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The master butchers are regular cut-ups, but they are mighty quick about it.

It is still a question whether the grain pit bears saved their hides in the late scrimmage.

If Mayor Jim has his larist on straight, the landing of the land bank is a good as landed.

Mr. Hughes surely knew just where to hit, or he couldn't have so thoroughly aroused the democrats. Truth always hurts.

Italy's victory at Gorizia, important as it appears, pales besides the satisfying glory of the Turks getting back to Mush.

From Detroit to Washington is some distance, but Candidate Hughes' artillery quickly found the range and sent the shots to the right spot.

Wonder if the "writers" who signed that round robin are pleased with the particulars they are getting? Mr. Hughes is specific enough.

Unless the Bremen puts in an appearance soon, people will class it with other unconfirmed rumors, and turn their attention to something else.

Those man-eating sharks must have appeased their hunger very easily, for they seem to have disappeared from all the Atlantic coast bathing resorts.

As a measure of safety first, Secretary Redfield should stick closely to his role of prosperity booster and avoid monkeying with a presidential buzz-saw.

Nebraska's crop, garnered and growing, looms bigger than ever as the bulls toss the bears in the grain pits and the price keeps going upward. It is Nebraska's year.

Fort Crook is to be used as a training ground for recruits, after all. Quite a little money might have been saved if it had been taken for the mobilization camp last May.

The Mikado cheerily tells the allies that Japan will stay with them to the finish. Doubtless, as a favor, the "Yankees of the east" could be induced to book a few more munition orders.

Tractor magnates at Fremont are impressed not only with their own work, but with the interest the farmers are taking in the big machines. It is admittedly the first of all tractor shows.

The horrors of war are bound to be brightened if the prospect of restricted speechmaking in congress is realized. Besides conserving the supply of print paper it will relieve the congestion of canned wind in the cellars of the capitol.

Suffragists unfurled their banner of purple, white and gold on the crest of Pike's peak and saluted the morning sun with dedicatory speeches. The spectacle fittingly symbolized the advance of the cause to heights of glory and worry.

The soaring price of wheat presents a strong attraction to the venturesome, but nonprofessionals should keep in mind that every cent won on the board of trade is lost by somebody. It takes suckers to keep any game going long.

It is good for the eyes, the heart and the lungs to get away from home occasionally. Even Nebraska editors, though on the lookout all the time, manage to see new things when they cut loose and circulate. Nebraska affords a succession of developing wonders for those who look and move around.

Hughes in Detroit

Governor Hughes' visit to Detroit opened the presidential campaign of 1916 and if we may forecast the events that are to follow by the omens of Monday we would prognosticate an intensely warm, vivid and humanly interesting period in the next few months.

The misguided individuals who have been expecting that Charles E. Hughes would prove to be a cold proposition and therefore easy to beat are in for a shock that will make them think they have been hit by an uninsulated trolley wire. There is nothing cold about Mr. Hughes, Detroit has learned. He is about as intensely human a piece of humanity as ever captured the hearts of a crowd, and the more people in the United States he meets between now and November the more votes will be cast for him. As a campaigner he is a revelation. He likes his fellow beings, and like him because they see he likes them.

Detroit's impression of Charles E. Hughes is all favorable. The thousands of people who have studied him at close range are convinced that if he is elected president next November he will be a great president, one of the greatest this nation has known, worthy to stand in history with George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, custodian of the republic's fate to whom that to may confidently be entrusted. If that contention is shared by the people of other states now he is still to meet, the outcome of his tour around the great American circle cannot be to be propitious for him.

Hughes Answers Secretary Redfield

Mr. Hughes' reply to the demand of Secretary Redfield that he substantiate statements made at Detroit came very promptly, and quite pointedly. The letter from former Director of the Census Durand is a flat statement that his resignation was asked for, Secretary Redfield wanting "to create a vacancy" to be filled by his own selection. The Tittman case is quite similar, only his successor as head of the geodetic survey was first made chief of the fish bureau, and then promoted for "meritorious services." This at least gives Mr. Redfield what he demanded, the basis of the charges that he had removed experienced men in order to make "places for deserving democrats." Mr. Hughes has had too much experience to make serious charges he is unable to support, and the president and his cabinet ought to know that, just as they should have known their raid on the civil service would rise up against them when they faced another election. This episode is but added proof that the present administration at Washington has been not only maladroit but actually stupid at times.

It is worthy of note, in passing, that the Omaha World-Herald gave great display to Secretary Redfield's challenge, but totally suppressed Mr. Hughes' reply.

Wheat Yield and Prices.

The sensational upward bound in the price of wheat, following the publication of the August crop estimate from the Department of Agriculture, deserves at least part of the attention it is sure to get. To begin with, it does not presage a famine. The United States has wheat in plenty to feed its people, and may have some left over. Last year's wheat crop throughout the world was above any known record. In the United States it amounted to a billion bushels, for the first time in history. The export demand was not so large as had been looked for, because the European countries also harvested bumper crops. The English crop was the greatest in many years, owing to the increased acreage, and this despite the war. Canada, Italy, Russia and France showed similar totals, while from India, Australia, New Zealand, Argentina and Chili yields exceeding any former figures were reported. What was raised in Germany and Austria is not known, but the governments of those countries insist that agricultural operations had not then been seriously interrupted by the war. This left the world at the beginning of 1916 with the largest surplus of wheat it had ever known.

Much less wheat was planted in the United States this year, for the reason the farmers did not feel encouraged to increase the surplus. With the present estimated yield of wheat, all the normal requirements of the United States will be met, and about 34,000,000 bushels left for export. How much of last year's crop is left in the country is not exactly known, but it is a considerable quantity, and means that all anticipated demands for wheat and flour can readily be met. No one need go hungry in the United States because of scarcity of wheat from which to make flour. The rampant bulls may hoist the price even higher than it is, but sooner or later the presence of the actual wheat will be felt, and the market will respond to the law it cannot always evade, that of supply and demand.

Closing Days of Congress.

Confusion of an uncommon sort marks the closing days of the present congress. It has been in session since the first of December, and now finds its most important business heaped up to be disposed of under caucus rule in order that the members may get out in time to participate in the campaign. The democrats have adopted a program, convenient for their own purposes, to which the republicans have properly declined to give assent. It should not be required of the minority that it partake of responsibility for mismanagement on part of the majority. The democrats control congress in both houses, and in turn the majority is controlled by the caucus, so that all legislation is determined upon in its details behind closed doors. This fixes the responsibility absolutely, and if important legislation goes over as unfinished business to the next session, it will be because the democrats did not care to consider it. The waste of time and money by the present session is chargeable solely to the majority party, and it must take the blame.

A. B. Stickney and Omaha.

A. B. Stickney came to Omaha at an important time in the history of the city. For several years sentiment had been slowly crystallizing on the topic of a grain market here, and Mr. Stickney's advent proved the reagent needed to fix opinion and heget action. He not only brought his railroad and his enthusiasm, but he invested money in the enterprise he championed, and he lived to see much of his prediction for Omaha's future justified by events. The grain market was established and it has grown and will grow, until it reaches the point that was set for it long ago by one of the greatest of all middle west grain men, the late P. D. Armour, who said Omaha should be the greatest primary grain market in the world. Mr. Stickney backed his faith with works, and his example is still potent if kept in mind.

Omaha won only part of its battle when the Great Western came to release the city from some of the shackles put upon it by the big Chicago lines. The future development of the grain market depends on whether the city will be able to overcome a tendency that still exists to drain its natural territory to enrich competing market towns. It is not likely another Stickney will arise to help win this further phase of the fight, so Omaha will have to depend on its own merits to make its victory in the market complete. But it has come a long way since A. B. Stickney gave his help and encouragement, and it ought to be able to solve its problem for itself.

Colonel Bryan stopped off in St. Louis between chautauques jumps long enough to tell reporters that the ripping speeches of Candidate Hughes are "most wicked and unfair" to President Wilson. He thinks "Roosevelt's speeches are mild in comparison." As a critic of the colonel speaks as an expert. His experience in driving the Bryan dirk under democratic ribs in Washington and Nebraska gives his diagnosis of the hurt the weight of authority.

Some of those "new" citizens tested the quality of life in the United States for quite a while before they could make up their minds as to forswearing allegiance to a foreign potentate. We hope they are satisfied, and will never regret their choice.

TODAY

Thought Nugget for the Day. Think all you speak, but speak not all you think; Thoughts are your own, your words are so no more.

Where wisdom steers, wind cannot make you sink; Lips never err, when she does keep the door.

One Year Ago Today in the War. Italian submarine sunk Austrian submarine U-12. Germans captured the city of Lomza. British auxiliary cruiser India torpedoed off Swedish coast.

This Day in Omaha Thirty Years Ago. The committee on arrangements for the grand concert and ball to be given by the Concordia society on its nineteenth anniversary, September 20, consists of the following: Julius Meyer, George Tachem, Lewis Heimrod, Lewis Grobeck and George Stratman.



an agreement to enlist as volunteers in the campaign against Mexico provided war is declared. The First National bank is seriously contemplating starting a branch bank at the stock yards.

The secretary of the brewery workers union of Denver did not have time to claim more than 2,000 workers thrown out of employment by prohibition, yet Mr. Wraga speaks of 40,000, which, multiplied by five (the average number in a family), would alone give Denver a population of 200,000. This added to the population in other industries, professions and businesses, would make the population of Denver ridiculously large.

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Wants Trees Preserved. Irvington, Neb., Aug. 10.—To the Editor of The Bee: I make this an open letter to board of county commissioners, asking them by what authority the electric light and telephone companies have to have and de-

Prohibition and Wages. Omaha, Aug. 10.—To the Editor of The Bee: I don't know who William Wraga is, nor which end of the "wet" and "dry" question he is on, but I do know he is not accurate in his letter to The Bee of last Wednesday. He says, speaking of Denver: "When prohibition went into effect employers began to complain of dull business and laid off men, and those working eight hours were put back to twelve hours, and the committee visiting the governor sought work for 40,000, instead of 20,000."

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SUNNY GEMS.

She—What did papa say when you told him of our engagement? He—Well—really, dear—She—Oh, you can leave out the swear-words. He—Then there's nothing to tell you.—Boston Transcript.

Gertrude—I don't see how you can give your consent to marry Horace, my dear, when you are not sure you love him. Mildred—Oh, you don't understand. You see, Gertrude, I'm giving Horace the benefit of the doubt. I'm not sure I don't love him.—Judge.

"Groggs can't take any kind of a holiday without getting drunk. I met him this afternoon and he was half shot." "It is a wonder he wasn't paralyzed." "But, remember, this is only a half holiday."—Baltimore American.

"Professor, I have made some money and I want to do something for my old college. I don't remember what studies I excelled in, if any." "In my classes you slept most of the time." "Well, I'll endow a dormitory."—Chicago Journal.

"Who rang the door bell just now, Katie?" "A woman who found you out, ma'am." "But I'm not out, Katie." "I know, ma'am, but the woman looked as if that was what she wanted to know."—Philadelphia Ledger.

"You go to church more frequently than you used to." "Yes. And apart from the instruction I derive a great deal of satisfaction from my attendance. It's a great comfort to be where people sing and play fine music without anybody's spelling it by putting in ragtime words or wanting to dance."—Washington Star.

"What's the matter?" asked the first flea. "You look starved." "They are making these toy dogs so natural," explained the other flea, "that I arranged to summer on one of them by mistake."—Boston Transcript.

Redd—Did the leading lady in the new drama know her lines? Greene—Did she? Why, every time she

PLAINT OF THE SCRUBWOMAN

Florence Van Cleave, in New York Times. Day after day I pit my punny strength Against the City's lusty carelessness. The scraps and leavings of unity fall—The refuse thrown upon the public way—The factory chimneys belching smoke and soot—All this, when blown by chance within my door.

A public fault, becomes a private shame, And lurks in furtive corners, to convict Me as a slattern in my neighbor's eyes. My whole existence narrows to one thought—The Dirt! It haunts me in my dreams;

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And then I snap at them, and they at me! And Home is turned into a bickering hell. Yet cleanliness is all that marks us out From vice and ignorance on every hand; And if I falter in my daily task, Let Dirt and Dust and Squallor have their will— Farewell to pride—farewell to self-re-

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