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Unanimous verdict of the visiting editors: Ak-Sar-Ben is a devil of a fellow!

Beef on the hoof is bringing top-notch prices, but beef in the butcher shop beat it to it.

It is almost a shame to take the money on this made-to-order Nebraska summer.

Secretary Danleis is almost as popular among navy men as chigres with a country boy.

Western railroads are converting stock cars into grain cars. That looks like real business.

Somebody suggests the need of a universal code for pugilism. Why, everybody falls for it as it is.

Now that the freight rate in pig iron is to be lowered, the frugal housewife may sit back and take her ease.

These detective revelations again prove the adage, "Truth is stranger than fiction," and more tensely fascinating, too.

Omaha has now a million-dollar public school system, or, to be more explicit, a million-dollar-a-year public school system.

At any rate, our local democratic contemporary will not berate republican senators for voting against the Jones appointment.

It is gratifying to know that Colonel Roosevelt has "an acknowledged right hand man in Nebraska." Who can his left hand man be?

It does not require ideas to draw an audience for a street corner speech. A loud voice and long arms will answer the purpose.

No titled foreigner has enough false modesty to keep him from marrying an American girl merely because her father happens to be rich.

The country is hoping the president sticks to his resolution not to break up his cabinet family by promoting one of them to the supreme court.

"The poor benighted Hindu is doing the best he kin' do" to land on Canadian soil, but even with Mother England to boost him, he is not landing very fast.

Speaking of the fast society of the present day, New York's "400" has just adopted a dance that was all the rage among the upper crust of China 2,000 years ago.

Peter thrice denied the Master. But what has that to do with hiring Burns' detectives and receiving their reports daily and then denying all knowledge of or connection with them?

The bull moosers want it distinctly understood that, while they were willing to take the benefits of the treachery of our republican national committee, they only despise a traitor.

Huerta's last act on Mexican soil was to accommodate the moving picture men. If that fellow does not get into the chautauqua circuit yet, he will be failing to cash in on his most valuable asset.

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Fact and Fiction.

Democrats in congress, especially the smaller fry, are said to be very curious these days because no leader of the party has thus far risen to strike the keynote of the defense for the new tariff law on which all must face the people at the polls this autumn.

It is not to be expected that the rank and file of congressmen will be able to fathom the mysteries of this law in such a way as to make them appear advantageous for example, to the American farmer, the chief factor to be dealt with. That is the work of the leaders. Why are they silent?

Are they conferring among themselves as to the selection of one of their number to set the pace with a stemwinding keynote on the floor of the house or simply trying to shirk the job?

No party in power on the eve of an election ever faced a much larger or more difficult one. It seems that every time a defense of the new tariff is essayed it only makes matters worse.

Congressman Cullop of Indiana recently undertook to show that "Wheat now is at a better price under democratic times than it was in 1912 under republican rule. Farm products are commanding a high price, the best ever known."

Congressman Sloan of Nebraska has replied by showing its utter lack of basis in fact. For example the Nebraskan read the following table into the Congressional Record which will stand as a clincher against similar democratic misstatements in the future.

Table with 3 columns: Year, Price per bushel, and other metrics. Rows include June 4, 1914, June 4, 1912, Dec. 31, 1913, etc.

The democrats confess the futility of their task by thus resorting to fiction instead of fact.

Free Pass Abolition in Nebraska. Over in Iowa quite a heated discussion is in progress as to who deserves chief credit for abolishing the free pass evil, their respective friends urging the claims of Senator Cummins, William Larrabee and John Hughes.

The Bee has no desire to enter into that debate, but it recalls the abolition of the free pass in Nebraska and the way in which it was brought about.

To put an end to the pass evil was one of the platform pledges on which the republican governor and legislature were elected in 1906, each specific promise of which platform was carried out in reform legislation despite the fierce opposition of the entrenched railroads and other privileged corporations.

Besides free pass abolition, the republican program gave Nebraska reduced railroad rates, direct primary nominations, terminal taxation, removal of the fellow-servant defense, etc.

But these reform measures were not enacted by the spontaneous uprising of the lawmakers. Quite the contrary. The editor of The Bee had taken the precaution during the campaign preceding election to exact the written signatures of the republican candidates to the platform pledges, and only by continuous pressure and periodic republication of these signatures in fac simile were many of them held from secret sell-out and open repudiation, and enough of them kept in line to put the various bills across.

The irony of it all is that the very ones most reluctant to cut off the passes, and offend the railroads, have since been most blatant in their boasts about their part in achieving these great reforms. Some of these demagogues have ever since been using political capital thrust upon them against their will, and quite a few of them are still trying to collect from the people for merely being afraid to pull the railroad chestnuts out of the fire.

Show Your Friends About the City. Omaha may not rank as one of the sight-seeing points of the compass, but it takes a very high rank in all that goes to make up a substantial business center and a well laid out and attractive city of culture, homes and parks.

It is therefore a city of unusual interest to those who enjoy the profitable occupation of comparative study of American municipalities. Our own people owe it to their city and their friends visiting from abroad to make them as fully as possible acquainted with Omaha. Just let the facts speak for themselves. Take the visitors over the city and its environs, let them see the beauty and symmetry of the homes and grounds; how those who reside here are making this so distinctly a community of homes, therefore a good place in which to live.

Show them the numerous picturesque parks and playgrounds, the massive school buildings, imposing church edifices and hospitals, so that, impressed as anyone must be with the superior commercial and industrial stability of the city, he will also see for himself that we are likewise engaged in building up an all-rounded municipality, not going in solely for business. The fact is, that the stranger who really comes to see and know Omaha from such contact invariably goes away singing her praises. And the volume of the song depends very largely on the active interest of our own people, who have this sort of opportunity.

Huerta's Farewell Tour. Even though he sailed away to settle from his own land, the deposed dictator of Mexico departed, according to the dispatches, without so much as a "goodbye" to speed him on his voyage. Was there none so mean as to do him honor? It was said that as Huerta sat beside the window of his private car in which he rode from the capital to Puerto Mexico a few straggling peons lounged around the train and peered curiously now and then at the morose figure in the car, but that a band playing the national air near by probably was what attracted them more than the man who had so lately left the presidency.

Huerta's official farewell tour seems to have been almost as ignominious as his advent. At any rate, the party that followed him in a desultory fashion through seventeen months of misrule and morbid cruelty evidently does not possess enough coherency to care whether he is gone or not. Whatever problems remain to be solved, or have failed of solution as a result of Huerta's going, his abdication and departure remove one of the biggest obstacles from the path of peace and prosperity in Mexico.



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

Thinks No Republican or Ball-mooser Honest Enough for the Job. OMAHA, July 21.—To the Editor of The Bee: For years fraudulent election practices have flourished in Omaha, to its detriment, and hence to the detriment of the state. The Bureau election law enacted by the last legislature, and administered by Election Commissioner Harley Moorhead, has effectively put an end to such fraudulent practices.

Because of the efficiency displayed by Mr. Moorhead in the discharge of his duties, I have unequivocally stated that if I am elected governor, Mr. Moorhead will be retained in office, because of his eminent fitness for the position, notwithstanding the fact that he is a democrat.

You suggest that my motive in announcing such intention is wholly selfish and due to a desire to obtain the "moral" support of my candidacy of the six hundred election officers appointed by Mr. Moorhead; in short, that I am trying to play a "trump" card in my behalf to the detriment of my opponents for the gubernatorial nomination.

What is the alleged purpose on my part but to be defeated, let me suggest that you urge every republican candidate for governor to make a similar declaration respecting Mr. Moorhead and in behalf of honest election. R. B. HOWELL.

Woman in the Home. MILFORD, Neb., July 21.—To the Editor of The Bee: I wish to call the attention of the women, who have been a suffragist for forty years, and yet can see nothing on the other side.

When I look back through the years into my home, there (in memory) I see mother, because that is where mother was, and "mother" is the most sacred word ever formed by celestial lips. Mother was in the home because that is where she could best perform her function. Man and woman are equal in their rights, but their functions differ as radically as the positive and negative electric poles. Man is designed to do the labor of the world. Woman is designed to be man's helpmeet and comrade.

She was never created to be his rival. Now, after being a suffragist for forty years, you see nothing good on the other side. Does this not prove that woman suffrage is driving her directly against man, making her his rival?

What is it that the woman suffrage seeks? Is it money, bread, honor, fame, happiness? Is it seeking to gain more of the fullness of nature, or is it working for more and happier homes? What is at the end of the road? If happiness is there, it is well, but remember happiness can only be bought by love. If rivalry is there, then let us stop this social suicide.

Any man who truly loves his mother, who appreciates her kindness, would be ashamed to see her on the street trying to appropriate the right to run the nation, by molesting that which has been constructed. A. J. GUENGERICH, D. C.

Pointing the Way. OMAHA, July 21.—To the Editor of The Bee: The ambitious little city of Taylorville, Ill., has armed and put itself on the map by passing what is probably the most drastic anti-liquor ordinance in the country.

Giving a man a drink of liquor or being caught drinking with a friend will subject a person to a fine of from \$25 to \$100, according to the temper of the judge. Not a drop of liquor will be allowed in clubs or homes under penalty of a fine of \$25 to \$200. Should a man drink or store liquor in another man's building, the owner of the structure will be subject to a fine. And to cap it all, no liquor advertisements may be posted in the city and the Taylorville newspapers are forbidden to carry such advertisements.

While all this is very fine and makes a first-class advertisement for the little burg of Taylorville, the time will come when some spirited citizens will turn like the worm when too much pressed, raise the question in the courts as to the legality of such an ordinance, and whether the city council can take such action in regard to the personal liberty of its citizens under the terms of the option law of Illinois.

In this connection may be cited the case of Stoddard county, Missouri, which voted dry. A highly respected citizen of that county was entertaining a guest in his home with wine. For this he was brought into court for serving wine at dinner, "contrary to the statutes of Missouri in such cases made and provided," as the complaint set out. But the supreme court of Missouri decided, with complete unanimity, that there are no statutes "made and provided" for such injudicial proceedings and that the local option law, under which the action was brought, did not authorize or sanction the prosecution.

Now comes the supreme court of Kansas and classes with intoxicating liquors thereby putting them under the ban of the prohibitory law, flavoring extracts, such as lemon and vanilla, also cologne, spirits of camphor, essence of Jamaica ginger, etc. All this merely goes to show the ultimate trend of so-called reform legislation. When will enlightened public opinion recognize the truth of John Quincy Adams' words: "Seek not to enforce upon your brother by legislative enactment a virtue which he can possess only by the dictates of his own conscience and energy of his will."

Do not the advocates of true temperance realize that such drastic measures of repression as attempted in Taylorville, in Kansas, and no doubt in many other places, operate against their own cause? A. L. MEYER.

Stories in Figures. New York has 1,048 skyscrapers, one over fifty stories.

The Pennsylvania railway system is spending \$4,000,000 for new rails.

United States last year imported from France \$137,465 worth of candied fruits.

United States annually consumes 350 pounds of wheat and wheat flour per capita.

Over 5,000 children under 16 years of age are employed in Philadelphia stores and factories.

United States last year imported 27,362,381 pounds of black and white pepper, valued at \$2,922,864.

Pointing the Political Breeze

New York World. Three "Democratic" Senators. What would the republican majority of the United States senate do without the leadership of these eminent democrats, O'Gorman of New York, Reed of Missouri and Hitchcock of Nebraska?

The Wilson administration has had no such consistent opposition from any other quarter. Not always acting in concert, these three democrats have done more than any republican by intrigue and antagonism to imperil democratic policies.

At the very outset Hitchcock bolted the democratic caucus on the tariff bill and for a time threatened the defeat of that measure. When the bill passed the senate the first time, Reed was paired. On the question of the conference report, its passage being assured, all three voted in favor of it.

O'Gorman, Reed and Hitchcock fought the currency bill to the end. As a last resort, Hitchcock, co-operating with his republican followers, offered a substitute, which was defeated. This test showing that their opposition had failed, all three then voted for the party measure.

On the question of ship subsidies in the form of free tolls at Panama for American coastwise ships, O'Gorman and Reed voted against their party to the end. Hitchcock wanted to arbitrate the question, but voted for the party measure. Reed voted openly for Sutherland's frank declaration in favor of ship subsidies.

True to their position in hostility to the new banking and currency bill itself, O'Gorman, Hitchcock and Reed are now leading the opposition to the reserve board, and O'Gorman, professedly in favor of Paul M. Warburg, is insisting that he shall appear before a hostile committee to be cross-questioned by Dave Lamar by proxy.

These have not been exhibitions of independence. They have been mischievous efforts at obstruction. When the party needed the support of O'Gorman, Reed and Hitchcock it did not have it. When it did not need their support, all factious opposition having proved unavailing, it had it. Is that to be their attitude throughout the life of the Wilson Administration?

A Mystery Disputed. San Francisco Chronicle. Complete returns have been received from fifty-eight counties of the state and they show a total registration up to July 6 of 59,888. Of this number 33,826 have registered as republicans, 26,116 as democrats and only 184,676 as progressives.

During the progress of registration for the primaries when it became apparent that there was a great slump in the gathering of progressive names intimations were frequently thrown out that the figures were deceptive, and that many had registered as republicans who had no intention of voting for men adhering to the policies of that party. Of course, this ridiculous explanation did not explain away the fact that when registration began a great effort was made by the progressives to make a brave showing; nor did it make clear what object was to be gained by a voter misrepresenting his party affiliation; but it served for a while.

It is no longer put forward, for the very excellent reason that the voters of California are laughing at the failure of the attempt to begot a perfectly clear matter. The republicans of this state, as in other states of the union, have had their eyes opened to the fact that the assumption of the robes of sanctity do not make a saint of a man, and that the profession of virtue does not always assure its practice.

In short, the republicans of California, who are vastly in the majority, have awakened to the absurdity of permitting their party to be made the victim of a campaign of false assertion, and refuse to tolerate the charge that they are unprogressive because a lot of office seekers have appropriated to themselves the name "progressive."

As to Bosses. In a statement recently printed Mr. Roosevelt said that District Attorney Whitman is either a "hopelessly timid weakling" or else is in league with Boss Barnes. The trouble with Mr. Whitman seems to be that he has not denounced Barnes. So such is the Rooseveltian logic—he must be either a coward or the tool of the boss. Yet he may be neither the one nor the other. There are some men whom the bosses never attempt to control, and the present district attorney of New York is apparently one of them. We wonder if Mr. Whitman could not compromise by denouncing Bill Flinn, the Roosevelt boss of Pennsylvania, or by joining the Finches in their criticism of Perkins.

It is a curious fact that the only republicans whom the returned traveler has thus far seen fit to denounce are Barnes and Penrose. They are his horrible examples, and, up to the present time, the only ones. It is necessary to spread them pretty thin in order to make them cover the good country, or even their respective states. But they are easy game, and it is safe to attack them. The country has not, we hope, forgotten how extremely friendly were the relations between Roosevelt and Quay and Penrose while Roosevelt was president. There was never on his part the shadow of opposition to them. The patronage in the state was in their hands. The Roosevelt administration never lifted a finger to help the people of Pennsylvania rid themselves of the corrupt Quay rule, and never antagonized Platt in New York, compared with whom Barnes is a child.

We doubt whether the Armageddon warrior has strengthened himself with the people of New York by his denunciation of Mr. Whitman. Last November he would have been nominated and elected mayor of New York but for the bull moose opposition. The moosers fought the plan to fuse on him, simply because he was a republican. And now we have this unwarranted attack from the big moose. One can only conclude that the better the republican the more objectionable he is to the progressives. We do think, however, that Mr. Roosevelt ought to enlarge his list somewhat. Doubtless there are good bosses and bad bosses, as there are good trusts and bad trusts. The same man may be a good boss and a bad boss at different times—as is the case with Penrose. Much depends on whether he is "for" you or "agin" you.

People and Events. Heinrich Odlich, a German aviator, created a new altitude record by ascending 25,000 feet in a biplane at Leipzig.

The duke of Connaught, governor general of Canada, arrived at St. Johns, Newfoundland, on board the cruiser Essex.

Bills to reinstate Captain Temples M. Potts, recently "phucked" with other naval officers, are now before both houses of congress.

Mr. Mailen has earned considerably more than \$50,000 this year by letting all he knows. But there is no talk of paying him even that much.

Captain Edward V. Gager, a member of the crew of the monitor in its fight with the Merrimack, died at Newark, N. J., last week, aged 81 years.

Dr. Manuel de Cespedes, the new Cuban minister to the United States, has arrived in Washington. Dr. Cespedes is the son of a former president of Cuba. He was educated in this country and Europe and ranks high as a lawyer and author.

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Editorial Snapshots

New York Herald: But of course this rise in the price of beef is also purely "psychological."

Cleveland Plain Dealer: Gen. Humidity is too dignified a name. Why not call him Muggsy Mugginess?

Washington Post: No one understands the financial question so clearly as the woman who has just cashed her first check.

Baltimore Sun: The best sex instruction for children is the inherent decency that sex instructionists are trying to knock out of them.

Pittsburgh Dispatch: And just as fish is being suggested to reduce the high cost of living the disclosure of the halibut trout wakes the consumer from pleasant dreams.

Kansas City Times: With the spread of the chautauqua habit, one wonders if there are left any of the old-time state officials who were satisfied with their \$2,000 a year and a railroad pass.

Philadelphia Press: The necessity for an athletic training is demonstrated in many ways in these times. The person who keeps out of the way of the vehicles at the street crossings finds the instruction useful.

Brooklyn Eagle: A police auto kills a deaf mute in Schermerhorn street. A doctor's auto kills a traffic policeman in Flushing. Probably there was as much recklessness in the one case as in the other. Juggernaut never plays favorites.

Indianapolis News: With its usual pernicious good nature the house has abandoned its fierce determination to wipe out the mileage graft and has agreed with the senate to keep right on grafting as heretofore. But, really now, what did you expect?

It is a sin.

TART TRIFLES.

Husband—Dr. B. said an alcohol sponge would do me good. Wife—To which of your cranks did he refer?—New York Sun.

Little Brother—Bet he'd kiss you if I weren't here? Sister—You insolent boy! Go away this very minute!—Penn State Froth.

"The Hon. Horace K. Paunch is a very versatile statesman, isn't he?" "Oh, yes! He can put his foot in his mouth and still look dignified."—Judge.

Browne—Whatever became of Digg? You remember he took a Ph.D. in Greek poetry. Gray—He's scanning meters for a gas company.—Smart Set.

"How's your boy getting on in college?" "Not well. They batted him out of the box in the third inning the other day."—Detroit Free Press.

"Our congressman offers to send some garden seed." "Tell him we have no garden. We can use some canary seed, though."—Kansas City Journal.

WHERE WE COME IN. Charles L. Edson in Collier's. Oh dear that everlasting hay! Swear piled on swear. We fight the stuff from day to day. From year to year.

No matter if a thousand stacks This harvest yields; Next year we'll have to break our backs In these same fields.

Who sows the hay? Not ma nor pa, Not me nor you. I ask again who sows it? Ha! The horses do.

We raise the hay for horses' grub. "Well, then," you say, "Why keep the horses?" There's the rub—To haul the hay!

The hay needs horses; horses, hay— It is a sin. Us farmer ginks will ask some day Where we come in?

American Rates Lowest in the World

Here are the actual prices paid for service per telephone per year in five leading European countries having government ownership, taken from official reports and translated into American money:

Table with 2 columns: Country and Rate. Austria \$24.56, Belgium 39.05, France 28.81, Germany 22.89, England 33.60.