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It may be expected that all sorts of ingenious schemes will be put forth by bankers and their representatives to prevent the passage of a guaranteed deposits law by the Nebraska legislature. Realizing that it will be impossible to prevent some action on this line the enemies of guaranteed deposits propose a deferred payment plan. Under this plan the depositors would not receive their money promptly. Indeed, as proposed by some, they would not receive it until the assets of the bank were disposed of. This would destroy the very purpose of the guaranteed deposits system. It would not prevent banks running because the depositor would be almost as much afraid of having his money tied up in a broken bank as he would be of losing it entirely. It would not protect the commerce of a community for the reason that deferred payments would withhold, temporarily at least, the deposits from use in the business of the community.

The pledge with respect to guaranteed deposits under which democratic members of the legislature were elected was well understood by the people and the Nebraska legislature may be depended upon to fulfill that pledge. The Nebraska democracy will give to the people of this state a guaranteed deposit law that provides for immediate payment upon the depositor's demand.

The bankers who oppose guaranteed deposits dominated the republican state convention and dictated its platform. The issues before the people were made plain and no one will be successful in an effort to distort the issue before the legislature.—The Commoner.

The Light Question.
The action of the council last evening in appointing a committee of five members to decide upon what kind of a light the city needed and how much, seems to be a step in the right direction. Let this committee get together now, select the light wanted and fix upon the distribution of it, then close a contract with a local company to furnish the lights without delay. Everyone agrees that present conditions are intolerable and that light is absolutely necessary. The one thing which then remains is to agree upon terms.

There should not be any trouble as to what company should furnish the power. It is scandalous to believe that the members of the council would be so blind to the interests of the city as to make a contract with some out of town firm to light our streets when there is a local company which pays its taxes, and furnishes employment to families in this city. Certainly this is not what the tax payers want nor what they believe best for the interests of the city.

There is no question but what the notorious Bortentlanger franchise should be beaten and little doubt but what it will be. It would be a disgrace for the council to pass this franchise and tie it up with a contract which would mean to cripple a Plattsmouth industry. For many reasons the part of judgment should be to defeat this proposition which has absolutely nothing to commend it. To put another lighting company in this city would mean simply the closing down of the local company and anyone acquainted with the situation here—and the members of the council are acquainted with it—knows the city can afford to have nothing closed down. What is wanted is to have industries build up and expand. The trouble with this city in the past has been the tearing down process, now let us get away from that idea and build up. The first step in the building up process is to let the local company have the lighting contract so that it can develop and improve its plant and make it self-sustaining. This means power for the city, a twenty-four service and an industry which will be a credit to the city.

The council has an opportunity to show that they are broad minded and liberal and want to help Plattsmouth. Will they do this?

Reforming Newspapers.
President Hadley of Yale tells the readers of the Youth's Companion who is responsible for a certain type of newspaper. He says:
If we want responsible government we must have responsible newspapers. If we are governed by public opinion, and the newspapers make public opinion, our government will be necessarily good or bad, accordingly as the newspapers are good or bad. "A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit."
If we are to have responsible newspapers, the reform must begin with the readers themselves. Most of the men who edit newspapers will give the people the kind of newspapers they want. There will, of course, be exceptionally good editors, who will make their papers better than their readers demand, and try to educate the people to a higher level; just as there will be exceptionally bad editors, who will make newspapers worse than the people want, and

be the instruments whether they are or not, of educating the people down to a lower level.
But the average editor will work for the average reader. He cannot be any more independent of the man who buys his goods than the manufacturer or merchant can be. A manufacturer who refuses to produce things that the people want, because he thinks they ought to want something better, will be driven out of business, and so will a newspaper editor. People sometimes talk of "yellow journalism" as if the editors of the yellow journals were solely responsible for their existence. They are responsible to some degree; but to a still larger degree the responsibility lies with the public that will buy and read their news.

Shall Congress Abdicate?
(New York World.)
Congress cannot surrender to Mr. Roosevelt on the issue of the Perkins resolution without suffering an irreparable loss in dignity, prestige, honor and independence.

If it yields to the president's threats of exposure the country will be compelled to believe that Mr. Roosevelt spoke truthfully when he said that the restriction of the secret service "operates only to the advantage of the criminal," and that this restriction was adopted because "Congressmen did not themselves wish to be investigated." The civilized world will be justified in asserting that the senators and representatives were venal and that democratic institutions in America are crumbling under the weight of their own corruption.

Mr. Roosevelt has not assailed the integrity of certain individual congressmen, he has assailed the integrity of congress itself—of an entire, independent, co-ordinate branch of the international government.

Even if the 483 members of congress as individuals be willing to swallow the insult, the dignity and honor and influence of the legislative authority are at stake. The members of the house are the direct representatives of the people. The senators are the constitutional representatives of the forty-six states. To permit a president to impeach the honesty of congress itself as a body is a staggering blow to the nation itself.

Every European court, every king, every kaiser, every monarch, could in all fairness point to Mr. Roosevelt's words as proof that American institutions are a degraded form of government.

For years Mr. Roosevelt has maintained a reign of terror. Individuals who have displeased him have been branded as liars and malefactors and creatures of the gutter. Judges who have failed to decide according to his wishes have been officially denounced in his speeches and his messages. Now that congress has interfered with his Russian spy system he assails the integrity of the entire law-making power and dares it to call him to account.

This cannot go unchallenged without tacit admission by the legislative department that the executive is supreme; that the constitution has been suspended, and that the American people are living under a personal, autocratic government such as no civilized European country would tolerate.

Under the constitution congress is the chief instrument of government, and the president is largely its agent. It controls the revenue. It enacts the laws. It can impeach presidents and impeach judges, and remove them from office. It is the people of the United States.

Mr. Roosevelt has come to assume that he is the people of the United States; that congress and the judges are his agents and must obey his mandates; that his will is the supreme law. When congress disobeys him he menaces it with his vengeance.

Surrender to Mr. Roosevelt in such a case would be confession. Congress would degrade itself to the degraded status of wretched creatures in the toils of a Tammany police system. If it intends to yield to Mr. Roosevelt's threats congress might far better abdicate than to continue the pusillanimous pretense of being an independent branch of a free government and the representatives of a free people.

A measure will be before the legislature for the care of poor consumptives of the state. This is no doubt a worthy move, as there should be some place where those who are affected with the dread disease are not able to care for themselves, can be properly looked after.

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SAYS COMPETITORS NEED IT.

Declares United States Steel Corporation Should Make Public Its Affairs and Submit to Government Inquiry. Can Take Care of Itself.

Washington, Dec. 19.—"If you protect our competitors, you leave us without protection, and I believe the United States Steel corporation should make public its affairs and submit to government inquiry," was the remarkable declaration of Judge F. R. Gary, chairman of the board of directors of the United States Steel corporation, at the hearing before the house ways and means committee.

"This is radical," he added, "but remember that I am not speaking for the steel corporation in saying this." Judge Gary, like Charles M. Schwab, who appeared before the committee on Tuesday, gave much information and submitted to a severe cross-examination. His testimony showed that the tariff is needed more as a protection for the independent steel manufacturers than for the steel corporation. He declared that the reduction of the duty on certain steel products would compel the steel companies to reduce the cost of labor. He said that the competitors of the steel corporation needed protection, but that the corporation could take care of itself.

"Suppose this committee were to wipe out the steel duty entirely, would the United States Steel corporation still survive?" inquired Representative Champ Clark of Missouri. "I cannot say," replied Judge Gary, "but I am of the impression that if we did we would have a monopoly of the market in this country. I don't think we could make a reasonable and fair profit if the tariff is put on that basis."

ESCAPING PRISONER SHOT DOWN.

Bullets Halt Man Arrested for Passing Worthless Checks at Waterloo.

Waterloo, Ia., Dec. 19.—John Lawrence, alias John Brown, was arrested on a warrant held by Detective H. C. Webster of Indianapolis for defrauding banks at Corydon, Ind. On the way to the Security Savings bank, where Lawrence got the alleged worthless check for \$300 cashed, the prisoner broke away and ran. City Detective Houston gave pursuit, firing wild and commanding Lawrence to halt. When he continued running, Houston shot at him, one bullet entering his lungs and one hitting him in the leg. His condition is precarious. Brown is said to have defrauded banks in Illinois, Indiana and Iowa of many thousands of dollars. He came here this week from the east.

Promotion for S. G. Lutz.

Marshalltown, Ia., Dec. 19.—Assistant General Freight Agent S. G. Lutz of the Iowa Central headquarters at Peoria has been made freight traffic manager of the Iowa Central and Minneapolis and St. Louis, with headquarters at Minneapolis, to succeed J. M. Tittmore. The appointment is effective at once. Lutz is an Iowa railroad man, who has been in the employ of the Iowa Central many years, and formerly lived in this city.

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Emma Goldman Deported.

Bellingham, Wash., Dec. 16.—Emma Goldman, who was arrested here, was released from jail and placed on board a northbound train for Canada.

Telephone Quarrel Ends in Killing.

Matewan, W. Va., Dec. 17.—H. O. Smith, general superintendent of the Freebry Coal and Coke company, was shot and killed in a quarrel at Delorme by H. A. Conners, station agent for the Norfolk and Western railroad. The men quarreled over the telephone regarding the handling of certain cars of freight and an hour later when they met the quarrel was resumed and the shooting followed.

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