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Is leap year a failure? That is the question.

Brownsville is getting to be a perennial pest.

The Lord tempers the winter to the shorn coal bin.

Georgia is making Taft a splendid judge of good eating.

Banking character in Pittsburg appears to be pretty low.

Will the Senate cease from troubling when the Teddies are at rest?

If they keep on putting jokers in the Postal Saving Bank bill, it will be a joke.

Alabama has gone dry at last, but at the latest accounts Mobile has not succeeded.

It sounds funny to hear the President tell the Senate to mind its own business.

Rather than free-text-books, some of the youngsters would prefer free baseball bats.

Some men never experiment sufficiently with truth to find out whether it pays or not.

The Roosevelt administration threatens to wind up in a blaze of glory—or something.

Judge Landis thinks \$29,000,000 worth of mining entitles him to a rest in the Standard Oil case.

It started out as the battle fleet; but its mission has turned out to be one of peace and mercy.

Mr. Carnegie not only gives away library buildings, but he writes books to fill them. Can you beat it?

The female sex is making progress in one respect. It can select better Christmas cigars than it used to.

Pretty much all of the State of Ohio has climbed aboard the water wagon. Only a few "wet" counties are left.

Every man who calls on Mr. Taft these days comes away with that mysterious "Cabinet possibility" look.

The girls who get married this year will be able to hold their heads up proudly, knowing that they are free from suspicion.

The unattached female who did not exercise her leap year prerogative will have to be content three more years of spinsterhood.

So Charles P. Taft is to get nothing for his \$100,000 beyond a kind smile and the consciousness of duty well done.

District Attorney Sims says, "The Standard Oil Company is not yet out of the woods." Pretty good thing for it these parlous times, we fancy.

A Boston doctor says, "Every one should swallow one dozen raw eggs every day." Does the good doctor mistake us for a nation of billionaires?

"Here lies a man," begins Poet Paul Cook in the Birmingham Age—Herald. Well, we suppose there is always room for one more in the Anansi Club.

That Toledo man with two hearts declares he will never marry. Probably he finds it impossible to fix both heart's affections on the same lady.

"The Winning of the South," by William Howard Taft, promises to be quite as interesting a volume as "The Winning of the West" by Theodore Roosevelt.

Mr. Thomas Edison has invented almost—the cheap, light and compact storage battery again. This cheerful announcement comes along every year as sure as the first robin.

LINCOLN LETTER.

LINCOLN, Neb., January 23.—(Special Correspondence)—As was expected the republican organs of the state have joined in a chorus with a view to convincing the people that the present democratic legislature is engaged in a saturnalia of extravagance, and that the administration of Governor Shallenberger is going to be vastly more expensive than that of Governor Sheldon. The g. o. p. charges are made in a general way, and the aforesaid organs studiously refrain making any comparisons of a definite nature.

The legislature of 1907 appropriated \$200 for contingent expenses of the governor's office. Governor Sheldon left \$29.68 in this fund to run for three months. The most of the \$200 was spent in sending out telegrams to members of the legislature asking about the advisability of calling an extra session to enact a county option law.

The same session appropriated a total of \$6,000 for the maintenance and repair of the executive mansion. This was \$109 a month. Governor Sheldon left \$22.39 in this fund to maintain the mansion for practically three months. At the same rate of expense Governor Shallenberger would exhaust the fund in two weeks and two days.

The same session appropriated \$1,500 for office expenses in the executive department. Governor Sheldon left \$80.25 in this fund. This is not enough to pay postage until the beginning of the fiscal year, to say nothing of the necessary printing. It will cost not less than \$225 to supply the governor with the printing he must have.

It is awfully easy to make a record for economy by creating a deficiency and leaving it to a succeeding administration to pay.

Another sample of "economy" is found in the Bureau of Labor and Industrial Statistics. That department is required to do with two people and \$4,000 a year what Kansas provides fourteen people and upwards of \$10,000 a year to do. And even at this the board of public lands and buildings, after exhausting an appropriation of \$7,000 for the improvement, repair and care of the capitol building, took \$282 from the Bureau of Labor Statistics to "repair and improve" the state house. This is "economy" practiced.

The G. O. P. organs are making a fearful howl about the present legislature's disregard of the "Sheldon law" limiting the number of house and senate employees. Yet the very session that enacted the "Sheldon law" was equally guilty, and the session following was even more guilty. But no mention is made of this fact by the G. O. P. organs. They forget the fact that any growing business finds its necessary to increase the number of employees, and the republican legislatures that made the grand steal play of limiting the number of employees quietly ignored it in order to secure sufficient help to transact the necessary business. That is the measure of "economy" practiced under a republican administration. It thundered "economy" in the index, but failed to practice it in the contents.

Dr. McKim, state veterinarian under Governor Sheldon, is going to have a lot of ugly charges to explain concerning the management of his department. The figures and the facts are all on file but before they are given to the public Dr. McKim will be given an opportunity to explain. It is not only a case of nepotism, but it appears to be a case of rank injustice to a widow who is struggling to support herself and two little children.

There are those who believe that instead of Governor Shallenberger's judicial appointees testing the supreme court case. The judges on the bench should be the first ones to call for a judicial determination of their right to sit in judgment as a court of final resort. It strikes the initiated lawyer that a judge should be the first one to demand the removal of any suspicion of his right to act in a judicial capacity, and not seek refuge behind any technicality in order to hold on.

Both branches of the legislature have settled down to business, and the committees are now busy considering bills are making recommendations. From now on the work of enacting or repealing laws will go forward with speed.

Speaker Pool has recovered from the indisposition that overtook him the morning the legislature convened and is now feeling fit and fine for his onerous duties.

Persons who desire information concerning pending legislation, or printed copies of bills that have been introduced, should write their representatives or senators. Wm. H. Smith, secretary of the senate, or Trenmore Cole, chief clerk of the house, will also see that all requests sent them are given prompt attention.

There has been a rattling of dry bones in our city. For some time there have been persistent rumors that there might be a place or two in the city where gambling was permitted. In fact the rumors become so loud that they reached the ears of the city council whereupon Councilman McArthur and Councilman Amack de-

termined to investigate, for themselves and not delegate the duty to policemen or detectives. They received positive information that a "joint" was established in the capulo over the second hand store in the Dow building. The two councilmen immediately proceeded to make a raid. Being unacquainted with the private stair way they entered the room through the door which seemed the only one which permitted ingress or egress. But the living had departed. There were only chips, cards, tables and a few cents in sight. These articles went into the scrap pile in a few seconds.

The owners can receive damages by calling on the two councilmen in question. They are determined to stamp out gambling and should there be others engaged in this hazardous undertaking we would suggest that they give up at once for our officers mean business.

Occasionally as one passes down the street he will hear some slighting remark made relative to the Commercial club. But it must be apparent to anyone conversant with the life of our city that movements of any kind pertaining to civic affairs are necessarily slow. Rome was not built in a day and it is unfair to expect any body of men to turn the country over every twenty four hours. If nothing more has been accomplished by this organization than the promotion of a better understanding among business men that is sufficient for its existence. But has accomplished more than that and its present efforts to establish an alfalfa mill here should receive the hearty co-operation of every loyal citizen.

That a commercial club is a necessary adjunct to any city needs no proof. By pulling together this particular city can be made much more profitable and attractive. Or to put it better let us use the words of Carlyle: "For not this man nor that man, but all men make up mankind and their united tasks, the task of mankind." It is not this merchant nor that type-setter which makes up this city but the combined inhabitants of the entire community go to make up Red Cloud. By getting together and each doing something the resultant force will be for our ultimate upbuilding and usefulness.

Each has his place and at times one person may be the man of the hour. Take for example, some years ago the best engineers of this country were engaged in erecting a large bridge. A large crowd had gathered. The highest intellects along engineering lines were in charge. All went well till the time came for replacing the most important piece into position when it was discovered that the ropes lacked an inch of being long enough. Consternation reigned supreme and for the life of them those engineers trained as they were knew not what to do. For an hour the immense weight hung suspended in the air but there was "nothing doing." Along came a sailor and seeing the condition of things cried out: "Wet the ropes." That was enough and the bridge was built. So here every man has his place and one cannot tell where the best information will come from.

Help the Commercial club with your good will and let everybody boost.

BERT TAYLOR NOW A WRECK

MINDEN, NEB., MURDER SUSPECT ALMOST OBJECT OF PITY.

San Bernardino, Ca., Jan. 23.—Sheriff Ransom and Deputy Sheriff Patterson of Minden, Neb., have held their first consultation with Bert M. Taylor, wanted at Minden on the charge of murdering his sister-in-law, Miss Pearl Taylor, and have satisfied themselves that he has determined to take his own life if given the least opportunity. They are also satisfied that the haunting fear which has followed him during the months he was a fugitive from justice, has unbalanced him mentally, and that only this fact led to his surrender to a Southern Pacific brakeman.

The two Nebraska officers were dubious as to the genuineness of the capture until they actually peered through the bars in the fugitive department of the big county jail, and saw with their own eyes the man for whom the populace of Minden had sought for days following the crime. "Bert Taylor is a wreck of his former self," exclaimed Sheriff Ransom, in discussing this first conference with newspaper men.

"But his brother is, if anything, more of a wreck. We met the brother in San Bernardino and he accompanied us to the jail. I would not have recognized him. He use to be a man of splendid build, and the picture of strength. Today he is emaciated, and the awful strain he is under has written itself in deep furrows on his face."

Because of the brother's personal integrity and high standing the Nebraska officers refuse to make known his given name or the community here in California where he resides, though it is known that he is a prosperous rancher residing somewhere near Echo Park, in Los Angeles county.

Tells Story of Wanderings.
"Well, you've come to take me back, I suppose," was Bert Taylor's ex-

clamation, as he looked up from his cot, and recognized the two Nebraska officers. He then entertained them with the story of his wanderings since his flight from Minden, and detailed to them the strange story of a "double," upon whom he seeks to place responsibility for the crimes of arson, rape and murder which are booked against him.

The officers were prevented from stopping at Sacramento, the capital, to secure the governor's approval of their requisition paper, started blockading the way, and after being waded back and forth over the Southern Pacific, Union Pacific, Santa Fe and Salt Lake roads, in a vain endeavor to reach the governor, these were finally hauled across the desert to Los Angeles on the Salt Lake road, and from there reached San Bernardino over the Santa Fe.

Arriving here, with every railroad storm-bound through the northern part of the state, they got into telegraphic touch with the executive, with a request that he accept their papers by express, without personal service, and the favor was readily granted, the Nebraska governor's parchment being placed at once in charge of the Wells Fargo Express company, which has undertaken the precarious task of getting them to the storm-bound capital without delay.

If their arrival at Sacramento still finds it impossible to be returnable with dispatch, arrangements will be made for the issuance to Sheriff Ransom of a telegraphic requisition, that his delay on the return trip may not be prolonged, though the anticipation now is that he cannot leave here before Sunday or Monday.

In the meantime Taylor is under double guard, and never a moment is allowed to pass but that he is under close observation, though this is unknown to him. The belief that he has determined upon suicide is based upon frequent declarations he has made to the Nebraska officers, declaring that they will never get him back to Nebraska alive. He appears to fear the wrath of the people of Minden, and has several times been detected in the act of secreting the blunt knives which are furnished him at meal times.—State Journal.

"Ole Swanson"

"One of the best, if not the best of the season is the unanimous verdict regarding the new Swedish comedy-drama "Ole Swanson," which will appear at the Opera House Thursday, Feb. 4th. The play is full of pure enjoyment, clever comedy, blended with mirthful melody, all in all the purest as well as the finest of popular successes. A clever company has been provided and new songs and specialties will be introduced. Don't miss it.



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