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Everybody walks but father;
He rides around all day;
Big Mogul on the railroad—
He doesn't have to pay.
Little Johnny is walking;
Also Brother Bill;
So is the whole d—d family
Since Hepburn passed his bill.

A CHICAGO professor has discovered that the cakewalk originated among the Congo tribes. And we talk of alleviating the distress of the poor heathen.

SENATOR ROOT seems to have been well taken care of. He is chairman of the finance, ways and means committee, besides a member of a half dozen other committees.

THE president dodges a message on the tariff by imploring congress to allow him to avoid it as a campaign issue by pacifying German trade with the side issue known as a treaty.

If the present legislature will repeal all the useless laws now encumbering our statutes and enact a dozen needed ones the state will be blessed beyond measure. Our statutes have become cumbersome burdens.

It is said that John D. Rockefeller's income is \$60,000,000 a year. Some people may envy him this great sum, but not here. We would rather be poor than to have the responsibility of having to look after so much money. In fact, having to look after large sums of money always did give us nervous prostration.

SENATOR ROOT evidently proposes to "keep ahead the hounds" in the race to see who can introduce the greatest number of bills in the senate. In addition to the nine introduced before adjournment last week, the senate had no more than settled down to business Tuesday than Root produced seven more—making sixteen so far, out the forty introduced into the senate. Mr. Root is a hustler, wherever you put him.

HARRISON, the float representative from Otoe and Cass, introduced the following resolution in the house, which was adopted with but one dissenting voice: "Be it resolved, by the house of representatives, that the attorney general be and he is hereby instructed to begin and prosecute an action of quo warranto in the supreme court of this state to test and determine the validity of the constitutional amendment recently adopted pertaining to the state railway commission, and that he make application to the supreme court to have said cause advanced for hearing, to the end that the question involved may be speedily determined." This is a move that will soon determine the question, and the sooner the better.

THE following from the Beatrice Sun contains some good, sound sense: "This paper has for years contended that the rules should be so amended that no member of either house of the legislature could introduce more than one bill during the session. We are the more forcibly impressed with the correctness of this theory than ever. Senator Root of Cass has introduced nine of the fifteen bills that have been introduced in the senate so far. Of course, not one in ten of these become a law. In fact, it has been our observation in the past that less than ten per cent of the bills introduced ever reach final passage. It used to be one of the plays of the corporation to have a vast number of bills upon all conceivable subjects introduced, and especially to have bills for the regulation of the corporations offered which were so rank that if they ever reached final passage the courts would throw them out. It appears that the same plan has been adopted this winter."

TWO THOUSAND more Japs are invading us from Mexico. If we don't stop worrying about this thing we will all have the yellow fever.

A PROPOSED law to send wife deserters to the penitentiary for from two to five years might lessen the tendency to make marriage a failure.

AFTER looking at the present attitude of the United States senate, one wonders what has become of the campaign shibboleth, "Stand up for Roosevelt."

AN Arkansas state senator convicted of bribery is working his way back home with a pick and shovel in a chain gang. Another warning to Nebraska legislators.

CHIEF JUSTICE FULLER very properly announces that when he gets ready to retire from the supreme bench to make a place for Taft he will break the news without suggestion from the outside.

POSTMASTER GENERAL CORTELYOU'S resignation of the chairmanship of the republican national committee without opportunity to name his successor indicates that President Roosevelt is no more confident of the support of a majority of the committee than of the republican membership in the senate. It is not easy to see, however, what advantage Roosevelt gains by having his friend, Vice Chairman New, at the head of the committee at this time, since there is little for it to do before its meeting next December to elect a chairman for the presidential campaign.

FORAKER will get no help from democratic senators in his effort to have the discharged negro soldiers reinstated. The army is well rid of those fellows. There is probably not a rascal of them who ought not thank his stars that he got off so easily. It would have gone much harder with them if they had been expelled in the lawful and usual way after sifting the Brownsville outrage to the bottom. Being out, nobody but Foraker and other panders to the negro vote wants them back. The law will deal with murderers and accessories among them if they are ever discovered, Foraker or no Foraker.

THE Journal mentioned a few days ago a number of schools in the rural districts of Lancaster being closed on account of diphtheria, and no doubt many cases of the dread disease exists in the rural districts of Cass county, although we have heard of no schools being broken up in consequence. Preventive medicine, exercised through isolation and quarantine regulation, can be effectively employed to remove the source of this particular infection. It is in a form of protection, therefore, no community can afford to ignore. Mad dogs are not allowed to run at large, and yet the community that will take the greatest care to protect its people against hydrophobia will treat diphtheria with indifference, permitting a child carrying the infection to go to school and possibly spread the disease among hundreds. There is no such certain and specific cure for any other form of disease as antitoxin offers for diphtheria when it is used early enough. This significant fact inevitably suggests governmental assistance, either by state legislation or otherwise, in providing this salutary specific and in teaching the importance of its prompt use whenever the disease develops.

THE republicans could select at least two men in this legislature who are better material for U. S. senator than the man they are now likely to elect—Senator Root of Cass or Senator Aldrich of Butler. There is nothing of the jack leg about either of these gentlemen and as far as the Herald has learned, never publicly or privately, politically or otherwise, boldly consorted with corporation cormorants and then wantonly proclaimed themselves defenders of the dear down trodden, or saviors of men. Norry Brown is the crookedest stick in the pile.—Lincoln Herald.

TEN cents a day will be allowed each member of the Nebraska legislature for postage.

THE legislature should avoid drastic legislation. Sober judgment is required in these days of strenuousness. "All that glitters is not gold."

REPORTS from Lincoln are to the effect that unless plans carefully mapped out and so far adroitly manipulated should chance to miscarry, Nebraska is to get just so much of reform legislation as Chairman Rose and the republican state committee thinks is good for it and no more. If this isn't ring rule, what do you call it?

THERE is a bill before the Missouri legislature making the ability to read and write the English language a requirement to vote. There is nothing wrong with such a law. Every voter, white or black, should at least be able to read before he can vote intelligibly.

MADAME MODJESKI will appear at the Overland theatre in Nebraska City next Tuesday night in Macbeth, and the people from the Peru normal school have reserved 156 seats for the entertainment. Wonder if the Parmele theatre would not draw from neighboring towns more extensively if a higher class of talent was put upon the stage?

It is officially stated that the cost of living in the past several years has increased by a much larger per cent than wages. This proves that while trusts and corporations have prospered beyond measure, labor has suffered. Yet we are told that our high tariff is for the protection of labor. We have never yet been simple enough to be deceived by that spacious doctrine.

It will be a crowning glory for Nebraska if she can enact and enforce a law that will hold in check those trusts whose hands are heavily felt in every business and in every household. Fines do not disturb the great concerns which gain enormous profits by entering into arrangements and contracts such as have been known almost from the beginning of English law as combinations in restraint of trade. The penalties of imprisonment are not too severe for the officials of such trusts who violate laws made to protect the public from spoilation by them.

PROTECTION of guilty men in high places by officials sworn to enforce the law has been attempted and in some conspicuous cases has been successful. But the record of the year shows that the time has gone in this country when wealth and political influence could purchase immunity from punishment for statutory crime. While this is gratifying to every citizen who knows that the republic can not survive continued favoritism in the administration of the law, it is nevertheless a source of sorrow to all of us that so many of the nation's foremost men could be justly used as the examples, and deserved to be treated like the common wretches whose lack of training may be pleaded to excuse their crimes.

THE Omaha Examiner sets Norris Brown, and the convention plan of selecting senatorial candidates, forth in very questionable light. It shows that Mr. Brown and his henchmen tramped the state a year before the convention, and in the precinct caucuses begged the votes and laid the foundation for his selection. All this is undignified and beneath a gentleman who will make a creditable senator. However, when the people selected Brown for senator it was for the purpose of getting rid of him as attorney general. His stand-in with the corporations and the railroads and the elevator trust made it impossible for the people to secure a square deal while he was at the head of the legal department of the state, and he can do no harm as senator. After Deitrich, Nebraska need shrink from nothing.

A RESOLUTION calling for a rigid investigation of the official career of Norris Brown, ex-attorney general, and the methods employed by him in his candidacy for the United States senate was introduced in the house of representatives Friday morning by J. C. Van Housen of Colfax county. The resolution is the final public expression of sentiments which have been privately and secretly voiced about the state capital since the members of the legislature began to gather and represents not alone the feeling of the democratic and populist members, but of many republicans as well, republicans who privately denounce the candidate for senator, but who have stated that they can see no other course open before them but to cast their votes for "Buster" Brown.

THE following from the Beatrice Sun contains some food for thought among parents in this city. "Boys are raised, not born. True there is a difference in dispositions, and all cannot be handled alike, but the worst bred boy can be developed into a good industrious citizen by proper care and training, if the work is not postponed too long. Environment is everything to a child. It learns to talk from hearing others and speaks the language that it hears, regardless of the nationality of the parents. In the same way it adopts the custom of those who surround it. The boy who from force of circumstances, natural inclination or training is taught to place the proper value upon time, does not become a street loafer. He gets more pleasure out of work of some kind than does he who depends upon some one else to feed and clothe him, and who wastes his time about billiard halls or other resorts. In most cases the parents are to blame where children bring sorrow to their declining years. The child that is started right will make a good finish, but he who is not taught obedience, and who does not learn in early life to place a proper value upon time, seldom develops into a man."

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Election of Officers. A meeting of the stockholders of the Eagle Telephone company was held in the hall Wednesday afternoon. No business was done save the election of officers. Pink Venner was chosen president to succeed his father, G. W. Venner. Ed Carr became vice-president, C. W. Jester remains in office as secretary with an increase in salary. Geo. Ritter was re-elected treasurer, and J. C. Brown was chosen director for three years to succeed Mr. Carr. Rudolf Oberle got the contract for operating the board for the ensuing year with the understanding that the company install a power generator at the central office.—Eagle Beacon.

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Journal Collecting Debts.

When a newspaper goes into factional politics, makes up a late early before election day and pulls through its nominees, the public may expect and will not be disappointed if the elected ones show their appreciation of favors by a return. The Lincoln Journal is beginning to collect its political debts.

Yesterday the Journal got a good thing from its friends in the legislature. The Wheeler reports were adopted which means a big job for the Journal Publishing company. Saturday or Monday they will get the printing of the daily journal of both houses and for this they will get a second good price when at the end of the session they get paid for the collection in book form of the daily reports.

And there are yet more nice plums to be obtained by the "reform" organ if their lobbyists do not get thrown out and their legislator friends do not repudiate their debt.

The legislature and the people should be able to see that there are other ways of bribery than with railway passes.

Keep your eye on the printing graft from this time on.—Lincoln Star.

Trial Divorce.

Trial divorce is the newest idea in the matrimonial problem. It is a converse application of the Parsons trial marriage doctrine and the first test is being made by an idealistic Spokane couple, who after a passively happy married life of ten years have separated to compare notes at the end of a year.

That the lawyers of the western city are regarding the experiment with some trepidation implies possible solution of the divorce scandal by simple home adjudication. At least it has many advantages over the trial marriage as a preventive of matrimonial failures, the principal one of course being that it looks sane. Yet the Spokane test is endangered by the convenience of elasticity. If at the end of the year the notes do not agree an extension of the separation may ensue.

The trial marriage experiment possessed only one virtue and that was the limit of the probation. On the other hand, the trial divorce seems to suggest the possibilities of complications as these states of single blessedness lengthen by mutual agreement. It might all be delightful to the participants, but perhaps embarrassing to the second generation, for instance. Of course the inventors of the new scheme have provided for such contingency by the suggestion that if the notes do not finally compare resort may be had to the courts.

Whether those who avail themselves of the independence of separate establishments would care to embark again on the troublesome sea of adventure after such unique experiences becomes another stumbling block to a widespread emulation of our Spokane couple.

Yet we will await their first annual report with some interest.

SENATOR ROOT is evidently of the opinion that there is no further use for the state board of charities and corrections, and has introduced a bill for its abolishment.

Harmony In Service Pensions.

The passage by the senate of a service pensions bill in which the Union veterans of 1861-65 are designated as men who fought in the "Civil War" may be accepted as official notice that "the war is over."

Heretofore in all official papers of the United States the great struggle has been called the War of the Rebellion, says the St. Louis Republic. Since Cromwell's war against the divine right of kings is still called by English historians the great rebellion, this designation need not have given offense to any of the confederates who were for so many years known in Washington by no other name than that of rebels. Such rebels as Nathaniel Bacon and George Washington will live in history as the noblest of patriots.

Let the struggle be called war between the states, as Alexander H. Stevens named it, war of the rebellion, civil war or war of secession, which latter most accurately describes it. Friday's debate in the senate was about the first occasion on which it has been discussed in either house of congress without calling forth words of bitterness from some member whose dominant thought lingered in the past.

Senators of the United States, as a rule, are men of strong convictions who have reached an age at which they are not easily weaned from old prejudices. When those of them who were on opposite sides of the civil war discuss it in terms of mutual esteem and compliment, as brothers who, having fought are now thoroughly reconciled, it is time for all others to look upon every monument of the war as a memorial of American valor and of American devotion to principle without respect to the flag it celebrates.

The nation will cheerfully give this bounty to the union veterans who are passing into the shadows. It will especially approve the gracious act by which the senate grants to the tottering veterans of the Mexican war the more liberal aid their friends have been asking for them. Probably there is not a survivor of them who will not receive the maximum of \$20 a month allotted to veterans of either war who have attained the age of 75 years.

So many union veterans have been found, and are still finding, homes in the southern and southwestern states that the pension money latest voted is every year more nearly equally distributed between the sections than that paid out before. In order that the treasury may not feel the new draft upon it, the ten or fifteen millions which this bill adds to the pensions account ought in some way to be deducted from our costly and wasteful expenditures in the distant Philippines.

IOWA has had its lynching bee. The more of these happenings north of certain parallels, the more careful we should be about finding the beam in our brothers eye.

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