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To avoid brainfag—don't try to estimate the respective strength of To-go's and Rojstvenky's fleets until after the fight.

MR. GATES will now join the school of experienced financiers who maintain that it is as difficult to corner the wheat market as to square the circle.

ANDREW CARNEGIE has once more exhibited the real elements of real greatness. He positively refused to make a fool of himself because his niece determined to marry the hired man.

The managers of state railroads who are seen to assemble in Washington in conference with the railway managers of this country will do well to provide themselves in advance with moral antiseptics.

CHICAGO is learning that the word "immediately," as applied to municipal ownership of street railways must be construed like "at once" when used in connection with the connection with the Panama canal.

ELIHU ROOT is trying to save the municipal railways of New York City from the necessity of paying \$25,000,000 taxes justly due under a state law which passed at the behest of Theodore Roosevelt, when he was governor of New York.

It was impossible to beat Roosevelt for the presidency because he was so democratic that he split the democratic vote. To insure a real democratic victory the republicans should nominate a real republican like Charles Warren Fairbanks.

A CERTAIN republican in Plattsmouth is so badly afflicted with the congressional itch that he can't keep from scratching the palms of his hands every time he thinks what a "bright light" he would be in the halls of congress. O, dear!

The anti-saloon league is about to make a special effort to eliminate drunkenness and fireworks on the Nation's birthday, July 4. If the league will add oratory to the list of evils to be eliminated it will gain the support of thousands of "long suffering citizens."

The apathy existing in republican circles is worrying the Lincoln Journal considerably. It will be worried even more yet, after the nomination for congressman at Falls City. If they don't have a happy time at that convention we miss our guess. With about fifteen or sixteen candidates in the field, matters are bound to wax warm with the republicans of the First district.

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On the same kind of a platform as that upon which Mr. Berge ran for governor last fall, we believe he would prove a winner.

In one of his Texas speeches the president declared that could the men of the south and the men of the north meet and mingle they would become fast friends and there would no longer be sectional differences. In this the president is doubtless correct. Experience has demonstrated the fact time and again. Incidentally, it is also a fact that whenever a northern man makes his residence in the south, even for a short time, he becomes as thoroughly imbued with the impossibility of negro domination as the southerner, sometimes more so. At least, he has less patience and less compassion for the negro than has his southern neighbor. Had President Roosevelt promised to permit the southerner to solve the race problem without interference from Washington, and without attempted dictation from the republican party he could have safely have prophesied that from that date on nothing more would have been heard of the north and the south as sectional opponents. However, the president will doubtless learn much from his southern trips and the leaders of both parties have already learned a great deal. It was a noteworthy fact that Senator Daniels of Virginia, the senator selected to pronounce eulogy on the late Senator Hoar at the latter's home in Worcester, Massachusetts the other day, and that the senator, who has not only a southern home, but is a loyal southerner and a democrat, but who fought for confederacy, delivered a beautiful eulogy to the statesman who had voted with his party, irrespectively of his convictions.

Public Opinion.

Wisconsin and Indiana have followed Nebraska and cut out the cigarette. This is a hard blow at the undertakers.—Fremont Herald.

It is announced that the railroads have reduced the coal rates twenty-five cents per ton to Nebraska and Kansas points. But if we remember rightly that still leaves seventy-five cents coming our way from the dollar raise in rates made a year and a half ago.—Kearney Hub.

There is widespread evidence that the people of Nebraska are becoming more tender in conscience over the matter of railroad passes. The press of city and village has joined in the chorus of protest, and several papers have announced their determination to support no man for the legislature who will not pledge himself to refuse all railroad passes. If a majority of the state papers should follow this example, it would quickly put a stop to the practice.—Seward Blade.

Let's just keep tally and see how many men will be sent to the insane asylum from this county. According to the new law any man found guilty when charged with the drink habit can be sent to the insane asylum for treatment, where he must remain until cured.—Auburn Granger.

Some saloon men of Omaha have organized what they call a "Personal Liberty League," for the purpose of trying to loosen things up a bit in Omaha. They claim that Omaha is becoming a regular "Sunday school town." Verily, if Omaha is a Sunday school town, where will you go to find the other kind?—Schuyler Sun.

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It is persistently rumored that Mr. Frank Reavis will ask for the Richardson county delegation to the congressional convention. The rumor further says that Mr. Reavis has a good chance to receive the nomination. This is due to a tie-up of the river counties against Lancaster. The fact that the latter county is hopelessly divided on account of her numerous candidates makes the scheme very likely to be successful.—Falls City News.

The republican leaders are preparing to give their editors the marble heart at the next state convention. It is a self-evident fact that there will be fewer editors in the next republican state convention than for many years. The boys know too much, so they'll have to stay at home.—Stanton Register.

The Lincoln Journal has a grievance, and it is because the people have tired of politics and take no interest in the approaching congressional convention. It complains because the people of Lancaster have nothing to say about the primaries that will be held within the next two weeks, and with the exception of a district or two will let the primaries go by default. The same conditions exist down here. In the republican camp no one is paying any attention to the coming convention. William Hayward will be permitted to name his delegates, and it is doubtful if there will be a constitutional number present at the convention. The rank and file of the republicans are tired of following their leaders blindly and when it comes to voting a different story will be told. That is the cause of the republican apathy.—Nebraska City News.

The Nebraska legislature is not in session. And it may be safe to print in Nebraska the details of the bill that is now under consideration in the New York legislature for the suppression of pernicious newspaper activity. Alarmed by the publicity which the press has been giving to their affairs, certain interests are attempting to enact a provision forbidding monthly, weekly, tri-weekly, or quarterly newspapers or magazines from printing any reports concerning the condition of any life or fire insurance company, bank or trust company, unless such publication has a paid up capital of at least two hundred thousand dollars, and an extra deposit of two hundred thousand more with the state insurance department. In addition, it is necessary to get permission from the state insurance department to print any such matter. Such a law, presumably, would give the high financiers a chance to operate under cover of darkness, and prevent any such embarrassing disclosures as have troubled the Equitable Life of late. Had the late Nebraska legislature understood the possibilities of anti-newspaper legislation, a law might have been passed requiring the country editor to have a capital of fifty thousand dollars, a cash deposit of fifty thousand more with the state treasurer, and a permit from the head

of the railroad lobby, before being allowed to discuss the legislature, railroad passes, or the lobby. Such a law would have saved some of the members and lobbyists a world of embarrassment.—Lincoln Journal.

Judge Amos M. Thayer.

Death's ending of Judge Thayer's exemplary career brings profound sorrow and wide regret. On his personal side he had a large attraction for friendship and a firm retention of friends; a man of many and strong ties. He was one of the best loved men among the fine personnel of the Federal bench.

Professionally, he was one of the highest products of which the American legal system is capable. His natural endowments were of a rare order, and a broad thoroughgoing experience in both the law and general affairs developed a judicial capacity in him not often equaled. Judge Thayer's opinions exhibited a deep learning and a ready familiarity with all the literature of the law, yet without that mechanical bookishness which comes to be barren pedantry; and are principally characterized by that fine common-sense philosophy and knowledge of human concerns which when they are manifest in the practical application of the law to daily affairs constitute a judge's greatest value to society.

These qualities are conspicuously present in his last great decision, which has been applauded by the bench and bar, in the Northern Securities case. No litigation in recent years had aroused such wide and tense interest, involving as it did the validity of the Sherman anti-trust law at a time when the anti-trust issue was uppermost in the country. By his decision Judge Thayer struck a blow at the threatened consolidation of the large railways of the United States, which would have been possible and which would have probably been consummated had the Northern roads been permitted to merge. Professionally and publicly, Judge Thayer will perhaps be most remembered for this decision.

He will be remembered in private life for those eminent, large, kindly virtues which are the best and most lasting accompaniment of genuine greatness and which are more to be desired than even the fame which endures for centuries.

A Few Solid Facts.

Corn, cattle and hogs are the three great sources of wealth of Nebraska and of the West, and these are all controlled at the buying and selling by the Beef Trust. Hundreds of shippers and farmers are ruined every year by the constant juggling of the market by the Trust. When the price of cattle or hogs is high any day at the stock markets the shipments are always few and when the shipments are large the price is always low. Why? Because the people of the Beef Trust know when every car of cattle starts upon its destination, and make their prices accordingly. The only reason the price is ever high is to deceive the shippers into thinking that there is really more on the market. There is but one market and the shipper may take his stock to St. Louis, Chicago, Omaha, Kansas City or St. Joseph, and he may be surprised to find that the price is the same. He can sell at the price offered or he can ship his stuff home at a great loss, only to find that the market shows no upward tendency. The price would remain the same every day of the year only the trust must be careful that it does not altogether discourage the stock raisers and force them out of the business. Maybe after a while when the Trusts have begun land grabbing they will attempt to raise there own stock and monopolize the entire stock business from raising to packing. The Trust most completely pulled the wool over the eyes of the government inspector when he made his farcical inspection of the workings of his gigantic swindle. The remedy for this great evil is to abolish the commission houses and either let the shipper sell direct to the packer or to the open markets of the world. As long as all the cattle or hogs must go to one market and the shippers must submit to the holdup the commission men just so long will the greatest sources of the wealth of the State of Nebraska and of the West of restricted and in danger of total elimination.

DAVID BENNET HILL and Henry Gassoway Davis are reported to be leading the simple life.

LEE HERDMAN, in an interview with the Lincoln News thinks that W. J. Bryan should be the democratic candidate for governor next year. This is a very wise suggestion on the part of Mr. Herdman, and if he can only be induced to make the race, he would sweep the state on his up-to-date platform. But Mr. Bryan is too big a man to run for governor of Nebraska, but then the people would delight in seeing him chief executive of the state.

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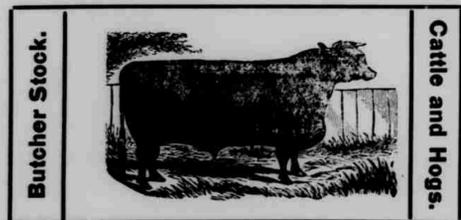
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