

THE other day two St. Louis men engaged in a fight over the meaning of a certain passage of scripture and one of them was stabbed seven times. A religion that isn't worth fighting for isn't worth having.

THE pure country girl is just as sweet as the Roosevelt girl, but she is never mentioned in gushing articles in our big city papers. Indeed she is too sensible to have her name mentioned in written articles that are suggestive of boiled mush.

IS our neighbor on the east of us, Iowa, preparing to secede from the union? A bill is pending in the legislature of that state which prohibits the selling or firing of fire-crackers, pistols, toy pistols or other explosives on the 4th of July. Such a law will curb the patriotic spirit of Young America.

A COUNTRY editor is now governor of West Virginia, and is looking forward to the time when he will succeed Steve Elkins in the United States senate. There is room on top for the average country editor if he only has the pushing qualities to "get there." But the most of them seem content with the ordinary routine of duty-making statesmen out of chumps.

THE democratic conference will take place at the Lincoln hotel in the capitol city on Tuesday evening, March 6th, at 8 o'clock, at which hotel the banquet will also take place. Quite a number of able speakers have signified their intention of being present. The Journal hopes to see Cass county well represented. The conference and banquet will be under the auspices of the state committee.

WE are, alas, to lose the versatile Grosvenor from congress, where for twenty years he has been the most picturesque figure in the house. He will be missed both by democrats and republicans—by the latter because of his facile way of demonstrating black to be white, or vice versa, whenever republican policy seemed to require the demonstration; and by the former because he has been the most conspicuous example of the dogmatic assertion and false principles by which republicans in congress try to dodge the real and vital issues of the day. The defeat of C. H. Grosvenor for a renomination last Wednesday will perhaps serve as a warning to others who persist in misrepresenting the people in the halls of congress.

IF Mr. McCall had worn a hide like unto that of Mr. John D. Rockefeller he would have withstood the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune, and be with us yet. He fled of wounds that would have been trivial scratches for Rockefeller. The brief experience of Mr. McCall with public censure was but a sample of what Rockefeller has been undergoing for a generation. The hides of Rockefeller, Rogers, et. al. are impervious to public opinion. These gentlemen "clamor for dividends" and tell the world to go hang. Mr. Collins P. Huntington belonged to that class. There are several gentlemen in the United States Senate who are pachyderms also. Depew at one time or another ever since the war has been under fire. The Vanderbilts were denounced until people got tired of denouncing them. Jay Gould took his medicine without flinching—and took plenty of it. If a man would succeed and be happy at frenzied finance he should have a thick hide. Sensitive people pay too great a price for that sort of prosperity. Perhaps, after all, it is better to be square.

THE man who is contented with the business that he is doing, and does not want to increase it, feels that he does not need to advertise, and yet his more progressive neighbor is liable to "butt in" and get the business he has, if he neglects his advertising.

IF the meeting of democrats in Lincoln on Tuesday, March 6, will adopt the Journal idea of organization, or something similar, and then head the state ticket with someone of the calibre of Hon. G. M. Hitchcock of Omaha, the people of Nebraska will do the rest.

REPORTS from Washington are to the effect that President Roosevelt has given in to the railroads, and that he will not oppose the "court review" amendment to the Hepburn rate bill. If these reports are true the people will lose another good sized bunch of confidence in the reform president.

WHILE the Omaha judge administered a merited roast to the jury that acquitted Pat Crowe, might not the judge share in the responsibility of the acquittal? When the judge saw the class of people that were being brought into the box, couldn't he have ordered the officer to go out and get others?

IT seems that the coal prospecting fever has broken out in quite a number of Nebraska towns. Still there is not one of them that has a better show of reaching the real stuff than Plattsmouth has, and yet we stand idly by and waste our efforts upon desert air. Some day we may see the folly of our inactivity in this line.

THE Journal delights in saying a good word for the worthy, and that is one reason why we would delight to see Senator Sheldon nominated for governor. He is a young man who would be the peoples' executive in its true sense. Honest, conscientious, and while an intense partisan of the republican stripe, he would not favor that which would be a detriment to the masses of the state. He would be an honor to the state, which is much more than can be said of the present governor.

THERE seems to be no extraordinary good feeling existing between the Lincoln Star and State Journal gangs at the capital city. The Star is not slow in denouncing the Journal's grip upon the present state officials, and its efforts to nominate men for the various positions to be filled at the fall election. The Star is beginning to be a power in the republican camp in Nebraska, and unless we miss our guess, the Journal crowd will have to do some tall hustling to head it off in its efforts to down the state house gang.

THE republican talk of "holding on to Nebraska," is easier said than done with present issues before the people. Their possession of the state is not of the complete and absolute sort which consists of nine points in the law, by any means, and the democrats will give them the hardest tussle for the possession of the state they have not experienced for several years. The Nebraska voters are ready for the change, and unless the signs of the times fail, they will be routed horse, foot and dragoon from the state house, and the government placed under the control of an economical administration.

IT behooves the democrats who have in charge the business of preparation and management to "whoop things up" in answer to the republican assertion. Certainly it will not do to trust to an absent-treatment or a Quaker-meeting campaign when the enemy is loudly advertising its alleged ownership of Nebraska. A few brass bands and some bunting, a good heart-to-heart talk with the voters all around, and plenty of general enthusiasm, to supplement the hard, silent, practical work of organization, would not be amiss in reply to the "holding onto" talk. Old-fashioned democratic pride and some of the real fighting spirit should be stirred by such talk. Let the people show them who owns Nebraska.

Clanking Our Way.

A few years ago there was an accepted adage which ran something like this: "The democratic party is unlucky. You can always trust the democratic leaders to do the wrong thing at the right time." And it seemed like the adage was always coming true. But it is different now. The situation has changed, and today it is almost safe to say that the two great parties have reversed positions. Today everything in state or national affairs seems working to the welfare of the democratic cause. Today it is the republican party which is making the mistakes. Every move made by congress appears to increase the animosity of the country, except when the republicans down there in Washington work along democratic lines, and then the democrats get the credit for all the good accomplished. In Nebraska the republican leaders have committed so many mistakes that the voters have become disgusted, and it is now practically a sure thing that the democrats will take advantage of those mistakes and win the legislature and the state ticket next fall. These be good days for democrats, and the blundering republican leaders are making every new day brighter in democratic eyes. There is every reason for democrats of this state and of the nation to be of good cheer. We are no longer the party of ill luck. The Goddess of fortune is today casting her best smile in the faces of democrats who just a little while ago were too discouraged to raise their heads, but the eye might light upon the regulation hoodoo. But the hoodoo has gone away now, and is doing business in republican backyards.—Omaha Telegram.

FOR every two states are represented in the uniform divorce congress now in session in Washington. It is to be hoped they will do something that will tighten the reins on those who slip into the matrimonial noose simply as a venture. There should be no divorce laws. The couple that double up "for better or worse" should be compelled to live together all their lives and take a little of the "bitter with the sweet" of matrimony if they can't get along amiceably. Perhaps if there were no such thing as a divorce they would be more congeniality among those who marry.

WHAT is the use of all this talk about state officials giving up their annual railroad passes and paying fare. The wool can't be pulled over the eyes of the people of Nebraska any longer. They know that there is not an official in the state house at Lincoln, or even in any of the departments, but what carries one of these little pastboards "in his inside pocket" when he jumps a train out of the capitol.

WHAT Omaha needs now worse than all else is a broad-minded, level-headed city administration entirely free from corporate alliances. With the independent telephone system of both Iowa and Nebraska demanding communication with Nebraska's chief city, the latter can hardly afford to deny them that communication. Open the door and let us in.

AMONG Miss Roosevelt's wedding presents was a terrier from Boston admirers weighing fifteen pounds and valued at just one hundred dollars per pound. "Fashion" is the terrier's name, and she was accompanied by an elaborate and expensive wardrobe. We don't suppose she can catch a rat any quicker than a common fifteen cent cur.

THE Nebraska Independent has changed hands, Hon. George W. Berg retiring as editor and being succeeded by J. M. Devine, formerly editor of the National Watchman of Washington, D. C. Mr. Devine is an able writer and will no doubt make a success of the Independent.

A SCIENTIST has discovered that a very wholesome quality of food can be made from wood, properly cut and ground. This ought to settle the superiority of shoepegs over oats.

On the Bank of Monarchy.

ARE we on the bank of monarchy in America? Shade your eyes, and you are in your true vision will behold that little band of Pilgrims as they landed from the Mayflower, on the soil of this new world. Look again and you can almost behold this band of liberty loving fathers and mothers, kneeling in prayer, and offering up a hearty thanksgiving to a tyrant's God for their deliverance from a land of tyrants. Look once more and you behold that obnoxious climbing up that rickety old stairway in Philadelphia, to ring for the glad tidings that was proclaimed in the Declaration of Independence. Once more, if you will take a retrospective view of things, you will there behold a land of patriots, feeding upon the bright flowers of freedom and patriotism, where the government were as good as those who govern and where the thing created was no greater than its creator.

But what do we find today? Ah, we find the which we created with our ballons inflated with a poisonous, king-like "wind," which makes him feel he thought it was the entire "citizens," and when one on his meek and mild faced "subjects" undertakes to write him and call his attention to what he thinks is his official shortcomings, he is rebuked and ordered to desist and lie away to the hills of oblivion.

Are we on the "Bank of Monarchy?" If we are, don't you think we had better shave our canons out in the stream of patriotism, and bid farewell to "snobs" and "snobbery," which breeds men who "swell up" and get larger than their Creator?

ALEXCHANGE bitterly condemns the French count for marrying Anna Gould for her money. Why not condemn the American girl who invests her money in a titled freak? The American girl should have known better, the poor French monkey did not. The fact that you do not have to go that far away to find match as based upon a commercial rating, and it is not absolutely certain that they will terminate any better than did that of Miss Gould.

WE always did admire a modest man, and one who is not afraid to stand up and tell the dear people how exasperatingly modest he is. A candidate in Omaha has announced himself for the office of mayor, "believing that the people are tired of the old ring rule." Possibly a "new ring rule" would be better.

EVERY county in Nebraska should be represented at the democratic love-feast in Lincoln on Tuesday, March 6. Let this meeting be the starter of the hot campaign to follow. Cass county will be fully represented, you can bet your bottom dollar on that.

THE perverse republican majority in the lower house of congress didn't lose much by refusing to listen to the reading of George Washington's farewell address. They are so far past saving that it would have done them little good even if they had heard it.

IF every person would deem it his province to attend strictly to his own business, how much happier the world would be. It is this constant nosing into the affairs of others that is making a veritable hades on earth.

WITH Senator Dick advocating Beveridge's omnibus statehood bill and Senator Foraker swearing that it shall never pass, Ohio republicans are hardly so harmonious in the senate as are those of Illinois with their Cullom-Hopkins combine.

REALLY, it must be humiliating to a gentleman of Mr. Patrick Crowe's fine sensibility, to have twelve of his peers say that he is lying, when he admits his guilt.

THE verdict of acquittal in the Pat Crowe case would indicate that the jurors in our metropolis believe in standing together.

WHAT is a republican? Who hit Billy Patterson? Why did he hit him? Where is John D. Rockefeller?

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