fixes in your mind now the bright spots in the days and weeks and months that sometimes dragged rather drearily, you thought, across the path of your young life. Clothes do not make a school teacher, any more than a man or woman, at all, but outward appearances make a profound impression on the mind of the child, touching at a very vital point the teacher's most valuable asset. It is encouraging, therefore, to be told that since rudimentary instruction in art has become a part of the curriculum of the public school, the teacher as well as pupil reflects the benefits. Mrs. Ella Flagg Young, superintendent of Chicago's public schools, says now that art is a part of the school work, Chicago teachers are the best dressed of any in the country. Not that they are wearing more costly apparel, but that they are wearing better taste in what they wear. Without stopping comparisons, it will be admitted that, what is better still, the children are doing the same thing. Having acquired the art of matching colors, they are carrying the lesson home and as a result remarkably improving their own personal appearance. It is real culture, this teaching the child by precept as well as example. This training of the artistic temperament begun in our kindergartens possesses far more than mere esthetic advantages, and should be continued in some form on through the course, for, they do say, there is need in the higher grades just now for more prudence in dress.

Holding the Boy on the Farm.

It is regrettable that the Farmers' National Congress, which aired the old complaint of boys leaving the farm for the city, did not also suggest something tangible to stem the tide. Many years ago a rhymster wrote a little song running something like this: You're thinking of leaving the farm, boys; Don't be in a hurry to go. The city has many attractions, But profits come in rather slow. But song and speech are not sufficient. The city attracts the youth by causes that are natural because youth is youth. These causes create a competition the country has got to meet. Of course, such a nation as ours, whose sinews have been so largely drawn from the country, would not do more than restrict the forces behind the movement now unduly accelerated. It is largely a matter of education with the country school offering a key to the situation. Incline the education of the country boy and girl forward instead of cityward; magnify the virtues and attractions of farm life and lessen the emphasis on the matchless promises of the distant city, impressing the youth both with the dignity and advantage of life in the country. Add to such instruction social and domestic surroundings inviting to youth, making the home as attractive as that of his urban cousin, and his hours of toil such as will permit more self-culture and entertainment, and the situation might be much different than it is.

FACTS AND FANCIES.

A boy fights his first battle with the world and then retreats in the direction of home. Men and the southwest wind are much alike in the respect that both blow a great deal. The way a man achieves the reputation of being a "woman hater" is by remaining single until after he is 35. Women exact more in the respect that they can remember the date of their wedding anniversaries and the ages of their children. If a man be naturally inefficient and worthless, the possibility that he may become a weather prophet assumes the aspect of a probability. The fact that Evelyn Thaw gets \$500 a week in royalties in the respect that she can remember the date of their wedding anniversaries and the ages of their children. There are various definitions of "solid comfort." To a man it consists in sitting on the small of his back with his feet elevated at an angle of forty-five degrees. While a woman may be able to turn an austere countenance toward other hures for the moment, she never is able to resist the temptation to buy her husband a cravat—Philadelphia Ledger.

Looking Backward This Day in Omaha

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Thirty Years Ago—

A large crowd witnessed the first game of the series between the Athletics of Pittsburgh and the Union Pacifics on the St. Mary's avenue grounds. The visitors pounded out six runs to the home team's two. Here is the Union Pacifices' batting list: McKelvey, center fielder; Funkhouser, left fielder; Larkin, shortstop; Speed, first base; Whitner, second base; Foley, third base; Briggs, right fielder; Gallabury, pitcher; Bandle, catcher.

Twenty Years Ago—

Frank Beesen, 19-year-old son of ex-Meat Inspector Beesen, 2711 Douglas street, was shot between the eyes by a platoon of the 22-caliber gun, with which the platoon was trying, thinking, of course, it was not loaded. He aimed it at the Beesen boy and it was loaded, as usual. The doctor gave a hope for the boy's recovery.

Twenty Years Ago—

John Grant was paying from \$15 to \$17.50 a day for the same time and work. George E. Thatcher, secretary of the company said when asked about the strike, that his company attended to its own business and he wished the newspapers would attend to their's and let his alone. But the dual item crept out.

Ten Years Ago—

The harmony idea continued to grow wherever republicans came together. It reached a robust stage of development at a McKinley club meeting, where an editorial from The Bee declaring "The machine has been thrown into the scrap pile and the anti-machine sent to the machine shop for repairs" was praised as hitting the bull's-eye. John W. Batten, J. E. Van Olden and Frank Crawford made humorous speeches. The city council voted to send Councilman Ike Hasecall to Baltimore with his expenses paid by the city to represent it at the meeting of the League of American Municipalities, where he was slated to read a paper on "The Vital Points in Municipal Government."

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People and Events

The rattles of the black diamonds slide into the collar bin to the coal dealer is the sweetest music of the "melancholy days."

Festive paragraphs are wasting time and gray matter coating synagogues for "bone head." The supply of "boneheads" exceeds the capacity of the mints. The joy of Kansas over the fall rains carries a little more pep than the Nebraska brand. Sprinklers employed in laying the beds of the rivers are enjoying a vacation.

The fact that bananas are to remain on the free list will not soothe the temper of those persons who, unprovided with baseball cushions, become victims of a peeling flip. The pre-eminence of this glorious country as the melting pot of races is further emphasized by the fact that an Italian plays the bagpipes publicly in Chicago and has not been molested.

Ohio is about to swing from a deluge to a partial drought. On the first of November the law limiting saloons to one for every 500 inhabitants goes into effect, and 4,341 saloons out of a total of 4,438 will be put out of business.

Politics is no daffy woven into the judicial fabric of Chicago that seven judges of the Cook county courts have declined to preside at the trial of an attorney charged with defamation of character in connection with the malodorous Lorimer case.

The name of Ford is writ large in the records of Detroit's city hall. It also decorates the highways here, there and everywhere the hunk honk. But it shines best at home just now because the city, unable to market 4 per cent bonds, saved its face when Henry Ford plunked down \$1,000,000 for the package.

After two weeks of solemn deliberation the sedate authorities of Philadelphia decided that a religious procession, with bands playing and banners fluttering, may move over the streets on Sunday without desecrating the Sabbath day. Permission for the parade, however, is conditioned on the bands refraining from unseemly tooting within a block of any church where services are being held.

SECULAR SHOTS AT PULPIT.

Washington Post: A New York evangelist claims that only 15 per cent of the church members follow the Christian path. Still, if he is on the light road, we don't see how he made the sound.

Pittsburgh Dispatch: Theosophists propose by reincarnation to develop a race of rulers. As a plan to put egotisms on the shelf this is subject to the question whether, when they have produced their reincarnated rulers, they can get the people to vote for them.

Baltimore American: Perhaps many who already believe in a future life will not have their faith strengthened by the recent argument that it must be so, because some folks see sparks in this life. But, then, the parochial scolden rebukes the Philistine attitude by taking spooks seriously.

Springfield Republican: Bishop How's statement at the recent Missouri Methodist conference that "total abstinence from tobacco is one of the distinguishing marks of a gentleman" may have been prompted by the circumstances that while he was speaking some of the members of the conference were refreshing themselves with a quiet smoke on the lawn. The Omaha, September, 1913.

SMILING REMARKS.

"That dog of yours kept me awake last night," said the neighbor. "I'm sorry," replied the husband of the woman who owns the dog. "But I can't help surviving you a little. I'd like to know how you managed to get that half a night's sleep."—Washington Star.

"Henry, I believe you are like all the men. When I give you letters to mail you think it's a good job to carry them for days and days in your pocket." "Abigail, I give you my word I mail every one of them—eventually."—Chicago Tribune.

"Liquor is the greatest curse of our times," remarked the tall man. "I agree with you," replied the short man. "Ten drinks of it makes a guy with a voice like a hyena imagine he can sing."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

"I've described my symptoms thoroughly, haven't I, doctor?" the patient asked. "You certainly have," replied the doctor, and I will give you something for your pains."—Lippincott's Magazine.

"Rather an extravagant reception they gave that play at the show house last night." "Yes, the audience pitched half a case of eggs at it."—St. Louis Republic.

"Cholly and Algy participated in a disgraceful affair in a cafe." "Why, what kind of waitress held them apart?"—Washington Herald.

YE MELANCHOLY DAYS.

"The melancholy days are come, the saddest of the year." The Irishman says here, and the winter styles are here; Packed in the garret are the tops in which we did perspire. And the boys are sawing up old boards to feed the furnace fire; The asters now are blooming, pink, purple, red and white; And mother spreads a blanket upon them every night.

Where are the hats; the flower-decked hat, the hat with flaming feather. That drooped o'er maiden features in the balmy April weather? Alas, those fair creations no longer may be seen; They're covered with black shoe polish, black satin and black molesin; And at the back stands a feather of black or somber blue. Like a man that is rifling the rapids in the stern of a small canoe.

"The melancholy days are come," but are yet to be seen. In Omaha, flaming with colors—red, yellow and also green; "The robin and the wren have flown," but the boys may have seen the Jay; A-tooth a big Al-Bar-Ben horn in the crowds on the King's Highway; And the flowers of spring that have perished (some were warranted not to fade) Will blossom again on the automobiles on the day of the Royal parade. —BAYOLLE TRELE, Omaha, September, 1913.

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