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DWIGHT WILLIAMS, Circulation Manager.

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ROBERT HUNTER, Notary Public.

Subscribers leaving the city temporarily should have The Bee mailed to them. Address will be changed as often as requested.

Now doth the young man's fancy turn to gay raiment and vision a bedeway.

Recording the uplift in the gasoline belt approaches the monotony of a daily grind.

If the explanation went further, it would demonstrate that the "J" is just a "jay."

It is evident from the accounts that Pancho Villa is some sprinter even with a lame leg.

The men charged with plotting an invasion of Canada evidently were not posted on Fenian history.

The fake reformer keeps on shouting: "See how honest I am; I tried to steal only $10,000 to $20,000 when I might easily have tried to steal more."

With so much construction work in hand and in prospect how can our water board boss devote most of his time to partisan politics without neglecting the job he is paid for?

The Lincoln woman, reported to have gripped a fortune in oil lands, has the additional satisfaction of spotting masculine cold feet without taking the temperature.

A committee of congress relegates both the dry amendment and the suffrage amendment to the pigeon-hole for the present. A presidential campaign year is a poor one for a showdown on disquieting questions.

Out of the conflicting stories of the survivors of the triple train wreck, and the attempt to fix responsibility for the disaster, will come the usual divided blame and inconclusive results. After that, forgetfulness.

The renomination of "Fee-grafter Bob" would mean simply that his associates on the ticket would have to carry him, or rather, be dragged behind him. It is to the interest of every man who hopes for a republican nomination in this county to be saved from being saddled with "Bob."

Revised copies of President Wilson's preparedness speeches significantly qualifies downward his St. Louis outburst. His call for "incomparably the greatest navy in the world" now reads "incomparably the most adequate navy in the world." The change underscores the sober second thought.

The days of old, when pirates bold plowed "the raging main" hold no one-act performance surpassing the holdup feat of Ernest Schiller. To capture captain and crew single-handed and depart with the valuables rivals the achievements of Lafitte, or the Mediterranean pirates of long ago.

Mr. Bryan insists that Nebraska has stood still for twenty-five years on the issue he is now raising. While that assertion invites dispute, yet the democrats were in control of the state administration and the legislature fully half of that time, so the burden of the indictment comes right home to the Bryan bunch.

Thirty Years Ago This Day in Omaha

Compiled from Bee Files.

The county commissioners are seriously considering the advisability of building a basement under the court house and grading the hill down to the level of the street, thus doing away with the proposed retaining wall. Correspondence has been opened up with Architect Myers of Detroit to ascertain the advisability of the undertaking and the probable cost.

Mrs. Hendricks, widow of the late vice president, Thomas A. Hendricks, has been spending a few days in Omaha on a visit to her brother-in-law, Captain Sammy Herman, formerly connected with the Union Pacific railroad in this city. Mrs. Hendricks eulogizes Omaha highly, saying among other things, that it had some of the most sociable and cultivated people she ever had the pleasure of meeting. She was also surprised to see the growth of the city, not only in the way of population, but large fine buildings.

The republican city convention met and proceeded to the election of the school board, with John D Clarke as president of the organization and Lew Green, secretary. Votes were cast for the candidates. Messrs. T. W. Blackburn and H. J. Davis, receiving thirty-three votes each, were declared elected. Rev. W. S. Copeland, on the second ballot, was nominated, receiving twenty-six votes.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Paulsen celebrated their silver wedding at Germania hall in an enjoyable manner.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Pestner (the late nee Miss Bertha Nagle, who were married this week, are visiting friends in Chicago and Detroit and will return in about ten days.

Messrs. John Gillespie and William Easterday have been charged with the important duty of arranging for the organization of a canning factory company on the basis proposed by John Baker of Iowa.

Bryan's Pledge to Wilson.

At his birthday celebration, William Jennings Bryan again pledged his fealty to President Wilson, and predicted his renomination at the coming St. Louis convention. This is quite a matter of form, and not at all unexpected, but how do Mr. Bryan's actions square with his professions of loyal support for the president? Only a few days ago, when Mr. Wilson was asking of congress a vote of confidence, Mr. Bryan was busy with his followers at Washington, striving to prevent any endorsement of the announced foreign policy of the administration. At Lincoln he followed his announcement of loyalty with an attack on the president's plan for making preparation for the defense of the nation. Some months ago, at one of the gravest moments in recent history, Mr. Bryan retired from the responsible position of secretary of state, because he did not agree with the president on a question of paramount importance. Openly professing loyalty to his party's head, and his quondam personal chief, the great commoner has, by every flick in the box of the adroit politician, opposed the entire program of the administration. By his public utterances he has preserved his "regularity," but he has reserved his right to knock and hamper everything the president does, and has exercised the right at all times. His present pledge to Wilson leaves unanswered the question, What is a democrat?

How to End the Jail Feeding Graft.

The Bee has been fighting the jail feeding graft for many years and, at one time, seemed to have succeeded in stopping this abuse. Through The Bee's efforts, a law was enacted by the legislature providing for feeding county jail prisoners by contract upon the same plan that the prisoners in the city jail are fed, and this system was inaugurated and continued throughout the two terms of Sheriff Bralley with most satisfactory results not only in the handsome saving effected for the tax payers, but also in the character of the food furnished to the jail inmates.

With the advent of the present democratic sheriff, the possibilities of reviving the jail feeding graft proved too tempting and, with the aid of shrewd lawyers, he secured a court decision nullifying the contract feeding law. Not content with that, the sheriff and his contingent fee partner, turned lobbyists and manipulated the legislature into making a feeding allowance of 32 cents a day per prisoner, of which two-thirds is profit which he pockets in addition to the $4,000-a-year salary and mileage attached to the office.

This jail feeding graft should be stopped by the next legislature, but it will never be stopped if the present sheriff remains in office and is able to block it. If the contract system is impossible, as the courts indicate, then the law should be made so that the sheriff must act as agent for the county in supplying food for the jail, with the county footing the bills just as it does, for example, for the detention home and the poor farm.

As candidate for the republican nomination for sheriff, Michael L. Clark has given assurance that, if elected, he will be satisfied with the legal salary and that he will not put anything in the way of the enactment of a proper measures for feeding of the prisoners at cost to the county. There will be no trouble with the lawmakers unless the man who makes the profit gets busy to perpetuate his rake-off. A vote for Clark will, therefore, be a vote to end the jail feeding graft.

Struggle of Giants.

Two million or more automobile owners and other thousands of gasoline consumers are diligently searching for a gun to wing the flying price of oil. Vocal protests and kicking the pump produce no responsive echo at the signboard. With the serene confidence of a cinch the elevating figures look the consumer in the eye and calmly intimate that haste is necessary to escape the next jump.

In all cases of current price boosting the responsibility is placed on war. It is the evil genius of ascending steel products, of lumber, dyes, drugs, dry goods and eatables. Every producer with things to sell senses the war as a stimulator of prices, passes the uplift down the line, each handler adding his bit before it reaches the consumer. The oil interests are quite as patriotic as the other fellows, their reach is in good working condition, and melons are their quarterly favorites. Masters of the art of scooping the coin could not sit idly and let all the coin roll by. It is doubtful if they will "hog the trough" much longer. Unlike other price lifting magnates, the oil barons are up against the whole automobile industry and automobile users, an aggressive and resourceful multitude, forced in self-defense into a united body. No means of relief, from a congressional searching expedition to possible substitutes, will be left untried. Imperilling a vast business by boosting the cost of power to prohibitive figures may yet prove the means of undoing the oil monopoly.

A noted doctor diagnoses the country's chief ailment as a lack of first class fathers. Others have noted this national weakness before, but failed to tell it out loud. Doubtless the wives are aware of it. Even fathers admit it, in confidence. All this knowledge makes for improvement, but progress is bound to be slow and spasmodic so long as the dads are denied the joyful uplift of "Fathers' day."

The most embarrassing of the sad experiences of professional embalmers is the habit of mourners forcing money upon them. Cigars or nerve bracers are tolerable, but having $9,000 forced into one's pockets, is a species of compulsion which the profession, no doubt, will resist with all its might.

The chief of our seacoast artillery sends this cheering word to the scare belt: "The coast fortifications of the United States are impregnable against naval attack." The statement is based on the results of the recent bombardment at Mobile bay, and effectively disposes of alarmist fictions.

Whatever criticism may be hurled at the political department of the administration, its matrimonial record is beyond the reach of successful attack. The coming domestication of the White House doctor proves the undiminished power of good examples in high station.

Hughes

Only Way for Expression of True Sentiment.

Harvard Courier: Notwithstanding the fact that Justice Charles E. Hughes of the supreme court of the United States has insistently declared that he is not a candidate for the office of president, and has insistently refused to have his name appear upon the preferential ballot at the primary election, it has been ascertained by close canvass over the state that there is a very strong sentiment in favor of his candidacy, and a way to give expression to that sentiment has been suggested. The plan is for every voter in favor of Charles E. Hughes for president to write that name in full on the blank line which will be found on the ballot for such purpose. There is no other way to get expression of the true sentiment and the Courier hopes it will be adopted by the republican voters at the primary.

Don't Forget the Cross in the Square.

Scott's Bluff Republican: Write it Charles E. Hughes and put an X in the square in front of the name. The Republican will have a fac-simile of the ballot showing just how it should be written in.

Logical Candidate for President.

Hartington Herald: The Herald finds itself in sympathy with the movement started by Victor Rosewater to write the name of Chief Justice Hughes in on the primary ballot as the republican candidate for president. We believe that Hughes is the logical candidate for president, and, despite the fact that he has ignored all political overtures so far, we believe that if the call is made loud and insistent enough he will have to heed it. There is very strong sentiment all over the state in favor of Hughes, and there is a very strong sentiment in this county in favor of him, and we hope to see large numbers of voters writing in his name at the primaries. Hughes is a big man in every way, and this is an opportunity for Nebraska to do something worth while, something that will redound to the credit, not only of the republican party, but also of the state and country. Write in the name of Hughes as your presidential preference, if he is your choice.

Best Test of Primary Plan.

Fremont Tribune: The hundred republican Nebraska newspapers that have decided to urge that voters write in the name of Charles E. Hughes on a blank line in their primary ticket, have undertaken a pretty big job, but it can be made successful.

The rank and file of the party are in favor of Hughes because of their great admiration for his ability and his independent, courageous attitude on all public questions. Everywhere one goes he can discover the predominance of the Hughes sentiment. It is spontaneous and strong. No one is cultivating it. The people want him because they believe in him. They want him not alone because of his fitness, but because of his availability and the assurance he would give of success. They want relief from the halting, uncertain, spasmodic, whirligig methods of the present administration and its failure to give the country a statesmanlike management.

The newspaper campaign for Charles E. Hughes in Nebraska will serve to test the fitness of the primary plan to endure. If the plain and manifest desire of the people to see Hughes nominated cannot be expressed through the primary, it will show how defective the plan is. And if the voters are not capable of going to the polls and casting their votes for Charles E. Hughes, written and spelled just that way, it will be a discreditable commentary on their intelligence.

We would like to see the republicans of Nebraska demonstrate their ability to do as they wish in this matter. They are for Charles E. Hughes and they ought to prove themselves capable of writing the name in their primary ballot.

Would Have All Write in Their Choice.

Beatrice Sun: Victor Rosewater proposes that republican voters write upon their ballots the name of Judge Hughes as preferential candidate for president. It is not a bad idea and might be enlarged upon. It would be a good plan to print none of the names of presidential candidates on the primary ballot and leave the expression to those who are able to write and who take sufficient interest in the matter to write their preference on the ballot.

Trouble Well Worth While.

Fairbury News: There is every indication that a large majority of the republicans of Jefferson county favor the nomination of Hughes for president—in fact, he seems to be the only man on whom the republicans could all unite. Unfortunately his name will not appear on the official ballot, but there is still no good reason why republicans should not express their preference, and they can do so by writing the name of Justice Hughes on the blank line on the ballot. The line was provided for that purpose, and this would be a good year for republicans to prove that even under our present ballot system it is possible to draft a man for public service. There are many reasons why this should be done. In the first place there are no candidates appearing on the ballot who would be the first choice of any considerable number of republicans in the state. And yet, unless republicans take the trouble to write the name of their preference on the ticket, some one of the candidates who now have a place on the ticket will secure the entire Nebraska delegation to the national convention. While Mr. Hughes is not a candidate, there seems to be no doubt in the minds of those familiar with the situation that he would accept the nomination if it were tendered to him without a contest. Republicans of Jefferson county should see to it that their choice for president is recorded at the primaries.

Twice Told Tales

Fair Nourishment.

Port Collector Dudley Field Malone said to a New York reporter:

"We exported a billion dollars' worth of food last year. No starvation there, eh? No such growl coming there as the wounded soldier made.

"A wounded soldier in a French hospital developed a fever, and every little while his nurse put a thermometer in his mouth to register his temperature.

"Presently the doctor came to see him.

"'Well, how are you getting on?' the doctor asked.

"'Fairish, sir,' said the soldier.

"'Have you had any nourishment?'

"'A fair amount, sir—a fair amount.'

"'What did you have?'

"'A lady gimme a piece of glass to suck, sir.'"

Thirst for Excitement.

Old Captain Bowline usually spends his time pottering about in a little sailing boat. Recently he was chatting with a friend on the subject of his hobby.

"I think I'll get a motor boat next summer," said he.

"Whatever for?" asked his friend. "I thought you were so keen on sailing?"

"Well, I am, but motor-boats are so much more exciting," replied the hardy old chap. "In a sailing boat you can only drown, while in the other you can be drowned, burned to a cinder by a petrol explosion or even starved to death if your engine breaks down ten miles from land."—Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

Open to Everybody.

A Sunday school teacher in a North Side church was laboring with a class of urchins to impress upon them that the church is the home of all classes who care to come. After talking some time on this subject she asked:

"Now, children, do you know the house that is open to all—to the poor, the rich, the sad, the happy, to men and women, to young and to old—do you know the house I mean?"

One little boy, who had been interested in about everything but the lesson, caught the question and immediately answered: "Yes, miss, the station house."—Columbus Dispatch.

The Bee's Letter Box

Ballot Fac Simile Now Ready.

DANNEBROG, Neb., March 31.—To the Editor of The Bee: Permit me to offer a suggestion in regard to the "writing in" of the name of Charles E. Hughes for president on the primary ballot, which I am pleased to note that you urge all Nebraska republicans to do.

Let every republican county central committee have a goodly number of handbills or cards printed on which shall appear the name of Charles E. Hughes in plain, large type and attention directed especially to republican voters to have this name filled in on the ballot correctly spelled. Let those handbills or cards be freely distributed in towns and cities a day or two before election and on election day at every voting place possible. In counties having no republican organization let some few interested individuals assume the duty of getting these out.

If the suggestion meets with your approval, kindly give it the publicity through the columns of The Bee that you think it deserves and I hope that the various republican county committees will adopt some method of getting the name of Charles E. Hughes prominently before the voters and urge them to have it written in the ballot.

A HUGHES MAN.

NOTE—The editor of The Bee already has these instructions in a fac simile of the presidential section of the ballot with the written-in name, which slips may be had free on request.

Against Submarines.

BENSON, Neb., April 1.—To the Editor of The Bee: The recent exploits of German submarines are conclusive proof that Germany's promises as well as treaty obligations are like pie crust, made to be broken. The frequent slaughter of non-combatants on the high seas is making international law a joke. As submarines do not possess the necessary facilities to enable them to fulfill their obligations under international law the sinking of the Lusitania would have resulted in the severance of diplomatic relations with Germany if the late secretary of state had not deserted the president in his hour of need.

THOMAS HENRY WATKINS.
Fifty-fourth and Boulevard.

An April Fool Letter by "Bob."

OMAHA, April 1.—To the Editor of The Bee: A contributor to The Bee, this date, asserts that I secured the passage of a fee bill increasing the fees of the clerk's office and that, therefore, I should receive no credit for turning in $81,245.75 more fees than my predecessor for a like period, and further asserting that I "hung onto" near to $12,000.00 of insanity fees until the supreme court had spoken. It is true that the new fee bill did in some instances increase the fees, but a corresponding reduction was made in other cases, the net result being a very slight reduction when the entire business is taken into account.

The following extract from a testimonial on file in this office should dispose of the charge that fees have been increased:

OMAHA, Neb., Feb. 15, 1911.—We believe the present fee law does not increase the average cost of litigation as compared with the system in effect prior to April 5, 1909, but does more fairly distribute the burden.—Lee S. Estelle, Howard Kennedy, Geo. A. Day, William A. Redick, Willis G. Sears, A. C. Troup, Chas. Leslie, and by practically every lawyer in Douglas county.

The old fee bill allowed persons to escape the payments of fees in a large measure, and under my predecessor, the county lost in this way from $40,000.00 to $50,000.00.

As to insanity fees, there never was a dollar paid me that I did not report and pay the County Treasurer sooner than the law required.

This should be a complete answer to these charges and as to the other charges so freely made, it will appear during the campaign that they rest on just as insufficient a foundation.

ROBERT SMITH.

The Literacy Test.

OMAHA, South Side, April 2.—To the Editor of The Bee: Much has been and is now being said concerning the matter of applying the literacy test in the naturalization of persons seeking citizenship in this great commonwealth and admitting foreign-born persons to our shores. Literacy means "versed in, or acquainted with literature." But viewing it with reference to the making of citizens of persons of foreign birth, it seems that the requirements are, that the applicant should be able to speak, read and write the English language, so that he is able to understand properly, or to a reasonable extent. If this be correct, then we can see some good grounds for applying the test. I venture the assertion that we have many citizens, and others knocking for admission almost daily, who can neither speak, read or write the English language, an interpreter having to be used in all such instances. We think this does not meet the intent of our naturalization laws, and one should not be naturalized until he has mastered English to the extent that he is able to give a fair and reasonable answer to interrogatories propounded to him without the aid of an interpreter.

The admission of foreign-born people to our shores should demand attention along this line, more stringent than the rules now are so that the undesirables will be more securely barred. One having dual-citizenship proclivities, or one that says that one flag is just as good to him as another is extremely undesirable. No confidence can be placed in such when it comes to maintaining the integrity of the government or protecting our flag. And if there be such now (as I am credibly informed there is), their naturalization papers should be taken from them and deportation should follow without reference to literacy test.

One who has such disrespect for our national emblem, whether he be naturalized or native-born, would better move to another clime, and perhaps by the system of grafting might in time be able to produce a flag suitable to his liking and consistant with his theories.

CLINKER.

NOTE: This writer goes beyond the demands of the radical restrictionaries to whose proposal literacy test requires of immigrants ability only to read and write their own language.

SIGNPOSTS OF PROGRESS.

Rapid organization within the last year has developed the American Red Cross to a condition of efficiency as one of the bulwarks of national defense.

That the world will grow hotter instead of colder is the assertion of an English scientist, who looks for this result because he thinks there has been a large amount of radium collected in the molten nucleus of this earth; energy from which will keep things warm for several years to come.

Editorial Snapshots

Boston Transcript: It is sad to contemplate the havoc that would be created by the colonel's nut-eating bird at a pacifist convention.

Detroit Free Press: Bryan has pledged President Wilson his support for re-election, as if the president didn't already have troubles enough.

Indianapolis News: Germany denied sinking the Persia, Austria denied sinking the Persia, and now Turkey has denied sinking the Persia. You're next, Bulgaria.

Philadelphia Ledger: Those moralists who deplore the depravity of the Middle Ages can find plenty of food for reflection in the poisonings and other crimes in the current news.

Washington Post: If the average immigrant from southeastern Europe were permitted to apply a geographical literary test to the learned judge, it is feared that the latter would be promptly deported as undesirable.

Cleveland Plain Dealer: Dr. Eliot of Harvard says that Americans spend more than five billion dollars a year on non-essentials. Well? What a dreary, un-American place this would be if we spent all our money on necessities!

Louisville Courier-Journal: "There are good and bad noblemen," says the duke of Manchester in a syndicate article, "just as there are good and bad newspaper men." Of course, the difference being that the bad newspaper men do not expect the heiresses to support them.

Pittsburg Dispatch: If Secretary Baker isn't careful some of the investigators will be getting after him for his haste in doing things. Every time General Funston remarks that he wants a few more motor truck trains or something of that sort the secretary shoots in the order and turns to other work.

MIRTHFUL REMARKS.

Ragged Rogers—Dey say dat some Broadway swells never wears a suit more dan once.

Frayed Philip—Well, neider do we—only it's a longer once.—Baltimore American.

"Well, have you been fixing your fences?"

"Been digging trenches," declared Congressman Plowdub. "I'm in for a real fight."—Kansas City Journal.

Little Sister—I would laugh if I got a nice box of candy for my birthday.

Big Brother—So would I.

Little Sister—But why would you laugh?

Big Brother—Because I'm bigger than you are.—Judge.

Young Widow—Did you have much trouble getting Jack to propose?

Girl Friend—No, dear; I told him you were after him.—Boston Transcript.

She (during the spat)—You forget that I had a dozen offers before I accepted you.

He—Well, what of it? I proposed to a dozen women before I met you.—Indianapolis News.

"Now, Johnny," said the teacher, "suppose you wanted to build a $5,000 house and had only $500, what would you do?"

"I'spose I'd have to marry a girl worth $4,500," answered the young financier.—Kansas City Star.

"Bob," said Coyote Joe, "what's one of these here optimists?"

"Well," answered Broncho Bob, "as near as I kin make out, an optimist is a feller that can look at a pair of deuces an' imagine it's as good as three kings; an' still have sense enough not to bet on the hand."—Washington Star.

"See that girl over there? She's the girl I was engaged to last year and the engagement was broken off."

"Did you get your ring back?"

"Get it back? Why, three months afterward she wrote me asking if I wouldn't have the stone reset for her."—Boston Transcript.

Tactless Lady Friend to Hostess—By the way, what birthday is this we are celebrating?

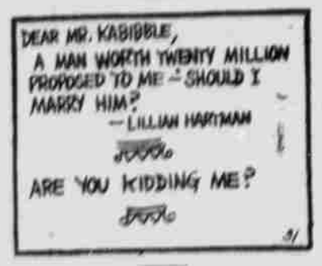
Hostess—My thirty-fifth.

"But haven't we celebrated that before?"

"Oh, yes! It is one of my favorite birthdays."—Life.

"First we crush the quartz, then we mix it with mercury, which has the faculty of dissolving the gold particles. We treat this amalgam in retorts and finally extract the pure gold."

"I see," said the lady visitor. "It's a complicated process. Almost as complicated a process as extracting money from my husband."—Louisville Courier-Journal.



"Judge, if you'll let me go I'll enlist in the army."

"No, you'll have to serve a short sentence. When it comes to effecting a reform, I think the pen is mightier than the sword."—Kansas City Journal.

Mother—Miss Scroggins is going now, Willie; come and kiss her good-by.

Willie—I'm awfully busy just now, mother; let father do it.—Puck.

"How wonderfully you play the bagpipes!"

"But in that piece I struck a false note."

"That is even more wonderful—to think you could detect a false note amid the general hubbub."—Chicago Post.

AN APRIL SONG.

Don Marquis in "Dreams and Dust."

Fleet across the grasses
Flash the feet of Spring.
Piping, as he passes
Fleet across the grasses,
"Follow, lads and lasses!
Sing, world, sing!"
Fleet across the grasses
Flash the feet of Spring!

Idle winds deliver
Rumors through the town
Tales of reeds that quiver,
Idle winds deliver,
Where the rapid river
Drags the willows down—
Idle winds deliver
Rumors through the town.

In the country places
By the silver brooks
April airs her graces;
In the country places
Wayward April passes,
Laughter in her looks;
In the country places
By the silver brooks.

Hints of alien glamour
Even reach the town;
Urban muses stammer
Hints of alien glamour,
But the city's clamor
Beats the voices down;
Hints of alien glamour
Even reach the town.

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