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The political pot has begun to simmer in this blessed county, but so far only with democratic symptoms. The office of sheriff causes the first ripple, and we understand in favor of our good friend, W. D. Zimmerman, as we know of several prominent democrats who have cornered Will and tried to squeeze out of him a promise to get into the race. Outside of his pesky political idiosyncrasies, Will is all right and we know of no democrat who could put up a more scrappy fight or come nearer securing the plum. Will, however, has not signified his willingness to enter the game.

The new court house campaign can now be said to be fairly launched. The general court house committee got together for their first meeting last Saturday, selected its permanent officers, and fired its first guns in the campaign. Now, let every blessed mother's son of you who have the best interests of Sherman county at heart, get busy in securing an up-to-date fire proof court house.

One can almost see the finish of W. R. Mellor as secretary of the State Fair and prominent public man, as Judge! Edgard Howard, the mouthpiece(?) of Nebraska democracy, having killed off Preacher Savidge now contracts to end Mellor's public career. However, as all his victims are still alive and more in evidence than when the jackal began on them, there is hope that Bill Mellor, too, may escape.

While a little steam is arising over the sheriff plum, some of the friends of the biggest democrat in Sherman county are mentioning him for the office of county judge, and we do not necessarily have to name jolly Bert Charlton by name. However, we have not heard from headquarters whether the gentleman is in a receptive mood or not.

Congress has been trying to limit the power of the postmaster general in regard to parcel post matter—weight, rates, zones, etc., but all efforts went over the transom and Burleson is cock of the walk regarding same and if he wants to raise the limit to 100 or even 1,000 pounds, as suits his fancy, no one but Mrs. Burleson, if there is one, can stop him.

The supreme court last week knocked another pet law of the last democratic legislature in the head. It was the law allowing boards of supervisors to levy tax in support of new court houses, when 51 per cent of the voters of a county had so petitioned. The court had the last guess and it guessed the other way.

Little Giant Thompson of Grand Island is said to be grooming himself to enter the democratic race for governor this fall. Sure! It will be then two years since he ran for office. But then, of course, it will have been two years since he had a chance. Bless the biennial election law.

Some enthusiastic worshiper of William Jennings shouts "Bryan for governor!" That's the latest. He's been named for about everything now—even for the Messiah, you will remember, by a woman in Missouri who wanted to kiss the hem of his garment when he was running for president one of those many times.

Perennial candidate for governor, Berge, and Lobeck, present democratic congressman from the Second district, are both thirsting for gubernatorial honors. So far, only McKelvie has been spoken of for the republican nomination, and that mostly by himself.

Nebraska democrats are just now worrying over whether Gov. Morehead is going back on his campaign promise of only one term. There are so many hungry-for-office democrats that the question is of vital importance.

Aurora has settled her electric light troubles for the present at least, although each side claims to be in the right, and that the patch-up is a temporary affair only.

**London's Primitive Water Pipes.**  
London's water supply formerly came through wooden pipes. These were of the simplest construction, formed of the stems of small elm trees, drilled through the center and cut in lengths of about six feet, one end being tapered so as to fit into the adjoining pipe. The wooden pipes, of which at one time more than 400 miles were in use, leaked considerably, decayed rapidly, burst during frosts and were always troublesome. It was not until 1830 that they began to be superseded by cast iron, and a quarter of a century later some of the old wooden pipes were still in use.

**Personal Wit in Pulpit.**  
The pulpit is not immune from wit in our own day, but seldom takes the personal form of a certain divine who, preaching a university sermon at Oxford, ended abruptly by remarking that he "saw it was time to shutte hys books because the doctor's men had sow come, wiping their beards, from the alehouse," referring thus to the custom of the mace bearers, who were wont to repair to a neighboring public house during the preaching and returning only when they thought it was nearly over.

**Proved Worth of Invention.**  
"Shortly after Galvani's invention came out he visited America, and with a letter of introduction called upon Dr. Doane, medical officer to the Bank of New York," writes a correspondent of the London Chronicle. "He found the family in distress at the death of the infant son. Galvani asked to be allowed to try his battery; the child revived and was christened Galvani Doane. His father was a cousin of Longfellow."

**Sugar's Real Value.**  
A cane sugar solution injected directly into the blood is apparently unfit for assimilation, for it is eliminated by the kidneys unchanged. The real value of sugar seems to be that the carbon obtained from its disintegration is available for forming the gas known as carbureted hydrogen or methane, which seems indispensable to the growth and respiratory processes of all living organisms.—American Food Journal.

**Get Sugar in Other Ways.**  
It is significant that the nations who consume the most oil and light wines, all of which contain greater or less amounts of compounds of carbon and water, consume the least sugar per capita. The natives of Italy, Greece and Turkey, for example, consume annually but one-twelfth of the amount of sugar per capita that is consumed by the natives of Great Britain.—American Food Journal.

**Too Much Responsibility.**  
A lady remarked to her nephew, aged seven: "Tommy, you should try and be a better boy. You are our only child and we expect you to be good," and he replied: "It is tough on me to be good for a lot of brothers and sisters I haven't got!"

**Not Much on Him.**  
"Oh, I know a few things," said the haughty senior. "Well, you've got nothing on me," retorted the freshman. "Guess I know as few things as anybody."

**It's Human.**  
Tell a man that there are 270,169, 325,481 stars and he will believe you. But if a sign says "Fresh Paint," he has to make a personal investigation.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

**Indicated.**  
Crawford—"How do you know our daughter and her young man haven't made up their quarrel yet?" Mrs. Crawford—"Because the gas has been turned up high all the evening."—Judge.

**Quite Safe.**  
"So he accepted a job like that, did he? Well, I did not know that a man of his standing would accept such dirty money." "Oh, he washed his hands with an antiseptic solution before he took the fee."

**More Happy Than Sad.**  
"At any given moment I will produce nine happy persons for every miserable one," said the bishop of London in an address at Queen's college for women recently.

**False Alarm.**  
They were in the country. The little girl had heard that a hen cackles every time an egg is laid. All of a sudden the cow "moored," and she exclaimed: "Ah! Another egg, I bet."

**Corrected.**  
Irate Patron—"I thought this railroad was for the benefit of the public." Railroad Official—"You're away off. The public is for the benefit of the railroad."

**Tough for the Baby.**  
In one of the Cleveland schools the girls use a live baby in learning how to bathe an infant. It may be good for the girls, but we can't help feeling a little sorry for the child.

**Happens Frequently.**  
We don't know who put the puns in punctuation, but we do know a whole lot of punctuation is put into puns.—Berkshire Eagle.

**More Than One Woman's Share.**  
A Baltimore woman has applied for her seventh divorce. Some people are never satisfied.—Washington Herald.

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