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SECRETARY LOOMIS and Minister Bowen have both proved the impropriety of their retention in the diplomatic service.

Two elections, when one would have answered the purpose, is what the First congressional district is blessed with this year.

NORWAY should not despair because of her inability to draw a king. Let her be a tidy little republic a la Switzerland.

It is to be hoped that Secretary Taft will not conceive it his duty to continue sitting on the lid when the peace envoys come to sit in Washington or Milwaukee.

If Miss Mae Wood would escape the oblivion which has settled down on Mrs. Cassie Chadwick and Nan Patterson she must take another step in that suit against Secretary Loeb.

We would like to say a few words apropos of Russia's new parliament but we will have to get a new font of type intelligently to discuss the Gosudarstvennaia Duma and the Gosudarstvennaia Sovet.

FRANCIS W. BROWN may not be elected; but he will reduce the republican majority considerably. The voters should not lose the opportunity of securing a good, live, level-headed congressman.

UNITED STATES TREASURER ROBERTS, discussing the \$20,000,000 deficit recently appealed for a larger navy. The recent object lesson in the sea of Japan will teach the importance of an effective navy.

EVERY business man in Plattsmouth should join the Mayor and city council in making the Anniversary celebration a hummer. It will bring many an old resident here to view the scenes of childhood.

Nor content with squandering the people's money in various ways unnecessarily, Mickey is now responsible for the special election for congressman, when it could have taken place at the general November election.

EVERYONE, republicans and democrats alike, who know Francis W. Brown, has a good word to say for him as an excellent business man, a social gentleman and a man with sufficient ability to represent the First district as it should be represented.

A JOURNAL representative went down to Nebraska City yesterday to attend a meeting of the congressional committee and hear Mayor Brown's speech of acceptance. It is an excellent document and shows very conclusively where our candidate stands upon the issues that now confront the people. The speech will be found in full in this issue.

WHAT cares Mickey, or the entire state administration, for that matter, when it comes to squandering the people's money? The special election for congressman in the First district, is an expense to the taxpayers which could have been avoided.

THE people will certainly get enough after while of the republican party squandering money so uselessly. Why did Mickey call this special election, anyway? Is the state blessed with so much surplus that Mickey don't know what to do with it?

THE president has just appointed "Dr. Bedloe" to a \$5,000 a year position as financial agent representing this country abroad. Is this "High treason Bedloe" of Spanish war fame, the man who granted American register to a private ship conveying munitions of war to Aguinaldo? Surely this cannot be.

JOHN BARRET seems to have lost his knack of Johnbarretizing the press.

LET everyone whoop it up for the anniversary celebration on the 4th of September—Labor Day.

THE boys who are in office will govern themselves according to the decision of the supreme court.

SOME of our exchanges refer to "A. B. Parker, a New York attorney." Where have we heard that name before?

MAYOR GERING has gone to work with a will that means something in the way of making the anniversary celebration a success.

OFFICIALS at Washington estimate that the deficit in the post office department for the year ending June 30th, will reach \$15,000,000.

THE Russians may devote themselves to extracting consolation from the assurance that "Those the Lord Loveth He Chastizeth."

THE poor old News is so angry that the editor will hardly speak a pleasant word to his friends "as they pass by". He simply grunts.

It is all very well to make fun of "Uncle Tom" Davis but he has at least disproved the Osler theory and defeated an objectionable republican besides.

FRANCIS W. BROWN, the people's candidate for congress is a man who says what he means, and means what he says. He is altogether different from Pollard in this respect.

THE Journal hears nothing but praise for Mayor Brown's splendid address at Nebraska City. The people can depend upon every word says he and every promise he makes.

WHEN the Evening Journal gets fairly started we will endeavor to give the "parlor editor" of the News plenty to do. He won't have time to count his chickens and find fault with the Journal.

THE Civic Federation of Chicago in passing resolutions against the municipal ownership or operation of public utilities gives evidence of a realization that it is a condition and not a theory that confronts the city.

THE Milwaukee bank president who is a convict in the United States prison at Leavenworth has been assigned to duty as a time-keeper. He will have many opportunities to speculate on the hours and minutes.

THE only way Pollard is able to get anybody out to hear him is to make his appointments in the county seat towns on Saturday. He knows that a crowd always comes to these towns anyway on that day, and thus takes advantage of it to get a crowd to listen to him.

PLATTSMOUTH was laid out for a town fifty years ago, and our city contemplates celebrating the event on the 4th day of September—Labor Day. Let everyone join hands with the Mayor and council in making the day one long to be remembered.

THERE is not a democratic official in the court house but what can be re-elected if he wants to, therefore none of them were worried very much over the decision of the supreme court. There records are well known to the honest voters of Cass county, and they are the ones who elect the officials.

THE removal of the state capital from Lincoln is being agitated, and Kearney, Grand Island, Hastings, Columbus, and a score or two of others are all putting in their claims for its location. Don't get excited gentlemen, wait a half a century at least before the capital will be moved from Lincoln.

WHEN the people learn to elect men with sufficient sense to know the laws of the state in which he resides, there will be less bubbles in the affairs of the state than Mickey has made since his incumbency. If the special election should now prove illegal nobody will be to blame but Mickey and Attorney General Brown.

## More Patriotism Than Fireworks.

The fourth of July was not established as a holiday for foolishness, murder and conflagration; but as an occasion whereupon the people might show their sense and fitness for the enjoyment of liberty, peace and prosperity. Let's be thoroughly American and have a sensible Fourth of July.

Let us have more patriotism than fireworks, more happiness in life than trouble over injuries and sorrow over death. The day can be celebrated with true American spirit in typical American fashion without noise, bloodshed and fire. There is no necessity of repeating or imitating the Revolutionary war. American enthusiasm need not express itself in heartrending accidents and in nervous shocks which give trouble to women and children for months afterwards.

In recent years the number of accidents has been decreased by a more orderly and a more American celebration. And the people have discovered that it is possible to have pleasure without racket and danger. The new manner of celebrating the Fourth is in keeping with the sentiment of the occasion and with American ideals.

Above all, firearms should be excluded and every dangerous instrument or device discarded. It is even advisable that fireworks should be used but very little. Every chance of accident or fire should be eliminated.

Let us unite toward having a quiet, sensible, patriotic Fourth of July. Let us be happy with security against mishaps. Let us take no risks against life or property. Let us be American in our methods of celebrating the Fourth. Then it will be a really happy and typical holiday.

MR. POLLARD outlined his views before a convention of postmasters last week, in which he declared that he stands for all the reforms the people are now clamoring for. He is especially with the president in his fight for railroad rates, so he says. But then Mr. Pollard made promises to certain people in this city during the progress of the congressional fight, which he failed to redeem, and it can hardly be expected that he will keep his word in matters of deep import to railroads, and were he to do so will have a tendency to check the republicity of the corporations. Pollard, is tooth and toenail a corporation tool, and will violate any pledge when it suits the purpose of corporations to do so. That is the reason the corporations are not concerned about his recent declarations.—Falls City Journal.

THE cute trick that the Journal adopted to have Pollard secure the instructions from this county is worrying some of the republican papers. They fail to give Judge Chapman his share of the credit. The fact is, the Journal knowing Pollard's weakness pursued the course it did, and it worked admirably. But we seriously object to taking all the credit when Judge Chapman did as much or more than the Journal did in this direction.

DURING his speech at Lincoln, Mr. Bryan said: "A few days ago a friend called my attention to a cartoon in which Mr. Roosevelt and myself were pictured together in the tariff reform bed, and asked me what I thought of it. I told him that I objected to Roosevelt being in front as I had gotten in first."

LINCOLN papers report that 1,000 persons listened to Burkett and Pollard in this city Saturday. As there were only 150 persons present by the most liberal count, the correspondent to the Lincoln paper must have let his judgment run away with him.—Auburn Herald.

WHEN Thomas W. Lawson comes to Nebraska, it is hoped he will not spend all his energy lecturing at the Chautauqua, but will have several heart to heart talks with Governor Mickey et. al.—Sioux City Tribune.

THE special election will take place on Tuesday, June 18, as per Governor Mickey's proclamation. There seems to be no flaw in the action of the governor on this score.

THE president has appointed a committee to investigate the methods of the executive departments of the government and make recommendations where the committee finds that reforms may be effected. This is a step in the right direction, but it is the first and the easy step. When the committee reports, assuming that it does its work well, it will place before the president many reforms which ought to be adopted but the adoption of which will inflame the angry passions of every spoils loving member of congress. Then will come the president's opportunity to demonstrate that he has the real interests of the people at heart, rather than those of the politicians. Will the president adopt the opportunity? That remains to be seen. We hope he will but we have our doubts. The storm of pretexts which will be hurled at him by members of congress with relatives friends and henchmen drawing salaries from the government for work which they never perform will exceed even the clamor of the stand patters who dissuaded the President from carrying out his promise and calling congress in extra session on October 15. The broken down politicians who are drawing salaries of from \$2,500 a year upward for looking dignified and doing nothing in mahogany chairs will resound through the marble corridors of all the government offices and President Roosevelt will have to turn a deaf ear to such noble statesmen as Senator "Tom" Platt, Representative Grosvenor, Senators "Steve" Elkins and "Nate" Scott and the entire crew of political free boaters who constitute the rank and file of the republican party and who remain in congress, not because of their ability as legislators, but because of their cunning in securing "jobs" for the influential men of their states.

SAID a prominent republican in our hearing, soon after he had read the text of Senator Burkett's speech at Auburn last Saturday: "Mr. Burkett's plea that it is dangerous to send a democrat to congress from this district," lacks force, in the face of the fact that the republican party already has a top-heavy and dangerous majority in the national house of representatives. Like the present legislative body of Nebraska, the good of the people calls for a strengthening to a "healthy minority." But this argument of Mr. Burkett, when analyzed, like most of his arguments, is deficient on account of its lack of common sense fibre. No sound reason can be advanced on behalf of any political party in favor of sending a man of mediocre ability from this district. Francis W. Brown is just such a man to represent the people of the first district in congress.

THE spectacle at Lincoln of the State board quarreling over the valuation of railroad property is both edifying and instructive. One faction of the board openly championing the U. P. railroad interests, and another faction championing the Burlington interests. It appears the Mickey crowd triumph in that they succeeded in lowering the Burlington's taxes, while the U. P. faction triumph in fixing the valuation of that road some \$5,000 per mile lower than the Burlington crowd favored fixing it. And yet, with Pollard and Burkett, that aggregation of republican officeholders profess to all "stand with Roosevelt."

THE conviction of the Krause brothers on a charge of illegally fencing government land and intimidation, should act as a warning to those who have been sailing in the same boat. They want to remember that this is the beginning of a wide turning movement to head off the and cormorants who have been stealthily filching the public domain. This is the first conviction under the law since its passage under the Cleveland administration. There are many worse cases to follow, and the people want to stand fast and see that right is done, irrespective of all interests or parties. It will be better in the long run for all.—Rushville Recorder.

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