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DWIGHT WILLIAMS, Circulation Manager... Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 5th day of February, 1914. ROBERT HUNTER, Notary Public

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Dr. Elliot's religion seems to rest on a downward revision basis.

Willis is the man on horseback in Mexico; he admits it, himself.

Colie Blease has assured himself of the convict vote by pardoning 989 of them.

Huerta has never used anybody for libel for intimating that he put Madero out of the way.

"We ought to elect good men to the governorship," says George W. Berge, generously offering himself.

Columbus, O., is planning double-deck street cars. But won't it be difficult for the strap-hangers up there?

Mr. Shuster intimates that Huerta might go by the wine-cellar route. So we had suspected from the way his army fights.

Doubtless the president had a secret wish, as those 150,000 Chicago women marched to the polls and registered, that it had been put in the platform.

The theologian who says that the world is more concerned with progressive evangelization than creedal orthodoxy is apt to strike a responsive popular chord.

A hungry, unemployed laborer in Los Angeles was fatally shot by a policeman for stealing seven bottles of milk. The law must maintain its majesty at all costs.

As an illustration of the efficacy of moral suasion, or laws, in dealing with sordid criminality, what do you think of our "watchful waiting" method of bringing the political criminal in Mexico to time?

Some day we may get back to the old established distinction between sin and crime and make more headway toward law enforcement, ceasing to confound the law for the individual with that for the state.

Any grudge Japan may have against its honorable friend, Uncle Sam, surely is not based on the number of exclusions of the last fiscal year. According to our immigration statistics, 6,859 Japanese applied for admission to our ports and only eighty-eight were barred.

The people elect our senators and representatives and ought to be the best judges of their qualifications, and if in doing so they do not exercise good judgment it is difficult to understand how they would exercise better judgment in the recall—Former Senator W. V. Allen.

Will someone who knows the recall to be a political panacea kindly arise and tell the senator how this is done?

A money penalty is no punishment at all for those able to pay, and a travesty on justice.

So says a federal judge in imposing both a money and prison penalty on a rich malefactor and then contributing to the travesty by suspending the prison penalty for no better reason than that it had not been a custom in that court. But woe to the next offender, he warned. To which the present one might have ejaculated, "Inghabibble."

A socialist speaker, addressing 500 followers in Detroit, declared of Henry Ford's new wage-paying philanthropy that he "is buying the life, brain and soul of his men," and even at that paying them "only a small percentage of what they earn." Mr. Ford, in his wildest hallucinations, probably never dreamed of satisfying the socialist idea, but just for fun it would be interesting to know how one could avoid buying the life, brain and soul of his employees and how he could pay them what they were worth. Floor sweepers, for example, who the Ford works now get \$5 a day.

Advice from Allen.

We have fallen upon unnecessary feverish times. I do not believe in tampering with the constitution. A government is not a mushroom growth; it does not spring up in a night. It is the sequence of a long series of years of intelligent experimentation by which the people gradually seek places of safety for the lodgment of power.

These words are not from an ultra-conservative, as might be thought, but from one of the three simon-pure populists who sat in the United States senate when that party of the people and of vagarious "principles" was in the heyday of its existence. William Vincent Allen thus concludes a letter to the public, in which he dissects the "reforms" on which a democrat seeks to ride into the governor's chair at Lincoln.

In other times The Bee has agreed with Senator Allen on some matters, and has differed with him sharply on others. It gives us pleasures now to welcome him back to the ranks of those who do not believe that a system of government can be improvised over night, who hold that merely enacting a law will not change fundamentals, and who believe that sober thought should precede decisive action.

Omaha's Supremacy Again.

Omaha business interests have won out with the administration in their efforts at holding the army supply depot, which, of course, is a tribute to the administration's readiness to listen to argument and heed the power of facts. There was never any valid reason for making Omaha fight for the retention of the headquarters, since all the argument was on its side. Nevertheless, the victory at Washington is another convincing illustration of Omaha's supremacy as a commercial and geographical center, which enables it to cope with St. Louis, Kansas City and other places far exceeding Omaha in population.

Here again we encounter the force of argument in favor of locating a regional bank in Omaha. May we not hope that inasmuch as the administration yielded on this point in deference to the showing of facts our business men made, it will recognize the same patent facts in the location of these reserve centers?

Contempt for Law Officers.

Suspicion is attached to certain public officials, grand juries set to work and all sorts of excitement aroused over certain sinister imputations emanating from the Hon. Jack Johnson of Paris as to the circumstances attending his departure from Chicago while under bond not to depart.

Perhaps all the officials involved are as innocent of wrong-doing as they affirm; perhaps no one is culpable in this connection. But it will always seem remarkable that this notorious character could have so long and so loudly vaunted his contempt for the courts and then, not surreptitiously, but boldly and above-board, stalked out of the jurisdiction he was bonded to observe, board a ship and sail off to a foreign land without so much as a serious effort to obstruct or apprehend him.

It is such flagrant defiance and contempt of the law that disgusts people with so many elected to enforce and administer law. If this man did all this without official connivance, after giving every indication that he would do something of the kind, will someone placed under the shadow of suspicion by his action offer an explanation approaching plausibility for the occurrence?

Standardizing Concrete.

The Mid-west Concrete Users' association takes time by the forelock, it seems to us, in advocating legislation for the standardizing of concrete and cement for construction purposes, for this is inevitable. The suggestion comes, of course, from dealers with the best interests of the trade at heart, those who realize that the permanency of concrete and cement in competition with other building and paving materials must depend upon standard. Experience has proved the value and utility of these materials, but it has also shown that they can be counterfeited by unscrupulous contractors, or poorly made by unskillful hands, looking out more for immediate profits than the future of the business.

It is probable that collapses of concrete buildings have been due more to poor quality than imperfect use of the material. Every such collapse, referred to in the association's convention, is a serious injury to the trade and another obstacle in its competition with structural iron or steel. The fact is there are too many ways of cheating in the use of these materials in buildings and streets, the abuse undoubtedly being more common in the latter, simply because as a rule the city is easier to fool and graft upon than a private individual or concern. Not all of the inferiority in these materials is to be charged to deliberate intention or dishonesty; some, of course, must be from lack of knowledge and skill. That does not affect the main proposition, though, of the wisdom of fixing a standard for the manufacture and use of concrete and cement.

Yes, remember, you will help the new police commissioner by doing your utmost, individually, to observe all the laws that are intended for your government.

Looking Backward

This Day in Omaha... FEBRUARY 6... Thirty Years Ago—The last act in the consummation of the deal for the South Omaha stock yards is found in the filing of a trust deed from Leavitt M. Anderson and wife of Alexander H. Swan; Frank Murphy, Thomas Swobe, Charles W. Hamilton, William A. Paxton, Peter E. Eiler and James M. Woolworth, conveying 1,396.6 acres for a stated consideration of \$1,000,000 in bonds, payable \$500,000 January 1, 1918; \$500,000 January 1, 1924, and \$500,000 January 1, 1930. One stipulation requires that \$500,000 be used in surveying and laying out the new town of South Omaha.

Another gambling house has been opened up on Douglas street, making four full-fledged resorts on that street. P. C. Himebaugh, now in California, writes that he is now much improved in health. He has been joined by Mrs. Himebaugh.

Miss Helena Gotsien of St. Paul is the guest of Miss Richardson. Charles Saunders left on his return to Helena, Mont.

W. R. Bennett, an old Omaha boy, who has been lately engaged in the theatrical business, is in the city visiting friends.

Mr. James E. Boyd entertained about 200 guests at an elaborate reception this evening at his residence.

Will H. Daniels, since last November, manager of the roller skating rink, was given a farewell skate, prior to his departure from the city. For his friends, H. D. Estabrook presented him with a gold medal.

Hon. Mahlon Chance, formerly in the consular service, has been sent to Omaha to enlist financial support for the funds required to build the pedestal for Barthold's statue, "Liberty Enlightening the World," to be built on Bedloe's island, New York harbor.

Twenty Years Ago—William F. Wapman and Elizabeth Fishback of Northfield, Minn., were united in marriage by Rev. Mr. Pipah.

Mayor Bemis submitted the nomination of W. S. Shoemaker, democrat, to the council as city prosecutor and Richard Smith as building inspector. The former was confirmed, the latter rejected.

W. A. Dilworth, one of the secretaries of the State Board of Transportation, came up from Lincoln.

J. L. Brandeis & Sons, rented the building formerly occupied by the Bell Department store, as temporary quarters until they could erect a new building on the site of the one destroyed by fire. Their plans for the new structure called for a much larger and modern building.

Rev. W. J. Hatherall, an evangelist of successful repute, was holding meetings at the Walnut Hill Methodist church, Forty-first and Charles streets.

Mrs. J. P. Jensen, Editor of the Herald and Populist, and sister of Councilman Black, was the owner of a canary bird that was said to have laid sixty-three eggs in a year and raised eight young birds. This was said to have been a record for canaries.

Peter Dow died at his home, 1311 North Lowe avenue, and George F. Rehm, 69 years, at his home, 2396 Hamilton street, of pneumonia.

Ten Years Ago—Walker Whiteside and his company appeared at the Boyd in a satirical comedy entitled, "We Are King."

Police officers raided several poker games, gathering in twenty-six players. The grocery store of Goldenberg & Hortenstein, 704 Cuming street, was entered at night by burglars, who got away with \$200 in cash. It was before business hours closed and the money was masked. Morris Goldenberg and Joe Cohen were both at their work and had to obey the commands of the bad men.

Miss Salena Burns entertained the X. C. T. club in the afternoon. Bob Smith blossomed forth as a candidate on the republican ticket for state auditor. His friends were enthusiastic in their expressions of confidence for Bob's landing. They said he would undoubtedly make the best auditor the state ever had, and give any other fellow who got into the race the run of his life.

An advance tip from Dan Cupid told us that the real thing in valentines for the year would be of the very cheap variety.

People and Events... Prof. F. S. Chapin of Smith college, says any man who traces his family tree twenty generations will find himself related to anybody he may meet in the street, as a rule.

Trolley cars and electric lights are about to live up things in and about Jerusalem. All the old town needs now is a commission form of government, the initiative, referendum and recall, to put it in the class of live ones.

Edward Cornelius, an old resident of Murray, Idaho, has been working on the Kellogg sewer, apparently for \$1 a day, but in reality he says he has been working to locate \$50,000, which he buried in '58 in a Dutch oven and which he has never been able to find.

The youngest probate judge in the United States is thought to be Fred M. Brown in Wexford county, New York, who is 25 years old. A curious fact is that fifteen years ago, an orphan, he was sent to the state institution by the same court over which he now presides.

John Burroughs, the naturalist, knows more about birds and bugs than about real estate investments. He admits it and leaves a firm because he didn't hold on to a stock he once owned in Washington, and on a part of which the senate office building now stands.

When King George and Queen Mary go to Paris in April they will stay at the British embassy in the Rue St. Honoré. The embassy was the residence of Pauline Bonaparte, the second sister of Napoleon I. She lived there from 1819 to the fall of the empire, and the letter "P" may still be seen on the decorations and in some of the furniture.

Two London daily newspapers—the Mail and the Chronicle—are insuring their readers against rail accidents. The London Express figures that the odds against death from injury caused by accidents to trains are 80,000 to 1, while London Truth estimates the value to each subscriber is 6 cents a year.

A New York dancing master says the tango was what they were dancing when "love looked love to eyes that spoke again" on the fateful night when "all went every as a marriage bell." Blucher is coming. Marshal Ney will soon dash up with Desmouettes' lancers and the plateau of Mont St. Jean will be taken. Even tango, then, must have its Waterloo.

Twice Told Tales

Tea and Thee... At a tea given at the Ruhl in Nice to the officers of the Mediterranean fleet, E. Royal Tyler, the well known author, said, nodding toward a sign, "The Damsel," which might be translated, 'Tango Tea'.

"A French maid, when I refused tea the other afternoon, exclaimed: 'But monsieur is not like his fellow-countrymen, then?'"

"Not like them? how so?" said I. "Why," said the maid, "I picked up one of your American novels the other day—a Howells novel and, though I can't read English, I saw there was nothing but 'tea, tea, tea,' on every page. Now people who talk so much about tea must be inordinately fond of it, n'est-ce pas, monsieur?"

"She thought, you see, that our article 'Thee' had the same meaning as 'tea' in French."—New York Tribune.

Jobbing the Artist... As a certain young artist of New York sat upon his stool one day in the Adagio, doing a bit of "mountain stuff," there approached him from the rear a native, evidently with ideas of his own touching art.

"Did you ever try photography?" asked the newcomer. "No," was the curt response of the artist, who continued his work. "It's a good deal quicker," suggested the native.

"I suppose it is," sulkily assented the painter, with another dab of the brush. "And," the native added, with a dash of malice, "a good deal more like the place."—New York Globe.

Rebutting a Libel... John D. Rockefeller, talking to a Cleveland preacher, said one day: "From the stories that are told about my love of money and my disregard for humanity, you'd think I was some such monster as the criminal of the anecdote."

"A judge once said to a terrible criminal: 'And you actually had the heart to murder this poor man for a matter of 50 cents?'"

"Well, your honor," said the criminal, with an injured-innocence air: "well, your honor, what do you expect? Fifty cents here—and 50 cents there—it soon mounts up."—Detroit Free Press.

Obedient Instructions... A lady was about to take a day off recently, and, for the benefit of the butcher and milkman, she pinned to her back door the notice: "All away. Don't leave anything."

On her return she found that robbers had been there. The robbers had added to her notice on the back door: "Thanks. We haven't left much."—New York Tribune.

Editorial Siftings

Chicago Record-Herald: In the exchange of compliments between the labor leaders at Indianapolis there is an exhibition of the short and uglier word. Tut, tut, as Teddy might say.

Indianapolis News: Nor does it seem likely that Speaker Clark's recurrent expressions of soreness because of his defeat at the Baltimore convention will tend to put him in the future running.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat: Repeated many times is the trite statement that the Japanese are "a proud and sensitive race." One of them committed suicide because his earthquake prediction was wrong.

Indianapolis News: The theory that the least governed people are the best governed people may, however, be carried too far. For instance, just now Haiti has no government at all—and what a nuisance it is!

Philadelphia Ledger: The republican party is dead, according to Mr. Pinchot. That, perhaps, is why Senator Bristow will seek re-election under its banner. It is true that the grand old party has had enough knives stuck in its back to take the vitality out of almost any organization, but there seems to be enough a flirtation from South America.

Philadelphia Bulletin: The Colorado judge who decreed that a wife who signed her husband's name to a check was not guilty of forgery, qualified as a logic if not as a law. The checkbook is not excepted in the marriage pledge "with all my worldly goods I thee endow," and surely if a wife has a right to go through her hubby's pockets for loose change, she has an equal right to his bank account if she can get by the paying teller at the bank window.

Wall Street Journal: When congress magnanimously permitted banks in the federal reserve system to open branch banks in London and elsewhere, it ignored one trifling circumstance which explains why British branches have been slow to start. A branch bank there would subject the parent bank in America, in respect of all its business, to the British income tax of from 5 to 8 per cent. These trifling overights in federal law-making stings thought. In one way or another, they crop up in most of it, and are perhaps more instructive to the reflecting mind than the half-baked legislation itself.

Stories in Figures

Pennsylvanians own 30,000 licensed automobiles.

Holland has 1.5% co-operative agricultural societies with a membership of 150,000.

There are seventy-four match factories in Germany, employing 4,000 workers, producing 87,000,000 matches a year.

In 1912 in the United States new companies incorporated with a capital of \$100,000 or over represented a total of \$2,191,699,300.

British exports of firearms, gunpowder and military stores for the first ten months of 1913 were valued at \$15,663,777, an increase of \$3,066,007, as compared with the corresponding period of 1912.

"If a man was to save the price of a pint of beer a day from the time he is 13 years old, he would have at old age pension of \$2.49 a week at 70," said Dr. Fraser of the local government board at the National Health society, London.

In the first nine months of the last year 23,222 persons emigrated from Italy, of whom 22,000 came to the United States. No doubt the Italian authorities are concerned at the loss in less than a year time of the population equivalent of a city like Turin.

The Bee's Letter Box

The Bee and the Church... OMAHA, Feb. 5.—To the Editor of The Bee: As a churchman, I want to commend The Bee for suggesting that the Omaha churches co-operate in the go-to-church movement, which has met with such superficial success, at least, elsewhere. This is only another indication of The Bee's every-ready interest in church and other good works. LAYMAN.

Bellyboy to Blame... OMAHA, Feb. 5.—To the Editor of The Bee: While I cannot blame you or your paper for publishing the statement in regard to myself and my hotel, I will ask you to do me the justice to publish this statement in as prominent a place as you published the other article.

Two men and two respectable appearing women came to the hotel, and each man registered as a man and wife, giving their address as C. J. White and wife, Laramie, Wyo., and J. A. Johnson and wife, Omaha. They were shown to their rooms by the bellyboy. They asked the bellyboy for some beer. The bellyboy told them he had three bottles of his own. All of this happened when I was asleep in bed.

I have been in the hotel business for fifteen years and this is the first time I ever had any difficulty, as I have always used strict precision in my efforts to run an honorable and respectable house. I can give many of Omaha's best business men as reference as to the kind of a man I am. I am personally innocent of any intentional wrong.

G. D. McLAHLIN, Proprietor Hotel Neville.

"Go to Church..." OMAHA, Feb. 4.—To the Editor of The Bee: Notice your article with reference to the "go-to-church Sunday movement." Please state the detail of the movement and oblige.

WILLIAM H. BELKNAP. As the movement has not yet been launched in Omaha, we are not able to announce the details here. In Chicago and Kansas City, where the movement met with such popular response, it was promoted very largely through the columns of the daily newspapers and for the most part by means of news matter of no expense to the churches. Indeed, the remarkable statement has been made by a Chicago churchman that their entire campaign cost less than \$100. In Kansas City, however, it must have cost more, for we noticed on one day that the churches had invested in a page of paid newspaper advertising, in addition to the immense amount of space given them throughout the period. Further than this, about the only details seem to have been that each church did all it could to fill its pews and held its regular services when the people came.—Editor.

How to Help Kugel... OMAHA, Feb. 5.—To the Editor of The Bee: I have thought of a way in which many good people—women as well as men and youths—might help uphold the hands of Police Commissioner Kugel, and at the same time help druggists to obey the law—by cutting out the sneaking habit of buying drinks at drug stores. Of course, the drug store proprietors and clerks ought not to sell liquor except legitimately, but honest nature being as it is, they are apt to fall if tempted by the seductive dollar, especially if they think they won't get caught. Many of our "respectables," many who damn recalcitrant public officials, many, doubtless, who ghoulishly got on Mr. Ryder's neck and rode him when he was downed by a frenzied public sentiment—many such, I say, are among those who speak their liquor in the drug store. I wish in getting after the druggists—who deserve correction—the officers would land a few of these whited sepulchers, too, and make object lessons of them.

JOHN JONES.

Political Tips

Real serious steps are being taken to put out political graft and put municipal affairs in Pittsburgh on a business basis. Experts are at work on the job.

Mrs. Eva A. Murphy of Goodland, secretary of the Women's Temperance union of Kansas, has her hat on straight for the governorship. She doesn't wear a hobble skirt and is therefore foot-free to make a run.

Seven members of the Massachusetts legislature are expert boxers, and some of the seven pulled down good money in the state ring. Amateurs should think fifteen times before starting a rough house within their reach.

State Insurance Commissioner Charles G. Reville of Missouri, is anxious to make a try for the gumshoes of senator Bill Stone, but Governor Major is putting a thick fringe of frost on Charles's ambition.

Marcus Polasky of Ames, Mich., once a progressive party candidate for United States senator, is suing to recover on a note for 10 cents, signed up by a joshing acquaintance. Besides the principal, Marcus wants 1 cent interest.

Lucius N. Littauer and his brother, William, have been indicted by a federal grand jury of New York for smuggling. The brothers are glove manufacturers, but Lucius has served many terms in congress and never passed up a chance to boost his own business.

Tabloids of Science

The average length of life in Sweden is slightly more than fifty years, which is very high.

Wireless telephoning is now successful up to 50 miles. Marconi says that the Atlantic will be spanned very soon.

The most exhaustive of tests have shown that it takes only one-twentieth of a second for a wireless signal to pass across the continent from Washington to San Francisco.

Kaliospectol, or whitewood oil, sometimes written caljupit, is a greenish oil found useful for rheumatism and sprains and is manufactured from the whitewood tree, which grows principally in Celebes.

Experiments with various chemical extinguishers for fighting forest fires have not been very successful. The unlimited supply of oxygen in the open forest, officers say, tends to neutralize the effect of the chemicals.

Statistics show that a workman is killed in the United States every fifteen minutes of the day, and every sixteen seconds a mechanic is maimed. Many times so severely that he is no longer able to pursue his trade.

Nursing a Sore Spot

Baltimore American: With Champ still ambitious, and possibly Mr. Bryan, too, the president will have other foreign affairs to look after if he aspires to another term.

New York World: Worse men than Champ Clark have been president. Better men than he have raised the White House by miles. But there are no eggs in last year's birds' nests.

Chicago Record-Herald: Champ Clark finds that a funny speech he made is being taken seriously. This may be disconcerting, but it is better than having a serious speech taken as if it were a bit of rollicking humor.

Houston Post: Champ Clark told his Baltimore audience that a presidential primary in 1912 would have landed him in the presidency. Maybe and maybe not, but Champ isn't going to forget how his Judas flagrantly scariered him in Baltimore.

Sioux City Journal: Champ Clark somehow can't get over the notion that he would have been nominated for president if there had been a presidential primary. But it is doubtful if any man handicapped with such an abominable campaign song as his boosters persisted in singing could win in a primary any better than in a convention.

New York Sun: Colonel Roosevelt would probably not agree with the Hon. Champ Clark that that gentleman would now be occupying the White House if there had been presidential primaries in 1912. Is there not competent and familiar testimony, as bearing upon the question, that the colonel at the time of the Baltimore convention was "praying" for the speaker's nomination?

Philadelphia Ledger: It is true that Speaker Clark would have been the democratic nominee for the presidency under the primary system. He had the people's votes behind him. The Missouriian, however, made the mistake of supposing that because Mr. Bryan was instructed for him he would remain instructed. The Nebraska was in full sympathy with the will of the people until it ran counter

JOLLIES FROM JUDGE.

Earrest Teacher—What is profligate? Frivolous Girl—Frolics! Why, it is something in a manœuvre set.

"How do you know she is his wife?" "Didn't you notice, when they were dancing together, that he didn't clap his hands for an encore?"

Man wants but little here below To bring him peace and happiness— That is, as long as he can know That his neighbor has a little less.

Edkins—How can you tell that this is going to be a strenuous winter? Bodkins—That's easy! By the size of my salary.

Bohemian—Do you know any French? Cosmopolite—About four dollars and sixty cents' worth.

Marcella—Did I understand you to say Mr. Shimmerette is one of our best-known joke writers? Waverly—Not exactly. I said he is the writer of some of our best-known jokes.—Judge.

OLD-TIME "FEMALE DANDIES"

Doylstown (Pa.) Democrat, 1913. "It's strange that women have become 'The dupes of idle fashion; They can't content themselves at home, They keep it up—they dash on.

Behold you little, idle flirt! Whom age has scarce taught reason: A Coburg hat, she does assert, Is what she'll have this season.

A collar of the finest lace She'll have, though not without rino; A little powder for her face, A superfine merino.

Nay, she avows—she stamps and cries, And plays the actress taught reason: Unless her pa consents and buys A handsome Canton cape.

Then she must have a parasol, A reticule for 'kerchief! A pair of red morocco boots, And divers things for mischief!

But still she wants a corsette bone To battle with old nature; And thus arrayed she's all the tone, A lovely, handsome creature!

Then forth she sallies thro' the town, And many an hour begriles; To common folks she grants a frown— On better and dandies smiles.

How changed would be her days and years Were Fashion dead and buried; Ignorance and Pride had ta'en their flight, And she to Wisdom married.

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