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Being for America first, Mr. Hughes is also seeing America first.
It will be easy to keep those boys in Nebraska when they get back from Texas.

Look both ways before you start to cross a street, and take no unnecessary chances.
Yes, the democrats usually carry Maine three weeks before the election which loves it to them.

One building in Omaha was found big enough to hold all who cared to hear "Billy" Sunday, and not all the seats were taken at that.
House hunters also testify to the growth of Omaha's population. With all the expansion due to building, it is far from easy to find a good place for rent.

The attendance drawn by "Lilly's" return visit, compared with his original Omaha engagement, shows what advertising and the lack of advertising will do.
The retail credit men, who are to be with us this week, will find Omaha's prosperity and hospitality alike in the cash variety, and not merely promises to pay.

Omaha's Military Strategic Value.

Discussing the strategic value of our transportation system in an article entitled "Our Railroads and the Next War," contributed to Collier's, the author, Edward Hengerford, stresses the military importance of the Union Pacific as the nation's chief transcontinental thoroughfare.

While these three lines are nominally separate railroads, they are, in effect, component parts of the Union Pacific system. In any military crisis requiring a rapid transcontinental movement of troops they would become extremely important parts.

And further on, in view of the capacity of its low grades and double track to Ogden, he adds: It will hardly be exaggeration to suggest that the Union Pacific could handle a military train, bound west from the Missouri, at least every thirty minutes.

With the object lessons we are having in Europe and the knowledge gained by surveying our own military resources, Omaha's importance as a military asset is strikingly accentuated and must figure prominently in all preparedness plans.

Infantile Paralysis and the Doctors.
In the face of a discouraging epidemic, the doctors have done a brave thing. They have admitted that so far their science has been baffled, that research has so far been unable to disclose the cause of the disease, its cure, or the means by which it is transmitted.

For the present he offers advice that, if carefully followed, will go far towards eliminating all disease. It is to keep the premises clean, to be careful of the person, to avoid unhealthy food or drink or over-indulgence in any form of food or drink, and to consult a doctor at once in case of illness.

Mystery of the Boomerang.
Many years ago the blackfellow of the Australian bush mystified his white brother by means of the boomerang. Through some agency not yet entirely clear to the able physicians who have studied the matter, this most benighted of all savages was enabled to make his peculiar weapon do such wonderful things as to suggest the uncanny. In time he was successfully imitated by the white man, and exhibitions of boomerang throwing have entertained multitudes, but without disclosing just why this instrument does as it does.

Daniels Warns the Women.
Joseph Daniels is not only an able seaman, but something of an astute politician as well. He can peer as far into the future as any and occasionally he discloses what he can see waiting just a little way ahead. One of these occasions of prophecy came over him when he warned a woman suffrage leader what would happen to the movement in event the women vote for Hughes in those states where they already are enfranchised.

Plenty of suggestions are coming forward in response to the invitation, but the better way to make Omaha bigger and happier is to go after one thing at a time and settle it. Don't scatter your fire.

Bre' Magney's inquiry into the milk "trust" recalls the fact that he was county attorney when the legislature ordered legal proceedings against several alleged local food trusts.

TODAY

Thought Nugget for the Day.
There's a narrow ridge in the graveyard.
Would scarce stay a child in his race.
But to me and my thought it is wider.
Than the star-sown vane of space.
—James Russell Lowell.

One Year Ago Today in the War.
Italy declared war against Turkey.
Germans officially announced capture of the Russian fortress of Nicosingrassk, with 20,000 men and 700 cannon.

This Day in Omaha Thirty Years Ago.
A. Gutschmann of this city has invented a contrivance for preventing runaway which works excellently and looks fair to become very popular. Several of them have already been manufactured and are in use in the city.

Miss Nellie Plum, sister of Miss O. Plum, one of the teachers of the Deaf and Dumb Institute, has left to assume charge of a school at Weeping Water.

Thomas F. Brennan, state secretary of the Catholic Knights of America, leaves for Wood River to establish a branch of the order at that place.

A small ten-pound police judge has put in his appearance at Judge Stenbergs' home and the older judge is figuring on resigning in the young man's favor.

Inspector Spangler, and other gentlemen in the local office of postal inspection, are packing up their effects preparatory to leaving for other posts of duty on September 1.

General Railroad Strikes in the Past.
First general railroad strike in America began at Martinsburg, W. Va., July 16, 1877, against reduced wages. Lasted three months and became extensive and widespread. Many millions in property destroyed. Strike unsuccessful.

General strike of Missouri Pacific railroad system, ordered by Martin Irons, March 6, 1886. Lasted two months and involved 9,000 men. Loss in wages, \$1,400,000. Strike unsuccessful.

General strike of Reading Railway employees, began in Pennsylvania, December 24, 1887, for advance in wages. Lasted two months and involved 30,000 men. Loss in wages exceeded \$3,500,000. Strike unsuccessful.

Strike of Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad employees, began in Illinois, February 27, 1888, for adjustment of wages. Strike unsuccessful.

General strike of New York Central railroad employees, began at Albany, N. Y., August 8, 1890, against dismissal of members of Knights of Labor. Lasted two days. Strike unsuccessful.

Strike of Erie railroad switchmen, began at Buffalo, August 14, 1892, for adjustment of wage scale. Lasted ten days. Strike unsuccessful.

Strike of Lehigh Valley railroad trainmen, began November 18, 1893, for settlement of general grievances. Lasted eighteen days and involved 2,000 men. Strike partly successful.

Strike of Great Northern and Montana Central railroad employees, began April 15, 1894. Lasted sixteen days. Settled by arbitration. Strike partly successful.

General strike of employees of the Pullman company, began at Chicago, May 11, 1894, against reduction in wages. Lasted four months and involved 2,000 men. Strike unsuccessful.

Greatest strike in history of the country, involving all western railroads, began June 26, 1894, in sympathy with the Pullman employees strike. Conducted by American Railway union, a powerful railroad organization under the presidency of Eugene V. Debs. United States government interfered on account of the mails and federal troops ordered to Chicago on July 3. Fierce rioting at many points and millions of dollars' worth of railroad property destroyed. Debs and other leaders arrested and imprisoned for violation of federal injunction. Strike proved unsuccessful and was officially declared off by the American Railway union, August 6, 1894.

The Day We Celebrate.
J. M. Harding of the Harding Creamery company is 29 years old today. He was born in Wisner, Neb., and was educated in the Omaha schools.

William Heald, member of the Omaha police force, is celebrating his 43rd birthday. He is a native of Mount Pleasant, Ia.

Views, Reviews and Interviews

By Victor Rosewater.

TO FOLKS familiar with the formative period of Nebraska's history, many pages written in that interesting volume are recalled by the death of John M. Thurston, whose career was really historic and whose passing presents many elements of the pathetic. At the zenith of his public career, capped by his election to the United States senate, Mr. Thurston was unquestionably one of the most powerful factors, if not the most powerful factor, in Nebraska's politics. When he presided over the republican national convention of 1888 as its temporary chairman, and again over the republican national convention of 1896 as its permanent chairman, his name was blazoned from one end of the country to the other. He was seriously considered as a candidate for vice president on the ticket with McKinley, but there seemed to be a star of ill-omen hovering over him which took control of his destiny when he quit public life and resuscitated his avowed determination to come back to Omaha and resume the practice of law here.

Despite his conspicuous faults, Senator Thurston had many admirable traits. First of all I should place his intense loyalty to his friends to whom he would stick through thick and thin regardless of their deserts. He had come up with what was called "the railroad brigade" and the on-hangers he inherited were dead weights all the time.

A striking example of this loyalty is found in his recommendation of Colonel Chapman S. Chase to be surveyor of customs at Omaha. To take care of Chase, it was necessary to let out Dr. George L. Miller, who had been appointed by President Cleveland and who had, as a gold democrat, done valiant service for the election of President McKinley that ordinarily would have earned him retention. Senator Thurston, however, harked back to the time when he, himself, had come to Omaha as an ambitious youth, without friends or experience, and had been taken by Chase into his law office and helped to a start at law practice. And, although Chase then in his old age (he died in office shortly afterwards) no longer represented any political influence whatever, the senator insisted upon doing him this good turn in defiance of the clamors and protests of the horde of office seekers.

In similar way he repaid Church Howe by using his influence for his elevation to the consular service. Major Howe had been Nebraska's member of the republican national committee in 1888, and in that capacity he had been instrumental in securing the selection of Thurston for the temporary chairmanship of the national convention and Thurston never forgot it.

Another thing for which Senator Thurston should in fairness be credited was his faculty for overlooking personal antagonisms in working for measures for the benefit of Omaha, Nebraska or the country at large. The Bee and its editor were at outs, politically, with the senator most of the time, yet there was a continuous interchange of correspondence relating to subjects of public interest which the Bee was advocating here at home and which the senator was looking after down at Washington. Mr. Thurston claimed the leadership of the party while he was in the senate, but he seldom came home without calling upon my father as the editor of the leading republican paper, and conferring with him on matters of party policy and pending measures of legislation. In a word, he was big enough to fight his political enemies, and fight hard, but also to fight shoulder to shoulder with them for a common object and to do this realizing that in the next round they would probably be again fighting on opposite sides.

As an orator, Senator Thurston possessed what is known as personal magnetism in an exceptional degree. He had a clear, resonant voice and a pleasing and effective delivery but, above all, that indescribable something which evokes response and enthusiasm. His was the spread-eagle hurrah style of speaking, but it was the style that was popular and it clamped to him a personal following which I believe no other Nebraska orator except Mr. Bryan has been able to develop solely by talking from stump and rostrum. As forensic efforts, the joint debate between Thurston and Bryan in the campaign of 1894, when both were running for the United States senate, will always rank high. Someone has recently sent me one of the admission tickets used for this series of oratorical duels bearing the names in autographic fac simile, on one side "J. M. Thurston" and on the other "W. J. Bryan." If I remember rightly these tickets were divided equally between the two speakers so both should have the same chance for applause from the audience and make sure that neither could monopolize the house for his friends. It is of record that Mr. Bryan polled the big popular vote, while the legislature went republican and Mr. Thurston pulled the senatorship.

Some samples of the Thurston oratory may be interesting. Here is an extract from the speech he delivered to the legislature accepting his election as senator and expressing his thanks for the honor:

"Nebraska put one star in the azure of our flag, and New York put another, but when they took their places in the flag, they were no longer stars of New York and Nebraska, but stars of the greatest nation of the earth, shining for the protection and happiness of every American citizen. Let it be the ambition of all good and patriotic men—I pledge you, my countrymen, it shall be mine—to stand for the welfare and prosperity of the best government that has ever blessed mankind, and for the uplifting and glorification of the dearest flag that ever kissed the sky."

SECULAR SHOTS AT PULPIT.

Houston Post: A Minnesota pastor says there will be work for all in heaven. If we were trying to retreat for the last of glory we would tell them that in the other place men would have to stoke the furnace in the summer time and drive the ice wagon in winter.

Springfield Republican: The vote of the Wesleyan Methodist conference in England to appoint a committee to consider a plan for a federation of the free churches is an event of importance, for it means that the leading Methodist body is not opposed in principle to co-operation with the Baptists, Congregationalists and Presbyterians.

Emporia (Kan.) Gazette: A minister is under the considerable handicap of being obliged to speak the truth, and speak it so that it cannot be questioned. Realizing this, Rev. D. Y. Donaldson, Emporia's greater-herman, brought his fifty-five-pound catch down town, and presented it to you with it, thereby leaving no loophole for a doubt that the Neosho river cut grow fifty-five-pound catfish in a dry year. Mr. Donaldson now may be expected to preach a sermon, using as his text the truth that bringing home the big ones you get is one of the easiest ways of getting people to believe you really did it.

Baltimore American: The Baptists have adopted a new slogan for a campaign of church advancement, taking these words: The Maximum for the Master. The words are striking, full of meaning, and carry with them a thought from which all churches and all denominations can profit. Too often does it happen in the life of every congregation that the service becomes perfunctory and that the people become indifferent, and instead of giving to the Master the maximum and the best, the gift is the minimum, if not the worst. It is on account of such services that the church finds it a hard struggle to keep in, that it fails to make the progress it might make, and that Sunday after Sunday sees so many empty pews in houses of worship that might be packed to the doors.

WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES.

The Yale School of Medicine has opened its doors to women students.

The National Girl Scouts organization has passed the 10,000-mark in its membership.

Nellie C. Pierce of Santa Fe is the secretary of the New Mexico State Bar association.

British firms that have been forced by war conditions to employ women as traveling salesmen report that the work of the female "drummers" is entirely satisfactory.

Mrs. John A. Logan, who has just passed her 78th birthday, is actively engaged in her efforts for the erection of a Clara Barton memorial in Washington.

"Lotta" Crabtree, the former famous actress, now in her 70th year, has taken up painting and has spent the summer as a member of the artists' colony at Gloucester, Mass.

The women's section of the Navy league, having found the national service school at Chevy Chase so valuable, has decided to open three schools in different parts of the country. One in San Francisco is now in operation, one at Lake Geneva, Wis., and the third at Narragansett pier.

DOMESTIC PLEASANTRIES.

Brooklyn—Is it always raining in London? Green—No, sometimes it is just going to or just has—Judge.

"Old Brass" keeps up his golf talk all the year round. "Why, he plays only from April to November."

"How your boy Josh knows how to run the farm!" "That ain't supposed to bother with my little detail like that," replied Farmer "Green," "Josh is the only one that knows how to run a farm."

NEAR MR. KABLE, A SONG WRITER HAS PROPOSED TO ME—SHOULD I MARRY HIM? —MARGARET

SEE IF HE'S A GOOD SONG WRITER—TRY TO HAVE HIM RHYME "MARGARET" FIRST

HUMAN STILL.

Arthur Goswami. The snake that sneezed through Eden rent is in the world today. Through all of time's vicissitudes it has not passed away. The great instincts of the race, Convention cannot kill. The tides of life go in or out. But we are human still!

Our hearts take hold on bleaker things— Our souls have dreams and aching; We beat not proud our spirit wings Against the bars of time. Life's ruthless, rude realities Dispel the heavenly thrill— This bright-winged butterfly flutters— And leaves us human still!

We clutch at wealth—we clutch at fame— Responsive to some law Whose source we guess; a deathless name Inspires us all with awe; The promised land—as Moses did— We view from Moab's hill— Like him we may not enter in— For we are human still!

We strive by heaven's perfect plan Our being to adjust; To find—that mortal man remains But one remove from dust. Immortal longings stir the soul With music of a massed choir— And waver divine across us roll— But we are human still!

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