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Several sharp peals of thunder during the early hours of the morning today made many people think the comet was striking the earth for sure, and they were somewhat surprised to wake up and find themselves alive in daylight.

And now it is said that the figures make the money in circulation in the United States \$34.87 per capita. Have you your share? We have the 87 cents all right and if luck holds good the balance will be in our pocket in time to meet the demands made upon us when the cold blasts of winter whistle through our gauze underwear.

The Omaha Bee complains that the intelligent and knowledge seeking people of Omaha are not up to the good things brought to their doors as instance the small attendance at the Shackleton lecture. The Bee says that if some fakir like Dr. Cook or some muckraker should announce a lecture the auditorium would be filled to overflowing. And all that at Omaha, the city of culture. Too bad.

People can now sleep in perfect peace. Scientists have announced that the great comet will have no effect upon the earth as its tail will not get closer than forty five miles. The people who have been proclaiming that the comet would frisk its tail around like a cow after a horse fly and would knock this old world into kingdom come, simply did not know what they were talking about. We had always understood that the comet and especially its caudal appendage was a pretty warm article, yet as it approaches us the weather gets so cold that it would indicate that Mr. Halley and his comet were nothing more than the ice man coming with his wagon.

Information has just been received by our operator in charge of our special wire that during the big wind some time ago a copy of the Omaha World-Herald was blown into the pilot house of the great comet. Mr. Halley picked it up and reading an account of the manner in which the insurgents in Congress side tracked their much advertised stunt of putting Uncle Joe Cannon off the political earth, concluded that this was not a propitious time to hit old Mother Earth and swinging the steering wheel around a few points he made calculations on missing us by about forty-five miles. So after all the country will have to admit that it is under obligations to the World Herald and also the insurgents.

As time progresses it is evident the insurgents in congress do not. Having repeatedly announced that they were not fighting President Taft but that they were ready at all times to assist him in carrying out the policies of the administration, they have placed themselves on record time and again as the greatest wind jammers the world has ever known. If Phineas T. Barnum, the greatest showman in history was now on earth and looking for "humbugs" a line of attractions which he would be delighted to carry, he certainly would smile in satisfaction whenever his eye would gaze upon the so called progressives who now pose as the saviors of the nation. They have made a record which can not be surpassed. They have pulled off a stunt unparalleled in the annals of history. They have advertised a big show and produced a bum one, and the people have paid their money at the ticket window and passed into the tent and witnessed the performance and have come out fully satisfied that it is the only show on earth. Instead of seeing the great attractions advertised they have attended a cheap hypnotic performance and have been put under the influence of the "pro-

fessors" and after they have "come out of it" it will be too late to discover the flimsy article put up under a cover of the real thing.

Congressman Hinshaw of the Fourth district says that he has had enough of public life and refuses to become a candidate for the governorship of Nebraska.

A shrewd old grafter, a voodoo doctor of Port Au Prince, Hayti, is making and selling comet pills at a wholesale rate. The pills are supposed to insure the taker against harm from the comet. That old doctor should come to this country where there are more people who are willing to be fooled than in any other part of the world.

The two senators from Nebraska showed their good judgment in joining with the regulars in the passage of the railroad bill. This bill was not the best on earth possibly, but it was the best that could be secured at this time. It is a starter for better things and the insurgent senators who would not play unless the whole bunch would play their game have not made themselves any friends in their joining hands with the democrats for the passage of the bill.

Dr. Hyde, the Kansas City physician who has been on trial for poisoning Col. Swope, was declared guilty by the jury after three days deliberation. One of the jurors said that he was influenced to vote for conviction by Hyde's demeanor on the witness stand. It don't pay to be too flippant or too ignorant when your liberty is in the hands of others. Hyde will have reason to remember this in the years to come whether a superior court gives him another trial and he ultimately secures his liberty or whether he serves the rest of his life in prison.

The Omaha Bee says: "The women and children who prayed while men fought prairie fires in Northern Minnesota evidently believed with Paul that faith without work is dead." Yes they prayed and so would the Bee editor if he had passed through some of the experiences of the Minnesota people. The writer has seen the Minnesota people tried by fire and he has seen fires in Minnesota that would try the nerve of any people whether they live in Minnesota or Omaha. He has seen the people of Minnesota when hundreds of them lost their lives (the Hinkley fire) work like the heroes of old to save their own lives, the lives of strangers and the lives of relatives. He has seen them get down and pray, and God pity them, they had good and sufficient reason to pray. He has seen those same Minnesota people gather to their arms what was left of their families and take their personal belongings and start in anew never discouraged, but ever willing to be up and doing. It is the Minnesota spirit whether it is in prayer or in work and it is that spirit which makes Minnesota one of the very best states in the union. A Minnesota timber fire would make any man pray.

The poor, deluded foolish county commissioners of Otoe county who thought they could keep Mr. Bryan from making a speech in Nebraska City by refusing him the use of the court house, were simply playing into the hands of the enemy. Their action was the very best advertisement Mr. Bryan could have asked for, and as a result when that gentleman struck the town Monday he was met by a large crowd and a brass band and escorted to the opera house. The house was filled to overflowing and hundreds of people could not gain admittance. Large delegations from other towns came to hear him and take it all around it was a great demonstration which will not tend

to lend popularity to the administration of the board of county commissioners.

Billy Bryan warped it to the party of the great unwashed, at Omaha last night in a speech replete with telling and sledge hammer blows when he roared to a turn that part of the democracy opposed to the issues advocated by the "beerless leader."

Uncle Joe Cannon and Battling Nelson met yesterday and put up their dukes for a few preliminary rounds but the contest was stopped by Battling backing away, and remarking that "I knew he was there on the training. You can't fool me about telling when a boy is in training." Uncle Joe is always ready for anything from an insurgent to a pugilist.

## OVERPLAYING THE GAME.

The straightforward statement of President Taft detailing all the steps in the preparation of the letter exonerating Secretary Ballenger from the original Glavis charges will be accepted as complete refutation of the insinuations of the trouble breeders that the president was either imposed on or sought to shield his cabinet officers by imposing on the public. Whatever drafts may have been prepared by others at his request, the letter of exoneration was his, more, even than are the instructions of a judge made up after going over the forms submitted by the attorneys in the case.

It is, however, to be regretted that the president's action should be dragged into the case to such an extent as to call for this statement from him, although that is palpably what the so-called prosecution has been all along aiming at. The feature of the Ballenger-Pinchot dispute that has divided the department officials and subordinates into two hostile camps, incited breaches of trust and insubordination, betokens demoralization and disorganization that will make a thorough overhauling eventually necessary if efficiency and discipline is to be restored. The fishing expedition that has dragged clerks and stenographers to question the motive of their superiors and to try to surround ordinary transactions with suspicious circumstances drawn from their imaginations destroys their usefulness as public servants. There is such a thing as overplaying the political game and if these tactics designed to besmirch him do not produce a reaction in favor of the president we will be greatly surprised.—Bee.

## AWKWARD.

In coming to Omaha to tell how democratic legislators are betraying the people by opposing his initiative and referendum plan, Mr. Bryan is in an awkward position.

The triad and arch-traitors heading his list are the three democratic state senators from Douglas county, who have committed lese majeste by refusing to take orders from Fairview. No one disputes the fact that these senators are and have for years been notorious corporation cappers, two of them with previous malodorous legislative records. But notwithstanding all that, Mr. Bryan during their last campaign came here and pleaded for votes for these three disreputables simply because they had been nominated on the same democratic ticket that carried his own presidential electors.

Does Mr. Bryan know anything about this delectable trio of which he was not fully advised three years ago when he championed their cause and went good for them?

What have they done since they were elected to the legislature the last time, that they were not expected to do?

Is it not a fact that they were slated for nomination by Mr. Bryan's political managers for the express purpose of getting the corporation and brewery vote for the democratic ticket, without which Mr. Bryan would not have even the empty honor of carrying his own state.

The cards in the democratic deck are said to be stacked for the renomination this year of several members of the discredited Douglas delegation which disgraced us in the last delegation.

Will Mr. Bryan ask democrats to vote for or against them if they are nominated?

Or will he again shut his eyes and hold his nose, and repeat his appeals to "vote'er straight!"—Bee.

## Barrows to Fairbury.

Former editor of the News Pel A. Barrows, departed yesterday afternoon for Fairbury, Nebraska, where he will take complete charge of the Fairbury Gazette. Mr. Barrows will store his household goods in this city for the present for yesterday he received word that on account of ill

health, his wife would be unable to return from Idaho for some time. Mr. Barrows was a thorough gentleman, a capable editor, a staunch standpatter, and a man whom the News regrets exceedingly to lose. They wish him all kinds of good luck with his Gazette and only hope that he may be as well liked in Fairbury as he was in Plattsmouth. N. B. "Ducky" the pug is still holding down her chair at the office, but she expects to join him later.

## Makes Garnishee.

A garnishee was made this morning on the wages of Miss Helen Foster, one of the force of the Smith shirt factory. Last summer while in Iowa, Miss Foster ran up a bill amounting to about \$28 at the store of F. G. Day at Glenwood. The amount was never paid and two weeks ago the merchant sued the young lady who was then working at the local factory. She agreed to pay a certain amount each week, but the money has failed to reach Mr. Day. Today she quit her job and went to Omaha to look up a position. When she returns to draw her wages at the factory, she will find the papers hanging over the small amount and the hand of the law taking its course.

## (From Wednesday's Daily)

H. H. Reed a widely known auctioneer of Blair is in town to conduct the auction sale at Larkin's store.

Mrs. D. B. Ebersole is reported to be in a very serious condition and has been confined to her home for some time.

Dr. F. L. Cummins is in Omaha today attending to a number of small business matters.

Robert W. Sherwood was a traveler bound for Omaha today on the popular morning train.

Haywood Eledge of Council Bluffs arrived in town yesterday for a brief stay with his mother, Mrs. J. B. Higley.

Misses Helen Foster and Josephine



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## Baking Powder

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Vallery were passengers on No. 15 this morning going up to Omaha for a day's outing.

Mrs. F. R. Barnhart left on an early train today for Pacific Junction where she intended to spend a few days with her daughter Mrs. E. E. Monroe at that place.

Misses Katherine, Maggie and Mary Kaffenberger constituted a trio that made Omaha its destination today, going up on the eight fifteen train this morning.

Rev. Dr. H. B. Burgess left this morning for Omaha to attend the annual council of the Episcopal church which is holding session three days of this week at the metropolis.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Hazelbaker of Lincoln have been in the city a short time as guests of Frank Ramsey.

They returned to their home town this morning on one of the early trains.

Mrs. C. H. Campbell of Columbus, Neb., who has been here since Sunday visiting with Mrs. J. W. Larkin left for her home yesterday afternoon accompanied by Mrs. Larkin's daughter, Mildred Rogers.

Mrs. J. F. Clugey went up to the state metropolis this morning to spend the day with her husband who has charge of some contract grading work on the Missouri Pacific right of way near the city limits.

Grandmother A. H. Knee is suffering from a badly sprained wrist which she received Sunday afternoon in a fall while attending her flock of chickens. Mrs. Knee has been very unfortunate of late in meeting with accidents and misfortunes and this seems to be another streak of her bad luck.

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