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GEORGE B. TRENKLE, Editor. Signed and attested in my presence this 23rd day of June, 1904. N. P. FELL, Notary Public.

This ought to be the last annual policemen's picnic for several members of the force.

It was almost cruel in the State Republican league to disappoint our friends, the enemy, by failing to furnish the hoped-for falling out on the silver question.

Can it be that the epidemic of congressional malaria has mistaken President Cleveland for a congressman? The fates ought to know that the docking rule does not apply to the president.

Nebraska republicans are not yet prepared to break away from the position in favor of sound currency which the party has always occupied. They see no advantage to be derived from wabbling on silver.

The officers of the Sugar trust have learned their lesson well from the late Jay Gould. In republican states they are republicans and in democratic states they are democrats, but in all states they are for the trust.

Abolish the public display of floral gifts at public school commencements. Commencement flowers are all right in the privacy of the home. They are all wrong when held up to the gaze of the audience in attendance upon the graduating exercises.

Jim Kyner will represent Douglas county at the Denver league convention, but it will be a good many years before Kyner will again represent Douglas county in the legislature. On that point several people in this town will have a word to say next November.

Horace Greeley's bitter sarcasm that all democrats are not horse thieves, but all horse thieves are democrats, might be transposed in milder fashion by saying that all democrats do carry wheels in their hands, but all the democrats who do carry wheels in their hands will be in Omaha next week to attend the 16 to 1 convention.

The Hon. Wash Hensley's whiskers, the hirsute rhapsodies which outweighed the lengthy platitude of his rival, Colonel Frank Lawler, in the contest for the Chicago postmastership, have succumbed to the ravages of the barber's shears. The shock has been so severe that the business of the Chicago postoffice is said to have suddenly fallen off in almost the same ratio as the whiskers.

Congressman Breckinridge promptly denies that there is any truth in the story that he contemplates retiring from the contest for reelection to congress from the Astor district. He says that nothing but death can take him out of the race. If death doesn't take some of the participants in the campaign out of the race it will be a miracle for wonderment throughout the blue grass region.

Brownell hall, which has just completed its twenty-fifth annual commencement exercises, is one of our institutions of learning that has done much to extend Omaha's educational influence beyond the boundaries of the city itself. It has from the first maintained a standard of excellence that has commended it to its patrons, and its patron number among them some of the best citizens of the west. It is, to be sure, a private institution, and a sectarian institution, but it has achieved a place among the best private sectarian institutions of the kind in the world, and it will well feel proud of its twenty-five years of useful existence.

Susan B. Anthony's readiness to support the candidates, no matter who they may be, of the first political party in Kansas that endorses the suffrage amendment to be submitted to the voters of that state is scarcely creditable to the intelligence of women voters should they be given the suffrage. Miss Anthony promises to urge all friends of woman suffrage to vote the populist ticket on condition of populist support for her hobby. What becomes then of the argument that women will always vote their convictions, and other things being equal will always vote their honest convictions? Will the female vote be subject to the same trades and dickers as the male vote? Miss Anthony's confession destroys some of the illusion with which the woman suffrage movement has been surrounded.

The general electric ordinance has been hung up in the city council now for several months. Members of the Wiley combine have suddenly discovered that it would not do to pass any ordinance that would give everybody a chance to go into the electric lighting business and keep it up for an indefinite period. That would seem to be a slap in the face of Bellweather Hascall, the father of the general ordinance. He claimed that he was opposed to monopoly in electric lighting and therefore wanted to throw the gates wide open to all who wanted to submit to the conditions and restrictions imposed by the ordinance. As a matter of fact, Hascall and the other members of the combine have all changed their minds on this subject since the Citizens' Electric company has put in a bid of \$87.50 per lamp. Had Wiley been the lowest bidder the general electric ordinance would have been rushed through the council with a whoop la! The Hascall combine is a daisy.

THE CANAL PROPOSITION.

The Omaha Canal and Power company has asked the commissioners of the county to submit a proposition to the voters for a subsidy of \$1,000,000 to aid in the construction of a canal that will supply about 20,000-horse power for manufacturing purposes, street railway motor power, electric lighting plants, etc.

Before the commissioners would be justified in submitting the proposition to bond the county for \$1,000,000 they are expected to consider and weigh well the conditions and terms of the contract which the voters are asked to ratify. It becomes their duty as guardians of the public interest to surround the proposition with such safeguards as will insure not only the completion of the proposed canal and the conversion of the water power for public use, but also to exact maximum rates for the use of the power by consumers.

The head of the corporation are Omaha citizens or foreign capitalists. Specific provisions must be embodied in the bond proposition for the protection of the taxpayers and made part of the contract between the county and the canal company. The proposition as now submitted to the commissioners is too general in its character and too one-sided. We are asked to vote a subsidy for the canal, to be paid over as the work progresses, until forty miles have been built and the whole million dollars has been absorbed. No part of the million dollars is reserved as a guaranty that the canal will be completed and the necessary plant constructed to put it in operation.

On all these points the commissioners should require definite, binding and enforceable provisions before the proposition is submitted. In fact, there is no likelihood that the bonds would be voted unless the proposition now in the hands of the commissioners shall be modified and recast so as to fully protect the taxpayers as well as the future consumers of power.

We entertain no doubt that the projected canal is feasible from an engineering standpoint and we are convinced that its construction and operation would stimulate our industries, increase our population and very materially enhance the value of real estate in this city and county. It is manifest also that the construction of the canal would furnish employment for at least two or three years to a large number of workmen and consequently would very materially increase the volume of our local trade.

Those who contend that the agricultural products of this country do not require any protection cannot have considered the growth of the competition in the markets of the world within the last few years. There was a time not very long ago when the American wheat grower regarded with unconcern the probability that wheat could be successfully cultivated in India so as to compete with ours. They have not only encountered a sharp competition from that source, but from others where the work of agricultural development is only in the first stage.

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SPARE LIFE INSURANCE.

The proposed income tax, according to the opinion of some of the ablest life insurance managers in the country, is a mistake, claiming that the exemption in paragraph 59 of the bill, as it now stands, will suffice to protect the interests of life insurance policy holders. There is an organized effort being made by the mutual life insurance companies to secure a modification of the proposed tax as affecting these companies, and it is probable that it will be successful, for it ought not to be difficult to convince the representatives of the people that it would be a most grievous error to impose a tax which would tend to discourage persons from making provision for their families after death.

It is expedient to gratify the wishes of democrats like Gorman and Smith and Brice, who, although pledged to support the proposition as it stands, probably desire some modifications. But no changes reasonably to be expected will make this feature of the democratic revenue policy acceptable or render less unjustifiable such legislation in a time of peace, when, by the admission of democrats themselves, it is unnecessary.

Mr. Haysmeyer, president of the Sugar trust, says that the sugar schedule of the new tariff bill is still far from satisfactory to him. He probably asked for even more than the democratic senators were willing to give, however much they may recognize the obligations of their party to the trust.

Supremacy of the Majors.

The calling out of the militia will end the war. Sooner or later the miners must yield to the majors.

A Revolution Impends.

When Confederate soldiers stand up and announce that henceforth they intend to vote the republican ticket, Missouri democracy will begin to tremble.

Wonders of Military Justice.

The decision of a court-martial is something to be beyond the confines of a civilian. Here is Lieutenant Maney, who shot down Captain Hedberg when the latter had his hands raised in surrender.

The Passing of Pennoyer.

The disappearance of Pennoyer from the American political horizon is a matter for which the people of Oregon are entitled to feel grateful.

Work, No. 8: Prag.

Working men, no bragging should be the business of this campaign. Instead of assuming that the democrats are already beaten, they should be ready to meet them.

Reform the Jury System.

William J. Bryan of Nebraska recently addressed the graduating class of law students at the University of Nebraska.

Star-Eyed Goddess Speaks.

With overwhelming majorities of party majorities going on all about us—in the face of a popular rebuke to the incapacity of leaders to handle the emergency.

THE FLIGHT OF CROKER.

Kansas City Star: Mr. Croker has slipped off to Europe on the eve of another examination. Mr. Croker's health is so precarious that he may be called away to California or Europe at any moment.

POLITICAL POTPOURRI.

Stewart Ledger: There is plenty of good political timber in the republican party from which to choose the ticket. Let none but the very choicest be taken.

Plattsmouth News: Strong congressional, legislative and county tickets will greatly strengthen the state republican ticket.

Lincoln News: It is quietly hinted that although there are a good many checks in a blue hickory shirt but few of them have ever found their way to the treasurer of the republican state committee.

Blue Springs Sentinel: The democracy of the state is trying to hoodwink the people into believing a republican ticket will be held in Omaha on the 21st.

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PEOPLE AND THINGS.

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ON THE NEED FOR A NAVY

Why the United States Needs Her Vessels in Time of Peace.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY M'ADDOO'S ADDRESS.

Tells the Boys at the Newport War College the Time Has Not Yet Come When All Peoples Can Dwell in Harmony.

NEWPORT, R. I., June 13.—The commencement exercises of the United States war college on Coasters Harbor Island opened in the college hall at 1 o'clock this forenoon.

Mr. McAdoo, alluding to those who held that the civilized world was rapidly advancing beyond the era of wars, said: "Sharing the love of peace which grows into a yearning for an advancing civilization, I yet cannot blind myself to the fact that we are very far indeed from an age in which force is not the handmaiden of civilization itself."

Turning to the consideration of the needs of an efficient naval force in this country, the secretary said: "The only logical means of political domination on this continent by Europe would come from the dissolution of the union as the result of peaceful or of forceful aggression."

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EXPLORE CHASER HOME.

Back from a Two Years Sojourn in the Heart of Africa.

NEW YORK, June 13.—William Astor Chanler has just returned home after a three years absence abroad, twenty-two months of which have been passed in the heart of Africa in regions never before penetrated by man.

"I am in excellent health," said he, "with the exception of a sluggish liver, the result of two years in Africa, which I propose to wash out at Cambridge immediately. I have come home hurriedly for family reasons. While my expedition has not been entirely successful, owing to the desertions of my men, I propose to make to the New York Geographical society."

William Astor Chanler, youngest of all children, is only 28 years old and was graduated from Harvard seven years ago. He is the son of the late John B. Chanler and a great grandson of the late John Jacob Astor, from whom he inherited a large fortune.

In 1888 he made a big game shooting trip to Mashonaland and was the first white man to go completely around Mount Killiam Jaro.

Paris, June 13.—A dispatch from Rio says: The chief of the provisional government at Desterro has been arrested.

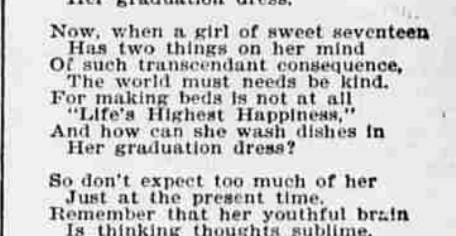
THE GRADUATE. Somerville Journal. The sweet girl graduate just now is busily employed; in fact, she's so preoccupied she must not be annoyed. She's writing a deep essay on "Life's Highest Happiness," and how she shall wash dishes in Her graduation dress.

Now, when a girl of sweet seventeen has two things on her mind of such transcendent consequence, the world must needs be kind. For making beds is not at all "Life's Highest Happiness," and how she shall wash dishes in Her graduation dress.

So don't expect too much of her. Just at the present time, remember that her youthful brain is so busy thinking thoughts sublime, to get her essay done will be "Life's Highest Happiness," and how she shall wash dishes in Her graduation dress.

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