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Local Items
(From Tuesday's Daily)

A. L. Thacker of Union was in town this morning going up to Omaha for the day on business.

Gus Olson was a passenger on No. 15 this morning going up to Omaha this morning on business.

L. F. Sallee bought a ticket this morning reading for Omaha where he went on a short sojourn.

Edward Kuepper was an Omaha traveler to the metropolis this morning going up on No. 15 for the day.

C. R. Jordan of Alvo was a business visitor in the city yesterday being a guest at one of the leading hotels.

Frank Slavicek boarded a Burlington train this morning headed for Lincoln where he went on a day's business mission.

W. Gallup was in the city yesterday on his weekly trip down from Omaha. Mr. Gallup let this morning to continue his musical work at Omaha.

Mrs. Virginia McVicker is taking the place of Miss Gertrude Beeson at the county judge's office during the latter's visit at her brother's ranch in the western part of the state.

C. E. Zoll manager of the Napanee company, which is playing at the Majestic this week, went up to Omaha this morning to look after some matters of business connected with the company.

Mrs. C. I. Frans and daughter of Union were in the city a short while this morning on their way to Glenwood where they will make a few days visit with friends. They departed this morning on the 7:45 train.

H. M. Donat and family are leaving today to make their home in Omaha. Mr. Donat's goods were shipped yesterday and he went up to the city this morning. Mrs. Donat remained with her friends in town until afternoon when she left for Omaha.

F. H. Young of Broken Bow was in the city last night, leaving this morning for Omaha. Mr. Young is president of the Masonic home and was in town concerning the home in this city. He seemed well pleased with the management and the work of the institution here.

Mrs. George Dodge and Theres Hemple left this morning for Fremont where they will attend a Degree of Honor convention to which they were elected delegates by the local lodge. The meeting is to be held three days and the Plattsmouth people will return to their homes either Thursday night or Friday morning.

Methodist Bazaar.
The Methodist ladies will hold their annual bazaar on May 6th and 7th and will have on sale a nice line of flowers, aprons and fancy work.

Comet Was Plain
Mr. Halley's stray comet is reported to be seen with ease now, during the early hours of the morning, but it is some time before the chickens rise. The night operator at the Burlington depot fastened his optics on it for a while this morning and says it was the brightest it has been yet. The rain of yesterday has cleared the atmosphere and the wanderer showed up very brilliant. It is first visible about three thirty and after four o'clock it grows steadily dimmer on account of the approach of day. At five o'clock it can still be seen but it cannot be recognized at that hour as more than a very faint star. The comet does not appear as large as the morning star and has but a short tail. And still it is hardly worth two or three hours sleep to see.

WASHINGTON LETTER

WASHINGTON, May 3, (Special).—President Taft "put one over" on the politicians the other day, when he nominated Gov. Charles F. Hughes of New York to a place on the Supreme court bench vice David J. Brewer deceased and showed by this appointment that he proposed to keep the court of last resort up to the high standard which has characterized that body since its creation. Throughout the country the appointment of Governor Hughes has been received with the highest commendation, democrats as well as republicans felicitating the President's recommendation.

There are those who see in Gov. Hughes' appointment a clever politi-

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cal move to place the control of the republican party in the hands of Col. Theodore Roosevelt and Senator Root, some of the newspapers going so far as to predict the election of the ex-president to the Senate from New York as a colleague of Senator Elihu Root, but there are no apparent facts to bear out this suggestion.

One thing is certain, Justice Hughes will be an acquisition to the Court and be of material assistance to the President strengthening his hands in so far as the legislation demanded by him goes. It is a ten strike and the politicians realize now that they have a man in the White House who can play politics to a fine point when occasion demands, particularly when it comes to strengthen the personnel of the greatest court in the world.

From all over the United States complaints are pouring into Washington over the action of Secretary Nagel in ordering the stoppage of the publication of the Daily Consular report. For several years the Bureau of Manufactures of the Dept. of Commerce and Labor has published daily information from American Consulates throughout the world which are of particular interest to commercial United States. The particular points of interest were brief paragraphs under the head of Trade Reports in which the Bureau pointed out chances for the introduction of American goods of every conceivable character into every corner of the earth. This information was eagerly sought by manufacturers, who, when interested lost no opportunity in availing themselves of the details, willingly furnished at all times by the Bureau, and now that these daily reports are cut off, the manufacturers miss them as they never would have done if they had not been educated to expecting the information Secretary Nagel will be asked to restore this publication, which, while very insignificant in appearance is looked upon by one class of American citizens as one of the most valuable publications that has ever been produced.

Never before in the history of the

Senate Commerce Committee has there been two minority reports presented to a River and Harbor bill as were filed to the bill now in conference and which passed the Senate a few days ago. The views of Senator Newlands were general in character. They did not attack the make-up of the bill in any particular nor object to the appropriations covered by the bill but the senior senator from Nevada insisted that the President should be given the power to perfect the organization of the water ways service by authorizing to add to the Engineer Corps of the Army the effective aid of a board or commission composed of eminent engineers, and transportation experts who, in coordination with the Engineer Corps will initiate broad and comprehensive plans for the development of the waterways, and recommend legislation upon the related questions of foreign and domestic commerce, irrigation, forestry, swamp- tion, clarification of streams and such other subjects as come under this general head.

The views of Senator Burton on the other hand, were critical, to a degree. Without mincing words Ohio's junior Senator said that the most glaring defect of the bill was the dribbling "policy" of making appropriations for a multitude of improvements without provision for completion.

The Senator's strictures on the measure, which he emphasized in his two day's speech in the Senate is still the wonderment of his colleagues and his opposition to certain features of the measures wholly incomprehensible.

According to Senator Nelson who with Senator Elkins and Senator Martin, compose the conference committee on the part of the senate, an agreement should be reached with the House Committee of Conference, Chairman Alexander of New York, George P. Lawrence of Massachusetts, and Stephen M. Sparkman of Florida, within a fortnight and when the report of the conferees is adopted and the bill as perfected passed, there is no doubt but that it will receive the signature of President Taft.

DANGER IN POLICE METHODS

Hypnotism and the "Third Degree" Seem Hardly Compatible With Justice.

No competent exponent of hypnotism today believes that a person is inevitably obliged to execute all hypnotic commands given him. And while some still cling to the idea that hypnotic crimes are possible, the consensus of scientific opinion is that no person who would not in his normal state perpetrate the crime suggested would perpetrate it if hypnotized.

It is equally certain, though, that under hypnotic influence people are liable to accuse themselves of crimes they have not committed. This is a real danger which ought to be carefully guarded against in courts of justice. There is reason to believe that many "police confessions" extorted from accused persons by the processes of the so-called "third degree" and afterward found to be untrue are made in a hypnotic state. The persistent questioning of the prisoner by the police, their pitiless insistence that "he is guilty and knows he is guilty," may develop in him that peculiar hysterical condition in which, as has already been said, he may become spontaneously hypnotized by an unexpected noise or the sudden flashing of a light.—Woman's Home Companion.

Chinese Respect for Newspapers.
Two years ago the Peking "Gazette" celebrated its millenary. Originally it appeared at intervals and in a very rudimentary form. To-day it is modern, its diurnal publication being three editions. Great changes have been made in fifty years, and since the Boxer rebellion the number and boldness of the newspapers have increased. There are seven different styles of writing, viz., the ancient, the literary, the flowery, the common, the "demi-vulgaire," the familiar and the epistolary. The papers for the people are printed in the common style and some have adopted the new alphabet sanctioned by the government. Greater reverence is shown to the press in China than in other countries. Old papers are never put to base uses; they are collected and burned in the pagodas. The Chinaman believes the profanation of newspapers is followed by blindness.