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And now the Dick Metcalf boom for the democratic nomination for the U. S. Senate has broken out again. It would be spoiling a good newspaper man to make a democratic statesman.

Candidates for congress up in the third district are beginning to loom up for the shoes of Mr. Latta. There are several good ones who ought to be able to make that gentleman go some and we think that most any of them can land the plum.

The name of Peter Mortensen has been suggested for the nomination for state treasurer on the republican ticket. Mr. Mortensen made a mighty good state treasurer when he was holding down the office before and the republican party could go much farther and fare a great deal worse. In fact "Uncle Peter" would so far distance any fellow that the democrats put up that he would not know he was running.

The papers this morning stated that Clyde Barnard will be a candidate for secretary of state. Good for Clyde. Mr. Barnard would make a fine officer. He has had plenty of experience in the lines which a secretary of state has to deal with and is so well acquainted over the state that his selection would mean his election without a doubt. He is at present secretary of the republican state committee and he has made good in that work just as he has made good in every thing he has undertaken.

The opposition papers are endeavoring to make great stuff out of the fact that President Taft notified the president of one of the great railroads that there would be "no indiscriminate prosecution of corporations." The democratic press would be happy to see the president do something which would throw the business interests of the country into a panic. The president is no grand stand player. He is looking to the interest of the country and will bring about the reforms needed without precipitating upon the country a panic.

It is rather amusing to pick up the World-Herald and note that it devotes a couple of columns to stuff published by the republican papers of the state which tend to make the average democrat feel that there is a future which may not be all dark. A great many of these republican papers print the stuff when in a progressive frame of mind, little thinking that they are furnishing political bullets which may be fired at their own party later on. Progression is all right but it should not extend to blundergression.

The fellows who are pinning their faith to the idea that when Roosevelt returns he will give Taft particular fits, might just as well hold their horses. The probabilities are that when he hears the inside of the Pinchot controversy, he will figure it out that the president was here in just one thing, and that is that he did not fire the gentleman sooner than he did. Col. Roosevelt has seen enough of military and political life both

to know that insubordination on the part of an inferior will not go. Pinchot's advice to his former subordinates upon his retirement for them to remember that they were serving a much greater master than the department of agriculture or the administration, is sufficient evidence that he was a trouble maker and should have had his little old head chopped off long before he did.

And now comes the investigation of the beef trust, and it is to be a thorough investigation from the bottom to the top and nation wide.

Paris is suffering from too much water. In the past she has suffered from too little. As a consequence not being used to it they don't know what to do and some of them claim it is due to the comet.

The commercial club of Lincoln has purchased a site for its new building at the north east corner of Eleventh and P streets. It is a good location on the corner of the street just across east of the Savoy hotel.

It is rumored that the Count Boni de Castellane is to take chances on another American heiress. This time it is Mabel Gerry, daughter of Commodore Gerry. Boni is taking lots of chances this time for if he doesn't walk the chalk pretty straight with Mabel, the Commodore can bombard him with an American battleship.

Governor Shellenberger has at last made up his mind that he will call no extra session of the legislature. The Governor is no fool. He knows well enough that to get that gang of incompetents together again they would put up such a job at law making that it would be good by Ashton and the democratic party in Nebraska.

Some how that announcement of Mr. Whedon that he would be a candidate for the senate this fall has not created a very great hubbub in the state. The fact of the matter is that a few people are not going to feel like taking something new that they know nothing about when they have a man already in Washington who is far above the average in the body of which he is a member.

Those fellows out at Los Angeles must be an easy bunch. It has developed that there are in that city at the present time four hundred ready made babies which have been palmed off on the easy husbands by the cute wives of that city who would rather patronize the hand-me-down stork stores than to have the real article with the name blown in the bottle. It is said that nearly every man in Los Angeles who has an infant of tender age spends most of his time examining the features of his offspring to try and discover if there is any family resemblance. The game was such an easy one to be played that one woman convinced her husband that four additions to the family at one visit of the long legged bird was according to Hoyle, and the bluff worked. Los Angeles we understand is the same as "Lost Angels," and if so it is well named.

## MORE WRONG DOPE.

In discussing the publication of the dope sent out by the M. & M. association of Omaha, the Blair Pilot after commending the course of the editor of this paper takes occasion to let loose the following information which if true might be important:

"We agree with Editor Barrows for once, anyhow. We don't like his stand-pat tendencies and can't quite understand how an intelligent man, more especially an editor in Nebraska, who has a mind and soul all his own, can possibly line up with the Cannon-Aldrich crowd unless he wants something from that crowd or is a puppet for another who wants something."

The editor of the Pilot, like some other individuals cannot understand something which do not exist. The editor of this paper is not now, never has, nor can the editor of the Pilot show that we have been an advocate of the Cannon-Aldrich crowd. Neither do we want anything from that crowd or any other crowd in a political way. If the Pilot man knew us better he would know that we are not the "puppet" of any man. As we have said time and again and now we repeat it. The man who thinks that he can dictate to us wants to try it once and he will have occasion to know that he has made a wrong diagnosis of the case.

We have been accused of being an advocate of Joe Cannon. We have also been condemned because we were not an advocate of that gentleman. The records and files of the Daily News will show repeatedly that we have said that we did not believe that Cannon should be retained as speaker. We have however said that as between Joe Cannon and a man dictated by the conglomeration of democrats, bushwhackers and insurgents which were fighting the administration of President Taft that we would cast our lot with Speaker Cannon and we now stand upon that platform. The progressive republican who believes that the reforms needed can and will be given the people by the republican party is right. That is the kind of a stand pater the editor of this paper claims to be. We believe in the administration of President Taft and we believe that any man who gets cold feet on the administration at this time is not a sound republican and should not expect republican support at the coming election.

As far as Joseph Cannon is concerned our contention is that when any man has got to that point in his political history that his retention in office is liable to menace the success of his party, that he should voluntarily retire. If he is too bull headed to see the point the point should be shown him in such a way that his retirement would be conclusive. Joseph Cannon has done great service for his party in the past, but he has got to that age where he is too blind to see and too bull headed to understand. He should therefore be retired and some other man given his place. To accomplish that end it is not necessary to begin a bushwhacking campaign on President Taft and his administration before it has fairly started and insure the election of a democratic congress.

There is such a thing as being progressive to that extent that it contracts an acute case of foolishness. There is no occasion for any man going to that extent. There has been nothing in the past history of the republican party which would give any man excuse to carry his acts so far that it might tend to place the country in the control of the democratic party. The man who does go that far is either doing so for selfish ends or would much better be over the line. We have no use whatever for a half breed politician. Be a republican or a democrat. Be one or the other, but cease sailing under false colors. If you have lost faith in your own party and want to associate with the opposition, throw off the raiment of your own party and put on that of the other. If democratic votes look better to you than republican votes, your place is in the democratic party.

At this stage of the game there are just two sides. Get on one or the other and show your colors.

## LEST WE FORGET.

The meeting held at the Parmele theatre last night for the purpose of getting the people awakened to the problems which will confront us as a city and which have been confronting us during the past years was a start in the right direction. The seed has been planted and now will the necessary moisture be applied to make it grow. The seed has been planted many times before. Not in this same way, but in the minds of every citizen of the city, but last night it was forced upon us in such a way that good ought to come from it. It is a matter of history that those with whom we mingle day by day may talk the same things which Mr. Irving talked last night, but nobody will take enough notice of it to even give them a second thought. The editor of this paper might offend the people a good investment for their money, but no one would take enough interest in it to invest a dollar. However let a stranger come to the city and make the same proposition and he will find both sides of Main street lined with men falling over themselves in their eagerness to grasp the opportunity. It was ever thus. It will ever be. The question before us now is to put into effect the things which we become convinced should be put into effect.

It needs just such men as Mr Irving who is not afraid to say what he thinks to make us wake up to our needs and the needs of the city. In our estimation he brought out no more important fact than the one of patronizing home industries and home institutions. Money taken out of the city is money gone forever. We never see it again and get no benefit from it other than in the purchase. Take a dollar and scratch a mark upon it and go to the store of one of our merchants and spend it for something you want. If you should watch the journeyings of that dollar, would see it paid to a clerk for a portion of his daily labor. It would then go to the shoe man for a pair of shoes, then to the bank for deposit, then to the shops and be paid back to the man for his work, then back to the merchant again and make the same trip over again the following week and probably return to you in some avenue of trade and you would recognize it by the mark you placed upon it. It is being done every day of the week. The dollar you received yesterday if spent in Plattsmouth is liable to pass through your hands again before the week is over in its duty of loyalty standing up for Plattsmouth and her institutions. But take that dollar to Omaha, or send it to Chicago and it is gone forever. You have got to get another somewhere to take the place of the one which was performing its duty of doing business in Plattsmouth.

Let one hundred men take their little old silver dollars and mark them and start them going next Monday morning in Plattsmouth. Could their trail be followed one would be astonished at the immense business those one hundred silver dollars would do during the week. But take them to Omaha or Chicago and set them afloat, how many of them would ever return to do business in our city. We have a population of five thousand people. On an average we spend to say the least five dollars a week. Suppose that was put in continual circulation here in this city performing the functions for which it was intended, it would mean twenty five thousand dollars in constant circulation doing its duty and enlivening trade. Send it to Omaha or Chicago, and it performs the act of enlivening business in those cities when that of our own city is deprived of its birthright.

Will the three hundred or more people who by standing on their feet last night and saying that they would cut out the pernicious habit of putting their money in circulation away from home stick to their good resolution, or will they forget it when the first opportunity presents itself to spend it where it will benefit some of the large business firms of the big cities who are sucking the life blood of thousands of towns like our own. The prosperity of Plattsmouth is your prosperity. The prosperity of her merchants means a raise in the price of your

real estate. The merchant who spends his money in Omaha for some of the things which he can buy across the street of his brother merchant should set the example for the rest and cut it out even if it does cost him a little more. Get the crowd to going to your establishment by setting them a good example. Will you do it?

## START HER UP.

There is no time like the present to begin the work suggested by the speaker at the boosters meeting this week. If we allow the time to pass by without at once taking action of some kind in the matter the first thing we know the enthusiasm will die out and we will be back to the old position. We know what we ought to do. The thing to do is to do it and do it now. There were many things said at that meeting which ought to be carried out, but we cannot expect to attend to them all at once. Certain lines should be drawn and after being drawn followed. Do not try to pull too many strings at one time. Select the line of work and then follow it to a successful termination. Get into the game. If a home run is needed to win the game let us put in the batter who stands the best chance to make that home run. If only a little bunt is needed to bring the winning tally over the plate let us have the bunt. But whatever is needed to win the game let us proceed to have that thing.

The Wahoo Wasp says that Hon. Charles H. Sloan may contest with Congressman Hinshaw for the republican nomination for congress in the Fifth district. The editor of this paper used to live in the same senatorial district with Senator Sloan. In fact we had the pleasure of supporting him for the state senate at the time he was elected the same year of the celebrated Majors-Holcomb fight for governor. We want to say right here that Charles H. Sloan is the best man in the fifth district for the office of congressman, and mean what we say. He is not a knocker, nor a kicker, but believes in the republican party and the principles it advocates, and he doesn't get cold feet on the proposition either. If we lived in the fifth district our coat would come off for Charlie Sloan and if necessary the midnight oil would burn all night.

Up in Butte the other day Carrie Nation went out on a bust the furniture crusade, having heard that there were some pictures on exhibition down in the prescribed district which would not look well in a Sunday School and she concluded to make a personal examination. The woman who run the resort concluded that Carrie should not harm the pictures and proceeded to pull the hair of the Kansas woman. Mrs. Nation is well along in years, but she swung her good right on the jaw of the woman and the game was at an end.

The Farmers & Merchants Bank of Alexandria in Thayer county closed its doors yesterday. Too many banks in a small town was the cause of the suspension.

## Prohibition in Canada.

(Detroit Journal.)  
The result of the recent election in Ontario leaves no doubt as to where that province stands on the temperance question. The "drys" have made seventy-one gains, so far as the returns have come in, and the "wets" only two. In only nineteen municipalities did the "wets" get a clear ma-

majority, fifty-four being lost to the temperance cause by the majority under the three-fifths required by law.

That the temperance people should have won a victory is not surprising, but the extent of that victory certainly is. It does not preclude total prohibition throughout Canada, however, for the French-Canadians are so strong numerically and so united in their opposition to prohibition that they could and would defeat any government that attempted it. They are in a minority, but so strong is that minority that no government could hold power without their consent. Premier Laurier did put the question of a vote of the people at a general election, and every province but Quebec declared for prohibition. But while a majority of the people of Canada—and a large majority at that—favored the total abolition of the liquor trade, even so popular a man as Sir Wilfred Laurier dared not pes it through in defiance of the wish of French Quebec. Another deterrent is the loss of revenue implied a loss which Laurier estimated at \$7,000,000. This loss would have to be made up by imposing heavier duties on imports and the people of Canada feel that the duties are fully high enough already.

These two obstacles are likely to stand in the way of prohibition in Canada for many years to come, for no government could face the storm and Eve. The support of the "drys" is not by any means as united and consistent as is the opposition of the "wets."

## THE TERRIFYING BARBER.

Do You Tremble When You see Him Glare at You.

Have you ever been frightened when you were young and bashful, by the choice of men put up to you in the barber shop? Some people are, according to one of the profession. He was asked why they all stand by their chairs with an anxious don't-you-dare-come-and-sit-here look when you walk into the shop. "I guess we stand like that," the chin artist said as he dropped his victim into a position of vigilant repose, "because it looks more dignified than bowing or waving our arms or doing a buck dance to attract the customer's attention. Don't want to scare him any more than is necessary. Besides, we all take even chances. It's against the rules of the union to wink at a customer or give any other sign of superior breeding." "Scared Why sure! Some of them are scared enough to sit down on the first chair with their hats on and ask for a haircut. A country lad with a six month's invisible cotton wool growth on his chin came in here one day. We were all lined up in three seconds, ten of us. And that fellow took a seat on the waiting list and gazed into his empty hat like a bashful girl expecting to be asked for her first dance.

"Yes, it makes some folks nervous, I reckon, to have to choose a cigar even, and of course we're all liable to catch his eye at once. There was one man came in the other day looking as if he'd committed some unpleasant crime.

"He gave a look round the room and was saved from a nervous breakdown by the porter taking his hat and coat and collar and tie, one after the other. Then he looked round again and took his vest off for a tonic, wound up his watch and heavens knows what he wouldn't have taken off if the porter hadn't slipped him quick into my chair.

"How do men choose their barber Well, there seems to be just one rule. It goes by weight, I guess, or height. A man most always'll take the chair the slimmest man is standing by. Ever see a fat barber Sure, plenty of first-raters but never popular. Customers like a man who can lean over and shave the other side without walking round. Don't like the notion of the comfortable fellow who can rest his elbow on his stomach in between his walking tours round the patient. Most popular assistant I ever had was double jointed. Face massage?"

Mrs. George Dalton, living across the bridge who has been quite sick is reported somewhat better at this time.

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