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Four days by—slipped any yet? To be had that soil robbery is not also a punishable offense.

In point of salary, this Joe Tinker news is battling about .900. Nevertheless, some very uncharitable things were said about that Charity ball.

It transpires that an interlocking directorate may be unlocked if only you have the key. "No more railroad passes in Illinois," chirps an exchange. Or anywhere else, that we know of.

New Year's resolution of Mona Lisa: "I promise to stay at home and be no longer a gadabout." Atchison has turned down the commission plan of city government. What's the matter with Kansas?

Maybe it was the 1914 Christmas dinner Pachito Villa meant he would eat at the national palace in Mexico City.

You can usually tell an Omaha man wherever you see him; he is the fellow with the smile that won't come off.

Dr. Anna Shaw is witty, of course, but she insists that her campaign against women paying the income tax is no joke.

From the reports of Huerta's troops in the river it would seem as if that part of the federal cause were almost swamped.

Perhaps its proximity to John Lind had something to do with President Wilson's selection of Pass Christian for his winter resort.

Let us hope that we may see the sun occasionally during the new year.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Come up on the hills of Zion where the sun shines and you may, Watchman, what of the night? Where is that "Same Old Bill" Sulmer by now? Or, in other words, is the man at the limelight switch asleep?

"Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come," runs Isaac Watts' beautiful old hymn, and the spirit of it is a perpetual inspiration.

The graphic pictures that come by wire of what is doing down in Mexico must convince everybody that General Sherman's definition of war still holds good.

It will, we fear, be hardest of all on poor Mrs. Morgan, doomed to lose all the pie money that used to come from the fees for her husband's attendance on his multitudinous directors' meetings.

The first chancellor of the University of Nebraska has just passed away, which is another striking reminder of the brevity of that great institution's career, and the unexampled growth it has enjoyed.

Philadelphia, which has long boasted of being the most American city in the country, infused into its "old family" stock last year 76,000 immigrants from southern Europe, laying the foundation for a good many new families.

Nineteen hundred and fourteen "firsts" are being listed, among them the first baby born as reported to the health department. Yes, but the reception of the first report carries so necessary implication that the stork bringing that particular baby delivered his bundle first.

As to Directorates.

The withdrawal of members of the so-called "House of Morgan" from what is popularly termed the interlocking directorates of a large number of big corporations attracts attention to the whole subject of corporate management. That the interlocking process has been carried altogether to the extreme, and is due for a reaction, is self-evident, so that the withdrawal of the Morgans simply recognizes the compelling force of public opinion even before it is crystallized into law.

Yet the question propounds itself, How should directorates for these big concerns be chosen, and who should be chosen to such positions? The only way to take a clear view of this subject is to start with the understanding that the corporation is merely a legal creation in substitute for the individual or partnership of individuals. It is really all the stockholders joined as partners in order to combine their resources and limit their liability. Where the stockholders are their own directors just the same as they would be in a partnership, there is no difficulty, though they be directors in a dozen corporations conducting different branches of their joint business, for no one disputes the right of the owner to manage his own affairs. When, however, the corporation is organized on a colossal scale, with stockholders counting up into the thousands, none of them having preponderant holdings, the management must be through a board of directors serving in a representative capacity, for which the special qualifications are honesty, ability and faithful performance of duty.

But what side of the business should the directors represent? The current complaint aims at the domination of the boards for exclusive financial considerations almost wholly disregarding everything else. It is where the financial interests of different groups of owners conflict, or conflict with those of other corporations controlled by the same directors, that the trouble arises. Yet to throw the management of these big institutions into the hands of men either incompetent or qualified only as operators, but not as financiers, may invite other troubles not visible on the surface.

If the reform that is under way is really to accomplish what it aims at, a method will have to be devised by which an intelligent choice of managing directors can be made by widely scattered owners of large corporate properties that will insure not only successful operation, but successful financing as well.

One on the Imperious Dame.

Though it took the power of the federal government to do it, the will of Dame Fashion has been thwarted and proved to be not inscrutable, which proof is apparent in the demoralization of the European feather market as a result of our new tariff law, a provision of which excludes from imports plumage for hats in the interest of the birds. Feathers heretofore commanding excessive prices in both Europe and the United States are now said to be selling at 20 per cent discount in cities abroad, with further declines ahead. The aigrette, we are told, is a thing of the past. Milliners must devise other adornments for women's hats.

Here, then, is a stern, pragmatic tariff law taking account of the birds, which, though, is nothing remarkable, for the good book relates how that even one sparrow cannot fall to the ground without Divine knowledge. But the chief point of interest here is proof at last that Dame Fashion is not the all-imperious sovereign of inscrutable will and way we had supposed her to be. Who knows but in time some of her capricious mandates touching the styles of dress may also be challenged, or, indeed, abrogated by the legal manipulation of mere man?

New York and London.

According to New York's Board of Health statistician that city's present population is 5,376,963, which, he says, is 1,000,000 more than London's, thus making the American metropolis the world's metropolis. Just how this figures out seems a little uncertain. London's population, according to the 1901 census, was a little more than 4,500,000, that is "registration London," the city proper. With suburbs and all, it had 6,500,000. Now, London has grown some since 1901; indeed, the last estimate gave Greater London something like 7,000,000 people and "registration London" probably 5,000,000. So it is possible that Greater New York, which, of course, is New York proper, exceeds in population London proper, giving us at last the first city in the world, in point of population as it has been so long in many other respects. From this comparison, it may easily be assumed that before many years New York's supremacy will be beyond question. The city of London probably can go on as another London suburb, but this is about its only hope for keeping ahead of New York in the race, as conditions in the two cities and countries back of them would forcibly suggest. And no sooner will we lay undraped

The Root of Prejudice.

In proposing a concert of all Jewish cultural societies as a means of better combatting race prejudice, its sponsor attributes this prejudice largely to ignorance of the Jewish people, their history, traditions, ideals and character. He might have gone further and applied the principle generally. Prejudice of every kind is usually due to ignorance or intellectual dishonesty. It is conceivably very difficult for an intellect both informed and honest to harbor prejudice. Knowledge is naturally antagonistic to prejudice as to ignorance. It is very unpleasant to think of this corroding, consuming passion of prejudice actuating the mind in which a knowledge of the facts resides. Unfortunately, such is often the case, yet that may even be so and still leave unshaken the point that ignorance is normally the root principle of prejudice.

The Lesson of Babel.

Several good reasons are advanced why God despoiled Babel and dispersed the people, one of them being that their plans of a single world-empire conflicted with His of scattering the people to all quarters of the globe and populating the earth. But a very practical, present-day lesson may be drawn from this fact, that though the builders of Babel were of varied interests and dispositions, they were one and united in opposing God and in erecting this tower as a monument to their opposition, while the builders of Zion—that is the righteous—though united in a common head and spirit, are unfortunately divided in their loyalty and service to God.

It is a maxim of our day that the hosts of evil stand together better than the righteous. As a consequence, of course, good causes suffer. Inevitably in the division some of the righteous turn up on the side of the enemy, fighting their own interests in the end. Just why this is so may be difficult to explain, but it does seem that good people often defeat good causes for very narrow and unworthy reasons. Melancholy proof of it may be found in almost any civic or political contest where the forces of righteousness, over-persistent in nominal differences, split hairs and their own ranks at the same time, paving the way to crushing disaster before a solidly united phalanx of the enemy.

So it seems with the propaganda of religion and its multiplicity of sects and denominations, resulting in divisions of service when it should be only, if at all, in forms and ceremonies. What would be the moral condition of the church if in all these centuries the builders of Zion had worked toward unity of action with the genius and power they have put into their schisms?

The foreign missionary is said to have a hard time getting the benighted to understand how the doctrine of "one God" can consistently be dispensed under so many interpretations and with so much apparent rivalry of effort. The heathen is no worse off in this respect than some born under luckier stars. But this must be said to the credit of many leading denominations, that for the purposes of foreign missions they are gradually unifying their efforts, which is slowly having its effect upon agencies at home.

The Meat Problem.

According to government statistics our population increase and the increase in meat production just about kept pace for the decade 1899-1909. The supply or production of dressed meat per capita in the United States varied hardly a pound as between 1899 and 1909, but the cost of animals on foot slaughtered increased 75.5 per cent in that period and the value of dressed meat 73.3 per cent.

In other words, while our meat production is scarcely keeping up with our population increase, or our consumption capacity, prices consequently are steadily advancing and must so long as the present disparity in conditions obtains. But, it is said, our production does not determine the world's supply; we have other countries to draw from, especially now that we have free trade.

Then let us turn to those other countries and see what their conditions are, see if they are such as offer us counterbalancing relief. According to latest available statistics, New Zealand, of whose meat supply we talk so glibly, increased in population in the last decade 30 per cent, in cattle only 16 per cent. Germany increased in population 16 per cent, in cattle 4 per cent. The United Kingdom grew in population 10 per cent, while its cattle growth was but 4 per cent. The figures for Austria-Hungary are, population increase 10 per cent, cattle 2 per cent; European Russia 14 per cent and 12 per cent. Russia did better than any of the other leading European countries, but South America is looked to now for

Looking Backward This Day in Omaha

Thirty Years Ago—The Burlington announces that beginning Sunday it will run through trains between Omaha and Chicago without requiring transfer at Pacific Junction. "This makes the Burlington the only line carrying passengers from Omaha to Chicago without change of cars and baggage will be checked through from Omaha to destination." F. F. Loomis, in the wholesale and retail cigar business in this city, was married Wednesday to Miss Hattie G. Hale of Cleveland, O.

The second term of Bellevue college has opened, Rev. F. S. Blayney continuing acting president. Miss Phelps of this city has been engaged as instructor in music.

The Eternity of Time.

In deference to custom and tradition we celebrate the moment between the last day of December and the first day of January as the beginning of the new year. In point of fact, time has no beginning, and no ending, but runs to eternity in the direction of the past and also of the future. There are seasons of day and night, and of months and years, determined by the procession of orbits, which for purposes of convenience and calculation we count off on the calendar, but there is in reality, so far as we know, neither beginning nor ending nor interruption of time. Our calendar could just as easily have been made to mark the advent of the new year on any one of the other 364 or 365 days of the cycle (recall that different calendars are used in other parts of the world that do this very thing), and we could make it fit our convenience at noon instead of our inconvenience at midnight. But all such schemes of time measurement would be equally artificial. Time is one, time is continuous, time is eternal.

Unmerger Compensations.

"No cloud without a silver lining" is an ancient adage which still applies even to such ominous shadows as the telephone-telegram unmerger. The first severe condition exacted of the telephone combine on behalf of the government by the attorney general as a consideration for immunity under the anti-trust law requires the sale of Western Union holdings, which, it is now said, lifts from the telephone people an annual loss of more than \$500,000. According to semi-official information, this telegraph stock was bought to yield 10 per cent returns on the purchase price, while it has cost at least 6 per cent to carry it, so that even a shrinkage of \$4,000,000 or \$5,000,000 in the sale would not be regarded as a particularly disastrous operation.

From the same source it is learned that the telephone company not only gets a clean bill of health, but holds on to the national system as developed by it to date by agreeing to connect with any and all comers. This removes the last item of criticism as a monopoly, and incidentally also removes the incentive of independents to combine to form long distance lines and competing toll systems of their own. In offset it will get the switching charge, for hosts of little independent properties, apparatus will be standardized and long distance traffic stimulated. Assurance is given that the only place where the public may be pinched is where telegraph messages have been delivered by phone, for which service a charge may in some instances be made.

Is it any wonder trust regulation by negotiation is cordially acclaimed by the magnates of high finance, and the office of the democratic attorney general threatens to become their favorite meeting place?

Just to keep the facts straight, let it be understood that none of the \$20,000 guaranty for the Billy Sunday campaign in Omaha has yet been actually raised in cash, and that when it is raised, according to the "incorporators," it is to insure erection of the tabernacle required for the meetings and meet other incidental preliminary expenses.

Good folks grieving because a book of immoral tone has reached a circulation of many thousands should console themselves in the fact that last year's total output of the Bible publishers was 28,000,000. As Paul told the Romans, "Where sin abounded, grace did much more abound."

THE GENTLE CYNIC.

Love is blind, and sometimes it is also dumb. It takes an optimist to laugh in his sleeve when he knocks his funny bone. The efficacy of prayer depends upon the amount of haste there is back of it. The average man's aim in life depends largely on the size of the target. The world is full of people who keep insisting that something ought to be done. You don't have to call in the services of a collector to garner the wages of sin. Some men have greatness thrust upon them, but it generally goes to their heads. The only way you can take the measure of many a man is by pints and quarts. A pessimist may be either a man who has been disappointed in love or one who has been disappointed in marriage. The difference between a raconteur and a bore is that one has enough money to buy the drinks and the other hasn't. Don't believe all you hear. Many a man who never used tobacco in this world will need a smoking jacket in the neck. Marriage is indeed a serious problem to the girl who has sixteen dear friends from whom to select eight bridesmaids. —New York Times.

People and Events

Secretary Wilson of the Department of Labor is classed as a poet, but he works at other jobs for a living. The worth of a New Year's resolution is not in the making, but in the keeping. Should other specifics fail, try mother-halls. He is a prince of good fellows who provided base ball cushions for occupants of the water wagon, knowing they are riding to a fall. It is painfully manifest that the weather of youth, or he would start something to take the rust off the deers. Although the doctors said positively there are dangerous microbes in kissing, some combat medics are doing some investigating on their own account. The Dutch discovered New York and their descendants discovered Holland to be a profitable market for American potatoes. The Dutch look like a two-time winner.

In the matter of talk as in other essentials of liberty, we put it all over the rest of mankind and womankind, too. The United States contains but 5 per cent of the population of the globe and has 60 per cent of the telephones in the world. Line's bus!

Mrs. Frederick W. Lehman, wife of the former solicitor general of the United States and a grandmother, is a freshman at Washington university, St. Louis, Mo. The secret of her enrollment leaked out recently. Mrs. Lehman attends the university classes three times a week to study English.

He hails from Ohio and his name is Whitacre, Eighteenth district congressman. Announcing that he would not be a candidate for re-election he says he is tired of "sitting around and looking wise" and that "no man who wants to be intellectually honest has any business in congress." What do you know about that coming from Ohio?

Jimmy Larkin of Dublin, who promises to come over and wave his fiery cross in this country, is a stickler as a moralist. Upton Sinclair relates in the New York Tribune how Larkin refused to appear on the same platform in England with a chairman who was divorced from his wife. Mr. Sinclair sympathizes with the Larkin propaganda, but warns divorced men and women to keep out of reach of Jimmy's snub.

The saddest note of the New Year sounded in Illinois is the requiem of the railroad pass. Jackpot lawmakers did not intend, knowingly, to go to that limit, but someone slipped a joker into the "utilities act," prohibiting public service corporations from performing service for less than the regular rate. Free rides are all off for other than employees. Compelling politicians and leg pullers to pay out good money for riding on trains is the hardest blow that has fallen in Illinois since Methuselah was a kid.

MUFFLED KNOCKS. A reformer is a man who wants everything to be better than he is. Lot's wife turned to salt. But nowadays lots of wives turn to pepper.

Away down in his heart every man knows that he is either clever or good looking. Give a princess a \$5 bill and she will spend \$4.98 for a new bag to carry the 2 cents in. You can never get a married woman to understand why a husband should need any spending money.

A man who knows all about keeping out of work doesn't know a blame thing about keeping out of trouble. What has become of the old-fashioned man who used to think Maud S. was the speediest thing in the world? The man who owns a big automobile is always willing to agree with you when you argue that walking is the finest exercise.

When a fellow can hand a girl a dime's worth of junk and stained glass and she believes it is a 3000 engagement ring—that is love. When a grass widow marries a grass widower they have it all over the amateurs in that they do not have to rehearse the performance.

A father is often a party who will trust his daughter's future with the kind of a man that he wouldn't trust with the loan of a nickel for car fare. One advantage of being married and having children is that you don't have to use a nail when you lose a button off your clothes. You can always find a safety pin on the floor.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

SECULAR SHOTS AT PULPIT.

Chicago Inter Ocean: A Texas church is to have a roof garden. Anything, we presume, to get nearer heaven. Houston Post: We hear of a Massachusetts minister, 20 years old, who has just married the fourth wife. A few more like him operating in Massachusetts might materially reduce the preponderance of spinsters there within ten years. Chicago Record-Herald: It became necessary the other day for the police to disperse a crowd of Persians who were praying in a vacant lot in Chicago. People who lived near the vacant lot complained that they were disturbed by the praying.

Cleveland Plain Dealer: A New York church has employed a barber to trim the choir boys just before the services each Sunday. It will be a pity if some irreligious policeman breaks up the session by arresting him for violating the closing law.

SMILING REMARKS.

"So you approve of dancing?" "Thoroughly. In many instances it's much better to keep step to the music of a song than to listen to the words of it."—Washington Star.

Lawyer—The cross-examination did not seem to worry you. Have you had any previous experience? Client—Six children.—Kansas City Journal.

"And did you ever seek the man?" we asked the Office. "Once or twice," replied the Office. "But I found him waiting outside my door."—Philadelphia Inquirer.

The Pullet—They say the ostrich can run faster than any other bird. "The Turkey," I observed, "means the ostrich." "What is a near-vegetarian?" "What he eats meat-vegetarian." "He never eats meat-vegetarian when he is invited out."—Houston Post.

"How do you know that man is unmarried?" "That's easy," said Mr. Sloohtington gaily with a chuck. "I observed the man look at the display in a jewelry store window."—Washington Star.

"When you say, 'A lady of quality'—what do you mean by that?" "She is of quality," I observed, "it means there is not much quantity about her immediate family."—St. Louis Republic.

A LITTLE SECULAR SERMON.

St. Louis Republic. We used to have religion here, down town where I abide. We heard the old-time doctrine of the For man's redemption, and the dear old gospel songs we sang. And up to God the Father then our ardent praises rang.

But that was, oh! so long ago, and our religious zest has dribbled since the churches moved out west. Somehow I've never understood exactly why a church should feel inclined to move away and leave us in the lurch. Us folks who have no motor cars to swish us out of town. Nor any parks around our homes where one can go sit down.

It worries me a heap to be put now to such a church as—let's say—churches moved out west.

Excelsior Springs Water

We have just received a car of assorted Excelsior Springs Mineral Water as follows:—Crystal Lithia Water, 5 gal. jug., \$2.00; Salt Sulphur Water, 5-gal. jug., \$2.25; Salt Sea Water, 5-gal. jug., \$2.25; Diamond Lithia, case 12 1/2 gal., \$4.00; Sulpho Saline, case 50 qts., \$3.00; Sulpho Saline, case 12 1/2 gal., \$4.50; Recent Springs, case 50 qts., \$3.00; Recent Springs, case 12 1/2 gal., \$4.00. We handle one hundred kinds of Mineral Waters from foreign and American springs, receiving same as direct shipments from the springs or importers, and make the very lowest prices on full case, dozen or bottle quantities. We deliver free in Omaha, South Omaha and Council Bluffs.

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