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This is the time for Mr. Turkey Gobbler to begin to stretch his neck.

The mantle of charity covers a lot of things—including a wrestling match.

Mr. Hearst seems unduly tardy in claiming sole credit for Tammany's overthrow.

Now that the hunting season is on, the prudent farmer will look well to the safety of his barnyard.

Perhaps the doom that "Huerta must go" refers merely to the inevitable awaiting all mankind.

"Nebraska Joins the School Peace League," says a news item. Fine! Does that include the normal schools, too?

If Gene Foss found odd votes he polled to pay him for running, he is entitled to it.

The mad king of Bavaria may still have sense enough to realize now, if he did not before, that "Uneasy lies the head that wears the crown."

Tammany's defeat was accomplished, it will be noted, only by uniting the opposition, which is a lesson with a moral to adorn a tale.

The death of Omaha's first city clerk, that lovable old man, J. W. Van Nostrand, is another reminder that our "firsts" will soon be all gone.

Judging by the size of the haul, that lone bandit made a poor guess when he picked the train he planned to hold up on such a desperate chance.

Considering the assurances that no friction or difference exists between Governor McNeale and Colonel Goethals down at Panama, there is a awful lot of talk about it.

The result of the elections is said to give the president a big stick to use in forcing the boys in line on the currency bill. Crack them on the shine and make them get back.

South Omaha saloons are to be railed with a sharp turn "like a sudden sand storm in the midst of a six months' rainy season." What's the matter? Trouble with the collector?

Worse and more of it! It is now proposed to make the state officers and employes who have drawn public money for salaries and expenses of junkets put it back. What will we be coming to next?

When peace o'er all the world prevails, then will the Schoomasters' club, the State Board of Education, the Nebraska State Teachers' association and the politicians be all of one mind and one accord—maybe.

Dr. Davidson accepted the Pittsburgh offer, tired, it is said, of trying to get congress to agree with him on appropriations. Why should non-resident congressmen worry about the District of Columbia schools, anyway?

President Wilson has congratulated Mayor-elect Mitchell of New York. Secretary Bryan once cabled congratulations all the way from Japan to Mayor Dahlgren of Omaha, and then led the fight the next year to beat him as democratic nominee for governor.

The one person most noticeably missing from this great teachers' convention is that rubber-tired, soft-soled handshaker, our own Congressman Carl Otto Lobeck, for which the blame must be put at the door of President Wilson, whose insistence has kept congress in session.

A Straw that Points the Wind.

The extension of the jurisdiction of the Omaha postoffice and its free delivery system to Benson, though in itself a small thing, bears large significance in pointing the direction of Omaha's growth. The expansion of business and the rebuilding in the heart of the city has forced a measurable outspreading of residence to the suburbs, with the consequence that the areas on the outskirts are fast filling up, not as independent communities, but as part and parcel of the Greater Omaha, showing no visible lines of demarcation. As a population center Omaha includes all these suburban towns, but we go on administering our municipal affairs through separate and distinct pieces of government machinery, with loss of efficiency and increase of running expenses.

The postoffice expansion means that its governing authorities are convinced they will get the same results for less money, or better results for the same money. And what holds true there will apply equally to all the various public utilities in which the people of the whole territory embraced in Greater Omaha have identical interests and common benefits.

The Genus Felis.

Should it be contended that Tammany's tiger were slain in the onslaught, the permanency of its death would still be open to question. If it were a cat instead of a tiger cat, there would be no dispute about its ability to come back at least nine times, but being tiger instead of cat does not entirely settle it, since both belong to the genus felis. If it could be shown that this was the tenth time the tiger had been killed, then that might help, but at all events it would not be surprising to find the same old feline beast perched on the fence at the next election. Already, thus early in the wake of the disaster, suspicious sounds like the purring and meowing of a weather-beaten puss may be heard. Something, whether the feline nature or not, seems to have endowed this old tiger with a good deal of self-perpetuating power. It will pay, therefore, to have a brick handy, if the tiger is to be maintained as a "dead one."

Free Legal Service.

What good argument can be offered against a city providing free legal service for those who need it? The scheme has evidently worked well in Kansas City, where it has had time to prove itself. The basic proposition is to furnish competent legal advice and service to folks too poor to pay for it at prevailing prices. That need existed in Kansas City and is being met there. It exists in Omaha, and should be met. The plea that the city's legal department is already too busy with the municipality's own law business to take on extra duties is no plea at all. It is a purely local incident, which can readily be cared for. The free legal bureau is a step toward the swift and free justice which the whole country is clamoring for.

Better Care for the Immigrant.

The establishment of an immigration office in Chicago is a step in the right direction, taken in response not only to the requirements of the immigrant, but to the demands also of those who have at heart the welfare of the foreign-born strangers coming to our shores, Chicago, being the metropolis of the west, the mecca for great pilgrimages of immigrants, it is a proper place for such a headquarters, but in time the government should establish other similar headquarters in the west at distribution points like Omaha, close to the locations which the newcomers are to help develop this plan. It tends to relieve the congestion in the large eastern cities, drawing away the streams of immigration from the stopping points that neither greatly need them nor offer them as good opportunities.

Make Them Slow Down.

The distressing accident due to "furious" speeding of a heavy, high-geared machine on the West Dodge street road is but a melancholy fulfillment of a prediction often made. The Bee has repeatedly tried to arouse reckless automobile drivers to the peril of dare-devil speeding on this highly improved suburban roadway by warnings of the inevitable. According to the reports of this fatal collision, it was entirely due to the disregard of the speed limits. And it is not strange that it happened, but rather that there are not more such catastrophes. The road is smooth and "fast," inviting to the autoist with a reckless passion for speed, but if that is to be the chief effect of good country roads, then the incentive for building them is weakened. Let officials discharge their duties impartially and with vigor a time or two and the problem will soon solve itself.

The police motorcycles are paid for by the school board on the theory that they are a good investment for the school fund, to which the fines paid by auto speeders go. On that theory the school board could well hire a special detective squad to pick up a fine here and there from law-breakers overlooked by the regular police. The police need the motorcycles, but it is far-fetched to say they are bought for school purposes.

Looking Backward This Day in Omaha

NOVEMBER 8.

Thirty Years Ago—The latest big enterprise for Omaha is foreshadowed in the corporation of the Lighthouse Cable company for the purpose of building a cable tramway to hook the horse cars. The officers are S. H. Johnson, president; I. E. Haseall, vice president; C. E. Yost, secretary; C. B. Rustin, treasurer; and C. P. Manderson, A. S. Paddock, Fred Drexel, all of Omaha, and A. H. Lighthall of San Francisco, additional directors.

Ground was broken for a new roller skating rink on St. Mary's avenue between Seventeenth and Eighteenth. The Bee has a lengthy communication from a dry goods clerk making a plea for assistance in forcing the dry goods merchants to close their stores at 6 p. m., except Saturdays, and setting forth the woes of a dry goods clerk quite vividly.

Dr. O'Rourke, who was appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Coroner Jacobs, has resigned to accept the position of surgeon at Menacaleros agency in Mexico.

Mr. J. D. Cowie, for several years manager of the Boston store, has been made assistant manager for N. R. Falconer.

Dr. Emily Pappas, a graduate of the University of Michigan, who has also studied abroad, has come to our city to become a permanent resident.

Mrs. N. J. Burnham and her little son, Horace, left for a visit to friends in Binghamton, New York, accompanied as far as Chicago by Mr. Burnham.

Miss Jennie O'Brien and Miss Hattie Newman of Burlington, Ia., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Her.

Twenty Years Ago—Chairman Slaughter of the republican state committee announced that according to the returns as he saw them, Judge Harrison, republican, was elected to the supreme bench by about 5,000 plurality, Silas A. Holcomb coming second.

Local city and county returns showed the election of most of the republicans. These city officials were elected: Mayor, Bemis; treasurer, Bolin; police judge, Berka; controller, Olsen; clerk, Groves; councilmen, Beck, Cahn, Howell, Bechel, Edwards, Jacobson, Burley, Holmes and Lemley.

Albert Romano, one of the police alarm operators, secured a leave of absence from duty and mysteriously disappeared. Rumor had it that he was accompanied by one of Omaha's beautiful maidens as his wife.

E. Turver, foreman for the Standard Paving Company, while fixing some steam pipes, was severely, though not dangerously, scalded and scratched when the pipes exploded and he was taken to his home at Eleventh street and Grand avenue.

Lottie Mae, daughter of William and Ellen Boyer, 18 years of age, died at the family home, 810 South Thirty-fourth street.

The city council extended the usual favors to Mr. Wray of the Thomson-Houston Electric Light Company, who was on hand with a request that the July and August arc light bills, voted by Mayor Bemis, be allowed. The request was granted with courtesy and facility.

Ten Years Ago—Frank Heller, addressing the Omaha Philosophical society on "A Late Guess on Education," advocated early home and parental training as the best basis for the child's development in school.

John M. Ragan of Hastings was one of the prominent Nebraskans in the city, registered at the Paxton.

Mrs. Hannora Allen, 69 years old, died at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Carey, 114 North Eighteenth street, at 10 a. m.

Rev. Dr. Thomas Vernon Moore said in an address to a Young Men's Christian association audience at Kountze Memorial Lutheran church, that modern commercial life was impregnated with lying and dishonesty.

Bishop Worthington, having come out from New York, occupied the pulpit of Trinity Episcopal cathedral, which had been without a rector since the death of Dean Campbell Fair.

John O. Yelzer, who was running for district judge, was having a lot of fun for himself and making some for others, by a post card method of campaigning. He had a variety of cards, bearing a variety of inscriptions, printed and distributed, which he called a de luxe edition, "limited."

People Talked About

The taxicab drivers of Philadelphia are striking for \$2.50 a day, thus disposing of the claim that they made \$2.50 every hour.

The esteemed "best seller" of the year, Doc Cook, is now making a vaudeville tour in New York, consisting of efforts to laudoo Admiral Peary's feat.

Mrs. James Knott, part owner and the active manager of four apartment hotels, who died recently, made more than \$1,000,000 in twenty-eight years in New York City.

John Lynn, a farmer of Belleville, Md., became sick and fell unconscious in his barnyard. A flock of geese was frightened and kept up such a noise that the family was aroused and the man's life saved.

When Miss Letitia Kirk of Ina, Ill., was married to Grover Kelley of Mount Vernon, both bride and groom first made an affidavit before the justice of the peace that neither of them had ever loved anyone else before.

A Boston man who was held up for 15 cents for a small plate of beans exploded with indignation on the spot and fired the dish through a plate glass window. Trust your Bostonese to rock the cradle of liberty when a gouge is pulled off.

Robert Hewitt, for ten years a railroad crossing watchman in Williamsport, Pa., has spent thirty years on bridge and crossing duty. He was injured while a young man and had been in the safety department since that time.

Carolina White, the operative prima donna, had an exciting adventure in Philadelphia, when a bald-headed man stepped up to her in the street and kissed her. She broke his hat with her parasol and had wielded that weapon so stoutly as to put the bald admirer to flight.

In Other Lands

Planning Militarism.

If there is any nation in Europe which makes expenses fit its income, the fact does not receive the publicity its facts warrant. Germany is collecting the first annual installment of its extraordinary military levy of \$200,000,000. The French ministry, in asking the Chamber of Deputies to authorize a loan of \$20,000,000 to cover "non-recurring" military expenses, provoked merriment among the assembled statesmen. The suggestion of the ministry that a similar request will not be made again was too much of a strain on French sobriety. Nevertheless the chamber granted the request while scoffing at the condition. The late Balkan allies, as well as Turkey, are sounding the loan brokers for ready money, offering as security a mortgage on posterity. Bulgaria wants French bankers to come across with the promised loan of \$60,000,000, held up while hostilities were in progress last summer. All of the allies want money for immediate needs. Moreover, there is the pending question how much of the Ottoman debt they must take over to satisfy the mortgage on European Turkey. The glories of war and conquest brighten a passing hour. War loans and war debts go on forever.

Germany's Menace.

Germany is deeply stirred by the statistics of steadily decreasing birthrate. Newspapers, magazines, essayists and sociologists are discussing causes and means of prevention. From 1907 to 1911, inclusive, statistics compiled by the State's Year Book show that the surplus of births over deaths decreased from 382,624 to 70,431. Yet the marriages in 1911 were greater by 432 than in 1907. This means that Germany's birthrate is rapidly falling below that of France, and makes the prospect for increased enrollment of future soldiers decidedly gloomy. The causes of the decline as viewed by sociologists are selfishness, love of comfort, luxury, industrial conditions, poor housing with high rents and low wages, and high prices generally. The cost of rearing a child in Germany, from birth until it becomes a wage-earner, is figured at \$400. This is a minimum figure. As to a remedy, the growing national mania, none has been suggested to lighten the pervading gloom.

Dethroning a Crazy King.

The crazy King Otto of Bavaria has been deposed from a throne, the possession of which he did not know for twenty-seven years past. That the little kingdom should have tolerated such a rulership, even in name, emphasizes the rapid descent in monarchies. King Otto's case is not a rarity. Royalty develops a high percentage of lunatics. Sultan Murad of Turkey, Empress Charlotte of Mexico, Queen Elizabeth of Roumania, Queen Sophia of Sweden and Otto's predecessor ranked as royal lunatics in the last half of the nineteenth century, while many princelings born under the shadow of thrones became mental wrecks. King Otto's principal delusion is that he is a star. At one end of the big dining hall at the Palace of Furstenried, where he is kept under restraint, he has built on the parquetry floor a big nest of sticks, twigs and straw in the center of which he either crouches or stands by the hour, first on one leg and then on the other. His beard reaches down to his waist, his hair is thick and bushy and he invariably wears a long black Prince Albert coat, the skirts of which he flaps from time to time in gusts of wings.

Gambling Mania.

A gambling mania which is sweeping over Poland appears to be equally well rooted in Hungary and has developed a political scandal of considerable magnitude in Budapest. Local journals publish details of a gambling commission, set up by the former prime minister, Dr. von Lukacs, for an investigation of the big dining hall at the Palace of Furstenried, where he is kept under restraint, he has built on the parquetry floor a big nest of sticks, twigs and straw in the center of which he either crouches or stands by the hour, first on one leg and then on the other. His beard reaches down to his waist, his hair is thick and bushy and he invariably wears a long black Prince Albert coat, the skirts of which he flaps from time to time in gusts of wings.

France and the Vatican.

M. Barthou, prime minister of France, disposes of rumors of impending re-establishment of diplomatic relations between the vatican and the republic. The rumors, it appears, have originated among antagonists of the ministry, but were of sufficient importance to call out a public denial. In a recent address at Aix-les-Bains the prime minister said: "From the point of view of religion, the disestablishment law of 1905 is the charter which irrevocably governs the relations of church and state. It has been said that pourparlers have been carried on between the French government and the vatican to renew the diplomatic relations which that law abolished. I give you my word, as a gentleman and as a republican minister, that no negotiations of any kind have at any moment or in any manner been undertaken for renewing relations between church and state, either under M. Poincaré's government or under that of M. Briand, or in the cabinet which I have assumed the formidable honor and the grave responsibility of directing."

Around the Cities

Cleveland has organized a society to get jobs for old men.

Omaha broke ground for a million dollar hotel on Monday. The next day it snowed.

Dr. W. A. D. Venerable of Chicago has started a movement to duplicate Booker Washington's Tuskegee Institute somewhere in Illinois.

Over 200 bookshakers in New York have petitioned the aldermen for a law prohibiting shoe-shining after 3 p. m. on Sundays and holidays.

The Bee's Letter Box

Favors City Garbage Feeding.

OMAHA, Nov. 7.—To the Editor of The Bee: Noting the sincere interest of The Bee in the case of the garbage removal problem, I being the designer of the incomplete plant of the Omaha Rendering and Feed company, and knowing the profits that can be made from this material, will furnish to the city complete plans, details and estimates gratis, on these conditions: That the city build the plant, hire a manager and establish a civil service method of conducting the plant; that it sell the hogs to Omaha butchers pro rata at 15 per cent below wholesale price on their agreement to sell to Omaha people at wholesale price, but the meat must be sold as garbage; that the by-product of the plant that can't be used by the city be sold in the market.

After the city's plant has paid out it will reduce the price another 15 per cent on hogs, so the people can have another reduction on meat.

The plan I would suggest is to buy forty acres on some railroad, where a gravity plant could be built. If the railroad will agree on shipping charges and promptness, establish, say three stations on the Q., all gravity loading, and four or five on the Belt Line. This would allow the city to make a short haul, as the R. F. will deliver cars as far away as Seymour lake at 5 per car. These cars could be made to dump. I think the railroad would furnish ore cars, known as battle-ships, so that in conjunction with gravity loading and unloading the minimum hand labor would be realized, and large profits would be assured instead of a heavy outlay as at present. R. O. BALDWIN, 1329 North Sixteenth.

Hurray for Sulzer.

HARTINGTON, Neb., Nov. 5.—To the Editor of The Bee: Well Sulzer, is elected to the New York assembly. It is all right; it is just as it should be. A representative is a representative. To the people who elected William Sulzer, William Sulzer is the ideal statesman. A different kind of man would fail to represent them. WILBUR F. BRANT.

Against Auditorium Purchase.

OMAHA, Nov. 7.—To the Editor of The Bee: A party calling himself Mr. Grumbler upholds, in an article in The Bee, the present owners of the Auditorium in their deal to unload the Auditorium onto the city for less than they have been offered by private individuals. If this is true, it will be the first time that men of their caliber have been known to give anything away, unless it was for the financial benefit. They look on the role of philanthropists when they built the Auditorium and are trying the same game again. Beware, Mr. Voter! If I remember right I think that at the time the Auditorium was built the slogan was "Built by the people for the people, etc." So far the people have always had to pay well for any good they have gotten out of it.

At the time it was built So-and-So came to the front with "I will start it out with \$5,000 or \$10,000 etc." Everyone thinking that said party was donating said money, but it develops that all got stock for their money, while the smaller merchant, etc., if he got stock at all, supposed that it was a donation anyway, and did not take care of it. If he did not get stock he got an Auditorium brick (got brick, I mean). I should judge that the stock held by these people now amounts to just about double original cost on account of said brick holders, etc., getting nothing for their money. Under these conditions, if they are correct, I don't think that said stockholders will be out much money at \$25,000.

Whenever anyone in Omaha wants to give anything away or sell below actual cost, look out.

Another party comes to the front and says that the city had ought to be forced to buy the Auditorium. We all admit that the location is prime, but there are others likely just as good. Does the party suppose that this community is made up entirely of ignoramuses that do not know what they want. I would just refer him to the gas election. Let the people vote on this proposition. They pay for this and if it is a good buy they will take it up, but it sounds too much like Russian to talk about forcing the people. This is a free country remember. G. P. WIG.

Reverts the Indignity.

OMAHA, Nov. 7.—To the Editor of The Bee: May I be permitted reference to a low item in your issue of November 5, concerning the proposed extension of the Young Woman's Christian association at 211 South Eleventh street.

It is strange that it remained for Mrs. Mixer to discover and ventilate these conditions existing in the "factory and commission districts"—that is the practice indulged in by young women of frequenting the rear doors of saloons to frequent their noon repast with soup and coffee.

Her motive in picturing such a state of affairs is a little obscure in face of the fact that the factories in that district have their own tea rooms, and the further fact that the number of female commission employes who make these rear door visits is too small for ordinary perception. I know whereof I speak as I am employed in that district and have ample opportunity to observe, and before contradicting the good woman's statement I purposely quizzed several of my fellow-employers. My investigations bear out my contention that an unalloyed bear out my contention that an unalloyed indignity has been heaped upon the young women in question. If charity and moral uplift be the motive for installing a branch of a Christian work in that particular section of the city, its object is sorely defeated in denying admission to the young men who voluntarily asked it. There are enough of these men to warrant making an effort to prevent this rear door menace, but at any rate Mrs. Mixer's solicitude should only involved lower than has been saidly just truth, and the truth should be as these are given prominence in such a great organ as The Bee. M. F.

The Coon Comes Down.

Pittsburgh Dispatch. After much fuss over the matter the express companies have decided to accept the new rates suggested for them by the Interstate Commerce commission. They have been revising some of their rates to meet parcel post competition, but as that only involved lower than has been saidly just truth, and the truth should be as these are given prominence in such a great organ as The Bee. M. F.

GRINS AND GROANS.

"What is your idea of a socialist?" "A socialist," replied Miss Cayenne, "is a person who expects the government to do everything. He wants to abolish Santa Claus and put Uncle Sam in his place."—Washington Star.

"Why is that man over yonder keeping up such an awful moaning with his mouth?" "He, Oh, he's a former suburbanite, and he thinks his wife is calling him to go to work on the lawn."—Baltimore American.

"Foot ball is degenerating." "How's that?" "Why, if a chap sprains his ankle now they give him a column. Formerly he had to get killed before they would give him a shaft."—St. Louis Republic.

The professor was telling the class in English history of the Elizabethan era. He turned to one of the young men and asked: "How old was Elizabeth, Mr. Holmes?" "The young man wore a far-away expression.

"Brighten on her last birthday, sir," came the reply.—Lippincott's Magazine.

"She-I can only be a sister to you, Jack. I hope you won't take it too much to heart." "Ho-On, no! in fact I've got your sister-in-law all picked out."—Boston Transcript.

Life's just as bright as we make it, but we don't want it to blaze hereafter. It's a great old world, and if there's a better we've never been in it. The dreamers make a world possible, but the toilers build it.—Atlanta Constitution.

JUST BEFORE DAWN.

S. E. Kiser, in the Record-Herald. They say it's always darkest just before the break of dawn. They tell us when we falter to keep bravely hoping on. They tell us there is calmness in the wild tornado's wake. But it's sometimes mighty painful waiting for the dawn to break.

They say that things are never quite as bad as they could be. Some shorts is always peaceful when it's stormiest at sea. Good fortune may be waiting when we think the end is near. To bestow her favors on us and to fill our hearts with cheer.

They tell us there is never any lane that lacks a turn. They tell us to hope always while the lamp holds out to burn. The weak and feeble only fail to strive for honor's sake. But it's sometimes mighty painful waiting for the dawn to break.

They blame the ones who weaken when the way is dark ahead. They tell us joy is sweetest after suffering and dread. The darkest cloud, they tell us, has a silver lining still. And, though fate be stern and stubborn, we may conquer if we will.

They give us pleasing phrases and expect us to believe. That good fortune hovers near us when we grope in gloom and grieve. They give advice, but, bless them, what a difference 'twould make if they'd help us just a little while we wait for dawn to break.

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