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It is a stupid employe who cannot see the laughing point in the boss's story. It seems like every time anyone goes to "smoke out" the bosses the fuel gives out.

Representative Stanley's idea of abolishing the "rule of reason" is not altogether laudable. From the repetition of his death notices, it seems as if Orsovo were trying to rival our old friend, Menckel.

What Mr. Bryan's friends seem to be seeking are reasons for not establishing a regional reserve bank in Mr. Hitchcock's home city. Geewillkins! Whaddayamean, 100,000,000 New York trout afflicted with cancer!

The president's message might be set to the tune of that grand old hymn, "While the Lamp Holds Out to Burn, the Vilest Sinner May Return." Republican Leader Mann heartily endorses the vital recommendations of the president's message, but how about Democratic Leader Underwood?

Bill Allen White declined to run for governor of Kansas, but Vic Murdock did not, so it is all right, the newspaper fellows still have a chance. Roger C. Sullivan, gas boss of Illinois, who has just hurled his hat into the ring, seems to forget that Mr. Bryan read him out of the party a long time ago.

Champ Clark's refusal to attend a dinner with Bryan as the star diner reminds us again "how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." "Legislation is a business of interpretation," says the president in his message. And too often it has been a business of interpretation along the line of popular hysteria instead of fundamental principles.

It seems incredible that the Federal league would have offered Troy Cobb the ratty little sum of \$75,000. We are constrained to believe it was \$75,000,000, and that the last three ciphers were lost enroute. It is gratifying to know that the president's message meets the hearty approval of Congressman Lobeck. And how would a democratic president go about writing a message that did not meet Lobeck's approval?

If Merit Counted.

As Henry Claws of New York says, if only eight regional reserve banks, to say nothing of a larger number, are decided on, one rightly belongs to Omaha. And Omaha would get one, too, if nothing but merit controlled the location of the banks.

Its supremacy as a banking center; Nebraska has larger combined banking assets than any state west of the Missouri river, except only Texas and California. Omaha's bank clearings are larger than any city in the United States its size and twenty cities beyond its size.

Omaha is the third largest meat-packing center in the world; the largest butter manufacturing center; has the largest smelter in the country; is one of the six prime grain markets of the world; covers a more extensive territory with its jobbing and wholesale trade than any other western city; is the soundest commercial as well as financial city west of the Missouri river.

Its supremacy as a railroad, military and postal center and the natural gateway to the west, drawing trade from every state west of us; the headquarters of the leading transcontinental railroad and the converging point of nine trunk lines.

By merit, we say, instead of petty personal politics, controlled there would not be a moment's hesitation about locating a regional bank in Omaha, whether the total number decided on was eight or twelve.

Money Devil and the South. The old Money Devil is free at last and the south exults in its emancipation. "Legislation has its atmosphere like everything else," runs the president's anti-trust message.

Which recalls this from The New Freedom: There is to be a general release of the capital, the enterprise of millions of the people, a general opening of the doors of opportunity. With what a spring of jubilation, with what a shout of jubilation, will this people rise to their emancipation.

Lord Strathcona. Lord Strathcona, British high commissioner for Canada, barely knocked off work in time to die this side of the century mark. His death, at nearly 94, after a life of continuous toil, bringing to the end vigorous faculties of mind and body, is but another illustration of the fact that how long a person lives usually depends upon how wisely he lives, and that it is not hard work, so much as idle worry and dissipation that kills.

Lord Strathcona saw a good deal of rough life and worked hard from boyhood on and was younger on his ninety-third anniversary than many men are at 60—younger because his intellectual and physical powers were in a better state of preservation. "Time, the tomb-builder," we are told by an old and florid orator, "holds his fierce career, nor pauses not, like other conquerors, to muse upon the fearful ruins he hath wrought." But it is possible to trick even Father Time by sober and prudent living, not by laying in wait, as it were, vainly striving to filch a few years out of his record.

As this old nonagenarian did, by letting the thoughts dwell more upon the present day and its tasks, for "sufficiency unto the day is the evil thereof," and letting age take care of itself. Those grow old best and most graciously who live young the wisest and longest. It is not gray hairs, but gray matter, that turns the trick. "Organized Agriculture" is comparing notes again at Lincoln, the most notable of which is the crop value total for 1913. If Nebraska can do that well in an off year, there's no occasion to worry about the future of the state.

If the business of government is politics, where can the public interest be better conserved than where politics is seriously discussed? Maybe the school board can answer this. Our esteemed friend, Edgar Howard insists that Governor Morehead's ante-election promise is really valid and binding. Oh, very well.

Looking Backward

This Day in Omaha. JANUARY 22. Thirty Years Ago—Mr. Thomas Swobe received a telegram from Messrs. Paston, McWhane and Flie saying they had concluded negotiations with some Boston capitalists to build huge slaughter houses here in connection with the South Omaha stock yards.

Twenty Years Ago—Zach Taylor of the Paxton was improving as expected to be able to resume his duties at the clerical desk in a few days. Miss Herrick, a deaconess at the Methodist hospital, was assisting Rev. T. C. Clendinning in special meetings at the Wesley Methodist church on Walnut Hill.

Ten Years Ago—The McKinley club members were jubilant over the receipt of the information direct that Colonel Murat Halstead, the veteran Cincinnati editor, and Governor Van Sant of Minnesota positively would be present at the annual banquet a few nights hence.

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Twice Told Tales. Fixing for Benjie. While a farce comedy was playing at a local theater not long since an old gentleman is said to have appeared at the stage door and asked for the "boss."

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Aimed at Omaha. Syracuse Journal: Omaha and Lincoln are both after one of the regional banks and Secretary Bryan has boldly announced that he favors Lincoln. If politics is to cut a figure in the locating of these banks Lincoln no doubt will get one. The Omaha Commercial club has announced that they will take the matter up and send a delegation to meet the board of locators.

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