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With a three-fourths corn crop at present prices, Nebraska farmers will have no ground for complaint. The great problem, which the irrigation convention will try to solve, is how to supply two barrels of water where only one barrel is obtainable.

That rift in the clouds was not as damaging as it might have been. It was like a mild case of varicellid when we were threatened with smallpox. What is a nonpartisan? A candidate who falls to secure a nomination from one party turns his political coat inside out and accepts the nomination of the opposite party.

Viewed from the conning tower of the World-Herald, John Rush is a republican politician and T. J. Mahoney a nonpartisan who does not know anything about politics. Judging from his letter to the irrigation congress, we are forcibly impressed with the idea that President Roosevelt has given the irrigation problem more than passing attention.

Judge Sullivan's opinion in the "Bible reading case" is not half as important as the great majority of taxpayers people as Judge Sullivan's opinion in the railroad assessment case. A cavalry corps of the Salvation army is about to invade the mountain districts of Kentucky, Tennessee and Virginia on a campaign of salvation, where they expect to recruit their ranks and achieve much peaceful glory.

The Bee has had much to say concerning its pretended desire that the present state campaign be fought "on a high plane." In a recent issue The Bee printed a letter over the signature of John Rush, attacking the opinion delivered by Chief Justice Sullivan in the "Bible case." So far The Bee has failed to print Judge Sullivan's opinion. World-Herald.

ANNIVERSARY OF ANTIETAM.

Forty-one years ago today the battle of Antietam was fought. It was one of the great battles of the civil war and while not decisive in its results, being in fact a drawn battle, it was yet most important in its effect upon the union cause and for that reason is justly to be regarded as perhaps not the least of the great struggles of that most eventful period in our history.

This anniversary is to be marked by the dedication of a monument to commemorate the participation in the great battle of the soldiers of New Jersey, and President Roosevelt will deliver an address on the occasion. Unquestionably the president will improve the occasion to say what will be most inspiring to the patriotic spirit of the country, for there is ample material in the history of that time and in the facts connected with the eventful battle to enable the president to appeal to the patriotic sentiment of his countrymen.

It goes without saying that a comparison of the votes cast for candidates for mayor is no criterion. A fair comparison of the strength of the two factions may be gained from the vote cast for city treasurer and city tax commissioner. Mr. Hennings, who was supported without division by both factions, received 9,200 votes, while Brunning, who received no support from the anti-machine faction, and lost several hundred votes by Fleming's second term, secured 6,804 votes, a difference of 2,315 votes.

THE BRITISH FISCAL POLICY. Not only the United States, but every country in the world, is intimately interested in the statement of the prime minister of England in regard to the fiscal policy of Great Britain. The statement of Mr. Balfour in regard to his views is a matter of world-wide interest. The British nation has trade interests that extend to every quarter of the earth.

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