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Why shouldn't the spirit of mortal be proud if that mortal happens to live in Nebraska?

If Mr. Reese is elected, wonder if he will put all his relations in office same as he did before?

It is refreshing and encouraging to drive out through the country and look at the fine corn and numerous haystacks that adorn the fields.

It is dollars to doughnuts that the British Government is not paying Dingley prices for the horseshoes it is buying in this country for its army horses.

At the end of eighteen months the standpatters who have been pleading for a delay of tariff revision will be found pleading just as hard for eighteen months more.

A NEVADA, MISSOURI man and wife quarreled over a feather bed, the wife left home and the man committed suicide. Feather beds were not designed to quarrel over.

"AFTER life's fitful fever he sleeps well." Where, in all of the domain of dramatic or other literature, could an epitaph be more fitting to Richard Mansfield be found?

HAVING yielded to temptation and lost his gift of silence, Governor Hughes, of New York, has shown himself greatly inferior to Secretary Taft in the art of saying nothing from notes.

AFTER fifteen years a snagboat has been put to work again pulling derelict timber out of the channel of the Missouri River. More lights for pilots to steer by would make nocturnal navigation of that rediscovered waterway a possibility once more.

THE Buffalo Times says that "former Governor Taylor of Kentucky will return to that state for trial, if he can select the judge and jury, dictate the verdict and adjourn the court." This is certainly fair from a republican standpoint, but will not be considered by the blind goddess.

ALL parties in Nebraska, when they meet to formulate the state platforms this year, should condemn in strongest possible language the salary-grabbing congress, which adjourned last March, after having voted congressman and senators an increase of salary of from \$5,000 to \$7,500. The doing of it should be condemned, and the cowardly way in which it was done is even worse.

If for no other reason, Mr. Reese should not be nominated for the office of supreme judge for the reason that he has passed the period in life when men are active, when minds are clear, and his elevation to that position would simply mean the employment of another commissioner to do his work. This is not a partisan question; it is a matter for the people to settle upon a purely business basis.

HON. GEORGE L. LOOMIS, of Fremont was one of the speakers on Labor Day, and took advantage of the occasion to meet many of the democrats of Cass county. He is a gentleman of considerable ability and made many friends during his few hours in our city. He is evidently of that material to make a supreme court judge that the state at large would reap the benefit of his ability as an eminent jurist.

THE enemies of William J. Bryan are busily engaged just now in an endeavor to start a boom for the Governor of Missouri for president. This is being done with the hope of killing off the great sentiment throughout the land for the greatest statesman in the land. There is only one thing that will ever cease the growing sentiment in Mr. Bryan's favor for president and that is his emphatic declination to be a candidate.

AN Illinois court has decided that the step-mother of Pension Commissioner Vespasian Warner is not a negro and is entitled to all the rights of a widow. As the estate is large the milk in the cocoanut was sufficient in quantity to incite the man Warner to try to blacken his father's memory in order to deprive the woman of her part of the estate. "There's a heap of difference between some folks and other people."

WHEN the original standpatter, your Uncle Joe Cannon, intimates that unless the republicans walk a chalk line this coming session of congress there will be no use of the republicans holding any convention next year, it is high time lesser lights were putting their ear to the ground and taking notice of the steady and onward march of those who seek and demand relief from drastic laws put upon the statute books by former republican congresses. The republicans may be old and profane, but he is not blind to conditions or deaf to protests.

THE net profits of the steel trust last year was \$45,000,000. The tariff made it possible. And the consumers paid it.

THE public schools of this city will be opened next Tuesday and parents should not forget the compulsory law which requires them to send their children to school.

THE democratic county committee will probably meet and nominate a candidate for county judge before the general election. It is altogether owing who the republican candidate is.

ACCORDING to the opinion of the attorney general, the same rules apply to primary as to general elections, so far as closing the saloons is concerned. This will make a dry day of it Tuesday.

EVERY candidate for the republican nomination for county judge is sure he is the man. All are pretty good fellows and it is pretty hard for anyone to determine who will be the lucky one.

In order that there may be no mistake in the issue, they are printing the name of Rose after that of Reese in some counties. The contest is between Rose and Lindsay; between the outs and ins.

WHAT are we coming to anyhow? Down at Coffeyville, Kansas, the preachers have formed a trust and will hereafter preach no funeral sermon outside of their membership for less than \$5. And still we are told that salvation is free.

It looks as though the people of Nebraska would elect an attorney general who understood the law, but evidences since the primary election law was put on the statute books that they have hit wide the mark in the election of the present incumbent.

ENTHUSIASTIC republican journals point to the fact that the railroads are so busy hauling grain that they are neglecting the hauling of coal, and then gleefully assert that it means prosperity. The only thing lacking is the statement that the republican party is responsible for the big grain crop.

THAT was an exceedingly amusing situation in Joplin, Mo., when J. F. Holmes, a wealthy mine owner of Joplin, in the act of introducing Secretary Taft to the large audience said: "Ladies and Gentlemen, President Roosevelt will now speak to you." This was proper, as the booby talks from manuscript prepared by Roosevelt.

In this day and age the successful newspaper publishers are those who attend strictly to that business. The unsuccessful ones are those who have other matters to attend to on the outside, which occupies the time that should be paid to newspaper work. "Too many irons in the fire" has killed newspapers that otherwise would have been prosperous.

A JOHNSON county farmer demonstrated what can be done with alfalfa. He sowed a six-acre field from which he has made two cuttings, saving the second crop for seed, which yielded thirty-six bushels worth \$9 per bushel. This man makes an average of \$54 per acre for the seed crop and \$21 per acre for the hay, or \$75 per acre. Not so slow for an off year. Stand up for Nebraska.

In response to the appeal of Oklahoma republicans for financial aid towards carrying the new state for the republican ticket, the state officials in Nebraska say they will have no money to spare, and that they will have enough to do in helping furnish the sinews of war in their own state. Furthermore, they think that Oklahoma is predestined to be democratic and no campaign fund could be raised large enough to make it republican. And right they are.

AFTER the Labor Day celebration the question of improving the city park should be seriously considered. It is the proper place to hold such celebrations, and would be the proper place if in condition to do so. It has been greatly neglected, and there seems to be no reason for it either. Hundreds of more people would have been delighted to have heard the speakers on Labor Day, if they could have had a comfortable place to sit down, and the speakers would have enjoyed talking much better if they had been speaking from a stand like that in the park. Put the park in proper shape. Let the council take interest in the matter.

THERE is blood on the Kansas moon. The women of Hutchinson wrote the secretary of the state board of health that unless he at once saw that the negroes stopped dumping refuse on the banks of the classic Arkansas things would happen, good and plenty. Here is what the women say: "Either you proceed at once against these greasy niggers, or we will proceed with a rope. We won't stand for it. About twenty-five of us white women will just buy a few feet of rope and then there won't be any more law-defying niggers." O, shades of John Brown, Jim Lane and John J. Ingalls! Somebody please write Ben Tillman or Governor Vardeman of the imminent danger of the poor black men in bleeding Kansas.

WITH the biggest naval force that ever sailed around the world returning to home ports and a Presidential election under full headway, we shall not lack things spectacular in the year of grace 1908.

IMMEDIATELY after Attorney General Bonaparte's "flippant" prophecies of reformation in the moral nature of high financiers to be worked out through jail sentences, ex-Senator Burton, who was already editing one republican reform paper in Kansas, bought another. Possibly he may need a third before he fully expresse all the ideas he thought out in jail at Ironton, Mo. At any rate this seems to be the time for Attorney General Bonaparte to make a memorandum of the coincidence.

By his report to the president that the Oklahoma Constitution will be adopted in spite of Secretary Taft's criticisms, Secretary Garfield, proves that he was an intelligent observer during his visit to the Indians of the coming state. That constitution certainly will be adopted by a large majority of the votes to be cast on September 17, in all probability by a much larger majority than it would have received if Mr. Taft and the president had let it alone. In order to deprive the president of any pretext for voting statehood until after next year's election, the people down there would do well to make their vote for the Constitution unanimous. They had the intimation plainly enough from Mr. Taft that Mr. Roosevelt would rather turn down statehood than not. Nothing less than a thumping big vote for it is hable to change his mind about it. The President acknowledges that he is beaten in the fight to make one state of Arizona and New Mexico, and will not renew it at the coming session of congress. The right sort of a vote in the statehood election will in all probability cause him to acknowledge himself beaten in the fight against Oklahoma. Make it unanimous.

Steadily Growing Surplus
The school of political economy that holds a public debt to be a public blessing may be expected to coin a new apothegm to excuse our constantly growing surplus. At any rate there is no lack of defenders for the surplus and they greatly need a catchy phrase.

The surplus in the United States Treasury continues to pile up with unexampled rapidity. We cannot forget that every dollar of this surplus represents a needless levy upon an overtaxed people.

One distinguished republican whose views on this subject have heretofore been quoted in these columns, the former Treasurer of the United States, Mr. Ellis H. Roberts, calls this unnecessary collection of an unneeded revenue "The wrong of the great surplus." And he is right. According to his calculations the surplus collection for the fiscal year of 1908 will aggregate \$12,000,000, or about 13 per cent of the gross revenue. So he has frankly declared it to be the duty of the national government to make a horizontal cut in all forms of revenue levies, internal as well as customs taxes. That is borrowing an idea from the Morrison horizontal tariff-reduction bill of a generation ago. But no democrat will resent the appropriation.

It should never be forgotten that our steadily growing surplus reflects not only unnecessary taxation, but a radically imperfect monetary system. We perpetrate our bonds to afford a basis for our paper currency and then proceed to tax ourselves on a needless debt. Not content with that, we make our taxes 13 per cent more than demanded by the requirements of government lavishly administered, and having set the coffers of the Treasury to overflowing we must perforce, pour our surplus into the strong boxes of the national banks to ward off a panic. This marvelous financiering brought the public funds in national banks from \$94,481,697 on June 30, 1906, to \$182,412,809 on June 30, 1907, although the net balance in the Treasury grew only a trifle over two millions. By June 30, 1908, the banks will doubtless hold \$300,000,000 of public funds, five-sixths of which should never have been collected unless required to pay the bonded debt, since all experts agree that \$50,000,000 is an ample working balance to hold in the Treasury.

The total debt of the United States today, less the available balance in the Treasury, aggregates \$1,034,701,153. But the available balance is \$238,574,188 which is only theoretically available, as we don't use it to pay off bonds and can only disburse it, therefore, when the volume of the surplus tempts congress to injudicious appropriations. Despite these, however, the surplus goes on growing and we have the prospect before us that Uncle Sam will squeeze from the people this fiscal year seven times as much revenue as necessary to pay interest on the bonded debt we are preserving to maintain our currency system. The interest-bearing debt is \$858,685,510, and the interest payment it calls for will aggregate \$20,182,962. Our surplus of revenue in excess of other expenses than interest will amount to \$120,000,000 after we have paid interest. Yet any talk of tariff revision stirs a howl of republican protest. Isn't there a campaign issue in such a situation?

MR. BRYAN photographs Mr. Taft in the right attitude when he depicts him as a straddler. In the speeches he has made since leaving Washington Mr. Taft has straddled the Rooseveltian ideals and he has done little else.

THE astronomers have now discovered fifty-six distinct canals upon the planet Mars and if not restrained there is no telling what they may see up there within the next year. Two to one they never discover the money which so mysteriously disappeared from the United States sub-treasuries at St. Louis and Chicago nor any missing police commissioner under accusation.

MOTHERS with spankable boys should take warning from the fate of a mother and boy in Wisconsin. She drew him across the maternal knee, wielded the household shingle and applied it where she thought it would do the most good. But the paddle hit a dynamite cap the boy had in his hip pocket and the explosion fatally injured the child and blew off two fingers of the mother.

COLONEL BRYAN will not deliver his keynote speech this year until he finally decides what keynote he will use.—Omaha Bee.

So? Well just wait his visit to Oklahoma and you will hear something along the line of a keynote that will give you something to harp on for a few weeks, at least. Booby Taft will appear insignificant after the great Nebraskan gets through with him.

Mr. BRYAN made a real political speech at St. Joseph the other day and it is a real pleasure to read a speech which deals with the vital questions of the day without splitting hairs. Mr. Bryan speaks of the leading issues in the next campaign, and gives little hope to the tariff barons, trust magnates and railway princes. It's the same Bryan. Bold and outspoken, hiding nothing, and making no uncertainty of his purposes. There is no intent to deceive the people in what the Nebraskan has to say.

DENTISTS should have a care in administering laughing gas, for sometimes it turns out no laughing matter. A Washington dentist gave some to a man who arose from the chair, whipped the dentist and another man of the same profession who ran in to help his brother tooth-puller, and was about to clean out the entire building when he was struck down with a hammer and all the laugh knocked out of him. But it took an iron hammer to knock all the audible and hilarious mirth out of him.

A General Holiday.
Labor Day has become a recognized institution in the United States, though neither the national government nor all of the states have as yet formally declared it, says the Kansas City Post. And it would push the objectors to such holidays cruelly to invent any good or valid reason why labor should not have a holiday, one on which to rest, parade and make merry throughout the length and breadth of the union, as it is upon their muscle, their brain and their brawn that all material prosperity rests, and no set or caste is more deserving a general holiday than those who toil, build, construct and create.

And in the enjoyment of the day and its pleasures and advantages it is not incumbent upon the laborer to belong to a trades union, nor is membership in any kind of an organization a condition precedent to the day's diversions. The toiler is capable of enjoying a day off who is of a craft or who works at a business in which it is neither incumbent or compulsory to join a union as a man who belongs to and upholds the trades organizations. These features of the case are not taken into account when the workman and his family knock off from toil to enjoy a day of rest and innocent pleasure.

But all may enjoy themselves as to each one seemeth best, and when the day is over it will be found that each man, member or non-member, is upon better terms with himself and the world and he will return to work with a lighter heart and sweeter song in his mouth for having observed Labor Day.

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