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The union barbers ask for shorter

Buffalo Bill is beginning his most

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Between naughty pictures and

Admirable as is Secretary Bryan's

So far, fortunately, Jupiter Pluvius

Burning the arena where a pugilist

The case of Theodore Roosevelt

"The Steel trust has been a power

There is a great deal of apprehension

The demand for a free bridge

Republicans have taken steps

If the lid is really on in South

That moving colony of grasshoppers

If the United States is "judiciously

These editors' wives who are invited

Washington, D. C., has a grass

The confusion and delay among

Difficulty is being encountered

What a mutual admiration society

Who Should Foot the Bill?

According to news dispatches from Washington, a committee of high railway officials has been in conference with the Interstate Commerce commission with reference to the physical valuation of railway properties which the federal government is about to take up through the commission. In the meanwhile various states, beginning with Wisconsin, and including Nebraska, have undertaken to make physical valuations of the railroads within their respective boundaries, being the very same railroads that would come within the purview of the federal authorities as interstate carriers.

Nebraska, for example, has already paid out many thousands of dollars in putting the value upon the physical property of the Union Pacific, the Burlington, the Rock Island and other roads that are really parts of great trunk lines crossing the continent and traversing many states. The results of this work, if accepted by the Interstate Commerce commission, will save all that money to the federal treasury, and in the other states which have not begun physical valuation the work will be wholly at federal expense and without cost to them. Manifestly, this situation constitutes an unfair discrimination that ought to have the attention of congress, so that the burden, if not assumed altogether by the federal government, should at least be shared between it and the respective states. We commend this proposition to our delegation at Washington.

Distrustful of His Democrats.

President Wilson takes occasion to denounce the "insidious" lobby, which he says is present in Washington, exerting itself to secure modification of the tariff bill, particularly in the interest of the wool growers and sugar producers. The natural inference is that the distrustful president is afraid that the administration pressure and promises of patronage relied on to hold the democrats in line, is being counteracted by the visiting strangers and letters from home, and that the administration program is in danger of suffering a setback. He seems to be in doubt about his own democratic crowd. Every democrat who fails to reaffirm support for the president's demands may prepare to be accused of having been corrupted by the lobby.

The Graduation Gown.

The resolution of the girls in the York High school graduating class to limit the cost of their dresses to \$6, is suggestive of a wholesome tendency, particularly if it is of serious intent and not merely another fad. It may not be practicable in all cases to fix definite limits, but it does seem to comport with the spirit of our system of popular education to minimize the importance of extravagant attire on such occasions. If this tendency could be maintained throughout the school year, it might have an even more wholesome effect.

Boys and girls unable to cope with some of their mates in the matter of expense, ought not have the unprofitable examples of extravagance set to them, and young persons able to afford such displays would be much better off without them. It is most gratifying when a graduation brings a true appreciation of relative values, as seems to be the case in the York school. The real cultural effect of education which represses the ignoble rage for display and makes young folks sensible on these subjects is desirable and here suggested. The sweet girl graduate is quite proverbial and we venture to say that she loses none of her sweetness by simplicity of dress.

The Long Beach Catastrophe.

The collapse of a decaying pier, resulting in many deaths at Long Beach, Cal., painfully suggests the danger of letting desire to save money run away with other more important considerations at popular pleasure resorts. It is a grim reminder of the urgency of giving first thought to the protection of life at these places where people gather in such throngs to spend their money and enjoy themselves. The least that should be done by those inviting public patronage is to omit no possible security for life and limb. This pier, which by the way belonged to the municipality, had, it seems, been unofficially condemned and already partly destroyed by the water, indicating a very hazardous condition. The responsibility must be met, so far as can be, and would seem to fall directly upon the city. Already damage suits aggregating more than \$1,000,000 are said to have been projected. From a monetary standpoint, to say nothing of the irreparable loss of life, Long Beach probably would have been far ahead to have made the necessary repairs in its pier in time to have averted this catastrophe.

What a mutual admiration society we are having in the membership of President Wilson's cabinet. Not one of them leis an opportunity get away to throw a bouquet at some of the others. If the people do not appreciate the good points of this cabinet, it will not be the cabinet's fault.

Looking Backward This Day in Omaha

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Thirty Years Ago—

Justice George W. Doane and wife have been called to Halley, Idaho, by the dangerous illness of Mrs. Doane's daughter, William Greenbow, well known in this city.

Among the real estate deals is one from A. R. Dufrene to George Warren Smith conveying a tract of 4 by 106 feet of lot 7, block 7, for \$150.

Ex-Governor Leland Stanford's racing horse went through in a special stabled car in charge of A. S. Martin, famous driver "Smuggler."

Mrs. A. S. Raymond and Mrs. R. H. Burnham of Lincoln have been visiting with Mrs. William Alexander.

Mrs. A. J. Grover, wife of the assistant city engineer, has gone on a month's visit to friends in Chicago and Milwaukee.

General Miles and General Schofield passed each other somewhere near Omaha yesterday, the one going west, and the other coming east, on the Overland.

The school board at its meeting authorized the secretary to buy a lawn mower and have the grass cut in the High school yard.

Arrangements for Memorial day exercises are perfected. George B. Rathbun will be chief marshal, and Lieutenant E. C. Mason orator of the day, with the assistant marshals, Captain A. Allee, W. F. Bechel and Major J. M. McMahon.

Mrs. C. A. Baldwin has returned from a visit to her son and daughter in Denver.

Twenty Years Ago—

Health Commissioner Somers and Mrs. Somers returned from a pleasant trip to Denver and Salt Lake City.

Fred Haller, a pressman at the Western Printing company, was minus one finger, which the press got.

Rev. D. K. Tindall preached a Decoration day sermon at Trinity Methodist church in members of the George Crook Post No. 82, Grand Army of the Republic. Between sixty and seventy of the veterans occupied pews in the front of the house.

On the subject of conquering, the pastor said: "Jesus won a victory over the devil in the wilderness; Paul had it out with his satanic majesty on the way to Damascus and won a glorious victory; Daniel, Joseph and Abraham won; so did Martin Luther and John Wesley. So can we all win a great victory over the devil if we only have faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and put our trust in Him."

Muriel Reid Cornes, 24 years of age, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Cornes, 265 North Twenty-eighth avenue, died of capillary bronchitis.

"Christ and Republicanism" was the subject of a discourse by Rev. W. P. Murray at Hanscom Park Methodist church, in which the minister took occasion to reply to some of the things said in an address here by Father Sherman, son of the great general. "The speech of Father Sherman was un-American," he said.

The Bee contained a long article on the front page from Dr. A. Hugh Hippie, advocating annexation by the United States of Canada, his native land. He thought it would benefit both countries and that England could afford to lose Canada by such an alliance.

Ten Years Ago—

Rev. Charles W. Savidge was engaged in furnishing each of the thirteen fire engine houses of the city with a pictorial St. James edition of the Bible, finding no copy of the scriptures at any of these places.

Friends of Rev. M. L. Copeland, who had charge of Zion Baptist church for seven months, tendered him a farewell reception at 1314 Cuming street. Rev. Mr. Copeland was to leave in a few days for the southwest to continue in the ministry.

With Ed F. Kennedy, their local president, leading the way, eighteen boiler-makers and their helpers marched through the big gates into the Union Pacific shops and took up their tools after being on strike for about a year. Mr. Kennedy and other leaders had effected a settlement with Mr. Harriman in New York.

Mrs. J. Benson was advertising in The Bee India and China silks nondescriptly trimmed with lace, \$2.50 and up.

Mrs. Walter B. Wilkins and Miss Darline Buckingham returned from Denver, where they had been on a visit.

Edward Dickinson and daughter, Mrs. Lyman, went to New York preparatory to sailing for Europe. Mr. Dickinson did not go, deciding to remain in Omaha for the summer.

People Talked About

A Pennsylvania town boasts of a woman resident 100 years old who never saw a train, a trolley car nor a telephone. She lived comfortably just the same.

A Pennsylvania woman, who is now 100 years old, has never worn a hat or cap, says she has a fine mole spot on the upper story.

By a series of brilliant strategical movements, the Army and Navy club of Washington managed to dialogue its eight Japanese table waiters.

Enrico Alessandro, a young Russian of Greenwich, Conn., is to be sent to Italy by Mrs. Percy Rockefeller and others in the hope that he will prove a "second Garuso."

The colonial Smiths of Boston are going to separate the revolutionary Smiths from more recent arrivals. Any Smiths who can trace American ancestry back to 1783 can come in on payment of the regular fee.

Rector G. B. Gilbert of Killingsworth, Conn., is said to have become so interested in fishing the other Sunday morning that he nearly forgot to go to church and came in awfully late and all set up as it was.

De Wolf Hopper and Nat C. Goodwin each has annexed his fifth wife. That's going some, thanks to the divorce mills. Their supply of ex-wives form an interesting chain of intimate acquaintances stretching from coast to coast.

Nicholas Roemer, a printer of Manitowish, Wis., has just completed forty years of boarding with one family. When he came to this country in 1873 he began boarding with the Hoyer family at the rate of \$ a week, and this rate has never been changed. During the forty years he has said \$384 for board.

Judge Bruce of Malden, Mass., has organized a stone-throwing class for boys. Under the direction of a probation officer the boys are to be gathered in a large field and there made to throw stones until "they get their fill." It will be dull punishment unless the wise judge provides windows or heads for objects.

Twice Told Tales

His Future Mapped Out.

The father of a bright young son went to a wise friend for advice as to what profession the youth should be fitted for. The sage was brusque.

"Let the boy choose for himself," he said. "But," protested the father, "he's too young."

"Well," responded the wise man, "put him in a room alone with a book on theology, an apple, a knife and some small change, and see what he plays with. If he chooses the book, make a minister of him; if he takes the knife, make him a surgeon; if the apple, he'll make a farmer, and if he chooses the money, a banker."

Much relieved, the father went away, but returned the next day in great distress, saying the plan hadn't worked at all.

"Why not?" demanded the wise man. "What did he do?"

"When I went in," said the father, "he was sitting on the book, with the knife in one hand and the money in his pocket, and eating the apple."

"Ah!" said the sage, "that's easy. The boy is a natural born lawyer.—Ladies' Home Journal.

New Form of Music.

He was a fellow of delicate organization. When he heard a sound which irritated him he leaped madly to his feet and rushed from the room or, if he happened to be on the ground floor, dived through a window and landed in the flower garden.

Having been invited from the city to the country he found himself surrounded every day by a family who had not the faintest elemental ideas of how to eat soup. He stood it two days, his jangling nerves urging him every moment to rebellion. Finally, the oldest daughter of the house confided to him her objection to her father's habit of eating soup in a loud manner, visitor, who thought the father didn't have much on the daughter in this respect, exclaimed:

"Loud eating of soup! He doesn't eat it. He whistles it!"—Popular Magazine.

Too Deep.

Two colored men were on an expedition to the cologne's hen roost one dark night. Mose had planted the ladder, climbed up to where the chickens were roosting and was passing them down to Ephraim, who put them in a bag. Suddenly Mose stopped.

"What's de matter, Brudder Mose?" inquired Ephraim anxiously.

"I's just been thinkin', Brudder Ephraim, how me and you is membash up de church, an' wedder it's right to take de cunnell's chickens?"

"Brudder Mose," said Ephraim, "dat an' me ain't fit ter waste wid. Pass down anudder chicken."—Atlanta Constitution.

Editorial Snapshots

Louisville Courier-Journal: The Culebra slide, which is causing a sensation in Panama, is not, as Ethelberta might imagine, a variation of the turkey trot.

Boston Transcript: Mr. Bryan is such an admirer of the dollar that one suspects he has his eye on that \$20,000 Nobel peace prize.

Indianapolis News: Do not get the impression that the Mexican revolution is not proceeding with its usual verve. For instance, the constitutionalists have just killed a hundred federalists near Sacramento.

Philadelphia Ledger: Those delightful European nations are always enthusiastic for cordial relations with the United States at this time of the year. The summer flight of American dollars has begun.

Springfield Republican: A Japanese newspaper finds amusement in what it calls the American fear of Japanese aggression, and properly so. The Californian issue has been exaggerated as to the peril it presents, for war is the last thing Japan desires. The question is one to be settled upon its merits, giving due justice to California as well as to Japan.

Louisville Courier-Journal: The right to make an ass of oneself is inalienable. But Mr. Sisson should bear in mind that when President Wilson asks him not to make popgun speeches about war with Japan he merely urges him not to make an ass of his country in the eyes of foreigners who do not understand the unimportance of such speeches as Mr. Sisson is capable of making.

Bryan as a Target

Chicago Inter Ocean: Any one who wants to get an illuminating insight on the real character of Secretary Bryan should get a copy of his Commoser.

Philadelphia Press: How is Secretary Bryan going to keep up a reputation as a man of peace if, as the Washington dispatches say, he mixed up in a row with Senator Hitchcock over Nebraska patronage?

St. Louis Globe Democrat: The question of patronage is causing a strong difference of opinion between Secretary Bryan and Senator Hitchcock (democrat) of Nebraska. When it comes to post-offices an idyllic peace is not always possible.

Philadelphia Ledger: Secretary Bryan cannot be expected to settle down all at once. So, the current criticisms about his being away from Washington more than half the time since he took office must be tempered with the consideration that for many years his habit has been travel and his home the moving train.

Baltimore American: Mr. Bryan says that a man who cannot keep his party platform without violating his conscience should resign and satisfy his conscience that way. He seems to think that office-seekers of this modern day must have some of the Spartan in their composition.

Overheated Patriotism.

Springfield (Mass.) Republican. Prof. Muensterberg's loyalty to his emperor, of whom he is still a devoted subject, is commendable, but his apprehensions of ulterior motives of the peace advocates directed against the fatherland are to be taken as somewhat overheated patriotism rather than the best quality of Harvard psychology.

Where Prayers Are Needed.

Baltimore American. Now that prayers have formally been offered for the new republic of China, the same petitions for help and guidance might not be amiss for the Christian powers of Europe.

Where the Red Man Fell Down.

Pittsburgh Dispatch. In studying the Pacific coast tangle the descendants of the noble red men may comprehend the omission of their ancestors in failing to pass a law prohibiting aliens from owning land.

Nebraska Editors

Charles E. Montgomery of Piler has purchased the Belden Progress and will take possession June 1.

The Crofton Journal completed its seventh year last week. The Crofton Enterprise installed a new cylinder press last week.

E. C. Draka, vice president of the Herald Publishing company of Alliance, has been granted a patent on an improved form of harness buckle.

The McCook Tribune celebrated its thirty-first anniversary last week. For the last three years it has been issued twice a week. F. M. Kimmel is editor and proprietor.

C. B. Domet, who has been operating the mail lines under a lease for two years, has purchased the paper from the Axtell Investment company, an organization of local capitalists.

Editor Clark Perkins of the Aurora Republican, who will occupy the pulpit of the First Congregational church in Omaha next Sunday, has arranged with the ministers of his city to edit his paper while he is here attending the session of the state press association.

The Central City Nonpareil last week celebrated the dedication of Merrick county's new court house by getting out a finely illustrated four-page account of the exercises.

Sam W. Thurber of the Tennessean Chief is borrowing clothes that he may be able to attend the editorial meeting in Omaha the first of June. Sam will probably lead the singing at the Benson Methodist Episcopal church on Sunday morning, as Charlie Pool is going to the preaching there.

The Elkhorn Valley Editorial association will meet in Rushville Saturday, June 21, when an attractive program will be arranged, including a trip to Pine Ridge by auto.

According to the Wayne Herald, automobiles are not used to being run by editors, as witness the one at Hartington which dumped the editor of the News, wrenching one of his wrists and wrecking the looks of his face.

Adam Breeds, the handsome, distinguished and single-editor of the Hastings Daily Tribune, stopped in Aurora for a few hours Saturday, returning home from a bear hunt in Montana. He had some hair-raising experiences, bagged five bear and accumulated a fund of yarns that will keep his friends entertained until the time comes to make his next annual raid.

Etchings from Life

You don't have to go to a circus to see something funny. Get a good look at a fat girl who is wearing a middy blouse.

Transparent gauze waists and net skirts are the newest summer wear. Them as has curves to curve will let them curve this season.

Why is it that a skinny girl always wears her Dutch-necked waist unbuttoned so far down in front that you can almost see her ribs?

The average girl spends a whole lot of time in front of her mirror when she is dressing and she is just as bright as you are. Therefore, if she leaves anything exposed when she goes downtown, you can bet that she knows it. So go ahead and get an eyelid. You won't be cheating or stealing anything.

Things are getting to be the way they should be in a republic. The wealthy girls are growing uglier and the daughters of the rabble are growing prettier. Take fifty aristocratic debutantes and fifty maidens whose fathers work for a living and the latter half-hundred will run rings around the former when it comes to looks and shapes.

Poor old Romance is getting a black eye every day. Three Philadelphia pastors have refused to join couples who fail to bring certificates of inspection with them. A certified bride may be a good thing, but most men would rather take a chance than know that some strange M. D. was able to testify as to the standard of physical perfection possessed by the girls whom they intend to marry.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Tabloids of Science

The ultra-violet rays have been used to detect check forgeries.

The working range of storage-battery cars is constantly increasing.

Automobile engines are increasing in efficiency and the average horsepower shows a tendency to increase with them.

The rain which recently fell in the valley of the Ohio river was sufficient to cover the entire state of Ohio with seven inches of water.

In the city of Vancouver the electric light companies purchase the sawdust from the sawmills and then by using it for fuel convert it into electricity and sell the current to the sawmills.

Portable machine shops are now installed in the basements of buildings under construction. Much time is saved by the ability to perform many jobs on the spot which heretofore were carried away to shops.

The hotel bell boy will lose his chief occupation when the vacuum cold water bottles are in general use in hotels. They form part of one of the fixtures of each room, and water placed in them will remain cold for two days.

Horses falling on slippery pavements are greatly assisted in their efforts to regain their feet by throwing a blanket under them. Acting upon this suggestion, an inventor has designed carpet-bag slippers to put on the animal's feet on such occasions.

Luxuries for Travelers.

Philadelphia Ledger. Steamship companies are spending millions in marine monsters that contain every possible luxury for the traveler and the railways are building steel cars that seem to be the final word on rails. On land and water we have safety and comfort advanced almost to perfection. It means the increase of travel. There will be more people moving around this summer than ever before, and they will have better times than was ever enjoyed.

On Guard.

Springfield Republican. Secretary Bryan's constant running about to conferences, congresses and banquets, not to mention house parties, involves no mystery, so long as John Bassett Moore remains on guard in Washington.

CHEERY CHAFF.

"So Miss Brown is married. Well, I'm not surprised. She always deplored her own name for its commonness, and declared she would change it at the first opportunity. By the way, whom did she marry?"

"A Mr. Smith."—Baltimore American.

"Your house is the scene of some of society's most brilliant events."

"That's right," replied Mr. Cumrox. "My wife gives a lot of parties that I'd never stand a chance of being invited to if I wasn't married to her."—Washington Star.

Parent—Now, what are you going to charge me to cure this boy of measles? Physician—Nothing at all, my dear sir. It is an original case; and you get your 10 per cent commission for every child that catches them from him.—Puck.

Glizzard—I'll bet I've smoked fifty of these darned things today. Shykes (counting the matches on the floor)—Old chap, you do yourself a cruel injustice; you've smoked only twenty-seven.—Chicago Tribune.

Creditor—I should like to know when you are going to pay this bill; I can't come here every day in the week. Debtor—What day would suit you best? Creditor—Saturday.

Debtor—Very well; then you can call every Saturday.—London Opinion.

Binks appears to be more capable than the average federal office seeker. "Yes, he has found time to attend to his usual business, while he is awaiting news from Washington."—Buffalo Express.

Clara's Sister (at boarding school)—Must be an insect Clara married instead of a man. Girl Clum—How so? Clara's Sister—Why, in her letter to me, written right after the honeymoon, she says she got stung.—Judge.

WHYS AND WHEREFORES.

Chicago News.

The end of the race is not the goal. The stakes are not the end of the game. War is not proving the valiant soul. Courtship and marriage are well, the name.

Power of fortune or love or fame, Lures they be to the soul of man, Fanning desire's or mastering flame; Thus we are serving creation's plan!

We dare where the storm tossed waters roll. We brave grim death for an empty name. We strain and strive for the paltry dross of a woman's smile or of man's acclaim.

Is this small gerdoun our end and aim? We give what we have and get what we can.—

Whatever it is, from the gods it came.— Thus we are serving creation's plan.

So life's tragedies oft seem dull, At least it frees from a sense of blame To know that our structures from pit to pole Are but lesser parts of a mightier frame; Then free from folly and free from shame, Rejoicing the halt, the blind, the lame.— Thus we are serving creation's plan!

L'ENVOI. Prince, or whatever may be your role, Your range of life is no mortal span; We are all parts of a mighty whole.— Thus we are serving creation's plan.

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