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THE NATIONAL GUARD ENCAMPMENT.

The encampment of the Nebraska National Guard at Hastings, which has just closed, while on the whole successful and showing a marked improvement both in discipline and form, has brought out clearly a number of radical defects which should be remedied by changes in method and management.

The National Guard is the militia of the state of Nebraska, and its encampment is a school of instruction for officers and men. It is not an adjunct of the Grand Army and it should neither be made a side show to amuse the old soldier or a circus to attract the crowd for the benefit of some town.

The duties of the young soldier should keep him busy from 6 o'clock in the morning till 8 at night. He has neither time nor opportunity to listen to the stereotyped speeches poured forth by the hour from the lips of battle-scarred politicians and fence-mending generals.

The encampment should be a school of instruction, and that fact has been given practical recognition this year more than ever before. Dress parades, inspections and reviews are properly a part of military life, but they should be given as a lesson in tactics and not as a mere spectacle for the multitude.

A week in camp is all too short for a school of military tactics and discipline. At least two days are wasted in pitching and breaking camp, which leaves only four days for real work.

The challenge cup presented by Governor Dawes was intended to stimulate the energies of the various companies toward obtaining perfection in form and drill. When the administration of its award becomes such that in two successive years the best companies are thrown out on a technicality it becomes merely a cause of contention and discord and utterly fails in its purpose.

If rules were laid down broad enough to admit all companies and its award decided by unprejudiced and competent regular army officers there would be some honor in winning it and the Governor's cup would cease to menace the very existence of the National Guard.

While nothing in military life is so essential as strict discipline and obedience, it should be remembered by the officers in command that the National Guard is a voluntary organization and it should not be made unpopular by discipline which is severe beyond reason.

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Taylor, the South Dakota defaulting ex-state treasurer, not content with compromising for a minimum sentence under the law, insists on being out on bail while his appeal to the court of final jurisdiction to declare the law inapplicable is pending.

An Omaha divine recently declared party politics to be the bane of municipal government. He probably knows no more about it than many others, but in this instance he struck the nail squarely on the head.

Prof. J. Lawrence Laughlin's articles in reply to Coia are now out in book form. Before we know it the copyrighted edition of the Horst-Harvey debate will be launched upon an innocent public.

For appearance sake two bids have been made for the proposed new prison contract and thus a show of competition made. Members of the State Board of Public Lands and Buildings have been claiming big savings to the state if only their plans of penitentiary management are carried into effect.

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In favor of putting an independent democratic state ticket in the field, though it is hardly probable this will be done. The situation certainly looks most favorable to republican success. The republican candidate for governor is a strong and popular man and as in the election of representatives to congress last year the republicans cast the largest vote it is obvious that the chances for republican victory this year are extremely good.

Omaha will entertain not less than from 25,000 to 50,000 people every day during fair week. The capacity of our hotels will be taxed to the utmost and the hospitality of our citizens must be extended as far as possible to the visitors and guests within our gates.

To systematize the distribution of floating population outside of the regular hotels there should be a bureau of information centrally located to which all parties who are disposed to accommodate strangers should report and through which visitors to the fair should be assisted in seeking quarters.

During fair week there will be a tremendous pressure upon all transportation facilities. The demand will be not only for adequate transit between the city and fair grounds, but also for a street car service to all parts of the city at all hours of the day and night.

The street railway company should be prepared to run cars all night on the principal thoroughfares, if not on all the lines. In Denver the street railways run what they call "owl cars" at regular intervals after midnight all the year round and there is no reason why Omaha should not have similar transit facilities when there is a demand for them.

During fair week there will be a great crush of people in the streets of Omaha at night and the illuminations and pyrotechnic displays will necessitate precautions against accidents and fires as well as against pickpockets, sneak thieves and house breakers.

The fire and police departments will therefore have to be reinforced by specials and regular force must expect to be detailed for extra duty.

During the fair there will necessarily be a relaxation of the police surveillance over reputable resorts that sell liquor, but there will have to be increased vigilance upon the dives and joints where men are trapped and robbed through decoy cappers and professional swindlers.

People who come to the fair are entitled to protection and a fair return for every cent of money they spend while here. The men who have labored so faithfully and incessantly to make the exposition a memorable affair should see to it that the reputation of Omaha does not suffer either in commodious accommodations, in the variety of entertainment, in cheap and rapid transit and in the safety of man, woman and child both day and night.

Women have a constitutional and God-given right to ride a bicycle, and they are bound to have a comfortable and appropriate dress therefor. So declared the Arkansas judge who discharged the bloomer-clad prisoner arrested with a great flourish of trumpets for appearing in public in indecent apparel. This settles it. Any woman deprived of the privilege of riding a bicycle, and riding in bloomers at that, may appeal to the guaranty of the constitution for a redress of her wrongs.

It will henceforth be a serious thing for any man to interfere with the pursuit of this God-given cycling habit by every woman who is so inclined.

The St. Louis Globe-Democrat says that the sunflower is not appreciated in this country, so favored with its natural growth in profusion. Perhaps so. As a matter of fact the sunflower is one of our most ornamental of wild flowers. He who scoffs at the sunflower does not understand its beauty.

We have at last discovered one place where, according to the report, the peach crop is not short. That place is in Nebraska. If there is any other spot in the United States where the peach crop is up to expectations it ought to speak up at once.

Has Not One Endorsement. Virginia democrats have started a presidential boom for J. Sterling Morton. The pre-emptible endorsement the Morton presidential boom has received in Nebraska is from the great administration organ, the State Journal.

Information on the Labels. Secretary Morton has ordered that the cans of horse meat must be labeled. The secretary should go a little further and order that the color and age of the animal be put on the labels. To be eating a sorrel fillet from a horse that did duty before the war under the impression that you are devouring a chestnut fillet of tender years is an impudent and astute secretary should guard against.

Peals of the Curfew Bell. A surprising number of towns in the northwest have adopted the practice of ringing a bell at 9 o'clock at night as a signal for all children under 16 years to go to their homes at night. It is a commendable and laudable step to the effect that the people are much pleased with it, and so other towns, and not a few cities, are agitating the question of peals of curfew.

A Populist for Peff. That Paul Vaniervoort isn't altogether "all right" in the line of reform is demonstrated by his complete lay down with the republican-corporation-A. P. A. gang in the Omaha fire and police muddle. He is a populist for peff. As is well known, the new commission law was originated and passed as a slip at Governor Holcomb, and Vaniervoort claims the gang to carry out their scheme. Either he is crooked as a shepherd's staff or he wants a job very bad. In either event the populists should put a brand upon him.

The Dignity of the Court. Hizzanah, Judge Scott, had another rumpus the other day with an attorney practicing in his court, with the usual result of contempt proceedings. This very able judge claims the attorney catches the court's eye to vindicate his outraged "honors" by the same method. In fact, he has run across considerably more contempt than all the other judges that have ever sat on the bench in Nebraska combined. If he could succeed in getting all the people whose contempt for him is supreme into jail what an enlargement of the jails would be necessary!

Judge Brewer on Court Abuses. Many sensible remarks are made by Justice Brewer in his Detroit address. He wishes the right to continuance curtailed. He wants the time of process shortened. When a case has been once commenced he does not want any other court to be allowed to interfere. But what he has to say of most value relates to this outrageous freedom of appeals that cuts the life of the American law procedure, which, under the pretense of securing justice for all, breeds the grossest injustice. It is to be hoped that these timely words from the member of the highest American tribunal, spoken before a body like the American Bar association, will not be without effect. But will serve as the opening speech of a campaign for a great and much-needed reform.

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JUDGE MAXWELL'S NOMINATION.

Tekamah Herald: If the populists wanted Judge Maxwell for supreme judge they should have said so two years ago.

Norfolk Journal: It was hardly expected that the populist convention would go out of its own ranks to select nominees for supreme judge, but Judge Maxwell will prove a strong candidate.

Fremont Tribune: Had Judge Maxwell stood in the nomination party the populists never would have thought of nominating him, though he would have been the same man in every essential point that he now is.

Tekamah Herald: At the populist state convention yesterday Maxwell was nominated for judge, to the disgust of the democrats who had made a strong appeal for fusion so they could elect their man.

Populist Times: In the face of his positive refusal to accept the nomination the populist state convention nominated Samuel Maxwell for supreme judge. It was a splendid tribute to a splendid man. From a political standpoint the action of the convention in naming a republican as head of a populist ticket was ill advised, but there can be no doubt that the honor was conferred sincerely.

Red Cloud Golden Bell: The populist state convention yesterday nominated Samuel Maxwell for supreme judge and Mrs. E. W. Peattie of Omaha and J. W. Bayston of Red Willow for regents of the university. Judge Maxwell had declined the nomination, but the question now will be accepted or no. It is a scheme to have him decline and let the state central committee name the democratic nominee.

Brainerd Tribune: The populist state convention nominated Judge Maxwell for supreme judge Wednesday. Judge Maxwell held the office for three terms, being elected as a republican. As a judge he was respected by the legal profession in every part of the country, and his decisions are cited as authority more than any other judge that ever graced the supreme bench in Nebraska.

Seward Reporter: The populist state convention met at Lincoln yesterday and nominated Hon. Samuel J. Maxwell for supreme judge, the vote being practically unanimous. The fact that Judge Maxwell had the support of almost the entire convention is a little surprising when his recent statement that he could not accept is considered. It is a little peculiar, but strictly according to populist custom, that they continue to take as candidates men who have been turned down by the republican party.

North Platte Argus: The nomination of Judge Maxwell was against his earnest protest. We believe the nomination is a mistake and that the party would have better nominated a man who would accept. Maxwell is a man above reproach, true to his convictions and incorruptible, and yet we believe that his nomination was an error. However, we do not for a moment wish to have greater respect and in whom greater confidence can be placed. Should he see fit to accept the nomination the party will make a noble fight for his election.

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LOCAL CAMPAIGN CHATTER.

W. N. Nason has announced himself as a candidate for county commissioner in the Fourth district. The men now on the republican nomination are Henry Lively, Halfdan Jacobsen, Henry Rhode and Mr. Nason.

Vaniervoort's police board is in trouble again. When it was all fixed for Johnny McDonald for chief of police, Johnny called on the board and gave it out cold that he would not accept the position if the board insisted upon putting the Sigwart-Haze-Cox-Shoup combination on the force. He said that he took no stock in the old saw that it was the proper thing to set a crook to catch a crook, and if he was going to be chief of police he wanted a different deal in the selection of his force.

Joe Edgerton and Virgil O'Leary Stricker are at one. Joe says that he don't like a hypocrite and that's all the explanation he is willing to make at this time.

Rev. Alexander Irvine declares that his children shall not attend school in Omaha so long as the saloon license money goes into the school fund. If Alexander proposes to raise his boys to shine in the dervish crowd that their father is mixed up with now the question of their education need not trouble him any. They won't need it.

Clinton N. Powell has announced himself as a candidate for the republican nomination for district judge and "Bismarck" Alton is out for councilman-at-large from the Second ward. You can't keep good men down.

Van D. Lady is a candidate for city clerk. Van says if a dervish can't get his reward for political dirty work this year he has nothing to hope for in the future. This is the condition that leads him to oppose his friend Higby for the nomination at the coming convention. Van can get a recommendation from Hunt and Wiley and thinks that nothing more will be necessary.

Hahnemann Pyburn has called a meeting of the executive committee of the Douglas county republican clubs at Coates' place in Douglas precinct Wednesday afternoon. Plans will be decided upon for preventing further distributions of the campaign funds where they fall into ungrateful hands.

The republican county central committee will meet next Saturday to ratify a plan of campaign that has already been decided upon by the dervish leaders of the committee. Hereafter the representation in the county conventions has been nine from each ward in Omaha; fourteen from South Omaha and five from each county precinct. The scheme now is to make a different apportionment, one that will sidetrack the candidates who are depending upon their support from the county precincts and South Omaha. This combination will present a proposition that the representation from South Omaha and the county precincts remain unchanged and that each ward be entitled to one delegate in the convention for each 100 votes cast for lieutenant governor at the election last fall. This basis would give the Sixth ward twenty-four delegates in the convention, the Eighth twenty-one delegates, the Ninth ward fifteen delegates and so on. This deal would leave the county and South Omaha cutting very little pie in the convention. The men who are in the deal have the machinery of the committee in their hands, but they will have a lively fight when the matter comes up for consideration in the committee meeting, as the candidates who are not in the deal are getting together in opposition to the proposed revision.

James A. Powers is a candidate for the republican nomination for police judge. H. E. Cochran is also seeking the nomination for police judge.

George Holmrod and J. L. Pierson have entered the race for the nomination on the republican ticket for city treasurer. There's a slip somewhere. Councilman Edwards has claimed all along that the nomination was to be his reward without having to hustle for it. He says that if he does not get the nomination it will be because the dervishes are ungrateful.

The Cuban Propaganda. The laws of this country will not suppress mere meetings and publications to encourage the Cuban insurgents. There is nothing in the statutes to discourage sympathy for any people in rebellion against an oppressive government. There must be something more than a mere Cuban propaganda in the United States, with a contribution box in its midst, to make a reasonable demand for recognition as a belligerent power.

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IOWA PRESS COMMENT.

Bloux City Journal: There is no good reason why a state campaign in Iowa should be several times as long as a campaign for the election of the British Parliament.

Cedar Rapids Gazette: Some papers started the story that there are to survive of the Thirty-second Iowa infantry. Had Gabriel blown his horn the resurrection would not have been Heveler. The boys are pretty lively corpses.

Bloux City Tribune: The land business in Nebraska, South Dakota and northwestern Iowa will have a great boom this fall and winter. Farmers in this part of the country will be in demand, and now he is more, they will bring good prices.

Dubuque Telegraph: Like Nebraska, Iowa ought to have a valued policy law, an act under which the companies would be obliged to pay full indemnity if the loss were total, and proportional indemnity if it were partial. But in the absence of such a law it is doubtful if the companies may in harmony with the conditions on which they are incorporated fret and annoy policy holders who have sustained loss and by delay and quibbling coerce them into acceptance of less than they are entitled to.

Cedar Rapids Republican: J. Sterling Morton of Nebraska is a western man. He made his money in Nebraska. The west gave him whatever of political honor he possesses. It is time to get a representative of the west, though it is probably true that when he is selected he will be a New Yorker. At any rate, J. Sterling is not in sympathy with the west. He has ridiculed it after a fashion that would do credit to a professional English critic, and now he is throwing cold water on the proposition to nominate a western man for the presidency.

AIRY THOUGHTS. Washington Star: "Yeh'll tek notus," said Uncle Eben, "dat de man who talks big 'bout but he hee hee hee, what hee hee hee." Philadelphia Record: Miss Cozyr-Jack Strickland, who is engaged to be married, accepted him because he was willing to prove his love for her. Her friend—What did you say? "I don't know." "Then what did he say?" "Nothing. He just turned the light out."

Chicago Post: "Don't you think Miss Cozyr-Jack Strickland is a little high?" "Well, that depends." "Depends?" "Depends." She looks very well coming toward you.

Cincinnati Enquirer: Hargreaves-Honchey, now doctor, don't you think that the "permanent injury" to Shadley's spine will all vanish as soon as he gets his spine damaged from the railroad company? Dr. Pillsbury says he would not get a whack at that \$5,000 myself.

Cleveland Plain Dealer: "And now," shouted the exhorter, "what is to be done when a man pulled in by a lighted lantern, sped along the road to destruction?" Deacon Jones (between moans)—Reduce size of yer savelock. She's too high gear.

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THE MAIDENLY MAID.

My thoughts are reverting to days that are long past. And a girl that I formerly knew. So sweet and demure that she's easily clasped. As the girl to whom homage is due. I call to my mind both her smile and her frown. And the modesty, too, she displayed. Ah, faintly, indeed, in her tailor-made gown. Was this dear little maidenly maid.

I look for her now, but she's vanished from sight. An old doctor has taken her place. A girl who's afraid I'm usurping some right. That belongs to the whole human race. She's clever, I'm told, and will make her own way. She's as sharp as a man in a trade; It's all the result of progression, they say. But I long for the maidenly maid.

The tailor-made gown is a memory now. And the bloomers we see in its place. Whatever they are, I have no doubt you will allow. Are distressingly lacking in grace. The girl of today may excel, I concede. She's clever, I'm told, and will make her own way. So well she succeeds in her effort, indeed. That we sigh for the maidenly maid.

We've men enough now, it is worthy of note. For we do not want all of one sex. So why should the women attention devote. To a movement that ever must vex? So many in manner they are that we fly. When in numbers we're not outnumbered. And longingly cry, most regretfully, oh, For an old-fashioned maidenly maid.

Whenever I look in memory's glass— What pictures there in memory's glass— And review the doings of bygone days, This one picture I have not forgot. Why the things and scenes I would most recall. Have vanished clear away; While the times I have made a fool of myself. Are as fresh as yesterday?

THE MAIDENLY MAID. Chicago Post. My thoughts are reverting to days that are long past. And a girl that I formerly knew. So sweet and demure that she's easily clasped. As the girl to whom homage is due. I call to my mind both her smile and her frown. And the modesty, too, she displayed. Ah, faintly, indeed, in her tailor-made gown. Was this dear little maidenly maid.

I look for her now, but she's vanished from sight. An old doctor has taken her place. A girl who's afraid I'm usurping some right. That belongs to the whole human race. She's clever, I'm told, and will make her own way. She's as sharp as a man in a trade; It's all the result of progression, they say. But I long for the maidenly maid.

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