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Entries for the great Nebraska free-for-all political hurdle race close this week.

Perhaps Mr. Bryan might get George Fred Williams to sub for him as a chauntalor.

Did someone say that municipal ownership was to take our water works out of politics?

Now that the irrepressible George Fred Williams is free to talk all he likes, he is as silent as a clam.

That Ak-Sar-Ben waiting list will this year be a reality by the time the membership gates are closed.

"Can the hot wave come back?" asks the Baltimore American. Yes, and will until King Corn is safe.

Every now and then Omaha's ball team assumes the role of philanthropist in the donation of games to rival teams.

It's only a question of how long those schoolmaster tactics will win out over the bad boys in the senate schoolroom.

Base ball follows the flag. If you do not believe, go to the Philippines and see for yourself.

Those presidential nominations which were to show who's who in the distribution of pie to hungry Nebraska democrats are mighty slow in coming.

It will be joyous news to the ultimate consumer kicking against the high cost of living to know that the freight rate on pig iron is slightly reduced.

One would think that the cartoonist of the senator's own newspaper would draw better likenesses of Secretary Bryan and the senator when illustrating their famous thought transference act.

Minister of Foreign Affairs Carbajal threatens to desert the Huerta ship unless some agreement is soon reached between the contending forces. Is it a hurry-up call or merely more "watchful waiting?"

We agree with Brother Quinby that the time has come to abolish the party circle, at least so far as it counts the one-circled as "Yes" on a constitutional amendment which half the voters never heard of.

A trained nurse takes time to inform the New York Times that the sacredness of sex is in the domain of psychology and not physiology. Now, if the nurses get this fever, what will become of the rest of us?

If it's a question of keeping a democrat connected up with the \$3,000 sinecure election commissioner job, the surest way to do that would be to retain the democratic governor who appointed him in the first place.

Dr. Kilphiet N. Potter of New York has sent a letter declining the office of bishop of Nebraska for which he was recommended by the local diocese, having recently accepted the presidency of Hobart college at Geneva, N. Y.

The articles of incorporation of the Omaha Pottery company have been filed with the incorporators: J. T. Evans, Robert Harris, G. Prescott and J. W. Higginbottom of Staffordshire, England, and H. J. Howell and James W. Savage.

The city jail under the direction of Jailor Gorman is being whitewashed and begins to look quite metropolitan.

Gun Stephan and Andy Mounhan are opening their new saloon on Sixteenth street, and hereby extend an invitation to all their friends to be present.

Hensley, Ha'nes & Van Arsdale, notion men, who moved to this city a short time ago, have become sick with the success they have met, and are moving their stock back to Indianapolis.

Frank Murphy, accompanied by his mother and sister, left for Madison, Wis., where the women will spend the summer.

T. E. Sudborough and wife have gone to Boston, where Mr. Sudborough will attend the Expressmen's Mutual Benefit association convention, and Mrs. Sudborough will remain east during the summer.

Mrs. Mary Morearty and Thomas Morearty, mother and brother of E. F. Morearty, have gone to Massachusetts, where they will remain during the summer.

The Crisis in Ireland.

While we in the United States have been harassed by our Mexican troubles, we have scarcely realized how critical have grown the conditions confronting Great Britain in Ireland, which seems to be on the verge of civil war, unavoidable, if avoidable at all, except by the exercise of the highest wisdom.

With both sides in Ulster armed, or arming a small provocation may start a fire quenched only by much bloodshed. The unionists still insist that the question be submitted for popular decision, but the homerulers naturally oppose giving up or delaying the fruits of a long-fought victory which they feel is now won.

While so far King George has remained in the background, it may yet devolve upon him, strange as such a turn would appear, to step in and set popular government again to running smoothly.

The New Haven Mess.

The official investigation of the New Haven saturnalia is said to reveal the fact that the Belsazzars at the feast spent millions of dollars as if they had been stage money. An analogy is impossible, however, for the reason that these bold captains of industry squandered other people's money out of the pockets of innocent and unwary stockholders. And as we face the period of attempted reparation it is needless to expect to restore confidence in a road thus ruthlessly stripped until the public has substantial and impressive proof that such a plunderfest cannot be repeated.

While people are joking over the president's psychological depression theory, they cannot ignore the part that this New Haven mess plays in inciting public incredulity. As legal action is undertaken in an effort to recover some of the diverted millions for the stockholders, it is impossible to excuse certain directors who, only because they played the roles of dummies, had no active hand in the looting. It was their high standing in the social and business world that caused them to be selected as directors of this railroad, and on the strength of the confidence thus inspired many invested their hard-earned savings in its stock and securities. If the accountability of dummy directors could be enforced it might afford a measure of reimbursement to the victims.

Registration in California.

The statewide registration, which serves as the party enrollment in California, has just been closed, and foregrounds the relative vote to be polled by the respective political parties in the impending primary. These registration figures are as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Party and Number of Registrants. Republican 238,285, Democratic 238,145, Progressive 134,475, Socialist 47,723, Prohibition 23,905, All others 71,494.

In 1912 the vote polled in California for the presidential candidates of the respective parties (remember that the republicans were practically disfranchised by being denied a place on the official ballot for their electoral ticket) was:

Table with 2 columns: Party and Number of Votes. Republican (Taft) 2,314, Democratic (Wilson) 332,456, Progressive (Roosevelt) 283,619, Socialist (Debs) 79,301.

Note that the California registration this year proves to be much larger than the vote two years ago, although the women had the franchise then as now. Note, too, that the republicans have gained 188,000 in addition to the 100,000 which the progressives have lost, while the democrats have likewise fallen off to the extent of more than 75,000.

The Anti-Mosquito Raid.

The crusade recently launched in many cities to exterminate the mosquito should be taken up all over the country. While more formidable in some places than others, it should not daunt a people who have made such definite inroads against pests and purveyors of disease in general as we have in late years. Indeed, we have included even the mosquito in our conquests to such an extent as apparently to wipe out that particular species that spreads the germs of yellow fever.

Of course, the American people have learned the primary lesson in all such crusades, namely, the relative value of modern sanitation. Cleaning out the breeding places, doing away with standing water or marshes and removing the cause of mosquito-breeding, is the first step to be taken, and that, as we say, has been taken to a large extent. But let the work be essayed more generally and systematically. If, as scientists tell us, the mosquito never learns to stray "far from the madding strife" of his own native heath, that each humming pest confines himself to a very small area of activity, then the task should be all the easier.

Equality Before the Law.

Our supreme court required two tries to get right on the question of voting citizenship, but has finally put a stop to arbitrary disfranchisement of foreign born voters by our election commissioner. In other words, the supreme court has come around to the position taken by the Bee in this matter from the first—that no discrimination can be legally made between native born and foreign born citizens in giving credence to their statements, as to birth and naturalization without charges sustained by proof of false statements. If the word of the native born citizen is to be accepted on the vital qualifications for voting, the oath of the foreign born voter must be similarly accepted for his qualifications as to naturalized citizenship. Any other way, our boast of equality before the law would be a mockery and a farce.

The inevitable and irresistible conclusion is that the people of Nebraska are not particularly wrought up by an overweening desire to have a Nebraska state building erected at the San Francisco exposition unless someone else puts up the money.

It may be all right to take Commissioner Claxton's word for it, but possibly we had better hear from Mr. Carnegie before drawing plans and specifications for that \$100,000,000 worth of country libraries.

Looks as if the democrats would this year get the worst of it in the two-party fillings, for which they, themselves, set the precedent in their demo-pop masquerade. They won't like it quite so well with the tables turned.



Brief contributions on timely topics invited. The Bee assumes no responsibility for opinions of correspondents. All letters subject to condensation by editor.

Howell's Confession and Avoidance.

OMAHA, July 14.—To the Editor of The Bee: In the state-wide primary of 1912 I was chosen republican national committee member from Nebraska, to succeed yourself by a majority of over 1,000. You were the unsuccessful candidate. Subsequently the republican party met with a regrettable defeat. In your leading editorial appearing in The Bee of Tuesday, July 14, you revert to the campaigns of 1912 for the purpose of proving that I am an unworthy republican, and hence should not be chosen as the republican candidate for governor this year.

The New Despotism.

SILVER CREEK, Neb., July 14.—To the Editor of The Bee: By the newspaper's of July 11, it appears President Wilson is in a "fight" with the senate over the confirmation of Paul Warburg, New York and Thomas D. Jones of Chicago as members of the federal reserve board.

But what right has the president to be in any such "fight"? It is for him to nominate and for the senate to confirm if it sees fit; but he has no right to try to force a confirmation as he appears to be trying to do in this case. A forced confirmation is really no confirmation and is no better, except as to looks, than it would be if the president were to make these appointments without ever conferring to ask the concurrence of the senate.

In this matter we have only another example of the autocratic work Wilson has been doing ever since he became president. He is it; his word is law; he must be obeyed in Washington just as he always has been obeyed in the school room. Not long ago the president said, as reported, that 5 per cent of the Mexican people have no voice in their government.

Benign Results Inhere in Principle.

The most benign results must come from the adoption of such a principle. Not only will the greedy be curbed and the needy enriched; not only will the thrifty be humbled and the shifty exalted; but we venture to say that at the end of one year's operation of this advanced idea, even the real estate of Omaha will come down to such a figure that it will be within the reach of all—save those who already hold title to it. And no man capable of sitting down at all need be so poor that he may not hope to have and to hold a corner lot of his own for as long a time as some physically stronger individual fails to come along and kick him off.

Entomological Economics

Recent Omaha Oration Announces the Risibilities of a Famous Humorist.

John Kendrick Bangs in Concerning Municipal Ownership.

Entomological economics has developed a new leader in the person of a certain "blind orator" from California who has recently turned up in the city of Omaha to act as the guide, mentor and friend of the citizens thereof in the management of their municipal affairs. This gentleman, as reported, has advanced a delightfully novel argument in favor of public ownership, based on his own assumption that 75 per cent of the people of most cities are without property of any kind.

For the socialist to take over the public utilities right now, while we have nothing, and let the fellows with the property pay for them, is the greatest opportunity of the socialists. Take over the street railway company, the electric light company, and the gas plant, etc. What if they do want \$20,000,000 for the plants? Would we worry about that? Have we anything to lose? Is any one afraid we would go broke in the enterprise? How could we? We are broke now. How could we get more broke? Then how about paying for these utilities, will be asked. Well, let the fellows with the property pay for them. That is the thing. The fellows that have property cannot be taxed, and the 75 per cent without property cannot be taxed when they have nothing to tax. So I say the greatest opportunity of the socialists is to get this 75 per cent of the population into their political utilities, and then let the other fellow pay for them.

Marvelous Moderation Commands Admiration.

It is true that 75 per cent of Omaha's population are "propertyless" we are very sorry for them, and would recommend that for their own good they move on to other more prosperous climes where things are more nearly equalized—into Russia or Mexico, perhaps. But we may express our hearty admiration for the gentleman's marvelous moderation, a quality not always characteristic of leaders of entomological thought. To take the other fellow's property away from him and then make him pay for it is of course going some. Dick Turpin, Jack Sheppard, Captain Kidd, and other accumulators of unearned increment acted on similar principles, as the records of Tyburn show; and we must confess that the incident proves really how far civilization has advanced, for what Turpin and Sheppard and Kidd did with the bullet, our new economist would accomplish by the more peaceable means of the ballot, which is well.

Why Stop at Half-Way Station?

But why stop when making the other fellow buy his own property from himself and then give it away? If the ballots of the 75 per cent are to be made effective, why not go several steps further and by the enactment of certain laws require the mulcted 25 per cent not only to buy their own property from themselves and then hand it over to the public, but also to pay the propertyless 75 per cent for riding on the cars, and for using the gas and the electricity as well? The one thing is as easy, as legal, and as sweetly reasonable as the other. Let the fiat go forth. Confiscate all the public utility companies and then establish a consumers' rate of compensation by which those who avail themselves of the services of the companies shall be paid for the availment. Hereafter, if a man rides on an Omaha trolley, let him be paid at the rate of \$4 a day for so riding. This may serve to quicken the pace at which the cars are run. If a consumer of gas uses up 3,000 feet of flame run. If a consumer of gas uses up 3,000 feet of flame run. If a consumer of gas uses up 3,000 feet of flame run. If a consumer of gas uses up 3,000 feet of flame run.

Twice Told Tales

His Literary Germ.

Robert W. Chambers tells a story about a friend of his who is an author. "This young novelist," relates Mr. Chambers, "had a pretty hard time of it at first, and so had his young wife. Money was scarce, and the stories he wrote did not sell. The wife had but little respect for his talents, and kept endeavoring to coax him to try something else, whereby he could make enough money for their support.

People and Events

Mayor E. H. Crump of Memphis, Tenn., authorizes the payment of 5 cents for every rat killed and brought to his office. He had been notified of two cases of bubonic plague.

Former Governor David R. Francis of Missouri chased a St. Louis street car two blocks after the conductor had shut the door in his face, smashed the glass and told the conductor why he did it.

Dr. James Thomas Bixby has developed a new scientific argument for the survival of the soul after death; nevertheless, a single well-verified spouse would be worth more than an ocean of his "universal cosmic undulatory ether."

The prince of Wales has joined the Bachelors' club. This is the first London club of which he has become a member except the Marlborough, which on account of its domination from Buckingham Palace is not really a London club in the ordinary sense of the words.

Editorial Shots

Boston Transcript: What's Washington's remedy for psychological hard times—the psychological soup house?

Indianapolis News: That \$700,000 melon cut by the First National bank of Uniontown, Pa., is further evidence that the banking business is a pretty good one.

Washington Star: The apparent ease with which it collects an income tax is calculated to arouse admiration for the British government as an efficiency proposition.

Pittsburgh Post: In the matter of fatal crashes the motorcycle is gradually closing in on the record of the automobile. But it is not the motorcycle's fault. The wild rider is to blame.

Philadelphia Record: "Useful" men as well as "practical" men are necessary to the advancement of progressivism and social justice. Hartman was a "practical" man; Perkins is a "useful" one. What's Flinn?

Boston Transcript: Secretary Bryan has leased a new summer home at Asheville, N. C. The way that poor man has to struggle to keep the wolf from his doors is positively pathetic.

Cleveland Plain Dealer: Senator Owen has introduced a bill to abolish the campaign cigar. The senator is behind the times. What is needed is a bill to abolish the campaign bunch of chocolates and the campaign bunch of roses.

San Francisco Chronicle: Judge Sulzberger of Philadelphia has ruled that street crossings belong to pedestrians. Yes, but the pedestrian who asserts his ownership in the face of a speeding automobile is certain to be put out of court and into the morgue.

FUNNYGRAMS.

Brooks—Why aren't you wearing your patent leathers? Franklin—The patent expired.—Penn Punch Bowl.

"By the way," said Mrs. De Style. "Yes?" "Do you know of any poor person who would care for a discarded fork-spooner?"—Duck.

First Jew—Twenty years ago Goldstein sold shoes on the corner and today he owns the corner on which he stood! Second Jew (excitedly)—Und if he had walked up and down he might have owned the whole block!—Life.

"I don't care much for Leneyville." "Why don't you move then?" "Too many lies. One neighbor has my card table, another my wheelbarrow and a third my lawn mower."—Kansas City Journal.

She—And your father gave you 500 pounds for that picture. Just to show how much you care for art, I suppose. The son and heir—No; just to show how much we don't care for 500 pounds.—Independent.

Click O' THE LATCH. (Nancy Byrd Turner in Lippincott's) The silence holds for it, taut and true; The young moon says for it, wistful white; Wind that whimpered the sunset through; Sign for it, low and light.

Click o' the latch, and he'll come home,— A stir in the dusk at the little gate. Hush, my heart, and be still, my heart,— Surely it's sweet to wait!

The tall skies lean for it, listening— Never a star but lends an ear.— The passionate porch-flowers stop and cling, Parting their leaves to hear.

Click o' the latch, and him come home,— A step on the flag, a snatch of song. Hurry, my heart, be swift, my heart,— How did we wait so long!

Vacation Tours Through the West

GLACIER NATIONAL PARK—Round Trip From Omaha. TO GLACIER PARK STATION OR BELTON ENTRANCE. \$35.00. Attractive and scenic park tours of one day, three days and five days, including hotels, transportation by automobiles, launches, coaches, etc., at extremely moderate rates.

PACIFIC COAST. San Francisco, Los Angeles, Portland, Seattle. \$60.00. Including California and Seattle, additional. \$17.50.

YELLOWSTONE PARK—To Gardiner, Cody or Yellowstone. \$32.00. Tour via Gardiner, all accommodations. \$32.50. Tour via Cody, all accommodations. \$34.50. Tour, in via Cody, out via Gardiner, all accommodations. \$37.25. Tour, in via Scenic Colorado, Yellowstone; out via Gardiner or Cody, all accommodations. \$33.50. Wylie Permanent Camp tours, from Gardiner, 6 days. \$40.00. Wylie Permanent Camp tours, from Cody, 7 days. \$50.75. Frost and Richard conducted tours, from Cody. \$80.00.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN TOURS. Denver, Colorado Springs, Pueblo. \$17.50. Estes Park, one of Colorado's most attractive regions. \$24.50. Salt Lake City, with stopovers through Colorado. \$30.50.

THE BLACK HILLS. Hot Springs, S. D. \$15.75. Deadwood and Lead. \$18.75.

THE BIG HORN REGION. Sheridan and Rochester, Wyo., in the beautiful Big Horn Mountains—gateways to Absaroka Park, Eaton's Ranch, Paradise Ranch, Pine Inn, Teepee Lodge, Mountain Home Ranch and many others. \$25.75. Thermopolis Hot Springs, Owl Creek Mountains. \$32.00. Cody, Wyo., east entrance to Yellowstone Park; depot for 3 Bar Ranch, W-Diamond Ranch, Morris Ranch, Pahaska Inn, Holm Lodge, etc. \$32.00.

Home-seekers' Excursions First and Third Tuesdays. Booklets Free—"Glacier Park" folders. "California Excursions," "Summer Tours of Pacific Coast," "Yellowstone Park," "Cody Round Into Yellowstone," "Colorado-Yellowstone Tours," "Northwest Tours," "Colorado-Utah Handbook," "Estes Park," "Big Horn Resorts," "Summer Tours Westbound," "The Black Hills." CITY TICKET OFFICE, 1502 Farnam Street. Phone Doug. 1238.

Advertisement for Standard Oil Company featuring 'RED CROWN GASOLINE' and 'BUY "MILES-PER-GALLON"'. Includes text about fuel economy and a small illustration of a crown logo.

Advertisement for 'RUPTURE' treatment by Dr. Weay & Matheny. Established 1894. Text describes the scientific method and includes address: Suite 306 Bee Bldg., Omaha, Neb.