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Political prophets continue without honor in their own country.

Explaining how it happened relieves the steam pressure and makes for safety.

That Maine election was something of a straw after all, for the east if not for the west.

Mike Clark is some runner to out-distance a seasoned sprinter like Sheriff McShane. Hurrah for Clark!

Reports from the sauerkraut belt tip off a rise of \$20 a barrel. Yet some pacifists boldly assert that neutral nations escape the horrors of war.

That's a handsome vote given to Judge Fawcett by Douglas county, his home district, and if the state treats him anywhere near fair we will hail him as chief justice.

Railroad business in the middle west continues at the top notch. The only shadow on the record of prosperity is the handicap of Omaha's backnumber passenger station.

In going dry Nebraska has the company of several other states. But please observe that Missouri is still in the wet column, which insures Nebraska a near-by and unending source of supply.

One of the illustrated weeklies has a picture of a Llano Grande camp stuck in the mud just after a rain. It's half as bad as it looks, we feel more sorry than ever for our soldier boys on the border.

California decisively rejected a pair of dry amendments. The Golden State is long on morals, but the voters failed to find the connection between morals and the manufacture of wet goods for consumption beyond state bounds.

Every one of Nebraska's six sitting congressmen is re-elected, thus keeping the delegation half-and-half—three republicans and three democrats. The advantage of continuous performance in office for catching the public eye is hard to overcome.

A score of ninety-one victims of the steamship collision off Holyhead sustains the reputation of the Irish Sea for turbulence. With the right grade of wind and weather the water separating Gael and Saxon turns loose a swell that makes the stoutest heart sob for land.

Up to October 12 of this year Germany reports the destruction of 1,253 hostile ships of 2,569,501 tons and 200 neutral ships of 276,524 tons. How far the record of destruction is offset by new shipping is not known at present. One thing appears certain. The world's shipyards are assured big business for years to come.

Numbers of federalized militiamen serving on the border exercise their citizenship under state regulations. Others are denied the voting privilege because their states made no legal provision for absent guardsmen. This wrong should be remedied at the earliest possible moment. Voluntary entrance into military service should not work a denial of the rights of citizenship.

Unnecessary Litigation

It is an encouraging sign of the times to find the New York Chamber of Commerce and the New York State Bar association engaged in a joint effort to formulate rules for the prevention of unnecessary litigation. The business world has had ample experience of the delays and the cost of unnecessary litigation, and the legal profession would assuredly contribute to the strengthening of its own position in popular esteem if it will give convincing evidence not only of its willingness but its purpose to join in an effort to prevent this economic waste.

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The Great American Gamble.

It is a notorious fact that millions of dollars are up as wagers on the presidential election, the betting having started early and continued steadily with a fast and furious wind-up. Many wagers have been made, moreover, since the voting ceased, on the strength of belief in what the belated returns from determining states will eventually show.

More money has been bet, unquestionably, on this year's presidential election than ever before upon any single turn of events. The election of an American president, therefore, is not only a "battle royal" on the political chess board, but it is also "the great American gamble" for, in the language of the popular song, "Everybody's doin' it," and that is what heightens the keen interest in the changing complexion of the election figures as they have been coming in.

In these observations we are not concerned just now whether it is a good thing or a bad thing to bet on an election, something which has been made a penalized offense under the laws of many of our states—for it is a condition and not a theory that prevails. Fortunately, folks who bet on elections usually bet on more than one contingency, with the result that gains usually offset losses in part, if not in whole, and the best feature of it is that those who indulge in "the great American gamble" invariably do it in a sportsmanlike fashion, knowing that they stand to lose as well as to win and, win or lose, take it good-naturedly and smile.

Our Guests, the School Teachers.

Omaha is again entertaining the teachers of Nebraska here for the annual convention of their state association. We need hardly repeat their presence here is welcomed and appreciated and that the wish is general for a pleasant and profitable session.

These meetings are doing more than any one thing to impress the public with the overshadowing importance of the schools in the training field of our future citizenship and with the necessity of keeping the schools up to the very highest possible standard at whatever cost. These meetings are also driving home the object lesson that the efficiency of the schools for the performance of this work is gauged by the competency and inspiration of the school teachers who preside over the class room. The steady improvement of the teaching corps, judging from the representatives who have been year by year Omaha's guests, is plainly noticeable and is the best assurance we have that Nebraska will steadfastly hold its rank close to the head of the procession of progressive states regardless of other factors.

Two Pictures—Scan Them Closely.

The hours following the closing of the polls throughout the United States call up vividly two pictures of procedure. Behold the calm and dignified method by which the sunny south goes about holding its elections, and contrast its majestic movement of determined exactitude with the unseemly and confused scramble of the impetuous northerners. In the south, now, the result of any election has been predestined for generations; they know how the several states will decide as well before as after the chosen day. Election with them is merely a matter of form, to give legal life to a settlement already attained. Therefore, no excitement or momentous disturbance touches the even flow of their normal life. In peace and quiet the democrats of Dixieland register approval of the selections made in party councils, and wonder at the "no'therner's" because of the partisan strife and anxiety that both precede and follow elections. Up north it takes not only the vote, but frequently the official count to determine who is elected. The difference is that in one part of the country the people rule, in the other section the bosses still determine the outcome.

Rubbing It In On Misfortune.

Circumstances and events hitherto smothered with campaign chaff lend substance to the pre-election promises of inquiries into the rising cost of living. Some federal and state officials for weeks past fumed and threatened prosecution of price boosters. Conspiracies were seen on all sides, and assurances of prosecution of conspirators featured the indignant outpourings of stumpers. Now with the vote delivered and the smoke of battle rising, vigorous fulfillment of promises is not only a duty, but a humane necessity.

For those who have survived the fray and came out on top little price pinching sympathy need be wasted. The shriveled jitney loaf has no terrors for winners. What care they for foundry pie cut into foy triangles while the public pie counter cracks with a load of good things? The very emptiness of a coal bin and the padded price tag are inconsequential beside the warming radiance of a public job. Not so with the multitude of losers. A cold, dreary winter looms ahead and mocks the purse haunted by campaign bills. The prospect, viewed from the angles of food and fuel, touches the founts of sympathy. But on top of these comes the cruel hunch of a 25 per cent advance in the wholesale price of funeral supplies. Surely this conspiracy sounds the depths of woe and calls for prompt and fearless official condemnation. No punishment is too severe for those who conspire to enrich themselves by others' misfortunes.

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Report credits Villa with cutting off the ears of Carranzistas rather than waste the ammunition of firing squads, and sending them home with evidences of sheer good will. Carranza sticks to the firing squad as a sure thing. Still, both sides calmly pose as advance agents of civilization—Mex. brand.

Frequent reports of success in netting submarines here, but fail to end, undersea operations. Recent activities on the Irish coast, in Norwegian waters, the safe return of U-33 and the second voyage of the Deutschland indicate a vast number of holes in the blockading nets.

The Iowa man who complains of the theft of his shield and slogan makes a pretty clear case of larceny against the democrats. Grief is unbecoming, however. It is an occasion for thankfulness that his clothes were overlooked.

In the Good Old Days.

Phelan Beale in Columbia News

My interest in honest balloting began during my days as a law student at Columbia university. In 1905 I sponsored a candidate for the democratic leadership of the Nineteenth Assembly district, in which the university is located. There were three candidates—a plumber, a builder and a painter—the last being my favorite. On primary day I proceeded to the polling precinct so as to vote and then circulate about the district. Upon arriving I observed an ambulance in front of the polling place, which was most appropriately in an undertaking shop. Entering I found the chairman of the election board having his scalp sewed up by a surgeon. Inquiry elicited the response from several belligerent persons that the chairman was sent to the hospital for being a fresh guy and that if "youse rah rah boys (indicating the writer) butt in, the morgue for protection. The reply was that if I had any business in the booth to get it done quickly and pass on, otherwise I would be fanned by their night sticks. I stated mildly that it was my intention to be sworn in to succeed the chairman and thereupon the election board, who needed encouragement, elected me.

In front of my position I place a table about seven by four and one-half feet. This article served two purposes; to rest the ballot box on and to impede an irate voter in wreaking vengeance upon the chairman when the latter challenged a vote. Subsequent events demonstrated the wisdom of this preparation.

The first alleged registered democrat was an Italian youth about 18 years of age, who swore in his vote as Prof. Francis M. Burdick of the Columbia university law school. The chairman charged him with perjury and handed him over to a police officer. A strong arm individual presented a commission from the sheriff showing he was a deputy and demanded as a superior peace officer that the prisoner be surrendered to him. This was done and a few minutes later the youth returned to vote under the name of the chairman's roommate. The same farce was enacted and again this willing voter impersonated a Riverside Drive banker.

By now pandemonium reigned in the booth. Members of a gang of repeaters, each wearing a white-headed pin in the coat lapel, openly swore in votes without pretense of deception. And as an overwhelming exhibition of boldness a colored citizen calmly represented himself to be the chairman and insisted upon his vote being sworn in and counted as that of the chairman, who originally hailed from the south. Word had gone through the district of the happenings and the polling booth was filled with a struggling mass of men anxious to witness the complete humiliation of a "highbrow" politician. When things were quiet those near enough would accelerate matters by taking a smash at the election officials, especially the chairman.

At the closing hour a watcher insisted upon being near the ballot box so as to scrutinize the count. When the box was opened this watcher exclaimed loudly that he was ill and collapsed, falling across the ballot box, at the same time opening his coat from which a large number of ballots fell into the box. A fake fight was immediately started and during the melee the ill man escaped. An examination of the ballot box disclosed 719 ballots cast, although the registration books showed only 104 registered democrats residing in the district, eighty-five of whom had been marked as having voted. The law required all the ballots in the box to be mixed thoroughly and the excess number extracted by an election official, who was bludgeoned for this purpose. This having been done a count revealed that the chairman's candidate had not received a single vote.

During the afternoon when the rioting was at its height the chairman appealing to the police inspector for aid. Mr. Sweeney being the inspector in charge of the district. The inspector arrived two hours after the polls had closed and accused the chairman of fomenting the trouble. This is the same inspector who a few years later was sentenced to serve a year on Blackwell's Island, and dismissed from the department.

This is a brief description of the conditions that prevailed under the old primary laws; when the authorities looked upon primary elections as family disputes to be settled in the ranks of each party and as unworthy of serious consideration, even though the laws were mocked and made a laughing stock. The attitude of the election officials on this occasion herein mentioned reflected the views of the municipal authorities, Mr. McClellan, then mayor of New York City, was competing with Mr. Hearst for the control of the state democratic convention, which had the naming of the gubernatorial candidate.

Fire Prevention Don'ts

- Don't be careless in lighting gas stoves. Don't look for a gas leak with a light. Don't put gas stoves or rings on tables unless they have metal sheets under them. Don't use folding gas brackets. Don't have gas brackets near windows or lace curtains. Don't burn gas all night as a "night light." Don't turn the gas so low that it will go out and cause a dangerous leak. Don't keep rubbish around.

People and Events

The school board of Chicago treats the taxpayers to the rare thrill of reducing the school deficit in a year from \$1,100,000 to \$600,000. Most of the saving was accomplished by plugging leaks.

The town of Goose Creek, Tex., is under orders to move and has no place to go. As the townsite, owned by a woman, is a good oil prospect, drillers have taken over the land and orders to move have been served on owners of buildings.

Various rural weather sharps are more or less convinced that the country is booked for a hard winter. Coves are running in packs, a sign of tough weather regarded as infallible in Kansas. Turkey bones are hardening in Missouri and Pennsylvania, forecasting more weather and squibrels are mobilizing supplies for a siege. Even coal dealers are pessimistic, and stiffen prices with each snow flurry.

Two Dutch boys, clad in the gay-riant associated with the land of windmills—especially the picturesque trousers and wooden shoes—reached New York as stowaways on a Rotterdam liner. The boys were discovered early in the voyage, owing to a lack of ventilation in their quarters and pungent puffs of the odors of Edam cheese which reached the upper decks, and then some. Searchers followed the scent and found the stowaways loaded to the waistline with strips of cheese concealed in the folds of the balloon pants. The naive simplicity of the kids and the novelty of their commissary department won the sympathy of the passengers, but the unromantic captain spoiled it all by putting the youngsters at work swabbing decks.

The Brooklyn Eagle completed its 75th year last Thursday, and celebrated the occasion with a diamond jubilee edition of 180 pages. On ordinary days the Eagle, far from looking its years, gives evidence of robust youth and vigor. The birthday number, while revealing the age, affords ample evidence of boundless energy, resourcefulness, originality heightened by mature judgment. The illustrated supplement is remarkable for its collection of rare prints, which trace the history of the city from the Indian wigwags of 1609 to the skyscrapers of 1916. History and reminiscence are recounted by specialists and past achievements in human progress buttress expert predictions of great things to come. In all respects the jubilee number is worthy of the occasion and proves that the Eagle at 75 is some bird.

TODAY

Thought Nigger for the Day.

Whatever you would make habitual, practise it; and if you would not make a thing habitual, do not practise it, but habituate yourself to something else.—Epictetus.

One Year Ago Today in the War.

Petrograd reported Russian forces advancing on Tchernovitz. The Austro-Germans broke German defenses near Kolki and took 2,000 prisoners. London reported two German submarines had been sunk near Gibraltar by British cruiser.

In Omaha Thirty Years Ago.

Mrs. S. P. Morse has done a fine screen for Mrs. A. D. Morse which has occasioned much comment. It is in three panels, decorated in flower studies.

A Theater Party at the Black Crook

entertainment consisted of Mr. and



Mrs. G. M. Hitchcock, Mr. and Mrs. William J. Tingue, Miss Lake and Miss Almy.

Officer Unthank arrested a drunken man who had been drinking at a depot and conveyed him to jail. The inebriated individual had \$40 in hard cash in his clothes which he would have undoubtedly lost had not the kindly officer given him safe lodging.

"Happy Hour" club is the name of a new society recently organized in this city with a membership of fifty-five. C. J. Smyth is president and Frank Curjey, secretary.

The Besique club met at Mrs. Constant's with the following members present: Mesdames York, S. B. Jones, C. D. Woodruff, Garabrant, Smith, Andrews, Sargent, W. F. Allen, Barton, Dr. Jones and Carrier.

All of the amateur artists are seized with a mania for cupids. The atmosphere of the studio is thick with winged children.

Mrs. L. M. Bennett gave a reception at which she was assisted in receiving by Misses Reed and Balcombe. Mrs. Weila, who has been here on an extended visit to her sister, Miss Fook, has returned to Columbus, O.

This Day in History.

1791—Robert Young Hayne, whose debate with Daniel Webster in the senate gave national importance to the doctrine of nullification, born in St. Paul's Parish, S. C. Died at Asheville, N. C. Sept. 24, 1852.

1814—More than 200 lives lost in the wreck of the British transport "Harpooner," off the coast of Newfoundland.

1841—Joaquin Miller, "the poet of the Sierras," born in Washburn, Ind. Died at Oakland, Cal. Feb. 17, 1913.

1842—Ashburton Treaty, settling the boundary between Canada and Maine, proclaimed.

1853—Peace was concluded between France and Austria by the treaty of Zurich.

1876—The French retook Orleans from the Germans.

1876—Centennial exposition at Philadelphia closed.

1883—Germany celebrated the 400th anniversary of Luther's birth.

1904—Battleship New Jersey was launched at Quincy, Mass.

1910—Anti-American demonstration in Mexico on account of the lynching of a Mexican in Texas.

1915—A windstorm swept over Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri and Iowa, killing fifty persons and doing much property damage.

The Day We Celebrate.

George A. Day was born November 1, 1859. He was a native of Iowa and graduated in law from the Iowa State university in 1883, coming to Omaha immediately to practice his profession. He was supreme court commissioner before going on the district bench.

Oliver E. Berg, president of the Berg Clothing company, is just 55 years old. He comes from Sweden, but has long been prominent in Omaha business circles.

Judge Richard S. Tutthill, veteran Chicago jurist, was born in Jackson county, Illinois, seventy-five years ago today.

Rear Admiral Ridley McLean, Judge associate general of the navy, was born in Tennessee forty-four years ago today.

Henry Van Dyke, noted author and present United States minister to the Netherlands, was born at Germantown, Pa., sixty-four years ago today.

Wilhelm A. F. Ekengren, the Swedish minister at Washington, was born in Stockholm, fifty-five years ago today.

The Bee's Letter Box

HERE AND THERE.

There are at least 20,000 Jewish soldiers now fighting in the British army. The Jews are in the softest froth of the lava thrown out by erupting volcanoes. The Vatican contains 17,000 rooms and halls and occupies an area of nearly fourteen acres.

The oldest public building in New York City is St. Paul's chapel, which this month completes 150 years of existence. The annual production of works on theology and religion in the United States is equal to the number of books of fiction.

Russia has just placed an order with an English firm for 2,000,000 yards—or over 1,100 miles—of khaki cloth for uniforms. The family of the king and queen of Roumania consists of three boys—Carol, Nicholas and Mircea—and three girls—Elizabeth, Marie and Jeanne.

One of the curious privileges of the post of maid of honor to the queen of England is that of being allowed to wear a charming miniature of the queen set in diamonds on the left shoulder.

In the early days of the petroleum industry gasoline and benzine had practically no important uses—it is said that the refineries used to run the gasoline into rivers and streams just to get rid of it.

During the last few years the automobile industry has created an enormous demand for rubber to be used in tires. The finest rubber has been gathered in practically the same way for more than a century.

New Hebrew community ever assembled in ancient or modern times in any one place contained only about 50,000 Jews before the Russian migration began in 1881. The Red Cross society of Japan is not only one of the biggest, but it is also one of the best organized of the Red Cross societies of the world. It has a membership of nearly 2,000,000, its property is estimated to be worth \$15,000,000 and its annual income is in excess of \$500,000.

Russia has just beaten all records in railway construction. It has built a great double-track line from Alexandrovsk, an ice-free port on its north coast, down to Petrograd, and completed it within six months. It is 1,230 miles long, and 10,000 men, mostly prisoners, were employed upon it.

SMILING LINES.

The newly-elected mayor of a small town was fond of show, so he did his best to be noticed by his installation in 1911. On the occasion of the installation of the new mayor, the fire brigade will be reviewed in the afternoon if it rains in the morning, and in the morning if it rains in the afternoon.—New York Times.

"I bet my father has killed more people than your father," said the boy in the sailor hat. "My father is captain of a battleship." "That's nothing," retorted the boy in the red sweater. "My father's chauffeur of a United States mail truck."—New York Times.

The expressman had bought a horse, but after closing the deal he was not exactly satisfied with his installation. "There is just one thing I don't like about this horse," he said. "It won't hold her head up." "Oh, that is only her blooming pride," said the dealer. "It will when she is paid for."—New York Times.

"DEAR MR. LOUISVILLE, EVERYTIME I GO AROUND WITH MY FINANCE, HE'S ARRESTED FOR SPEEDING—NOW ON I STOP HIM FROM DRIVING SO FAST!" —AMIE BLYN

"TELL HIM TO KEEP OFF THE STREETS THAT HAVE RESTAURANTS ON THEM!"

EDITORIAL SIFTINGS.

Cleveland Plain Dealer: It is said that the demand for corn bread has been revived. Why it ever needed reviving is a profound mystery to all poor devils.

Washington Post: Another instance of doing the right thing at the wrong time consists in carrying a bunch of beautiful goldens to the bedside of a fly fever victim.

Cleveland Plain Dealer: At the pharmaceutical convention last week it was asserted there were too many drug stores in this country. Well, they're awfully handy when you want a postage stamp.

Cleveland Plain Dealer: The discovery that the flea is not responsible for infantile paralysis may be thought of as a vindication, but it will hardly have the effect of making the flea a popular member of society.

Louisville Courier-Journal: It is said that books carry disease germs because they are read by all sorts of persons. We may regard the Congressional Record as the shining example of the absolutely sanitary publication.

Philadelphia Ledger: The administration is said to be "irritated" with General Bell for his report of Villa's exploits. He certainly showed a strange lack of consideration for the diplomatic necessities of the situation.

New York World: The United States will have two bushels of apples this year for each man, woman and child. The apple is the typical American fruit. From Virginia to Nova Scotia it grows in perfection; from Maine to Oregon it never skips a state.

Baltimore American: A tourist returning from Ireland says that country is practically under martial law, with 40,000 troops stationed in various parts to keep order. This is a sad ending to the rosiest hopes of home rule which were so strong and bright not so very long ago.

Brooklyn Eagle: A strike of 800 window washers in the skyscraper district, downtown in Manhattan, will get plenty of sympathy. Most of us wouldn't take \$50 a day to do what these men do, who cover the downtown part of the streets a hundred feet below. There is indeed a skilled calling.

Boston Transcript: The death of Loyal Farragut, only son of Admiral David Grogan Farragut, ends the line of the king of the sea in the western West.

Who made his mast his throne. The younger Farragut was made a soldier, not a sailor, by his father, but later left the army for business life, and later abandoned that also for a sort of academic retirement. The scream of shot and shell, which for a time at least was music in his father's ears, seemed to have left no echo in the son's breast. Thus it has often been with the progeny of great warriors.

Timely Jottings and Reminders.

A number of educators of national prominence are scheduled to address the annual convention of the Central Ohio Teachers' association, which meets at Columbus today for a two-day session.

Governor Theodore G. Bilbo has issued a proclamation setting aside today as "Literacy day" in Mississippi, and calling upon all individuals and organizations to join forces in the elimination of this great handicap.

The Mexican members of the American and Mexican joint commission are to be the guests of the American Academy of Political and Social Science at a meeting to be held in Philadelphia today. Several of the Mexican commissioners will speak of the purposes and ideals of the Mexican revolution.

Lumber manufacturers from every oak-producing section of the United States are to meet in Memphis today to organize the American Oak Manufacturers' association, which, when perfected, will be the largest hardwood organization in the world, representing 1,200 mills and an annual output of 4,400,000,000 feet of oak lumber.

The eleventh annual conference of the Western Economic society is to be entered into at the University of Chicago during the two days beginning today.

Whether there shall be a strike of the 35,000 cotton mill operatives in Fair River upon the decision today to be reached by the Manufacturers' association at its conference on the wage question today.

WHEN you hear the front-door knocker it means that somebody that's out is tryin' t' get in. An' same way with most other knockers. VELVET FOR NO need to "knock" where your product's right. Just tell the facts. Every bit of VELVET is naturally aged two years to make it the smoothest smoking tobacco. Loyal & Myers Tobacco Co.