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Of all the foxy politicians Governor Morehead is the foxiest of the bunch.

Generous hospitality reinforces the gladhand grip of Omaha's market week.

Record-breaking receipts of grain and live stock emphasize Omaha's widening reach as the market town

The humiliation of high class ticket offices presses the limit when a crippled railroad slips over a cut rate

Intimations filter through the byways of news indicating that Italy and Austria are still shooting up the Alps.

Take note that City of Omaha bonds still do not bring as big a premium as do the School District of Omaha bonds.

Well! Well! Now it is Minneapolis that is too wicked for description. Does this mean that Minneapolis is soon to be a sojourn spot for Billy Sunday?

Yes, but how it is possible such terrible vice conditions could exist in Minneapolis where the parent newspaper of our Omaha yellow is supposed to be on vigil?

Victor Murdock is back from the war land, firmly convinced that we are not loved abroad. Since American affection in that direction is confined to a few heirenses, the loss is theirs,

It will be hard to believe that Omaha has a city planning commission so long as that hideous welcome arch spreads its ugliness over the only conspicuous beauty spot in the center of the city.

The south is in the saddle, for sure, but the saddle is not as secure as it looks. The "test of loyalty" quickly unhorsed the drivers of southern civil war claims. Vigilance is the price of treasury safety.

The cement show appeals strongly to all engaged in constructive work and related activities. Those who look for fundamentals beneath the atmosphere of current thought here find a surprising array of concrete facts.

The brewers and liquor dealers have no politics and neither have the anti-saloonists. They both play all ends to the middle and are "democrata" or "republicans" or "nonpartisans" as they think they can further their own interests.

The power of publicity is now being invoked to inflate a wholly artificial boom for the democratic nomination for governor for a young man with plenty of money, but almost wholly unknown except in his own little bailiwick. Can it be done? We shall see what we

Cold wave flags may flutter and fling a groundhog scare among the thoughtless, but it does not alter the fact that Boreas is hobbling on the last lap to h's annual graveyard. Old Sol works on high speed during March, gaining one hour on the thirty-day run. Some flarebacks may come, but Boreas is going and Medicine Hat cannot save him,

Thirty Years Ago This Day in Omaha

Compiled from Bes Piles. City Engineer Whitney of Kansas City is looking over Omaha for points of information about our pub-He works and our system of paving. He was piloted about by C. D. Woodworth.

The program of the Ladies' Musical society consisted of instrumental numbers on the piano by Miss Pannie M. Loomis and a solo by Martin Cahn.

Special Policeman James presented to Marshal Cummins sinctees new wooden clubs to be given to those members of the force who do not now possess them. N. C. Bath of Albuquerque, N. M., is visiting his

brother, E. S. Rath, of the Omaha Savings bank. An informal meeting of the members of the two ledges of the Ancient Order of United Workman was held to meet P. P. Ellis, grand organizer for northern Nebraska.

T. W. Blackburn of the passenger department of the Union Pacific, was entertaining his brother, R. A. Blackburn, a recent graduate of the Hahnemann Medical college of Chicago.

Clem Hackney, superintendent of motive power of the Union Pacific, received from Topeka a handsome pair of bay horses, together with a gold-mounted harness and a stylish buggy. The entire outfit was presented to lar. Hackney by the motive employes of the Santa Fe before coming to Omaha, and coat \$1,00, contributed by 1,300 workmen.

Docile New York Democrats

The democratic donkey in New York is not altogether a stupid ass: it knows from whence floweth the milk and honey on which it thrives. The informal convention of the Empire state democrats modestly and without undue ostentation gives its endorsement to the president, and tentatively at least promises him support in his second term aspirations. Less than this could hardly have been expected. The gathering at Syracuse was notable for absence of the men against whom Mr. Bryan launched his thunderbolts at Baltimore. Tammany sachems were discreetly kept in the background, while the up-state chiefs beat the tom-tom and did the dancing. This doesnt mean that the tiger's appetite is not as keen as ever, or that he has given over any of his propensities. The men who control the machinery of the party in New York are expert enough to know when to be docile. They will be in line at St. Louis all right, and will not reinquish their present hold on the public payroll until they have to. The continuance of Norman E. Mack as national committeeman shows how perfect the con-

The Vice Explosion in Minneapolis.

Having been periodically advertised by professional reformers as "the wickedest city in the world" Omaha has a sympathetic fellow feeling for Minneapolis, which is the latest to be so branded, and yet, with the experience of our own town in mind, we would not want the good people of Minneapolis to take it too hard. Only a few weeks ago, it was Baltimore that had a sensational vice report exploded beneath it, and before that it was Chicago and Pittsburgh and various others. The presumption is that it is a mighty poor town that cannot yield up sufficient yellow-hued material for a scathing arraignment of its morals to investigators, well meaning or not, bent on finding what they are looking for and that one live town differs from another in this respect only in degree. It goes without saying, too, that people have to be told every little while how bad they are in order to make them try to do better or to stop them from growing worse. The agencies of prevention and improvement, however, are working all the time-if lost cities had no way to be saved except by these sporadic outbursts of vice-exposers and reformers they would, indeed, be in tight lines.

Mystery of Passenger Rate Making.

When the lay mind sets out on a journey through the labyrinth of railroad tariffs, it soon succumbs to the mystifying influence of the tangle, and on recovery is willing to admit that the science of rate-making surpasses any other known form of hocus pocus. Just a few days ago, the railroads of the west were pleading before the Interstate Commerce commission for authority to raise passenger rates. At the same time, the Missouri Pacific was before the federal court in Omaha, asking for an order to restrain the state board from enforcing the 2-cent rate. In each case the plea was that the rate permitted was not remunerative, and in each case relief asked for was granted. Now comes the announcement that the Missouri Pacific has reduced interstate rates between Omaha and Kansas City! Its line connecting these two cities runs through the 2-cent zone of Nebraska and Kansas. The public will not resent the cut, but will be left wondering how it could be made if the Missouri Pacific's plea in court was honestly presented.

An Excellent Appointment.

Considering that Governor Morehead was bound to choose a member of his own democratic party to fill the strictly nonpartisan position vacant on the district bench, his selection of Arthur C. Wakeley commends itself as an excellent one. The new judge is not only a lawyer of good standing who would never stoop to disreputable practices, but he comes of a fine judicial family, his father, the late Eleaser Wakeley, having presided over the same district court before him, always with credit and due appreciation of the responsibilities of the office. To have another Judge Wakeley on the bench will therefore bring the sound of a familiar name and we feel sure, from long personal acquaintance, that the record he will make will be likewise creditable to all con-

Cannon of the Future.

Prof. Rausenberger, expert gunmaker of the Krupp cannon factory, expands with professional pride when talking of the achievement of his forty-two-centimeter monster, but modestly admits that even greater possibilities await the future builder of cannon. Guns nor projectiles have reached the limit of their capacity for destruction, according to this designer. which means that even greater preparations for defense must be made. Thus will the duel that has gone on from the very beginning of things between offense and defense be continued, never to be ended, till man learns to devote his constructive ability to better purposes.

The present war has awakened a spirit that may lead the race of men to a plane where cannon will not be the court of final resort. The thunder of the guns that shook down Liege and Louvain, that battered Przemysl and Warsaw, and now are shattering heaven and earth at Verdun, has stirred the soul of mankind to thinking of other things than guns. The thinker is looking far ahead to a day when right and justice may be established without the sacrifice of countless human lives or the destruction of unmeasured wealth. Through what agency this end may be gained is not so easily determined, but in time some meeting point will be found where man's many concerns and diverse interests may be harmonized and his energy turned to creation. This is yet the day of the sword. but the time will come when the sword will be sheathed, when order will not rest solely on

The possibilities of the caunon maker have not been exhausted, nor has the peacemaker reached the limit of his ability. If the war in Europe teaches any lesson, it will be in the interest of peace.

Considerable heat under the collar is manifested by New Yorkers because Henry Ford publishes his opinions and pays for the space. Indignation is expressed in resolutions condemning the automobile magnate as "a near-traitor" to his country. But the indignant citizens shrewdly avoid paying space rates for their indignation.

Thrift vs. Conscience

Men who know what conscience means have a hance to wrestle with an interesting problem The district court recently held that District Court Robert Smith may retain something like \$5,000 he had collected as such officer in fees for issuing naturalization papers in Omaha.

The federal law provides that naturalisation papers must be secured through the office of the clerk of the district court, and authorises a fee for the service. There is a state law which requires the clerk in each district to make a report of all fees collected by him, and fixes the amount of the salary of clerks, which varies by reason of classifications on account of population.

This law makes no distinction as to the sources such fees, but through some provision of the federal law it seems possible to hold that naturalization fees to to the clerk in addition to his compensation through his salary allowance.

A great many of the district cierks of the state paid over to their respective counties the fees collected for this service, just as they did the fees re seived under the state laws, but the Douglas county district clerk did not. It was only after long litigation that the court held that Clerk Smith might hang

to the \$8,000. Now the problem is, how do those clerks feel who paid them over to their counties? How would you feel were you in their places? Would you feel that you had bilked yourself? Or would you fall back on conacience and get satisfaction out of the conviction that you had done your duty in making the sacrifice? Or as another alternative, would you bring suft against the county for the recovery of the

Aimed at Omaha

Oakland Independent: That "the female of the species is more deadly than the male," was shown pretty strongly when an Omaha woman went to Hastings and shot her mother-in-law. Men are content to shoot gibes at their mothers-in-law

Valentine Republican: The mayor of Lincoln, Neb., wants to help Omaha. The "Bee" hastens to inquire: "Is there anything Lincoln wants Omaha help her people get?" Can't you get a two-year lease on the executive mansion together with the exclusive use of the governor's office in the capitol building for Brother Charley with the privilege of

Beatrice Express: "Senator Hitchcock's support of President Wilson has been consistent," says the Omaha World-Herald. This is another joke item from the World-Herald "funny man" that will be appreciated by all who have kept tab on the senator's activities in the United States senate.

Newman Grove Reporter: An attempt was made last week to blow up the state capitol building by placing bombs in a little used furnace. Wonder if that is a part of The Omaha Bee's plan to get a new building? Even in its most earnest moments we do not believe Norfolk has ever considered that method of moving the court house in Madison county, although it is evident to all that this plan would most certainly move it.

York News-Times: Omaha, with several million other towns, is now seeking nation-wide publicity with press dispatches claiming Jean Crones, the death-inthe-soup artist, has been seen there

Twice Told Tales

Over Particular.

negro porter, nearly 80 years old, was arrested on some trivial charge, for which he was later discharged. It proved, during the trial, that he had never seen the inside of a court before, and the bustle of events greatly dazed and embarrassed As he stood up when his name was called the clerk sang forth:

"Do you solemnly swear that the testimony you shall give in this case shall be the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help you God?" And the negro started back, gasping. Then he turned quickly to the bench.

"Mr. Briles," he said, for he knew his honor from boyhood in an unofficial capacity, "Iso puffectly willin' to tell de truf, but mus' I be all catched up datter way, in case I might want ter git des a step or two offin' de road? Hit don't give a man no leeway, suh!"-Case and Comment.

Carrying the Law.

Very few of our lawyers carry the green bags which were once a badge of that profession. "I think the sight of such a hag once kept Joseph

H. Choate from coming to Philadelphia to make a speech." Mr. Conlen said. Mr. Conlen and another lawyer nad gone to New York to invite the ex-ambassador to England to deliver an address in Philadelphia. Mr. Conlen's companion carried a green bag, which he laid upon Mr.

Choate's table, evidently to the great lawyer's annoy-"What do you carry in that thing?" he saked. "I have some law books," the young Philadelphia attorney replied.

"When I was a young lawyer," Mr. Choate said, rather coldly. "I was taught to carry my law in my head. And the invitation was declined.-Philadelphia

Lodger.

People and Events

Lightning drawn by the steel rod of an umbrella caused the death of Mrs. Louisa Kruger, near East St. Louis, and set her clothing on fire. Every bit of metal in the umbreils was fused into a lump.

The Irish wife of a Turk has been divorced at Los Angeles because be used a scimetar in splitting the biscuits she made. Domestic compatibility hasn't enough resiliency to stretch from Constantinople

An investigation of a powder mill explosion at Pottsville, Pa., showed the cause to be the fall of a drop of sweat from a workman into a tank containing cotton and nitric acid. The danger line in a powder mill is almost invisible

A recent shake-up and shake-down of municipal officeholders gave Memphis three different mayors within an hour. Thomas C. Ashcroft, a banker and former newspaper man, is now on the job with an unexpired term running to the end of 1830.

One of the business getters of a saloon at Brazil, Ind., is a pet monkey, trained to do various stunts for profitable customers. On a recent Sunday morning the monk, awakened by a crowing rooster, started to rough house the premises and bombarded the owner and janitor with bottles, forcing both to best a retreat. A policeman's stick subdued the animal, after the owner and lanitor were sent to the hospital.

Sea serpents are rather scarce at the Florida resorts this winter, so the natives utilize the alligators for the thrills. At one resort a three-foot alligator disporting in a hotel tank, crawled out of his pond and joined the Daughters of the American Revolution at their banquet. The unbidden guest persuaded the banqueters to mount chairs and remain standing until a squad of waiters backed the alligator into his pool. The affair proved a genuine acream.

From the plaw to the editorial chair of Woman's World, with clerking, working through college and medical jurisprudence as intervening rounds of the ladder, spans the progress of Hiram Moe Greene. once a crountry boy of Fremont, O. Mr. Greene has recently been managing editor of the Illustrated Sunday Magazine, where his talents brought him to the attention of the publishers of Woman's World, headquarters in New York City.

The Bees Lefter Box

egislation and Special Interests. OMAHA, March 1 .- To the Editor of The Boe: Your editorial of February 36 eaded, "Progressive Legislation," is indeed a timely exposure of the popular fallney, that there exists a sinister coalltion of the so-called "special interests" to defeat progressive legislation. This matter has been so persistently drummed into our ears that it receives far more redit than it deserves.

A great deal of the lobbying in our lawmaking bodies is merely in defense against blackmailing attempts aimed at public service corporations, railroads, insurance companies, liceral interests, etc. know that such attempts are regular occurrences at every legislative session. The so-called interests assailed, however, have their own axes to grind, and have no time to aid the other fellow. This applies especially to the liberal interests quite generally misnamed the "liquor interests." It is generally admitted that some corporate interests have often fortered and created prohibition waves in order to divert attention from their own roubles. Many instances can be cited and especially the connection between the Colorado coal strike and the prohibition campaign in that state. Some people may honestly believe that there is some connection between the various private interests and the liberal element. Political tricksters and demagogues are certainly making capital out of these everlastingly repeated charges in order to make a convenient scapegoat out of the liberal element, and professional prohibitionists delight in picturing them as an all powerful octopus.

This is an era of headliners and catch phrases like "preparedness," "watchful waiting," "brewery tools," "boose," etc., do more to confuse the "think-lazy" reader than all other agencies combined. The Romans already had the saying, "the world wants to be deceived." Barnum only resurrected it. F. HAARMANN. Nebraska State Senste, 1913.

As to Washington's Birthday.

OMAHA, March 2.- To the Editor of The Bee: I may be somewhat old fogyish about it, but I never could see any good reason for closing the schools on George Washington's birthday, I should think the best plan would be to have some special exercises on that day commemorative of the life and times of George Washington, I will wager that not one pupil out of 500 even thought of Washington on the twenty-second day of February.

I said to one high school pupil that I should think it would be more appropriate to hold some exercises that would bring to view the life and doings of Washington. He said he did not think so, for then they would not have any fun by having a holiday. He admitted to me that he did not think of George Washington on his birthday until just as be was getting ready to go to bed and then simply remembered the fact without any special thought of Washington. It would be of more benefit to the ris-

ing generation to have some kind of exercises commemorating the deeds of Washington than to have them run wild on the streets with no special aim in view. Why would it not be a good plan for the school authorities to fix up a program for February 22, 1917, that will be of benefit to the pupils of the schools of a far more reaching character than what they will learn by running the streets because they have a holiday.

There is plenty of time to fix up a fine program for the schools for next year and it would not hurt to begin at once. Then cut out the boliday next year and devote the day to teaching patriotism in these critical days of the world. F. A. AGNEW.

Principle Above Theory.

OMAHA, South Side, alarch 2 .- To the

Editor of The Bee: When governments are formed by breaking away of colonies from countries having control of them. or overthrowing of a government by the people and the establishing of a different form of government, certain great principles of government are set out to not only meet the occasion, but reach to the future prosperity of the country.

As applied to this nation, let us consider text in an inverse order, so that theory may be eliminated if possible. We are told by authorities that theory is a doctrine or scheme of things, which terminates in speculation or contemplation without a view practice; mere specula-

It naturally follows then that that in the formation of a government it must be dedicated to some principle that meets the requirements of the present and will reach to the future. Equity and justice to all men being among the cardinal principles to which this nation was dedicated in its formation, it only remains to ascertain whether the faith of the founders has been realized, and selfgovernment is not an experiment, but a

At the outset much doubt was expressed by the civilized world as to the practicability of forming a government whose citizens are sovereigns, but that doubt has long since been dispelled, and those doubtless have been forced to acknowledge the growth, prosperity and standing that this nation is now placed in among the nations of the world, its influence being felt and courted by all nations. As exigencies have arisen, Americans have seen the necessity of reaching further and have so amended their organic

law to meet those necessities, and by proper legislation sought to carry such amendments into effect. In acquiring additional territory it has never been the policy of this government

to add thereto by conquest, but by purchase on an equitable basis. For wrongs done, only such compensation has been asked as equity would demand. By strict adherence to principle, a strong foundation has been established and mankind benefited. Results in strict adherence to principle are numerous and lasting Shall we continue in such course or shall we begin to theorise with no high idea! in view. I, for one, say, look to principle for the high ideal, for in doing so this country is safe in the hands of its citi-CLINKER.

EDITORIAL SIFTINGS.

Pittsburgh Dispatch: Germany is going to let us have enough dyes for postage stamps and greenbacks. the color of our bills is the least thing we worry about.

Louisville Courier-Journal: The moral advantage of the screen, as compared with the stage, is that the love-lorn matinee girl cannot hang about the stage door waiting to meet the hero.

Houston Post: Bryan will make speeches in Texas, but there is Dick Met. caife up in Nebraska daring him to come up and debate preparedness with him. Dick is no such orator as Bryan, but there are times when common sense overcomes professional chin music.

Nebraska Editors

Editors Reed and Templin of the Shelon Clipper have added a model Z line type to their equipment.

J. W. Robinson, editor of the Unland Eagle, is a candidate for the democratic nomination for senator from the Twen tleth district.

O. B. Miller, editor of the Ogmand Republican, has filed for the republican nomination of clerk of the district court G. A. Mohrman, editor of the Neligh

nomination for superintendent of schools of Antelope county. The Franklin County Tribune is the name of a new paper started at Bloomington last week. Colonel H. B. Holmes

Register, has filed for the democratic

is editor and proprietor. The first issue of the Belvidere News appeared last week. It is a four-column quarto with ready-print inside. P. J. George, formerly of Hebron, is the edi-

The Alliance Herald, John W. Thomas editor, last week printed an illustrated eight-page section devoted to industries and farm resources of the "American Valley of the Nile."

James C. Elliott, editor of the West Point Republican, has filed for the republican nomination for county attorney in Cuming county. Mr. Elliott was formerly postmaster of West Point

Eugene T. Westervelt, editor of the Scott's Bluff Republican, is a candidate for delegate to the republican national convention from the Sixth district. His petition, which has been signed by hundreds of voters, will be filed this week. Editor W. H. Green of the Creighton Liberal is trying to call off some of his admirers, who are circulating a petition to put his name on the primary ballot as candidate for delegate to the democratic national convention. He says he prefers to remain a perfect "neutral" so that he can shoot it into the crooks within the party as well as those with-

SMILING LINES.

"Was her father violent when you asked him for her hand?"
"Was he? Great guns! I thought he'd shake my hand off."—Town Topics.

"I don't think women have a sense of humor," said the man with opinions.
"Most of us," replied Mias Cayenne, have the very highest sense of humor. We know when not to laugh."—Washington Star.

Church-What's your idea of this pre-paredness business?
Gotham-Getting ready for a second term.-Yonkers Statesman.

DEAR MR. KABIBBLE HOW MANY TIMES A DAY SHOULD MY FIANCE CALL ME UP? - BEATRICE ROSENTHAL

IT ALL DEPENDS ON HOW MANY FRIENDS' OFFICES HE VISITS DURING THE DAY! 5

Patience—What did you think of Peg-gy's new diamond ring? Patrice—I didn't notice it. Patience—Didn't notice it? Gee, are you stone blind?—Yonkers Statesman.

"I fear that maid I hired away from Mrs. Flubdub is rather incompetent."
"Why so?"
"She doesn't seem to have any gossip about the Flubdubs worth mentioning."— Kansas City Journal. Stranger (entering)—Is the cashler in? Manager—No. Stranger—Gone for a rest? Manager (sadly)—No; gone to avoid arrest—Stray Stories.

"Sadderman seems to be always worrying over something."
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and staved four weeks but when I came home I would faint just the same and had the same pains. A friend who is a nurse said for me to

try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I began taking it that very day for I was suffering a great deal. It has already done me more good than the hospital. To anyone who is suffering as I was my advice is to stop in the first drug-store and get a bottle of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Com-pound before you go home."—Mrs. W. C. Brown, 1109 Auburn Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.

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