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**Contingent Fee Litigation.**  
 The contingent fee and its disastrous consequences upon the morals of lawyers who go into shady partnership with clients was recently held up to public view in these columns, and what we had to say on the subject seemed to strike a particularly responsive chord. When a prize, consisting of from one-third to one-half of the loot, operates as a lure to all sorts of legal skulduggery, the attainment of even-handed justice is seriously obstructed.  
 Our attention has been called by a well known lawyer to a vicious feature of the contingent fee game upon which we had not dwelt. It is the pernicious practice by which profit-sharing lawyers seek to bind their clients as part of the contract not to make any settlement out of court without the lawyer's consent, and then refuse to consent to a settlement perfectly satisfactory to the client because the lawyer prefers to gamble for a larger stake for himself. Except for this attitude of the contingent fee grabber, so we are told, a large part of the litigation that encumbers our courts would be amicably adjusted with great saving to all concerned, including the taxpayers who foot the bills for the judicial machinery, excepting only the legal grafter.  
 The suggestion of The Bee that contingent fee contracts should be made in the open instead of in dark chamber secrecy, and subject to approval and revision of the court, would largely prevent this abuse. If settlement of the litigation were also made subject to judicial approval, and the lawyer compelled to be content with a fee fixed by the court, as reasonable compensation for services already actually performed.  
 We have no doubt that the lawyers who fatten off contingent fees will not take kindly to any such program. As a help to the much needed clean-up of the bar, however, such a reform would be a distinct step in advance.

**Paper Money Security.**  
 In this country we have, roughly speaking, three kinds of paper money according to the security behind it—gold and silver certificates, greenbacks and national bank notes. The gold and silver certificates are issued against actual gold and silver held in full equivalent in the treasury. The greenbacks are issued on the credit of the government with a gold reserve of \$100,000,000, or nearly one-third, as special security. The bank notes are issued against deposits of government bonds, together with a cash redemption fund as security.  
 Under the proposed currency bill a new variety of paper money is to be created, not by gold and silver, nor by the gold reserve, nor by government bonds, but by the deposit of properly endorsed commercial paper. In the language of banking and finance, this paper money is to be what is technically described as "asset currency."  
 Without discussing the merits of the several kinds of security for paper money, emphasis should be placed on this new departure which is the vital issue in the pending currency legislation. Since the days of Jackson the democratic party and its dominant leaders, particularly Mr. Bryan, have almost without exception in the past opposed asset currency absolutely. The nearest approach to it in a democratic platform was the plank on which Grover Cleveland once ran promising to repeal the 10 per cent tax on bank notes as a prelude to reviving the old wild-cat state bank currency. In none of his campaigns did Mr. Bryan ever advocate asset currency, but, on the contrary, its advocacy by certain republican leaders was part of his indictment against the republican party.  
 Just remember that the crux of the currency proposal is not whether we have a central reserve bank, or twelve regional banks, or only four regional banks, but whether we substitute for, or supplement asset currency to, our present different kinds of paper money.

**The Evangelism of Literature.**  
 Literature, proclaims a prominent delegate to the meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal church, is one of the greatest factors in the evangelization of the world. That gives just recognition to the power of the press in helping to extend the light to the dark places of the earth. No one has ever tried, so far as we know, to estimate the part the press plays in the propaganda of world evangelization, but, as the most insistent single factor in the form of literature, it necessarily plays a big and vital part.  
 There is a point at which that concrete institution called the press and stable religious enterprises may enter into harmonious co-operation without either trespassing on the other's province or forfeiting any of its own function. And the wonder often is that the good folks in charge of the religious works do not make more of the evangelizing influence of the press, which lie so easily at their disposal.

**Looking Backward This Day in Omaha**  
 NOVEMBER 2.  
 Thirty Years Ago—  
 Mr. George B. Moreford has been elected vice president of the Lincoln & Salina railroad. The company's principal offices are to be in Lincoln, and work is to commence on the road about January 1.  
 Miss Amy Sherwin will be a soloist at the first concert of the Omaha Glee club, scheduled for the 25th at the opera house.  
 Colonel Tappan, the newly appointed superintendent of the Indian Industrial school at Genoa, is in the city. He expects to open with about 150 children from the Santee and Blackbird reservations.  
 The autumn festival at the North Presbyterian church was a great success. The choir, consisting of Mrs. Day, Miss Maul and Messrs. J. L. and F. B. Smith, sang, while Miss Shoemaker delivered several recitations, and Mr. Harding rendered musical selections. Miss Ballou and Mrs. Cullen had charge of the supper arrangements.  
 W. R. Shobolt signs as secretary the call for a meeting of the Douglas County Horticulture society.  
 J. P. Bay, popular foreman of the Union Pacific shops, has gone east for a short trip.  
 Mr. Dion Boucicault, while in the city, is being entertained by his friends, J. J. Dickey and Samuel Shears.  
 J. B. Norris has resigned a responsible position with N. B. Falconer to take a place with the wholesale hat firm of Parrott & Co.  
 Captain T. W. T. Richards, accompanied by his wife and children, left for Aitken, S. C., to spend the winter.  
 Letters from Honolulu announce the safe arrival there of Miss Belle Dickey, after a pleasant voyage on the Australian steamer City of New York.

**People and Events**  
 "Living is cheaper in Panama today than anywhere in America," says a magazine writer. The claim that your Uncle Sam plays no favorites needs revision downward.  
 With Editor Bryan secretary of state, Editor Metcalf governor of Panama and Editor Glynn governor of New York, the noble profession of opinion moulders is giving the professors a lively run for the offices.  
 By the exercise of real American courage Countess Vanderbilt's Rochester calmed the ghostly fears of Tanglewood manor servants and prevailed upon the ghost to walk regularly twice a month, as a good ghost should.  
 When high school kids put their heads together to pull off a deft, it's good day for printed rules. Prohibition of smoking in the Duluth High developed asbestos pockets which conceal and hold the fire in cigarette butts for forty minutes. Can you beat it?  
 The ten surviving livery concerns in St. Louis have formed a combine, hoping by unity of action to prevent automobiles from pushing them off the earth. Though St. Louis is rated as a conservative burg, even there a horse-drawn vehicle is a moving picture of pathos.  
 Measured by the speed and the territory covered in his thirty-seven years, the late Charles Gates lived as much as four-score years, though he finished his round in less than two-score years. Breaking away from school at 15, in the subsequent twenty-two years he made and spent millions, played every game that came his way, divorced one wife and married another, and remained a bear in the wine market from start to finish. Yet he left several million dollars to a widow of 35.  
 S. S. McClure, of magazine fame, in his autobiography, tells of his printer days, when "profanity was the accepted etiquette of the country newspaper office. It was an ugly habit, like tobacco chewing—which I got to hate because the loafers in the office used to spit on the floor about the type cases, from which I often had to pick type." The country newspaper offices had nothing on the city print shops in these respects. Both habits bespeak mental mediocrity or measured the brazenness of youth. Oftimes when the temperature was high and "lean takes" the rule, these profanity experts let go a torrent that curled the hair of the galley slave. As for tobacco juice, no printer attained the full dignity of a journeyman who could not hit a knothole at ten feet.

**SECULAR SHOTS AT PULPIT.**  
 Washington Post: A New York socialist preacher has announced his intention of going into vaudeville, but why he should decide to abandon his pulpit in consequence is not so clear.  
 Pittsburgh Dispatch: That Long Island parson who refuses to take the tainted money of poker players is not likely to have so many copyists as to leave the church without means of support.  
 Chicago Record-Herald: The bishop who represents the Methodist church in eastern Europe predicts more war in the Balkans. It hardly seems worth while to make such a prediction. One might as well predict that there will be cold weather in February.  
 Houston Post: A North Carolina preacher told his congregation that it was not hard for one to love an enemy if he wasn't too mar. We believe that is true and if all our enemies will get about 200 miles nearer to the North Pole than Dr. Cook got, we will love them.  
 Springfield Republican: Bible reading in the public schools has been upheld in the district court at Shreveport, La., by Judge Land, who has dismissed an injunction obtained against the Caddo parish school board to prevent the new rule being put into effect. Catholics and Jews had united in the protest. Judge Land declares that the Bible contains the highest code of morals known to mankind and that good morals are necessary to good citizenship. Moral instruction is as essential as mental training, and he holds the school board justified in allowing the use of the Bible as a textbook in morals. Its use, he ruled, is not made unlawful by the possibility that it might be abused for sectarian propaganda, and the time for the courts to interfere is when the privilege is misused.

**Our nut-brown October turned a bit pale there for a while.**  
 The weekly wage-earner will like November, for it has five pay days.  
 Notice that no one tries to draw a color line in foot ball against the Indians.  
 And all this riot of rent gowns came with Anthony Comstock right on the job.  
 The Gates millions opened the door of opportunity wide to sweet "vodevillians."  
 The foot ball season is half over. Too early yet to count up the casualties and fatalities.  
 Eugenic marriage restrictions are poor things for parsons who make marrying their specialty.  
 Governor Metcalf should worry. His \$14,000 job is a cinch until after the Panama canal is opened.  
 It seems that President Huerta is having trouble in making the ghost walk. And that on Hallowe'en, too.  
 Indianapolis is face to face with a street car strike. Omaha offers real sympathy born of its own sad experience.  
 Definition of the Nebraska Schoolmasters' club: A circle within a circle, and an inner circle within that.

**The Divorce Mills.**  
 In one day sixty-two couples are divorced without protest from either side in Chicago, leaving on the calendar 250 other cases for consideration. What was done in other cities of the land while this onslaught was being made on the family altar is a matter with which serious minds well may concern themselves.  
 The mills of the gods grind exceedingly slow, but grind, they say. The divorce mills grind not exceedingly slow, but with an astounding celerity. They rip off of men and women the most solemn vows and obligations with a velocity which, for its influence upon our social life, may well alarm us. Divorce is so common as to occur in some places in the ratio of one to every four marriages and, indeed, a record of one to three has been made. Marital bonds are dissolved for almost any pretext or excuse. Causes cut very little figure. Merely a capricious disposition is sufficient ground on which to undermine this most serious of relations.  
 The other day a noted minister performed the marriage ceremony of his daughter and omitted the word "obey" from her part of the vow. The omission was commented on as very strange, but is it not quite in keeping with the spirit of the times? Perhaps the minister has been struck by the hollow mockery made by so many of this vow and was unwilling to put himself in the way of inconsistency. And with all the distressing progress of divorce, what single serious effort is being made to counteract it? With what better pursuits are we so engrossed that we find no time for systematic effort at solving a problem that lies at the very heart of our national and domestic life?

**Stage Caricatures.**  
 A prominent Chicago preacher protests against the stage's manner of caricaturing the clergy. He says the typical stage minister "is a pale, sickly fellow, who will not ask his landlady for a pinch of sugar for fear of his own voice." It is quite true that the stage's caricaturing of preachers is along such absurd lines, but it is the same with some other beside preachers. Jewish people have for a long time complained at the grotesque and by no manner characteristic representations of the Jew on the stage. But there is another class of people who, we think, have equally as good ground for protesting as the clergyman and the Jew, and that is the newspaper worker.  
 Did you ever try to fit into your conception of a reporter the creature depicted for one upon the stage, generally a precocious upstart with a cigarette in his mouth, a pencil in one hand and a paper pad in the other? Clyde Fitch seemed never happier than thus caricaturing reporters, although no one had a better opportunity than Mr. Fitch for knowing that this came about as far as possible from a real description. Reporters who approach people for interviews with pencil and paper in hand are about as scarce as the detective who, before starting out on a still hunt for a crafty fugitive, first beds himself with numerous badges of his authority, belts a row of pistols about him and sticks a bowie-knife in his teeth. Similarly, the average reporter is not a chest-sunken, senescent fop, but an ordinarily able-bodied young man with two strong arms and two good legs, and a mind as sound as most sane men have. The chief antagonism to idiotic stage caricaturing should come, though, not from those misrepresented, but from the better sponsors of the stage, those who care to hold it up to be a worthy standard of its art.

**Mrs. Pankhurst in America.**  
 From the first night in Madison Square Garden the visit of Mrs. Pankhurst to this country seems to have been disappointing to her and her cause, financially and otherwise. She has drawn poorly on most occasions and cancelled dates entirely on others. Even the excitement attending her detention at Ellis Island could not be turned to advantage as publicity for the box office.  
 The American suffragists have also failed to respond to the call to arms. Dr. Anna Shaw, high priestess of "votes for women" in our country, disapproves of militancy, says it never has and never will advance the cause of woman's suffrage. Others less guarded in speech "wish Mrs. Pankhurst had stayed at home and tended to her own business."  
 Mrs. Pankhurst is personally a cultured and charming little woman, who won many admirers on her former visit to the United States. She represents things, however, for which American suffragists, no more than American anti-suffragists, stand, and her unsuccessful mission among us is a rebuke to violent and lawless militancy and not to her personality. It goes to show unmistakably that such methods are not to find encouragement in this country.

**MUFFLED KNOCKS.**  
 No accident is ever as terrible as the damage claim might indicate.  
 It isn't conscience that makes you plead guilty. It is the hope of leniency and a light sentence.  
 When a man flees from temptation he usually waits around the corner for it to catch up with him.  
 If a man had to work as hard as a mule, the mule would lose his reputation as the champion kicker.  
 If newspapers were compelled to print scandal in the smallest type made, 90 per cent of the people would be wearing glasses.  
 Until a man is 30 he is hunting new worlds to conquer. After that he usually is hunting something to cure either corns or rheumatism or both.  
 Somehow or other it always makes an ornery man feel good when he learns that the bank cashier, who absconded with superintendence of a Sunday school.  
 The average citizen likes to yell that he is being robbed by the trusts. But he can always enlist an army of average citizens who are willing to rob the trusts.  
 Fate is a mean case. The man with the lobster stomach usually has a pork and beans stomach.  
 For the first three months his heart would be broken if she didn't meet him at the door with a kiss. After that he doesn't give a hang about the kiss, but he will raise Hall Columbia if his supper isn't ready on time.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

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**Democracy of Night School.**  
 Nowhere in our very democratic public school system does its democracy assert itself more impressively than in the night schools, where pupils of many ages and stations come for instruction. While open to all regardless of race, creed or color, these schools are largely attended by people of foreign birth, who have been denied educational opportunities. Some of them are mothers and fathers, who, in many instances, are accompanied by their children. There they sit side by side, these rugged folk, eager for the chance to learn, losing nothing that is given them, hanging on every precept and example with intensest purpose. Some have done a hard day's work. No matter, they lack learning, and here is a place to get it, and improve their chances in the race of life.  
 It happens that in Omaha its public night schools are situated in the midst of large foreign-born populations and are largely attended by them. While many native Americans take advantage of these schools, the notable feature is the use made of them by our neighbors from abroad. They become, therefore, a real and potent instrument of democracy. All over the land such schools offer splendid opportunities for inculcating the principles of liberty and fraternity in government, and if they are not taking full advantage of the opportunity they are missing much that is to be done. It is a prime service to the nation to throw the facilities and power of its public school system into

**MUSINGS OF A CYNIC.**  
 It's practice that makes perfect, not preaching.  
 The modesty of some people is really too conspicuous.  
 Some people seem happy only when they have bad news to tell.  
 It takes a man with a keen sense of humor to joke with his dentist.  
 When it comes to an argument a man generally gives in, but a woman seldom gives out.  
 No matter how fast a young man is, he seldom catches up with his good intentions.  
 No man can face the world with a good heart unless it is backed up by a good liver.  
 Time and tide wait for no man, except for the married man and he is certainly tied.  
 Many a man puts his best foot forward so far that his other foot never catches up with it.  
 If we could see ourselves as others see us, most of us would make a bee line for the oculist's.  
 The world is full of dead ones, but none are so defunct as those who are killed by kindness.  
 It does a man good to rub up against the world, provided the world doesn't rub him the wrong way.—New York Times.

**Mrs. Lind's Part.**  
 While the tangible results of Private Representative John Lind's mission to Mexico may be still invisible through the prevailing chaos, it is apparent that his good wife did not go and come in vain. She saved the liberty, if not the lives, of two anti-Huerta deputies by letting them occupy her stateroom, while she sat up all night on the deck, with the Mexican spies scouring the Morro Castle for the refugees. It is heroic, dramatic, almost enough so for novel or stage exploitation, though done with no thought of ostentation. It may seem a very simple thing to do, but it amounts to a good deal to the two legislators, and it would not have been done except by one of very ready wit and mercy. It was a time for quickthinking, but also for active sympathy. How many of us would think first of a sleepless night on the deck of a ship with a comfortable stateroom at hand under such circumstances? Of course, on longer consideration, that is perhaps what any humanitarian might have done, but it was the spontaneous impulse that makes the deed so praiseworthy.

**Queen Joy** is said to be ruling things in San Francisco, where celebrations occur with each new step in the Panama-Pacific exposition building. The good queen reigns much of the time there, anyway, by virtue of the fact that skillful management has given just enough pragmatism to her sovereignty to make it go.  
 Those Huerta boys laugh at the Diaz boy, for running over on the American embassy's cellar door for protection, but, of course, if the Huertas had beat him to the door, Felix might now be keeping company with those imprisoned law-makers.  
 In the whole history of New York politics, state and municipal, there has never been quite so mixed a situation as is this year presented.—Boston Transcript.  
 And unless Tammany is defeated at the forthcoming election things will go on from worse to worst.  
 The raise in the price of sauerkraut from \$7 to \$18 and \$20 a barrel only goes to show that, though a few minor matters may be overlooked at first, all will be reached in time.  
 The Lincoln Highway has furnished us a pillar of fire by night. The pillar of cloud by day will be gladly dispensed with so long as the red, white and blue sign-posts hold out.

**Fit for Tat.**  
 St. Louis Republic.  
 George W. Perkins says that if all the officeholders in the United States were to lose their positions, not 10 per cent of them would be worth \$1,500 a year in business. To which we respectfully reply that there have been some \$100,000 men in this country who would not be worth anything to the people if they carried their business principles into office.  
**Prepare to Dig.**  
 Boston Transcript.  
 Mr. McAdoo, having prepared the rules for the collection of the income tax, it only remains now for patriotic citizens to get busy and hustle for the incomes.

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 Marlon Felton Guild.  
 Beethoven deaf, and Milton blind;  
 And you and I, of lower kind,  
 With small yet vital tasks assigned.  
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 At special powers disabled, ma'  
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