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The Mississippi river is to be newly bridged at Memphis. Another outlet to the west.

An early spring, says the weather man. Let us hope it is a good guess and no backsliding.

Nebraska towns and villages are preparing for the annual tug of war between the wets and the drys.

Yes, but will Uncle Sam promise that the eggs that go by parcel post will not have to be unscrambled?

Lincoln newspapers remind us that Lincoln's home rule charter was beaten much worse than Omaha's. Thanks awfully.

A woman soap box orator says "General" Kelley of the idle army reminds her of Napoleon. Because he is so different, no doubt.

If Saint Patrick would return now, the militants would show him how to put the snakes to rout with twice the speed and half the effort.

Well, here's hoping for Mr. Bryan's llama a better fate than that which overtook the long-eared Majorinimiascot as its predecessor pet.

The next worry of the man who had so much trouble making but his income tax return will be to pay the tax before the end of the fiscal year.

It is a perfectly safe guess that the secretary of the treasury will continue to hold that cabinet portfolio through the four-year term if he wants to.

Kansas City has an inside tip that it is to have one of the federal reserve banks, and that Omaha is not in the list. We shall see what we shall see.

That Oregon clubman with a big pile of "rocks" of his own, yet sent to the city's rock pile for thirty days, doubtless has a pretty clear conception of "the irony of fate."

After what happened to his Christmas dinner, General Villa shows wisdom born of experience to make no boasts about rolling Easter eggs down the plaza of the national palace.

The grand jury report makes some excellent recommendations for better law enforcement and civic regulation. Now, it is up to others to see that the recommendations are carried into effect.

Ambassador Page's explanation of that Monroe doctrine speech is that he was misquoted. Well, any old excuse is better than none and anyway, this is always the easiest one to get away with.

The proposed federal trade commission contemplates three members at salaries of \$10,000 each. If you must give up your \$14,000 Panama job, Mr. Metcalf, here's something almost as good.

According to his personally conducted newspaper organ, Senator Hitchcock has "shown up" Lawyer Untermyer. My, but if Lawyer Untermyer should take a notion to show up the senator!

Ida Tarbell is now out to teach young girls that marriage means "restraint, sacrifice and hard work." If Mrs. Tarbell would substitute the word "life" for marriage she would come nearer getting on the right track.

The hearing in the Lincoln gas case discloses the fact that the city has been employing for several months a gas expert at \$40 a day and expenses. Litigation with public service corporations comes high, but we must have it.

After the good women of the church declined to remove their hats when requested, Bishop Odham knew what he was saying in this: "These men who sit alongside of you—what voice have they in affairs? They merely make suggestions now and then."

By presidential order, the repeal of tolls exemption is to be driven through congress under whip and spur. Presumably, there is the same need of urgent haste here that there was for the immediate enactment of the currency bill, which after nearly three months is not yet operative.

The Virginia legislature is the latest to turn down the vote-for-women amendment to the constitution. The attitude of the southern states that constitute the backbone of the democratic party fully explains the refusal of President Wilson to lend his encouragement to the cause.

Crooked Ways of Crooked Lawyers.

It is to be expected that the lawyers indicted for crooked work should insist that they have done nothing wrong, and should seek sympathy and consolation by asserting that they have done nothing different from what all lawyers are constantly doing.

Whether all the lawyers perceive it or not, it is clear to the layman that there are straight lawyers and crooked lawyers and also straight clients and crooked clients, and that the crooked clients usually manage to get into partnership with crooked lawyers.

It is clear, too, that there are straight ways and crooked ways for lawyers to present and press the claims of their clients, whether these claims are legitimate or illegitimate.

With many of these dubious transactions of court record, the refusal of the reputable members of the bar to take notice of them, and their failure to do anything themselves in the way of housecleaning, unfortunately, does not help matters nor tend to raise the profession in public estimation.

New Trade Commission.

Aside from the plenary powers vested in three commissioners to be appointed by the president, the interstate trade commission bill is notably interesting for its complete divergence from the lines of trust control by means of a federal license as laid down by Mr. Bryan in his 1908 platform.

The chief speakers at St. Patrick's day celebration were: C. J. Smyth, W. F. Gurley, John Kauffman, C. V. Gallagher, Judge Elmer Wakely.

News was received from Chicago of the death of Jesse Spalding, well known in Omaha as having been the government director of the Union Pacific appointed by President Harrison.

The Brooklyn Eagle's staff correspondent, who had been making a survey of the political field of the west, wired his paper from Omaha that Mr. Bryan had not yet succeeded in rounding up the Nebraska democrats for W. R. Hearst for president.

Manager Burgess of the Boyd theater announced that he had contracted for Walter Damrosch and his New York Symphony company for April 11.

Twice Told Tales

Representative Henry, whose objection to American girls marrying earls and counts is well known said at a recent dinner in Waco:

"The Cinderella story. The prince, you will remember, rejected the two old and ugly sisters, and then the beautiful Cinderella slipped on the glass slipper and the young man made her his bride."

"This story is but another proof that the girl who marries a title puts her foot in it."—Washington Star.

A colored man employed as an office boy in Kentucky came to work one morning with a face that looked as though he had been run through a meat grinder.

"Henry," demanded his surprised employer, "what in the world happened to you?"

"Well, sah, boss," explained Henry, "I got into a 'P' argument las' night wif another man, and one thing led to another till I up and hit at him. Well, sah, it seemed lak dat I hit him. He bit both of mah years mighty high off and spit mah lips and knocked two of mah teeth loose and den he 'threw me down and stamped me in de stomach. Honest, boss, I never did get so sick of a pusion in mah life!"—Philadelphia Telegram.

A benevolent old woman in one of the streets which still retain the red brick houses of old New York looked out her parlor window one day and saw a man walking up and down the sidewalk, apparently in great dejection.

She slipped out of an envelope in the most casual manner she could assume and handed the envelope to the man as she passed him.

Next day the same melancholy man called at her house and presented her with \$3.

"It's funny," he said, "you're the only one that knows that money called 'Never Say Die.'"—New York Evening Post.

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Aimed at Omaha

Nebraska City Press: They are not satisfied with the tango after supper in Omaha. The tango has hit the town an awful jolt and dancing the tango is now the very thing at afternoon functions from 2 until 5 o'clock.

Grand Island Independent: The special election at Omaha again shows that the adoption of an entirely new charter for a city at one time is a difficult matter.

Papillon Times: Sarp county is about as anxious to be annexed to South Omaha as South Omaha is to be swallowed up by Omaha.

Central City Republican: It is to be regretted that Kelley's army will not have opportunity to visit Omaha, for we are confident that Mayor Dahlman would render them that postponed barbecue.

Waterloo Gazette: The special election in Omaha resulted disastrously to all the propositions except the seven-for-a-quarter street car fare ordinance.

Lincoln Journal: By a majority as emphatic as Lincoln's of last December, Omaha has voted down its home rule charter.

Blair Enterprise: The Omaha Commercial club has got a secretary who is certainly trying to earn his salary by mooching advertising from the country press.

Lincoln Star: The defeat of the Omaha home rule charter by an overwhelming majority of the small vote cast indicates that the constitutional amendment to enable cities to prepare and adopt their own charters does not fill the bill.

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Here and There

About 400 arrests for counterfeiting are made in the United States each year.

Gold filled teeth have been found in the jaws of skeletons exhumed in Pompeii.

One factory in Ohio makes 300,000,000 buns yearly from 10,000,000 feet of poplar and oak.

Vers Cruz, Mex., has the distinction of being the wettest place in the western world. It has an average annual rainfall of 130 inches.

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JOLLIES FROM JUDGE.

"Does Tiptaw keep Sunday?" "I expect he does, if he ever gets hold of it."

She sits and waits for hubby dear, Who's a dapper in the tango, And when the bass ball season's on, She sits and sees the fan go.

"Father used to have to hurry through his work in order to get to the golf links in the afternoon," said Maudie.

"Yes," replied Maudie, "and now he has to hurry away from the dancing party in order to get his breakfast and go to work in the morning."

Rosemary—I wonder how it feels to be back of a funny little mustache like yours.

Thornton—I can't tell you how very well, but I will cheerfully show you how it feels to be in front of it.

Mrs. Skimblegh—Why, John, how much you eat this evening. You act as though you were starving.

Mr. Skimblegh—So I am, I'm as hungry as one of those underfed furnaces you see advertised.

"I must put on my thinking cap and try to decide this matter," remarked Mrs. Wombal.

"I've heard of those thinking caps," said Mrs. Wallaby, "and must get one of them. Where did you get yours, and how is it trimmed?"

"Do you believe that silence gives consent, Dubbley?" asked Gelling.

"Why-yes. The old saying says so. Why?" said Dubbley.

"Then you may congratulate me on my engagement to Miss Moneybags. I wrote to her asking her to marry me six months ago, and I haven't heard a word from her since."

"Why do you associate with that rough-looking man? He looks like a burglar."

"That is just what he is, my boy. When you write a crime play these days, you

DEAR LITTLE SHAMROCK

Andrew Cherry, Limerick, 1563-1511. There's a dear little plant that grows in our isle, 'Twas St. Patrick himself, sure, that set it; And the sun on his labor with pleasure did smile.

And with dew from his eye often wet it, It thrives through the bog, through the brake and the mireland; And its name is the dear little shamrock of Ireland—

The sweet little shamrock, the dear little shamrock, The sweet little, green little shamrock of Ireland!

This dear little plant still grows in our land, Fresh and fair as the daughters of Erin, Whose smiles can bewitch, whose eyes can command.

In what climate they chance to appear in, For they shine through the bog, through the brake, and the mireland; Just like their own dear little shamrock of Ireland—

The sweet little, green little, shamrock of Ireland; The sweet little, green little, shamrock of Ireland!

This dear little plant that springs from our soil, When its three little leaves are extant, Betokens that each for the other should toil.

And ourselves by ourselves be befriended, And still through the bog, through the brake, and the mireland; From one root should branch, like the shamrock of Ireland—

The sweet little shamrock, the dear little shamrock, The sweet little, green little, shamrock of Ireland!

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