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Well, well! Here it's spring again. Keep the wood box full and the water turned off.

It is stated by the weather bureau that the cold wave extended down to the everglades of Florida, so after all we have some consolation, we were not alone in the freeze up.

The gridiron club several nights ago took formal leave of President Roosevelt and Vice-President Fairbanks. The country at large has still a month more of agony ahead, however.

The cold weather is blamed at Fremont for the presence of thirteen plain drunks in police court on Saturday. It must be admitted that storm of last week had much to answer for.

Texas has indefinitely postponed consideration of a prohibitory amendment to the state constitution, showing that the denizens of the Lone Star state are not all southern on that question.

What has become of all those writers who were talking so loudly the fore part of last week about the fine winter climate of Nebraska? Since Thursday afternoon they have been ominously silent.

We are about to again be deluged with more "truth about Panama." Presiden-elect Taft with a corps of private secretaries and typewriters having invaded the isthmus. Wonder if anyone will have the termit to dispute what he says.

The Nebraska City Press on Friday announced to the people of that city that the Missouri River was open again, and in its Saturday issue it promptly announced the river was closed again indicating that the rapid change in the weather wasn't confined to this city.

Marconi is generally looked upon as the father of wireless telegraphy, but we know a little fellow named Cupid who beat him to it by several thousand years.—Fremont Herald. We often wondered hom some of the work of Cupid turned out so poorly. Now it is understood—merely the work of a "ham" operator.

The attempt of the government to muzzel the press by instituting libel suits against the New York World will unless all precedents in this country are upset, fail. It is part of the English common law to hold that the government can be libeled but that doctrine has not been recognized in the United States for more than one hundred years, an it is hardly likely it can be revived now.

From the press now it is learned that the President was "shamefully deceived" by H. C. Fricke and several others regarding the Tennessee merger by the steel trust. It is too bad Theodore is so confiding. From the way he assails everyone who does not agree with him, it was currently believed that he had no confidence in anyone but still the gentleman who owned the steel trust seem to have won their way into his affections.

As long as the democrats of Nebraska are not finding fault with W. J. Bryan taking a hand in legislative matters, we do not see what right the republicans have to find fault. The Omaha Bee throws several fits every day about the domination of the democratic party by the great Comomner, all of which is rather amusing as the republicans profess to believe that Bryan has been again buried. For a dead one his ghosts are rather startling to the opposition, to say the least. The greatest criticism ever offered by democrats of this state on Mr. Bryan was his persistent refusal to take a hand in state politics. He has a right to and ought to do this as a duty to the party which has stuck to him throug thick and thin. —Papillion Times.

In order to get matters started up by spring, the committee having in charge the projected interurban between Omaha and this city should get busy and take the case up with a view to interesting capital and secure it if possible.

The first advance sheets of the "truth about Panama" appeared in the papers this morning. This is about the Great Pacificator as Mr. Taft now appears. How the stage manager will fix him up next is to be guessed at.

Little Vic simply cannot get over his wrath at Mr. Bryan. After declaring that the latter gentleman is a political corpse, Victor proceeds to kill him several time a day through the columns of his organ. Verily, Bryan is Banquo's ghost so far as Victor Rosewater is concerned.

Abouth one of the most ridiculous charges any Nebraska newspaper has made yet is that Mr. Bryan joined the Eagles in pursuance of a tie-up with the liquor interests. This piece of nonsense emanates from the Lincoln News, a paper which should know better. If it was meant as a joke, it is mighty poor taste.

Now watch the republican press commence to throw summersaults about the so-called "raid" on the supreme court. Judge Oldham has asked leave to bring quo warranto proceedings against Judge Deane and it is easy money to bet the Omaha Bee and its kindred sheets will spend nearly all the next issue in denouncing this attempt to get a fair settlement of a mooted question.

The Oregon legislature which was compelled to elect a democratic senator by republican votes is now seeking some method by which it can release itself from a like pledge in the future. They are now engaged in passing a bill to prevent any preelection pledge and providing a penalty for taking one. In this way they hope to evade their responsibility to the people but will the people stand this?

Owing to the condition of work in the supervising architect's office, it is announced that nothing will be done of public buildings in Nebraska for a year. This is some more peanut politics because Nebraska had the termity to elect some democratic congressmen and a democratic state administration. It would appear that there are some small bore politicians in the Nebraska republican ranks judging from the exhibitions of petty spite since election.

The Oregon plan for the election of United States senators by the people has so many excellent points and is so unobjectionable that any opposition to it can have no foundation save in partisan rancor and fear to trust the people to select the candidate they desire. That the present legislature will use its democratic majority, to place the power in the hands of the people is practically assured and that it will be wisely and judiciously used is more than to be hoped. The use which was made of their power by the people of Oregon, shows that if left alone they can be depended upon to select the man whom they think will give them the best service in the upper house. The defeat of Senator Fulton was the direct outgrowth of exposures which had shown to the judgment of most of the people of the state, that he was not a fit man in the senate from this state whom the proposed law would bar out is undoubtedly true and the welfare of the state, would have been much promoted if this had been the case. It should pass the legislature with a practically unanimous vote and the members who vote against it should be spotted by their constituents for further reference.

Will Keep Promises.

The legislature has been in session now for several weeks and they are commencing to get straightened out and in a few days they will commence the task of real legislation.

There is every indication now that a bank guaranty bill will be among the first matters they will get together on, and that it will be such a bill as will comply with the general demand of the people for substantial guarantee of their funds. It will without doubt provide for "immediate" payment as pledged in the platform and the remaining details will also be satisfactory to the people.

The revenue law will be amended in line with democratic promises and a return to the system of allowing the people to name their precinct assessors will doubtless be a feature of this move.

A bill to provide for the physical valuation of the public service corporations is almost a certainty and this will be the first step toward fair adjustment of freight and passenger rates.

There is small prospect of a county option bill being passed, it being conceded that such a bill has no chance to get through the senate, thus preventing any radical or fanatical legislation on this subject.

The daylight saloon bill also went the way of the bad, as the senate has already indefinitely postponed consideration of it, so this ends practically all chance of prohibition legislation.

Other legislation which was guaranteed such a bill alylowing home rule to Omaha and South Omaha seems certain to be put on the statute books, and a new charter will doubtless be given to Lincoln as its people demand.

The election of United States senators by the people is sure to get a long step forward in the adoption of the Oregon plan by which members of the legislature must pledge themselves to vote for the popular choice. This is one of the most important bills before the legislature and it is to be hoped that it passes speedily.

Well, ground-hog day is past and the old boy surely saw his shadow all right. Will the six weeks of winter come along now on time?

The construction of the interurban between Omaha and this city should not be allowed to lag behind. Get after the matter and push it along.

It may be some months before Plattsmouth has lighted streets but it will have them just the same. The council moves with deliberation but it will arrive somewhere finally and that somewhere will be lights for the city.

What about the projected trade excursions from Eagle. Is the committee moving in this matter or is it being allowed to go to sleep? Wake up gentlemen and get busy. Let the excursions commence at once and run with regularity. The people along the line of the M. P. and the citizens of Plattsmouth ought to know one another better for the welfare of all concerned, so run the excursions.

Let every citizen drop his personal bickerings and get together on doing something for the city. Let everyone put his shoulder to the wheel and push the car of progress along upon its road. It is only in this way that the city can be made worth speaking of. Nothing can be accomplished by setting down and growling. Get up and hustle and then hustle some more and yet more until you put the city in the front rank of live ones.

The Nevada and California legislatures seem persistent in their intention of involving Theodore and "Peaceful" Bill in war with Japan. Their scandalous doings in not listening to the man in the White House is paining him very deeply. Theodore does not seem to realize that there are some members of state legislatures who claim to know what they want to do but seems deluded with the idea that he is the guardian angel of all the state legislatures as well as the congress of the United States.

Some Timely Suggestions.

From R. F. D. News.

Don't detain your carrier.

Don't ask your carrier to wait until you address or write a card or letter.

Don't ask your carrier why he is late at your box.

Don't blame the carier if there is any changes made in the routes.

Don't place pennies loose in the box to pick up with mittens on.

Don't ask your carrier to carry notes to your neighbors to avoid paying postage.

Don't ask your carrier to bring non-mailable parcels for simply, I thank you. That doesn't buy feed or pay repair bills.

Don't ask your carrier to let you ride with him.

Don't put up any old box on your mail route.

Don't expect your carrier to come when you wouldn't venture out.

Do all you can to help your carrier along on his route.

Do write your letters and cards before carrier is due; you have twenty-four hours before he comes again.

Do as you would have others do unto you if you were a carrier.

Do buy a supply of stamps and other supplies; they will keep; cost no more; in fact, stamped envelopes comes cheaper.

Do stamp everything that is mailable that you place in mail boxes, as at the postoffice.

Do pay your carrier a reasonable fee for all unmailable parcels that you ask him to bring for you.

Do get a good box; put it up in good shape in a convenient place for the carrier to drive up to.

Do unto others as you wish them to do unto you. We carriers are only blood and flesh, as you all are; we have a heart that beats within our chest.

In County Court.

From Wednesday's Daily.

In county court yesterday Judge Beeson heard the application for final settlement in the Sarah J. Clements estate. The accounts of Byron I. Clements were examined and allowed, they being found to be in excellent shape, the administrator discharged and his bondsmen released from further obligation on the bond.

A marriage license was issued to wood, the parties being Jas. L. Turner, aged 31 and Miss Mary E. Cremer, aged 19. Both parties are well and popularly known in the vicinity of their home and are most estimable young folks.

A Pleasant Surprise.

From Wednesday's Daily.

Yesterday afternoon Mrs. L. B. Egenberger gave her mother Mrs. Ward, eighty years of age, a surprise party at her home on Main street. The afternoon was very pleasantly spent, the venerable lady greatly enjoying this call from her younger friends. During the afternoon refreshments were served.

Those attending were Mesdames J. C. Petersen, E. H. Booth, Val Burkel, Robt. Troop and Henry McCune of Joliet, Ill.

Public Sale

Being compelled to move the undersigned will sell at public auction at the John Lloyd farm three miles southeast of Murray and 5½ northeast of Nehawka on

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10,

commending at 10 o'clock:

12 Head of Horses and Colts

one gray horse 8 years old wt. 1100, one bay mare 8 years old, weight 1100, in foal, fee for service to follow mare; one gray mare, 7 years old, weight 1150, in foal, fee for service to follow mare; one span black mares, 6 and 7, weight 2200; one bay mare, 12 years old, weight 1400; one bay mare, 8 years old, weight 1500; one bay mare 9 years old, weight 1100; one sorrel horse, 7 years old; three colts coming two years old; one first-class milk cow.

Big Line of Up-to-Date Machinery.

Four sets of good work harness, one set driving harness, four farm wagons, one spring wagon, one rubber-tired buggy, one riding plow, one walking cultivator one riding and three walking listers, one two row Avery stalk cutter, one McCormick mower as good as new, one hay rack, a few dozen chickens, some good early seed corn, about 2,000 lbs. old iron and other things too numerous to mention.

A big lunch will be served on the grounds.

TERMS OF SALE—Sums of $10 and under cash. Sums over $10 a credit of from 6 months to one year will be given on bankable notes bearing 8 per cent interest. No property to be removed until settled for.

TOM SMITH, OWNER.
WM. DUNN, Auctioneer.
G. W. BOEDEKER, Clerk.

Putting Up Windmills.

S. H. Shumaker, the windmill man, departed for the farm of Henry Born this morning where he commences the erection of a new "Sampson" windmill of the latest pattern. This is the first of a series of seven mills which Mr. Shumaker has sold and will erect at the best farms in this section. The work will take him some time and when it is done there is reason to believe that everyone will be thoroughly satisfied with his work as they always have been.

State of Nebraska in County Court For the County of Cass.

In the matter of the estate of August Stohlman, deceased.

To Katherine Maria Stohlman, Minnie Louise Stohlman, Arnold George Stohlman, William Frederick Stohlman and Dorothy Sophia Stohlman and all others interested.

You and each of you are hereby notified that Katherine Stohlman has filed her petition in said court alleging among other things, that August Stohlman late of the County of Cass and State of Nebraska, departed this life on the thirteenth day of December, A. D. 1908, intestate, leaving estate to be administered and praying that letters of administration be issued to said petitioner.

You are further notified that a hearing on said petition will be held on February 8th, 1909 at the hour of 9 o'clock a. m. at the office of the undersigned County Judge, at which time and place any and all objections must be made and on file or the prayer of said petition may be granted.

Witness my hand and official seal this 20th day of January, A. D., 1909.

Allen J. Beeson,
County Judge.

(SEAL)

Ramsey & Ramsey,
Attorneys for petitioner.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR LIQUOR LICENSE.

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested and to the public, that the undersigned, Henry Leuchtweis, has filed his petition and application in the office of the County Clerk of Cass County, Nebraska, as required by law, signed by a majority of the resident free holders of Eight Mile Grove precinct, setting forth that the applicant is a man of respectable character and standing and a resident of the state of Nebraska and praying that a license be issued to said Henry Leuchtweis for the sale of malt, spiritous, and vinous liquors for the period of one year from May 17, 1909, ending May 17, 1910, in a building on lot 1 in block 4, in the village of Cedar Creek, in Eight Mile precipct, in Cass County, Nebraska.

Henry Leuchtweis,
Applicant.

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Burlington and Missouri River Railroad Company in Nebraska will be held at the office of the company in Plattsmouth, Nebraska on Thursday, February 25, 1909, at ten o'clock a. m.

The meeting will be held for the election of nine (9) directors to serve during the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may legally come before it.

W. F. DURKEE,
Secretary.

Omaha, Nebraska, January 6, 1909.