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DAHLMAN'S PERFORMANCE.

Omaha must feel proud of its mayor. When Dahlman went to New York to meet Bryan he made a spectacle of himself and created a not altogether desirable impression of Omaha and Nebraska. But his latest disgraceful episode over at Sioux City is the limit of them all.

If Dahlman ever really had any serious intentions of launching a boom for governor, he might as well forget it now.

And Omaha—but then Omaha elected him and perhaps has it coming.

LIBRARY AND Y. M. C. A.

The suggestion of a Norfolk business man that the proposed public library and the proposed Y. M. C. A. building be merged into one proposition, for the sake of economy and for the sake of greater enthusiasm, is a good one.

The suggestion is that the lot directly south and across the street from the postoffice be purchased and that both the library and the Y. M. C. A. building be placed upon it. It is pointed out that this would reduce the purchase price for each building to half, that one janitor could handle both and that one heating plant could supply heat to both. This would give great economy in operation.

The lot is 100x176 feet and could easily be made available for both buildings. And in that way both buildings would be located in the ideal spot, just across the street from the postoffice, which always serves more or less as the axis upon which the community revolves.

By merging both into one, all confusion arising over two separate propositions coming at the same time, would be avoided.

It should be possible for all Norfolk to unite upon this combined movement and, forgetting all personal preferences and petty quarrels over the matter, unite in one tremendous effort toward both institutions.

Norfolk needs both the library and the Y. M. C. A. building. It has been a perplexing matter some time as to just how both these worthy institutions should receive deserved support at the same time.

And apparently the suggestion for a merger would solve the problem and allow everybody to get together and rush with might and main for the two highly desirable improvements.

NO GAG RULE ABOUT IT.

The LaFollette edition of the Taft State Journal, together with Frank Harrison and the Omaha World-Herald, have been throwing conniptions because the republican congressional committee of the Third district recommended that delegates to the coming delegates must necessarily be, to lectured in the various counties in such manner as seems most practicable to the several county central committees. It is true that the LaFolletteites are in favor of a state primary, but they fail to state just how such an election is to be held. It is doubtful if a single county central committee in the state has available funds with which to carry on such primaries, and the question naturally confronts the central committees, "Who will foot the bills?" The recommendation of the congressional committee was simply that the delegates be chosen in such manner as the several central committees deem advisable. In the decision of this question, each committee will have to determine it on the conditions existing in its own county. The three methods of selecting delegates must necessarily be to hold county primary, hold precinct caucuses and a county convention, which has been decided as not the thing to do, or appoint the delegates themselves. That the latter plan will be generally observed there is perhaps no doubt.

On a test vote showing individual preference, taken at the meeting of the congressional committee, it was found that the members are unanimously in favor of Taft, but the congressional committee does not compose nor control the county committees, and without reference to the congressional committee the county committees will select delegates in whatever manner seems best to them.

LAFOLLETTE MEN WILL BOLT.

The intimation comes from Lincoln, where the Evening News and Frank Harrison have been trying strenuously to direct public sentiment toward LaFollette for president, that in case LaFollette does not secure the Nebraska delegation his friends in the state will bolt. The LaFolletteites seem to be composed of the same kind of people who have striven for the past two years to turn republicans into the democratic pasture, and really it is not surprising that they should now bolt the ticket if it is not made according to plans and specifications furnished by them. The truth is that the LaFollette men are forced to admit right now that in spite of

their assertions that the "rank and file" of the party is for LaFollette, they find that ninety per cent of the republican voters of Nebraska are for Taft, and that he will have the state delegation no matter in what form the selection of delegates is made. Taft is popular with the people, largely because of his individuality and partly because he is the man whom President Roosevelt is anxious to have succeed him.

Of all the candidates that have been mentioned for the republican nomination for the presidency, it is becoming more and more apparent as the days speed by, that Secretary Taft is far in the lead in public favor in all parts of the land.

Nor is the reason difficult to discover. To begin with, his personality is a charming one. Taft is big in every way. He has a big body, combined with a big mind and a big heart. Now that he is home again every time he comes in contact with the people they are more fully convinced of this.

He has a great record for doing things in a great way. This always appeals to the American people. He has shown a capacity for handling perplexing and disagreeable undertakings in a most happy and tactful way. Then again, no other man in public life, outside of Ellihu B. Root, secretary of state, has such a recognized knowledge and comprehensive grasp of national and world affairs—and the people are conscious as never before that a kindergarten teacher, however amiable and interesting he may be to listen to, is not wanted in the white house, to succeed Roosevelt.

But above and beyond Taft is what Taft stands for. He is committed thoroughly to the progressive and statesmanlike policies which are based on the country's highest welfare and on equal justice to all. He is in line with the moral forces of the universe which can no more be overthrown than the law of gravitation.

The country believes in his inflexible honesty, his sincerity and his courage. It is confident that he will carry out the ideas which have commended the Roosevelt administration. In a sane, sensible, large minded and large hearted way, which will make them even more successful.

In a word, the country needs and seeks a great president—a man who can and will handle vexed problems effectively without noise or bluster. Secretary Taft fills the bill and his nomination and election can even now be safely predicted if the will of the people is not thwarted.

PROSPERITY IS AHEAD.

The cablegram from London and Paris that the discount rates in those countries, is good news indeed to America. It will mean the immediate restoration of confidence, business activity will at once take on new vim and new blood.

The east has been the only section of the country that seriously felt the money flurry which is now formally and officially at an end. The west, independently banked up behind its great grain-cash, never had cause for alarm. But now even the east can cheer up.

In this connection an optimistic letter received this week by a Norfolk business man from a St. Louis wholesale house is worth repetition. It so truly sounds the keynote to the situation, and so logically dispels all gloom that it would iron the wrinkles out of any man's worrying forehead. This is what it says:

When the pessimist fell from the twelfth story, as he passed the fifth he commented he was doing very well so far. A good many people for no sound reason, are afraid business will never reach bottom. Stop and consider, our population is increasing at an enormous ratio, all of which must be fed, clad, shod and housed; in addition, there is a scarcity abroad of our great agricultural products, which with the home demand maintains a very high average price, thus increasing tremendously the purchasing power of the farmer.

The recent "unpleasantness" has eliminated the "Get rich quick" speculator, and placed conservative public service corporations on a known basis, which will shortly permit them to market securities to the investor, and make needed improvements, to properly handle the present business offered. With the farmer's ability to buy and pay at the highest level known before, and the railroads only purchasing for actual requirements, new enterprises need hardly be considered, for with this combined consumption of manufactured goods we have a buying power equal to present production, which will necessarily keep business on an even keel.

Do not worry about your banker, he is usually a keen business man, and it is to his interest to iron out the rough places, and he will do so very quickly if let alone.—particularly since he has made more money in the last twelve months than at any previous time, and is actually in stronger condition today than ever before, and as a rule with more currency locked in his vaults than he knows what to do with, if not frightened into holding it.

Every industry has made greater profits in 1907 than in any previous year, and stocks of raw material and merchandise are proportionately much less than a year ago, and every man, woman and child, merchant and manufacturer, needs more, wants more, and consumes more than ever, and necessarily these demands must be supplied.

Think over these facts, and you cannot but conclude that there is not today one sound, sensible, tangible or visible reason why everybody should not have a successful, profitable and prosperous business during 1908.

Remember every legitimate business, retail, wholesale, manufacturing, railroading and banking has been and is now on a firm basis. Stocks are extremely low with no surplus in sight. Better yet, the farming and railroad interests never needed so much as right now, and there never was so much money in the country with which to buy it.

You can readily see there is no actual reason for fear, and to repeat my former offer, I will sell you practically on your own terms, and at the right price too, which is the strongest evidence that I believe what I am talking about and have confidence in you.

Pass the "good word" along, and let me hear from you anyway—the country is not "going to ask Father."

THE THUNDERER.

The making of a great newspaper has in it so much of human interest that it commands the attention of the world. The London Times has been a great newspaper in the largest sense of the word for several generations. It has been so definitely and tremendously associated with the glory of Great Britain that it has been appropriately called "The Thunderer" for many years.

Now that it has passed by the recent sale from the family which has made it one of the most potent journals in the English world into the hands of a promoter of popular literature the event is far more than an incident and compels us to wonder if its future will equal its past.

The Times demanded and obtained the respect of the great nation it represented, not by any appeal to the eye, not by anything that savored of sensationalism, but absolutely and unceasingly by the dominance which comes from great ideas, well and fearlessly expressed. Sometimes it thundered when the noise was anything but pleasant to English ears but it was always respected. Its editorials, like Caesar's wife, were always above suspicion of bargain or sale.

The Times not only thundered but it thundered long. Its leaders were always long and often when any great question was up for consideration, three full columns were given up to it. And the English people read them. They might gnash their teeth, they might excite their dissent or provoke them to rage but all classes and all parties read the Times.

A perusal of it was a liberal education. There was no froth in its columns but every paragraph of every article contained food for solid thought. Its prosperity and popularity for so many years is a great tribute to a great people. Such a paper could never flourish where people refuse to think. Some people called it dull. It was a reflection on themselves—not on the Times.

Now that it has passed into Mr. Pearson's hands it is said that it will be "modernized." What can that mean?

Let us hope that it does not mean deterioration in its characteristic, fearlessness or a shrinking from the high ideals which have made it a mighty power in English life.

The world still needs great men and great newspapers. Let the "thunderer" continue to thunder!

IN THE THIRD DISTRICT.

The rank and file republican in the Third congressional district in Nebraska is for Secretary Taft to succeed President Roosevelt, despite the feeble attempts of the LaFollette machine to create sentiment for their man by threatening to otherwise bolt the ticket.

There is no enthusiasm being aroused in the Third district over the efforts of a few malcontents to give President Roosevelt a back-handed slap by supporting LaFollette, whom the president most thoroughly dislikes and distrusts. In place of Secretary Taft, who stands highest of all in the estimation of the president and whom Mr. Roosevelt, himself most desires as his successor in the white house.

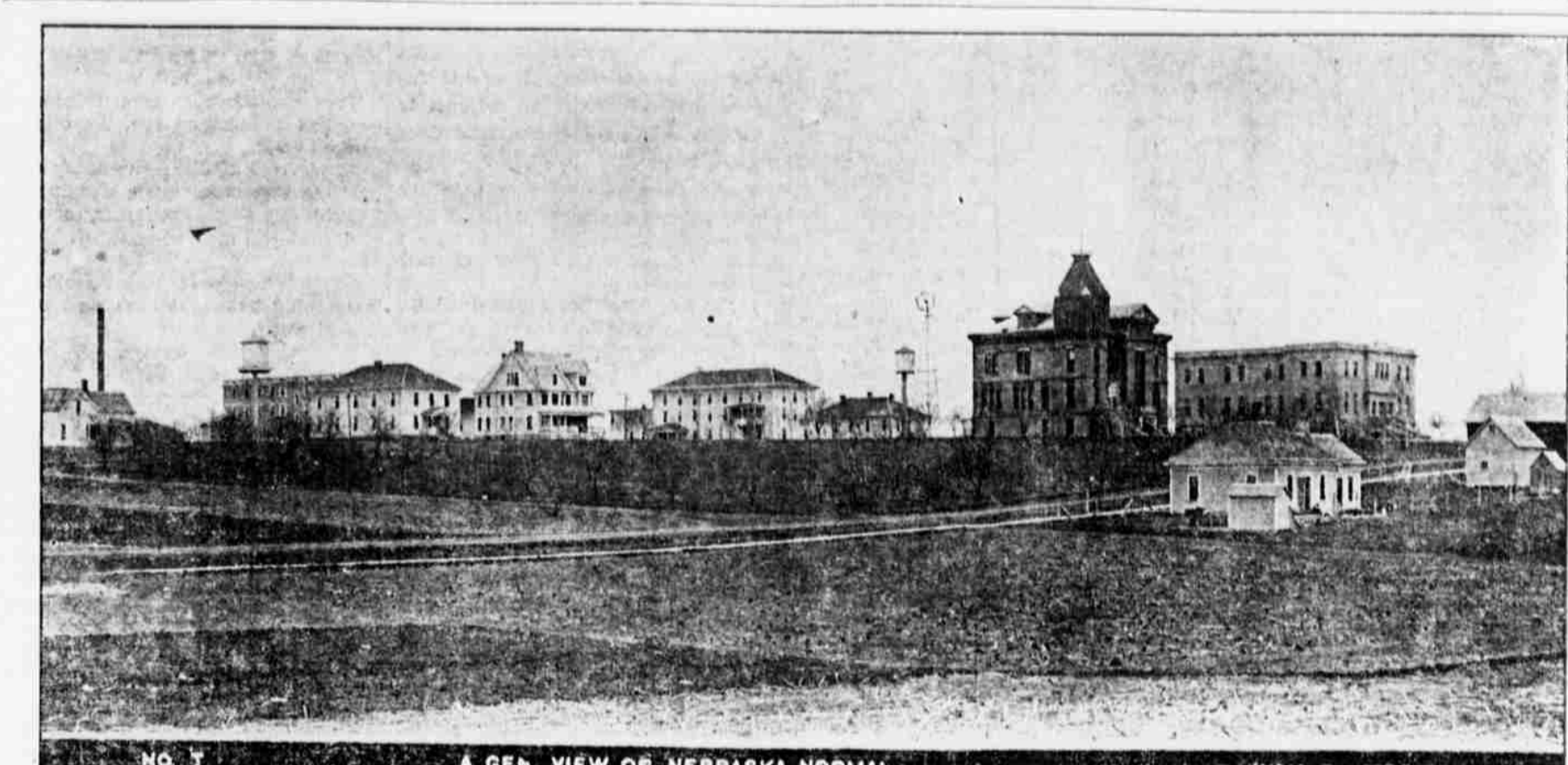
And it is not likely that the will of the rank and file republicans in the Third district will be thwarted by any political trickery at the hands of the LaFollette malcontents into sending any other than Taft delegates to the Chicago convention.

Secretary Taft has had training and the best man looming up in the coming presidential campaign as a candidate for the white house position, is good enough for the republicans of the Third district of Nebraska. He is good enough for President Roosevelt. And he is going to have the support of the Third Nebraska district, if the wishes of the rank and file of Third district republicanism are adhered to.

LaFollette is being urged only by a very few agitators belonging to the down-and-out club who would do anything in any way they could find to disrupt the republican party. They have chosen to take up battle with the friends of President Roosevelt, by the very act of selecting as their candidate a man in whom the president is known to have no confidence and who would be most disastrous to the president as his successor. They have chosen to create as much dissension as possible within the party by fighting the one man who does stand out prominently on his own account as presidential timber, and the one man whom President Roosevelt does desire to see as his successor.

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THE WAYNE NORMAL COLLEGE



A GEN. VIEW OF NEBRASKA NORMAL. WAYNE, NEB.

Northeastern Nebraska, and for that matter north Nebraska, far removed from the two state normal schools, has at Wayne, Neb., a normal institution that fills the place of the state normal schools and is at the same time a typical north Nebraska institution.

The Wayne normal school is the work of its president, J. M. Pile. Through personal effort, unceasing attention to detail and with a spirit that was in harmony with the aim and temperament of the north-state people he built up a college that belongs both to him and to north Nebraska. Wayne normal is a part of north Nebraska through the north Nebraska students who attend it and through the Wayne graduates who have spread over the north section of the state in following up their life work.

In sixteen years the history of the Wayne school has been written; it is a story of growth with the aim and temperment of the north-state people to such prosperous proportions that the capacity of two large recitation buildings and five dormitories are taxed.

The attendance at the Wayne normal now numbers about 750 students. There are over a hundred members in the graduating classes in the teachers' and the scientific departments.

About three-fourths of the students are preparing to teach. Of the other fourth a majority are in the business department. The music, elocution and shorthand departments are popular.

At the normal you find classes varying from those handling elementary and foundation work in arithmetic,

grammar and other lower studies to physiology, geology, Latin, German, literature, history, mathematics, chemistry, history, rhetoric and other lines of college work.

The faculty has twenty members. For the summer school the services of

Pilger of Pierce, County Superintendent Teed of Dixon and County Superintendent Miller of Cedar.

Something like a thousand teachers are expected to spend the summer at Wayne. During the last few years the summer sessions of Nebraska normal

a normal school with modern equipment in all departments, in gymnasium, laboratories, libraries, literature, and lecture room. The eight buildings are heated by a hot water plant. The buildings and grounds are lighted by electricity. A college dining hall seats 500 boarders.

President Pile is looking for greater results and as one means towards this end is planning to add a course in manual training and a course in agriculture with two new faculty members. The courses will be opened for the summer term.

Wayne normal graduates have spread all over north Nebraska and southern South Dakota, where they are teaching in town and country school. Last summer principals went out of the graduating class to Pilger, Stuart, Hay Springs, Decatur, Bellwood, Anselmo, Allen, Elba, Elsie, Harrison, Creston and other north Nebraska towns.

The Wayne normal however isn't altogether a teacher factory. Just as the normal department sends its graduates into the schools of the state the business department sends its graduates into the business world.

The Wayne Normal is a school that is in session forty-eight weeks in the year and like most normal schools permits pupils to enter at any time. Nearly 1,800 students were said to have enrolled last year.

A steady increase in attendance is expected. To this end improvements are being made in the college. A new recitation building, 70x90 feet and three stories high, has been built at a cost of about \$28,000.

schools have had attendances that taxed the capacities of the school. The Wayne normal is authorized by the state to grant state certificates to its graduates. Last year a class of eighty received certificates.

President Pile has built up at Wayne

ought to forget all the rest of his troubles, and be happy.

They made Sturgeon secretary of the Commercial club because they sized him up as a Shark at the boosting-Norfolk game.

Norfolk has an unusual brand of thief in the robbers who robbed a church. Aside from all religious or superstitious scruples, bank-robbing is generally considered more profitable.

What good on earth are sparrows, anyway?

Is there anybody contrary enough to insist that this isn't fine weather?

How foolish it is to keep a diary—at least to keep it so long that, in later years, your wife will get hold of it!

State Y. M. C. A., state U. C. T., north Nebraska teachers, Elkhorn valley physicians, north Nebraska dentists, and state firemen—that's a pretty good string of conventions lined up for Norfolk during the next twelve months.

A Norfolk woman went to a party the other day unaware that on her shoulder was pinned a bit of paper with these words written on it: "Last week \$2; this week \$1.75." It was her week's washing bill, and she had forgotten to take it off when the wash basket came home.

The weather man occupies a peculiar position. He never can please everybody. He never can please a certain portion of the public. Disinterested parties have been praising him for the springlike brand of weather but it didn't suit the suit men or the ice men or the coal men at all. And now that the mercury has dropped, while those people are happy enough, the w. m. is being cursed by the general run of mankind. It's pretty hard for even nature and the government combined to suit everybody all the time.

That power, it does not want to use. But if called upon, it is ready and prepared to assert its rights.

Never was America so secure against foes from without as it is today. In its battleships is found an index of the courage and foresight of a gentle but determined people. They are its visible, and therefore potent, guarantees of peace.

It is so easy for society to shock the people who are not in it.

We always dislike a man who is proud, and who has nothing to back it.

A woman's happiness is in danger when she begins comparing her husband unfavorably with other men.

That "dim religious light," which

the novels talk about, too often, in real life, comes through unwashed windows.

Tell a girl she writes an interesting letter, and she dreams of writing a book.

Women ask advice of men to flatter them; they have no intention of taking it.

If you want to be happy, have as little to think of as possible when you go to bed.

Do the best you can, and don't defend your actions when they do not deserve it.

When there is no other excuse for a poor marriage, people say it was a love match.

A woman is never so disappointed in love in real life that she doesn't believe in it in a story.

If the past has taken fairly good care of itself, the future may be expected to do equally as well.

One thing may be said to the credit of a parrot: he never makes anything worse in repeating it.

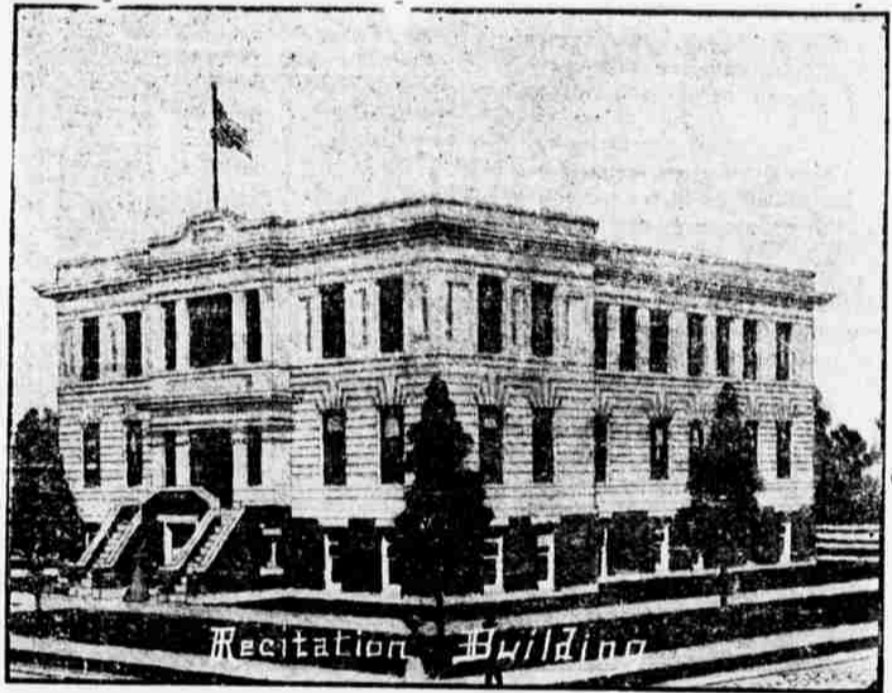
Heaven bless the old-fashioned sort of a man, who does not give good advice, but who helps you by good example.

Don't get discouraged, girls. According to the women's department of newspapers and magazines, if a girl starts out with determination and a pickle, it is no time till she is owning and running an immense pickle factory.

"We are having an argument about the financial situation," said one of two men to a reporter today. "If there is no prospect of a fight," said the reporter, "I will not wait."

When daughter is sixteen she has the right of way all over the road. Poor mother never gets the track, and father sidetracks every time he sees her coming. The only one who asks a collision is brother, and he goes along showing the effects of it.

If a woman owns a really fine rug the other women will say: "It's expensive, but it doesn't conform with its surroundings. Whoever selected it had poor taste." And the more expensive the rug the more the women will abuse the owner's taste.



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