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Too late Senator Foraker recalls the advice of the lamented "Jim" Fiske, "Don't write. Send word."

While the "where-did-you-get-it" query is going the rounds, it would be interesting to know how Mr. Hearst came into possession of the private correspondence between Senator Foraker and a Standard Oil magnate.

Iowa Republicans are not making as much noise about their family row as their brothers in some other states, but the trouble is just as serious as the split in New York. The standpatters and the "progressives" are both standing pat, with the Democrats looking on and enjoying the fun.

The loss of 17,000 votes from the Republican majority in Maine is no indication of race suicide in the Pine Tree state. Republicans up there are alive, more alive than they have been in a quarter of a century. This is shown very plainly by the fact that so many of them are voting the Democratic ticket.

There must be a screw loose somewhere. The Carnegie steel works have started to running double time because Taft looks like a winner, and the New York stock market is going to smash because Bryan is in the lead. Nobody but a Republican campaign manager can figure this out to his own satisfaction.

In answer to several proddings from Mr. Bryan, Attorney General Bonaparte has told at last why he and the President have not tried to put any trust magnates behind the bars. They did not try, says the attorney general, for fear that they might not be successful, and they did not want to give the big thieves the benefit of an acquittal. There would be very few malefactors of any kind ever punished if the prosecutors of the land followed this example. They have come to understand that, without a trial, there is no way of finding out whether or not a conviction can be obtained. This is the first time on record that a public prosecutor has urged as an excuse for not doing his duty that someone might gloat over him if he failed.

The panic among the republicans still spreads. From every side comes frantic appeals for a change in management. The Macedonian cry is raised in every northern state. Widespread disaster faces the G. O. P. with its trust-tainted record. Factional fights in every important state confront the management and certain defeat seems the fate of "my" man and "my" policies. Hitchcock is now publicly condemned as a failure and the wail goes up for Moses to lead the party out of wilderness. Murray Crane appears upon the scene and instantly the air becomes surcharged with rumors of his succession to the chairmanship. Foraker goes down and out with a dull sickening thud, and Theodore is again in the field flourishing the big stick and howling aloud for the election of his man. Surely the American nation never witnessed so curious a spectacle. Is it the debacle of a great party?

A NEBRASKA banker called at the Commoner office last week, and it so happened that several of the eastern correspondents were present. "Can you give me off hand, the names of any who have heretofore been voting the republican ticket, but who are supporting Bryan," asked a correspondent. "Yes sir, I can," was the banker's reply. "Four years ago of the seven bankers in my town I was the only one who supported the democratic ticket. This year five out of the seven are supporting Bryan," and the banker gave their names. "There are five ministers in my city, and all five of them have always voted the republican ticket. Not one of them ever supported a democrat for president until this year. Now four of them are supporting Bryan, openly and enthusiastically." And the banker gave the name of the four. Then he proceeded, off hand to name a dozen or more republicans who are today supporting Bryan. The correspondent was convinced.

"FORAKER out for Taft," says an exchange. What with?

KEEP it before the people—that the democrats of Nebraska favor bank guarantee, while the republican party opposes the proposition.

In an Ohio speech delivered by Taft recently, referring to his injunction record while a federal judge, Taft said: "I have no apology to make to the laboring class."

YOUR Uncle Sam is getting to be a sporty old gent. In the design of the new \$50 gold pieces, the trousers have been taken off the eagle and the goddess of liberty wears a sheath skirt.

EVERY time Taft makes a speech he tacks another amendment on to the Chicago platform, and it now has as many amendments as the federal constitution and is as difficult to understand.

THE postmaster general has asked that school children be instructed as to the workings of the postal service. Probably wants the girls to learn while young that the stamp should be placed in the upper right-hand corner.

If the election of Taft is certain, as the republican leaders claim, they are hardly consistent in attributing the decline in stocks to the fear of a Bryan victory. But consistency never troubles the Republican managers. They blindly claim all the good things of earth to be the direct results of "my policies" and assign the evils to "the machinations of the opposition," and let it go at that.

BOTH Republican and Democratic state conventions met in Lincoln Tuesday and adopted their respective platforms. The Democrats adopted the guarantee plank while the Republicans sat down on Governor Sheldon in his effort to secure a like plank in the Republican platform. Neither convention recognized the local option question. Tom Allen was re-elected chairman of the Democratic state committee, and the deliberations of the convention was harmonious throughout.

It will be with some gratification that the people of Nebraska learn that the Omaha Auditorium is to be completed at once and that the business men of Omaha have put up the \$50,000 necessary to complete the building as it should be completed in order to be a credit to the city. The National Corn Exposition is to use the Auditorium for its main exposition building, and it could not be put to a better use. The people of Nebraska helped build the Auditorium and they are going to get something for their money.

How Taft Gains.

Four years ago Iowa gave to the Roosevelt electors 307,907 votes as against 149,141 to Mr. Parker. In other words, Mr. Roosevelt carried the state by a plurality of 158,766. Should the prediction of Governor Cummins prove true and Taft carry Iowa by a plurality of 30,000 it would mean a loss of 128,000 of the former plurality, or more than four-fifths of it.

And this is called "making material gains" for the cause of Rooseveltism. If this is considered as a Republican increase, one wonders what would have to be the conditions for the Republican managers to foresee a loss.

A plurality of 30,000 is the best that Governor Cummins can forecast for the Republican ticket in Iowa. This means a loss of 128,000 votes which could only be accounted for by half that number, or 64,000, who voted for Roosevelt four years ago, having already gone over to the Democratic ranks. Pause and think of it for a moment. In only one state in the Union, a body of men as large as the standing army of the United States has deserted the party of Roosevelt. This helps to explain the recent vote of Maine, where a former Republican majority of 24,000 was cut down to a scant 6,000, a result that the Republican managers said was brought about by "local conditions that had no connection with the national situation." We did not believe their explanation when it was made. Now we are positive it was not true.

The truth of the matter is that the Republicans are on the run from the Atlantic to the Pacific and from Manitoba to the Dry Tortugas. Unless something that is not in the present reckoning comes to pass, there is going to be a Democratic landslide in November. William J. Bryan is going to sweep the country as Roosevelt swept it four years ago.

ORGANIZE NORMAL TRAINING SCHOOL

Sunday School of the City United In The Movement.

Steps preliminary to the placing of the teaching force of the Sunday schools of the city on the same basis as the city schools were taken last Thursday, at a meeting held at the Methodist church in this city. The object of the movement is to secure such knowledge and training as will make excellent instructors for Sunday schools.

A text book, "Revised Normal Lessons" by Hurlbut was adopted while Rev. A. A. Randall of the Methodist church was selected as instructor, Jesse P. Perry as president and Miss Margaret Mapes as secretary. The course provides for study in Bible history, geography and all things covered by the International Sunday School lessons.

The expense will be normal, the text book costing but twenty-five cents, it being obtained from either Mr. Perry or Miss Mapes. The first meeting set for (Tuesday) night at the Methodist church when a permanent meeting night will be selected. A cordial invitation is extended to officers, teachers and members of the various Sunday schools of the city and vicinity to attend. Monthly examinations will be held and diplomas awarded to those sixteen years of age or older who satisfactorily complete the course. An invitation is issued to all to become members and visit the schools. Those who have not time for the study will be looked after through a course of study and examination which will be written and can be taken at convenience with a diploma as in other cases.

Everyone interested is invited to attend the meeting tomorrow (Tuesday) night and join, although members can enter at any time but miss some of the benefits. The meeting is Tuesday evening at 7:30 p. m. at the Methodist church.

Work Commenced.

Work commenced Monday morning on the new culvert under the Burlington tracks in good earnest. Men and teams were put to work grading for the opening under the tracks and from now on the work will be pushed in good time. The culvert according to the latest plans will only be 6x12 feet in size which may possibly carry the water which will come down Main street although this is doubtful. What strikes everyone familiar with the situation as foolish and uneconomical is the fact that the company did not make the opening of sufficient height to permit it to be used as a wagon way. This would do away with the dangerous crossing at the depot and would cost but little more. The only way that this crossing will ever be put in apparently, is to have someone killed there when the company will spend several times what it will cost them now, doing what they should do now.

Arrested by Game Warden.

A party of Cass County citizens, mostly of Louisville and vicinity, Sunday fell afoul of the game laws of the state, and have been busy ever since in explaining and making matters good to the warden. The party which comprised it, is said, some twenty people invaded Sarpy county with the intent to yank all the finny tribe in the waters out by hook and line, neglecting that necessary little piece of card board reading "License," and the assistant game warden, said to be appropriately named C. Cusmore, of Grand Island, swooped down upon them and held them up with a short stick. He wanted evidence in the shape of a license to fish from them and they found themselves in the awkward predicament of having one not. The matter has not yet been settled, as the entire party are awaiting the appearance of head deputy Hunsicker at Louisville today when they will fish a little to see how to get out of it. The presence of several ladies precludes the publication of the names of the party.

Blue Dray Line.

Smith & Smith, the market place men, have taken over the Nelson Jones Blue Line dray and hereafter will operate this line doing a general drayage business in connection with their livery, feed and sales business. Mr. Jones will remain with the new firm in his capacity of drayman but orders and business will all be handled by the firm of Smith & Smith. Should you have any draying to do, call up the Market Place and place your order with them. They guarantee prompt attention and good service, and any complaint which is made to them of the character of the service will receive investigation and prompt correction. Do not forget, The Market Place, Smith & Smith, for drayage.

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Wedding Anniversary.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Thompson, south of the city, was the scene last Saturday evening of a delightful surprise party given by a large number of their friends whose coming was quite unexpected. The immediate occasion of the surprise was the fourteenth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Thompson.

The evening was spent most delightfully with all kinds of games and amusements and at its close the hosts regaled the entire party with a luncheon which was the acme of deliciousness, there being everything the market afforded to set before them. And they did full and complete justice to it all. It was past the midnight hour when the guests departed all uniting in saying that a more delightful evening had never before been experienced by them, and joining in wishing the hosts many returning anniversaries.

The guests included Messrs. and Mesdames Jacob Jones, H. S. Barthold, Geo. Lushinsky, E. Rice, R. Jones, R. H. Patton, G. M. Patton, L. P. Patton, J. Andrews, A. M. Franks, Fred Demson, Elmer Taylor, Jess Edwards, John Brandon, Mesdames J. O. Thomas, Mary Thompson, O. P. Monroe, Misses Drusilla Thomas, Muri Barthold, Ethel Jones, Ethel Bentley, Agnes Ward, Messrs M. C. Franks, A. E. Thomas, J. Andrews, S. Andrews, B. R. Patton, G. T. Thompson and Charles Brinkman.

Another Pleasant Outing.

Paradise Park, the delightful rural home of Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Streight, Sunday was the scene of a happy gathering of young people who drove out to enjoy the delights of a day in the woods. They put in the time in fishing, and other amusements, besides enjoying the cooling breezes in the shade of the oaks and visiting among themselves, returning in the evening. They had a very enjoyable day and were delighted at the entertainment afforded by the charming hostess.

The party included Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Baylor, Misses Florence, Ione and Helen Dovey, Claire Coleman, Lulu Patton of Omaha, and Hortense Eads of South Omaha, and Messrs. W. C. Ramsey, Harold Streight, Arthur Jackson of Omaha, Carl Schaffer of Omaha, Dr. Lyons of Omaha, and Henry Berte lord of Omaha. The Omaha and South Omaha people being guests of the Plattsmouth members of the party.

Friday and Saturday will be stem-winders at Fanger's Department Store. The biggest opening days in the history of this well-known establishment.

CHARMING SURPRISE PARTY

Successfully Carried Out in Honor of Miss Christine Soennichsen.

A very charming surprise party was given Tuesday night, the recipient being Miss Christine Soennichsen, the party being cleverly arranged by Misses Lucille Weber and Matilda Soennichsen. Miss Christine Soennichsen had been invited out to supper by friends and kept away from her home until eight o'clock in the evening when she was permitted to return, and she was amazed to find that a wonderful transformation had taken place in her home during her absence.

From some strange source there had sprung up a profusion of hot house flowers, the rooms glowing with the myriad colors of the rose, golden rod, smilax and wild flowers of every conceivable hue and color. Into this bower of beauty Miss Soennichsen burst and found within a large number of her girl friends who had gathered there unbeknown to her and who were prepared to make her enjoy the evening as she had never before.

Tables had been set about and as soon as the young lady had recovered from her surprise a game of Progressive Kamo was inaugurated, three tables being put into service. This delightful pastime took up the evening, and at its close it was found that there had been a tie for the king prize between Ethel Leyda and Mina Thierolf. To break the tie a cut of cards was ordered and Miss Leyda proved the winner, receiving as her reward a magnificent bouquet of tea roses, a pretty hot house product. There was also a handsome consolation prize and this fell to the lot of Miss Helen Spies. It consisted of a large, luscious lemon. During the progress of the game punch was served, Waldemar Soennichsen serving.

At the conclusion of the game, the entire party sat down to an elegant three course luncheon which all enjoyed most heartily as it was the acme of fine eating. Miss Margaret Weber assisted in serving the luncheon, which consisted of all the delicacies of the season, prepared only as Mrs. Soennichsen knows how to prepare such dainties.

Not the least enjoyable of the many features of this most delightful evening was the presentation to Miss Soennichsen of a fine back comb and a half dozen linen handkerchiefs. These were the gift of her many admiring friends.

Miss Soennichsen who was the guest of this delightful party, will leave next Saturday for Chicago, Ill., where she goes to enter upon a three-year course in art at one of the leading art schools of that city.

Those who were present at the party included Misses Ethel Leyda, Mina Thierolf, Emma Bauer, Florence McElroy, Helen Spies, Lucille Weber, Stannfield Jones, Minnie Stohman, Mabel Leesley, and Matilda Soennichsen.

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THE JOHNSON WILL CASE.

A Large Number of Elmwood People in Attendance as Witnesses.

Wednesday, in county court, matter of the probate of the last will and testament of Samuel S. Johnson was being heard. This is the case, it will be recalled, in which Wm. H. Johnson, a brother of deceased, filed objections to the probating of the will, which left a large sum of money to Edwin Jeary, a prominent citizen of Elmwood, who had been S. S. Johnson's attorney and confidential adviser during his lifetime. The grounds of the objection to the will were undue influence exerted over the aged man by Jeary.

There were a large number of people here who were witnesses in the case. The proponent of the will Edward Jeary was represented in the case by attorney Byron Clark while, the contestant had as his representatives C. C. Flansburg of Lincoln and A. N. Sullivan of this city.

During the morning Attorney Clark introduced the attesting witnesses who testified to signing the instrument purporting to be Johnson's will at Jeary's request. They also testified to other details surrounding the making of the will, at the close of which the proponents rested. Counsel for the opponent of the will filed a demurrer to the admission of the will on the ground that it was not proven to be the last will of the decedent.

The argument upon the demurrer was commenced just after dinner and at three o'clock it was still under discussion.

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