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Let's talk about the opening ball game.

The fumigating brigade has a large and odorous job before it.

"China eggs may be cheaper," says a headline. But we cannot eat China.

But can Mr. Bryan's dove of peace be persuaded to take Chris Gruenther under its wing?

The blackmailers and their lawyer accomplices must be driven out of that kind of business.

Because March starts out lamblike is no proof that it has lost all its lionish propensities.

China's army is ordered to exterminate 30,000 bandits. Gee, almost as many as in Mexico.

No stockings and sandals for the fair feet is the latest fashion craze from abroad. It can not last; too cheap.

A headline in a Minneapolis newspaper, "The Tale (Tall) of Two Cities," doubtless has reference to St. Paul.

An exchange observes that the literary test would bar Villa. So would a well-seasoned hickory club properly handled.

Despite all our watchful waiting, Huerta has been president of Mexico longer than Wilson has been president of the United States.

When your disputant begins to abuse you, you have the consolation of knowing that he at least confesses the loss of the argument.

Wonder if two months is long enough to erase completely all recollection of his caucus-bolting and president-defying performance.

The German admiral says Dewey's action at Manila was "high-handed." All right. Then it was "high-handed" action that we wanted.

"If China is looking for a fiscal adviser to succeed Prof. Goodnow, why there is W. Morgan Shuster waiting where he can be easily seen.

A mayor named Nye issues a proclamation calling on everybody to go to the church. Owing to his name, his appeal is apt to be taken as a joke.

It cost New York \$1,000,000 to remove the snow from its streets. But it is worth many millions to the farmers not to remove it from their fields.

Whatever he may have said about not seeking a second term, Governor Morehead never promised to withstand a spontaneous popular uprising.

So long as the solid south remains firmly against votes for women, no democratic president will give his suffragette visitors anything more than a noncommittal welcome.

In one speech, former President Taft commended his successor and gave credit to his predecessor. Mr. Taft may be no politician, but neither is he a sore-head.

New York newspapers comment on the decision overturning the Becker conviction as one likely to defeat justice. It was made on the basis of technicalities; the question of guilt or innocence did not come up.

Rural mail carriers are hereafter to enjoy a salary schedule that may go as high as that for city mail carriers. With the expansion of postal business produced by parcels post, they will have a chance to earn it.

Cabinet Solidarity.

A presidential cabinet seldom serves intact through a complete four-year period. Regardless of retirements by death, it has become the custom to change the members...

It is worth noting that President Wilson has let it be known that he desires, if possible, to retain his cabinet family just as the places were originally assigned by him. The democrats of Pennsylvania not long ago implored Secretary of Labor Wilson to become a candidate for United States senator...

The time may come when the president's wish may not be controlling upon all of his cabinet advisers, but his now known attitude in this matter must be reckoned with in all plans that would force cabinet rearrangement.

Home-Made Evangelism.

St. Louis is a conservative, old-fashioned city, but a mighty substantial one. In religion, as well as in business, it seems to eschew fads and fancies. From the Republic we learn of a concerted campaign by federated churches to bring in 10,000 new members during Lent...

Now, if St. Louis were a progressive city, doubtless its churches would toss aside their own machinery and bring in one man from the outside with his force of workers and skyrocket methods and carry on the campaign that way.

Two features of this St. Louis plan strike us very forcibly, first, that the churches are equipped—at least they should be—with the machinery for revivals, and should employ their own forces of evangelists more than they do, in which event the dire need for the imported sensationalist might disappear; second, that this is an excellent work to lay out specially for the Lenten period.

A Real Test Coming.

"Mr. Underwood is opposed to the repeal provision," says the Chicago Record-Herald's Washington correspondent. "He voted for 'free tolls' and believes it would be wiser for the democrats of the house to stand by their party platform, which approved the exemption clause."

Senator Chamberlain of Oregon and other democratic leaders in congress have similarly expressed themselves in strong terms. But the president says the "free toll" clause must be repealed and already comes the report from Washington that he has the promise of enough democratic votes to carry his point.

Here we seem to have a fair test of the president's power to boss his party, particularly if such men as Underwood and Chamberlain are really holding back. Will he be able again to whip the bad boys into line and redemptorize his ability to run the school just as he pleases? No president yet, not even excepting Roosevelt, has so completely dominated his party in congress. Allow, if you please, for the belief indulged in by many, that President Wilson curbs the "wild men," that is the ultra-radicals, of the house only through Mr. Bryan's influence, the fact remains that he curbs them as well as the others and carries his point, even though in contradiction of the sacred platform, behind which he takes refuge from other assailants.

An independent expert audit of water plant finances ought really to be desired and demanded by the Water board. If there are leaks or false bookkeeping such an audit would show where they are, and if the results so far are all that are claimed, it would afford the most unassailable corroboration.

Ex-Governor Folk, who cashed in his presidential aspirations for the appointment of solicitor for the State department, will exchange that post for the position of chief counsel for the Interstate Commerce commission. The new job carries just as much honor, and a little more money.

Looking Backward This Day in Omaha

MARCH 2.

Thirty Years Ago—Rev. Mr. Detweiler of Carthage college, Illinois, was elected pastor of the English Lutheran church and will be here next Sunday to preach his first sermon.

A horse car which jumped the track on Twentieth and St. Mary's avenue occasionally misadventure, the occupants being rescued through the windows. There were thirty-four people on the car, most of them on their way to church, and among those injured were Mrs. Warren Switzer and Mrs. Van Nostrand.

Oak Chatham is the name of the newest addition to the city of Omaha, the map having been filed for record. Bishop Clarkson, who has been seriously ill with throat trouble, is now improving.

Rev. J. A. Hultman has returned in company with his brother, Rev. F. O. Hultman, from their eastern tour, having spent three weeks in the principal cities singing and preaching the gospel.

General O. O. Howard leaves this week for a several months' trip to Europe. Mrs. D. S. Barker, corner Eleventh and Second work and to assist in taking care of children.

General J. C. Cowin put giner in a case which he is trying in court by attacking the constitutionality of the mechanics' lien law.

Twenty Years Ago—

Mrs. Fiske and her company played to great effect in "Mary of Magdala," at the Park and also to a great number of people.

Superintendent J. Y. Craig, of Forest Lawn cemetery announced an enlargement of that burial ground in the spring. County Engineer Edquist returned from Sioux City, where he went to submit plans recently approved by the Board of County Commissioners for retifying the banks of the Missouri river at certain Omaha points.

Manager J. D. Nelson, of the Bankers' Ink company of Kansas City, was in Omaha looking over plans for the establishment here of a branch house for the manufacturing of ink.

John L. Kennedy has as his guests at a box party to see Mrs. Fiske at the Krug, Miss Pritchett, Miss Orcutt, Miss Kilpatrick, Captain Castle and Captain Wilcox.

In honor of Mrs. E. E. Hausch of St. Louis, Louis Metz entertained in the afternoon at his home, 2022 Dewey avenue, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Metz, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Metz, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Metz, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur F. Smith and Richard Simon.

Ten Years Ago—

J. M. Kinney received a telegram from John W. Hayes, general secretary of the Knights of Labor, saying he would be in Omaha in a few days, presumably for the purpose of inquiring into the Union Pacific employees' wage question.

Hon. W. F. Alexander, special commissioner of the provisional government in Hawaii, passed through Omaha en route from Washington to Honolulu. In speaking to a reporter for The Bee he said the provisional government had won its fight already. "It will give the queen a position and settle her," he said, "propose and she behaves herself. The idea of annexation has not been abandoned by the provisional government, but will be made the object of another fight in the near future."

Alfred Millard and C. C. Turner met with Mayor Bemis to prepare a list of names of Omaha people who ought to be called on when relief for poor or afflicted is needed. The list of names was called the "Blue Book."

Speaking of the ruling of the federal court exempting railroad property outside rights-of-way from municipal taxation, City Attorney Connel said he would take the case up on appeal as soon as he could make the necessary preparations.

Editorial Snapshots

St. Louis Globe-Democrat: When General Villa acts as prosecuting witness, judge and executioner, there is no opportunity for dilatory pleadings.

Boston Transcript: The head porter of a London hotel is retiring, with a fortune of \$75,000; those acquainted with the breed are wondering what he did with the rest of it.

Philadelphia Ledger: Senator Chamberlain credits the transcontinental railroads with a surplus of stupidity when he charges that they are engineering an expensive campaign to make the Panama canal pay expenses.

New York World: Mexico City newspapers which are quoting "General Wood," the American von Moitte, on the unpreparedness of the United States army for war, are evidently confusing powers of strategy in relation to an army appropriation bill with powers of strategy otherwise employed.

Indianapolis News: Why should a few men, constituting the Elgin butter board, meet once a week in an Illinois city and set the market price for butter over practically the entire central west and much of the east? This, we suppose, is one of the mysteries which it is not given us to understand. The mystery of the price of butter, however, will ever have an attraction for the customer, especially when the price has nothing whatever to do with the local supply. The weather changes, therefore the price of butter changes. But what would happen if the weather never would change?

Philadelphia Record: It is a little late in the day for Germans to show irritation over Admiral Dewey's reminiscences of Manila Bay. That Admiral von Dietherich got a ship into the American line of fire and got it out again pretty promptly upon a vigorous message from Admiral Dewey was told at the time, and was the inspiration of that moving song of "Me unt Gott" which one of Dewey's captains sang at a banquet, and it was not at all the sort of thing that Admiral Dewey would have liked to invent. Any version of the incident that the German admiral may offer sixteen years afterward will be too late to have any real value.

Doesn't Go Far Enough.

Boston Transcript: The concession on the part of the Spanish press that the United States could have intervened in Mexico four months ago doesn't do us full justice. We could have intervened annually for the past fifty years; but we had desired to live up to our European reputation as a land grabber.

The Bee's Letter Box

"Clinging Vines"—A Rejoinder.

OMAHA, Feb. 28.—To the Editor of The Bee: You published last issue in The Bee written by a woman who had not the courage to allow her signature to be attached to the insult which she hurled at two of the finest women it has ever known.

The "Fruit Baskets." OMAHA, March 1.—To the Editor of The Bee: I have no desire to either provoke or discourage anyone, much less a working girl, yet I think there are some occupations, such as shoe shining, ballet dancing and acting as governess to a lap dog, that a girl should never engage in except under the pressure of necessity.

It is not enough that a boy or girl might be a honest living slowly, for if it were, then a young high school girl might employ her time during vacation in cleaning cesspools, which is certainly an honest employment; or a young white man might be justified in acting as a porter in a colored barber shop.

There are some actions, which in themselves are not wrong, but which provoke general censure by being performed by the wrong persons, or at the wrong time or place; it is improper, I think, for a white lady barber to shave a negro, and there is no reason why it should be, except that by common usage and popular consent it is not the proper thing to do.

The president's wife, even if she had the time to spare, should not scrub her own porch, nor mow the lawn, nor dig her own potatoes for dinner, yet these occupations are honest and useful.

Public opinion is very peculiar, and people of quality always raise their objections when well bred men and women engage in occupations that are entirely out of harmony with their age, sex and social standing, or when they marry those who are altogether out of their class; however bad a man may be, he cannot marry a soiled woman of the tenderloin without suffering the contempt and ridicule of his fellow men, and a cultured woman will not be well received after she has married her coachman.

Those who intend to challenge the prejudice of society must learn to despise its opinions, and be prepared to live without its approval, and this is a harder task than some imagine it to be.

It is certainly not a sin for a girl to shine boots for a living, nor is it a sin for her to marry a Chinaman, yet unless these things are necessary, they will continue to be highly improper until public opinion changes the restrictions.

But public opinion is not infallible, and is always subject to change, and, as Hegel says, "That which is necessary, is, in the long run, reasonable."

E. O. MINTOSH.

What of the Monroe Doctrine?

WAROO, Neb., Feb. 28.—To the Editor of The Bee: The killing of William Benton by Villa does not in the least change our opinion as to the character of both men. Mr. Benton was evidently a prosperous ranchman as the term goes in that unhappy country. He probably complied with the laws of the land in a general way and had succeeded in building up a moderate fortune under what would be considered adverse circumstances in this country. It seems that he had never shown a disposition to enter politics, or he might have made a place for himself in that profession.

Villa, of course, is a bandit and a successful leader of bandits. Huerta, the de facto president, is another of the same kind, being probably responsible for the death of his predecessor, Madero. As a matter of fact, our neighbor on the south seems to be a land of bandits. But these things only interest us in a secondary way. The great primary question that confronts us is, what are we going to do about it?

So far it seems the moral influence of the administration has been thrown to the rebels. European governments had favored the Huerta regime, but for some reason the government at Washington had seen fit to place an embargo on the shipment of munitions to Mexico, but afterwards the embargo was lifted, and since that time the rebels have been gaining victory after victory. In other words, the power at Washington was willing to ignore the position and advice of European powers, notwithstanding they had mutual interests with us in establishing a suitable and stable government. But the murder of a British subject would seem to make it necessary for the president (who in these degenerate days seems to be about the whole chess) to take some definite step in the matter. The president presumably thought he was choosing the lesser of two evils when he chose to support Carranza instead of Huerta, but he knew that in so doing he was running counter to the officially expressed opinions of leading European nations, and these nations had a mutual interest with us in the matter and for about the same reasons. There is no doubt that England would ere this have issued a manifesto to the people in protest if the power at Washington had not hinted to them that the Monroe doctrine is still in existence and in force in the United States.

The nations of the world have respected the Monroe doctrine for 100 years, a fact for which we may be thankful. It is only a question of time probably until the forces of government will all be in the hands of Carranza and Villa. But the great question with the American people is how long will the great nations of the world continue to respect the Monroe doctrine and the spirit of altruism that gave it birth, and the spirit of patriotism that has maintained it for 100 years. Continual dripping will wear out a stone, and a policy of continual disrespect for the opinion of nations mutually interested may in time breed a disrespect for our cherished "Monroe doctrine," and then what? C. H. J.

The Poison of the Lie.

OMAHA, Feb. 28.—To the Editor of The Bee: As a constant reader of The Bee, one who has lived in Omaha for thirty years and who is an admirer of truth, spoken at all times and under all circumstances, I appeal to the citizens and especially the business men of Omaha, to be very careful in accepting and entertaining a lie as the truth.

As for instance, the other day as I stepped from a downtown street car I heard the cry of the newsboys concerning one of our business men and one of the greatest philanthropists known for country and states around; an honest and big-hearted man as is ever spoken of in the papers.

I have been an employe of his store and came in contact with this man daily and always found him one of the most fatherly, kind and loyal employers known to the world; one who was always ready to protect and guard against any evil derogatory to the name of the store or any of its employes, always charitable and good. Now, after years spent in building up and making Omaha one of the fairest and grandest business centers, that he should be confronted at this time with such a violation of the truth!

Oh, men, be careful what you are listening to. Come to your brother and fellow man, stand for him and protect him. As in the beginning, woman (so-called) was the cause of the fall of man, so is she still at it today. Oh, I say it again and again: What is the world coming to, and what will it not do for money?

MRS. ANNA MILLER, 287 St. Mary's Avenue.

Demands an Associated Charities.

OMAHA, Feb. 28.—To the Editor of The Bee: An item in your paper Monday stating that the Associated Charities were having very few appeals for aid. During the month of February we have handled almost 600 different families (few of this number being single individuals). We have a steady drain on our finances, having had a very big demand for food. We could have intervened annually for the last five years, but we had desired to live up to our European reputation as a land grabber.

People and Events

Mrs. Tom Thumb is seriously ill at Latrobe, Pa., and may never again be seen in public. Mrs. Thompson is 72 years old and has appeared before the public for fifty-six years in almost every civilized land.

Much interest centers about the family of Mr. and Mrs. Moaler of Charlotte, Mich. There are three sets of twins, the youngest 7 and the oldest 12 years old. In each set the twins resemble each other very closely and are similarly named.

The princess of Wied, who will be the first queen of the independent state of Albania, was prior to her marriage, Pauline, princess of Wurtemberg. She is credited with being an unusually fine singer, pianist and harpist. From her grandmother, Mme. Cantacuzene, she inherited extensive estates in Rumania, where much of her girlhood was spent.

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JOHN HYVUE.

John Hyvue had high sense of right—A strictly honest mental sight. Responding quickly to the light in opposition to the night.

Because he labored long and late And hard to make the crooked straight, The smart, in "irony of fate," Conspired his efforts to frustrate.

On all occasions, everywhere, These "apocryphal" who were not fair Attempted ever to impair His hope to see things on the square.

They said he was by far too good; They called him pessimist, and would Have killed his spirit, if they could. But they, not he, misunderstood.

Of task so hard they would enmesh it, They winked and said: "Let Hyvue to it; Who level he can surely trize it." Then John would always smile and do it.

He onward only grew the graver; Ne'er did his aspiration waver. He knew they all did him a favor By all such would-be sharp paravers.

In every double-pointed shard He found a pearl of self-reward; He took each critic at his word And for improvement labored hard.

Each knock resulting in a boost, Their chicks in time came home to roost. John Hyvue's name became the trust; His faults and errors were the few't.

Although true culture never spurns The fable, but from it lesson learns, The "irony of fate" returns, As he who sows and reaps discerns.

—WILLIS HUDSPETH.

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