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Rumor factories on the Rio Grande continue working overtime regardless of expense. Advance of wages secured without a strike nowadays is the finest grade of 'velvet' in the labor world.

It is quite evident that Nebraska republicans are not the only ones who want Charles E. Hughes to head the ticket.

It may take Omaha some time to run Baltimore off the map as "The Monumental City," but there is nothing like a good beginning.

As an offset to its adverse vote on organized labor, the Methodist convention declared that union is a good thing for church divisions.

The reported unwritten understanding regarding operations south of the Rio Grande is not the only thing on the q. t. in Mexico. There is Villa.

Still, if the senator's editorial alter ego really believed democracy is as strong as all that, he would hardly use up the bigger part of a double-column space to convince himself.

If President Wilson is alive to the opportunities pictured by the Commoner, he will commission Colonel Bryan as ambassador extraordinary to Europe with instructions not to come back without peace.

Sir Edward Grey, speaking for Great Britain, and President Poincare for France, publicly deny overtures for peace. Their statements make it clear that a neutral peacemaker would receive scant attention at the present time.

Now that it has been proved that big building operations can be carried on in Omaha without blocking traffic or monopolizing the adjacent streets for storage room for supplies, the requirements should be exacted of all contractors alike.

Omaha wants to get along harmoniously with the railroads, but that is no reason why the railroads should be permitted to give Omaha the worst of it in their passenger rate-making. If harmony will not get fair treatment, we may have to try discord.

Nothing unusual about banks making 50 per cent or over in a year. Two federal reserve banks in New York City cleared 62.6 and 71.6 per cent last year, and one of the two distributed a dividend of 50 per cent. But the earnings were actual, not ink made.

A teacher protests against the intrusion of outside "stunts," such as dandelion picking, upon the school children, taking time they ought to put on their studies. Why, if harvesting the dandelion crop interferes with school room work, let the schools be closed down.

One by one ceremonious institutions revered by long usage limp toward the scrap heap. The word "obey" in the marriage service is no longer fashionable and has been discarded by several denominations. The Methodist commission on ritual revision favors striking out the solemn formula: "With my worldly goods I thee endow." Modern laws and knowledge of pockets renders the pledge unnecessary and useless.

Thirty Years Ago This Day in Omaha. Compiled from Bee Files.

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Madame Matthews, in an Omaha shopping list, has a number of the representative merchandise and notions of Omaha that at the Board of Trade rooms at the expense of organizing an Omaha Trade Bureau. There were present the following: Messrs. R. W. Bush, Chapman, Whitehead, Mack, Vinograd, Schuchert, Hildebrand, Goodman, Hirschback, H. H. Fry, Fred, Bishop, Hanson, Fetter, Harkley, Carl and Meyer.

J. E. Harshbarger, Union Pacific station agent, is out on a campaign setting up with stations for the service of the Union Pacific over during the last year.

Frank Matthews has been honored with the position of first trustee of the Union Pacific for the 1915-1916 season. The trustees are: J. E. Harshbarger, who has been named as trustee of the year.

The first line has been inaugurated as a part of the plan for a road to be built extending from California Street to Nicholas Street, about half a mile and from Nicholas to Jackson Streets, on the ground it is to be used to haul the depots.

Border Trouble on Both Sides.

Not all the border trouble originates in Mexico. Quite enough of it has its source north of the Rio Grande, and some of it quite a ways north. An interested, and in some measure influential, circle is actively fomenting the question of intervention and possible annexation with enough of effect to give Mexicans reason to doubt any protestations of sincerity on part of our government. Those who are responsible for the agitation may be honest enough in their effort, but are open to the suspicion of being actuated by motives not entirely devoid of self-interest.

Teaching Journalism in the University. In a straight-to-the-point article in the Norfolk News, Editor Huse calls attention to the backwardness of the University of Nebraska in cultivating the field of journalism for which the University of Kansas, the University of Missouri, the University of Wisconsin and various other progressive institutions have long since established and maintained successful departments.

Poincare's Peace Proposals. The speech of the French president, purporting to outline terms on which France will accept peace means nothing at all, aside from the utmost limit of what might be exacted were the Allies in position to dictate the basis for settlement. This outline has been frequently announced from the councils of the Allies.

A Study in Exports. The tide of exports from the United States, though running at a flood for months past, continues rising beyond all former records. For the nine months of the fiscal year ending with March the value of exports reached the unprecedented total of \$2,905,875,232, nearly a billion more than the record of the same period of the previous fiscal year, and nearly double the value of imports.

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Union Pacific Wealth

W HILE earnings of the Union Pacific are running heavy and the cash position of the road, as pointed out by Dow, Jones & Co. is so strong that an extra dividend might be declared, indications now are that no action of this kind will be taken at today's meeting. After clearing of foreign complications and settlement of the pending labor controversy the matter may be considered.

Signs of Progress. The annual product of the American chicken yard is estimated at \$500,000,000. More than 12,000 students are taking courses in agriculture in the colleges of the United States.

Why Union Pacific thinks it wiser to keep on hand any large part of its \$100,000,000 surplus is not obvious, save for one fact: The Central Pacific may be on the market when the supreme court breaks its judgment in the government suit against Southern Pacific.

Incidentally, Union Pacific owns coal lands in Wyoming which are of great value to a big railroad, of its 4,500 miles of main line 59 % is laid with ninety-pound rail and 25 % with eighty-pound rail.

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Editorial Snapshots

Washington Post: Some congressmen are so alert to the people's needs that an investigation of the high cost of radium may be ordered at any moment.

Philadelphia Ledger: A New York pastor has had the courage to strike 1,331 names from his church membership roll of some 2,500. This action is not to be viewed as uncommunicative—no doubt if any of the members who have been dropped can prove that their seal has not faded they will be readmitted.

Statistics show that the number of automobile accidents is decreasing steadily as compared with the number of machines in use.

For smaller cities and towns a recently devised fire alarm employs an enlarged and more than usually powerful automobile horn, electrically operated, to sound signals.

Philadelphia Ledger: With the greatest war in history piling up anguish every day, they are brave souls who are anticipating the great "industrial war yet to come" and are already shivering apprehensively as to the possibilities of a competition ruthless and world-wide, with no quarter and the devil after the hindmost.

Wall Street Journal: Union Pacific promises to show surplus for common stock of approximately 15 per cent for the year to end June 30, 1916. This would compare with 10.9 per cent in the previous year. The gain in net for nine months ended March 31 was \$6,700,000, or 35.2 per cent. There is every prospect that this rate of increase will be at least maintained over the final three months of the year.

World's population makes use of 2,500,000 glass eyes in the course of each year. It is generally agreed that at the lowest estimate wheat has been a faithful servant of mankind for 6,000 years.

Vienna statistician figures that the Austrian infantry has fired 1,300,000 cartridges and the artillery 1,000,000 shells since the beginning of the war. An Egyptian soldier's tomb, built 4,000 years ago and preserved in its entirety, has been placed on exhibition in the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City.

Lines to a Smile.

"That callow youth acts as if the world depended on his choice of clothes." "Well, in his salad days it is natural for a man to be particular about his dressing."—Baltimore American.

Hub—Look here, Mary, it was only last month I paid a dressmaker's bill of \$71 and here is another one for \$6. Wife—Well, dear, doesn't that show that I am beginning to spend less?—Boston Transcript.

Dear Mr. Kabibble, My husband refuses to stir out of bed—how can I get him to arise early? Have the graphophone play the star spangled banner and he's sure to stand up—these are stirring days!

Do you think Bacon wrote the Shakespeare plays? "What's the use of worrying about that now?" protested Senator Borah. "What we've got to worry about now is who is going to write the party platform and what he is going to put into it."—Washington Star.

Kawler—Did you ever go to one of those astrologers? Mrs. Blunderby—No, but my daughter Kate is just crazy to have her periscope read.—Philadelphia Ledger.

The childless person sought to cheer the parent of an overflowing household. "My man, you must learn to be contented," he said. "Mouths are never sent without bread to fill them." "Maybe you are right," said the parishioner, "but the mouths are all sent to our homes and the bread to yours."—New York Times.

Old Grump—Why doesn't Ethel marry that young idiot? I'm getting blame tired of his coming here so much. His Wife—I believe I'd prefer to have him come here. If she marries him he'll stay here.—Boston Transcript.

Marjorie—Do you believe in eugenics? Patricia—I don't know. But if I could once get married, I wouldn't care what happened to me.—Judge.

Herbert S. German in Poetry Magazine. Within the wood behind the hill The moon got tangled in the trees. Her splendor made the branches thrill And thrilled the breeze.

The satyr in the grotto bent Their heads to see the wondrous sight. "It is a god in banishment. That stirs the night."

"It is a cyclops' glaring eye." "A temple dome from Babylon." "A Titan's cup of ivory." "A little sun."

A great wind whistled through the pine And caught the moon and tossed it high. A bubble of pale fire it flew Across the sky.

The satyrs gasped and looked and smiled, And wagged their heads from side to side. Except their shaggy little child, Who cried and cried.

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