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All together now for a better and bigger Plattsmouth.

Robert S. Lovett has been elected president of the Union Pacific railroad.

The Grand Lodge I. O. O. F. which held its session in Lincoln this week voted to return there again for their state meeting next year.

The Czar of Russia has declared war on air ships. He says that he is afraid that some day one of these craft bearing the red flag will sail over him and drop a bomb on his devoted head. He has strong aversions to being blown up, and just as strong ones against being blown down.

The candidates for the supreme court are asking republicans to support them for office on the "non-partisan" plan, and then turn round and donate a good wad of the long green to help the democrats defeat republicans. Oh, but they are a smooth bunch, that democratic committee.

The Journal has made another discovery in the Quinton matter. It is too bad that the editor hadn't made a dash for the north pole some time ago, for as a "discoverer" he has the Cook-Pearry bunches razzledazzled to a frizzle.

We are reliably informed that the opposition to Sheriff Quinton is preparing to spring just before election a lot of stuff that is too unreliable to stand investigation, and will therefore be set afloat at the last minute so that the friends of the sheriff will not have time to meet it. Voter, look out for roorbacks, sprung just before election day.

If your neighbor should come to you and ask you to trade horses with him and should persist in not only taking your horse but the other one too, you would consider him just a little unreasonable and also unfair. That is just exactly the scheme the democrats are working this campaign. They want republicans to vote for the democratic candidates for supreme judge and in return they will vote for them too.

If the Journal persists in its campaign to make Sheriff Quinton a bad man we expect some morning to come down town and see the sheriff's emaculate form hanging from a telephone pole, for surely such a hard customer as the Journal persists in claiming the sheriff to be could not possibly be expected to live in a civilized and christian community. How in the world did he live in Cass county so long and not be found out.

The law plainly says that the Sheriff shall make his reports every quarter, file a report for the CURRENT year and "THEN" turn over the fees of the office. When is the "current" year? The courts of the state have decided that the "current" year is the calendar year, or the present year. An officer cannot turn over fees for the year 1909 until the year has ended, for he has no way of telling what those fees are. When the law says that he shall file a report for the current year and then turn over his fees, it means just what it says and any man with a lick of sense in his noodle ought to see it.

The Minden Courier got it again last week and bewailed the conditions that it thinks exists. The supreme court is rotten, the corporations all do just as they please and there is very little worth living for with the conditions which exist under a republican administration. If the editor of the Minden Courier has not made more money, had

more to eat, worn better clothes and enjoyed life more during the past few years under republican rule than he did before under democratic policies, then it is his own fault. He reminds us very much of the fellow who was always cussing his mother-in-law who was supporting the whole family.

After considerable search, research and overtime work on the part of our thinking arrangement we have at last discovered where the non-partisan scheme comes in. It seems that Leo Matthews Governor Shallenberger's chief clerk, who draws \$125.00 a month from the state of Nebraska, has been working in democratic state headquarters at Columbus during the past two months instead of in the state house, and the tax payers have been paying his salary all the time. That is where the non-partisan scheme works. Matthews puts in his time working to help defeat the republican candidates for the supreme court and democratic and republican tax payers pay his salary. Great stuff.

Some of our democratic exchanges in this county are slurring Editor Mayfield of the Louisville Courier because he is supporting the whole republican ticket this fall. As we understand the matter Mr. Mayfield has been in the habit in the past of supporting men for office whom he thought best qualified for the positions. This year he is supporting the republican ticket in full because a republican has no reasons for doing otherwise. Every candidate on the ticket is competent, well qualified and honest, and there is no reason why Editor Mayfield or any other republican should not only give them their support but their hearty and best efforts. If Mr. Mayfield chooses to support the republican ticket it is his business and no Jim Crow democratic editor should have any criticism to make.

If anyone believes that Plattsmouth is not full of live wires they should come and visit this city for a while and they will have plenty of reasons for changing their minds. The commercial club is not the only organization that does things, for the representatives of the Red Men who went from this place to Omaha this week to attend the Grand Council of that order came home with the next meeting of the state organization landed for Plattsmouth. This will mean great things for this city when the representatives of this great order visit us next year. Plattsmouth is certainly being placed on the map in good earnest and the pull-all-together spirit which seems to have struck the town is going to mean big things for us in the future. It is the only system.

There is no law to prevent a sheriff from turning over any amount of fees that he may wish to at any time. If he wants to turn over fifty cents, he can do so, but he does not have to until the end of the year. In the discussion of this matter let the voter remember that if Sheriff Quinton has kept one cent of fees which do not belong to him, when his books are examined at the end of the year and that showing is made, the bonding company will at once make that one cent good, and it will not be necessary to go law about it either as it used to be when an officer gave a personal bond. The bonding company will make good the amount and settle with the officer afterwards. The county will not lose one cent. The Journal knows this if it knows anything at all, but it is so persistent in its efforts to queer Sheriff Quinton

with the voter that it is willing to sacrifice its standing as a newspaper to accomplish that end.

The Journal still has fits over the fee matter of Sheriff Quinton. It started out after Quinton's scalp and it seems that there is to be no let-up until, the sheriff has been vindicated, which he surely will be, at the election on November 2nd. At first it was a spasm over reports, and now it is worrying over the fees. At first it howled because Quinton did not turn over fees, and now that it has discovered that he did, it howls because he did. At first he broke the law because he did not turn over fees of the office and now he breaks the law because he did. With the Journal it seems to be a case of "Be Damned if you do and be damned if you don't." It has twisted itself up so much since this controversy started that it can't tell when it sits down to breakfast whether its vitals are going up or going down.

After sleeping off its attack of bile on the liver, the Journal felt so mean about it that it became necessary to give some excuse for its cutting the Daily News off of its exchange list on account of the little controversy indulged in between this paper and the luminary up the street, and says that after sending this paper several copies, we failed to reciprocate and so there was nothing doing for the Journal but to quit leaving the exchange at our door. The Journal is decidedly mistaken for the fact is that the News carrier boy has left a copy of this paper with the Journal every evening, and with one or two exception the News circulation manager knows that this was done. In all probability however the Journal editor did not look hard enough or else as this paper shines so brightly in comparison with the one up the street that its editor mistook it for the electric light.

The entering wedge has been made and there is no reason why Plattsmouth should not be the manufacturing town of south eastern Nebraska. It is situated on the main line of two great railroads, only nineteen miles from the metropolis of the state, naturally endowed with good water and good drainage, and with the start that has now been made it is only a question of time when the city of Plattsmouth will be a manufacturing town that will have as wide spread prominence as the great shoe town of Brockton in the Old Bay State. The editor of this paper can remember when as a boy Brockton, which was a small village in the county where we lived, was little known, but W. L. Douglas with his shoe factory and with others which followed have made it one of the most widely advertised towns in the United States and which is now in point of population one of the largest cities in the state outside of Boston.

The democratic platform reads something like this: "We urge all Nebraskans in voting for supreme judges and for regents, to lay aside party prejudices and ties." That sounds real nice, but when we know that that is only meant to catch votes for the democratic candidates, it is nice only from a democratic standpoint. How many democratic papers in this vicinity are asking democratic voters to vote for any of the republican candidates? Every last one of them are advocating the non-partisan plan, but urging the election of the full democratic ticket. If a man should open up in Plattsmouth a game where the percentage of winnings were as much one sided and in favor of the dealer he would be arrested and placed in the city bastille before he had run his game two hours, but the democratic state committee can run a game in which every chance for them to win is on their side and the chances for the republican voter is nothing, and play it openly and it catches the voter easily. P. T. Barnum, the great showman, said that the American people liked to be humbugged, and the democratic committee have caught the idea and are working it so successfully that they are catching the suckers just as fast as Barnum did.

It wasn't so very long ago that democratic newspapers and democratic speakers set up nights orking the voters on the plea that republican employees in the state house at Lincoln

were drawing a salary from the state and at the same time working in republican headquarters. In many instances they were successful in making voters believe that such a state of affairs existed, but in the experience of the editor in his four years work in the state house we never knew of an instance of a republican employee putting in the full campaign working for the republican committee and having the taxpayers pay his salary. It is true that very frequently republican employees assisted at the republican headquarters at Lincoln, but as far as we know it was done evenings and after hours, or if it was necessary to put in the day their usual work at the state house was kept up by putting in extra time. We do not believe that there was ever a case of a republican employee putting in full time at republican political headquarters and asking the state to pay his salary as an employee of the state while we were in the state house. But the fact stands out boldly that a democratic employee at the present time has been putting in several weeks in democratic headquarters while the state has been paying the bill.

There is probably no town in the state of Nebraska more advantageously situated to receive the manufacturing industries which will sooner or later be compelled to move from the larger cities than Plattsmouth. It is the history of all large cities that in time real estate values and rents become so high and yardage room so scarce that it becomes necessary for large manufacturing concerns to branch out to smaller towns where they will have a change to expand and at the same time secure the help that cannot be had in the large cities. Situated as Plattsmouth is, on two big main lines of railroads, and with all the other things that naturally attract the manufacturer who is looking for a place to expand in business, it means that it is but a question of a short time when other big concerns, following the example set by the Smith factory, will be looking Plattsmouth way as a solution for their troubles. It is no detriment to us that

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we are only a half hour's ride from Omaha. On the other part it will be something in our favor when it comes to securing added industries. If in the course of time a trolley line should be built from Omaha to this place it would mean Plattsmouth would be the suburban home of many of the wealthy men of the metropolis. The claim made that Plattsmouth is too close to Omaha to ever amount to very much is not well taken and cannot be bourn out. Take some of the large cities of the country, they are surrounded with large and prosperous cities within only a few miles of their borders. Take for instance the city of Boston. It has Lynn, Lowell, Chelsea, Waltham, and several smaller cities all within ten miles of her borders, and many of them cities of over fifty thousand people. Then come farther west and see the large towns that have been built up in close proximity to our large western cities and it only means that with the natural advantages which we have here that it is only a question of time when this city will be one of the best in the state and probably standing next to Lincoln in point of population. The day of cold feet has past for Plattsmouth people.

LEST WE FORGET.

We are not caring so much whether we are living under the operations of the McKinley Bill, Dingley Bill, Aldrich Bill, or Buffalo Bill, as to what the prospects for the next meal of vitals are. We have lived under the operations of several Bills, but we shall never quite forget our experience while the Wilson Bill was in force. We shall never forget that under that democratic bill we could not make enough in the newspaper business to pay the cost of the print paper, saying nothing about buying grub for the family and a new dress for the baby. We shall never forget that under that bill in which a democratic party trusted, that we as a republican newspaperman busted. We shall never forget that hundreds of men in our locality were without work the same as ourselves under that Bill. We shall never forget that the editor and his wife would have gone hungry and the baby would have cried for proper food under that Bill, but for the kindness of a loyal and royal friend who owned a lumber yard and gave us three days work a week most of the winter at a dollar and a quarter a day rustling lumber. We shall never for-

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