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Elected a man to public office is almost as sure a way of discovering his faults as marrying him.

A woman's hair is said to be her crowning glory, but this doesn't mean the kind that is pinned on for the occasion.

The claim of Bryan that he is running against two Republicans is not stating the case strong enough. He is running against all the Republicans and a great many democrats as well.

The estimate of Europe's wheat crop has been reduced by 60,000,000 bushels since August 1. Comparison with last year's figures shows notable reductions in France, Italy and India, with considerable increases in Australia, Canada and the United States.

Governor Hughes has loomed up mightily in this campaign as one of the most effective political debaters which this generation has produced. His arguments on the leading issues in this campaign are clear and concise, and both understandable and unanswerable.

Senator C. A. Randall's record in the last legislature is well known to the people of the Eleventh senatorial district. He voted to redeem every pledge made by the Republican state platform. He was one of the leaders in redeeming those pledges. He was one of the leaders in looking after the welfare of the district which elected him, and there is no reason why he should not now be returned.

Strong claims are being made by disciples of modern scientific cooking that many a man in America is driven to drink because the poorly cooked food served him at home leaves an "aching void" which he seeks to satisfy by intoxicants. Whether bad cooking makes drunkness or not, it certainly makes dyspepsia, and dyspepsia is the national disease, therefore, revolutionary as the idea seems, bad cooking must be a national failing. It is a distinct shock to the pride of American women to face such a statement, but not unfortunately not everything that delights the palate can be properly assimilated by the digestive organs.

President Roosevelt has made it plain to the people of the United States that if the progressive legislation started under his administration is to be carried on, a Republican congress must be elected to aid Mr. Taft as president. Judge Boyd of the Third district and Judge Kinkaid of the Sixth district, were among the army of representatives upon whom the president relied to get his desired legislation accomplished. That both will be returned, because of the service they have rendered, as much as because of the president's request, seems now a foregone conclusion if the people of northern Nebraska will only take time off and do their duty at the polls next Tuesday.

One campaign card being circulated in Norfolk shows the inconsistency of Democratic argument. The card pictures a dinner pail with the bottom dropping out, and asks if a change is not desirable, in view of the fact that the Republican party is in power.

The bottom of a pail never dropped out without having a heavy load inside. No pail's bottom drops out of its own weight. If the bottom of the full dinner pail is out, it is only because the dinner inside has become so abundant as to weigh down the pail. And all who labor know that this is the condition today. No laboring man is starving. They are well clothed and fed. Their families are being well cared for. Why make a charge at this time?

In the three floating grain markets of the middle west the price of wheat for immediate delivery was about a dollar a bushel on October 1. Prices of farm products have continued amazingly high since this date—much higher, although business conditions have been far from satisfactory. A banker in the middle west says: "I have heard of borrowing money the farmers are bringing it to us to deposit to get the interest. When the corn crop is raised, I don't know what they will do with their accumulations. A few years ago nearly all the money loaned by the banks to farmers was in the form of cash; over their mortgage in cash. At this time, scarcely any money was borrowed by business men. Today the business interests are the farmers and it is the farmer's surplus which is loaned them."

It is possible that out of the coming mix no involving Turkey, Austria and Bulgaria that the Duke of Serbia will gain a kingdom. Albania, the long narrow strip which borders the Adriatic sea opposite Italy is preparing to separate from Turkey and has asked Italy to cede their king. It is re-

ported that the Duke of Abruzzi who was to wed Miss Elkins is to be the new monarch. Said to relate it is also reported that the engagement was finally broken from the Italian side because of the antics of the brother of the proposed bride with his actress affinity.

From a dray in the service of the United States sub-treasury in New York City a bag containing fifty dollars in nickels fell to the street, and the coins scattered in every direction. The crowd scrambled for the coins. An officer of the treasury department and a policeman explained that the money belonged to the government, and requested that it be given back. The response was immediate. Every one of the thousand coins was returned. And yet some people despair of the republic! Fling your pessimism to the winds, gentlemen, and from such an incident as this gather fresh confidence in the integrity of the great mass of the people.

Much money has already been spent on the Mississippi river—some has been most wisely used and has saved thousands of homes and millions of dollars in crops from destruction, but a more comprehensive work is soon to be undertaken which will begin with the gathering of the waters as they fall upon the watershed into reservoir order that we may control the flowage of it into the stream, holding it back in the spring, thus saving the destructive floods that have been a source of great loss of life and property along the great river every spring, and releasing it in the summer and fall, thus preventing the low water which impedes navigation.

With each passing day the chances for Judge Boyd's return to congress become better. Among those who have looked into the situation there is now not the slightest doubt in the world as to his re-election by a safe majority. The people throughout the Third district have been studying the matter and they have come to the conclusion that with an excellent representative in congress making remarkable headway in the interests of this entire district, there is no good reason why a change should be instituted. And with financial legislation to play an important part during the coming session of congress people who study problems see reasons why Mr. Latta, a banker with the banker's viewpoint, should not be sent to Washington at this time. Judge Boyd has been trained in the law by long service in practice and on the bench. He admirably served the Ninth judicial district two terms. His whole career has been a foundation for excellent service as a lawmaker. And it is because the voters recognize Judge Boyd's superior qualifications for the office that his re-election is considered so well assured at this time.

WHAT NORFOLK OWES RANDALL. There are many reasons why Senator C. A. Randall should receive the solid support of Norfolk, as well as the entire Eleventh senatorial district.

Senator Randall has done much for Norfolk. No one can deny this. His efforts during the last session of the legislature were productive of great results for the Norfolk insane hospital. He had the entire responsibility of looking after this, the only state institution in the northern part of the state, upon his hands. He accomplished more for the Norfolk institution than was achieved for any other state institution, in proportion to its size. He secured appropriations for new buildings that were needed at the hospital. And Norfolk owes him much. His efforts in behalf of Norfolk's insane hospital will not be forgotten of the path near Tuesday, either by Republicans or Democrats, and there is every reason why a hearty complimentary vote should be given to Senator Randall in this year.

Over at Warsaw Mr. Randall is a consistently popular because of the excellent work done by him in behalf of the Warsaw normal. Why one county will not forget this work any more than will Norfolk forget his work in behalf of the state hospital here.

Senator Randall "knows no ropes" of the state senate. He is in position to become one of the greatest powers in that body this year, by virtue of the outside experience gained in the last session and because he is naturally an aggressive and capable leader.

wrote into the Democratic platform a demand to revolutionize the courts and to establish a complete system of class legislation. Courts are to be prevented from enforcing their own decrees except after a jury trial for any one who chooses to disobey them, and the country is to have a law legalizing the boycott by declaring that any combination calling itself a labor organization may do anything that it pleases without being considered as having acted in restraint of trade. Mr. Bryan wrote just platform. This was the price of the support of Mr. Gompers, and it must be admitted that he came high.

Now the American Federation of Labor is openly renouncing Mr. Gompers, as it ought to. It is so plain that every working man ought to see it, that this thing would be the death of his organization if it could be carried through. Men will not be coerced in their politics any more than in their religion. Mr. Gompers has told his followers to vote for Mr. Bryan, and they respond very properly that they will do as they please. The net result is very likely to be the elimination of Mr. Gompers himself as a leader of labor, which would be a happy event for the American Federation of Labor. As for his deal with Bryan, it is already clear that he cannot deliver the goods. The Bryan gun has missed fire badly at the first two charges, and there is consternation in the camp.

SHALL WE HAVE PROSPERITY? The argument that the election of Taft means a full degree of national prosperity and that that of Bryan must necessarily be followed by a long period of more or less acute depression is no mere campaign pretense. It is a statement of actual fact. It foretells with absolute accuracy the future event.

Whether or not it ought to be so, whether or not it is a reasonable attitude, whether the success of Bryanism ought to shut factories and break markets and send money into hiding until it could know what was going to happen, is not in the least the point. What concerns every man who has a stake in the prosperity of the country is that there is not the least doubt that things would turn out this way. He must make up his mind to that and take action accordingly.

Except in cases of great national disaster, such as crop failures for example, good or bad times are governed entirely by the condition of public confidence. They do not succeed each other at all according to changes in material conditions. There is just as much money, just as much labor, just as large a demand for commodities and as much profit to be made in catering to it when depression comes as there was in the height of a boom. The only real difference is a mental one. Hard times come because a large number of people believe they are going to come. Acting on this belief, they take in sail. They buy less, spend less, invest less. Multiply such action by one or twenty or fifty millions, and you have utter stagnation and possible panic, although there may be nothing whatever to justify it either in the material conditions or the probable future of the country.

Now it is this mighty fact, more potent than all the legislation ever enacted or any executive act contemplated, which must govern the voter in his decisions this year. Rightly or wrongly, millions of people believe that the election of Bryan would be followed by widespread disaster. They would, if he were elected, act accordingly. And, although he should prove ultraconservative and do nothing to check confidence or check credit, the reality would be the same. So those who want to favor the country to continue this, which is not a prescient wish, but a reproach.

THE FARMER'S TURN. The most impressive feature of geography in this country at present is the line of demarcation which is being drawn by the farmer. Wherever a man travels he finds this line. The farmer of every section has for several years now engaged upon crops and land which they have cleared off their holdings. They have made lands, meadows and good hay have become automobiles. More of them have moved to the East. The standard of living in the country today is in fact, because of the price of the farm, the highest it has ever been in our whole history.

Mr. Bryan cannot be easily bought at the way in which his campaign is being run. He has formed a majority of the major part of the political allies he had incorporated to about as great a number. He has not had his enemies behind him but behind him. He has not had a conservative friend, referring to the "conservative" in a few words on his chest that even a man as cautious as Mr. Bryan must feel the sting of them. It is not so easy to be sold by Mr. Bryan that one can do without a prominent notice when political profit seems to demand it, and to know that the charge is true. Still more exasperating is the Gompers fiasco. Mr. Bryan completed with Mr. Gompers the compact into which Mr. Taft refused to enter. He

now a splendid profit in every acre. His turn has come. There is every probability that it has come to stay. And intelligent forecast indicates that the prices of farm products will remain at least as high as they are today, with a probability that they will go higher. J. J. Hill is on record as saying publicly that he does not expect ever to see a bumper wheat, while he thinks that dollar wheat, or even wheat at a dollar and a quarter a bushel will be the rule of the future. Nothing better could happen to the country. Its whole prosperity is built upon the prosperity of the farmer. When times are good for him they are good for all of us. Prosperity will keep the boys and girls on the farm and insure to the country a wholesome and uniform development.

HOW THE BANK DEPOSIT GUARANTEE WORKS.

It is thousand pities that we could not have a few years in which to observe the working of a bank deposit guarantee plan before having it put before the people as an issue. The lesson of practical experience would be conclusive, and a million times more effective than any abstract argument. And the fact that Oklahoma has tried the scheme on her state banks will afford an opportunity to watch the experiment at some one else's expense. There is no manner of doubt about what the result is going to be.

Everybody in Oklahoma is going into the banking business. Reports tell of the starting of three or even more banks in places numbering scarcely five hundred inhabitants. And why not? The banking business, if you can get deposits, is a snap. All you have to do is to take the other fellow's money, lend it, and gather in the interest. The difficulty today is that people hesitate to trust their money to a man unless he has experience and standing in the community. Oklahoma has changed all that. She says to the depositor that she will pay back his money if the banker does not. So one bank is just as good to him as another. He picks the nearest one, because the only thing he has to consider is his own convenience. Naturally, banks will multiply. They will presently outnumber drug stores in the state, and every man who has money enough to rent an office and hire a desk will set up in this most favored and desirable business of banking.

What will happen in a few years, it requires no particular astuteness to see. The new bankers must live, which costs money. Experience tells us that the custody of other people's money develops temptations of its own. Some of the depositors will want their money back and he unable to get it. They will call on the state, and the state will pay, assessing the cost on the banks. One after another, like a row of bricks, the banks will tumble; the solvent ones going out of business first, because they cannot stand the risks. They are going to have great financial experiences down in Oklahoma, and it is a pity the country cannot have the benefit of them before November.

CONGRESSIONAL EXPERIENCE. Nebraska is learning, as Iowa and many other states have learned the importance of keeping good men in congress for long periods of years. Longevity of service means advancement and power to men who have proven their ability and honesty of purpose. There is no test of a man's ability in any department of public life more severe than service in the house of representatives. And yet despite the hard road which falls to the lot of a new congressman to be elected, he is not to be discouraged by all that. Judge Boyd has made a splendid record for his first year.

Nebraska can never hope to have a powerful congress until it follows the time-honored plan of such states as Iowa, Kansas and the New England states in retaining well tried congressmen. These states figure prominently in legislation because of the home service of their congressmen. It takes years to acquire legislative knowledge to an extent of being able to advise fully and do business of representatives departments of the government. Therefore it is all-important that a district should retain a man who has gained through the practical knowledge of men and women who are in an efficient and capable position to advise.

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What has become of the old-fashioned way of doing things, when he came to a man's door? He couldn't do it, and he got out of it.

When a woman says to her husband, "I'm not going to do anything for you any more," she is usually right.

There are but two things which the world is doing for the farmer: one is to give him the knowledge of his own mind, and the other is to give him the knowledge of the minds of other men.

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HOW MIKE GOT A FARM

In a rocky working man I had just bought a piece of a dollar and a half for a year. On the whole it was a good thing. And I don't mean any more.

man is found for a position, he should be continued in that position if the welfare of the employer is to be considered, because of the value of the experience that is constantly being gained by him. A man in private business never turns off an employe who has "made good" for the uncertainty of one untried, without fault in the former. And the business man well knows the value of experience in his long-time employe.

The Third district of Nebraska has found in Judge J. F. Boyd a capable and efficient congressman. He has "made good" in his first term, and it would be folly now, just when his usefulness to the people of this district is becoming greater and when his influence in the house of representatives is growing, to turn him out of office for the gratification of an office-holding ambition on the part of Mr. Latta, the Tekamah banker.

AROUND TOWN.

Pretty fine pictures of Taft, those. Got your tick-tack ready?

Everything now is waiting till after election.

Somebody has to lose in every election bet.

"If The Devil wouldn't fill the theater, no others need try," said a Norfolk man.

One thing sure: They can't tear up as many sidewalks as they did on Halloween nights when you were a boy.

Bryan's election offers only a change and that a change from prosperity to hard times. The people of the west are content to let well enough alone.

The Northwestern men, from officials down to track men, deserve unstinted praise for the remarkably clean-cut and safe manner in which they handled the rush.

W. B. Patton, who comes to the Auditorium Monday night in "The Blockhead," is one of the comedians who is known in Norfolk and who has already "made good" with Norfolk people. He has many friends here who, remembering his last year's performance in "The Slow Poke," will be glad to welcome him back Monday.

ATCHISON GLOBE SIGHTS. When a woman goes to a neighbor's house for a "minute," she stays an hour.

If it is not too small for the bulk of the woman who has it, a small valet is very attractive.

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JOHNNY DUMPERS'S UNCLE OSCAR WRITES ON WOMEN.

Omaha, Neb., Oct. 24.—To the Editor of The News: Say, is smoking good for stuttering? Uncle Oscar says it helps him—see it steads his nerves and keeps his tongue from wobbling. And after every meal he stops at the cigar counter and buys a too for a quarter from the pretty lady in blue.

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She seems gratefully interested in Uncle. Has bin ever since she heard he called the nite clerk down with a five hundred dollar bill. Uncle sees an innocent girl like her with all them fresh traveling men around the hotel. I told one of the offs boys about it and he left and sed: "She'll look out for herself all right and your Uncle Oscar too. Why kid that girl's bin married off and on for ten or twelve years. Her fust hubby abusd her and cum home jakd one nite and was good to scalp her with a butcher nife and she shot him in self-defens. Then she got a divors from one or two men and now she gets ten a week ally-mony. But that ain't enuf to live on, you see, so she got a job behind the cigar stand where fishin's good. You Uncle Oscar'd better look out or he'll get hookt."

For to run up to Dallas and take me a felle. For wan of them farms?" and he says, "I should smile." R. F. Marwood.