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Why can't men buy new Easter hats as well as the women folk?

The greatest carnival ever in Plattsmouth coming next month.

The funniest thing on earth is politicians worrying about the farmer.

To err is human and to blame it on the other fellow is still more so.

A lot of printed matter is uselessly copyrighted; it isn't worth stealing.

Throw away your hammers, buy a horn and begin to boost for Plattsmouth.

There are several new residences contemplated for the ensuing season.

Zapata probably wants to show Villa that he has no monopoly on the blackmailing.

The deal has been closed for an ice plant, and the same will soon be ready for business. Good!

Huerta may let the residents of Mexico City know of Villa's success in time for them to pack their grips.

Lawyers are not bought, but retained. We appear in an effort to clear up a situation that has long been cloudy.

Executive sessions of the United States senate, except in consideration of foreign relations, are very much of a myth, anyhow.

A good politician has to saw wood and say nothing, and that is why the women will make a failure at politics. They can't do either.

The Nebraska supreme court has just decided, finally and for all, that dealing in options is nothing more nor less than gambling.

Mexican bankers have been asked to contribute nine million dollars a month to the Huerta cause, and refusal is apt to be unhealthy.

If a few suffragists want a Bible without a man in it why not let them have it? They could not sell many copies to their fellow suffragists.

It is three years since Plattsmouth had a Fourth of July celebration. Are we going to try to have one this year? Time to think about it.

The city council will not buy the old jail for a calaboose at the present, and we believe they can do better by fixing up a portion of the city hall building for that purpose.

Senator Gore is against stealing Senator Gore is against equal suffrage, and considering the recent damage suit he passed though you can't blame him very much.

There are two hundred and fifty thousand words in the English language, and most of them were used a few night ago by a lady who discovered after coming out of one of the moving picture shows that her new hat was adorned with a tag on which was written, "reduced to \$2.98."

BIRTH OF THE G. A. R.

Forty-eight years ago this week the first G. A. R. post was established, in Decatur, Illinois. Major Benjamin F. Stephenson, surgeon of the Fourteenth Illinois regiment, and three army friends had drawn up the constitution months before. The secret ritual was printed by veterans in the office of the Decatur Tribune, all of whom were members of the order. Its purpose was the "establishment and defense of the late soldiery of the United States, morally, socially, and politically, with a view to inculcate a proper appreciation of their services and claims by the American people."

The first national encampment was held in Indianapolis in 1866. Gen. S. A. Hurlbut became the first commander-in-chief. Today there are more than 5,000 G. A. R. posts. The order reached a membership of 400,489 in 1890. Today it has been reduced by death to less than 170,000. The death rate is becoming higher each year, for the veterans of the Civil war now have an average age of 69 years. The G. A. R. has held a national encampment every year, except in 1867, and has gathered in nearly every important city in the country. It was the originator of May 30 as Memorial day, beginning in 1868. Some of the nation's most distinguished soldiers have been commanders-in-chief—Generals Burnside, Logan, Hurlbut, Hartranft, Alger, Devens, Wagner and Robinson of the regular army.

Chicago gave "Bath-House" John a fine vote of confidence and vindication.

A leader in politics sometimes loses his leadership on the fact that he can make more noise than the rest of the party.

Charley Poole is out for the democratic nomination for secretary of state. Some people never tire of running for office.

Get yourself in shape to observe "clean-up" days Friday and Saturday. You can do your share before those dates, if you want to.

The base ball fans are getting enthusiastic. They are now claiming that Plattsmouth will have the best team they ever had, and one that "will do to bet on."

The Plattsmouth Commercial club will soon be ready to undertake any task. It has the courage and faith to remove mountains. All it needs is a little more enthusiasm.

The Henton (Ill.) woman who protests that her husband has deserted her forty-one times overlooks the fact that he must have loved her or he would not have come back so often.

Now Congressman Richard Pearson Hobson will have nothing to do but to whip Japan. He failed by a long shot to whip Oscar Underwood for the United States senatorship in Alabama.

Chicago has the largest registered voting list of any city in the United States, if not in the world. This is due to the fact that Chicago has equal suffrage, where the other great cities of the world have not. However, Chicago has considerable time to develop even before equal suffrage produces a millenium there.

Least we forget—get that fly swatter ready. They will be here pretty soon by the millions.

Why give Missouri two banks and leave two such important states as Iowa and Nebraska without any? Nothing fair in that deal.

Never was there a more beautiful Easter Sunday. And beautiful Easter hats on the beautiful young ladies made the day that much more beautiful.

A Chicago physician says that to be healthy the mouth should be kept closed while asleep. Many a man who talks in his sleep found this out long ago.

If the organized committee had waited until it heard from the state banks it might have found that there would be capital enough in the northwest for a regional bank.

Ex-Speaker Uncle Joe Cannon has gone to Bermuda, so he says, "to see if it is like heaven." It is probably as near to heaven as the venerable and beloved old sinner will ever come.

The people get tired of supporting some men for office all the time. Give some of the other boys a chance to eat at the pie counter. Remember there are others just as deserving as you are.

Secretary Houston, one of the commission to locate regional banks, had an eye to business when he insisted on Missouri, his home state, having two banks out of the twelve.

Some people, about election time, forget that this is a free country, and that a person has the right to vote as he pleases. Because a man is a democrat and has been on friendly terms with a republican personally is no reason why the democrat should vote for the republican when the opponent of a republican on the democratic ticket is equally as good a man.

It would seem that Bill Price of Lincoln is always in line to run for office. A few fellows around Lincoln make a fool out of Bill and get him out in the running just to defeat some good man who could be elected if he secures the nomination. This is Lincoln politics with some fellows who think they are the whole cheese. After the election, however, they find they have made asses of themselves.

The democratic committee of Lancaster county met in Lincoln Thursday, and in the resolution adopted commending President Wilson and Governor Morehead for their excellent administrations, forgot that there existed such a personage as our "eminent" congressman. After the resolution was read, A. V. Johnson, who had been recommended for postmaster at Lincoln, politely suggested that the name of the "eminent" gentleman who holds down a seat in congress, be included in the resolution. Under such circumstances it was almost compulsory.

Lincoln has not got her full share of candidates for congress yet, although there seems to be a number of prospectives, but they have not filed, and it would be just as well that they don't. If either were to get the nomination they couldn't be elected. Every election there are fellows who come forward as candidates for some office and pester the life out of the voters for their support. It doesn't matter what office, but they caught the itch several years ago and are still itching. Such fellows couldn't touch an office with a forty-foot pole, and why do they persist in running?

PRODUCE AND MARKETS.

Following close on the heels of the announcement of one of the leading express companies that it will co-operate with farmers and produce raisers toward the improvement of market conditions, the postmaster general makes public preliminary plans for establishing direct connections between producer and consumer by use of the parcel post. The plans will be tried from ten of the principal cities. They embrace gathering from producers information as to articles they will sell at retail and furnishing the same to prospective consumers. The plans are tentative and it is conceded that there are many difficulties that must be met before a scientific system can be put into satisfactory operation.

It is gratifying that both private and public agencies are to be directed to the solution of one of the greatest problems of current life. The fact that fruit and vegetables in abundance have gone to waste every season for lack of facilities of exchange has long been known. National conferences on market conditions have been held. But their work has been generally restricted to descriptions of conditions, without tangible plans for relief. Fruit growers have told of shipping choicest fruit to the cities and of later being called upon to send money to pay express charges. Stories of fruit fed to swine and of vegetables rotting in gardens while inhabitants of cities paid fabulous prices for produce are common. Attempts to fix the responsibility for such conditions have been not altogether successful. But the existence of such deplorable conditions has not been a matter of dispute.

The postoffice department's hope is to abolish the middle man entirely. This may be possible in handling some articles, but not all. Cold storage is a necessity, with the varying seasons. There must be some way to dispose of unusual crops of perishable produce. Nor is it possible for all produce to be handled by individual consumers in cities of a particular section. The variety of soil and climatic conditions of as large a country as this makes necessary the shipment of some articles thousands of miles. The refrigerator cars and similar devices have been of great benefit to both the producer and consumer. But the operation of the present system has not been satisfactory to either producer or consumer. The responsibility for this condition has been shifted from the shoulders of one to another in a confusing manner. But there is no reason why a more efficient and economic method cannot be devised and the almost simultaneous announcement of the postoffice department and the express company of their purposes brings encouragement.

Abor day Wednesday, April 22. Plant trees.

If we can't have the carnival, why not arrange for a Fourth of July celebration?

While all nations may have joined in an Easter prayer for peace, they no doubt kept their powder dry.

Spring, which usually wears so few clothes on the magazine covers, is apt to feel in style this joyous season.

Villa, who has been confiscating Spaniards' estates in Mexico, may figure on Spain's inability to raise much of an international disturbance.

General Villa hammered away at Torreón eight weeks before it fell. The newspapers have hammered away at Villa for eight months and he hasn't fallen yet.

We have got to make up our minds to furnish entertainment for our farmer friends, or they are going where they will be entertained. Just as well make up your minds to that fact.

Oh, well, even if the oatmeal trust is dissolved we still have with us the smiling colored gentleman who goes around on the back cover of the magazines with his thumb in the breakfast food bowl.

Plattsmouth is one of the best towns of its inches in American, and in order to keep it to that notch we must be ready for a big push and big pull again this season. We can make things hum if we have the will power.

The congressional expense account shows that it cost only \$2,200 a year to bathe 433 representatives, but it cost \$4,000 to bathe ninety-six senators. The senators, evidently, do not always wait until Saturday night.

The city council has knocked the carnival "in the head," notwithstanding all the business men in town but seven signed a petition giving their consent for Main street. This is another instance where the people do not rule.

The charge that women would vote as their husbands do did not come out that way in the election in Illinois last week, as a general rule. There was quite a difference in the way that the two sexes marked their ballots on election day.

"Is R. L. Metcalfe coming home to run for governor?" is a question asked very frequently. Just as if we had no available men for the place. But we do not think all comers should clear the track especially for Mr. Metcalfe. And they are not going to, either.

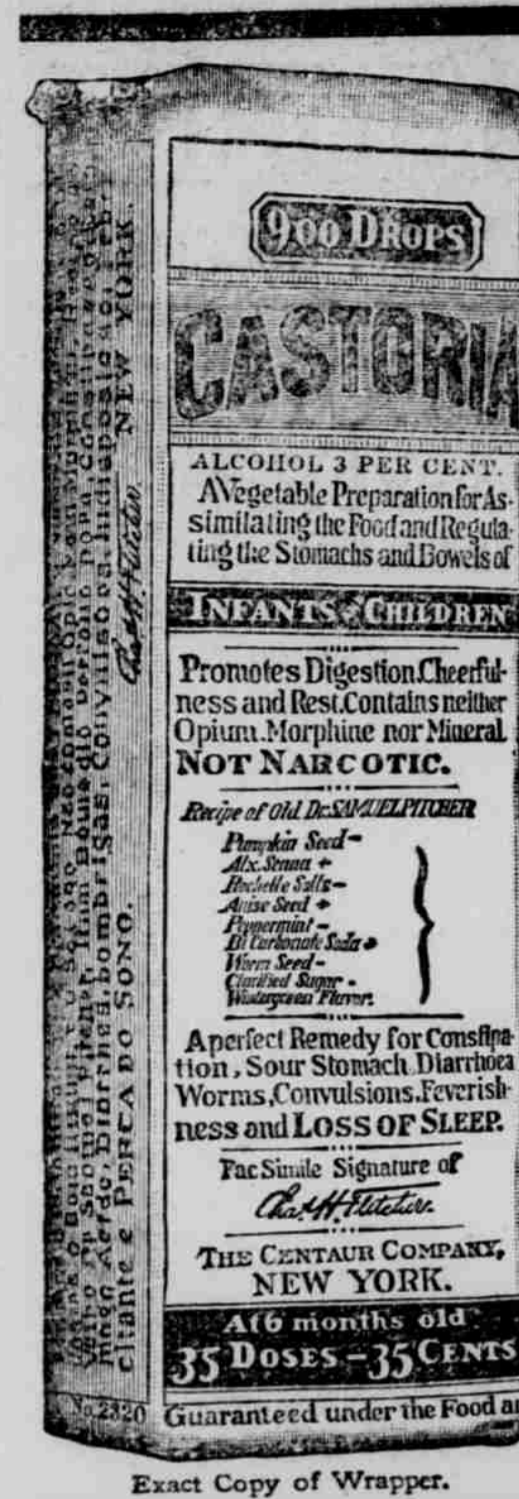
Advice must be a good thing since so many folks keep such a fine stock of it on hand to be benevolent with; but it is so blamed hard to run across anyone who isn't trying to give it away that one is tempted to wish that the weevil would get into it.

George W. Berge has many supporters for governor in Cass county. He has always had when he was a candidate. There is not a man in the state who possesses more warm personal friends, and neither is there a more competent gentleman for the position of governor.

Isn't the g. o. p. in the hardest kind of luck? It was depending on a democratic hard times "panic" to restore the party to power. But the federal reserve banks and the currency law makes panics practically impossible. They are simply "up a stump," that's all.

A new road drag has been invented. It is attached to the axle of a wagon and drags the track on one side of the road as the vehicle is moved. It does the same work on the other side when the driver is making the homeward trip. It is said to operate satisfactorily after a rain.

The Nebraska City Daily Press contained the following in reference to Senator Bartling: "By filing for senator instead of having a lot of misguided people make a monkey out of him, Henry Bartling is believed to have done a wise thing in spite of the fact that he will have a fight on his hands. The talk about him filing for the governorship, while very complimentary, was accepted seriously by him. There is no governorship glory this year unless the long deferred get-together proposition looms more promising than it does right now."



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BADLY MISTAKEN.

In a very nicely written article on the political situation, the editor of the Nebraska City Press says:

"On the other hand, Colonel Bates also objects to the candidacy of Joe Burr, a democrat, for the float representative's job. It is said, however, that the Colonel wants this job himself and that he will sooner or later, seek the nomination on the democratic ticket himself, having served one term in the legislature and also having been a candidate for the upper house two years ago, at the primary, but defeated."

Now, we desire to inform the editor of the Press that Colonel Bates has never thought of becoming a candidate again for float representative, although we have been asked by numerous friends of Otoe county to do so. He feels very grateful to his democratic friends for the magnificent support they gave him in Otoe county, and will never forget them as long as he lives. He never spoke a word in regard to float representative until solicited by some of his Otoe county friends to become a candidate. But under existing circumstances we cannot make the race. But we do think that the candidate should come from Cass county this year. Col. Bates was nominated unanimously by the democrats in the primary, but was defeated in the general election by 31 votes.

John Mattes, jr., of Nebraska City, has filed for senator on the democratic ticket. Of course Cass county may have something to say in the selection of these partnership candidates, especially when she casts a few more votes than Otoe county.

According to government reports the condition of the wheat crop in this country on April 1 was 95.6 per cent of a normal, or 11.5 per cent better than the average of the last ten years. A yield of 554,900,000 bushels is conservatively estimated.

Billy Sunday recently recited the story of David and Goliath as follows: "David asked who that big stiff was. He soaked him between the lamps, he plucked out his sword and chopped off his block, and the rest of the gang beat it." Sunday talks like this to audiences of supposedly intelligent people, and he makes more money than President Wilson.

The fashion news from Paris says gowns are made more decollete than ever, but it is pleasant to learn that clothing has not been entirely abandoned.

Don't forget to "clean up" Friday and Saturday. If you are too full of business hire a man in your place. He will perhaps do it better than you can.

Governor Morehead's friends in the First congressional district are increasing daily, and they are of that brand that means success in the outcome. They are stayers. They know the ability of the governor and feel that he will be in the forefront with men in congress. Not a nonentity.

No man on earth could possibly have made more friends than Judge Begley has during the short time he has been on the district court bench. He is praised by everyone for his dignified manner and gentlemanly qualities. He is undoubtedly one of the most just judges that ever sat on the bench in this county, and has proved one of great ability. He certainly has won the confidence and respect of the people of Cass county.

The manner in which candidates are coming to the front as county candidates, and other candidates for state and district offices, demonstrates the beauties of the state-wide primaries. Anyone can become a candidate by filing his intention of running, no matter whether he has any particular backing or not. And nearly every time some fellow gets the nomination whom the voters do not want, and the party defeated at the general election in consequence. Therefore we are opposed to the primary system of selecting candidates.

C. L. Graves, the Union attorney and editor of the Ledger, has decided to become a candidate for county judge. Charley has practiced law a number of years, and has proved very successful in many cases, and especially in his work in the probate court. Charley is a republican, but that does not make any material difference when able and willing to do his duty without prejudice, and Mr. Graves is just the man that can perform that caper. He is already posted as to the duties of the county judge's office, and his friends think he is an ideal man for the place.