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Even the footpads in Omaha are polite during Ak-Sar-Ben.

'Italy's Note to Turkey is Final.' So was France's note to Germany.

Still it is hardly fair to judge a man's disposition by the fuzzy hat he wears.

In other words, Mr. Morgan says he will do his own tempering of his own steel trust.

Now we know who they mean when they say "the men higher up"—they mean those aviators.

H. Johnson, governor of California, has assailed President Taft for rejecting the Arizona recall. Oh, well.

It might be recalled now that Mayor Reburn of Philadelphia was also once regarded as a reform candidate.

The man who does not drink coffee or take sugar in his tea may be just as happy today as he was a month ago.

Though leader of the insurgents, Senator La Follette stands pat when an interviewer or a camera man approaches him.

May San Francisco find its new mayor an improvement. It surely will, though we do not know much about the man.

Sam Blythe says the way for a fat man to get thin is to quit eating. He can also get to the cemetery by the same route.

It is to be hoped the weather man realizes the responsibility which devolves upon him as custodian of the comfort of King Ak-Sar-Ben's subjects.

England is so ghoulishly gleeful over Canada's rejection of reciprocity that it perhaps wishes now that it had not signed that peace pact with us.

Don't forget that the Hitchcock-Denison-World-Herald combine used the same identical registration list to beat the commission plan in the Third ward.

Douglas county medics are unanimous in denouncing the contract system of furnishing medical services. That is to say, they are unanimous except those doctors who have the contracts.

The Nebraska Democratic club, which is the Bryan volunteers rechristened, is after more contributing members. We suggest that the club engage Harry Hayward again as recruiting officer.

Joe Jackson and Ty Cobb, it is said, will be on the stage this winter. We do not doubt it. Jackson can neither read nor write, but he bats in the 400 class, so must be eminently qualified for acting.

Evidently fearing the president might place the wrong construction on his acts of friendship, Senator Bristow deemed it necessary to notify Mr. Taft before he left Kansas, that all is not gold that glitters.

Arthur Pue Gorman, Jr., running for senator in Maryland, is referred to as a new type of politician, who, though practical, tells the people exactly what he expects to do. Why, that is the old shell game in disguise.

The friends and acquaintances in his old Iowa home of the democratic nominee for congress in the Third Nebraska district are said to be "delighted" over the honor that has come to him. It is really too bad he is not running for congress over there.

The Reformed Reformer.
Every one knows there is no reformer like the reformed reformer. As soon as he experiences contrition and conversion he has no patience with the perverseness of his former companions and associates, and at once insists on revolutionizing the whole world from the house-tops for fear he may not get all the lime-light that belongs to him.

This is the sad case of Mayor 'Jim's' police court clerk, who, on being nominated for police judge, has suddenly had his eyes opened to the terrible conditions that surround him. From his vantage point in the police court counting tower he asserts that "there are dozens of disorderly houses, notorious and disreputable, within a few blocks of the police station," and "scores of others within the business and residence districts, running openly, notoriously and brazenly without the slightest effort at concealment." He adds also that "gambling joints, notorious in their methods, flourish in all parts of the city," and to cap the climax declared that "if the police are not familiar with their locations and conditions, they are the only persons in the city who are ignorant."

It seems to us that Mayor 'Jim's' police court clerk must be either overdriving the dark picture or confessing altogether too much. If he knows all about these disorderly places, what has he been doing as police court clerk, under solemn oath as a public official to obey and enforce the laws of the city and state? If he has known of these questionable places all the time, presumably he knew of the particular one occupying a building belonging in part to him. We have had periodic grand juries, and we have a democratic county attorney charged with enforcing the Albert law and the gambling laws, but whoever heard of our police court clerk going before them or uttering a peep until he won in his candidacy for the democratic nomination for police judge? For more than two years he has been content to draw two salaries, one as police court clerk and the other from the city paving contractor, which some believe is in violation of the city charter, and has never once thought of turning reformer. But now is his chance to do something that will bring an immortal name. If the police court clerk wants to make good on his oath of office, all he has to do is to swear out complaints against all these notorious law-defiers. What is he waiting for?

Did We Err with Canada?
Now that the hope of reciprocity with Canada has been demolished, those who felt that such an arrangement was necessary to the fortunes of this country can see where the United States possibly made a mistake, not in the last congress, nor during the present administration, but a good many years ago and a good many times. Before it attained its present state of national strength and development Canada recognized the need of closer trade relations with its powerful neighbor, the United States. Time and again Canada sent representatives to Washington with proposals of such relations and time and again these representatives came away rebuffed and empty-handed.

Finally the Canadians settled down to the conviction that the best thing for them to do was to proceed with the development of their own rich resources and work out a national policy as best they could without the aid or co-operation of the United States. So when President Taft, the first to put into concrete form a statement of the supposed advantage to this country of reciprocity in such shape to forward to Canada for its approval, Canada promptly vigorously pounces on it with both feet and stamps it into the ground, from which it is not likely soon to rise.

The advantages of reciprocity with Canada may have been a little overdrawn, but everybody must admit that close trade relations with this growing Dominion are not only desirable, but profitable. Of course, this talk of the Canadian conservatives closing the door against the United States is foolish, for Canada will need the United States a great deal more than we shall need Canada, after all, and when the first flush of their decisive victory is past, the conservatives too will probably see the mutual advantage of keeping the door ajar.

For Morgan Had Spoken.
The dispatches describing the last Wall Street stock market riot read like the narrative of some Titanic military conflict. "One of the most exciting episodes in the history of Wall Street," "Bulls and bears fought relentlessly," "The mob surged and swayed about the post and then moved in a struggling mass across the floor."

And what was it all about? Had some gigantic industry crashed, bringing down in its debris the ruins of allied institutions? Nothing of the sort. No panic or suggestion of panic; no run on a bank nor thought of it; no new government-policy declaration of trust control—none of these things had happened.

One man fell to talking and made this remark, incidentally, it seems:

The steel corporation has no plans for either dissolution or disintegration. "The range of prices in some cases exceeded six points." For it was J. P. Morgan who had spoken. True, Mr. Morgan had not said much, but enough to arrant Wall street speculators in twisting his words into a basis of market manipulation. What would have happened had Mr. Morgan dilated at length on the steel trust's contempt for governmental authority, one can only conjecture.

Turkey's Naive Appeal to Sympathy.
The Turkish press complains that the present Italian aggression regarding Tripoli is the outcome of the old animosity of Christianity toward Islam. It goes further and declares, with special reference to Germany, France and Russia, that there is no justice in Europe; that treaties are made only to be broken as instruments of deception to gain advantage.

It comes in poor grace for Turkey to set up such an argument, especially to appeal for sympathy on the ground that Christianity is punishing Islamism. Can Turkey deceive itself enough to imagine that the world has so soon forgotten its reign of anti-Christian atrocities, its bloody persecutions of Armenians, its relentless cruelties in the name of Islam for the extinction in the Turkish empire of any power that dared become outspoken or self-assertive there?

For years students of history have pointed the warning finger toward Turkey in the solemn conviction that unless it turned from its semi-barbarous course it would pay the penalty in national decay or destruction. It will not do now, no matter what the immediate provocation may be between Turkey and Italy, for the sultan to fall back upon so poorly improvised a defense as the one his censored press has set up. Italy says its attitude is based on recent wrongs Italian subjects have suffered at the hands of the Ottoman government. Italy's case will be heard in the court of world opinion and if that seems to be a bit biased against Turkey, let Turkey remember the past and be patient.

Kansas Does Itself Proud.
It may be disputable, of course, whether the majority of Kansans are for or against Taft. Yet this did not prevent Kansas, insurgent leaders and all, from turning out record-breaking crowds to greet the president with all the vim and cordial enthusiasm of ardent admirers and supporters.

That is highly to the credit and honor of Kansas. It betrays in the people of that state the proper regard for the high office and the person of the chief magistrate of their land. It sets a wholesome example in patriotism and civic regard to the entire country. President Taft, in one of his Kansas speeches, hit the nail on the head when he said that many good people may differ with Kansas folks in their political views, but they must admire them for their adherence to principle and their steadfast devotion to their government.

Except for one little brief incident that transpired at Hutchinson, Kansas permitted not the least suggestion of political divergences to creep into their entertainment of the president. They made it as hospitable as if they had endorsed everything he advocated. Of course, the president received some pretty good evidence of hearty support in Kansas, although the state is nevertheless popularly classed as insurgent territory.

The Hitchcock-Denison-World-Herald combine carried the Third ward against the commission plan of government, which may explain why the hyphenated organ is raising so much dust to make it easy for the same gang to pile up a majority there for the democratic ticket in November.

The churches all over the country are asked to observe a good roads Sunday. The preachers may want to know first whether good roads will bring more people to church or lure to pleasure jaunts those who still attend regularly.

The first stunt pulled off at the National Guard encampment is a stabbing affray between a private and a corporal. Some of those fighters just can't wait until they get the common enemy in front of them.

If the city hall officials are to have their customary reviewing stand for Ak-Sar-Ben parades, we move the appointment of an arbitrator to whom shall be referred all disputes over tickets.

A New Mystery.
St. Louis Globe-Democrat.
The question of identity raised at Niles, Mich., being now apparently settled, will somebody reveal the identity of the man who drank the Bronx cocktail the president declined? There is a loud cry of "name" in the vicinity of W. C. T. U. headquarters.

Water-Legged Tobacco Trust.
St. Louis Republic.
In his report on the Tobacco trust Herbert Knox Smith objects to the combination's valuation of its good will at \$15,000,000. He thinks \$4,000,000 would be about right. It is to be remembered, however, that a partnership with the United States government's taxing machine is almost a priceless asset. Naturally enough, the Tobacco trust has capitalized it heavily.

Looking Backward
This Day in Omaha
COMPILED FROM BEE FILES
SEPT. 29.

Thirty Years Ago—
The city swam in a summer sea of glory today. The torrent of rain that fell during the night swept dirt and debris with relentless force down to the business portions of the city. The signal service reported about four inches of rain, of which about one inch fell in fifteen minutes.

Republican primaries are being held today to elect delegates to the county convention Saturday. Seven delegates are chosen from each city ward and three from each county precinct.

Members of the two Episcopal dioceses are preparing for a joint church convention to be held October 4 and 5 at St. Barnabas church. The notice is signed by Rev. Frank R. Millsap, Rev. C. C. Harris, Rev. John Williams and Rev. J. W. Greenwood.

A special car on the Rock Island brought in to examine the ruins of the Council Bluffs explosion the president of the road, Hugh Riddle, General Manager R. R. Cabel, Division Superintendent Rots, General Solicitor Thomas Witheril, Assistant Manager Kimball and ex-Senator Wright, the counsel of the road. The officials estimate the damage at \$200,000.

Young Frank, the school boy who was shot at the Dodge street school by a companion, is resting comfortably and expects to be out soon.

Mrs. John Flood, wife of the Bonanza king of the Pacific slope, and party of friends occupied a special car attached to the Union Pacific and went out on the Q.

Among the rumored slated fixed up by the democrats for county officers the following is mentioned: For county clerk, F. J. McShane; treasurer, Chris Hartman; sheriff, Cyrus Morton; county commissioner, Van Smith; county judge, John J. O'Connor.

The lion continues to roar for Moore's harness and saddle.

Another party of Chinese students from eastern colleges went through Omaha on their way home.

Twenty Years Ago—
A delightful surprise was tendered Miss Marguerite Riley at her home, 219 Maple street, in the evening. There was dancing and music, the latter being furnished by an Italian orchestra. These made up the company: Misses Mal Linnahan, Winifred Parmeter, Maggie McCarthy, Mamie Brennan, Agnes O'Connor, Katie Nestle-bush, Nellie Nestle-bush, Jennie McAvoy, Alice Cannon, Maggie Cannon, Mary and Katie Reagan, Maggie Carroll, Annie Burke, Kattie Burke, Anna Cozzena, Rose and Mamie Brady, Mary Tracy, Mary Riley, Mrs. Nestle-bush, Mrs. Kinney, Mrs. Reagan, Misses Dan Linnahan, A. Lacey, M. Kane, D. O'Neal, D. Heazarty, J. Whalen, T. Brown, J. Fitzmaurice, J. Reagan, T. Reagan, F. Brady, P. Burke, J. Kinney, J. Morrissey, J. Tracy, J. Kirk, Tom Mullen, Tom Corby, J. Riley, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Burroughs of Dead-wood arrived in Omaha to make their home here.

Miss Alice T. Clute and William Burroughs were married by Rev. F. W. Foster at the latter's residence, 2300 Ohio street.

Mrs. Mary Peterson, 43 years of age, wife of P. Peterson, died at their home, 1107 Webster street.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. L. Rubin.

Earl, the 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Snodgrass, 223 North Nineteenth street, died at his home.

A horse and buggy were stolen at night from the barn of John Bachman, 1113 California street. The horse, a bay, also helped themselves to a set of harness belonging to W. R. Crandall, living near the fair grounds.

Ten Years Ago—
Rev. Merton Smith closed his summer gospel meetings with a tentful of people. Dr. Stephen Phelps of the Omaha Theological seminary made an address in the afternoon at the Young Men's Christian association on "The Book of the Century." He said the Bible lifted the veil between origin and destiny.

Mrs. K. S. Fisher, 35 years of age, died at the family residence, 230 Burdette street. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John McDonald and a sister of former Sheriff John McDonald.

Mary Hutson Lutz died in the afternoon at Clark hospital.

Colonel Spurgin reported that since farm work had let up some, army recruiting was going on rapidly.

H. Gordon Bangerow of Sioux City was visiting his brother in Omaha.

Senator Dietrich arrived in the city over the Burlington and immediately went to the home of General Manager Holdrege of the Burlington.

People Talked About

War between rival labor organizations in Chicago and the strikes incident thereto, so far this year caused a loss of wages in the building trades estimated at \$5,500,000.

The Connecticut legislature easily captures the endurance record. It has been in session since the first of the year and the members show no disposition to give up the salary and go home.

Army Gossip
Matters of Interest On and Back of Firing Line Gleaned from Army and Navy Register.

Army Hats and Ponchos.
It is expected that the new army poncho will be issued to soldiers some time during November or December. The new campaign hat will hardly be ready for use inside of one year. This is due to a large supply of the old style which is on hand, and it is the policy of the department to use the old hats before introducing the new one. There is no great difference in the appearance of the new and old hat, and both can be worn with the Montana peak. It is, however, in line with the practice of the quartermaster general to withhold the new material until the old is practically exhausted. The new campaign hat will have a five and one-half-inch crown and a three-inch brim. The brim is stiff and the crown has a blocked Montana peak.

Sale of Buffalo Overcoats.
The quartermaster general of the army has received many requests for information concerning the buffalo overcoats which are being offered for sale by the army. It has been decided to place these coats in lots of ten in various cities, including New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Chicago and several western cities, where they will be open to inspection by those who desire to purchase them. Bids must be submitted for lots of from one to ten, and the quartermaster general will award the lots to the highest bidder. No bid will be considered that is not over \$5 for each coat. It has been decided not to allow one party to purchase more than ten of the coats.

Shortage in Army Officers.
It is interesting to note the fact that at a time when there seems to be an unusual number of vacant commissions in the United States army, there appears to be a dearth of candidates who desire commissions in the British army. It is stated that the English authorities are at their wits' end to fill existing vacancies. There seems to be practically no competition for cadetships and basic qualification is now generally sufficient to insure success. In the English army the pay of officers of junior rank is such that it may account, in a great measure, for the shortage, as it is necessary for cadets to finance their way through the army colleges.

Infantry Promotions.
The block in promotions of infantry officers caused by delay in setting the court-martial case of First Lieutenant Robert G. Rutherford, Jr., Twenty-fourth infantry is being cleared up. Up to September 30 forty-nine first lieutenants above the place to which Lieutenant Rutherford was reduced have been promoted or commissions directed to be prepared for them, and fifteen more will be promoted after Rutherford passes his examination for promotion to a captaincy. Further, ninety-seven second lieutenants have been promoted or commissions ordered prepared for them, and eighteen more will be promoted when Rutherford passes his examination. Promotions of all qualified first lieutenants have been directed down to and including First Lieutenant W. H. Johnson Eight infantry, and promotions are due down to and including First Lieutenant A. L. Briggs. Promotions of all qualified second lieutenants have been directed down to and including Second Lieutenant C. L. Davenport, Nineteenth infantry, and promotion are due down to and including Second Lieutenant L. R. Prudential, Second infantry. First Lieutenant R. W. Case, C. S. Donovan, and A. G. O'Connell of the infantry, under detail as first lieutenants of ordnance, have just been redesignated as captains of ordnance.

New Uniform Order.
Just before Secretary of War Stimson and Major General Wood, Chief of the General Staff, left Washington to begin their tour of inspection in the south and southwest, there was handed to General Wood the final draft of the new uniform order that is soon to go into effect, and a copy of which will be made public when General Wood returns to Washington. All that is necessary now is the approval of President Taft, which will be given when he gets back from his western tour.

Nothing like the new order has ever been issued to the army, and it will be the most complete thing of the kind ever promulgated in any army. It is stated that the order is so indexed that the officer who has occasion to refer to it and find out once what kind of uniform he ought to wear on any occasion. At present the post commanders prescribe when full dress shall be worn, when white trousers are appropriate, the color of shoes, and whether a campaign hat or a cap is to be worn on formal and informal occasions.

Under the new order the number of occasions when full dress is necessary have been reduced to a minimum, the proper number of medals that an officer should wear is designated, and he is told where to hang them on his coat. In fact, the smallest detail of dress for all occasions is given.

Are You Out?
Brooklyn Eagle.
Russia's new premier has before him a problem as complicated as the pronunciation of his own name, Kokovlev. The veneer of compassion are notably conspicuous by their absence there.

CORN FODDER DAYS.
C. L. Edson in Kansas City Star.
The morning glows on marching rows of weary, listered corn;
The landscape looms with dragged plumes and quills and left the stalks and corn.
The day of gloom is rising high.
When all the cornfield soldiers die.
Scream, raven, scream, the garish dream.
Shall crumble in the breeze.
Stare, red-eyed, with sickly ray.
Above the dogwood trees.
The tringling nymphs are all error dumb;
The harvest of the corn has come!
Trail, tangled, elken shorn no more.
Blue velvet blossoms, bleed and die.
For crumpling through your bosom's core,
The doom shall smite you hip and thigh.
A tear or two of tangled dew
The mourning year shall weep for you.
The farm boy stands with eager hands
That clasp the bluish blade.
Then right and left the stalks are cleft.
And now a wigwag's made.
And like an Indian phantom
The mystic village soon we see.
Each blade stroke stirs the cockle burrs
And crab grass growing by.
While scotch shout, "Come out, come out,
And see the cornfield die!"
And unseen nymphs go skipping past
Unhoused, unheeded, doomed at last!
Stamped hosts of Indian ghosts
And many a vanished chief
Ride racing by with battle cry
And never stir a leaf.
And brooding dreams of other days
Drift down like dust upon the maize.

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