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THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 1906.

D. E. Thompson was appointed ambassador to Mexico by the president last week who sent the appointment with that of Charles A. Goss as U. S. district attorney for Nebraska to the senate to be confirmed. Will Goss prosecute cattlemen and shield U. S. senators? Is D. E. Thompson a Roosevelt ideal?

(York Teller.)

Republicans are having a hard time hunting a candidate for U. S. senator who will be true to Roosevelt in the president's fight against trusts and railroads. Look over in the democrat pasture boys and pick out a racer from that herd. Not one in the lot who opposes what Roosevelt is fighting for. If you really want a man to stand by Teddy, you run no risk at all by electing a democrat.

(Long Pine Journal.)

Appropos those hand-me-down free supplements which The Journal mentioned a few weeks ago as being used by its contemporaries in this and Keya Paha counties, it is well to note that they contained an article on rate legislation last week written in the interests of the railroads, who are circulating the supplements. If the papers using the supplements are proud of them why don't they tell their readers that the pretty pictures and stories are furnished free, even the expressage being prepaid? The Journal pays for its "patent insides."

Mr. Bryan in 1908.

(Dubuque Telegraph-Herald.)

The day after the conscienceless Parker campaign for the presidency had ended in a rout, the Telegraph-Herald nominated William J. Bryan for president in 1908.

Since the moment the result of the last election was announced, Mr. Bryan's re-nomination has been assured.

The Jackson day speeches throughout the country make his nomination doubly assured.

There is only one logical leader for the democracy and he is the Nebraskan. The caucuses and the conventions for the 1908 nomination are mere formalities. The ratification meetings are already being held.

(O'Neill Frontier.)

J. J. Hill, the magnate of the Great Northern, throws out this warning note: "The nation at large is prosperous. We are cutting a wide swath, there is no doubt of that. If we get down, however, to a close examination we will readily see that the nation is living profigately. We are selling out our national resources, exploiting them as fast as we can without up-building industries and trade relations to take their place when exhausted. It is only a question of time till our timber is exhausted. Our public domain is all gone and the nation can no longer boast that it has homes for all. Where are the immigrants rushing to our shores to end up? Not on the land. We have no more to offer them. They must crowd into the cities. When this nation has 150,000,000 people they will have to do something else than exploit natural re-

sources to earn a living. We will eventually have to meet the commercial competition England is meeting today and have to face such problems as it is now facing, with 150,000,000 crying for bread, with no bread to feed them save as charity doles it out to them."

"Dave" Martin's Warning.

(World-Herald.)

The republican party has been warned in time. If it now goes down to ruin and oblivion it won't be the fault of "Dave" Martin of Philadelphia.

"Dave" has viewed with alarm the recent efforts of a few straggling republican "reformers" to make their party better than its principles. And he has quite logically concluded that if the effort succeeds it will be all day with the republican party. Listen to his voice:

I will make one prediction, that if this thing is kept up, we will have a democratic congress and a democratic president. If they start to knock out men like Cox and Odell and Odell of New York—men who have made republican majorities—the next thing will be a democrat in the White House.

Excuse us while we shudder! The prospect is almost too horrible.

There is sooth in what "Dave" says, too. We can judge of the future by the past.

Suppose there had been no men like Cox and Odell and Hanna on deck in 1896. Suppose the republican party had been compelled to rely merely on the justice of its cause. Suppose it could not have used millions of money—mostly the property of the people who didn't contribute it—and "influence" and bulldozing and "blocks of five" and other pet methods to save the "national honor." Would the "national honor" have been saved? On the contrary it would have been lost, as every well-informed man knows, and Bryan would have sat in the White house.

And who is there to doubt, that if the protected, favored, coddled and financial interests should be deprived of machine politicians and unscrupulous bosses to be used in defeating and defecting the will of the electorate, they would fail in 1908 to induce the American voter to consent to a continuance of the policy of extending special favors to special classes?

Mr. "Dave" Martin may take comfort in the thought, however, that the republican senate of the reformed legislature of New York has recorded a vote of renewed confidence in Chauncey Depew. The republican president has said "Well done, good and faithful servant," to David E. Thompson of Nebraska. The Fairbanks faction is triumphing in Indiana and the Hopkins faction in Illinois. La Follette is ostracized in the senate, and Cummins is engaged in a desperate fight to hold his own in Iowa. The day is not yet lost. "Dave's" card of admission to the inner republican councils has not yet been canceled.

The gloomiest thought of all, however, is the growing probability of a democrat in the White house, even though the corruptionists should retain their hold on the dominant party. That is a contingency too dreadful to contemplate, and out of kindness we will desist,

Admitting Away His Case.

(World-Herald.)

Attorney General Brown, addressing the State Historical society on railroad taxation in Nebraska the other day, brought out some interesting facts. Among other things he showed conclusively—though he did not intend it—that the state board of equalization and assessment has undervalued instead of overvalued railroad property.

He took the case of the Union Pacific railroad company and made this showing:

That the board found its physical property alone to be worth \$20,000 a mile.

That the market value of its stocks and bonds showed it to be worth \$102,000 a mile.

That its value, based on a capitalization of its earnings at 6 per cent, was \$93,000 a mile in Nebraska, and \$66,000 a mile for the entire system.

Finally, that the board valued it for purposes of taxation in Nebraska, at \$55,000 a mile—but little more than half its market value and little more than half its earning capacity. The road was then assessed at 20 per cent of \$55,000, or \$11,000 a mile, and on this assessment has refused to pay its taxes!

Will Mr. Brown explain, or will any member of the state board explain, why, since it was shown that, according to what Mr. Brown himself admits to be the two most accurate tests and measures of railroad value, the road was worth approximately \$100,000 a mile, it was not valued at its real value, as the law requires?

Will Mr. Brown or some member of the board explain why railroad property was valued at 55 per cent of its actual value when farm and business property, as taxpayers know, is valued at anywhere from 80 to 100 per cent.

The great trouble with republican reform in Nebraska is that it is all talk and no business.

The democratic state platform of 1902 declared for the stocks and bonds method of assessing railroad property. Mr. Brown himself admits, and cites the United States supreme court to sustain him, that no fairer method could be devised.

Mr. Brown and the other members of the present state administration stand on the democratic platform only when it comes to making speeches calculated for popular consumption.

When it comes to assessing railroad property, however, they stand on a railroad platform and take advantage of every loop-hole to be found in the railroad-dictated revenue law that will permit a gross undervaluation of railroad property.

Eli Clippings.

Quite a snowstorm Saturday.

Wm. Ricketts went to Merriman Tuesday.

Chas. Oakes and family spent Tuesday at Wm. Ricketts.

Erick Wickman is hauling hay to Merriman—takes up a load every other day.

Gurley Oakes went to Merriman Tuesday to get grain to feed the cattle he is wintering.

A dance was given at John Taylor's of Eli, Friday evening, Jan. 12. A nice time is reported.

Miss Mary Jerman is boarding at J. T. Steele's now. She went home Friday evening to spend Saturday and Sunday with her parents.

PRAIRIE CHICKEN.

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Price Failed to Obey Summons to Testify at Court-Martial.

(World-Herald.)

Upon a warrant charging failure to appear as a witness before a general court-martial, held at Fort Niobrara, Charles E. Price, a negro civilian, was arrested Thursday at Valentine and brought to Omaha by Deputy Marshal Sides. This is the first time in Nebraska that a witness has been arrested upon such a charge.

Price was arranged before commissioner Anderson and gave bond for \$500. He will be called upon to explain to Judge Munger why he ignored the subpoena.

Rally at Wood Lake.

The ladies of the Wood Lake W. C. T. U. gave a banquet at the church last Friday evening at six o'clock which was enjoyed by nearly 120 persons: those who had lately signed the pledge, the ladies of the Union and their husbands.

The long tables were beautifully decorated and the display of silver, cut glass, flowers and handsome cakes called forth remarks of admiration from the many present.

When those to be served at the first tables were seated, quiet reigned while Grandpa West asked God's blessing on the Union lately re-organized, on the cause everywhere and prayed that this effort for good would be the means of uniting our people in stronger bonds of love and friendship.

After this most bountiful feast of good things which sustained the reputation of our ladies as good cooks, the remainder of the evening was spent in a social way—many old friends meeting and new friendships formed.

The best of feeling prevailed and all left thanking the ladies for their kindness and the effort made in behalf of those present.

SCHOOL NOTES.

By Margaret Quigley.
Clara Dunham.

The 3rd and 4th grades have changed from the second and third Stepping Stones to Jones Second and Third Readers.

Many persons are inquiring about starting the little folks to school. March 5th is the date when all little ones should enter. Then all start together and all have a fair show.

Miss Anna Mc Kercher was called suddenly to her home at Bethany, on account of her mother's severe illness. Miss Stella Spratt is teaching her room while she is absent. Later—a letter from Miss Mc Kercher was received on Wednesday morning stating that her mother was still alive, though dangerously ill.

A letter from State Supt. McBrien says that Supt. Gregory is again in such poor health that he fears he cannot be with us in the Junior Normal. This is disappointing news for us all. Mr. McBrien says that if Mr. Gregory can not come he will select the very best man he can find to fill his place. All the other instructors have been selected and the time for opening the normal has been set for June 11. The surrounding counties seem to be taking more interest in the normal than ever before and it is believed that this year will give us the largest enrollment yet.

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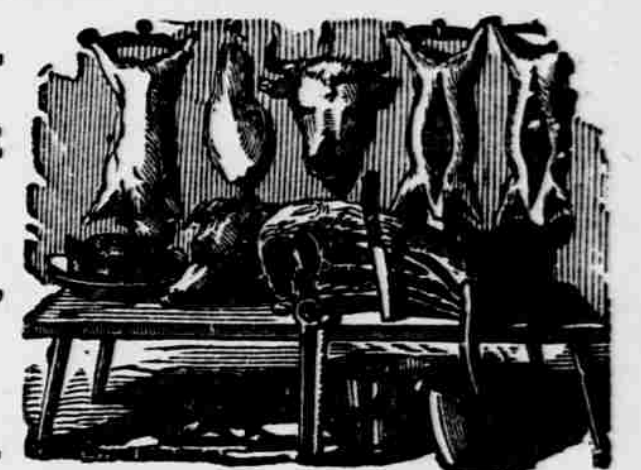
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Her View. She—There is no excuse for a man dancing badly. He—But if he cannot dance otherwise? She—Oh, that merely would be an excuse for not dancing at all.—New York Press.

Brilliant. "Did my diamonds call forth any comment?" asked Mrs. Cumrox. "Yes, indeed," answered Miss Cysanne. "I heard several people refer to you as the human chandelier."—Washington Star.

Dear Things. Miss Shugger—What a self possessed woman Miss Passay is! Miss Pepper—Yes, and I don't imagine she'd ever get a chance to dispose of the property.—Cleveland Leader.