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Mr. Hitchcock is mad. That's very evident.

The name "dirigible" must be a misnomer.

One way to boost for Omaha is to quit knocking.

St. Louis is a great water front city, but it belies the name.

For the eighth time we ask, Will Hitchcock put it back?

Mr. Edison seems to be claiming no credit for any of these aerial feats.

You say there are two sides to every question? Dispute the umpire's decision and see.

What was it the democratic party did when in power that entitles it to be trusted again?

Front is way late this year, but do not worry, it will be here not later than November 8.

Tell a Chicagoan that Philadelphia is slow now and he will probably tell you he is from Missouri.

Those Koreans appear to make very good subjects. At least they keep their thoughts to themselves.

Is Mr. John R. McLean of Ohio prepared for the order to "Prepare to stand aside" in his senatorial candidacy?

With the Old Guard, Tammany, Hearst and the big barrel against him, Mr. Stimson has a hard fight in New York.

Aviators need give no thought to the fear that their art may become commercialized—not so long as it is in the Wright hands.

For one balloon to go in search of another one supposed to be lost in the northern Canadian woods looks like the blind leading the blind.

Dr. Crippen also adopted the line of defense, "but you can't prove it," and lost. He would have tried the statute of limitations if he could.

John R. McLean is getting ready to run for the senate in Ohio, providing the legislature is democratic. Back to the good old days, eh?

It remains to be seen if the jurists in Sangamon county, Illinois, agree with jurists in Cook county that sharing a jackpot is not a crime.

It appears that J. Pierpont Morgan cannot vote this year because he forgot to register. Oh, well, what's a little thing like a vote to him?

"How big is a dollar" asks the New York Sun. During the early '90s, when the democrats were last at the helm, it was about the size of a cart wheel.

A leading Wall street journal predicts the overwhelming victory of "Boss" Murphy's man Dix. It will be that way if the crooks of Wall street and the crooks of Tammany can make it, sure.

When the democratic World-Herald in 1901 declared that it was "close to Bartley," the embroiling republican state treasurer, an expected Editor Hitchcock admitted that at that very moment he had some of Bartley's stealings in his pocket.

Keep it Before the People.

Keep it before the people that

On January 8, 1895, Joseph S. Bartley, elected as a republican, became state treasurer of Nebraska; that

On December 28, 1893, G. M. Hitchcock, editor and publisher of the World-Herald, borrowed \$2,000 from State Treasurer Bartley; that

On September 25, 1895, the note representing the \$2,000 of stolen state money was renewed by Hitchcock and covered up in the name of the same banker, but endorsed over to Bartley; that

Not until September 25, 1895, was a second mortgage for \$5,000 recorded as pretended security for the loan; that

In January, 1897, Bartley proved to be a defaulter for over \$500,000, of which the \$3,000 loaned to Hitchcock was a part; that

On September 14, 1901, when the property went to foreclosure Bartley was still in prison; that

On October 1, 1901, when the note outlawed Bartley was in the penitentiary serving sentence for embezzling the money which Hitchcock enjoyed; that

In 1904 when pressed to pay up Hitchcock repudiated all obligation for the \$3,000, setting up the statute of limitations; that

To this day neither Bartley nor the state has ever been reimbursed the \$2,000, of which Mr. Hitchcock is still the beneficiary.

Cummins and Unity.

As a conspicuous leader of the republican progressives, who during the recent contests in congress went by the name of insurgents, Senator Cummins of Iowa fairly and fully strikes the keynote of sane advice when he says: "It would be the extreme of madness to vote for a democratic candidate for congress, for although he is honest, it would rob the country of its surest safeguard."

This is precisely the point which, in this campaign as never before, republicans in particular and others in general who believe in progressive principles of government, want to keep before them. It is well for one of Senator Cummins' position in the forum of politics to help all people to understand that the republican leaders, by whatever name they may be known in this contest, are advocating republican policies and the election of a republican congress as the only means of carrying out those policies.

Democrats themselves do not pretend to believe that in the event of their controlling the next house they could or would accomplish anything beyond a neutralization of forward legislation. Is that what the country needs, or what it wishes? The safeguard of which Senator Cummins speaks is not a policy of negation or nullification. It is a policy of progress and action, of positive legislation continuing the good that has been begun and carried on under the Roosevelt and Taft administrations. Those who are seeking to promote democratic success in this election are not doing so with any notion of positive results, but all negative. They do not want further tariff revision or further reform legislation in other directions, as they know they will get if the republicans retain control.

Senator Cummins has spoken out, and if all the leaders will take up this slogan, sounded first by President Taft, they can prevent the country from losing this "surest safeguard" of its continued prosperity.

Is the Joke on Peary?

Ten years ago Robert E. Peary was given a leave of absence from the navy for a decade with the understanding that he would employ his time in Arctic exploration. He, of course, had the north pole as his objective point. Now, just as he has convinced many people at the close of his vacation period that he has reached the goal of his ambition and his quest, comes the laconic statement, as if by a voice from the tomb, that an Oxford friar discovered the north pole back in 1346.

Harrassed by the claims of Dr. Cook and the criticism of skeptical scholars, Captain Peary must feel now like exclaiming in the vernacular of the time, "What's the use?" This Oxford friar, we are told, finding time hanging heavily on his hands one day, struck off north with a small party to see if he could locate the pole. It seems to have been as much a subject of speculation then as now. He and his party wended their way to a very northerly point, when all but himself dropped out, and he proceeded until he found the long-lost pole. He made draughts and notations of his journey and discovery, but, perhaps never thinking that his word would be brought into question, overlooked the detail of rounding up a few Eskimo witnesses with gum drops. So, in the course of time, his records were misplaced and the whole thing dropped from mind.

It must, therefore, be exasperating to a man who has spent ten years looking for a thing and, when he has found it, he told that another man beat him to the discovery by several centuries. Why did not those who had knowledge of this adventurous old friar's trick make it known in time to soften the asperity of the Cook-Peary controversy and prevent all these hard feelings? Somehow their failure to do this and their related disclosure smacks of unfair play. We believe it will not have the effect of discrediting what Captain Peary at least tried to do. Anyway, suppose

The Importance of Redistricting.

The constitution of Nebraska requires the legislature to redistrict the state for legislative representation to conform to each successive census.

But notwithstanding this mandate our legislative apportionment remains the same today as when fixed in 1887, nearly twenty-four years ago. In the meanwhile the state has been settled up and the distribution of population materially changed, with the result that the old districts have become unequal and unfair.

All the political parties in their platform this year promise redistricting by the next legislature, although the republican platform is more emphatic, pledging the governor to call an extra session of the legislature for this purpose if the job is not done in the regular session.

While apparently redistricting is a simple task calling only for the ascertainment of the total population of the state and division by 33 to get the number entitled to a member of the senate and by 100 to get the number entitled to a member of the house, it always opens the way for juggling and gerrymandering if the political party in control is so disposed. If the democrats control the next legislature, we will have a democratic redistricting, and the notorious unscrupulousness of democratic partisanship makes it certain that the democrats would go the limit to carve out an apportionment designed to make democratic districts.

If we are to have even an approximately fair apportionment, we will have to have it from a republican governor and legislature. The importance of this point should not be underestimated by republicans when they vote at the coming election.

No More Such Fires.

Between 1 and 2 per cent of our timber was destroyed by forest fires this year. The amount in lumber was 6,000,000,000 feet and in money \$15,000,000. The flames covered about 1,250,000 acres of land and destroyed scores of lives and many small towns and villages.

What is the use to talk of the opposing principles of conservation so long as we tolerate such devastation? It is criminally wrong to permit this monumental waste of natural resources. Six billion feet of this timber is equal to twelve years' cut, we are told. How long at such a rate would it be before we had very little resources of this character to conserve?

It may be that our government needed this awful sacrifice of life and property to teach it the lesson it has to learn of protecting its forests. If so, the cost is nonetheless dear. Yet it would seem somewhat strange, too, if this were true, with so many patriotic experts in this and that school of saving resources at hand. It is inconceivable that a government as alert as ours is has not by now learned tolerably well what the prime causes of these forest fires are. That being done the remedy comes next. It is not so certain that the government has as definitely decided on that, however, but it must without further delay. If it lies in an adequate enlargement of the forest ranger service, let this be done forthwith, for forest fires are not entirely reasonable affairs and they may break out before the protection comes. All the conservation we might practice upon which of the various systems we decide is best can avail little morally or economically if the hazard of destructive fires is not lessened or removed.

I might say that while I am ready to assume responsibility for publications which appear in my paper, I knew absolutely nothing about the Gould matter or the intended publication until I saw it in the World-Herald.—Congressman Hitchcock's confession.

What has that to do with it? The World-Herald rang the changes on the Gould expose from day to day for a whole month. It blazoned it in big type and pictured it in scurrilous cartoons. If Mr. Hitchcock knew absolutely nothing about its intended publication until he saw it in the World-Herald when originally sprung he still cannot avoid responsibility for its repetition with variations from the first week in October up to the very day of election in November. Every word which the World-Herald then said, and every cartoon which it printed about Gould being a partner of Bartley's, is today an indictment of its editor, G. M. Hitchcock, who admits that he was in the same way a partner of Bartley's and at that moment had stolen money borrowed from Bartley in his pockets.

Another link in the fuelon fraud is the pulling off of W. H. Green, nominated for lieutenant governor on the populist ticket, and the substitution of the corporation emissary who captured the democratic nomination. The populists in their primary declared decisively that they did not want Clark, and yet he is to be substituted for the populist label by a few democratic

pie-bitera who pretend to be the populist state committee.

Two years is not so long ago that people hereabouts cannot remember the disgrace and humiliation suffered because of the misbehavior of the democratic disreputables and grafters who made up the Douglas delegation to the last legislature. If Douglas county sends the same bunch back this year, it will certainly have no cause to complain no matter what is handed to us.

In any event, the note was outlawed when Bartley demanded payment of it—Congressman Hitchcock's confession.

What honorable man would repudiate a note outlawed while the owner was serving a term in the penitentiary for embezzling the money it represented?

If County Attorney English is to have a life tenure of office we might as well change the law and save him the trouble of re-election every two years. James E. Raitt, the republican nominee, could handle the office just as well, and better, than Mr. English.

Senator Cummins publicly declares that nothing is to be gained for progress or reform by turning either house of congress over to the democrats. Senator Cummins is certainly as good a progressive as Mr. Wheeler.

Up to last accounts Mr. Bryan was still running, having crossed the Minnesota state line, into North Dakota. Where is that promise of his to put in the last two weeks of the campaign for decency of Nebraska?

Mayor "Jim" is said to have cut out his poker stories from his campaign oratory. Poker playing is not included in the qualifications for governor prescribed by the constitution any more than is booze-fighting.

People are not supposed to talk when they go to the grand opera. But why should they, when their money is doing so much talking for them?

Oppressing the Short.

Washington Post.

The worst feature of laundering paper money is that it costs just as much to wash a dollar bill as a thousand-dollar bill.

Wired Imaginings.

Philadelphia Ledger.

Bryan's expressed fears of a monarchy are purely figurative. The solitary individual who would like to be monarch has but a single vote.

Knows Whereof He Speaks.

Kansas City Star.

Alton H. Parker is warning the public to "beware of Roosevelt and the third term." Judge Parker will be remembered as the man who failed to beware of Roosevelt and the second term.

Discipline and Death.

Chicago Inter Ocean.

The naval board of inquiry finds that it was disobedience of the order to "sit down in the boat" that caused the swamping of the sailing launch of the battleship New Hampshire and the loss of more than thirty lives in the New York harbor disaster. A striking object lesson on the value of obedience to orders under naval discipline!

Responsibility in Fire Risk.

New York Tribune.

For many of the losses caused by the great San Francisco fire the insurance companies settled without compulsion. Certain cases were taken to the federal courts, however, and these have just been decided in favor of the property owners. It is a good thing to have the principle of responsibility freshly affirmed by a tribunal of such authority as the United States circuit court.

PERSONAL NOTES.

A Philadelphia colored man caught kneeling on the pavement giving thanks for the Athletic club's victory has been sent to jail for three months.

An Illinois school teacher has just paid \$1,500 for having thrashed a boy. Unless buoyed up by the memory that she did a good job on the lad, she must be feeling downcast.

John R. McLean, multimillionaire publisher of Cincinnati and Washington, will be a candidate for United States senator from Ohio. If the democrats of that state elect a majority of the general assembly next month, although no authoritative announcement to this effect has been made.

By the terms of the will of Rufus Clark, known as "Potato" Clark, which was admitted to probate in Denver, Colo., the United States government is bequeathed \$3,500 because, according to the will, in 1823 Clark knew of the defrauding of the government of an equal amount by a man whom he did not name.

Mrs. John Curran of St. Louis, president of the Women's Missouri Development League, is working hard to have the 120,000 acres of untitled fertile land in her state brought into cultivation. One of the means by which she hopes to accomplish this is by having agriculture, at least the rudiments, taught in the public schools.

Our Birthday Book

October 26, 1910.

Edmund Hallie, the eminent English astronomer, whose nameake visited us this spring for the first time in seventy-five years, was born near London, October 26, 1656, and died in 1742. He was the first who successfully predicted the return of a comet and managed to hitch his name to such a star.

Charles W. Post, the man who made Battle Creek, Mich., famous as a breakfast food product center, is just 56 years old. He was born in Springfield, Ill., and started out in the hardware business and as manager of a plow factory. He is credited with being the originator of the prepared food industry.

Benjamin P. Birdsall, former member of congress from Iowa, was born October 26, 1828, at Weyauwega, Wis. He sat on the district bench, from which he was elevated to be representative in congress.

George Victor, vice president of C. B. Liver company, butcher and bar supplier, was born October 26, 1865, in Pommernia, Germany, whose nameake visited us this year. He was a member of the firm of Chase & Eddy, bookbinders and publishers from 1880 to 1888, since which time he has been with The Bee.

Around New York

Whipple on the Current of Life as Seen in the Great American Metropolis from Day to Day.

More meek and humble people, agitated to the verge of sobs, gather in the New York customs house these days than has been called in the big city since the suspension of democratic soup houses. Collector of Customs Losh is the source of their troubles. The collector is a great annoyance to those who neglect to play fair and square at the toll gate. Lenient in dealing with first offenders, he is a terror to the delinquent and president of the law. The latter constitute a large class of importers who have been caught with the goods and are begging for mercy. Since the four Dwyer brothers, importers of art works, were taken in, a procession of importers have besieged the collector with offers of money settlement for past shady acts, and the end is not yet. Mr. Losh is quoted as saying that it had been agreed in Washington that he should proceed to lay the several cases before the district attorney. Then the district attorney might use his discretion in giving each offender immunity on the promise that he called on the would give evidence in any other case.

Though the criminal penalties will thus be remitted full civil damages will be exacted. Every offender will be charged full duty on the value of his goods entered under false valuation besides the value of the goods, which is exacted in cases of customs frauds.

A wonderful woman has been discovered in New York. Her husband began business on the East Side years ago, in a humble manner. He prospered, expanded and grew rich. A new and gorgeous home uptown was purchased and occupied.

The wife stood by for a time. Homeliness for the old simplicity took possession of her. The husband would not leave the new home. She left him and went back to her humble neighbors of the tenement.

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