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WAR hath slain its tens of thousands, and the returns from football are not all in yet.

WE read in fable of the goose that laid the golden eggs, but every old egg is golden now, at present prices.

THE Journal is pleased to note that everyone is hustling to make the institute next Saturday a grand success.

WHEN the people go gunning for insurance and official grafters and party bosses, it's an "open season" the whole year round.

THE institute next Saturday is bound to be a big success. The farmers are already bringing in samples of corn of the exhibit.

EVERY merchant in Plattsmouth should offer a prize of some kind as an inducement for farmers to bring in sample corn next Saturday.

WHAT are the merchants doing in the way of making the institute a grand success next Saturday? Are they doing their duty? If not, why not?

SAY, have you forgotten that one week from today is the date of the Cass County Farmers' Institute? It is one week from today—Saturday, December 9.

SO FAR as reported only three deaths from football yesterday. How many from prize fights? None. Abolish the football, and legalize the prize fight, and save the youth.

SENATOR MILLARD suggests a cabinet officer to take care of the rate question and says he thinks that would solve the problem. Now, wouldn't Senator Millard like to be the new cabinet officer?

THE new law may prevent the sale of cigarette papers by the local dealers, but some enterprising outlaw is sending in papers enough by every mail to keep funds in coffin nails for a long time ahead.

TAX-PAYING time is again here and money is literally pouring into the county treasurer's office. Most of those who are paying taxes at the present time are those whose property interests are not large.

A LOUISVILLE farmer named Dietrich was kicked in the face by a mule, and his jaw was broken. Had it been the Hastings Dietrich, Maud's foot would have been in the hospital for repairs, instead of the jawbone.—Beatrice Sun.

THE farmers will all be here next Saturday, if the weather is favorable. You can bet on that. We want to manifest our appreciation of their visit here in such a manner that they will not only come again but that they will come often.

A NUMBER of insurance policy holders of Plattsmouth have sent in their proxies to Thomas L. Lawson, of Boston, to be used in the coming election of directors and other officers of the New York Life, and the Equitable Insurance companies.

UPON leaving the white house yesterday, Congressman Henshaw of the Fourth Nebraska district expressed his positive conviction that a rate bill in accordance with the president's policy, and acceptable to the president to the fullest extent, will get through both houses of congress this session.

Now that people have to begin paying their personal taxes, which become delinquent today then the howls go up. Some of those republicans who were so enthusiastic for the new revenue law are doing the most howling. It is hard for them to take their own medicine without making a wry face and doing some loud talking.

UNITED STATES SENATOR PLATT testified before the insurance investigating committee that the "Big Three," the Equitable, the New York Life and the Mutual, gave annually \$10,000 each to the republican campaign committee of New York. Take these annual contributions to a corruption fund and the enormous salaries paid to the officials of the "Big Three," and the policy holders have something to think about. All the old line companies established life expectancy rates which they insisted represented insurance as low as it could possibly be written to insure absolute safety to policy holders. The premiums always seemed high and many policy holders struggled year in and year out to keep their dues paid up so that in the event of death their survivors might reap the benefit of their labors and forethought in providing something for them. Now comes the sworn statement that this blood money was exacted to corrupt politics and provide princely salaries for a lot of thieving scoundrels. Does not this admission prove conclusively that the premiums paid to the old line life insurance companies have been outrageously high?

NEW YORK Press (rep.): Obviously the men who said they gave money to Bliss and Cortelyou in order to save the national honor, lied. Mr. Cortelyou never will dare to say, under oath or at any time, that this was the reason for the collections. What, then was the motive? What did Mr. Cortelyou understand as the reason for the gifts? What return in kind were the grafters led to believe they would receive? Mr. Cortelyou owes this information to the state of New York, of which he is a citizen, as an aid to legislation governing life insurance and checking corrupt political practices. Mr. Cortelyou owes a full explanation to his chief, in behalf of whom this tainted money was used and perhaps without his knowledge or consent. Mr. Cortelyou must tell the republican party, for whom he acted in receiving the stolen money, how he can justify the act. And Mr. Cortelyou must show the people of the United States that he was not a conscious receiver of stolen goods or he must be driven out of the office of postmaster general.

SINCE the close of the last legislative session the supreme court has passed upon the constitutionality of many of the laws passed by that body of wisemen. Perhaps we do not possess the right figures, but as we have them they show that in every instance save one the court has declared null and void every law passed last winter and submitted to the court for their approval. The exception was the anti-cigarette law. Clearly one of two conditions must prevail in Nebraska: Either the average legislator is below the average of men in point of common sense, or the supreme court has arrogated to itself all wisdom. And neither proposition would call for much trouble in establishing the truth of it in Nebraska.

Now that the cold stormy weather is here and will probably continue for several months, the Journal would suggest that all its patrons put up boxes so the carrier boys will have no trouble hereafter in leaving papers, and that all will hereafter get their papers regularly without having to dig their papers out of the snow or hunt all over the yard for it after dark.

PERRY BELMONT believes that the best thing in the way of securing reform in the public service, or in politics, is to insist upon publicity. Perry is right. The press of the country has taken the lead in the exposure of frauds of every kind.

OMAHA BEE: Congressman Polard is beginning to learn the difference between being congressman in the First district of Nebraska and being congressman from the First district of Nebraska.

D. O. DWYER, Attorney-at-Law Office in building east of court house, Plattsmouth, Nebraska.

THANKSGIVING was pretty well observed in Plattsmouth, in accordance with the recommendations of the president and governor. It is a good thing for every man to be grateful, at least once a year, for the blessings of Providence, whether or not he ordinarily admits that he has anything to be grateful for. A man who is not a pig is thankful, and for the man who is a pig compulsory Thanksgiving is a good discipline in which everybody else concurs. The country as a whole has much reason for gratitude. Our positive blessings have been manifold. It has been a year of prosperity and the sum total of happiness has been great. Take us and by large, we Americans are a happy lot in any kind of weather; and during the past year the sun has shone vastly—prosperity has smiled upon many of our concerns. Thanksgiving which merely confirms our self-conceits is unprofitable, but surely it is not pharisaical to measure our progress and to conclude that we are a better people than we were a year ago. Moral issues have considerably intensified and great headway has been made in the solution of grave and menacing problems. The record of actual achievement is great. Improvement in the standards of political and commercial conduct is perceptible. "Graft" has been made more unfashionable. The principle of "live and let live" is stronger. There is more meaning in the golden rule.

TARIFF revision is the big issue for which everything else is substituted. "Anything to beat tariff revision" is the republican policy. No sacrifices are too great. The machine protecting the privileged interests will ruthlessly slay any other pet policy in order to retain the benefits of the Dingley schedules. To preserve the tariff in statu quo even concessions to the president's rate regulation issue will be made. The story of Mr. Roosevelt's compromise with Mr. Cannon comes too directly and too repeatedly to be doubted. The agreement is that Mr. Cannon will not use his power in the house to defeat the rate regulation measure provided Mr. Roosevelt will not disturb the tariff.

THERE would never be a contribution to a conscience fund if everybody were as strictly conscientious as William H. Elliott, the Indiana veteran, who stubbornly refused to accept the accumulated pension of \$15,000 that has been awarded him. Mr. Elliott declares that as he was never in a skirmish and never heard a shot fired, the money does not belong to him. If he remains obdurate to the end of his life congress might at his death appropriate the accumulated pension to erect in Indiana an enduring monument to Mr. Elliott.

An exchange, in a burst of sympathy, asks why Burton should be singled out, and if he and Mitchell are the only men in the United States senate who ought to be in the penitentiary. Of course not. However, the present accommodations would be inadequate at the penitentiaries if all the statesmen in the land who deserve to be doing time were sent there. It is best to handle this rascal business on the installment plan.

MIDGET MICKEY has denied the charge that he is a candidate for a third term. Just as well. He couldn't be elected if he was. The people of Nebraska have had their sufficiency of Mickeyism, and no one knows it any better than the governor.

In the new congress the republican majority is so great that it may prove unwieldy. The president and the speaker of the house seem confident of holding down the lid and carrying through their cut-and-dried program of legislation. Perhaps they may, but as the democrats have barely more than a third of the membership in the house, and that third almost from the south, and there seems ample scope for differences of opinion and of interest to assert themselves among the majority.

Small Amount in Old Line. Attaches of the Union Pacific are still perplexed, if not annoyed, at the strange order from F. H. Harriman in New York calling for a statement of the amount of old line insurance each employe in the company carries. Polls to satisfy the demand are still being taken in Omaha and elsewhere along the road. At Cheyenne it is asserted that recently many employes of the Union Pacific forwarded their proxies to Thomas W. Lawson and it is feared knowledge of this fact has reached and aroused Mr. Harriman, who is desirous of getting at the exact facts, so he may be guided in a wholesale decapitation.

The poll of the employes in the car department of the Union Pacific shops at Omaha shows a pitiful minority of insurance in old line companies. The inquiry developed these facts and figures: \$584,000 in the Ancient Order of United Workmen; \$40,000 in the Modern Woodmen of America; \$30,000 Woodmen of the World; \$80,000 in miscellaneous small companies and \$8,000 in old liners.

Asked for an explanation of the insurance inquiry, General Manager Mohler disclaimed any knowledge of it, saying it was a matter entirely with Mr. Harriman. The inquiry extends not only all along the Union Pacific, but Southern Pacific, Oregon Short Line and Oregon Railway and Navigation company as well.

THE meeting of Congress yesterday was in accordance with the mandate of the Constitution, which says that it must meet once a year, and on the first Monday in December, unless a different day is appointed by law. Perhaps the verdict rendered by the voters in the election of each Congress might be more certainly, as well as more promptly, made effective if the day were changed to the 4th of March next following the election. Perhaps, also, the objections made to the 4th of March for the public inauguration of the President might be satisfactorily met without a constitutional amendment by having the President take the oath of office in the presence of the Senate on that day, reserving the public inauguration, with the festivities and the ceremony attending it, for the 30th of April, the anniversary of Washington's first inauguration. In this way the foul weather which too often attends the inauguration might be avoided.



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Jacks and Stallions advertisement. COME AND SEE MY Percheron, Belgian & German Coach Stallions. Both imported and Home-Bred. I will sell you a full blooded American bred Stallion as good as were ever bred in Europe, and better and more prime for riders, at prices from \$200 to \$1000. I have horses of all ages, 2 to 7 years old, from 14 to 2000 lbs weight, all sound and good, and will, besides paying for themselves in one season, put \$500 in the owner's pocket. Many a Nebraska farmer has reached the point where he has several fine blood horses, and is able to keep a nice selection for his own and his neighbors use. Don't let the boys leave the farm, raise more horses and mules, it pays better than anything you can do. Now is the time to raise good horses. Come to the Cedar Rapids Jack Farm and buy a better selection than you have ever seen for \$200. I also have a large assortment of HOME-GROWN JACKS and bring four importations per year from Spain. Mules three months old are selling nearly every where this season at \$100 each. W. L. DeGLOW, Cedar Rapids, Ia.

HALL'S VEGETABLE SICILIAN Hair Renewer advertisement. Makes the hair grow long and heavy, and keeps it soft and glossy. Stops falling hair and cures dandruff. And it always restores color to gray hair. Sold for fifty years.

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