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SECULAR SHOTS AT PULPIT.
Houston Post: An Indianapolis preacher
says the man who does not tell his wife
the truth under any and all circumstances
is a scoundrel. Absolutely true, and yet
if he does he's a fool.

PEOPLE AND EVENTS.
"An innocent country girl from Cin-
cinnati," is the way a New York paper
refers to Dentist Waiter's stenographic
companion. It is hardly probable that
she had to go away from Cincinnati to
get an eye-opener.

MUSINGS OF A CYNIC.
When a woman pauses for reflection,
look for the mirror.
All men are born equal, but the equal
ity is apt to end right there.

DOMESTIC PLEASANTRIES.
Mother—Geraldine's teacher says she is
on the merit roll again.
Grandmother—She's her father's girl,
bles her! Hiram always did the most
merciful work.—Judge.

DEAR MR. KABBLE,
SHOULD I BRING A BOX OF
CANDY WHEN VISITING A YOUNG
LADY FOR THE FIRST TIME?
YES—BUT AS YOU GET MORE
CASELESS SHE'LL JUST LOVE
TO SEE AND TALK OF THAT
FIRST VISIT OF YOURS!

OUT OF THE ORDINARY.
Last year, for the first time in more
than half a century, new railway con-
struction in the United States fell to less
than 1,000 miles. In 1914 the total of new
mileage built was 1,025 and in 1915, 971.

SIGNPOSTS OF PROGRESS.
Eighteen thousand bricks can be man-
ufactured by the steam process in ten
hours.
Electrification of steam railroads in the
United States last year brought the total
of such equipment up to about 2,500
miles.

AROUND THE CITIES.
Philadelphia produces nearly 50,000,000
yards of carpets and rugs.
Last year St. Joseph, Mo., paved a little
over eight miles of streets at a cost of
\$28,217.

UNEQUALLED
By Any Other Society We Surpass Ourselves
The
Woodmen of the World
Received 12,960 Applications
During MARCH. 807 Greater than February. The
Confidence of the people is fully justified.
J. T. YATES, Sec. Clk. W. A. FRAZER, Soc. Com.

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Views, Reviews and Interviews
By Victor Rosewater.

IT WAS with a feeling of sadness that I attended
the funeral of William H. Kent this last week,
for he was another of the men who had helped put
The Bee on the map in the early days. He was city
editor when that functionary was the whole local
force, and though it was long before I had any active
part in the production of the paper I know how much
he was valued by my father, who with but little assest-
ance was the whole editorial department. Kent was
an indefatigable worker of the old style of journalism
and his stories were newsworthy and readable. What is
more, he had a personality that made friends and
he had a host of them to these days. And when, after
using up his vitality in other fields, he came back
and found a less strenuous job with us at the proof
desk, in his quiet going and coming he never seemed
just the old Kent, steady and industrious as he was
to the end, when he died in the harness, as all of us
want to die when our time comes.

The death of Will H. Koenig also comes close to
The Bee household, for he was at one time a member
of the newspaper family and we always kept close
the bonds of personal friendship. When a man under-
goes the intense suffering he had to endure in his
last two years, his taking off brings grief but not
regret.

It is now definite that the temporary chairman
of the coming republican national convention will be
Senator Warren G. Harding of Ohio, who will deliver,
in that capacity, the opening speech as did Senator
Root in the last convention and Senator Lodge in the
convention before that. Senator Harding was born in
Omaha during the campaign of four years ago when
he addressed a republican meeting in Lyric hall and
made a most favorable impression upon those who were
fortunate enough to attend. I remember that as
discussed chiefly the tariff issue, showing himself
thoroughly familiar with the phases of the subject
which he took up. He is a newspaper man, the editor
of a paper published in Marion. I had heard him
make the speech nominating President Taft which was
a masterpiece of that style of oratory and it is safe
to predict a stirring and finished address from him
as the keynote for the convention.

His task, however, will be comparatively easy, for
the prospect is for a harmonious and fairly smooth-
moving meeting. The election of the presiding officer,
which four years ago required an individual roll call
and took all day, will be perfunctory and probably by
unanimous ratification of the recommendation of the
committee, things may even be calm enough to per-
mit of a few brief remarks by Chairman Hillier when
he rises for order, if he is inclined that way. Before
the big meeting of 1912 was convened, the press associa-
tions applied day after day for advance copy of what
I was going to say, but the only answer I gave them
was that there would be no advance copy. I could
perhaps have prepared a typewritten paper that would
have read all right in the press reports, but it is
well to recognize one's own limitations. I found
by having a meaphone operator repeat what I said
to him and besides, the oratory role belonged to Sen-
ator Root and Senator Harding, still better equipped for
the oratorical performance.

A striking figure of all the recent conventions has
been removed by the death of Ceell A. Lyon of Texas,
which occurred last week. Colonel Lyon used to exercise
an almost exclusive proprietorship in the republican
party of the Lone Star state. Though born in
Maryland, he was a typical Texan in appearance. He
was an ardent political worshiper of Colonel Rose-
velt and a great personal favorite of the colonel. He
was state chairman, national committeeman, patronage
dispenser, presidential referee, all in one. He was a
sort of political dictator in Texas and at the same
time exercised a fatherly oversight and solicitude for
his crowd. I recall a humorous incident in which the
joke was at the expense of Colonel Lyon, but which,
none the less, illustrates the southern atmosphere.
Three sets of contesting delegates claimed the seats
allotted to Texas in the 1906 convention. During the
hearing Colonel Lyon himself representing his own
delegation, broke in on the colored man pleading for
a black delegation with the customary charge that
the other side drew the color line.

"Do you mean to say," interrupted Lyon, "that I
don't have any colored men in my organization? Don't
you know there are negroes right here in my organiza-
tion?"
"Yes, Mister Lyon, you have a few black delegates
who do see' as you, tell em, but they doan' represent us."
"But don't you know I have negroes on my state
committee and my county committees and all through
my organization?"
"O' yes, Mister Lyon, you have a few black men
on your committees but they haven't got nothing to
say. All the politics you have is done in that white
man's club you've got up at Dallas."
"Whatt'!" thundered Lyon. "Do you mean to tell
this committee that I have a white man's club that
does all the politics? Who told you that I belonged to
a white man's club? Did you ever see me at any
white man's club up at Dallas?"
"Lord, no, Mister Lyon," came the answer, quick
as a flash. "Why, you know perfectly well it wouldn't
be safe for me to look for you at your white man's
club up at Dallas."

The laugh was on Colonel Lyon and he joined in
it. And then the committee voted to seat the Lyon dele-
gation.
Colonel Lyon made his fortune in lumber and was
at the head of the Kirby Lumber company when it
maintained an office in Omaha.

Thirty Years Ago
This Day in Omaha
Compiled from Bee Files.
W. N. Babcock, K. C. Morsehouse and General
Manager Fitch of the Northwestern railroad have
returned from Cheyenne, where they have been in at-
tendance upon the Western Cattle Growers' associa-
tion. John A. McShane of this city also attended the
convention.

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Last year St. Joseph, Mo., paved a little
over eight miles of streets at a cost of
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Seattle's public library has installed a
special telephone for the purpose of an-
swering outside requests for information.
The municipal lodging house of St.
Louis closed on April 1 with a record of
8,000 lodgings, for which men paid by
working in the parks.

While digging a cellar at Elkhardt, Ind.,
workmen uncovered a treasure trove con-
sisting of a tank containing sixty-five
gallons of high-test gasoline. Some luck,
that.

An audit of the municipal books of Des
Moines shows a debt of \$26,936, which
the city council cheerily passes up to the
new. The floating debt is to be turned
into bonds.

New York removed 13,000,000 cubic yards
of snow from the streets last winter at a
cost of \$30,000, or 2½ cents per cubic
yard. The cost was higher than usual,
owing to the scarcity of labor.

Montclair, N. J., claims to be the best
'happy town' in the United States. Dur-
ing 1915 the death rate among babies un-
der one year was only sixty-five in 1,000,
compared with 135 in 1,000 in all New Jer-
sey and 124 in 1,000 in the United States.

Five of the items in a requisition for
chemicals in the New York City hospital
were: Oxidizedmercuriciodine, acyl,
dihydroquinone, methylene, dimethyl-
mercaptane, carbon bisulphide and triethyl-
phosphorochloride. Once in
while printers and proofreaders get their
due

Persistence is the cardinal virtue
in advertising; no matter
how good advertising may be
in other respects, it must be
run frequently and constant-
ly to be really successful.