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Everybody's boasting for Omaha. Get the habit and keep it up!

All of us are quite ready to have a closed season declared against tornadoes.

The coming "rare days of June" must come early and stay late to equal the farewell smiles of May.

Altogether too many automobile accidents in this vicinity. Slow down and drive more carefully!

It may be conceded without argument that the modern feminine dress could stand a little expansion at both ends.

It is well to give the Allies a belated reminder that, when driven to it, we can give "hands across the sea" a slap on the sleeve.

The unfortunate case of that dislocated Bridgeport postmaster again proves that when tempted to write letters it is safer not to do it.

In dress reform, as in other personal matters, when woman wills she will. A moderate showing of unity and the fashion makers will be at her feet.

Chicago is already satisfied that its investment of \$100,000 to guarantee the expenses of that convention is to return handsome profits—and then some.

Cards, dances and like frivolous diversions continue excluded from the pale of Methodism. A live church body can put considerable joy into life without a shuffle or a trot.

The most hopeful sign pointing toward early peace negotiations is the labored effort of each belligerent to convince folks that it is not to be blamed for keeping the fight a-going.

The Burlington is to spend two million dollars on improvement work in Wyoming. It would have no trouble finding the money to pay for its share of a new Union depot in Omaha.

The democratic threat of a gasoline tax, put as a feeler earlier in the year, failed to materialize in the schedule of proposed new taxes. Party leaders evidently heard from the gasoline vote.

Time to begin talking again about a "safe and sane" Fourth of July celebration. Is Omaha to continue to permit the sale of dangerous noise-making explosives forbidden in all the other large cities?

It must be plainly understood that no disloyalty to the administration will be tolerated from any Nebraska democrat holding under the Postoffice department. The only Nebraska democratic official who can be disloyal to the administration and get away with it, is our democratic United States senator.

Are We Doing Our Duty? Appeals more urgent than ever are being made to the American people for contributions for the relief of the stricken and helpless in the war zone of Europe.

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Plain Talk to England and France.

The note from the United States to the British and French governments, dealing with the interference with mails by the Allies, is set in very plain terms. Approaching the point with directness that is almost blunt, Mr. Lansing frankly informs the allies their recent reply to complaints made by the United States is not responsive, that it evades the question and is not satisfactory to the United States.

Manifestly a neutral nation cannot permit its rights on the high seas to be determined by belligerents, or the exercise of those rights to be permitted or denied arbitrarily by the government of a warring nation.

While no date is set for the modification of the present practice of seizing and searching letter mail, the inference gained from the language of the note is that immediate compliance is expected. If the continuance of friendly relation with England and France depends on removal of cause for complaint, further pursuit of the policy adopted in February last can only be construed as offensive.

Propitious Time to Boost for Omaha.

While Omaha has had its successive ups and downs during its comparatively brief career, it has become the wonder city that it is only through the continued and concerted efforts of its public-spirited and enterprising citizens. Never was the time more propitious than it is today to make Omaha still more important on the map. Omaha is essentially a market town for the product of the richest agricultural territory of the country and on this foundation is building a center of finance, trade and industry, art, educational and religious activities.

Puzzling Case of Casement.

Fragments of the public career of Sir Roger Casement, leader of the Irish invasion, made in Germany, throws much light on the puzzling conduct of a sincere but misguided man. Pieced together, these fragments reveal a British official with a record of twenty-two years of public service as consul and special commissioner in out-of-the-way places of the world, a service which undermined his health and forced his retirement.

As British consul at Delagoa bay during the Boer war Poultony Bigelow bears testimony to the loyalty and energy with which Sir Roger Casement aided his government in wiping the Transvaal republic off the African map. The Portuguese port in that crisis was the one ocean inlet to Oom Paul Kruger's capital.

It has been said in explanation of his conduct, that his sympathetic and generous nature was intensely stirred by the cruelties inflicted upon the natives of the Congo country exploited by alien promoters. This is borne out by the official record. His revelations of the inhumanities of the rubber regime startled the world at the time and forced radical betterment in the government of the Congo.

As late as May, 1914, when Sir Roger appeared before a royal commission in London and gave his views on consular betterment, there appeared no reason for questioning his loyalty to the crown. The fires smoldered beneath the surface.

The excited individual became suddenly calm. "Yesterday has gone, my friends," he said, "with a glad smile, and today is going. You may die tomorrow or today. Now, without loss of time, you should take out a policy of life insurance with my firm, the"

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That reward of \$50,000, American money, for the capture of Pascho Villa remains unclaimed. The price looks mighty big and tempting to the Mexicans, but the risk is too great to enjoy it.

Wyoming is coming to its own. Projected railroad advancement to the state steadily with steady progress in developing the boundless resources of this storcheson of the west.

Views, Reviews and Interviews



By Victor Rosewater.

THE 1904 democratic convention at St. Louis was "a hot one" in every meaning of the word. The control was wholly in the hands of the reactionaries by a more than two-to-one majority and there never was the slightest doubt as to the outcome of the vote on any subject brought up, but the brutal majority had to ride rough-shod over Mr. Bryan at every turn.

Everything was set for the nomination of Judge Alton B. Parker, whom Mr. Bryan, however, to use a recently coined term, had "hamstrung" in advance of the start-off on the track. Strangely enough, the Tammany bunch were with Bryan in opposing Parker. I remember an interview with Bourke Cochran, Tammany spokesman, on the opening day in which he said that Grover Cleveland was the only democrat they could nominate and fight for with any assurance of winning.

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PEOPLE AND EVENTS.

John Wesley Gaines added a sheaf of fresh laurels to his fame by licking the sergeant-at-arms of the democratic convention of Tennessee. J. Wesley seems as handy with his dukes as in turning loose a deluge of words.

The bulk of an ancient windjammer of moderate size was encountered deep in the sands of East river at the Brooklyn end of the new subway tunnel. What the craft has on board besides sand and mud the diggers have not yet determined.

For a wonder the high cost of living and the high cost of education in the laborers' effort for grafting on the laborers' payroll of Chicago. A split of 50-50 was effected, which netted the participants \$1,000 a month. A prospective pensionary term robs "easy money" of its velvet feet.

A Louisville husband says his wife chased him out of the house at night when he was clad in his night shirt and humiliated him in the glare of an arc light. He admitted, however, that preceding the chase he had attempted to coax her with a fence piece. With this venture the company will please rise and sing: "My Old Kentucky Home."

Colorado has fewer advantages than California for bogus widows cutting a slice of dead millionaires' estates. The Texas widow who worked up a claim for some of W. S. Stratton's \$11,000,000 estate got her marriage dates mixed up and lost out. Most of the Stratton fortune goes to found and maintain a home for broken down miners, and bequests of the nature handed out the bulk of imaginary wives.

Keen competition for summer visitors already manifests itself at some of the swell semi-private resorts. A forward looking manager of a summer cottage at romantic Dobbs' Ferry, N. Y., puts out a fetching lure for huddling youth and elders equally eager to interpret love's dreams. Shady lanes and sheltered hammocks for the daytime and dim lights, cosy nooks and sound-proof walls are provided at bargain rates. The trouble with so much of a good thing is the certainty of an overflow, which romance abhors.

A real good looking girl carrying two large brown "lamps" and a smile that would make a quaker come off, drove from her home in Ashbury, N. Y., into New York City in her own car and got into a jam. She was stuck in the middle of a street. "I didn't know I was going so fast," she explained to the court, as her "lamps" and subdued smile centered on the judge. The judicial Buddha withstood the animated spots she fairly well. He smiled back, and pondered awhile. "Justice is no more blind with me than with anybody else," said he. "Merely dazzled. I suspend sentence." Then the judge turned and brushed a fly from his shining dome and sobbed for bygone youth.

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SECULAR SHOTS AT PULPIT.

Philadelphia Ledger: The Presbyterians are finding out that "the World, the Flesh and the Devil" are modernized in the motorcar, the movies and the dance which goes to prove that even that redoubtable old trinity cannot resist the temptation to be ultra-modern.

New York World: The term "fabling person" was appropriately applied to the late Rev. Edward Anderson, who died Sunday at Quincy, Mass., at the age of 83. As chaplain of the Thirty-seventh Illinois volunteers at the outbreak of the civil war, subsequently colonel of an Indiana cavalry regiment and minister of the gospel for many years after the war, he won equal honors as soldier and preacher.

Minneapolis Journal: There is a wholesome tendency in small communities for those of similar denominational beliefs to lay aside minor differences and unite in one strong church to take the place of several small, struggling, ineffective ones. In these days, when less emphasis is laid on faith and more on works, this is easily practicable. The world has come to judge a man more by what he does than by what he believes, and this is a just judgment. The good that one strong church can do in any community is far greater than the total of the good accomplished by a number of small organizations that are fighting mortgages and starving their ministers, in order to keep the fires of ancient faith burning on the altar.

Springfield Republican: The leading Protestant denominations are all busy raising funds for their disabled and superannuated ministers, and three of them have been given handsome lifts in the will of Mrs. D. Willis James of New York. To the proper boards of the Presbyterians, Congregationalists and Methodists she leaves \$750,000 each for their pension funds. We have already told how well the Episcopalians are coming on with their fund, and the Rockefeller are not likely to see the Baptists fall in this matter. It is only decent that the Christian churches should feel as much responsibility as business corporations in looking after faithful employees who can no longer work. But to return to the James family. Both Mr. and Mrs. James were splendid givers to many good causes. Since her husband died Mrs. James had been giving to religious and philanthropic objects something like \$1,000,000 a year. The number of people in this country who receive money as a trust is larger than the peasmobile reckon on.

Manufacture of paper in this country consumes nearly 6,000,000 cords of wood annually.

The value of the annual orchard products of the United States reaches a total of \$140,000,000.

A Virginian has invented a handtruck that enables one man to pick up and move objects weighing 1,000 pounds or more.

More than 100,000 operatives are now employed in American silk manufacturing mills. This is exclusive of those employed in dependent industries.

The production of automobiles in the United States increased 25 per cent between 1909 and 1914, according to the United States census bureau.

In the present fiscal year the United States bureau of fisheries expects to exceed all former records in the number of fish distributed and may pass the 5,000,000 mark.

Tanks, which in 1850 stood twelfth in rank, now is the seventh state in the American union in point of wealth. It is first in point of size and fifth in population, and its railroads are of higher value than those of any other state.

A wood splitting machine has been invented, which automatically handles a log two feet long and eighteen inches thick. It is run by a three-horsepower gasoline engine and consists mainly of a huge knife which works through the knottiest wood at the rate of sixty strokes a minute.

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