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Today's the day! Now, Mr. Weather Man, have a heart.

The moving picture melodrama is obvious visualized. If we must have slates, let every one be his own slate-maker.

If the ballot were as short as some of the candidates, it would be all right.

Russia will now bend every effort toward robbing Turkey before Thanksgiving day.

The Rockefeller Foundation has millions for non-combatants, but not one cent for the warriors.

Sixty-nine new Carnegie hero prizes are about to be distributed. Are you ready for yours?

If all newspapers were to become as pessimistic as some of their readers, we wonder what would happen.

Man's inhumanity to man is proverbial, but there must also be some such thing as woman's inhumanity to woman.

Better begin to vote early, or you may not get to the bottom of that eight and one-half foot ticket before night.

That \$50,000 jail feeding graft which the democratic sheriff tried so hard to put across smells just as rank by any other name.

The chances are that Corner does not realize that he is just the cat's-paw candidate for the bribe-givers and jail feeding grafters.

A late dispatch describing Turkish movements brings "The Streets of Cairo" onto the stage. Now for some of that funny wiggling.

The fatal Halloween prank in Council Bluffs will not, however, serve sufficiently to warn youths against such idiotic capers in the future.

Is it not about time to resume debate of the question whether or not the old liberty bell shall be allowed to go to the San Francisco exposition?

Billy Sunday has just closed his meeting in Kansas City—Houston Post. Wake up. That was Denver "Bill" just closed in. The noise heard in Kansas City was the opening of the new depot.

A while ago we propounded the question: "Where is that old-fashioned boy with red hair and freckled face?" Here is a want ad from a New York paper: "Wanted—Boy for office: must be freckled-faced and red-haired."

Well, well, well! At the fifty-second minute after the eleventh hour, the World-Herald discovers it is against university consolidation. In other words, it guesses is that the real estate speculators and boardinghouse keepers will win. Progressive policy that.

Remember the profuse promises made by that promising young candidate, "Kid" McShane, when he lured the people into electing him sheriff three years ago. If his numerous promises then made had been kept, Omaha would have been a heaven on earth long ago, and "Billy" Sunday would not give a thought to wasting a moment of his time here.

Shirley Years Ago This Day in Omaha. The Home Fire Insurance company articles of incorporation were filed in the county clerk's office with Charles L. Barber, James L. Lovett, Alvin Saunders and Thomas F. Gardner as incorporators. Miss Lucretia Burroughs, former resident of Omaha, and recently of Springfield, Neb., has returned to resume control of the Women's Christian Temperance union dining rooms. Cavanaugh, who so ably filled the position of pitcher for the Union Pacific ball team, left for Marquette, Cal., where he will spend the winter with his brother. The total number of registered voters in Omaha is 5,348, and the Fifth ward has the biggest quota of any of the six wards. M. Walker & Co. have just opened at Sixteenth and Capitol avenues a confectionery, bakery, fruit, cigars, crepe, ice cream and lunch parlor. Miss Genevieve Isaacson, who has been studying for the stage in New York City, is visiting in Omaha as the guest of Mrs. George Canfield. Miss Rene Hamilton has retained her position as public school teacher.

The Duty of the Voter.

While we have been having the question vigorously debated whether suffrage is a "right" or a "privilege," no one denies that possession of the suffrage carries with it the duty to exercise it. From the standpoint of the number of offices to be filled, and the number of issues to be voted on, the election today in Nebraska is the most important election ever held in this state. For the first time we are voting under our new biennial elections system, whereby we are to choose, at a single stroke, men to fill all the offices formerly voted on in two separate and successive annual elections. It is also the first time we are choosing our judges by a nonpartisan form of ballot. In addition, we have four amendments to our fundamental law and three initiative and referendum measures to be accepted or rejected by popular vote—a greater number, with one lone exception, than ever before simultaneously submitted in this state. Proportionately, therefore, the task of the voter is greater, and the duty to vote intelligently and conscientiously all the more urgent.

Welcome to School Teachers.

Omaha is once more honored with the entertainment of the annual convention of the State Teachers' association, and we are sure we voice the sentiment of all our people in saying that it is an honor and a privilege we very much covet and value. If the teachers desired, we should be glad to have them come here every year for their annual meeting. They will find this year, as on previous occasions, the city's latch key hanging on the outside of the door for their full and free use.

The school teacher is as important a factor in American life as the soldier, which is organic. We cannot make too much of the institution and happily the American people know this and are making more of it every year. They fully realize that education, like General Grant said of the Bible, is a sheet anchor of their lives, and that education to do its greatest work must be free and popular. This freedom involves, not only the matter of admission and tuition to pupils, but separation from all sordid or contaminating influences with which some are ever alert to surround it. If there is one department of our public life and activities that should be immune to cliques, factionalism, spoils, politics, it is our system of popular education. And the dominating influence of every such convention as this one should be unmistakably against it.

Well Being of Human Kind.

The Rockefeller Foundation was wisely built upon the broad basis of "promoting the well being of human kind throughout the world" without restriction as to the kind of misfortune or misery to be relieved. It is thus free from technical red tape to pursue its great mission among the innocent and defenseless victims of war abroad, a mission more majestic than words can describe. By the same token, it serves to emphasize the proper place of war in the economy of human existence—against the well being of human kind throughout the world.

This stupendous philanthropy about to be launched for the relief of millions of hungry non-combatants—the estimate calls for \$1,000,000 a month for seven or eight months to avert starvation—is a terrible sentence to pass upon the nations at war. It is another and a monstrous reminder of the fact that, instead of promoting the well being of humanity throughout the world, are doing all they can to delay and defeat it.

Americans must be proud of the part their country is playing in this horrible drama. We are not only officially the one great neutral power, but the storehouse from which comes food for the starving and clothing for the naked. There is a democracy of sorrow in such a situation that ought to bind us still closer together as citizens and patriots, as friends and neighbors, and help us to see the awful possibilities of class feeling, of race hatred, or sordid selfishness or passion of any kind. In the millions of the Rockefeller Foundation, the individual gifts borne by the Christmas Ship and all other money and means for relief sent from our country to the non-combatants of Europe, we have a right to claim proof of a far greater power, a much superior force resident in our nation than dominates today any of the mighty monarchies at war.

Omaha's Beauty Spots.

Some day our people will come to realize their innate modesty, or whatever they may term their apparent failure to make more of the many natural beauty spots surrounding the city of Omaha. No one who takes time to ride out through the suburbs, the parks and adjacent country, if he has a particle of nature-love in him, can help being impressed with the fact that the Great Architect has created some mighty pretty scenery for us right at our doors, which we seem either not to appreciate or to take in a very matter-of-fact way.

And these beauties appear never more attractive than in the autumn, which, really, is an ideal season in Nebraska. Wander through the forest hills of Florence, many of their little pockets filled with cozy farm homes; or the equally scenic heights overlooking the river on the road to Bellevue, or the Fairacres plateau, the slopes of Fontenelle park, the quiet woodlands of Miller park or Elmwood, to say nothing of the parks nearer the heart of the city—take the time for such sights and then see if you do not agree with us that we make too little of our surroundings. We would make more of them, perhaps, if we would only do our duty better in the matter of improving roadways and boulevards. This is a work to which close attention must be given without much delay.

The ballot to be voted in Omaha at the impending election is only eight and a half feet long, and calls for some seventy crossmarks to vote on each office and measure separately. Two years hence, unless the short-ballot movement materializes, it will require no less than ninety crossmarks, and at least a ten-foot strip of paper.

A map showing the states that have enacted workmen's compensation laws and the states that have not yet made any move in this direction, shows which are the progressive and which the backward sections of our country. As would naturally be expected, the big block of black territory consists of eleven democratic states comprised in the solid south.

Right on Bee Lines

Newman Grove Reporter: The Omaha Bee favors the abolishment of the office of county coroner. The contention is that the work of this office should be done by the sheriff and county attorney, where it properly belongs. Come to think of it, these officials have more to do with coroner's cases than the coroner does, when any kind of action is found necessary, so it appears logical that they should have full charge of such cases and get their information direct.

Tekamah Journal: The Omaha Bee has given over a portion of its space to women suffrage literature for the balance of the time until election. The Bee and its editor have been the object of more or less unjust condemnation on many propositions and we suppose it won't be given credit for this advanced move.

Aurora Advocate: The Omaha Bee states our position might well on the ignoring of primary elections by the "petition route" when it says: "Attorney General Martin holds that although a candidate filing for nomination subscribes to an oath that he will abide by the result of the primary, there is nothing legally to prevent him from having his friends file him afterwards by petition as a candidate for the same office in the election. That may be law, but a man who draws cards in a gentlemen's game is expected to play according to the rules or not at all."

Syracuse Journal: The Omaha Bee places Syracuse and Broken Bow in the front rank as to liberality in donating to the Christmas Ship for the destitute among the warring nations of Europe. We will find room in our next issue to publish what The Bee had to say.

Kearney Hub: The Omaha Bee favors the abolition of the office of state commissioner of public lands and buildings, an office that has become nearly obsolete, "in the interest of the short ballot." Possibly the office, which still exists under the constitution, might be abolished in the interest of public economy, but the "short ballot" just for the sake of shortening the ballot and giving the governor one more appointive position to fill is quite another thing.

Nebraska City Press: One or two state newspapers look askance at the proposition to cut down the ballot by reducing the number of elective offices, one, at least, taking the view that the "short ballot" reform means more commissioners and commission appointments. The position is well taken, if the proposed law is not made strong enough. The Omaha Bee is the pioneer in urging the "short ballot," and it is believed The Bee's idea is to make service and capability a bar to removal from office by "political winds." In other words, the civil service rules should apply to any appointive office. By taking the postmark out of a job in the state house or any county building there would be no more incentive for the holder of a position to "play peanut politics" than though he were attached to a private enterprise. The "short ballot" can be no worse than the situation at present, and it won't cost a great deal to try it out at any rate.

Twice Told Tales

Otherwise Occupied. "Which way do the sympathies of your citizens lean, as indicated by their discussions of the European war?" inquired the reporter from the city.

"Can't say," replied the landlord of the Topville Tavern. "For the reason that there's been almost no war talk going on here lately. You see, last week the representative of a well known eastern publishing house succeeded in short-changing the ticket seller of a circus that visited us, and the ticket seller in turn succeeded in getting away without subscribing for the valuable literary work which the agent was bringing to the attention of the few prominent citizens of each community who were of sufficient culture to appreciate it. Naturally that furnished us with enough to discuss and ponder over right here at home without bothering about such news as escaped the censors in some unpronounceable places away off yonder."—Kansas City Star.

Two Apices. They are telling a story in Switzerland about what would happen if the Kaiser visited a Swiss city. "Can't say," replied the landlord of the Topville Tavern. "For the reason that there's been almost no war talk going on here lately. You see, last week the representative of a well known eastern publishing house succeeded in short-changing the ticket seller of a circus that visited us, and the ticket seller in turn succeeded in getting away without subscribing for the valuable literary work which the agent was bringing to the attention of the few prominent citizens of each community who were of sufficient culture to appreciate it. Naturally that furnished us with enough to discuss and ponder over right here at home without bothering about such news as escaped the censors in some unpronounceable places away off yonder."—Kansas City Star.

Argument Closed. Jackson and Johnson are not now on speaking terms. It all arose as the result of an argument which required some mental calculation. "I tell you," said Jackson, "that you are altogether wrong in your conclusions." "Pardon me, but I am not," replied Johnson. "Didn't I go to school, stupid?" almost roared his opponent. "Yes," was the calm reply, "and you came back stupid."—Chicago Journal.

People and Events

As a cemetery promoter the European war has the earthquake and the volcano "beaten to a frazzle." Just as a Cleveland man was about to become a benefited poleman, in fact, before the wedding-officious policeman kidnaped him to jail, for the reason that he had, with assistance of a doctor, pulled \$500 of good money out of the street car company's treasury through the medium of an old injury garnished as new. The doctor got his too.

No more novel method of gold "mining" has ever come to light than that at a deserted mining camp near Wickes, Mont. It is the remains of what was once a thriving village at the Gregory mine, and the sand used in plastering the houses came from ponds rich in gold. Now the old cottages are being torn down and the plaster carefully smelted.

The bureau of weights and measures of New York City estimates that it saves the people \$10,000 a day by rigid enforcement of the law for honest weights. Within a year \$6,000 short weight scales have been confiscated and an equal number of crooked measures. Besides the money saved there has been a marked improvement in the business conscience through compulsion. A close analysis of the situation convinces the comptroller of Cook county, Illinois, that an ordinary cake of soap, in its progress from the maker to the country store, is substituted and inspected by fifteen men, each marking time on the county payroll. Other goods are likewise palmed on the trip. "This is a wasteful and inefficient," observes the official. A judiciously mild and respectful comment. According to the revelations of crooked butchers in Louisville, dog meat as well as horse meat were among the delicacies served to unsophisticated customers in the Blue Grass metropolis. When small dogs were readily sold for sausages and conns. For the moment the appetite of the people for meat of any grade or quality wouldn't respond to a bargain sale in a cold storage plant. The Red Cross relief ship, having completed its mission of mercy to war-torn Europe, has returned to New York with some lively incidents recorded in its log. When two days out a batch of stowaways organized a raid on the commissary department and gained a raid on the commissary department and gained a raid on the commissary department and gained a raid on the commissary department.



Belgian Neutrality Treaty. HASTINGS, Neb., Nov. 2.—To the Editor of The Bee: Please inform me which German emperor signed that scrap of paper guaranteeing the neutrality of Belgium. A few details in regard to this would be highly appreciated by many of your readers. INQUIRER.

Note: The Belgium neutrality treaty was signed in 1839 with the king of Prussia as party to it, and reaffirmed again by treaty in 1870. The German constitution makes the king of Prussia as such emperor of Germany. The demand made upon Belgium for free passage of German troops at the beginning of the war, with promise of reimbursement if granted, but not if refused, is regarded as recognition by the neutral government of the neutrality treaty, whose suspension was proposed.

Take Away the Unsightly Arch. OMAHA, Nov. 2.—To the Editor of The Bee: I note your demand for removal of the unsightly arch in front of the city hall. Very good, keep it up until you get it away from its present location. A. W.

Overydoing Halloween Pranks. OMAHA, Nov. 2.—To the Editor of The Bee: The account of the man shooting a boy in Council Bluffs as the result of a Halloween prank reminds me of a "drank" I saw played—or rather after it was played—at Forty-first street and Lafayette avenue Saturday night. Half a dozen boys, all old enough to know better—they ranged, I should suppose, from 12 to 15 years—carefully procured some good sized logs and laid them across Lafayette avenue in such a way as to cause serious damage to any vehicle whose driver might not see the obstruction. It would have been very easy, under certain circumstances, to have maimed or killed some one. Yet, I suppose, had any man seen the boys put the logs there and taken it on himself to remove them he would have got into all sorts of trouble for his pains. And, no doubt, some grown-ups might have taken the boys' side and argued for an unrestrained license—"let the boys have their fun on Halloween night. Boys always have and always will celebrate this occasion." Many parents do not believe in restraining their children on Halloween, but the police can't patrol the entire city on these nights; parents could, if they would, help a lot. E. L. D.

Progressives and Suffrage. OMAHA, Nov. 2.—To the Editor of The Bee: In the anti-suffrage column appearing in The Bee last week were some statements strongly against suffrage by Dr. W. O. Henry. While it is none of my business what Dr. Henry may think personally about this thing, I wish on behalf of the Progressive club of Douglas county to emphatically deny that it is the sentiment of the club or party in this state. JAMES RICHARDSON, Secretary Douglas County Progressive Club.

Not a Minor Office. OMAHA, Nov. 2.—To the Editor of The Bee: I notice some discussion as to the length of the ballot at the ensuing election. Unfortunately this would affect what are commonly called the minor offices. Among these are the offices of the justices of the peace. As a matter of fact there is no such thing as a minor office, because all offices are of importance to the public, or a large proportion of the public. This is especially true of the justice of the peace, this office, being by common acceptance considered a minor office, is just at the bottom of the ballot. This is put as important an office as any other, if not more so, for the reason that it is the common or poor people's court, in which matters are litigated, although small in amount, are of great importance to the litigants. As a general rule, people who have cases in a court of the justice of the peace are those who cannot afford expensive litigation, therefore the law provides that any one, whether he be a lawyer or not, can conduct the case, making it necessary that men of known ability, honesty and integrity should be elected to the office.

Another reason why the office of justice of the peace is extremely important is that a great deal of litigation arises in the first instance in that court. I desire to call the attention of the voters to this important office, so that they may not fall to vote in spite of the length of the ballot. JOHN G. KUHN.

Deceptions of Anti-Consolidationists. OMAHA, Oct. 31.—To the Editor of The Bee: Should the vote voter university consolidation it will be largely because of the unfair campaign that has been waged by the Campus Extension committee. The slogan "Shall we move the university and waste \$3,000,000" is a reflection on the intelligence of the voters of Nebraska. It is a matter of public record that the land in the down town campus, including the new athletic field, is inventoried by the regents at \$221,800 and the buildings on the down town campus, including the temple, are inventoried at \$74,651, making a total for the buildings and land of \$296,451. And yet we are going to waste \$5,000,000 if we consolidate on the farm.

After visiting other state universities, and after a thorough investigation of the cost of consolidation on the farm, the Board of Regents in a unanimous special report to the governor and the last legislature stated that the amount required for the present and growing needs of the university was \$2,500,000. That amount was fixed by the resident Lincoln regents and yet the Campus committee constantly states that this request was for over \$5,000,000—deliberate, willful misrepresentation.

The campus committee well knows that the regents had not the slightest desire to add to the 500 acre farm we already have, and yet they are constantly stating that we intend to buy 520 acres additional. For willful misrepresentation there has probably never been issued anything equal to the arguments in the voters' pamphlet. The very first page shows a cut of University hall, underneath which it states "University hall. Cost \$50,000." Removal means its abandonment and waste.

The Campus committee well knows that this building has been condemned and that it will be the first one to be torn down in case the university remains on the down town campus. It is evidently their intent that the people shall be deceived into believing that University hall is worth \$50,000 and that it will be retained in case the university remains down town. The same in regard to other buildings on the down town campus, which they know will not be retained under any circumstances.

The spending of thousands of dollars by the committee in purchasing boiler plate patent insides for country newspapers does not deceive the people. The intelligent voter will immediately ask "Are they spending this money for the good of the people or for their own personal pecuniary advantage?" It is unfortunate that in a referendum the parties whose financial interests are affected are the only ones willing to spend money to bring their argument before the people, while the people's business, being everybody's business, is nobody's business, and goes by default. F. L. HALLER.

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WITH US ONCE MORE

Topika State Journal: Rah, Rah, Rah, Zip, Boom, Bah, Old familiar sound, Bring the doctors round. Call the doctors round. Mama's boy, Fridge and Jay, Laid out in the fray; Five ribs broke, What a joke, Dandy work, Hurray! Kick their shins, Break their chins, Tie 'em in a knot. Beat 'em up, Eat 'em up. Drag 'em round a lot. Smash the line: Gosh! That's fine. "I'm not, no man escape. Kill the ends, Make their friends. Put on yards of crepe. Do your worst, There's no law to fear. Rah, Rah, Rah, Zip, Boom, Bah, Foot ball season's here.

LINES TO A LAUGH.

"Do you think the Hon. Bray Lowder has any show for being elected to the legislature?" "Not unless he run under an alias."—Judge. He—This brand of champagne should be called the Biograph. She—Why so? He—Because after you drink a pint of it you begin to see moving pictures.—Boston Transcript. The Sergeant—Look here, before you'd served out with your uniform you'd better slip down to the wash house and get a bath. The Recruit—Wot? I come 'ere to be a soldier, not a bloomin' mermaid!—London Opinion. "There are two things that make me hesitate about buying a farm," said the city man. "What are they?" inquired the expert performer in real estate. "All the people I know who want to buy farms don't know what they about

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The Hupmobile

Car of The American Family. Hup Winter Tops a Hit— "Business is exceptionally good for this season," said the manager of the Cadillac Company of Omaha, local Hupmobile dealer, yesterday. "For one thing, the extraordinary value of the new Hup is apparent at a glance. That makes sales. "Another big factor is the detachable sedan top for the touring car and the coupe top for the roadster. "Instead of building permanent closed cars this year, the Hupmobile factory designed these detachable tops—giving the new Hup owners what amounts to two cars at practically the price of one. "These tops are well-built, beautifully finished inside, and perfectly weather-tight. "They are going to keep more Hups in commission all winter than any other one thing possibly could. "Almost every buyer of a new Hup orders one of these tops along with it. That's a sure sign that they are what the people want."

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