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All honor comes to him who waits. Mayor Jim Dahlman of Omaha, may never be governor, but he had a bull pup named after him the other day which ought to satisfy the ambition of any man.

It will be the beginning of a new year in a few days and if you have any idea of swearing off you better begin to get ready to make the oft repeated swear and stick to it this time.

The lawyers of Nebraska are holding a session in Omaha this week in conjunction with the chicken show. With the roosters crowing early in the morning and the lawyers talking late at night, the people of Omaha will pass a sleepless week.

It is said that Santa Claus attempted to make his trip this year in an airship, but in passing over South Omaha he collided with the aroma which hangs over that city and had it not been for a friendly snow bank the air ship would have been smashed and the old man knocked galley west.

And now Dr. Cook's goose seems to be cooked in good shape. His former best friend, with all the rest has denounced him as a fraud. Somehow or other, we rather admire the nerve of that gentleman, if it was in a bad cause. Had not that man Peary turned up when he did Dr. Cook might have been a hard man for William J. Bryan to defeat for the democratic nomination in 1912.

It seems to be the general order of the clerk of the weather whenever he gives Nebraska a hard winter to give the east something just a little harder. While we have been having plenty of snow and cold weather the Atlantic coast has had a storm which destroyed life and property. The cold waves of the ocean washed over the shores and much damage was done. It pays to live in Nebraska. There may be some other states but there is only one Nebraska.

The appointment of U. S. District Attorney is still hanging fire and not much chance for an early settlement. It would seem that there is only one thing to do in the matter and that is to appoint Frank Howell. Howell is a good lawyer, has shown himself to be the right kind of stuff and if the senators cannot get together on the matter they had better resign and come home. There is no earthly reason why the position should not go to Howell, and there is nothing to be gained by dillydallying along in this fashion.

The whole police force of Lincoln took a twenty-four hour holiday Christmas, with the exception of the office force. Just think of it. And yet some people say that there is more boozing in Lincoln now than before the town went dry. This Christmas day argument ought to knock silly any stuff put out by the Merchants & Manufacturers Association of Omaha that Lincoln is a booze town under prohibition. If there is another city of sixty thousand population in the world which can give its whole police force a vacation on Christmas day we should like to hear of it.

There seems to be a big deficit in the post office department caused by the handling of second class matter.

It is said that it costs five cents per pound to take care of the magazines which pass through the mails, while the government only gets one cent a pound for carrying them. Daily papers cost two cents per pound. The franking privilege given members of congress and senators helps considerably in piling up the expense. Postmaster General Hitchcock is making an investigation of the matter with the idea of making things more on a paying basis. There is no reason whatever for the government carrying the product of a private business for five times what it costs it for carrying the produce of the business.

Some man out in the state with a name that makes us think of limberger, has taken occasion to call Doc Bixby to account for getting cold feet on the Dr. Cook proposition. The same day the editor of this paper got a communication calling us down for going back on Dr. Cook. The fact of the matter is that the editor of this paper has not gone back on Dr. Cook. We have not contracted cold feet on the matter and still insist that time will solve the great controversy. At present there is enough north pole conditions right here in Nebraska to keep us from caring very much who discovered that much talked of piece of property. If Doc Bixby has gone back on Dr. Cook so soon he deserves to be called down. If Dr. Cook is a fraud, then Bixby should sympathize with him instead of knocking. Several years ago the State of Nebraska passed a law which Bixby himself admits put him out of business, and therefore there should be a bond of sympathy between Dr. Cook and Dr. Bixby.

This paper does not like to be continually calling the attention of its readers to the mistake the people made when they elected a democratic governor and a democratic legislature, for in so doing we are apt to be charged with being partisan when in truth we do not do so for the reason that we are partisan. The editor of this paper has always contended that the election of a democratic governor by republican votes was not a good thing for the state nor for the party. By electing a democratic governor every state institution has been placed in the hands of a democrat appointed by that governor. It has placed the democratic party in a position where it will be much harder to elect a congressional ticket in 1910. This however is not so important to the people at large as the matter of how the democratic party is carrying out its stewardship. A report just made by the superintendents of many of the institutions shows that before the biennium is two thirds over there is going to be a deficit for the coming legislature to appropriate money to liquidate. For instance in the institution which was formerly called the home for the friendless, but the name of which has been changed by the last legislature to the State Public School, it has cost to run that institution under democratic control \$161.20 per capita, while under republican control last year it cost only \$94.52. At Grand Island Soldier's home the cost this year has been \$113.64 against \$103.71 last year. As only one third of the biennium has passed and some of the institutions have spent a great deal more than they should have spent it is only a question of a few months when they will be up against

a proposition which will cause the taxpayers to sit up and take notice. The question for the people to settle is whether we are republicans and not democrats and should support our party, but the welfare of the state. The thing to think about is that when the democratic party took hold of the state the state was out of debt and with money in the treasury. At last accounts the state had accumulated a debt which has grown from \$1,100 a few months ago to three or four times that a month ago. These are the things which should be considered. There are no politics in it. It is just a matter of business and every voter in the state of Nebraska is a member of the firm and entitled to know what the business manager of the firm is doing. If he is losing money for the business he ought to be fired and the old manager reinstated who did business on business principles and in a manner which counted for the prosperity of the firm. Do you get the idea?

PATENT MEDICINE EDITORS.

As we peruse our exchanges from day to day and from week to week we have been often struck with the awful condition of the newspaper men of Nebraska. To read the publications one would think that they were always looking on the dark side of life, were in bad shape physically or that something was wrong somewhere.

The other day we seated ourselves in the office chair and began to look for some of the good things which are always found in the papers sent out by the quill drivers from the Cornhusker state, but our blood ran cold when we picked up the Weeping Water Republican and found that the editor had been "All alone in a saw-mill at midnight." If there is anything that would make a fellow feel squishy it is staying in some old sawmill on a dark night.

Editor Ross Hammond of the Fremont Tribune has done some rash things in his day but his last issue of the paper stated that it "Extended all over his body." This is a very serious affair and he should at once consult Jim Elliott of the West Point Republican who we think can fix Ross all right with that "Hexamethylenetetramine" which he is advertising. We believe that it will do all that Jim claims that it will do. Jim has used it all his life and it has produced results.

The editor of the Columbus Tribune is having a "Hard Struggle" but what it is over we are unable to say. It may be that he has been reading Editor Taylor's insurgent editorials, which to say the least would cause most anybody to have a hard struggle to tell just when Taylor was at.

The editor of the Kearney Times is very soft hearted and of an intensely sympathetic nature. He even "Cries for Castoria" almost incessantly, while the editor of the Eagle Beacon also is troubled and wants to "Tell some sick one" all about it.

The editor of the Wahoo Wasp seems to be about the easiest individual in the whole bunch. He confesses to "Having been stung 15 years," which surely by this time must seem an old story, but being a Wasp the stinging business is a good deal in his line anyway, but if it gets serious he should "Take Salts and Castor Oil," after the fashion of the Minden Courier. We always thought there was something queer about the editorial columns of the Courier but his acknowledgement of the cause explains the whole thing. There is only one editor in the whole bunch who comes up to the standard of what the average editor ought to be and that is the editor of the Sterling Sun. He is "Looking His Best," and if he really is he ought to be happy. The editor of the Blue Springs Sentinel is the only stingy one in the whole lot. He won't "Risk even a single Penny." This may be because he has served time in the Nebraska legislature, and in that case it may be necessary to save every penny for a good many years to some in order to get even.

The editor of this paper, well, we don't like to acknowledge it, but we find that we have been taking "Chichester Pills" ever since we took charge of the publication and never knew it till a few days ago.

NEWS OF RAILROADS

Veteran Burlington Man Passes Away at Central City Nebraska.

WORKED FOR THE COMPANY 38 YEARS

Service Began With the Beginning of Lines in West

The remains of Washington Smith who died at Central City, and notice of which appeared in these columns yesterday, will arrive at this place on the late Burlington train, and will be taken to the Masonic hall of which order he is a member where it will lie in state until the hour which has been appointed for the funeral on the morrow at 10 a. m. at the Presbyterian church of which church he was a member. The services will be conducted by Rev. J. T. Baird, who was pastor of the church for many years while Mr. Smith was a member and a neighbor for over a quarter of a century.

The pall bearers for the reception of the remains on their arrival and to escort them to the lodge room where they are to lie in state are: J. C. Peterson, George Sherwood, W. C. Ramsey, Will Robertson, Fritz Fricke and George Thomas. The funeral will be under the direction of the Masonic Order, who will have charge, the A. O. U. W. of which Mr. Smith was also a member will march in the procession and have some part of the ceremonies in the laying away of one of the most progressive and loyal of Plattsmouth's former citizens. From the State Journal we clip the following relative to his death, and a brief sketch of his life:

"Washington Smith, a veteran railroad man, and at the time of his resignation from the services of the Burlington two years ago one of the oldest foremen in point of service, died here this morning at 8:30 at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. Cleve Scott. Mr. Smith was nearly seventy-four years old and his death was due to a complication of diseases. He had not been in good health for a number of years, and in April, 1908, he severed his connection with the railroad after having been in the service thirty-eight years, for thirty-three of which he was a foreman. At the time of his resignation Mr. Smith was general foreman of the Plattsmouth shops. During the last year his health has failed more rapidly, and about two months ago he was taken with an attack which kept him confined to his bed almost continuously. The body will be taken to Plattsmouth today for burial.

Washington Smith was born in New York July 31, 1838. With his father a cabinet maker, he went to live on a farm near Carbondale, Pa., making his home there until 1852. At the age of eighteen he moved to Michigan City Ind., where he worked with his father, Robert Smith, learning the cabinetmaker's trade.

In 1860, when he was twenty-four years of age, Mr. Smith engaged with the Salem & New Albany railroad, and worked for three years in station and depot building, and afterwards for two years in the company's shops in Michigan City, on coach work. Later he worked for five years or until 1870, with the Michigan Central railroad.

At that time John Chandler was master mechanic for the Burlington at Plattsmouth, the railroad having then been built about twelve miles west of that place. Mike Egan was running the engine the "Wae Eagle" on the twelve miles of track. He had brought the engine to Plattsmouth from Michigan city when it was purchased from the Michigan Central. On learning that the master mechanic needed a cabinetmaker Mr. Egan wrote for Mr. Smith to come to Plattsmouth, and in two weeks the first carpenter shop of the Burlington at Plattsmouth was in operation. This was in 1870, and in 1875 Mr. Smith was made foreman of the pattern and coach work of the Burlington. It was under his direction that the first pay car of the Burlington west of the river, No. 34, was constructed. About two years before his resignation Mr. Smith was made general foreman of the Burlington shops at Plattsmouth. He severed his connection with the company on April 1, 1908.

Mr. Smith was married July 31, 1866 in Michigan City to Miss Harriet Skinner. Four children were born to them, three of whom are living. Mr. Smith is survived by his wife, two daughters, Mrs. W. E. Coolidge of Rosalie and Mrs. J. Cleve Scott of Central City, and one son, Glenn W. Smith of Omaha.

Eddie Todd was a business visitor in the city this afternoon.

Mrs. F. M. Reasner was a guest of friends in Omaha yesterday.

Important Notice.

All persons knowing themselves to be indebted in any amount to M. Fanger are requested to call and settle at once. All persons having bills against me are requested to present same and get their money.

As is well known I am closing out my business and am anxious to close up all outstanding accounts. In the past I have never crowded any person for payment, but now it is absolutely necessary that all bills due me be paid promptly. All bills remaining unpaid when my business has been closed out will be placed in the hands of a collection agency. That means additional costs and I hope I shall not be called upon to take this means to collect what is due me.

M. Fanger.

Will Hold Family Re-union.

There is now in operation a gathering of the members of the family of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Glenn of this city. The members of whom nearly all are now present, and of whom the remainder are expected to arrive soon consist of seven boys and four girls, and are, Oscar, who with his family live at Orion, Ill., Lewis, living at Morrell, this state, Leon, at Hamburg, Iowa, Jacob and Benjamin at Gothenburg, this state, George at Superior, and Thomas, jr., at Oxford. The girls, Mrs. J. C. Weileman at Des Moines, Louise living at Gothenburg where she keeps house for her two brothers, while Misses Dora and May live with their parents in this city.

Is Visiting With Sister.

Charles Latham of Brandenville, Ill., came in this morning over the Burlington and will visit for some time with friends and relatives in the city, and will be a guest at the home of his sister, Mrs. Wm. McCauley.

Want Column

WANTED.

WANTED—Woman to do laundry work. Good wages, apply at once at Hotel Riley.

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