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Old King Corn shakes his tassels and says "Never touched me!"

Gasoline has come down a cent a gallon in the east, but the west hasn't heard of it.

Omaha's "Welcome" sign means just what it says to all visitors, especially cool waves.

The latest samples of democratic harmony in Nebraska exhibit the delightfully keen edge of dirks a foot long.

The governor's self-perpetuating food commissioner is carrying on like a man who wants to hold office forever.

The mystery of the "man who struck Billy Patterson" hasn't anything on the submarine Bremen as a fiction builder.

Master butchers put the high cost of meat on veal appetites, thus removing suspicion from the packers and the cattle barons.

Talk is a passing breeze, but deeds make the impression on reckless autoists. Commissioner Hummel needs to back his warnings with a big stick.

Mr. Hughes says this should be the country for the average man. It is, and the exceptional man also does pretty well here. It is the land of equal opportunity.

As a sporting proposition the endurance record of Wilson's "watchful waiting" and Carranza's manana policy run a race so close as to forbid political bookies offering odds.

Now that the weather man has things back on an even keel, let us all be thankful we live in Omaha, where the worst of hot waves isn't as bad as normal summertime in Kansas.

The New York street railway strike didn't last long, showing that if the parties to it had been as reasonable on Friday as they are now, no interruption of business would have occurred.

Southern cotton mills are not the only institutions given a body blow by the federal child labor bill. The north has a full share of workshops fattening on the tolling lifeblood of children.

Herrick and Pomerene head the republican and democratic senatorial tickets in Ohio. The selection simplifies the election and insures a real ambassador to the United States senate.

The domain of political prophecy hitherto monopolized by men already resounds with the dulcet melody of the suffragists. The change lends variety to the volume of sound without injuring the quality of the goods.

Fifty-three millions for deficiencies in addition to the biggest appropriations ever made is quite a mark for the democrats in congress, but the total for the coming year will be almost \$600,000,000 more than the present year's record total. The democrats are great when it comes to saving money, in state or nation.

"Pork" and the Red Devil
Pittsburgh Dispatch.

The United States senate, the "most august deliberative body in the world," was in session, and the senior senator from Pennsylvania, who is fitted to speak out of a long experience, was censuring the democrats for extravagance.

Whereupon rose William Joel Stone, himself an elder statesman from Missouri, a bulwark of the administration in the upper house, popularly known as "Gumshoe Bill," who allowed that it was not seemly, to say the least, in the senator from Pennsylvania to criticize what was done in the senate, inasmuch as he put in most of his time elsewhere than in attendance on the sessions of the body to which he was elected.

Senator Martine painted a picture of Mr. Penrose dashing through New Jersey in his big automobile on his way to the seacoast.

"In New Jersey they call it the red devil," said Mr. Martine. "The chickens and the dogs recognize it and take to cover and the calves seek shelter. The only feature of composure in the whole dreadful whirlwind of color and sound as it passes through the state is the Adonis figure of the senator reclining in the back seat with his cigar tilted at a comfortable angle."

From which citizens, it will be seen that even the elder statesmen have their lighter moments, but "pork" appropriations are forgotten in apotrophes to touring cars, and that the people of the keystone state should take heed and see to it that the dogs and the chickens are safely housed when the red devil is abroad in the land.

To Co-ordinate National Defense.

The army appropriation bill, as finally passed by the senate, and in the form it probably will go through the house, carries an item for a council of national defense, to co-operate with the president, congress, the War department and the army, for the purpose of co-ordinating national defense.

This means the great business concerns of the United States are to have their full share in planning for meeting any situation that may confront the nation looking to war for defense. No other phase of the general problem has been more widely discussed since serious consideration has been turned to the nation's exposed situation.

A referendum vote was recently taken by the United States Chamber of Commerce, through its affiliated bodies in the several states, and it was practically unanimous on the questions submitted, which involved universal military training, and the establishment of a council of national defense.

The business men of the United States fully realize that preparedness means a great deal more than willingness, and that an immense amount of work must be done before we are really ready. How absolutely unready we were was shown by the recent call for men on the Mexican border.

With the council of national defense properly organized, the problem is simplified, in its solution at least, for the new body will bring in the service of industrial and transportation experts, whose ability is now but collaterally available.

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Another Angle to the Strike. The four great railroad brotherhoods, by an all but unanimous vote, authorized their leaders to call a general strike if concessions asked are not granted by the railroads.

The August crop estimate from the Department of Agriculture puts the Nebraska wheat yield a little lower than that of 1915, but large enough to retain for the state its position as second winter wheat producer in the country.

The value to a community of having a staunch friend at the railroad court is shown at Kansas City in a substantial manner. Rates on coal have been reduced so as to effect a saving of 40 cents a ton on steam coal.

Governor Morehead apparently favored the continuation of the policy under which money spent on roads in Nebraska has been so generously wasted. Nebraska needs good roads as much as any state in the union, and should be willing to join in a general movement to secure the best.

TODAY

Thought Nugget for the Day. Nature has sometimes made a fool, but a coxcomb is always of a man's own making.—Joseph Addison.

One Year Ago Today in the War. Russians prepared to evacuate Kovno and Dvinsk.

Turkish army of 90,000 defeated and driven back into Armenia by the Russians.

Allies invaded Turkey, landing at Karachal, Thrace, north of Gulf of Saros.

Germans continued rapid advances on the Bug river, ending with the capture of Siedice.

This Day in Omaha Thirty Years Ago. A meeting was held at St. George's hall for the purpose of forming a lodge of the order of the Sons of St. George.



The first pier on the Sixteenth street viaduct has just been completed.

The team of grey recently purchased for the patrol wagon are now under the care of Dr. Ramoccoli and in the meantime Behm's bronchos are doing service day and night.

J. A. Williams, a promising young attorney of Madison, Wis., has located in Omaha and has office room with Hon. George W. Doane.

C. P. Benjamin of Cedar Rapids, Ia., has associated himself with Albright & Aylesworth in the real estate business.

Frank Allen, agent of the exposition association, has left to advertise the undertaking among the western tourists.

Friends of Ed Rothery, who will leave shortly for a trip to New York and Boston, presented him with a costly gold-headed cane.

Today in History. 1816—One of the most celebrated murder cases in the early history of the country was ended with the public hanging in Philadelphia of Richard Smith, late lieutenant in the United States army, for the murder of Captain John Carson.

1821—Jay Cooke, the Philadelphia banker who raised millions of dollars for the union in the civil war, born at Sandusky, O. Died in Philadelphia, February 16, 1905.

1833—Chicago was incorporated as a town.

1841—John Y. McKane, a notorious political "boss," who was sent to prison for election frauds in New York, born in Ireland. Died at Sheepshead Bay, N. Y., September 6, 1899.

1861—General Nathaniel Lyon, union commander, killed at the battle of Wilson's Creek, Mo. Born at Ashford, Conn., July 14, 1818.

1870—Strasbourg was invested by the Prussians.

1891—International Geographical congress met at Berne, Switzerland.

1902—James McMillan, United States senator from Michigan, died at Manchester, Mass. Born at Hamilton, Ont., May 12, 1838.

1903—Nearly 100 lives lost in a fire disaster on the underground railway in Paris.

1904—Russian sortie from Port Arthur repulsed with great loss by Japanese.

1915—The first civilian military training camp was opened at Plattsburg, N. J.

The Day We Celebrate. R. C. Hoyt, deputy in the United States district court in this city, is just 61. He came to Nebraska from New York in 1879 and in 1897 was given a position in the federal court at Omaha by favor of President Cleveland, of whom he is a relative.

J. J. Smith, formerly of the On Time Yeast company, but now living at Florence, was born August 10, 1835 at Centerville, Ia. He was a member of the board of education for two terms.

Fred L. Nesbitt, president of the Standard Fertilizer & Supply company, is just 54. His birthplace was Herrick, Pa.

Jonathan Edwards was born at Youngstown, O., August 10, 1846, and first saw Omaha June 2, 1858. Has been soldier, farmer, civil engineer and for ten years has been chief clerk of the tax department of the county clerk's office.

Joseph McKenna, associate justice of the supreme court of the United States, born in Philadelphia, seventy-three years old today.

Rear Admiral Charles E. Clark, U. S. N., retired, who commanded the Oregon on its famous trip around the Horn, born at Bradford, Vt., seventy-three years old today.

Rear Admiral George C. Remy, U. S. N., retired, who saw active service in the civil war and in the war with Spain, born at Burlington, Ia., seventy-five years old today.

Herbert C. Hoover, noted mining engineer and now a leader in the Belgian relief movement, born at West Branch, Ia., forty-two years old today.

Edward H. Peple, author of numerous successful plays, born at Richmond, Va., forty-seven years old today.

Timely Jottings and Reminders. The state of Missouri is 95 years old today.

Charles E. Hughes, republican presidential nominee, is scheduled to speak this morning at Grand Forks and tonight at Fargo.

How the woman's party will use its "balance of power" in the coming campaign will be officially declared by the conference to be opened by the party at Colorado Springs today.

The official notice of Charles W. Fairbanks of his nomination for vice president on the republican ticket, which was to have taken place at Indianapolis today, has been postponed until August 31.

Rear Admiral Thomas B. Howard will be placed on the retired list of the navy today on account of age. Admiral Howard comes from Illinois and was graduated from the Annapolis academy in 1873.

The summer meeting of the National Industrial Traffic league will begin at Detroit today and continue in session over tomorrow.

A notable wedding today at New London, Conn., will be that of Miss Louise Fleischmann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Fleischmann of Cincinnati, and Henry C. Yeiser, also of Cincinnati.

Members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of southern Pennsylvania, Maryland, West Virginia and the District of Columbia will gather today at Pen-Mar for their annual reunion.

The board of assessors of Tarrytown, N. Y., will meet today to hear the protest of John D. Rockefeller against the assessment on his Pocantico hills estate. The assessment this year is on a valuation of \$1,324,300, an increase of \$375,000 over last year.

Storyette of the Day. "I never saw a more industrious woman than that Mrs. Crum," the teacher remarked, before the Kentucky mountain boys and girls gathered at the school dinner table.

Teacher's manifestation of surprise brought forth a volley of ejaculations from the children, each of whom had mother, aunt or cousin who was equally ardent at wool-working.



Constable With a Heart. Omaha, Aug. 8.—To the Editor of The Bee: I trust you will allow me space to reply to Mr. Frank Canger, who is charging me with being derelict in the performance of my duties as a constable.

Some few days ago Mr. Canger started an ejection suit against a poor family indebted to him for nonpayment of rent. It was my duty to serve the papers and to forcibly remove the family into the street.

When I called at the home I found conditions there were pitiable. The father was without work and money, food was scarce, and the family was not possessed of too much furniture.

Altogether all the mother was in a delicate condition, and to have attempted to move her under the circumstances might have resulted in severe sickness, and possibly death.

I refused to interfere with them and would not think of throwing them out into the street. The father said he would move as soon as he could, which he did in due time.

I have always performed my duty as a constable and will continue to do so within the law. But whenever I find such a case wherein I must compel a poor family to move out into the street in such beastly hot weather, there to endanger the life of a mother, I will refrain from serving papers and resign my position.

I am glad to submit a plain statement of the facts as they existed so that the public may pass a candid opinion upon my action in the case as to whether or not I acted in a manner unbecoming a man and an officer.

JOHN JENESS, Constable, 4412 South Thirtieth Street.

Mr. Stebbins Asks Questions. North Platte, Neb., Aug. 7.—To the Editor of The Bee: May I ask some questions through The Bee: will someone answer them through The Bee?

Are men desirable citizens when they are promoting a business that is responsible for 60 per cent of the crimes that are committed?

Will all the money derived from such business make the promoters of such business desirable citizens?

Will desirable citizens try to legalize a business that they admit makes 60 per cent of their fellow citizens criminals?

Will some of the legal talent show me it is right and lawful to legalize a business that makes 60 per cent of their fellow citizens criminals?

How can such a business be an inlaw when there is no law found that does recognize it is lawful to legalize any business that makes 60 per cent of our fellow citizens criminals? CYRUS STEBBINS.

EDITORIAL SIFTINGS. Philadelphia Bulletin: That slippery sea-dog "Deutschland" passing unobserved within the space of a few hours, in a patrol boat had a message to the navy with a meaning all its own.

Pittsburgh Dispatch: Italians, wherever resident, are to be prohibited from trading with persons dealing with the enemy. If this keeps on trading is going to be a mighty complicated business.

Philadelphia Ledger: Now that the trick of trying to defeat the child labor bill by tying it up with the immigration bill has failed, the southern senators should take their medicine and look happy.

Washville Lumberman: John M. Parker suggests that the Progressive abandon the moose as a party emblem and adopt the eagle. An especially good idea, considering how far they are up in the air.

Minneapolis Journal: There are strange ways of getting enjoyment. One is to stand in the heat for two hours with your heart in your mouth waiting for a "human fly" to crawl up the side of a skyscraper.

Louisville Courier-Journal: What's become of the old-fashioned girl who wore a skirt which reached the floor, and even in the circumstances didn't think it possible to sit cross-legged and remain a perfect lady?

Boston Transcript: Before the administration throws in Greenland "to boot," or boots it away, so to speak, wouldn't it be wise to ascertain whether any of those Alaskan coal, copper and gold veins extend around that way?

Wall Street Journal: Believers in the cycle theory of business, the alternation of prosperity and high prices, with low prices, dull trade and unemployment, may easily attach significance to the present outbreak of labor unrest. In a time of abounding prosperity, strikes and threatened strikes were never more in evidence.

Seattle Post-Intelligence: The democratic postmaster of Pittsburgh was been removed from office promptly because he refused to dismiss efficient employees of his office to make room for deserving democrats.

Chicago Herald: Thomas M. Patterson, sometime United States senator from Colorado, is dead at the age of 76. He was a life replete with activity. He was a central figure in politics and civic effort in his city and state. It is not, however, in the consideration of Mr. Patterson's views and efforts that his life presents the most interesting and fruitful lesson, but in what his Irish led made of the American opportunity.

Born in 1841, he was educated with his parents in 1849. His education was in the common schools, with two years at "freshwater" colleges. After moving to the new territory of Colorado he became a lawyer. Also, he became active in politics and journalism. Consider his case. An immigrant lad, he became a millionaire and a national figure. Around him centered the political storms of a commonwealth for four decades. Could that have been done anywhere else?

HERE AND THERE. Panama is rising three feet in each century.

One of its moons circles Mars every seven hours.

The English language has eighty-two sounds.

Bombay, India, employs 208,880 in the cotton industry.

New Zealand has an annual death rate of less than 1 per cent.

There are 16,625 miners employed in the coal mines of Nova Scotia.

The wheat crop of the United States is one-fifth that of the world.

The industrial accidents of New York state are more than 400 a day.

Texas is the seventh state in point of wealth, first in size and fifth in population.

In normal times about four times as many telegrams are handled daily in London as in Paris.

In early Italian playing cards spades took the place of hearts, swords of clubs, and coins of diamonds.

In its per capita consumption of sugar the United States ranks fourth in the countries of the world.

Drawn by the scarcity of farm labor in England, many Danish young men are emigrating across the North sea.

After four years of work, it is believed that St. Paul's cathedral in London has been made practically safe from fire.

Alfred R. Quattle, vault clerk of the United States treasury at Washington, D. C., has handled \$25,800,000,000 in his fifty years of service.

During the last year there were 1,305 fires caused by cigars and cigarettes carelessly "thrown away in New York alone. The average loss per fire is about four times as much as that which has been cracked by an impatient eye that has been cracked by an impatient eye that has been cracked by an impatient eye.

The electrical energy sold in London, exclusive of that used for traction, increased from 1,256,000 kilowatt-hours in 1894 to 34,447,700 kilowatt-hours in 1914.

SHEAR NONSENSE.

"Pa, everybody knows Methusalem was the oldest man, don't they?" "Yes, my son."

"Then, who knows who was the oldest woman?" "Nobody, my son."—Baltimore American.

"Sorry, old man, to hear that you spilled some soup on Miss Andrews' gown at the dinner last night."

"So was I, dreadfully put out about it. You know it isn't polite to ask for soup twice."—Judge.

DEAR MR. KABBIBBLE, MY FINANCE WHO IS A REPORTER, IS ON HIS VACATION—SHOULD HE WRITE ME EVERY DAY?

I SUPPOSE IF YOU WERE ENGAGED TO A CONDUCTOR, YOU'D EXPECT HIM TO TAKE YOU TROLLEY RIDING ON YOUR VACATION?

"Silence!" thundered the big red-faced golf player, as he was about to drive. Everything became as still as the grave.

"I thought you told me you were on your way to enlist."

"I am," replied Flooding Pete. "I'm trying to enlist eventually for me large and unsatisfied appetite."—Washington Star.

"The Men—Of course, you understand, dear, that for business reasons our engagement must be kept secret."

"The Ladies—Oh, yes, I tell everybody that."—Kansas City Journal.

"The warring nations," said Mrs. Twick-embury, "seem to be showing a wonderful vivacious power."—Register.

Martha—So Lucindy an' Jim married in haste. Am dey repenting at leisure? Samantha—Jim is Lucy's taking in washin'—Boston Globe.

"Did yer give the wife anyfink on her birthday, Bill?" "I did."

"What did it cost yer?" "Fourteen days."—Idian.

Patience—Did the book have a pleasant ending? Patricia—Oh, yes; it said the engagement was broken and they lived happily forever after.—Yonkers Statesman.

"I suppose you are campaigning among the plain people?" "No, I want the beauty vote and I want yours, madam."

She promised it.—Kansas City Journal.

First Clubman—I have seen it stated that very few authors sleep more than seven hours a day.

Second Clubman—But think of how much slumber they furnish other people.—Puck.

"How long did you stay in your last place?" "Two weeks, mum, and before I agree to come to work for you I should like to know how long you kept the last girl you had."—Detroit Free Press.

A woman said to a little boy with his hair bobbed in his neck: "Franklyn, when are you going to have your hair cut like papa's?" "I don't want my hair cut like papa's," he replied.

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replied, "with a hole in the top."—The Christian Herald.

"What's the idea of the silk hats and frock coats?" asked the visitors at Crimmon Gulch.

"We couldn't go on wearin' our regular togs," replied Bronco Bob. "Everywhere we went we was followed around by folks that mistook us for movie picture actors."—Washington Star.

"Do you always vote exactly as you promise your constituents?" asked the man from back home.

"Not always," replied Congressman Hammett. "but I sometimes vote as I have promised some of them. In fact, no matter which side I uphold, some promise usually is redeemed."—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

WHEN THERE'S RAIN ON THE ROOF.

When there's rain on the roof and no wood in my shack From my summer vacation I want to come back.

When the chips are all wet at my neighbor's woodpile. The life of the camper is not to my style; When of empty bean cans I have saved up a stack.

To the grub of my home town I long to come back. Long for a dinner—a boarding-house pruncheon—I haven't seen one since the rare month of June.

Oh, I look at my muds and I vow I will pack. When there's rain on the roof and no wood in my shack.

But when I awake and the sun is shining And the birds are singing on aspen and pine; When there is abundance of dry wood in my shack.

And the fire in my kitchen stove crackles up bright. Oh, life in a cabin is just to my mind; To beans and black coffee I'm henceforth resigned.

I'll leave to the future all luxuries rare And console myself with some large chunks of cool air; Not yet—not quite yet—do I want to come back.

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