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At all events, Dr. Cook will have to present stronger evidence that he was at the pole than Perry gives us that he wasn't.

Governor Shallenberger is evidently pretty mad. Come now, dear democrats, don't get sore because your laws are all unconstitutional.

The state Woman Suffrage association meets at Lincoln November 18 and 19. Nebraska women interested along this line are straining every nerve to have a suffrage amendment submitted by the next legislature and the convention next month will probably develop some interesting phases of their program. The experience of the average man is that woman usually gets what she wants because she keeps on asking until we men, like the unjust judge, grant the request. It begins to look as though we might as well make up our minds to let them vote.

The delinquent tax list of the various counties in the state have dwindled down to nearly nothing compared to what they were a few years ago. In Holt county the tax list this year makes a little over nine newspaper columns. A few years ago it filled twenty-four columns. One of the causes of the great reduction in the volume of delinquent taxes is the "infamous" revenue law which enabled the county to clean up the tax records. Another reason is that the high prices and great demand for everything produced on the land has made the land valuable and worth paying taxes on. The day of long lists of dead and unpaid real estate tax is over in Nebraska.

There is a lot of silly rot indulged by representatives of various religious sects over President Taft's visit to Salt Lake City and appearance in the Mormon tabernacle. We are not in sympathy with the Mormon teachings, but some of the critics of those people now condemning Taft might take some lessons from the Mormons. Salt Lake City and other cities of Utah have some of the finest works of man found anywhere in the world. The despised Brigham Young was a hundred years in advance of our time in constructing irrigation canals, building cities and making garden spots of deserts. The achievements of the Mormons in Utah indicate that they are a people of intelligence and industry.

Most of the republican candidates have been able to visit only a small portion of the county. They have felt that they could not neglect the offices to which the people have placed them in trust to go over the the county thoroughly and solicit votes. Hence their will be many voters whom they will not get to see. To these The Frontier would say that it is generally conceded that Holt county never had a better set of officials than those now candidates for re-election. They did not seek the re-nomination but took it because none others desired it. They are all now entitled to the support of the voters. They have served the county well and there is no occasion to take the risk always entailed in making a change.

Business Is Business.

Beginning with the year R. E. Chittick served as county treasurer, the treasurer's office has had an excess of fees each year to turn into the general fund of the county. This is something quite new in the administration of that office as a search of the records from 1902 to 1905, inclusive, discloses no excess. In 1906 Mr. Chittick had an excess of \$398.01, which went into the county's general fund. In 1907 Mr. Harnish turned into that fund an excess of \$855.28; in 1908 an excess of \$748.85.

The office has made a good record during the past three years by cutting down the cost of clerk hire. The average paid in salaries per year for the last three years, including the treasurer's salary, is \$3,763.72. For the four years preceding, or from 1902 to 1905 inclusive, an average of \$4,903.29 was paid annually in salaries. By these figures it is seen that the treasurer's office is now effecting a saving of about \$1,200 a year on this one item.

The same sort of business methods obtain in every detail of the office. There is no doubt about the re-election of Mr. Harnish as treasurer. His excellent qualifications for that office have been fully demonstrated and men of all parties are giving him their hearty support.

Three Fat Years.

The figures are not now of course obtainable for the full two terms, but the records for the years 1906, 1907 and 1908 disclose that County Clerk W. P. Simar has turned a pretty penny over to the county in excess fees. During those three years Mr. Simar turned into the county general fund the neat sum of \$5,239.76.

There has been no unusual volume of business in the office over preceding years but Mr. Simar has managed to pay all the expenses of maintaining the office and have about \$1,800 left each year to go into the county general fund.

This is not the only particular in which Mr. Simar has made a good clerk. He has given universal satisfaction all around and his re-nomination for another term came as a party compliment. His re-election will insure continued economy and good service in that very important office.

Guaranty Law Void.

The blow has fallen. The issue upon which democrats fought and won in the campaign a year ago and embodied into law by an act of the legislature is as dead and worthless as the autumn leaves now strewn about.

Last Saturday the federal court sitting at Lincoln made perpetual the restraining order preventing the governor and state banking board from enforcing the bank guaranty law. The court holds that the law conflicts with the constitution of the state, and also of the United States, which provides, section 1, fourteenth amendment:

No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty or property without due process of law.

And is in conflict with section 3 of article 1 of the constitution of Nebraska, which declares: "No person shall be deprived of life, liberty or property without due process of law," and therefore is void.

The conflicting portion of the law with the above provision lies in the clause prohibiting individuals from engaging in the banking business under the guaranty law unless they do so as a corporation. On this point, the real test of the validity of the law, the court in the syllabus says:

The provisions of the Nebraska act of March 25, 1909, supra, which prohibit individuals from engaging in the banking business, unless they do so through the agency of a corporation, and also condition the right to engage in that business in that form upon the making of enforced contributions from time to time a depositors' guaranty fund to be employed in the payment of the claims of depositors of any bank which shall become insolvent, were the inducement to the passage of that act, and as those provisions, so coupled together, are void, the entire act is thereby rendered invalid.

Willis Van Devanter and Thomas C. Munger were the judges who passed upon the law.

It will be remembered that the guaranty law was Mr. Bryan's own idea and chief campaign slogan in this state a year ago. This is the law that the democratic legislature paid Judge I. L. Albert of Columbus \$300 to draw up. Mr. Bryan would not undertake to frame a bill for the legislature himself, but filed with the

governor his ideas of what should go into the bill and then left the state. W. V. Allen, Nebraska's former populist senator, brought the suit to test the law.

A good many republicans are probably going to be tempted not to go to the polls on November 2. The individual will think that one vote will make no difference, which in fact probably would not. But let from one to a dozen in each of the thirty-four polling places in Holt county get to thinking that way and act upon it and it is easy to see what the result would be. Every republican candidate on the ticket ought to and will be elected this fall if every republican in the county gets out and votes. Its now only twelve days to election. Make up your mind now that you will not miss going to the polls.

By a question which implies the answer an exchange infers that Joseph Cannon would be no longer speaker of the house of representatives were the people to vote directly upon the proposition. The people have a way to depose Mr. Cannon at the next organization of the house as matters now stand. The house is the representative body, the congressmen coming direct from the people. If enough of the people desire a change in speakership the change can be effected. The trouble has been, Cannonism has been stronger than its opponents. Certain localities have been against the Illinois congressman for speaker and have opposed him through their representatives in congress. This sentiment was not sufficiently wide-spread at the last organization of the house to effect a change. No congressman will go deliberately contrary to the wishes of his constituents, and if a change in speakership is really desired by a majority of the people of the country, let them demand of their representatives in congress that the change be made and it will be done.

Prepare For Drought at Asylum.

The democratic legislature added some restrictions to the liquor trade, but at least one democratic state official has come to the rescue. The Bee's Lincoln correspondent reported last Saturday: Superintendent Baxter of the asylum at Hastings has certainly prepared himself for a drought. His liquor bill for the quarter ending

December 31 is of such proportions that the board which allowed the contract has decided to hold it up for future action. Compared with a year ago, when the liquor estimate was only four and a half gallons of alcohol for the quarter for this institution the present superintendent has capped the climax. Here is what he asked the board to buy for him:

Brandy, J. & F. Martel 3-star Cognac, two cases.....	\$ 31.70
Brandy, peach, one case.....	7.50
Brandy, apricot, one case.....	11.50
Wine, Waterson's Old Tawney port, one case.....	8.50
Wine, claret, Chaetau, Coville, one case.....	16.50
Wine, sherry, Waterson's Genereose, one case.....	8.50
Wine, Rhine, Rauenthal's, one case.....	17.50
Wine, Moselle, Josephshofer, one case.....	13.00
Wine, Lisbon port, one keg, 11 gals.....	24.00
Whisky, Yellowstone, two cases.....	27.00
Whisky, King William V. O. P., one case.....	17.75
Rum, London Dock Jamaica, Red Cross, one case.....	12.00
Clysmic, 100 splits, one case.....	10.00
Total.....	\$205.45

On the heels of this enormous wine bill, came a letter to Governor Shallenberger this morning from a saloon keeper at Arapahoe, saying that the 8 o'clock closing law had increased his sales and he favored it as a permanent institution. The letter was written to the chairman of the democratic committee of Furnas county and forwarded to the governor. It said the saloon keeper objected to the law at first, but as it had increased the sale of liquor in his place of business he felt very much in favor of it. Dr. Baxter, however, bought nothing from the Arapahoe saloon keeper, so far as the records show.

Spiteful.
Dear Creature (speaking metaphorically)—That absurd Maud Forsyth can't see an inch beyond her nose.
The Other Dear Creature (speaking spitefully)—Perhaps she is dazzled by its brilliance.

The public man needs but one patron—namely, the lucky moment.—Bulwer.

British and German Physique.

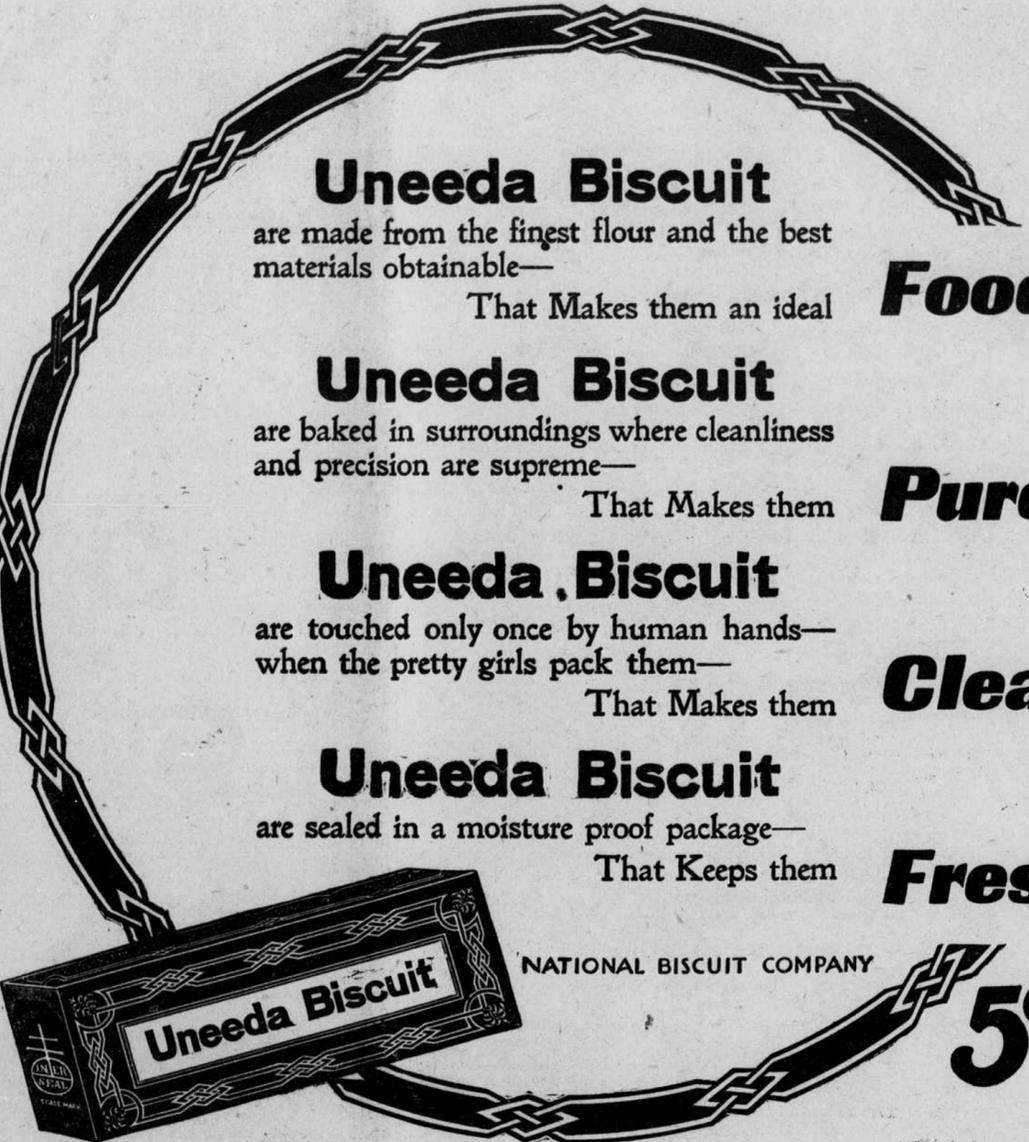
Ten millions of our people inhabit dwellings inferior to the kennels provided for the hounds in a well managed hunt. The results of living in dwellings unfit for human habitation and the prevalence of a dietary scale from which English meat, bread and milk are excluded are fatal to successful rivalry with a virile and healthy race where agriculture is fostered for strategical reasons. Having spent hours in watching the arrival of the early morning trains in Berlin and Hamburg, I am appalled with the contrast between the vigorous and well set up, broad chested and healthy looking clerks, brawny shopmen and stalwart laborers on the other side of the North sea and the champagne shouldered, cow hocked, pigeon chested, lack luster trainfuls of men of the same classes landed at Liverpool street, Victoria and Charing Cross.—Arnold White in London World.

He Studied It.

H. Rider Haggard in "A Winter Pilgrimage" tells this anecdote: "When I was a 'soaring human boy' my father took me up the Rhine by boat with the hope and expectation that my mind would be improved by contemplating its lovely and historic banks. Wearing of this feast very soon, I slipped down to the cabin to enjoy one more congenial, that of 'Robinson Crusoe.' But some family traitor betrayed me, and, protesting even with tears that I hated views, I was dragged to the deck again. 'I have paid 6 thalers,' shouted my justly indignant parent as he hauled me up the steamer stairs, 'for you to study the Rhine scenery, and, whether you like it or not, young man, study it you shall!'"

Much Married.

The following, taken from "Evelyn's Diary," refers to a Dutchwoman who lived in the seventeenth century: "Towards the end of August I returned to Haarlem. They showed us a cottage where, they told us, dwelt a woman who had been married to her twenty-fifth husband and, being now a widow, was prohibited to marry in the future, yet it could not be proved that she had ever made away with any of her husbands, though the suspicion had brought her divers times into trouble."



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