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The governor of Iowa asserts that he is "Cummin" against Allison for U. S. Senator. Sentimental talk of the long service of the latter will not deter the governor for making the race.

FROM DENVER comes an account of a balloon being struck by lightning, and a few days ago a similar accident occurred in Italy. The lightning rod agent will soon be peddling his wares among the aeronauts.

WHEN General Kuroki gets back home and tells how nicely he was treated while in the United States his journalistic countrymen who are clamoring for war may begin to think that Uncle Sam is not such a bad sort after all.

A MEMBER of the congressional party which recently visited Hawaii declares that the island needs American farmers. Our island possession is so overrun with the little brown men that it would take almost all the soil tillers in Nebraska to out number them.

ALL the railroads in Nebraska will on July 15 make a 15 per cent reduction on many of the important commodities. This reduction is in compliance with the maximum freight rate law, passed at the last session of the legislature. The reduction will effect grain, lumber, coal, grain products, building material and fruit.

THE low, ominous growl of the Mikado is being heard across the Pacific and the tone of the Japanese official press is not reassuring. They complain, and the complaint seems to have teeth in it, that treaties between Japan and the United States should not be consigned to the waste basket, but should have full effect and be entitled to all the potency and efficacy of treaties with other nations. The least cause for grievance is the demolition by mobs in San Francisco of Japanese restaurants and other business houses. Doubtless the new anti-Japanese feeling ran away with discretion and the mob overdid itself in inexcusable excesses.

JESSE GRANT, third son of the conqueror of Lee's army, now spends most of his time in New York. He lives there in an uptown hotel, belongs to one or two of the old aristocratic clubs, and recently said of himself to a friend from Washington: "I am a splendid loafer. With a good cigar I can stare at the wall contentedly for hours." His home is in southern California, where he has lived ever since his marriage to a California heiress, and out there he leads the life of a gentleman ranchman. In politics he is a democrat, believes thoroughly in that party's principles. Supports with his money and his influence its straight. He would be perfectly willing to accept the democratic nomination for president next year, though, it is said, he is doing nothing in the booming line. Mr. Grant is not a public speaker, and confesses that he believes he would have a bad attack of stage fright should he be required to make a speech; but he wields a vigorous pen, and could thus communicate attractively his views and purpose to the voters should he be nominated.

THE Clay Center Sun (republican) says: "Roosevelt will most likely be the candidate, but if he is not, LaFollette should by all means be the man. In the great work now before the country of wresting the throat of the people from the grip of capital, both parties are a unit, and the man whom the people have the most confidence in will receive their support. If it can't be one of these, why not Bryan?"

JUNE weddings are all right, but the best kind of a wedding is the golden wedding.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT at Norfolk told the editors to avoid exaggeration. Pity it is that he did not give the wholesome advice previous to his San Juan Hill feat.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT's only swear words are "By George!" His enemies will be inclined to attribute them to King George IV., but the fact is that they refer to the late George Washington.

SECRETARY of the interior Garfield declares the lower ranks in the civil service are overpaid, and the higher ones underpaid, but perhaps that comes from never having been in the "lower ranks."

In declaring children to be the best asset of the nation, President Roosevelt neglects to place a value on mothers. The pale-faced little woman who toils unnoticed in the mart of life deserves some mention.

WE notice that Dr. P. L. Hall has retired from the Columbia National bank at Lincoln, because his health is such as to require perfect rest. The many friends of Dr. Hall in Cass county will be glad to hear of his early restoration to his former health.

THE railroad pass is undoubtedly a handy thing to have about one's trousers; very much sought after by those who have it not, but the fellows who have it seem to want to hide it, and dislike to have the public find out about it. Why is this thus?

It does make a difference. An exchange observes that if you hand a man a dipper of water he will take care to drink out of the side where you didn't. Hand him a bottle, and he doesn't care how much you have mounded it, but thrusts the neck of it down his throat and drinks like a drain pipe.

THE Buffalo Times is strong for Bryan and in a late issue indirectly voices its faith in him by a shot at a mugwump paper: "Harper's Weekly is opposed to the nomination of Bryan for president, probably on account of its tender feeling for Wall street and the belief that he would be elected."

THAT there is a well-grounded belief that the constitution is regarded at the White House as being cumbersome, obsolete and a back number as compared to rough-rider cow-camp ideas of statesmanship, and the Louisville Courier-Journal professing to see it, thus decants upon it: "By comparing recent Root and Roosevelt utterances with regard to state rights and the construction of the constitution, it may be seen that the statesmen agree that state sovereignty is traditional, obedience to the constitution obsolete, and reliance upon a well put together supreme court the milk in the coconut."

THE Publishers' Auxiliary urges the publishers of weekly papers to advance the price of subscription because of the advance in the price of paper and other elements entering into the making of a newspaper. The advance in print paper has been very great. The price of wood out of which pulp is made has advanced from \$6.50 per cord a year ago to \$16.50 today, and there is a fight between the mills to secure it. There has been a corresponding advance in all other things that go to make a newspaper. Labor, type, ink, and in fact, everything that enters into the making of a newspaper has advanced very much, yet the publishers of the country have made no advance in their subscription price, but have, in fact, lessened it by increasing the size of their papers. The people are able to pay more than formerly, and will willingly do so if the matter is fairly presented. The Journal has for some time been discussing the advisability of increasing the price of this paper to \$1.50 per year, and in justice to ourselves believe it should be done.

THE foremost rank of American citizens suffers a deficiency in the death of Senator Morgan. The patriarchal statesman of Alabama leaves history and tradition richer by his life of notable public service, and the nation mourns with his native state, which was ever the proud object of his statesmanly guardianship.

While Foraker is making a cornered-rat fight for his Senatorial toga in Ohio, and while Cannon is cajoling his masters, the interests, that he holds sufficient of public estimation to give him a standing tall enough to be deemed popular Presidential timber, the faint fire of Fairbanks seems to be burning pale and low in the distant and darkening horizon.

HENRY WATTERSON is liable to get himself eligible to White House displeasure or Oyster Bay denunciation. Here is wherein the Courier-Journal mortally offends, "Speaking of the heart of wild things, the Teddy Bear, when attached or annoyed, rises upon its hind legs and makes a noise like a pack of megaphones in full cry, yet it has never been known to bite."

A BOSTON physician is credited with advocating the killing at birth of all children who are deformed or who show traces of degeneracy. It is the Osler theory in another form. Dr. Osler advocated the killing of all persons with whom the hand of time had dealt unkindly, and now this Boston physician would destroy the first creation. Both physicians align themselves with the enemies of humanity. There is nothing under the sun which gives to man the right to murder innocent babes.

ORCHARD admits and confesses enough to classify him as the greatest all-around criminal America has ever produced. And this is said in the face of the assumed guilt by the prosecution of the men now upon trial at Boise, Idaho, where Orchard is the star witness. If Pettigrew, Moyer and Haywood are each as guilty as Orchard asserts, they cannot possibly be as great criminals as he unblushingly says he is and has been for years.

### Tariff Truth.

In the whole sweep of political discussion the truest topic is undoubtedly the tariff. But its very triteness argues its vitality. The fact that it will not down, but is forever a bone to pick between parties, proves, also, that public interest in it is something more than academic.

The great truth that the tariff is the parent of modern economic iniquities growingly possesses the public consciousness and insures that the tariff will be the leading issue in the next presidential campaign. The tariff is the arch foe of the principle of the square deal and a pretty fair consensus of opinion among all classes is politically close to action upon that conclusion. A majority of voters in the country at present are fixed in mind for revision. Their attitude can be made a demand for revision that will insure the success of the democratic party at the polls in 1908, if the leaders and the party press will do their work intelligently.

Whatever else the republicans may be or may assume to be, it will continue to be a stand-pat party for the defense of the Dingley schedules. It may prate of reform, it may file suits against the trusts, but it will continue to foster monopoly, to preserve the root of monopoly, if possible.

That the tariff issue will be an important factor in the politics of next year, if not indeed the dominant factor, is indicated by the increasing frequency of tariff discussion in the press generally. Tariff is "in the air" as it has been in years. And discussion develops no two opinions about it—talk is all one way. The tariff ought to be revised. The only organs who keep deadly silence upon the subject are a few trust-owned organs; the others are voicing a popular demand which promises political action.

THAT bear which in her hunt for stolen cubs, kept two Union Pacific operators imprisoned, and so tied up a Harriman road, must have been a Teddy bear.

AMONG the many crimes to which Harry Orchard confessed was that of being a life insurance agent for a short time. We believe that it was at this period in his recital that he wept.

WHILE the evidence looks bad for the school teachers' chance of getting married this vacation there are a few engaged ones who do not resign until they are sure they are engaged to be married.

ELMWOOD is making great preparations for the soldiers' reunion for the district of eastern Nebraska, June 29 to July 4th. As Elmwood never does things by the halves, the old veterans can expect royal treatment.

WITNESS ORCHARD at Boise, Idaho, says bible stories told him by a detective brought about his conversion and resulted in his confession. It is a pity that the self-confessed murderer did not listen to bible stories and teachings in his younger days.

HURRAH for Louisville! The citizens of that enterprising burg have resolved to celebrate the 4th. Arrangements are being made to observe the great natal day in an appropriate manner, while Plattsmouth will remain quiet, as usual, on such occasions.

THE doctors have decided that kissing is dangerous and that tuberculosis and other dread diseases can be transferred from one person to another by the act of osculation, but then, say—we don't mind a little danger, and the very first opportunity we expect to fly right in the faces of danger, mouth first.

"I AM, as a politician, dead," says Richard Croker, "and my only desire is to end my days in these glorious surroundings. I have served my time and I am satisfied." Most time-servers do find themselves to be dead ones these days, but the croakers are seldom found to be so cheerful about it.

THE obituary notices given the defunct Chicago Chronicle, by democratic papers are fitting tributes and richly deserved by the dead journal which for the last ten or twelve years has been the active agent of the worst element in the republican party. It has followed the trail of the serpent, covered itself with slime and as the mouth-piece of Walsh and other criminals it ran its course and is now in the scrap pile where all of its kind belong.

It has been ascertained that a "Bible Trust" has driven out of business hundreds of bible societies and now controls the entire bible output. Of course the price has increased and now Congress will be asked to investigate this pious trust and it is expected that the world will be startled at the amount of pure graft worked in the name of religion. The bible-grafters are all standpatters and unctuous upholders of national morality.

GOVERNOR SHELDON is certainly enjoying his outing with the Omaha boomers. Everywhere he seems to attract great attention. Even the ladies (God bless them!) turn out to greet him, and it would take several bushel baskets at each stopping place to carry the flowers they present to him. George is wearing a silk tile on this trip, in which he looks remarkably well, and in which those of his Cass county friends who have known him from infancy, would fail to recognize the governor. A silk tile is something new to George, and about home people are used to seeing him with slouch hat and overalls on.

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Under the auspices of the Presbyterian church and by the direction of the famous Miss Leigh, representative of the Mistletoe Lyceum bureau of New York City, was given the very interesting and attractive play "Genevra" or "Under the Mistletoe Bough." The play was presented in four acts, covering a period of fifty years, and those distinguishing themselves particularly, were some two hundred of the members of the party who gave the play.

Allen J. Beeson acted so well his part that one has some difficulty in dissuading himself that there was danger in losing the brilliant attorney of every day life in the excellent old man he made on the stage. Little Carl Schneider made a great hit in his song "Cheyenne."

In the first act we see the home of "Genevra" at the wedding; all is as merry as the famous wedding bells and the disappearance of the bride, who, in a spirit of fun, ran up to the attic and hid herself in an old abandoned chest which when she was in, the lid fell down and the lock, which was a spring, caught with a click, and it took fifty years to unravel the tale. Consternation reigned when it was known that she had disappeared, and alarm when they failed to find her whereabouts, and black despair settled over all, when with heavy hearts they were compelled

to abandon the search. The groom seemed to never have gained the gay and care free spirit that had always characterized him before, and as time wore on, became morose and down-hearted, and a prematurely old man. After fifty years some children playing in the garret found the chest, then falling apart, revealing the skeleton of the once winsome bride "Genevra" but now only some mouldering bones.

In the short space which we are allowed to use, prevents us noticing even in a small way, the many good representations made by the different people engaged. Mrs. T. B. Bates was exceptionally good in her representation of grandmother. All were well pleased with the "Wreath Drill," "Wand Drill" and "Snake Drill," the latter being gorgeous in its pagentry. The Children's scene and Japanese Girls were even beyond anything expected.

Of all the soloists, there were none which did not acquit themselves with honor, and which was more than worth the price of admission, but the ones which were particularly attractive in the way which they were rendered even among the fine array of the group were: Mrs. J. W. Gamble, who did exceptionally well and deserves great praise; Miss Ellen Windham, Miss Katharine Dovey, Miss Edith Dovey and Milford Bates. Among the fun makers all were exceptionally fine, and we will not say one, but all did so well that we know of those who laughed until the tears trickled down their cheeks like mountain streams in the spring time.

Miss Fern Greenslate presided at the piano, and her renditions of the parts were of that character of execution which is an art entirely her own. All in all it was one of the greatest successes which it has been our lot to witness, and more so when it is taken into consideration the short time which has been devoted to the preparation of the production.

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