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Perhaps Dowie was another one "ahead of his time."

Zionists have come to the same conclusion the public long ago arrived at respecting "Prophet" Dowie.

The coal operators discovered that the miners meant business. Now the public will discover that it "pays the freight."

If the ordinary voter were one-half as vigilant as the political wire-puller it wouldn't take long to settle most of the "vexing questions."

It doesn't take long to run up bills for the taxpayers to pay. If they get off with \$3,000 extra expense in this county the past two weeks they will be lucky.

Chicago is going to tax the saloons a million dollars more to maintain a police force to keep the admitted product of the saloon under control. The saloon men ought not kick on that.

Senator Tillman of South Carolina comes frankly forward and tells his constituents that he wants to be re-elected. Tillman, while of the rapical, sky-rocket type, serves a good purpose in politics.

There appears to be a newspaper uprising in the Third congressional district that bodes no good to Congressman McCarthy's political future. It pays congressmen as well as others to be on the square with the editors.

Agriculture is to be added to the list of studies for the summer junior normals. Educators are beginning to realize that the student needs to learn the practical things of the present rather than fill their minds with the dead records of the past.

The Ohio legislature have not necessarily directed a blow at the liquor business in raising the license from \$350 to \$1,000. The liquor men claim themselves to be in favor of high license. And then, as much liquor may be dispensed with half the number of saloons.

Our esteemed contemporary can see plenty of graft a thousand miles away but none under its nose. It should brush the political cobwebs from its spectacles. An editor who has shielded grafters and defaulters of his own political stripe has no sense of consistency when he jumps on to others.

You don't have to do any guess work respecting the administration's policy toward those placed in positions of trust in the government. Mr. Roosevelt expects every man to do his best, and above all will not stand for degrading and immoral acts such as have come to light under the investigations into our consular affairs. Several consuls who had been enamored of the dark-eyed beauties of the Orient and tarried long at the wine flasks have been removed and their places filled with others.

Another measure has come before congress for the leasing of public lands for grazing purposes. The proposed bill authorizes the secretary of the interior to withdraw from entry and lease for grazing purposes upon terms of payment to be fixed by him any unoccupied lands in any state or territory wherein he deems it for the public interest so to do, preference being given to owners of stock who are settlers or residents in the vicinity. The bill embodying this plan was drawn by the director of the geological survey and has the approval of the commissioner of the general land office.

Mr. Meiklejohn certainly mistakes the temper of Nebraska republicans if he thinks his millions can secure him a seat in the senate.

An exchange objects to woman's suffrage on the grounds that its bad enough to have padded ballot boxes without having padded voters.

If a so-called press bureau selects a good man as its candidate, one who is acceptable and accessible to the majority of the party, why that's no excuse for a minority to try to create a ruction.

Hundreds of thousands of dollars are expended annually by the government on rivers and harbors. In all fairness, are not the land lubbers entitled to equal consideration in the matter of good roads?

An O'Neill dame has a new Easter bonnet bought with money won by her husband on a bet with a man who lost what he had saved for his wife's bonnet. Mrs. Newbonnet is awaiting an opportunity to show her new adornment to Mrs. Oldbonnet and ask her how she likes it.

It is Governor Folk's opinion, or at least he talks that way away from home, that the free pass "is the most insidious specie of bribery, and the sooner the practice of giving passes to public officials is stopped the better it will be for the public welfare." The governor's position is pretty generally conceded to be correct and it would be interesting to know if he faithfully practices what he preaches.

After all the rebate system is in effect only the same as that in nearly every line of business all over the country, from the wholesaler down to the smallest retailer. It is human nature as well as good business to look after the good customers first and if any favors are extended they go to those who always have the price and are large buyers. Railroads make better rates to the large shipper just as the merchant makes a special rate on a large bill or goods.

The small bore after which Yellow Journal Hearst is patterned is vividly revealed in that gentleman's orders excluding the name of W. J. Bryan from the columns of the Hearst newspapers. Whatever admiration democrats may have had for Hearst must vanish on account of his treatment of Col. Bryan. Its a political stroke designed to obliterate the memory of the democratic idol of Nebraska but which will fire with new zeal the Bryanized democracy all over the country. In fact, it is not improbable that Mr. Bryan will again be a presidential candidate.

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., son of the richest man in the world, is an active worker in religious matters and says some good things. Addressing a bible class on a recent Sunday he said: "Today many people worship the god of pleasure, the god of ambition or the god of wealth. Anything that comes between a man and the true God takes the place of that God and usurps the thought and actions of the man. The man who continually tries to accumulate vast riches—who devotes the best part of his life and energy to it—is worshipping a false god." Mr. Rockefeller's involvements are such that his observations in this line are trustworthy and coming from a man with his family connections are noted with significant interest.

It has come at last. A Kansas City preacher has had the courage to speak and he lets fly this way: "A great cry went up because the polygamist Roberts was elected to congress. But protesting should not end with Roberts for there are other polygamists in congress. The senator from one of our middle states, the chairman of one of the most important committees, is just as much a polygamist as Roberts. It is known that simply because he took a fancy to another woman his first wife was forced to seek a divorce. It seems to make a vast difference whether the people who figure in these disgraceful episodes are members of the New York 'four hundred' or the followers of Brigham Young." Between the avowed polygamist and the sly old adulter the former is preferable.

CONTEMPORARY COMMENT.

"Those populist papers that were crowing so slowly about the Bartley bond case," says the Rushville Recorder, "must now toot on a lower key. Attorney-General Brown has been sawing some more wood, and has got the supreme court to grant a rehearing."

The Humbolt Leader gives this advice: "Advertise your own business and let the mail order houses alone. Some communities would never know of the existence of the mail order concerns if their home dealer was not criticizing them all the time. Too often a kick is a boost."

Kearney Democrat: The Burkett bill making two judicial districts has been accepted by the senate, which indicates that the senate has listened to the voice of the politician rather than to the voice of the people. Vox Del, vox populi, never goes far enough to be understood by the senate, and our state will be divided by the Platte river.

According to the Alliance Times, the merchants of Lincoln and the Commercial club have mutually agreed to refuse all forms of advertising except that offered by legitimate newspapers, which they rightly characterize the best, and further take the stand that as the newspapers ever work for the advancement of the community they are entitled to all the patronage the business men can afford for advertising. Every city and town ought to do likewise.

"Tom Majors of Peru has a habit of lighting on his feet that is refreshing," observed the Waterloo Gazette. "The vein of bituminous coal over three feet thick found at Peru recently seems to be located on Tom's broad acres, and he has accordingly laid claim to the state reward of \$5000 offered for the discovery of a vein of coal measuring thirty-six inches through. The coal has been tested and found to burn quite freely and to give out a good heat."

The Fremont Tribune says: "It is reported from Goldfield, Nev., that 'Gentleman George' Meiklejohn has struck it rich in his mining operations there and that he has started for Nebraska open to a senatorial campaign. It is said that he is now a millionaire. It is more likely that the report has been sent out for the purpose of selling stock than for capturing delegations to the state convention. Anyway, a million dollars is not enough to buy a senatorial nomination in Nebraska this year. Mr. Wattles has that much money."

The Gothenburg Independent comes to the defense of Senator Millard. It says: "Senator Millard has done more for securing appropriations for the development of Nebraska than any other senator Nebraska has ever had. A number of Nebraska papers are calling him the railroad senator, but his record has been a good one from a conservative standpoint, and the croakers over the state will find that when election time comes the people will conclude to honor Mr. Millard for another term for the good work he has done for the state."

A young lawyer received a call, the Washington Register says, from a farmer who was in need of legal advice. The lawyer looked up the statutes and told the farmer what he should do. "How much?" said the farmer. "Well let's call it \$3," said the lawyer. The farmer handed over a \$5 bill. The lawyer seemed embarrassed. After searching his pockets and the drawers of his desk, he arose to the occasion, and pocketed the bill as he reached for a digest. "I guess, neighbor," he remarked, as he resumed his seat. "I shall have to give you \$2 worth more."

"Attorney General Brown continues to attend strictly to his official business," observes the Fremont Tribune. "The while his friends are looking after his campaign for United States senator. The democratic press of the state, which is working in conjunction with the railroads to discredit him before the people, is constantly calling upon him to bring suit against this alleged trust and that one, thus endeavoring to break down the force of his undertakings along the lines he has been at work and doing effective service. He has won a battle against the railroads that have refused to pay their taxes and has secured an early date for a hearing in the supreme court of the United States. He has expedited the adjudication of the case against the grain dealers and has now had a referee appointed to take testimony. He has just secured a rehearing of the suit against the State Journal company for \$86,000 damages it is claimed have been done by a violation of the copyright on reports of the supreme court. He has also been granted a new hearing in the Bartley bond case and that litigation will be brought back into the courts to be tried again with the hope of reimbursing the state for the state for the defalcation of Former Treasurer Bartley to the extent of \$600,000. These things all furnish evidence of Mr.

Brown's activity and of his determination to enforce the laws of Nebraska without fear or favor. Mr. Brown has held the office of attorney general a little more than a year. He has not abolished every evil or throttled every violator of the law. But it will be acknowledged by every fair-minded man in Nebraska that he has done remarkably well during this short time in the office of attorney general. What did the fusion attorney general do during the four years that party had control of the state machinery?"

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On February 19, Mr. Littlefield's Anti-gambling bill for Arizona and New Mexico passed the house with only three votes recorded against it.

It has been stated as an interesting historical fact that "the first woman suffragist" was Margaret Brent of Baltimore, who in early Colonial days demanded "a part and voice" in public matters as representative of the estate of her kinsman Lord Baltimore.

The Senate has passed the Pure Food bill by a vote of 63 to 4. It is a step in the right direction. We trust it may become a law. The bill makes it unlawful for any person or corporation to manufacture, sell, etc., "any article of food, drugs, medicine, or liquors, which is adulterated or misbranded, or which contains any poisonous or deleterious substance."

In a town, of about five thousand inhabitants, the saloons were recently taken out by a vote of the people. As if to add insult to injury the city council of that town has enacted an ordinance against spitting, "why," said a citizen of that town, "We are all so dry we can't spit." It is well they are.

Mayor David P. Jones of Minneapolis, who has put the lid on the Sunday saloon and brazed it fast, stated in an address recently before the prohibition convention of Minnesota, that prohibition for one day had reduced the Sunday arrests from 129 before, to 30 after, for the same length of time. If prohibition has such a good effect for one day in the week, why not have it for the whole seven.

Susan B. Anthony, that great champion of equal liberty, has been called to her rest. She began her public life as an advocate of total abstinence and although the object for which she struggled so long and faithfully was accomplished only in part, "who can say that her work was in vain?" The women of today can hardly realize the change that has taken place in public opinion during the last fifty-three years. When, in 1852, Miss Anthony went as a delegate to a temperance convention at Albany, N. Y., and rose to speak, she was told by the presiding officer that, "the sisters were not invited there to speak but to listen and learn."

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