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A FEW more corn crops like the present one and the Nebraska farmers will be riding in automobiles, and wearing diamonds every day in the week.

FARMERS who are now engaged in selecting their seed corn should lay out a few ears to place on exhibition at the Farmers' Institute in Plattsmouth, Saturday, December 9.

NATURALLY the question of the sea level and the lock is a big one incident to the Panama Canal, but whether it will be dug on the level of honesty is an equally important consideration.

TAKING it out on the young lady's father when she jilts you for your rival is another invention designed to make things interesting for the only member of the family who doesn't work.

THE fire which consumed 840,000 gallons of whisky the other day was anything but a steady blaze, and many "watery" mouths opened with awe at the destruction of so much "red-eye."

THE Cass county farmer who fails to attend the institute here on Saturday, December 9, will regret it. This promises to one of the most interesting meetings in their behalf ever held in the county.

IF the people must freshen a smouldering fire with coal oil, why will they never learn that it can be done with comparative safety by throwing on a little oil from a cup or other open vessel, having the can safely out of the way?

IF Postmaster General Cortelyou enforces the merit rule for appointment of all presidential postmasters, what are senators and representatives who depend upon the machine to keep themselves in office going to do for a political living?

THE wrecking of the building in which Abraham Lincoln had his first law office in Springfield, Illinois, with its floors, joists and beams of heavy oak, its doors, windows and frames of black walnut, tells an eloquent story of the abundance of hardwood timber in the early days of the west. Our black walnut is now nearly all gone, and we shall have to take good care of our oak forests in order to have that wood always in good supply even for furniture.

AT the state bar meeting in Omaha last week, Judge Good expressed the opinion that the public good would be served by returning to the old system of prosecuting attorneys. In the course of his remarks, the judge said that some county attorneys of the state did not seem to be "able to even place a criminal in jeopardy." He said that the courts were allowing enough in the way of special fees for special counsel for the state to assist in prosecution to pay the salary of a district attorney. Judge Good is in a position to know.

FRIEND Telegraph (rep): Farmers and taxpayers in general, when they come to pay their taxes this year, will very forcibly see the force of argument as the Telegram has been picturing it to them under the robber revenue law of this state. Soon after this law was enacted a prominent railroad man said to us that "the farmers of the state should pay the taxes, that the corporations had paid them long enough." The man seemed to us to be in earnest in what he was saying, and we had reason to understand that he was speaking the truth. There is no need of roaring about this. The remedy is to send men to the next legislature who are pledged to repeal this law and to enact something that will hit all alike, and send men who will redeem their pledges.

THANKSGIVING day will soon be here. Are you counting the good things to be thankful for? Are you going to help someone to be thankful? The world is full of sorrow and unthankfulness. You can add your mite to the sum total of things that help to make the other fellow glad. To those who stumble foot sore and weary over the uneven pathway of life by the way of poverty and want there is little to be thankful for. They see little of any thing but the dark and gloom. No fat turkey fills the larder. No sauce fills up the blank of their misery. Then do you stretch forth from your hand of plenty to help them see the good and beauty of the brotherhood of man? Let the president's exortation to watch for foes within ring in your ears. Let the lesson of purity of citizenship that has been taught at the recent elections sink deep as something to be thankful for and when the next election comes round go and do as you have done this year, only a little more so, and all that tends to Mickey republicanism will have vanished from the scene.

THE people may be trusted. The laws of political economy, like the laws of gravity, will take care of themselves. They cannot be set aside by any demagogue or visionary. If any infraction of them is persisted in punishment that will follow will open the eyes of deluded communities and drive them back to principles in accord with human nature and the production of wealth. The people under a free government are to be trusted. If they make mistakes in feeling for the right way to correct abuses they will discover their mistakes and amend them. They will not supinely tolerate abuses in government which have grown beyond endurance and threaten to grow greater if not redressed. If they did they would not deserve freedom—nor would they long retain it.

J. P. RODEMAN, manager of the Papillion Times, shot and killed himself at the Arcade hotel in Omaha, somtime Tuesday night. He was found Wednesday morning after the hotel authorities began to get anxious over his long stay in the room and the door had to be forced open. He had been suffering from a disease which he thought was about to renew its attack upon him, which seems to be the sole cause for the rash act. He was married in Papillion a year ago.

EVANGELIST SUNDAY, a converted ball-player, is stirring things over in Illinois, and the Aledo papers state that he has made 956 conversions as the result of his labors. This is certainly a big score, and in recognition of his final touchdown, he was given a freewill offering of $3,657, which in addition to his former gifts, make $5,566,13. Looks as though other ball players might be induced to sign, if that sort of a guarantee could be put up.

THE reports from the foot ball game at Minneapolis last Saturday would naturally suggest that the Nebraska Cornhuskers better quit the game and accept a job in the cornfield, where there is a demand for real huskers.

A WASHINGTON mind reader sees the election of Secretary Shaw to the presidency in 1908, which leads the Atlanta Consttution to remark that it was Secretary Shaw's mind that the forecaster was reading.

IT is not difficult to observe that the president will have a live congress upon his hands in a few days, and that he will have to meet some very live questions in a live way.

IF President Roosevelt gets what he wants in the way of railroad legislation, he will have to depend upon friendly democrats to help him pull the measure through.

SENATOR FORAKER says "railroad regulation is a democratic measure." We are glad it is, and also glad it is recognized as such by high republican authority.

LIFE is what we make it. Which hardly applies to the Equitable, the Mutual and the New York in these days of revelation.

THE attention of the courts is occupied a great deal of the time in investigating senators and other high officials who have gone wrong. Senator Burton of Kansas is playing his third engagement with the court, indicted for fraud.

WE HEAR mentioned frequently that Senator Burkett is "with the president" in the matter of the railroad rate law proposed. It may be so, but we'll bet that the cold sweat stands out all over the senator everytime he thinks of that subject coming to a vote.

THE railroads have by adroit representations coerced thousands of employes to sign a petition to Congress protesting against action tending to regulate rates. They claim the companies employing them will reduce the wages of the men in order to meet any threatened shortage of receipts that might result from hostile legislation.

THE Journal's stauch friend, H. Bestor, as everyone knows, is a very close observer. In conversation with him regarding the corn crop in general in the United States his observations from reports from the largest corn-growing states is to the effect that the authorities at at Washington estimate the same at about 400,000,000 bushels too high.

A NEW money order is soon to be adopted by the postoffice department. A number of changes will be made, a prominent one being that the name of the remitter is to be placed on the order as well as on the advice. There will also be a marginal coupon showing the full amount of the order. In this way it is expected that raising the amount by forgery will be prevented.

THIS looks very tough for some fellows who are "hankering" after postoffices. Postmaster General Cortelyou says that "good postmasters will be retained in office!" That is the simple announcement which the public is asked to take literally. "No matter if the editor of the other paper insists that it is now 'his turn.' No matter what the congressman and both United States senators say." And the president coincides with Mr. Cortelyou. The postmaster general evidently favors the "ins" much to the displeasure of the "outs who want in."

THERE never was a time, when the only homely, practical lessons of honesty, stood out so forcibly, as at present. In the greedy chase for wealth, men of high standing and great influence, are induced to do things that send them to their graves in dishonor. The daily accounts of senators, congressmen, men who stand high in the social and business world, appearing in courts, as common criminals, charged with fraud and corruption in the accumulation of wealth, is enough to make any man, who cares for peace of mind, stick to honesty as a policy measure, no matter how much he may desire the pleasures which wealth can buy.

THE Aurora Sun says that since the decision of the supreme court in refusing Mrs. Lillie a rehearing, her friends have begun a campaign in earnest in her behalf. A communication from Lincoln to one of the state papers says that the imprisoned woman has made a large number of friends during her stay at the penitentiary. These believe in her innocence. Chief among them is Mrs. A. D. Beemer, matron in charge of the woman's ward of the state prison. The details of the campaign in behalf of Mrs. Lillie is kept secret. It is known that a number of the delegates to the national prison congress took an interest in the matter. The leaders in the club federation of the state are at work. Friends of Mrs. Lillie are working on a clew discovered after she was committed to prison. It is now known that a personal enemy of Harvey Lillie disposed of his property and disappeared shortly after the murder. Now he cannot be found. The identity of the fugitive is known only to Mrs. Lillie and her closest advisers.

Tariff Reform Coming.

Governor Cummings of Iowa, is a staunch republican, but he foresees thus early that tariff reform is coming and is undertaking the almost hopeless task of impressing the republican leaders with the importance of the issue. At the recent banquet of the Economic Club of Boston, he wisely said:

"The man who still holds that our manufacturers need any considerable protection in order to enable them to compete successfully in their own markets with foreign producers, when they can sell their products at a fair profit in other countries in open competition with all the manufacturers of the earth, has surrendered his good sense to his idolatry at the shrine of that miserable maxim filched from the language of the great American game.

"It seems to me that we have gone mad in our zeal for the seller and have abandoned the buyer to the tender mercies of monopoly, combination and greed. The maxim of the standpatter—that the higher the price the more exalted the statesmanship—is repugnant to my senses of a square deal.

"I deplore the policy which has closed the markets of France and Germany to the American farmer and which if pursued presently will leave us to sell our surplus to England only. Congress, which is blindly indifferent to the needs of the tillers of the earth, must ultimately reckon with an indignant and outraged people."

OUR merchants and other citizens in general should extend the glad hand of welcome to the visiting Woodmen of the World tomorrow.

IT takes home patronage to build up a town. The people should patronize the merchants who advertise, and the merchants should push home-made goods in preference to others.

THERE is talk of Gov. Mickey calling an extra session of the legislature this winter. We can't see what it will be for, unless to undo some of the damphool legislation enacted last winter.

THE Journal will give a year's subscription to the weekly and three months subscription to the daily for the largest pumpkin brought in on the date of the Farmers' Institute—Saturday, November 9.

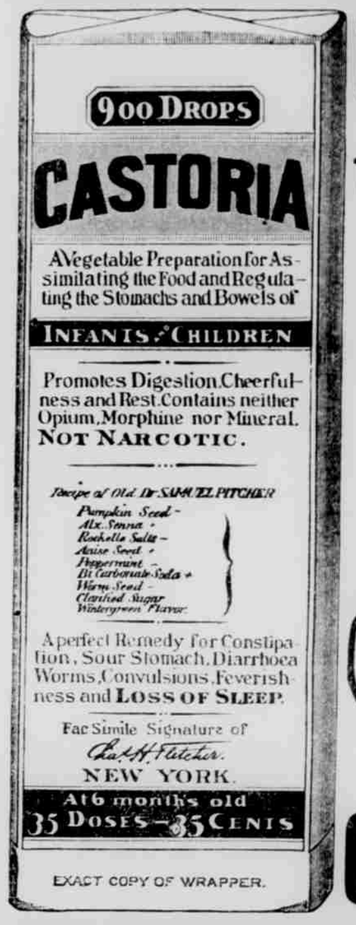
EVERY business man in Plattsmouth can afford to offer a prize of some kind to the farmers who expect to attend the institute Saturday, December 9. Let us make this the best corn exhibit ever witnessed in Cass county.

THE returns as reported to the secretary of state, show that Judge Letton received a plurality of 23,218 over Hastings. No person questioned Judge Letton's election. The only thing was to know whether or not he had returned his railroad passes.

THE latest reports of the crop in Nebraska are to the effect that we have made a gain instead of loss on the corn yield this year. This is in a measure due to the work of education along the line of seed selections. This should be another inducement for farmers to attend the institute in Plattsmouth, Saturday, December 9.

OF all the bungled up laws passed by any sane legislature, some of those enacted last winter "take the cake." Only think of it! And now Gov. Mickey thinks of putting the taxpayers of Nebraska to the expense of holding a special session this winter. To accomplish what? Each member to eat three meals a day at a hotel and draw their pay.

A GOOD deal of the present confusion arises from a quibbling (or legal) use of terms. The difficulty lies in our various applications of the words "rebate" and "discrimination," as in politics it lies in the use of the word "bribery." What is a rebate? Strictly speaking, a rebate is a sum of money secretly paid back by a railroad company to a favored shipper as a refund upon his freight rate. And in this narrow sense rebating is undoubtedly much less common than formerly.



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