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DON'T forget the dates—next Friday and Saturday—Farmers' Institute in Plattsmouth.

CHRISTMAS shopper should "take time by the forelock" and make their selections now, and avoid the rush later on.

ROBBERS who looted an Illinois postoffice of 10,000 stamps seem to have had an extraordinary gift list for the holidays.

BUT a few more days till the Farmers' Institute, and our business men should be ready to give our farmers a cordial greeting.

PAT CROWE is again in the limelight. He is on trial at Council Bluffs for holding up a street car. You can't keep a good man down.

SINCE women legislators in Colorado started registering as Honorable Mary A. Smith and husband, the men have been trying to disfranchise their wives.

THEODORE SHONTS says that Theodore Roosevelt made a "hit" in Panama. Does this mean he played to the grand stand or has knocked a home run in his Panama message to congress?

THERE is talk of redistricting the state for senatorial and representative districts. As there has been no recent census upon which the legislature could act intelligently, there would seem to be no demand at this time for changes.

PRESIDENTIAL power to dismiss army officers at will is too much like the building up of a military despotism. So long as the executive can jump them over one another's head without consulting congress, he ought to be satisfied.

THE secretary of war does not appear to be at all reserved in his opinion that the dismissal of the colored troops who perpetrated the outrages at Brownville, Texas, was justly merited. It certainly is true that if the sworn soldiers of the government cannot be relied upon to protect the lives and property of those under their care, they are useless as peace officers. While it might appear that the innocent suffer with the guilty, there is no question but that those who shield the murderers are as guilty as the men who actually fired the guns.

IT is said that 200 white girls in Chicago have married Chinamen. This is accounted for by the fact that there are 4,600 Chinamen in Chicago and only 78 Chinese women. The laws of this country make it difficult to get Chinese women in, hence the necessity of Chinamen marrying whites or remaining single. It is said that many of the white women who marry Chinamen are addicted to the opium habit, and this in a measure makes the yellow men congenial husbands. America is a great country, and some of our people don't appear to care much whom they mix with.

WOMAN suffrage in Colorado, which was introduced in that state by the populists in 1893, is about doomed, according to the leaders of the great parties. The latter declare that the public does not want women to hold office and that this fact is becoming more apparent at each successive election. Four women ran for the house of representatives recently, three of them being on the democratic ticket and one on the socialist ticket. All were defeated by decisive majorities. Since the introduction of equal suffrage, nine women have been elected to the house of representatives. That the question of equal suffrage was not popular throughout the entire state is very evident, from the fact that Pueblo is the only county outside of Denver that has furnished any women legislators for Colorado.

By the nomination of Postmaster General Cortelyou to the great department of the treasury the president promotes a man so little known in the world of business and finance that the appointment might cause uneasiness if the policy of the treasury was not marked out by congress rather than by the secretary. The promotion of Mr. Cortelyou is little less than a reward for political services. His record is simply that of a handy man around the White House and political headquarters. Having gone directly from the duties of private secretary to the duties of the cabinet, Mr. Cortelyou has never given evidence of possessing the popular confidence that is sought in a cabinet officer. The president, however, vouches for him as a fit man, and the senate will doubtless take him on trust.

BRYAN spoke these words to the New York newspaper men: "When I die I will have enough to leave my children. It may not be very large, measured by the present standards; but it is as much as I want to leave them, and my living does not depend upon my ever holding office. But I want to leave my children something more valuable than money. I want to leave them a government that will protect them in their life and property and pursuit of happiness. When I went back to my native city some years ago they said to me, 'If you're as good a man as your father you are all right.' I would rather have that said of me than all the money of Rockefeller or Morgan."

NOW is the time to do your holiday shopping. The stores are not crowded, the goods have not been pawed over, you can find just what you want, because the advertising merchants have the largest assortments to select from. Now is the time. Do not wait until December 24. Let your neighbors do that. And by all means, patronize those who invite you to do so through the proper channel—the newspaper. They are the fellows who will give you the best bargains.

AND now the negroes are after Teddy with a big stick. The entire white race, north and south has been after the negroes with the same club. The negro is getting just what he deserves. Ever since the war the negro vote has gone to the republican party, and now a republican president turns on the negro. The people of the south are the only really true friends the negro has today.

A TERM of six years for the president and vice president of the United States is proposed by Senator Cullom in a joint resolution introduced providing for an amendment to the constitution. The resolution declares also that the president and vice president shall not be eligible for re-election. This will meet with the approval of a great majority of the voters of the country.

THE need of the times is not for expansion of the federal power in matters which touch the citizen nearly, but to make the states stronger and more efficient. They are fully equal to the performance of all the functions which the founders of the government assigned to them.

THE protest adopted by the National Editorial association last Tuesday against the increase in second-class postage rates favored by Assistant Postmaster-General Madden should be placed on the desk of every member of congress.

SENATOR BEVERIDGE of Indiana has surrendered to the urgent appeals and will address the Nebraska State Teachers' association at its annual convention at Lincoln during the Christmas holidays.

IF, as predicted, we are to have a war with Japan within five years, the president's recommendation to build one battleship a year will not satisfy Fighting Bob Evans.

JUDGE GROSSCUP, of Chicago, calls Roosevelt's message a crazy quilt. Maybe the president thought that congress needed a Christmas gift.

Restitution After the Election.

The news that President Roosevelt has decreed that the \$148,000 for which his "wicked partner," George B. Cortelyou, held up the "Big Three" insurance companies in 1904 must be returned does not jump along the same track with Mr. Roosevelt's decision to promote Mr. Cortelyou to be Secretary of the Treasury when Mr. Shaw goes back to Iowa.

Mr. Roosevelt's present stand in the matter would have been more graceful if he had assumed it before the November elections. The money was wrongly taken from funds laid by for the widow and the orphan. Roosevelt knew this when, before the election, he demanded that it be returned, but allowed himself to be overruled by Cortelyou and Bliss.

His submission can be attributed to nothing but the fear that the money might be needed to avert republican defeat. Over Cornelius N. Bliss, treasurer of the committee, he may not have held the power of coercion, but he held the political fortunes of Cortelyou, its chairman, in his hands, and could have forced him to act.

And now he is to reward Mr. Cortelyou for his disobedience by promoting him to the place in the Cabinet which is second in the line of succession to the presidency. Verily, the president does not seem to have been deeply offended at Mr. Cortelyou for refusing to give back the money of the widow and orphan until after the election.

"A MAN who perjures himself by the Bible blasphemously spits on the sacred book and in the light of present conditions in our political life, man should be made to swear by the flag of the United States instead of the Bible." The foregoing constitute the words of the Rev. Charles F. Blaisdell of the Church of the Holy Communion in St. Louis, delivered on Thanksgiving day. There is food for reflection in the words of Reverend Blaisdell. The Bible is said to be of divine origin and the man who swears by it should be attuned by the highest and loftiest motives that could possibly inspire him to tell "the truth, the real truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth." Reader, we call you as a witness. Have you not seen men raise their hands skyward and declare that they would tell the truth? Did not they tell things that you believe—yea, you knew, were not true? If the story of the cross be true, if the divinity of the Bible be true, then the lips that gave utterance to untruths that were based on the uplifted hand are guilty of blasphemy in the sight of Him who gave inspiration to the hands that wrote the Bible. To swear by the flag and falsify does not partake of the perfidy that attaches to false swearing by the Bible. We favor the Reverend Blaisdell's story.

AFTER assuring us that the new Zion will be conducted on a sane basis, Dowie's successor proceeds to upset our confidence by the mad announcement that he intends to reform Chicago.

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Roosevelt's Message.

The message is moderate in tone and its recommendations are in the main sound. The advice that the navy be kept fully up to the present efficiency by building a battleship a year as powerful as the most that any other nation is building is so good that it should be accepted as the settled policy of the government.

With respect to the army, the recommendation that the enlisted men in the coast defenses be increased from their present strength of between 14,000 and 15,000 may not meet with universal approval, but there need be no dissent from the proposal to increase the number of officers in the coast artillery sufficiently for a larger force and to retain in the service, by better pay, the electricians and other skilled artificers who work the complicated machinery of the enormous guns mounted in coast forts. By this means the coast-defense army would be made a well-prepared framework which, in case of war, could be quickly filled in with additional men.

All that is said about our relations with the countries of South America would possess more vital interest if the prohibitive tariff, which is not mentioned in the message, did not make a largely increased trade with those countries impossible by driving their products to other markets. Accompanied by reciprocity treaties or lower tariff, the aid to American vessels in that trade which the message suggests might be of substantial value.

Probably no part of the message will be more discussed than that which favors the surrender by the states to the government at Washington of all control over marriage and divorce. It will not be unanimously conceded that perfect uniformity in the laws governing those relations would be an unmixed good. There may be differences in the conditions existing in agricultural Texas and in commercial and manufacturing Massachusetts. Differences of climate have their influence upon the marriageable age.

Though greater uniformity of these laws among the states is to be desired, it may be asked if there is not greater reason than is apparent for the fact that South Carolina has no divorce laws, while those of Nebraska are liberal.

Of course, the president's recommendation on this subject cannot become effective without an amendment to the federal constitution, and that instrument has never been amended except for weighty reasons. Still, the question is raised whether the control of marriage and divorce by the central government would not lead to a vast increase in federal officers or to a perplexing conflict between state and federal functions.

If a marriage license could be obtained only from a federal court or recorder, such an officer would be needed in every county. If the present system of licenses were continued, what power has the federal government to authorize a county officer of Nebraska to act?

The president's views on marriage and divorce are interesting, but, for the present, at least, purely academic. The country will change much before the states surrender their control over marriage and divorce.

JUST a little more than a year ago no two nations were on more friendly footing than the United States and Japan. Within the last two weeks there have been persistent rumors that war between these two countries is imminent. In fact, one congressman emphatically declared that the American and Jap would be pitted against each other within the next five years, at the least. Closely following this scare comes the report from Japan itself that the minister of war has obtained the consent of the other cabinet members for a 50 per cent increase of the Mikado's army. This increase will bring Japan's fighting strength up to 750,000 men, or more than seven times as many as our army, exclusive of the national guard, in time of peace.

THE legal proceedings which the administration has set on foot to test the right of the San Francisco school board to exclude Japanese students from the schools not specially provided for them are certainly the most amazing in the history of American jurisprudence. There is probably not a member of the department of justice who really believes that the government at Washington has, or can under the constitution of the United States acquire, any more control over the public schools of California than it could over those in Germany. It is hardly creditable that President Roosevelt himself believes in the soundness of his revolutionary recommendations with respect to the right of the government to insist upon the admission of the Japs of the San Francisco schools by virtue of the treaty with Japan. Whether sincere or not, the whole of this ugly business is simply a diplomatic move to conciliate the Japanese, with whom we rightly desire to be at peace. But the sacredness of the public schools of America is more valuable to us than the good will of Japan or any other nation on earth. Mr. Roosevelt way playing with fire when he assailed the right of the city of San Francisco to control its own schools in its own way, and the protest which has come up from the press of the country tells us plainly that he has burned his fingers.

"RIVER regulation is rate regulation," but it is more than that. It means the moving of bulky freight more cheaply than any railroad could move it, and it also means the moving of millions of tons that the railroads could never move at all.

If the president was not joking, in his message, about patting the Japs on the back, he seems to have accomplished his design, for Tokio papers discover that he is a hero—unless they are joking.

THE president must spell according to Webster or some other accepted authority on English language, since the house appropriations committee, has sat on his latest reform.

KENTUCKY's man and woman who kept a plighted troth for forty-four years would not require a trial marriage to determine their felicity.

Injured in an Explosion.

Miss Pearl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Mumm, was very seriously burned Sunday morning as the result of an explosion when she opened the stove door to see how the fire was burning, which her mother had poured coal oil upon a few moments before. Her hair was singed off, and her face and hands badly burned. The injuries were dressed by Dr. T. P. Livingston who was summoned to the scene, and the young lady is now getting along nicely.

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TUSSLE WITH A BURGLAR

Joe Wheeler Has Exciting Experience With a Would-be Robber.

Through a telephone message, at an early hour Tuesday, County Treasurer Wheeler was apprised of an exciting experience that his boys on the farm, about eight miles south of town, had this morning with a would-be burglar. From the confusing exclamations over the phone, it develops that about 2 o'clock this morning Joe Wheeler, who sleeps down stairs, was awakened by the barking of the dog, and when he opened his eyes he was startled to behold a man standing by the bed. Joe immediately attempted to jump from the bed, but was caught by the burglar, who held him until Joe called to his brothers upstairs for assistance. The burglar took a hasty departure through the kitchen door, and when the two boys with a gun arrived from upstairs, nothing was to be observed of the thief on account of the darkness. A hasty investigation of the house disclosed three open doors and a window partially open, but whether or not the robber secured any booty is not known.

After the scare was all over, the two older boys insisted that Joe go up stairs and remain the rest of the night, but remarking that the fellow might come back, he took the gun and turned in to resume his night's repose, which had been so suddenly disturbed.

Weather Signs.

As usual, predictions are for a hard winter. The editor has been out in the country and gathered all the indications that point to severe weather. These may be rounded up as follows: The corn husks are a foot and a half thick and lean to the west. The geese, ducks and chickens are growing a coat of fur under their feathers and are rubbing borax on their feet to harden them up. All the one-eyed owls are leaving the country a month earlier than usual and the bob-tailed squirrels are laying in sweet potatoes as well as nuts for winter provisions. Cass county barbers report that the demand among bald headed men for applications for hair restorer is greater in number than for many previous seasons. Also many young men are about to raise full beards whether they are becoming or not. All the toad stools on the old logs have wrinkles in them. The last time that this happened was had winter weather that froze the handles off plows. Rabbits are setting around with a humped up look to them and field mice have wrinkles in their tails. If this means anything it means 2 degrees below zero from December through to May.

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