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The esteemed Atkinson Graphic must have had an eye single to the glory of republicans when it made up its democratic slate of county officers.

It is rumored that Chairman Hickman of the county board is casting longing eyes at the office of county clerk and may enter the list of aspirants for that position.

The government is having a hard time to find men for jurors in the Oklahoma land fraud cases. Most of them around Muskogee were in on the deals in one way and another.

The republican party is the only party that has showed itself capable of handling the tariff question during the past forty years, and it will probably solve the present problems to the best interests of all.

The Evening News admits that a "limited amount" of bootlegging is going on at Lincoln. Well, Lincoln shouldn't expect those democratic officials down there to all get onto the water wagon at once.

Nat Bradstreet, for many years a resident of Paddock township, this county, has announced his candidacy for the democratic nomination for sheriff of Boyd county. He is at present the deputy sheriff of that county.

The indications are that there will be no attempt made to try the constitutionality of the recently enacted non-partisan judiciary law. The members of the supreme court whose terms expire this year have petitions out as non-partisan candidates.

It is to be hoped the Nebraska legislature will get through sometime passing laws affecting the form of the ballot. Voters no sooner become adapted to the form than along comes the legislature and passes some law that requires a new form of ballot. It's about time to let up.

In many counties of the state candidates for county offices are springing up like mushrooms after an April deluge, but so far would-be officials in this county are hiding their aspirations under a bushel or are too modest to announce themselves. As the primary election is about a month earlier than last year, candidates will soon have to come into the open.

Ex-Governor Crouse passed away at his home in Omaha last Thursday. Governor Crouse held many positions of trust in his adopted state, and no man retired from the governor's chair more generally beloved and respected by the citizens of the state than he. He was a favorite in this city as a campaign speaker and appeared before an O'Neill audience only last fall. The news of his death brought genuine expressions of regret from many of our citizens.

Sioux City has started spring "house cleaning" and the disturbed elements of social iniquity are bubbling and gurgling into a putrid stream that threatens to ebb out onto the Missouri and flow over into Nebraska. The people of South Sioux City and Dakota county are up in arms and propose to make it so uncomfortable for the Iowa scoundrels and profligates that they can not abide there. South Sioux City in particular objects to the return of the old Covington days.

Captain Hains is to serve a term of not less than eight nor more than sixteen years in Sing Sing prison for the murder of William Annis. In passing sentence the court took occasion to severely condemn the "unwritten law," saying: "The view that a man can take the law into his own hands to right any real or fancied grievance is abhorant to all thinking people." The action of the court and jury in this case has been commendable throughout and will inspire confidence in the integrity of judicial tribunals.

## Tariff Legislation and Business.

Washington, D. C.—In spite of the fact of a new tariff law is under consideration and will not go to the President for several weeks, and although such a situation is generally accompanied by anxiety in industrial circles, yet the cheering news comes from all parts of the country that there is a most substantial increase in all lines of activity.

In the first place government receipts from customs duties continue satisfactory and the large imports of manufacturers' material show that there is no waiting for the new tariff, as would be the case if duties were to be very materially lowered. This shows, too, that the people are purchasing on a large and substantial scale, and that stocks of all kinds are low. The railroad business is on the increase, which is also reflected by the upward trend of the stock market. There has been an advance in the price of steel products, and in many cases an increase in wages.

Building operations have been at high water mark all the spring, and will no doubt continue during the summer. Bank clearings are nearing the high figures of the period preceding the panic and collections are reported as good. The crop outlook is excellent, and there is every prospect of a splendid business revival following the enactment of the tariff.

All this is due to the confidence which the people have in the Republican legislation and the administration of President Taft. Every corporation, every manufacturer, every merchant, feels that his business will not be unjustly interfered with if he obeys the law, and that no laws will be asked for or enacted that will cripple honest business. While the tariff bill reported by Senator Aldrich is assailed in certain quarters, it is believed it will receive almost the entire Republican vote, and while some changes will be made in conference, yet the bill will go to the President a thoroughly protective measure and receive his signature.

The tariff will have been revised on the lines laid down in the last Republican platform. Some duties will be lowered, some increased, and many left as they are, but all with a view to give the American producer the protection needed to equal the difference between the home and foreign cost of production with a reasonable profit.

The American market, the best in the world, is to be protected and its advantages preserved for the American producer. This belief gives confidence to all classes, and that is why a speedy return to Prosperity is assured. This prosperity will continue if the republican party is continued in power, and that it will be is not doubted.

President Taft continues to endear himself to all classes of people. His appearance and speech at a recent dinner tendered him by the business men of Washington brought him nearer to the people of the District of Columbia than has been the case with any previous President. His trips to Petersburg, Va., and to Charlotte, N. C., will increase his popularity in the South, and so far there is nothing but praise from every part of the country.

It is doubtful if there will be much business done in the House till the tariff bill is passed by the Senate, and little new legislation is looked for at the extra session. Next winter, however in response to the President's recommendations, much may be attempted and some new and far reaching laws affecting interstate commerce and labor enacted. If this is satisfactorily accomplished and the expected prosperity comes, the next House elected next year will have a largely increased Republican majority, insuring Mr. Taft a friendly Congress throughout his term.

While the Democrats are, as usual, making wild predictions that they will elect a majority in the next House and the next President, still they do not believe it, and thousands, particularly throughout the South, are about ready to join the party of progress and attainment. Today the Democratic party is divided into so many factions that as a party it could hardly formulate a platform. True some great public questions or policy might arise upon which it could

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unite, but none is in sight. If Mr. Bryan should again be nominated, as he will, no doubt, try to be, he will lose more than one Southern State, and every Western State which he carried last year. So the young men as they become first voters join the Republican party and the free traders are becoming protectionists.

This condition gives confidence in business circles and is the basis and foundation for every optimistic view looking to the future glory and greatness, wealth and power of our country.

**Taken Literally.**  
Washing some bushes removed from his garden, a gentleman instructed his gardener to pull them up by the roots. Some time afterward he went into the garden and found the gardener digging trenches round the bushes.  
"Why, George," he said, "you must not dig round those small bushes in that way. I am sure you are strong enough to pull them up by the roots."  
"Oh, yes, sir," replied the gardener; "I'm strong enough, but I must dig a little before I can get hold of the roots. If you'd told me to pull them up by the branches I could, of course, easily have removed them without digging."  
—London Strand Magazine.

**Bliss.**  
"Lysander" (sweetly), "do you know what day this is?"  
"Sure! Our anniversary, Margaret, dear" (pretending to have remembered it all the time).  
"No such thing" (frigidly). "It's the day you promised to nail the leg on that old kitchen table."  
Lysander paled, tried to square himself on the anniversary blunder, failed utterly, and the fireworks were on.—Judge's Library.

**The Talented Miller Family.**  
"What is the Miller family doing now?"  
"The wife is writing poems that nobody will read, the daughter is painting pictures that nobody will buy, the son is composing plays that nobody will put on the stage, and the husband is writing checks that nobody will cash."  
—Meggendorfer Blatter.

**A Treat.**  
Sufferer (to lady in front)—Madam, if you were to remove your hat I could see the play. Lady in front (with manifestation of surprise)—Yes, but you could not then see my new hat.—London Telegraph.

Vulgarity is amusing only to the vulgar, and they are not worth amusing.—Chicago Record-Herald.

## HOTEL CELLS.

**The Difference Between Them and Those of the Jails.**

The chief difference between the average hotel cell and the average prison cell, viewed from the standpoint of social psychology, is that one is locked on the inside to keep outsiders out, while the other is locked on the outside to keep insiders in. The occupant of the hotel cell is afraid that something will be done to him or that something will be taken from him by some one who ought to be in a prison cell. That is the theory of it.

"Lock your door and leave your valuables at the office," cautions the obliging innkeeper. "If you had valuables you wouldn't be here," observes the witty prison keeper. That is to say, the question of valuables seems to enter largely into the matter.

It would be great to have a civilization which considered valuable only those things which could not be stolen, such as mental and moral equipment, skill and good fellowship. Then we could be a little more sociable. We could talk to each other without buttoning our coats or feeling for our diamond studs every few minutes. Then the man who willingly secluded himself in a stuffy hotel cell could be locked in and made to stay there on the ground that something terrible was the matter with him.—Success Magazine.

## THEATRICAL COSTUMES.

**The Man Who Supplies Them Must Be Artistic and Well Read.**

An extensive library is an absolute necessity to the theatrical costumer. At the head of every theatrical costuming establishment there is a man of education, experience and genuine artistic ability whose business it is to know what is needed and how to get it. If "The Prince of India," "Ben-Hur" or "The Darling of the Gods" is to be produced he must map out the lines on which the costuming is to be done, and those lines must be absolutely accurate. There is a wide difference between the French costumes of Napoleon's time and those worn by Jeanne d'Arc and her friends. The chief designer must know it and act on his knowledge. At the time Custer fought his last fight the United States army—cavalry and infantry—was outfitted in a peculiar manner that has long since passed away. If the play deals with American army life of that period the costumes must show it, for it would never do to have the critics "roast" the piece because the producers were ignorant of the thing produced. The man at the head of the costuming department must either be conversant with all countries and all periods of history or he must know how to become so with decided alacrity; hence the costumer's library.

In a Sunday school class recently the teacher sought to impress upon the small boys the virtue of kindly and helpful deeds.

"Now," said she, "let every boy here try to do some kindness during the week and next Sunday report what he did."

Next Sunday arrived, and the teacher proceeded to listen to stories of good deeds done. Finally she reached the smallest boy in the class. His age is nine.

"Well, Willie," she said, "have you done any kindness for any one, anything really helpful, during the week?"

"Yes'm."

"What was it?"

"I let another kid copy me 'rithmetic lesson off me book in school."

**A Billion.**

Great Britain clings to its own numerical system and regards a billion as a million times a million. But America differs, a billion in the United States being only a thousand millions. This is perhaps the only instance in which a thing is bigger in the old country than in the new. One has to go only a little way from England—to Calais—to find the billion lessened, for France dignifies a thousand millions with the name of billion. They are wasting a word in France in this connection, however, inasmuch as there is already a word, milliard, to designate this number.—Chicago Record-Herald.

## CATERPILLARS.

The green and yellow tints so frequently to be found in caterpillars are stated to be due to coloring matter derived from their food and passed through the blood of the spinners. By impregnating leaves with artificial colors the experimenters caused some species of caterpillars to produce silk of bright orange yellow and fine rose hues. By the aid of the spectroscopic presence and nature of colored pigments in the blood of the little creatures were established.—London Tatler.

## A Postscript.

Willie, aged five, had delivered a message from his mother to a lady, but did not seem in a hurry to go. Being asked if there was anything else his mother had bidden him say, he replied, "No, ma'am; only she said I wasn't to ask you for any cake, but if you gave me any I was to take it and thank you." He got the cake.

## Information.

"Where do all you Americans live?" inquired the European.  
"About 4,000,000 of us live in New York," answered the caustic American, "and the rest of us live in caves."  
—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Always there is a black spot in our sunshine. It is the shadow of our selves.—Carlyle.

## A BOWLER BRIDGE.

**Probably Placed in Position by an Ancient Cloudburst.**

One of the most remarkable freaks of wind and erosion known in the west is to be found in one of the smaller side canyons of the Grand Canyon of the Colorado river in Arizona.

In a narrow gorge, carved through centuries of flow of water and wind driven sand down the little valley, there lies a huge bowlder as big as the average house moving van seen on a city street. It is held up solely by friction on the sides of the gorge and is entirely free from any solid connection with the sides of the sandstone walls.

From the sandy bed of the little gorge to the rock is fully seventy-five feet. The Indians who once roamed over the Grand canyon country have, of course, legends to account for the location of the big round rock, but as a matter of fact it is believed to have rolled off the slope of a rocky and precipitous mountain about five miles distant from the canyon and to have been picked up in the path of some cloudburst years ago and rolled to its present resting place.

The stone hangs only by a small projection on each side, but it is so solid that it forms a convenient foot-bridge across the gorge over which the pedestrian may take his way.—Kansas City Journal.

## WATERPROOF FABRICS.

**There Are Several Methods by Which They Are Treated.**

Fabrics are waterproofed by impregnating them with metallic salts, by coating them with oil, grease and wax, by coating them with india rubber or by treating them with ammoniacal solutions of copper. The first process is applied to sailcloth. The canvas is impregnated with alum or calcium acetate and then immersed in a fixing bath containing soap, which forms insoluble lime or alumina soap in the cloth.

The second process is used for rain-coats, imitation leather, etc. The fabric passes between hot rollers and then over a cylinder of wax, etc.

In the third process a solution of india rubber in carbon disulphide, chloroform or other solvent is applied. This process is used for mackintoshes and bathing caps and is applied to thread.

In the fourth process, employed in the manufacture of bookbindings and Willesden canvas, cotton cloth is run through a solution of oxide of copper in ammonia, which dissolves the superficial layer and on evaporation leaves it in the form of a uniform coating of cellulose. The process is completed by passing the cloth between rollers. There are still other processes, but these are the most important.—Science.