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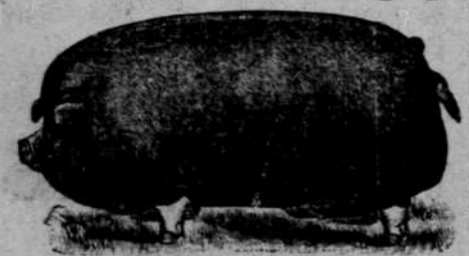
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There is little doubt but that Bryan will be the democratic candidate for president, and at the same time little doubt is expressed but that he will be non persona grata to the same crowd of eastern democrats who opposed his candidacy in the two lamented campaigns of which he was the "It" to democracy.

Frank Harrison, always in the limelight with some scheme or other, now drops his Roosevelt boom and has started a Nebraska boom for LaFollette for president. Frank sends the Northwestern his maiden effort circular in behalf of the Wisconsin man. We hardly think Nebraska is ready to drop Taft at present.

A sentiment is getting a strong foothold in Nebraska to place the names of proposed republican presidential aspirants on the primary ballots this year, to the end that he who gets the most crosses after his name is to be Nebraska's choice of presidential timber at the National Republican convention at Chicago. That is not a bad idea, and the Northwestern is ready to second the motion to that effect.

State Superintendent McBrien and Brown of the Kearney Hub are indulging in a newspaper squabble, that is quite interesting, if not very instructive. The Hub man, who has never quite gotten over his soreness at Gov. Sheldon and the world generally, outside of Buffalo county, over the failure of the governor to affix his signature to the big appropriation passed by the last legislature for the Kearney state normal, ran amuck against the state superintendent, not thinking, perhaps, that state official was loaded. The result was a perfect bombardment of hot shot from McBrien, which filled the egotistical editor of Buffalo's capital fuller than did Mark Twain do to the historic jumping frog. It took Brown some little time to stand on his head and disgorge the load so as to come back at Mac, but finally last week he got his come-back in shape and bombarded the east end of the state house, no doubt to his own satisfaction, if not to any one else. Knowing both men as we do, one as a proved bright head of state educational affairs, and the other as a somewhat conceited and over-rated editorial pop-gun, we have no doubt as to the outcome.

**At the Marriage Altar.**  
At high noon, Dec. 25, 1907, Mr. Gustaf Youngland and Miss Mary Ellen Arnett were united in the bonds of wedlock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Arnett, three miles southwest of Loup City, by Rev. J. O. Hawk, with Miss Lena Zwick presiding at the organ, and with Mr. Frank Zwink as best man to the groom and Miss Selma Youngland as bridesmaid. About thirty invited guests were present, a fine dinner was spread and many were the useful and valuable tokens of esteem given the happy couple. Our best wishes go with the happy pair.

At noon on Christmas Day, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Blaschke, six miles west of Loup City, occurred the marriage of their daughter, Miss Anna Blaschke to Mr. John Foy, Rev. McEwen speaking the words which united these two young people for life in the presence of relatives and a few invited friends. Mr. and Mrs. Foy are worthy industrious young people and have the best of wishes for a happy and successful journey through life.

Grandma Gilbert is the happiest old lady in the world, as well she may be. Some time since she returned to Lincoln to resume treatment for her eyes, and returned home last Saturday able to read ordinary print, which she demonstrated by so doing in our office Monday. For over a dozen weary years, Grandma was so nearly blind that she could only detect the difference between night and day, but now says, "Hallelujah! I can see once more." While absent, and after final treatment at Lincoln, she spent a period of several weeks visiting old friends and relatives at St. Joe, Mo., and Manchester, Strawberry Point, La Porte, Forestville, Waterloo, Lamont and Oelwein, in Iowa, some of the places she having not been in many years. A sister returned with her from La Porte to spend the winter.

We learn that Miss Vera Schupp suffered a fall on an icy sidewalk in Lincoln the first of this week, spraining her left arm. She had intended visiting her Loup City friends during the holidays, but of course under the circumstances cannot come.

### NEVER WAS GENUINE PANIC

**Hurry Due Solely to Faithless Bankers, Says Loup City Man.**

"Nothing but a bankers' panic," is the terse way A. P. Culley, president of the First National bank of Loup City, sizes up the financial flurry, in the Daily Omaha Bee of a late date. "There never was a panic and there won't be one," added Mr. Culley. "I wrote a letter to John B. Forgan of Chicago, in reply to the Chicago bankers asking if we were ready to resume cash payments, in which I told him my sentiments. The thing is this: Those fellows in the big cities saw a ghost and they tried to make us see the same ghost. We had to look through too thick a wall of prosperity to see any ghosts. There aren't any ghosts, or if there are they are only phantasms and nothing real."

"I got one of those Chicago letters in which the bankers there practically said: 'If you leave your money on deposit with us, we'll resume paying cash.' Well, bless their hearts, my bank at Loup City never ceased to pay cash. We have been paying it right along and we are in better fix than we ever were."

Here is Mr. Culley's letter to Chicago:  
Mr. John B. Forgan, Chairman Chicago Clearing House, Chicago, Ill.  
Dear Sir: Your circular of Nov. 22, carrying more of the seeds of our trouble, at hand. Why not resume normal banking at once? This very act would answer all your long and scary paragraphs. Cease at once this effort to deceive yourselves and the public will be undeceived. If the bankers don't quit this truckling and cowardice, the public will lose confidence forever in them. There is little more than the fright and cowardice of the bankers in this whole ghost show. Can't you see how dishonest and rationally the public is behaving? Why not be as rational and honest as the public? Should the Chicago bankers resume business at once, all your questions in your circular would be answered at once. The plea you make rests on nothing and is worth nothing even if promised and any banker ought to know this. Get natural, get honest, get confidential, get to business, get back next the people at once, and this question will be at an end. Quit your talking, writing, disputing, go to work and do business, and try to forget what the people have already forgotten. Get to the truth and go to banking and you will have no trouble. We will trust you when we can believe you can trust yourselves. Then western money will flow to you in abundance, but not until then.

The largest percentage of this trouble the bankers have made themselves. Human nature is essentially the same everywhere. We have gone on as in ordinary times and our business has not been injured or money reserve gone down one dollar, while other banks in the country made fools of themselves and their customers and will suffer from the lack of confidence and character, when all is over. Get right at once and the public will follow if you don't delay too long."

The above letter from Mr. Culley was re-published in the Bee and World-Herald some two weeks since and was written to Mr. Forgan in the midst of the financial flurry. That Mr. Culley sized up the situation about right, one has only to read the annual report of Comptroller W. B. Ridgeley, published in the World about the 17th instant, which ascribes the recent flurry to "lack of confidence of banks in themselves and their reserves." Continuing, the comptroller says, in part:  
"The conditions which lead to the panic of October and November, 1907, were not due to the failure of a few individual banks nor to the lack of confidence of the people in the banks, but more to a lack of confidence of the banks in themselves and their reserves. Banks have been fearful that the reserve system would break down, and in consequence it has broken down, and the reserve deposits have been only partially available. They were also fearful that not sufficient currency could be supplied to meet the demand, and as they all made the demand at once, there has not been sufficient currency. The result has been a currency famine."

Following the publication of Mr. Culley's views, he has received a large number of letters from bankers and business men from over the country congratulating him on the stand taken and endorsing the sentiments expressed. We append excerpts from two of them as showing the sentiments expressed by all:  
First National Bank, Lyons, Neb., Dec. 9.—I wish to congratulate you on the stand you take, and to thank you for expressing your ideas in so forcible and able a manner. The sentiments you express are mine exactly.  
Geo. W. Little, Pres.  
Wellington, Kas., Dec. 12.—Just read your letter to Mr. Forgan of Chicago, and wish to congratulate you on the same. It is the best thing I have seen in the newspapers since all this unpleasantness commenced. I have shown it to at least twenty-five traveling men today and they all took off their hats to Culley.  
CLARENCE J. WEST.

In publishing the open letter of E. G. Taylor to Gibson last week, an aggravating typographical error made the type read that Gibson was an alleged defaulter in the sum of \$2,000, instead of \$200 as it should have read. The unfortunate placing of a period before the cyphers did the mischief, and the proofreader overlooked the same. But then, every intelligent reader saw the mistake, and none but an ignoramus would be misled by the error.

Well grounded reports are afloat to the effect that Bryan will insist that a prohibition plank be placed in the National Democratic platform. Will Wisconsin ever consent?

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### Death of Mr. George Lee.

There is perhaps no more distressing news coming before the newspaper fraternity than that indicated by the unfortunate passing away of one who is known to the newspaper and to the community at large, and who is connected by the most tender ties to a large family of grown children. Nor is there any more distressing thought placed before the pen of the editor than to chronicle such, and yet to speak of it in a manner to give the public the facts, and yet clothe them in a language that will not grieve the family of the one who has passed from earth under the most grievous circumstances. Last week Thursday, a little past noon, word was received here of the death of Mr. George Lee, an old resident of Sherman county, which occurred that morning at Janesville, Wis., where he was visiting at the time, and not till in receipt of the next morning's dailies were the sad facts concerning his demise made known to our people, which were of the most distressing nature, he, in a moment of dementia having taken his own life. What the circumstances may have been leading up to the tragedy, is only hearsay, but must have been of great moment to have caused a man of such clear business ability and level-headedness to do such a rash act. Whatever they were, our people will draw the mantle of charity over the deed, and unite as a whole community in expressing heartfelt sympathy to the dear ones who have not only to submit to the sad and heartrending passing away of a father, but under such circumstances as we trust may not come again to another heart in our community. Some few weeks since, Mr. Lee went to Wisconsin and in a short time returned with one whom he had taken as a life companion. Returning home, they only remained a couple of weeks, when Mrs. Lee wished to return to her former home, and on Saturday morning preceding his death they returned to Wisconsin, from whence later the sad news was flashed over the wire to the sorrowing family here. James Lee, an older son of deceased, went at once to Wisconsin after the body, returning Monday evening of this week, and on Tuesday afternoon following,

the funeral was held from the Baptist church, the Rev. McEwen of the Presbyterian congregation, delivering the sermon. Later in charge of the Odd Fellows, of which he was an active member, all that was mortal of deceased was laid to rest in our Silent City of the Dead, by the side of his noble wife who had passed on before. A large number of our people gathered to pay their last sad respects to departed, and to express their sympathy to the most respected and bereaved family. May a kind Providence, who doeth all things well, comfort the mourning ones, who can rest assured of the heartfelt sympathy of all in these their saddest hours of affliction.

#### OBITUARY.

Geo. Lee was born in Yorkshire, England, Nov. 19, 1840. At the age of 17 years he came to Wisconsin, and was married Nov. 10th, 1863, to Miss Helena Lay of Albany, Wis. They came to Schuyler, Nebr., in 1885, and to Loup City in 1886, where he has since resided. Five children were born to them all of whom with one exception reside in this city: James Lee, Mrs. Edith Holmes of Colorado, Marvin Lee, Mrs. Edna Hickman and Miss Lula Lee. His first wife passed away July 1st, 1906. On Nov. 16th, 1907, he was married to a Mrs. Griffin of Janesville, Wis., at which place his death occurred Dec. 19th, 1907.

Frank Carpenter, secretary of the Carpenter Paper Co. of Omaha, committed suicide Tuesday evening of this week on account of continued ill health. He was one of several brothers who organized and has made of the Carpenter Paper Co. one of the greatest commercial institutions of this state. Having done business with Mr. Carpenter and his company for a series of years, and always found them one of the best firms and the most accommodating people we ever dealt with, it is with a deep feeling of sorrow that we chronicle the sad event.

A phone message from Schupp's, Monday evening about 8 o'clock gave the news that Frank Tapolski's store at that place was then burning and with no possibility of saving the building or merchandise therein. Mr. Tapolski was living in the rear of the store at the time.

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