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Political keynotes in midwinter foreshadow summer platforms and hot fall winds.

Mobilized health resources insure efficiency and greater results for the money expended.

When the groundhog casts his boroscope will be time enough to fix the open season for

The road to Bagdad exhibits much of the cemetery repose of the Dardanelles route to Constantinople.

However, the colonel's trip to the West Indies will not alter his plans for exploring the River of Doubt.

If other patriots fail them, Nebraska democrats might conscript Doc Cook as a gubernatorial "white hope."

Big events occasionally lend a dash of galety to moving life. A man weighing 585 is running for congress in Georgia.

Maybe those frequent changes of mind at the White House explains why the judicial plum continues "up in the air." The mission or Colonel House to the warring

capitals has not yet drawn a note indicating a tuning up of the concert of the powers. Political preparedness is not overlooked.

"The swing around the circle" enables the president to determine how far west the democratic split extends.

Storms, snow blockades and floods spot the news map of the country. The elements are bound to be improved by getting the war spirit out of its system.

The riverside sign: "Omaha, a City of Opportunity," electrifies a large truth. Its glow might be enhanced by a luminous companion truth: "Do Not Judge the City by the Depot."

Minister Lloyd George says "the war is just beginning." In other words, "the worst is yet to come." The prospect would be decidedly gloomy if the spectators took war bluffing seri-

General Carransa's ego secures fresh air treatment in his intimation that peace in Mexico makes for world peace. The bearing of Mexico on world peace rivals the weight of a fly on the

A New York policeman has been convicted of assault for clubbing a reporter. A Chicago detective captain has been sent to prison for grafting, and a Toledo sergeant has been indicted for working an itching palm. Swinging the club and reaching for easy money increasingly menace the happy lot of the policeman.

## Service of the Retailer.

During the week a lecturer addressed a gathering of retail merchants in a Nebraska town and comforted them with the statement that | that in good season something will be done. they were actually performing a service to society. This came with something akin to shock to the men who have become accustomed to being told by economists they are parasites and barnacles on commerce. But the lecturer was right. The retailer performs a distinct and valuable service to society, and his function is as essential to well-balanced existence as any other factor in distribution.

One of the pet illustrations of amateur economists is to map the course of any article from producer to consumer, showing how many hands take profit from it as it passes along, steadily growing in price, until it is enhanced several times beyond what the maker or grower received. This is convincing until the listener gives a little analytical thought to the proposition, and then the real uses of the retailer become apparent. The "middleman" of today is an evolutionary product of the "storekeeper" of other days, one of the products of a society that, if it is no more complex, is at least more closely interwoven in the relations of its several parts. And the retailer who p.ovides more of convenience and is of greater assistance to the comfort of his customers is the one who gets the trade. This, also, is a part of our modern life, a natural accompaniment of general advance.

And the retailer is entitled to reasonable compensation for the services he performs, and this must come in the increased cost of living. It is natural, and no matter how much it may be railed at by those who only think they think, it will nrevail.

#### Upholding Professional Standards.

The exhaustive report of the Committee on Academic Freedom and Academic Tenure, which has gone into its subject with care and thoroughness for the American Association of University Professors, sets up a strong case against the control of professional teaching and utterance by the lay trustees or financial sponsors of our colleges and universities. The committee, however, makes it plain that academic freedom does not mean academic I cense, nor that individual teachers should be free from all restraint as to their speech and conduct either within or without the university. "There may, undoubtedly, arise occasional cases," it says, "in which the aberrations of individuals may require to be checked by definite disciplinary action." But it insists "such action cannot with safety be taken by bodies not composed of members of the academic profession."

If we understand the report correctly, there is no dissent from the proposition that certain standards must be upheld for university and college teachers, but that the responsibility for upholding them belongs primarily on the teachers themselves. This is very well so far as if goes, and applies equally to other professions. There must be standards of conduct and practice for lawyers, for doctors, for engineers, for architects, for specialists and experts of all kinds, but they themselves ought to see to their enforcement by self-discipline. Unfortunately, they do not always do this, it being common knowledge that shyster lawyers, quack doctors, fake engineers and incompetent architects, as well as false teachers, are countenanced and allowed to go their way without interference of their professional associates, despite the discredit they bring upon their calling. Sometimes the members of a profession do not agree upon what the standard should be, but more ususlly their inaction is merely the result of inertia and a desire to avoid unpleasantness. Reputable members of all professions should understand that just so far as they prescribe high standards and maintain them will the profession be accorded a standing in the popular mind, and just so far will it command the recognition that is due from the public.

#### Nebraska Needs a New State House.

The Bee has several times in recent years suggested the necessity of a new building for the accommodation of the several departments of its government at our Nebraska state capital. Plans for the new state bouse have now and then been tentatively considered, but definite action has so far been postponed. Developments, or rather decay, has proceeded to a point where it will soon be imperative that something be done to provide the building that is so sadly needed. The present structure is more and more showing the effects of time. It was not well planned in the beginning, and its present dilapidation is a reproach to a wealthy and progressive state. Our capitol building cannot compare in any particular with the Douglas county court house, while many other Nebraska countles have better buildings for their officers than has the state. The time is propitious for the presentation of a definite project for a new state house to the people, just as a business proposition.

# Our National Pastime.

One pastime in particular is peculiarly American, and is never out of season. Several varieties of games of chance or skill, outdoor and indoor sports, have been denominated the "national" pastime, but each of these is more or less sectional in its nature, or exclusive in its devotees, so that it falls just a little short of being truly national. One diversion does exist in which all take part, which knows no east, no west, no north, no south, against which neither winter cold nor summer heat prevails, and to which no eight-hour schedule has ever been attached. It is the game of talking about our

We have but one thing in common-the propensity of boasting of our devotion to our country and its unparalleled greatness. On this we are agreed, on everything clse we are divided into almost as many separate entities' as we number individuals. Now and again two or three may seem to approach agreement on some topic of public concern, but it soon develops the unity of purpose is more apparent than real. It is the one grand tribute to our institutions and their efficacy that free speech and freedom of thought is thus universally manifest.

This great national pastime was never more splendidly followed than it is just now, when the really serious question of practical means for defense of the country against possible attack is presented for consideration. But our devotion to the sport of talking has one redeeming feature. Out of all the confusion comes in time action, and comfort is found in the thought

## Grand Opera and the People.

Do the people want music of the higher grades, such as grand opera? Two answers to this question are immediately presented. In Chicago the ten weeks' season of grand operaas conducted there, has just terminated with a deficit of \$100,000, which is cheerfully made up by subscriptions from wealthy music lovers. In Omaha a three-day season has just ended, with no deficit, and with a well pleased company of promoters and patrons, who hope to see the venture repeated again next season. Three days in Omaha is not quite equal to sixty days in Chicago, nor were the operas presented here with the same lavishness as characterized the productions in the larger city. Nor did the singers who were listened to at the Auditorium here take rank in public estimation with the highpriced song birds who warbled for the Chicagoese. And, by that same token, the ticket prices were not so high, either.

The Omaha test is probably the fairer, for it was made under conditions that more truly represented the aspirations of the public for the high class music. The operas were well presented, the music was beautifully displayed and the appeal to the intellect as well as the senser was direct and potent. It was at prices the people could meet, and, therefore, was a success, And no musical critic in his right mind will say the difference in price was fully represented in the difference in the talent of the singers.

# and Interviews

has to be cultivated, and the only way to produce art-lovers is to give people plenty of opporunities to see and study real works of art. Few realise what has been accomplished in developing the artistic taste right here in Omaha by such art exhibitions as those that are promoted by the Society of Fine Arts, which pursues its object with persistency and with comparatively little estentation. To develop an art center takes time and must have something to build on and, fortunately for Omaha, the beginnings of our art culture were laid long ago.

The first art exhibition in Omaha that I remember was what was called "The Art Loan," conducted as a benefit for some church or charity, and held in the old Christian church, a brick structure with large assembly room, located on Seventeenth street between Dodge and Capitol avenue. All the homes of Omaha's best families were ransacked for art treasures, which were borrowed and assembled and spread out to an admiring public. It was in truth an eye-opener even to our own people to discover, by this partial inventory. how many art possessions we had accumulated without realising it. The paintings and other pictures were rather heterogeneous, and I have no doubt the hanging committee had its troubles, such as are encountered by all hanging committees, only many fold increased by the necessity of considering the feelings and social prestige of the owners of the borrowed articles as well as their intrinsic merit. The exhibition lowever, was not confined to pictures, but included bric-s-brac, bronze, china, antiques, and heirlooms of various kinds. My recollection leaves me uncertain whether or not a department was left for patch-work quiits and fancy needlework, but nothing that aspired to be known as art was intentionally neglected. One of the features of "The Art Loan" as I recall, was a game of chees, played with living chessmen on a chess board chalked out on the floor, over which two sets of living figures, posed by boys and girls in costume, were moved about from square to square until retired out of play, to correspond with the moves of the ivory pieces in a regular chess game played by two of the most skillful amateurs. Despite its crudeness and entertainment features "The Art Loan" gave a noticeable impetus at the time to the art activities of the

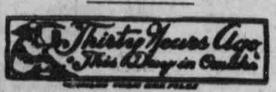
The art exhibition that gave Omaha greatest publicity as an art center, perhaps I should say notoriety, was the one that culminated in the mutilation of one of Bouguereau's best canvases by a mortalscrased fanatic hurling a chair through it. The poor fellow was possessed with the idea that the artist's portrayal of the nude was altogether too realistic. I was away from home at the time so that my knowldge of the affair is wholly from hearsay and from the accounts in the papers, which everywhere put Omaha on the art map with serious or satirical discussions of this startling manifestation of appreciation of a great painting, "The Return of Spring," for such was the title, was patched up and returned in the spring to the owner, but not without entailing a law suit over disputed responsibility for the damages. This art exhibit was held in the store building at Thirteenth and Harney, previously been occupied by a wholesale grocery house that had shortly before removed to larger quarters,

Omaha art levers have many creditable pictures n their collections which outsiders seldom see. referred not long ago to the contents of the old Collins house, gathered together from the nooks and corners of Europe. The Lininger collection, as everyone who has seen it knows, includes not a few real gems, and several noteworthy canvasses hung on the walls of Happy Hollow when the Patricks lived there. We have, furthermore a tolerably good start of a municipal art gallery in our public library building, deting back to exposition days when the exposition In the art section and donated them to the city. It te only a question of time when we will have a municipal art gallery worthy of the name, which in due time will be the residuary legatee of whatever of artistic worth has been centered here.

It is reassuring to be told that I hit the target at least once in a while as in the following from the Western Laborer:

"Victor Rosewater threw out a hint last Sunday for a reply from readers of his 'Views and Interviews' column in The Bes. I prefer that column to any one in the paper. There is a something about it that is different-he writes like he talks in that column and it is a lot more human. His few words after the death of Jack Bonner, for instance. If 'Views and Interviews' interfere with editorials in The Bee, cut out the editorials."

Small and large favors are always gratefully received. Thanks, Brother Kennedy.



The coasting carnival was a grand success, surpassing the most sanguine expectations. An immense throng gathered on Dodge street, lining the track from Fifteenth to Twentieth, watching the sieds glide by. Strings of Chinese lanterns and electric lights. supplemented by the glare from illuminated residences, made everything as light as day and added to the splendor of the scene. Fully 2,000 people are said to have indulged in the ride down the steep incline, and there were hundreds of traverses and many more sleds, including many that were brought over from Council Bluffs. The accidents were few and

The beautiful four-story building on Douglas, next to Himebaugh & Taylor's hardware store, will be occupied by the Omaha Oil and Paint company, in the wholesale and retail business in oils, paints and glass. The active members of the firm are A. M. Kitchen and M. J. Waugh, formerly with C. F. Good-

William F. Cody, better known as "Buffalo Bill," writes to George Canfield of this city that he has sold a quarter interest in his show to an Englishman for \$35,000. Cody and his company will be here in

D. H. Goodrich, superintendent of the water works, has returned home after a three weeks' visit to the east, much improved in health.

The blockade on the Missouri Pacific has at last been raised and the Omaha people detained at Weeping Water since Wednesday, are regaling their friends with accounts of their experiences. They got together and adopted resolutions of thanks to Conductor M. J. Donavan for his courtesy to them during their

A young son was born into the family of R.

At the annual meeting of the German association at Germania hall, these directors were elected: Henry Haubens, Philip Andres, G. F. Spetman, J. I. Fruehauf, John Baumer and C. E. Burmester

# Twice Told Tales

Bearing trood.

At a British recruiting meeting recently the speaker, having got his audience in a high state of enthusiaem by telling them of the many brave deeds performed by our soldiers in France, suddenly espect a big, strongly built man at the back of the hall. "My man." he cried, "how is it that you are not at the

"Oh, it is all right," replied the burly yokel: "1 can hear every word you say from here."-London

#### SECULAR SHOTS AT PULPIT.

E. W. Howe's Monthly: I find amusement in reading church announcements in the Saturday papers; titles of sermons are nearly always funny.

fit. Louis Globe-Democrat: A Cleveland minister says heaven and hell are conditions of the mind. Christian Scientists rather beat the Cleveland paster to dectrines of that sort.

Brooklyn Eagle: A woman mission worker says: "When our girls go to universities they are robbed of the fundamentals of religion." If that good eld brewer, Matthew Vassar, could have heard this he would have reflected with sence that Vassar is still a "col-

Baltimore American: At the finish of the "Billy" Sunday activities in Trenton on last Sunday, which included a morning, afternoon and evening delivery of "hot cakes off the griddle," the apostle to the trail hitters had drawn upon his vital forces to such an extent that when he started to leave the platform after the night meeting he could, apparently, only keep from falling by clinging to the railing. But Trenton, which listened unmoved during the first week of the Sunday excoriations, pleadings and warnings, has warmed up and is "hitting the trail." The score of trail hitters is now well up into the thousands.

#### BRIEF BITS OF SCIENCE.

New Yorkers are developing a serum for treating pneumonia

The electric sand sifter will outwork ten men, is portable and takes up little

Prof. B. B. Boltwood of Tale has not the duration of radium's activity at about 1,650 years.

A self-governing feature recently patented makes the windmill available for the generation of electricity. A gas engine taken into the moun-

tains loses about 1 per cent of its indicated horse power for every 1,000 feet of

The signting instead of the vertical system of handwriting has been recommended for the schools of France by the eaching section of a scientific society

Experts in the employ of the governnent of Brazil believe that country can utilize its own coal by using gas producers in connection with stationary enkines and briquetting it for locomotives. Prof. Ulric Dahlgren of Princeton university predicts that the time will come when the luciferous substance of chemical composition, carried by fireflies, certain fish and other animals will be used

for liluminating houses, etc. A new material for insulation has been brought out in Germany recently made of wood charcoal mixed with pulp and pitch or tar. It is made in the form of plates and it is said to be just as efficient as the material which has been heretofore used, made of cork and much more economical.

## OUT OF THE ORDINARY.

More than 500 women are serving in the Russian army.

Aided by a favorable wind, which blew persistently for several days, the cotton boll weavil in Georgia made an advance of 100 miles in a few weeks. whereas its progress under normal conditions has been fifty miles in a year. Spokane, which is in Washington, which in turn is one of the newly prohibition states, now delights itself with looks and tastes like beer, but is free from alcohol. Also the barrels re-

quire no government proprietary stamp. Tea drinking among the allies has shown an enormous increase since the war began, and in the last year the consumption in England alone has increased over 6,000,000 pounds, while France is drinking ten times as much as it did before the war.

Policewomen are now employed in twenty-six cities. Chicago, has 21; Baltimore, Los Angeles and Seattle, 5 each; Pittaburgh, 4; San Francisco, Portland, Ore., and St. Paul, 3 each, and Dayton, O., Topeka, Kan., and Minneapolis, Minn., 2 each. Fifteen other cities have one sach. There are many earlier records of hu-

man affairs, but the first historian now recognised as such was Herodotus, the great Greek, who wrote in the fifth century, B. C. The Old Testament and the Book of Kings are also, of course, among the most ancient of historical works.

Workmen on the Rouge river (Ore.) canal set off a blast and thereby uncovered a buried treasure. The coing were of the mintage of the fifties and there were some Spanish coins among them. How the money came to be buried or when or why is unknown. According to some accounts there was about \$500 and to others about \$2,500.

# AROUND THE CITIES.

St. Louis and New York are hot rivals for supremacy as the world's fur market, Salt Lake City operates a municipal cemetery and the chief sexton wants \$82,-219 to run it this year.

St. Joseph, which is in Missouri, solemnly forbids barbering on Sundays. It costs \$2 and a judicial lecture for each

Philadelphians pay taxes on personal property valued at \$835,000,000. The Anthony J. Drexel estate tops the list with Des Moines Street Railway company

last week inaugurated six-for-a-quarter fares, in return for an extension of its franchise. Sloux City sends out a midwinter call

for more laborers for spring and sum-mer work in the building line. About \$800,000 worth of buildings is already an-Twin Falls, a thriving modern city in

south-central Utan, stands on a spot from which, twelve years ago, the primeval sagebrush had not been removed. A \$2,000,000 irrigation enterprise did the bust-Kaneas City's forged mortgage record

is piling up. It is reported that the grand jury has found \$161.270 worth of crooked paper had been put on the market by the J. H. Chick Investment company and a lawyer named Colvin.

The street lighting bill of Naw York City for 1815 was \$600,000 less than for 1814. A goodly part of the saving is said to have been effected by the use of nitrogen filled tungsten lamps in place of are

A farmer with a bag of money and a

hankering for more blew into Salt Lake City recently and confidentially told a chance acquaintance he would like to buy a bunch of fat mining stock. Fat mining stock is Salt Lake City's long suit. The farmer was accommodated. The package cost him \$36,600, and is said to be good for wall paper or souvenira.

# People and Events

and originality.

Barney Oldfield is setting a hot pace for speeders on a new line. At Kansas City a phone girl who fixed up a long distance call for him was tipped with a tenner, besides Barney paying \$4.96 for tenner, besides Barney paying \$54.96 for the talk.

Some people think the good die young Mrs. Mean Bear, a Ponca squaw, underscored her name by living to the age of 106. Most of the 700 members of her immediate family attended her funeral at Penca City, Okl.

"Big Tim" Sullivan of New York, who died mysteriously in 1913, possessed an extraordinary memory. The receiver reports his estate is worth \$1,001,277, all of which was accumulated without ke-piebooks, vouchers or records of any kind. "Big Tim" relied entirely on his monor,

Another "Honest John" has come to grief, though not a politician. A bank-ruptcy court at Yonkers, N. Y., is searching "Honest John" Courtney, furniture las News. Another "Honest John" has come to dealer, for \$130,000 of assets which disap-

New York City has had its bills investigated in turn, with anything but pleasant results. One of the discoveries, an item of \$170 for theater tickets, hidden in a hotel bill, arouses a storm of jeers. New York scorns petty political skates.

A stirring appeal has reached Washington from Albany, La., a town on the edge of the swamp land and snake briars. 'Doctors cannot cure anake bite," says the doleful message. "Nothing but whisky will do it. Where we can get whisky takes two or three days-up to that time the victim dies of snake bite. If you send along a saloon would be obliged Bend some gin, too,"

## WHITTLED TO A POINT.

Nature leaves a lot of work for the

dressmaker to finish. Judge a man by what he does and woman by what she doesn't say. The absence of soft water is some men's

excuse for drinking hard. Most men would be content with their lot-if it were a lot of money.

Age may not be garrulous, but it is sure to tell on a woman sooner or later,

When it comes to making angels of men the minister isn't in it with the doctor. The patches that decorate the trousers of a calamity howier are not on the

Next to the elephant, the white rhinoceros of Africa is the largest animal

To make friends of men show them how to make money; to make friends of women show them how to become beautiful.-Chicago News.

#### DOMESTIC PLEASANTRIES.

"I don't want you to marry that young

A New Yorker of 22, out of a 3ob, painted his wants on a sandwich sign and paraded with it on Park Row. Three offers of jobs rewarded his enterprise and originality.

man. "Why, father, he's rich."
"Yes, but he's running through his fortune."
"Well it must be delightful to help a man run through a fortune. And, instead of a trousseau you may arrange for a diverce suit later."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

DEAR MR. KABIBBLE, I BRING MY FIANCEE CAMBY EVERY NIGHT. DO YOU THINK SHE

APPRECIATES IT

STAY AWAY FOR A FEW DAYS AND I'M SURE SHE'LL MISS THE CANDY!

'Did that alienist prove that you were

peared a few days before his creditors were invited to take the remains of his stock.

A legislative committee which investigated the Public Service commission of

#### THE FAREWELL PLACE.

F. L. Stanton in Atlanta Constitution. It's the same old world, in shine and That God in the first, sweet morning made;

love;
Same old round o' the rosy years;
Same old sorrows you see through tears;
Same old road, and same old race
To run with a dream of the Farewell
Place.

O the wraith-folk rise and dare the skies
To match their fire where the lightning
files;
And you hear the loud war-thunders beat
'Till they shake the graves at a warking's feet;
And the paths of human life are crossed
Where the Rachels weep for their children lost;
Same old road where the burdened race
Take tears and dreams to the Farewell
Place.

And with right and wrong we press along From night to the dream of a morning

Same sad story of sorrows old;
Same sweet Joys that the heart would hold;
And the wounded breast still sighs for And rest comes sweet when God thinks best; And we glimpse the light of the morning's

At the shining gates of the Farewell

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