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The taint of the fee-grab not only sticks to the grafter, but also to everyone who sticks to him.

Considering how he used to be called "Our good friend, Villa," he seems to be rather distrustful of us now.

Congress refuses to reopen the North Pole question. The stock of trouble on hand forbids borrowing an endless frost.

A little more experience will enable the Rio Grande rumor factories to crowd their European rivals into the back pages.

If everyone who signed the petitions were to vote for the candidate thus favored, what a lot of repeating we would have at the polls.

The addition of men's raiment to the exhibits clears the way for a genuine "week of wonderful windows," with emphasis on "wonderful."

It is idle to dispute the claim that the last college class in the best class of graduates turned out by the college. The members invariably admit it.

Insurance men did not make as large a cleanup in Nebraska last year as the year before, but a profit of \$7,500,000 on all business still constitutes a juicy rakeoff on the investment.

Canada's enthusiasm for the mother country is shown in finances as well as in men. A third Dominion loan of \$75,000,000 is on the market, and on terms that insure the warmth of a blanket mortgage for years to come.

The senator surely should have given his junior yellow critic time to receive his letter and direct it, especially when he knows its regular habit to be to give its readers merely yesterday's news "cooked-over" from other papers.

The reputation of Pancho Villa for successful guerilla warfare rests wholly on native fears and friendliness. Now he is up against pursuers who not only mean business, but are versed in the elusive parts of the hunted. His chance of escape depends on his ability to outrun the pursuers.

A working consistency in statements of war facts remains as visionary as peace prospects. Petrograd and Berlin, London and Constantinople, Paris and Athens, are kilometers apart in their respective claims, leaving to Rome and Amsterdam the agreeable task of giving truth a picturesque sendoff.

There may be, and doubtless will be, objections urged to the paving bond proposition, but the omission to clinch the job for the vitrified brick monopoly as against other makes of brick that stand the same test is not serious. If the bonds fail it will not be because the people object to real competition in paving material.

Thirty Years Ago This Day in Omaha

Colened Edwin F. Smythe, one of the best known lawyers on the Douglas County Bar, died at his residence on Farnam street. He had been practicing his profession in Omaha since 1871, and is survived by his widow, a daughter of the late Jesse Lowe, and one child, Edith A. Smythe.

Spring hats may be seen at Frederick's beautiful hat store in Creighton block.

H. A. Doud, chief clerk at the internal revenue office, left for a trip to California and other western points.

A. C. McInnis, who has been south during the winter, returned much improved in health.

The commencement exercises of the Omaha Medical college featured an address to the graduates by E. W. Simeral. Five new doctors were turned out: Aloise F. Hinz, William H. Smith, James Norriah, Samuel G. Panter and H. G. Wisac.

The trial of the case of the Omaha Post Printing company against G. M. Hitchcock, was commenced before Judge Neville in the justice court. The plaintiffs claim that Hitchcock owes them \$45 for publishing his professional card from 1870 to 1884. The defense stated, in opening the case, that they could show the bill was not paid.

John Dwyer announces that he will open the Exposition Clear and Novelty Store, Fifteenth and Capital avenue, April 1.

George W. Homan, Thirtieth and Harnay streets, wants to retire from business and sell his lively stable of thirty years' standing.

Kennedy for Senator.

With the expiration of the time for filings, it is now definitely settled that we are to have only two competitors for the republican nomination for United States senator in the impending Nebraska primary. Next to the presidential standard bearer, the senatorship is by far the most important place on the ticket to be filled—most important in the high character and wide influence of the office and also most important in determining the ease or difficulty with which republican success will be won in the November election.

Gauged by any or all of the tests that may be applied, the candidacy of John L. Kennedy carries an appeal to republicans who want to see this state again represented in the United States senate by a republican which must be unanswerable. Mr. Kennedy has been identified with the upbuilding of Nebraska since his early manhood. He has been successful in the practice of his profession, in which he holds an enviable rank. He has been a leader and not a laggard in reform movements, and a help and not a hindrance in all the public enterprises undertaken by the city or state. He has had the congressional experience to fit him for the senatorship and he has not only subscribed to the republican principles, but has been an active party worker, doing his full share to make these principles effective in our government.

His patriotism is unflinching and his public spirit never lacking. It is not enough for Nebraska republicans to win back the senatorship. We must at the same time give Nebraska a man for senator who will measure up to the position, who will perform the duties courageously, conscientiously and creditably. By making Mr. Kennedy the party nominee, we can offer the voters, as a whole, a candidate who can command their confidence and help insure a republican victory.

Our Army is Efficient.

The march into Mexico, told of in detail in the news columns, is proof that our army, small though it is, has the efficiency claimed for it. Quickly prepared for emergency service, it moves with a celerity that astonishes the Mexicans, who never before saw a real army on the march. The orderly precision and the discipline that makes possible the results sought is not known in Mexico. One hundred and ten miles of desert trail covered in twenty-two hours of actual marching is a record of which any flying column may be proud. While not so impressive as a spectacle as was the tidal wave of armed men that flowed through Brussels, Pershing's army is a magnificent exhibition of the possibilities of the American soldier. Our army is little, but what there is of it is of the best. The lesson is that volunteers, sprung to arms between sunrise and sunset, are not prepared to achieve what is expected of trained soldiers. No serviceable army can be improvised.

Building of Bird Houses.

The interest aroused by the Audubons in birds, now manifest by the unusual excitement over the building of bird houses, is a convincing proof that urban life has not entirely destroyed the love of man for the lesser things in the world. Dormant concern in birds is now well stirred into activity, and with a little fostering care it is likely to retain its present force, if not actually to spread. Nebraska is the natural habitat of a large variety of feathered wild things, and Omaha is annually visited by many of them. In the parks are set up the house-keeping arrangements of these busy creatures, whose goings and comings are tremendously interesting to any one who will take the time to follow them, while even the careless can not fail to note the proceedings. Some of them, the robin for example, delight in approach to man, and all may be made more neighborly if given a chance and not unduly disturbed by the inquisitive. It is possible to have birds of the better class flitting about our shaded avenues, carrying on their courtships and their concerts on our lawns, to the partial exclusion of the bothersome sparrows, if they be given a little encouragement. The bird house campaign is in the right direction, and even the present beginning will bring returns.

Two Police Judges This Time.

There seems to be some confusion among Omaha voters due to uncertainty as to how many police judges are to be nominated and elected this year. Heretofore, we have had but one police court and have chosen but one police judge, but with the merging of South Omaha and Dundee, the police court at South Omaha was likewise annexed, and we will, this year, have two police judgeships to fill. According to the law, as we read it, these places are precisely alike, so far as the voters are concerned, all the candidates being voted on throughout the whole of Greater Omaha, the two highest securing places on the respective party tickets, and the two highest again in November being elected. In a word, each elector in Omaha may vote for two police judges, instead of one, this time.

Official reports show the number of soldiers' widows in Great Britain to be 41,000 and sailors' widows 80,000. The number in other warring countries is in like proportion to the number of men engaged, doubtless running the aggregate of war widows well up to the million, if not beyond. To this number of stricken, husbandless homes must be added the unknown number of mothers bereft of sons in order to grasp in outline the heartrending tragedies of war imposed on the innocent.

If any city, outside of the big population centers like New York and Chicago, ever drew a new depot without first putting pressure on the railroads, we do not know where it is. Kansas City's long and finally successful fight is historic, and Cleveland is just now in the throes of a final struggle to pull across a Union Depot there. Omaha will have to do more than watchful waiting.

A vision, if not an actual view, of coming squadrons no doubt impressed upon General Herrera the value of loyalty. Manana warriors dislike precipitate funerals.

Awful Majesty of the Stars

Garrett F. Serviss. IF NEWCOMB'S estimate of the position of the apex of the sun's motion, about four degrees from Vega, is substantially correct, then that star is, at the present moment, about fourteen times as far from us as it is, perpendicularly, from the path of the sun, extended in a straight line through space.

Supposing Vega either to stand fast and wait for us, or to move in our direction along a line parallel to the path of the sun, it would, at its point of nearest approach, be about fourteen times nearer than it is now, and, since the intensity of light varies inversely as the square of the distance, Vega would then be 196, or 14 squared, times as bright as it is at present. That would make it nearly forty times as bright as Sirius, the most brilliant star now visible to us in the entire sky.

Its heat radiation and its gravitational influence upon the earth would be increased in the same ratio. But neither of the two last named effects would be noticeable, although it would be possible to measure with delicate instruments the amount of heat received from Vega, as, indeed, it is possible even at its present distance.

But in fact the motion of Vega, although it has a large component directed toward us, is, as a whole, not parallel to the sun's path, so that it will never approach as close as the calculation above shows. Even if it did the sun would not become its satellite, notwithstanding the fact that Vega is probably many times more massive than the sun. But very careful observations might show how much the sun was swayed from its steady course by the great star's attraction. Every star in the universe exerts some influence upon every other star. Many are united in close unions as doublets, triplets, quadruplets, etc., and many others form globular clusters, but our sun as yet is one of the virtually independent wanderers.

Even if Vega were at the nearest point above calculated it would still be about 15,000,000,000 miles away, equal to 400,000 times its own diameter (giving the latter its highest probable value), so that its angular diameter to the eye would be only one-thirtieth of a second of an arc, or less than one 50,000th of the angular diameter of the moon. It would far outshine every other star, but yet it would be only a starry point of amazing brilliancy.

The fact that the most swiftly moving stars are the oldest is one of the newest discoveries of astronomy. The reason for it is obscure, but perhaps the most probable explanation is that the older stars have been longer subjected to the acceleration of gravity produced by the attraction of their compeers.

Investigations of the grandest character are now under way concerning the equilibrium of the entire universe under the play of its myriad-handed internal forces. Most fascinating glimpses of stellar associations have already been obtained through these studies.

There appear to be societies among the stars; traveling companions are found in the star depths, sometimes separated, as seen from the earth, by the entire breadth of the sky, but all along the same way in space, as if linked by invisible chains, or governed by some acknowledged principle of common destiny. Sirius has its company, of which, by virtue of its brightness, it may be called a leader, and some of whose members are as far away, on a star chart as Ursa Major.

Algenib, or Alpha Persei, is, in a similar sense, the leader of another band of star Argonauts. Many of the stars of the constellation Taurus form another association, whose members are notable for their great relative size, a company of big fellows, thirty-nine in number.

"In the vicinity of the sun," says A. S. Eddington, "we have nothing to compare with this collection of magnificent orbs." The smallest is ten times as bright as the sun and the largest a hundred times. This cluster is moving away from us now. Eight hundred thousand years ago it was twice as near as it is at present; in 8,000,000 years it will be a glimmering speck in distant space, a bit of starry gauze, covering an area less than half that filled by the moon's disk.

The motions going on in the universe about us are stupendous beyond thought. The suns swing in orbits of incalculable magnitude and form, and yet all goes on orderly, systematically, unceasingly. And in the midst of the mighty eddies drives the earth, like a speck of dust dropped on the glittering ocean.

Twice Told Tales

More Appropriate. Sir George Alexander is drawing all London by his remarkable acting in a delightful comedy at the St. James theater.

As many people are aware, Sir George's original name was Samson before he went on the stage, and apropos of this fact a good story is told.

A well known theatrical manager was once discussing Sir George with a friend.

"By the way, Alexander isn't his right name, is it?" inquired the friend.

"No," said the manager. "It used to be Samson. It was a pity to change the name of Samson to Alexander."

"Oh, but Alexander conquered the world, you know," laughed the other.

"Yes," answered the manager; "but Samson is a more appropriate theatrical name. Have you forgotten that Samson was the first man who brought down the house?"—Pittsburgh Chronicle Telegraph.

Where, Indeed? "Children," said the Sunday school superintendent "this picture illustrates today's lesson: Lot was warned to take his wife and daughters and flee out of Sodom; here are Lot and his daughters, with his wife just behind them; and there is Sodom in the background. Now, has any girl or boy a question before we take up the study of the lesson? Well, Susie?"

"Please, sir," piped the latest graduate from the infant class, "where th the flea?"—Harper's Monthly.

Worth Learning. Miss Gladys was rather a flippancy young lady, and just so was her friend. Of late meetings between the two had been few and far between.

Gladys' friend could not fathom the reason why, and in order to satisfy her curiosity she called one afternoon.

"No, mum, Miss Gladys is not in," the maid informed her. "She's gone to the class."

"Why, what class?" inquired the caller, in surprise.

"Well, mum, you know Miss Gladys is getting married soon. So she's taking a few lessons in domestic science!"—New York Times.

People and Events

Americans are the greatest meat eaters, the per capita consumption being 172 pounds a year in this country, 139 in England, 115 in Germany, 90 in France and Holland, 64 in Austria-Hungary, 50 in Russia and in Spain 40.

A bunch of easy marks in San Francisco almost fell over each other in their eagerness to get in on the ground floor of a Transcontinental Auto Tour company, capitalized at \$5,000,000. After putting up the first installment, a search of the chief promoter revealed a large imagination, copious vocabulary and 20 cents.

The removal of tar from gas by electricity is the subject of a patent recently granted to an inventor of Detroit. The operation consists essentially of passing the gas through an electrical field of alternating polarity between receiving and discharging electrodes. It is asserted that the particles of tarry substances in the gas then coalesce and are deposited on the receiving electrode.

The Bee's Letter Box

Union Depot Possibilities. OMAHA, March 24.—To the Editor of The Bee: I have noted in your morning issue that D. C. Patterson has added his vote for a new union depot, and in this respect he voices the sentiment of all our hoodlums. He also records with accuracy a fact of the indignities imposed on travelers who have to await outside the city limits until trains can be shifted at depots to receive them.

In regard to the actual dimensions of this new building proposed by him and its general arrangements possibly the idea is worth consideration. While he states it ought to be 300 feet square and twelve stories high, with sixteenth street running through it and with an inside court 300 feet square, he is not clear as to the location of this structure in relation to Jackson street, if it is intended that this building straddle the sixteenth street viaduct somewhere in the middle, it would be a mistake to do so, for the reason that the smoke and noise from the constant moving of engines and trains, the confusion and unpleasant features of this situation would be most uncomfortable indeed.

If, however, the structure faced on Jackson street the difficulties would be lessened, for the reason that all the traffic would be on one side. As to converting the building into a dual office building and railway station, it would be a mistake, and as a matter of fact it should cater to railway business only.

The sixteenth street viaduct should become a part of the architectural design of the station, the east end of this station on Jackson street would then become the commencement of the Union Pacific freight station, all of which could be finished in keeping with the general scheme. The depot as a whole would then extend from sixteenth street to Eighth street, facing Jackson street, with a viaduct from Tenth to sixteenth street about Pierce street all the old South Omaha district could be discharged onto the sixteenth street thoroughfare, greatly to the benefit of all concerned. Thus all viaducts and grade crossings would be abolished in the district.

L. C. SHARP, Omaha Machine Works.

As to the Primary Law. OMAHA, SOUTH SIDE, March 24.—To the Editor of The Bee: We deem it of importance in the discussion of a subject to know what a subject means and not jump at conclusions. Many make assertions in discussions without thought and when analyzed find they have plunged into water beyond their depth.

We are told by authorities primary as an adjective means "first in order of time or development; preparatory to something higher." As a noun, "that which stands highest in rank or importance. A law is that which is laid, set or fixed like statute, constitution, and is defined, 'a rule of order or conduct established by authority.' Some are pleased to say that law is a rule of action. We think this is error and gets one into trouble because of this makeup of different individuals, they measuring everything from their individual viewpoint.

We have in Nebraska a primary law by which elections of first instance are governed, but with what just measure can only be determined by a strict observance. At almost every session of the legislature since the system was resorted to amendments and alterations have been made so that the present law has become prolix, complex and expensive, and does not seem to eradicate matters sought. With the multiplicity of candidates now before the people to choose from, some undesirable candidates will undoubtedly be nominated, and if they are not supported at the November election the non-supporters will have all the invectives hurled at them that the vocabulary contains, but the taxpayers have to foot the bill for the printing and the cost of the primary. By the old convention system this cost would be saved, and perhaps as clean a set of candidates nominated.

In the framing of the law the legislators seem to have tried to see how prolix and complex it could be made so that the voter might give it his individual interpretation, and being ignorant and misled in its entirety.

This system makes laborious and unnecessary work for an election board, often carrying them hours beyond the time in which they are expected to perform the work.

If the people continue to send men with such farcical ideas to the legislature to make our laws, confusion, discontent and costly will be the result. CLINKER.

Editorial Snapshots

Washington Post: Just what the European countries will do after the war falls to interest them nearly so much as the more pressing question of getting through.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat: It requires no world statesman to perceive that Alaska would be as hard to defend as the Philippines, yet there is no blue funk about Alaska and a desire to throw it at somebody's head.

Pittsburgh Dispatch: It is unfortunate that the troops that pursued Villa had no cable to cut, doubly so, judging by the disappointment in official circles when they obeyed previous instructions and returned across the border.

Pittsburgh Dispatch: A belted shirt with a stud in it and enough money behind it can get a college degree, according to Scott Nearing. Some of these days the professor is going to force folks to feel charitably toward the university trustees.

New York World: An Omaha man raises the point that Mr. Bryan is not a democrat and protests against the appearance of Mr. Bryan's name on the democratic primary ballot. Mr. Bryan never was a democrat. He was and is a populist, but it is rather late to get excited about it.

New York World: To college men with a taste for a military career, enlistment and service in the ranks should be only an easy step toward promotion. West Point does not supply enough officers for the army as it is today. If it is to be increased in size, according to the plans pending in congress, there will be room for many more. No more promising material exists than among men of education, who are attracted to the army by a sense of duty or by love of a life that carries with it so many honors and opportunities.

New York Journal of Commerce: In this time of war and tumult abroad and of the disturbance of commerce the world over,

The United States is embarrassed by a superabundance of gold. This is due to the enforced payment in part for the excess of our exports over imports in our own coin or that of other nations or in gold bullion. This tends to accumulate in the public treasury as the basis of current money in the more convenient form of paper certificates. There is little actual circulation of gold coin in this country and nobody cares to hoard it in large quantity or to stow away uncircled bullion.

Lines to a Laugh.

She—Papa said you had more money than brains. Rags—Ha! That's one on your father, I'm broke. She—Yes, papa added that you were— Boston Transcript.

"Naval officers are likely to get promoted pretty quick now, aren't they?" "Dear me, yes. Why, you get to be a captain now in only about fifty years."—Life.

"Here's a story about a man who bought a manufactured 'old master' under the impression it was a genuine Van Dyke." "Oh, that story has whiskers on it."—Baltimore American.

Barber—I want a motto from Shakespeare to hang up in my shop. Can you suggest one? Patron—Of course. How will this do? "Then saw you not his face."—Saturday Evening Gazette.

"Do you believe that women ought to vote?" "Haven't figured that far," replied Mr. Growcher. "What I'm in doubt about is whether the vote ought not to be taken away from a whole lot of us men."—Washington Star.

DEAR MR. KABIBBLE, MY FIANCEE IS ALWAYS CHENING GUM—HOW CAN I BREAK HER OF THE HABIT? GIVE HER SOME SUBJECT THAT SHE CAN TALK ABOUT AND SHE WON'T NEED THE GUM!—Chicago.

"Your boy Josh gets very excited and uses harsh language." "Yes," replied Farmer Corntassel, "He got so excited whether he's going to get into trouble or turn out to be one of these reform orators."—Washington Star.

"It takes pluck and energy to become an American millionaire." "Quite so, but you have left out one of the most important requirements." "And what is that?" "Expert legal advice."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Lady of the House—You say you haven't had anything to eat today? De—Only ting who swallered terday in Indianapolis News.

AN INVITATION.

Horace Keller, in Judge. It's out of fashion to decry. The dishes that were fine and dandy. At present I would like to try. Some of them served by Les or Mandy. Tomorrow morn for instance, son, A stack of buckwheat cakes would hit me. Flanked by some sausages well-done, And maple syrup—do you "git" me?

But maple syrup's had its day. Pork sausages for long have vanished; Fried duck whose flour's passed away, And, lo! these many moons been banished. Say, what's the matter with fresh eggs, In nice ham gravy gently swimming? Great stuff when you stretch out your legs. Beneath the board with gusto blimming.

Corned beef and cabbage dinner time, Potatoes in their jackets—hold me! Bless I'll forget the proper rhyme. And then the editor will scold me. Some good-old-fashioned gingerbread—The brand is gone, you cannot buy it. How is that for a simple spread? Back to the farm with me and try it.

Back to the farm with me and try it. The good old dishes so enduring. In the kitchen you'll find me. Will sample something that's alluring. The coffee pot is on the stove, The copper kettle's gaily steaming. So back with me to treasure trove— Good heavens! I am only dreaming.

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