

The historic reluctance of Oriental races to indulge in reforms is little understood, but time and experience will explain. These races are old in experience and in wisdom. Therefore, they are always apprehensive of the ultimate ends to which any reform will reach, says the Detroit News.

Rats are regarded as the most dangerous propagators of the bubonic plague that is raging in the East, and the matter has been under consideration by the Russian military authorities east of the Caucasus. They believe in killing off the rats to check the spread of the disease.

Ecuador has rejected the proposition to submit the boundary dispute with Peru to The Hague tribunal. Colombia has sent a force of troops into territory claimed by Peru.

A woman, with a mandolin and a guitar, has sailed from New York on a wager that she can make a trip around the world on what she can earn with her music.

Aviators engaged to be married are withdrawing from aeronautics at the command of their fiancées. No one can blame an engaged girl for objecting to her lover's being in the clouds in any other fashion than Cupid's way.

"Chicago has limited all its skyscrapers to 200 feet," says the New York Telegram. Not all. Merely those to be built between the time when the ordinance goes into force and the time when it shall be declared no effect.

The No. 13 is still looked on as a hoodoo in some quarters, although it is hardly probable that the most superstitious person would turn down a gift of \$13,000, while some would not seriously object to \$13.

Flies are to be exterminated in Worcester, Mass. A college biologist there has formed plans for this extermination, and the students will catch the flies. It remains to be seen in the contest who stays longer in the ring—the flies or the students.

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BRYAN IS GUEST OF HONOR FAIRVIEW MAN ON FIFTY-FIRST BIRTHDAY IS GIVEN GRAND OVATION

TRIBUTES PAID TO HIS WORTH Lincoln Bryan Club's Annual Was a Record Breaker—Prominent Democrats From Other States Were Present

Thirteen hundred enthusiastic democratic banqueters celebrated the fifty-first birthday of W. J. Bryan at the Lincoln auditorium Monday night.



HON. W. J. BRYAN



HON. CHAMP CLARK U. S. Senator From Missouri and Speaker of the House

The "Sage of Fairview" because of his attitude on the liquor question last fall. At the plan grew the managers became more optimistic.



HON. JOHN W. KERN U. S. Senator From Indiana

The spirit and were on hand at least to listen. The result was that not in its history has Lincoln seen a greater gathering of banqueters for any purpose.

The Auditorium Filled. The banquet was held, seats 2,500 people. It was full. The floor was taken up with rows of tables extending from the stage to the foyer.

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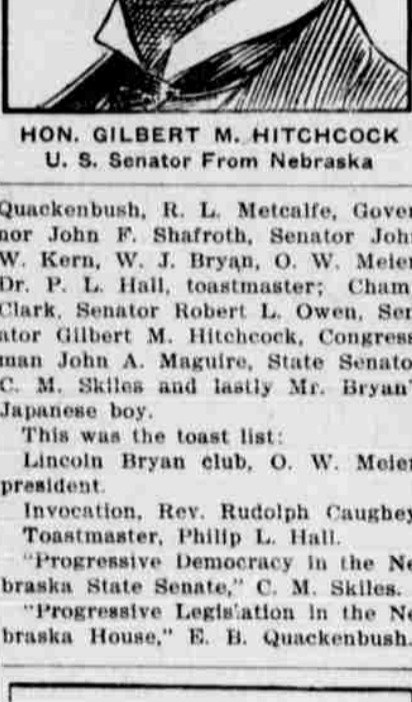
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and empty seats in the gallery, much of which had previously been preempted by the townspeople who came to listen but not to eat.

At the Speakers' Table. The speakers sat at the head table in the following order from the toastmaster's right to his left: Rev. Rudolph Caughey, Representative E. B.



HON. GILBERT M. HITCHCOCK U. S. Senator From Nebraska

Quackenbush, R. L. Metcalfe, Governor John F. Shafroth, Senator John W. Kern, W. J. Bryan, O. W. Meier, Dr. P. L. Hall, toastmaster; Champ Clark, Senator Robert L. Owen, Senator Gilbert M. Hitchcock, Congressman John A. Maguire, State Senator C. M. Skiles and lastly Mr. Bryan's Japanese boy.

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"Initiative and Referendum," John F. Shafroth "The Tariff," John W. Kern. "Arizona," Robert L. Owen. "Cannonism Overthrown," Champ Clark.

The large audience, both of banqueters and listeners, stayed on after the cars had stopped running, stayed on to listen to Champ Clark and to hear Mr. Bryan, who was the guest of honor of the evening.

As Mr. Bryan arose to speak, continued and loud applause greeted him from the house. In opening he thanked the Lincoln Bryan club for the celebration of his birthday.

He reviewed his early political life briefly and brought lessons down from the past to the present activities



HON. JOHN F. SHAFROTH Governor of Colorado

of the democratic party. He paid tribute to both Senator Hitchcock and Congressman Maguire. Mr. Bryan said he did not believe all that had been said of him during the evening, notwithstanding that he fully appreciated the sincerity of the utterances of his friends and co-workers.



HON. ROBERT L. OWEN U. S. Senator From Oklahoma

now have in the country. But to aid in calling attention to these mighty changes is all the honor that I can claim. "What matters it if today you turn me down in a convention? I live and they who turned me down will die.

"It is of little consequence to the great democratic party of America that there may be men in Nebraska who, because of his conscientious convictions on questions of religion and morality, may seek to discredit him. There are nearly six and a half million of men who so appreciate his unselfish work of the past fifteen years that they will see to it that neither jealousy, nor prejudice, nor petty animosity shall for a moment prevail against him."

ated and triumphant in the moral and political principles he has advocated. The great and underlying progressive principles of government and morality that are today sweeping, not only this country, but the governments of the world, into newer and better things, are in a great measure due to our distinguished guest and his loyal supporters, who fifteen years ago declared that the rights of man are superior to the rights of the dollar."

HAPPENINGS IN THE CITIES

No Revolution Talk in Mexico City



MEXICO CITY.—The capital of Mexico is much more interested in the performances at the local theaters than in the revolution.

No one here can see that the revolution is being considered seriously by residents of the capital. It is undoubtedly worrying President Diaz, although revolutions should be familiar to him by this time, as he was once an insurance salesman.

An American would feel at home here now with the three principal playhouses presenting "The Dollar Princess," "Duke of Luxembourg" and "The Merry Widow."

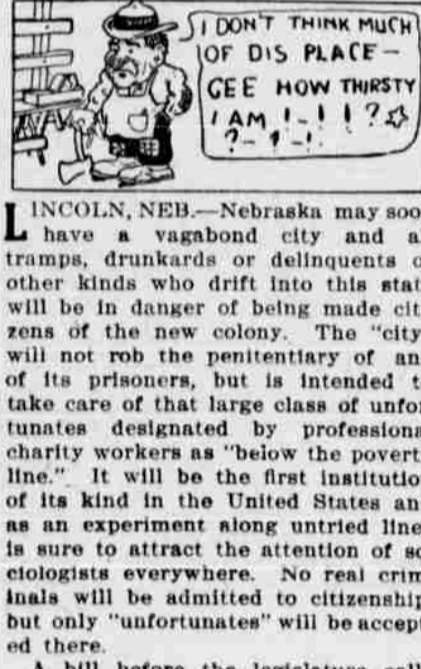
The plaza parades are a constant delight of tourists, who join the promenade or watch the passing show for



SIOUX FALLS, S. D.—Lamro, a town of 2,000 inhabitants and several hundred houses, was put on wheels the other day and moved over to Winner, where, as the result of a bitter county seat war and agreement between the two towns, it was consolidated with Winner.

Lamro was unique in being a town built by Indians for the use of white men. Indians promoted the town, without disturbing the officials, the county court house was hitched to two of the largest traction engines ever built and was hauled from Lamro over to Winner.

Nebraska May Have 'Vagabond City' the prairies, far from the temptations of a large city. The size of the institution is not mentioned in the bill, but its backers think from 5,500 to 10,000 acres will be necessary once the colony is in full working order.



HON. JOHN A. MAGUIRE Congressman From Nebraska

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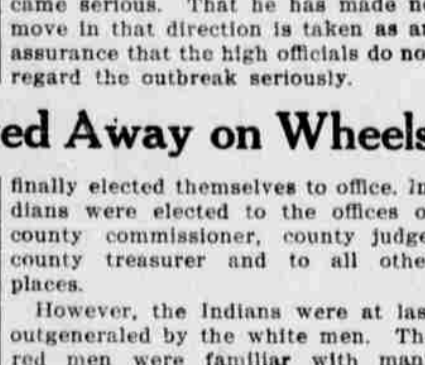
hours, admiring the bright-faced girls and their lynx-eyed chaperons. Under the circumstances the Americans here are being treated with the utmost consideration. It seems to be the desire of Mexican officials to retain the friendship of Americans during these days of minor internal disturbances.

It has developed since the revolution began that it was financed largely by Mexicans who live in Texas, New Mexico and Arizona, led chiefly by Flores Magon, once sentenced to prison in California for violation of the neutrality laws.

When the revolution was forming President Diaz said he would personally lead his army if the situation became serious. That he has made no move in that direction is taken as an assurance that the high officials do not regard the outbreak seriously.

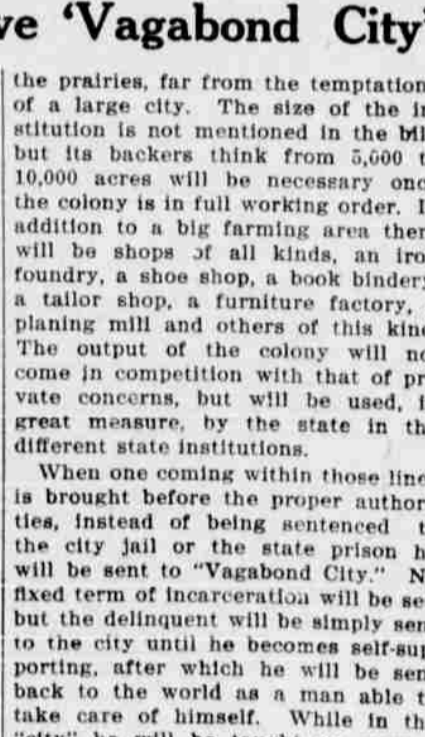
Finally elected themselves to office. Indiana were elected to the offices of county commissioner, county judge, county treasurer and to all other places.

The people living at Winner, organized a county seat fight and carried the matter before the voters at the November elections.



men built the town on Winner on the road and only three miles from the Indian town. In the meantime Lamro had grown rapidly and was a town of 2,000 people, with all sorts of business houses.

When one coming within those lines is brought before the proper authorities, instead of being sentenced to the city jail or the state prison he will be sent to "Vagabond City." No fixed term of incarceration will be set, but the delinquent will be simply sent to the city until he becomes self-supporting, after which he will be sent back to the world as a man able to take care of himself.



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MEN WHO THINK WITH THEIR FEET ELEVATED

BLOOD THUS MADE TO GRAVITATE TO THE BRAIN WHERE IT QUICKENS THOUGHT.

St. Louis, Mo.—"Hello, Mark!" called a man on a Mississippi river steamer, who sat with his feet elevated on a table in front of him as Mark Twain approached.

"Your face seems familiar," returned the Hannibal humorist, "but I don't seem to recognize your feet!"



Thinking With the Feet.

who has the stub of a cigar in his mouth. He is most democratic. He believes that all men were really born "free and equal," as asserted in the preamble to our constitution.

This man, of whom we have a glimpse here, always stands on his feet and never on his head, metaphorically speaking; there is more blood in the lower than in the upper portions of his body, consequently he thinks with his feet oftener than with his head.

GIRLS PLAY INDOOR BASEBALL

Sport Fast Taking Place of Basketball Among Chicago Young Women.

Chicago.—Indoor baseball has been invaded by the girls of Chicago, and the sport is fast taking the place of basketball, which for years was supreme as the exercise and amusement for girls in their gymnasium work.

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Playing Indoor Ball.

on the wooden diamonds are duplicated to a "T" by the young girls. What's more, they have become very adept at the game, and without any thought of injury or accidents they slide to the bases, romp around the diamond and push each other out of the way, just as boys, when the score becomes close.

LENSES RESTORE SIGHT

They Perform Functions of Natural Ones and Blind Man is Enabled to See.

Boston, Mass.—Through a remarkable operation, the first of its kind, the eyesight of Dr. William Copley Winslow, noted archaeologist, historical writer and formerly Episcopal minister, has been restored.

The aged doctor is overjoyed over the recovery of his sight as he can now resume his study of color harmony. Starting late in life he began to work out a theory of color blending. This was interrupted by his failing eyesight but now he plans to take it up again.