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PULL for Plattsmouth and thus help yourself.

THE philanthropic coal men now give the benevolent ice men the merry "ha, ha!"

How to kill a town: Kick, keep on kicking, and don't quit it; one pull one way and one another; knife every man that disagrees with you; refuse to unite in any scheme for the betterment of the city. This will do the work.

SOME man who claims to have watched it for a hundred years or more, says there is always a peach crop in the years ending in 6, 7 and 8. Comes regularly like the seven year locusts. Therefore the peach buds are immune to frost this year.

No business man has a vestige of argument to put to the mail order patron if he sends job printing away from home papers. Every time a job of printing is sent away the local paper is being injured. Business men should be considerate and follow the Golden Rule.

WITHOUT any desire to dictate to the weather man, as it is supposed he knows his own business, we would like to suggest that if it makes no difference to him we prefer that hereafter he will not permit "winter to linger in the lap of spring" so long at a time.

If you know for hear of an item of interest in this community make it a point to see that it finds a place in the Journal. Anything which tends to better or brighten the news service of a paper, makes it so much more valuable to the community, and the subscribers are the ones to be benefited thereby. Remember this.

DIRT will fly at Panama. The canal commission has just advertised for 100 more sideboards, several dozen demijohns, 500 rocking chairs, 100 dining tables, 250 kitchen tables and 5000 soup spoons. The scandal in connection with the alleged building or digging of that ditch has ceased to create startling comment or excite ejaculatory surprise.

"ALL eyes open!" Marse Henri Watterson has come back from Europe and the little fishes are swimming in shallow water. He started something at once by predicting that Hughes would get the republican nomination for the presidency next year. This makes him solid with Roosevelt, who has run Taft about long enough, and who, by way of easing off Taft, had just started a boom for Jimmie Garfield, the packers' wind-break.

If anyone tells you that the fruit and berries are all killed in this section of country, don't be so rude as to call him a liar, but tell him he is badly mistaken. Apples and peaches in the low lands are damaged to some extent, but still there is some thing like a fourth to three-fourths of a crop of these fruits in tuck. Reports from several orchards on the uplands indicate full crops of all kinds of fruits. But we may expect much of the fruit which now appears to be all right to drop later.

THAT peace congress is ruining the country. A church congregation at Portsmouth, Ohio, (Portsmouth sounds peaceable) resorted to fisticuffs over the right of an outside minister to come in and hold services for the faction which objected to the regular pastor who refused to be deposed and ousted. After many of the women had screamed, run or fainted, and after the men had fought and exchanged epithets the dust settled enough to show that the regular pastor held the fort and the seceding faction had withdrawn to hold another "peace conference."

THE earthquakes in Central America and the West Indies will now cease. Secretary Taft has quit those countries and is now in the United States. After about two weeks coaching and training, mentally and physically, Roosevelt will set him after Foraker, and then Taft's fur will fly, as the president knew it would when he arranged the match.

EVEN the republicans are getting dead tired of the rough riding of the Oklahoma rough riders. Quite a bunch of them will start in the race for the republican nomination for governor of the new state in the hope of preventing the present governor, Frank Frantz, from being endorsed by the convention for that office. They realize that they have no hope of electing the nominee but they cannot bear to see Frantz complimented with the empty honor.

"LORD" BARRINGTON must hang unless the governor of Missouri commutes his sentence. He has exhausted every means of delay, appeal and review, and now he faces the hangman's noose. The murder for which he was convicted was particularly atrocious. He lured a friend who had befriended him to a lonely spot, murdered him and took from the body money and jewelry. He claimed to be an English lord and under the hallucination a Kansas City girl married him.

BOTH Carnegie and Rockefeller could use their surplus millions in no better way than by building rock roads all over the country. This would be of real, practical use and those who used the highways would have good reason to remember them with gratitude all their lives. Why wouldn't it be a good idea for some one to call the attention of those two magnates to such a suggestion? It would be of infinitely more value to the American people than the manner in which they expend their gratuities.

THERE was a "hot time" at the special council meeting over the application of Mrs. Giese for saloon license. One Sig Polk appeared for the remonstrators. The notice was published in the Journal, and in referring to the notice, this great "God and morality" representative took the occasion to speak of this paper sneeringly. It is said that when he opened the paper he did so with fear and trembling lest he might see some reference to his connection with the notorious Kupka case in which he "figured" so prominently in favor of Polk.

NEBRASKA politics has been so warm for the past seventeen years that papers outside of Nebraska have had difficulty in keeping track. The Kansas City Journal, which is near enough to know better, says Bryan was "defeated for re-election to congress in the early 90's," and Brooklyn Eagle, which is as provincial as most eastern papers, insists that "Bryan should carry Nebraska before he is nominated a third time." Mr. Bryan was never defeated for re-election to congress, and he carried Nebraska in 1896. These are merely facts of history and are cited to put the esteemed Kansas City Journal and the esteemed Brooklyn Eagle right.

HERE is the opinion of the editor of Harper's Weekly holds of President Roosevelt: "A ruler, not necessarily young in years, but boyish in mind, in temperament, in impetuosity, in love of excitement, in notoriety, in heedless disregard of considerations born of sobriety and calmness; a daring leader but an unsafe guide; a possessor of talents, but not of knowledge; noisy, confused, contradictory, inconsistent, illogical, irrational, yet so emphatic and insistent in expression as in effect to pose as a discoverer of all truths, while, in fact, only an enunciator of the principles or fallacies of others; maintaining each tenet, uncompromising arrogance until compelled to abandon it and then shrouding retreat in impregnable ambiguity; a constructive statesman by profession, a destructive politician in practice; in seeming a chivalric Orlando, and in fact a Bombastes Furioso."

It is charged that Mr. Roosevelt is not a brave man, because he called another man a liar when he was barricaded by official prominence.

UNCLE JOE CANNON, Senator Foraker, Fairbanks and others are jumping "up in the air" as a result of the administration working so strenuously for Taft.

THE entire body of democratic notional committeemen, save one, B. B. Smalley of Vermont, have declared themselves unanimously for William J. Bryan as their choice for the nominee for president.

A SUIT has been filed in the supreme court asking for a mandamus to annul the governor's veto of the \$85,000 appropriation for the Kearney normal. The suit is brought in the name of J. F. Crocker, and Judges Oldham, Sinclair and Hamer are his attorneys.

ALTHOUGH President Roosevelt's administration has been marked by much high-handed dealing on the part of the executive, the possibilities do not appear to have been exhausted. The president threatens for political purposes to keep Oklahoma out of the union until the next election.

THE spectacle peddler must quit business in Nebraska. A bill passed by the state legislature has received the governor's signature and with the emergency clause it has already become a law fixes a maximum fine of \$100 and a maximum punishment of three months in jail for any person convicted of violating any provisions of the law.

THE city of Denver is making a determined effort to secure one or both national conventions to be held next year. An expense fund of \$200,000 will be raised and an auditorium built that will seat 6,000 people. We are for Omaha for the next place for holding the convention. They already have an auditorium that will seat more people than that proposed by the Denver people. Let Mayor Dahlman get a move on him and start the direction of Nebraska's metropolis.

It was Wenedl Phillips who asserted that "every great reform has first found utterance in the groans and tears of martyred patriotism." However, it would be unfair to assume that the "groans" and "tears" of some of the alleged reformers of today are of the kind that bring about the betterment of their fellowmen. In fact, the "reformer" of our time is a person to be looked upon with suspicion. The man who preates his own virtue from the housetops or in columns of newspaper slush is hardly the person to lead in the work of genuine reform.

THE Kansas City Post says: "An Omaha widow was sued on a note for \$116 and pleaded that she had discharged the debt by kissing the creditor at his request and upon agreement that this would cancel the note. But the widow neglected to obtain the note and the creditor, after after about four months (it took about that length of time to get the kiss out of his mouth), brought suit and the court decided against the woman. Any man who would welch on an agreement like that is a plumb Omahog."

DURING the last congress a commission was appointed to modernize some in a few of the post office departments. The commission announces that one of the subjects to be discussed will be a proposition to place rural free delivery routes under a contract system the same as in olden days under the star route system. Our people are perfectly satisfied with the present service and we believe a general resentment will arise from among the people and patrons of rural mail delivery when an attempt is made to take away from them their present efficient service. The farmers are now perfectly satisfied with the service they are getting and they will not stand for any movement that will destroy or give inefficient rural mail service.

THE dove emerged from the peace conference badly disfigured and sick of the ring.

THE unwritten law is not proving as popular as that which has found its way into the statutes.

THE country is so prosperous that the sign "Panics Made to Order and Repaired" has been taken down from Wall street.

THE weather man should remind Winter that it is highly improper to sit in the lap of Spring, and also pretty tough on spring gardens.

GEORGE GOULD says that under present conditions the railroads cannot borrow money. Well, they have plenty of company in their predicament.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT formally opened the Jamestown Exposition at Jamestown, Va., on Friday last. The exposition commemorates the 300th anniversary of the founding of that colony by the English, who named the settlement in honor of King James.

A DARING southern paper, venturing to speak of mighty men, has dubbed Senator Beveridge "the oratorical brain-storm of Indiana," and cuttingly intimated that "he is the kind of a man who would run all around the bases on a foul strike." This last is a descriptive gem particularly as the baseball season gets under way.

JOHN TEMPLE GRAVES may not have added to the gaiety of nations by his latest evidence of having been badly bitten during the last sultry season, but he has added materially to the funniest sections of the comic papers. It is well to now recall that it was he who went around lecturing upon "The Snollygoster in Politics," and the Journal is not sure just what the accepted definition of that word is, but it is not afraid to say that Graves is it and has been "it" ever since he coined the word.

THE independent theatrical circuit, of which the Shuberts were the head, backed by capitalists in the east, are about to effect a combine with the theatrical trust. The preliminary papers for the organization were drafted during the week, and the war that was waged by these two combinations will likely be officially declared at an end before the opening of the next season. The new combination is the result of the intervention of Geo. B. Cox, the political boss of Cincinnati, and certain wealthy New Yorkers. Cox has \$300,000 invested in the Shuberts' enterprises. His desire for peace and better economy in the administration of the theatrical business led him to induce several wealthy New York men to bring such influence to bear upon the warring elements as to force the combination.

THE following is a prophesy of lamented Lincoln: "Yes, we may congratulate ourselves that the cruel war is nearing a close. It has cost a vast amount of treasure and blood. The best blood of American youth has been freely offered upon our country's altar that the nation might live. It has been indeed a trying hour for the republic. But I see in the near future a crisis approaching which unnerves me and causes me to tremble for the safety of my country. As a result of the war, corporations have been enthroned and an era of corruptions in high places will follow and the money power of the country will endeavor to prolong its reign by working upon the people until all wealth is aggregated into a few hands and the republic is destroyed. I feel at this moment more anxiety for the safety of my country than ever before, even in the midst of war. May God grant that my suspicions may prove groundless." Well has this prophesy proved true. And could the noble and patriotic Lincoln understand the manner in which the republican party is drifting the government toward centralization, he could not rest one moment even in the silent tomb.

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ALL the yellowest papers are now booming Taft for the republican nomination for the presidency—not that they respect Taft so much but that they fear Roosevelt the more. The "Big Stick" is an actual and potent menace to them and they sneeze violently every time the White House looks at a snuff-box.

THE very best towns are those in which all the business men are on good terms with each other. When one man can't sell an article he should recommend the customer to his neighbor in the hope that he can make the sale. That keeps the money in the town and by and by the man who missed the first sale will get some of it through another channel. That is harmony in business affairs.

THE lumber trust is now under investigation by the Washington authorities, and during the week it has been stated that if sufficient evidence can be secured warranting criminal prosecution, the necessary steps in this direction will be taken. A preliminary investigation of prices has been concluded in Washington and the bureau of corporations is now sending agents to all the principal lumbering districts to secure facts in the field. New England, the northwest, and the far west, the south and the southwest are to be included in the inquiry. The activities of the Mississippi Yellow Pine association particularly are to be probed. The study of prices as now made shows startling and uniform advances in the cost of practically all lumber in the last ten years, and especially was there a remarkable jump in 1906. A mere glance at the quotations suggests that more than natural shrinkage of supply is the cause of the increases. It is furthermore well understood in the lumber business is now controlled by a few centralized or associated interests, representatives of which meet monthly to fix prices.

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Plattsmouth, Nebraska.

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