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## BOOST A BIT.

Here! you discontented knocker,  
Growlin' bout your country's ills;  
Chloroform yer dismal talker;  
Take a course of liver pills.  
Stop yer durn ki-o-tee howlin',  
Show some sand and git some grit  
Don't sit in the dumps a-growlin',  
Jump the roost  
An' boost  
A bit!

Fall in while the band's a playin'  
Ketch the step an' march along—  
'Stead pessimistic brayin'  
Jine the halleluyah song!  
Drop yer hammer—do some rootin'  
Grab a horn, you cuss, and split  
Every echo with yer tootin'—  
Jump the roost  
An' boost  
A bit

—M. C. M.

Senator Burkett will have the time of his life, when he returns to Nebraska, explaining his vote against cheaper sugar. That vote was against the consumers of the great agricultural state of Nebraska. Aldrich wants dearer sugar and that seems to be the only excuse for Burkett's action in the matter.

The railroads have evidently gone into a combine and fixed the rates to Seattle this summer, \$50 for the round trip, which means \$75 before the journey is completed. This is considerable money for people in moderate circumstances to spend with the railroads for one trip and it is not likely the travel to that country will be very heavy unless the roads give a more reasonable rate.

When the president signs the bill which will increase the cost of living he will be only doing what the big manufactures want him to do; he is only performing the ceremony for which the protected interests wished him to be elected chief executive; he is only acknowledging the debt of gratitude to the party of protection. Democracy will only ask that he sign it and permitted to sign it quickly. There is no hope for revision downward.

There seems to be little doubt now that our republican congress is going to repudiate the republican platform pledge concerning a decrease in tariff rates. There are a few noble republican senators, hailing from the west, who are trying to bring about a downward revision of the tariff. In this they have the sympathy of Taft and of most of the democrats. But the good old plutocratic republican machine is riding rough-shod over them all.

From present indications Plattsmouth has decided not to celebrate this year. But we understand that there is talk of a Merchants' Carnival the first of September. This is all right, if all the business men will join hands in the movement, (like they did in the celebration last year) and bring to the front in the management the principal businessmen of the city. Such men can make a carnival a big success, and they are the only ones that can. Let the business men combine in the move and it will be a success.

Bishop Williams of the Episcopal church, in a sermon the other day in Omaha, was deploring the great lack of ministers. There are various reasons for this lack, but the trouble will not be remedied until Christian people drop their childish denominationalism, unite their powers and forces, and so pay living salaries to their ministers. Until that time comes the churches will suffer from lack of ministers. But we must not judge them harshly, for they are all the victims of ideas and customs handed down to us from our ancestors.

Louisville is making arrangement to celebrate on the Fourth of July. There seems to be a different move on the people of that thriving little city than there has been in many years. The fact is the city government is in the hands of a younger class of men, and they have the vim and grit to make things hum. They are doing it too; men are in the saddle, and they propose to leave nothing undone that will prove a benefit to that city. So watch for one of the biggest celebrations in the state at Louisville on Saturday, July 3.

## THE CONSUMER BETRAYED.

(New York World.)

The price of wheat having been forced up abnormally high in Chicago, flour and bread have followed. Another sharp advance in the price of beef by the packers is announced. The price of mutton has been raised, also of poultry.

Senator Aldrich is now confident that with the help of democratic votes the sugar duties will be preserved intact in the pending tariff bill. In vain the consumer begs for relief. Senators with sugar interests as political clients have the effrontery to declare publicly that only Wall street has asked for lower duties. The poor man's breakfast table is to be inordinately taxed for still another indefinite term of years to swell the sugar trust, a confessed criminal.

Where in the senate tariff bill is there a single item that is designed to reduce the cost of living? In what single instance has Senator Aldrich sought to make cheaper the necessities of life? Where has a single duty been honestly lowered for the benefit of the consumer? Rents, clothing, food may increase steadily, but Senator Aldrich and his protectionist colleagues stand pat for privilege and extortion.

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# Uneeda Biscuit

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While in Louisville last Friday we learned from the friends of L. J. Mayfield that that gentleman would probably become a candidate for Register of Deeds. Mr. Mayfield was editor of the Louisville Courier for many years, but poor health compelled him to cease work in that direction. Lee is competent to perform the duties of County Recorder, and if nominated and elected will make a popular official.

Petitions for Judges Dean, Duffe, Barns and Fancett have been circulated and all liberally signed except that of the first named, during the past two weeks. These gentlemen desire to become candidates for supreme judges, and under the new law all are compelled to run by petition, and when election day arrives if one desires to vote for a candidate for supreme judge, district judge, county judge or county superintendent he must take the pains to make a cross opposite the name of the person for whom he desires to vote, as no partisan candidates will be before the public for any of those offices. This is one of the real reform measures that was passed by the last legislature, and is in keeping with the course of other states upon similar subjects.

Congressman John A. Maguire of this district was one of the speakers at the Good Roads Congress in Baltimore, Maryland recently and in commenting upon his address the Evening Star of that city says:

"Rather should we devote our surplus energies to the social and industrial betterment of ninety million people at home than that we parade our battleships, with their engines of destruction, before the nations of the earth."

These words, as they fell from the lips of Congressman John A. Maguire of Nebraska, brought every hand together with a resounding clap at the National Good Roads Congress this morning in McCoy Hall.

"It is infinitely more to be desired that the energies of the government be extended to aid a comprehensive plan of internal improvements, than that they should appropriate excessive millions for armament to better enable us to mix up in the jangle of world politics," continued the speaker, and again enthusiasm held sway. The Western representative made a distinct hit with the convention.

## Maguire Makes a Tit.

Decoration Day falling on Sunday this year, the old veterans of this city concluded to observe Saturday, while several of the towns of the county will observe today. There should have been some uniformity established as to which was the proper day to be observed this year, and we know of no one whose duty it was to name the day than that of the Grand Commander of the G. A. R. of the state, and thus decorate in all the town on the same day. However, there was quite a gathering at Oak Hill cemetery for the purpose of decorating. In the hurry of every life, some are likely to forget that the blessings we all enjoy came through the toll, the suffering the patience, the bravery of those, the noon of whose day comes while many of us were young. Memorial Day is sacred

to those "who fought that this nation might live." They fought a good fight, and results of that victory will continue to bless the human race so long as that race shall endure. Now they are old. Most of them are dead; a few remain. They are bent and broken by age and by hardship. Their hair is gray, their eyes are dim, their steps faltering. It is for us "to remember the brave men, living and dead" who fought that this nation might live. And in the tenderness of the years that have flown let us remember, too, those others, who fought but suffered defeat.

The Western producers and consumers are to get but very little relief from the revision of the tariff upward. The republican party promised a revision but not the kind of revision that the republican congress are giving. The west is paying the bills while the east is living in luxury off of what they steal from the west in the way of a protective tariff on all articles of consumption. You made your bed last fall now lay upon it and take your ease.

James J. Hill, who is one of the greatest railroad men this country has ever known, makes the prediction that the United States is facing a serious bread problem, and unless there is marked improvements there will be trouble in the next twenty or more years. He says there must be an increased production of wheat. Within half a century the domestic needs will demand 1,300,000,000 bushels of wheat, while the annual production is now only about half that amount.

## Pure Food.

Two men have been sentenced to sixty days' imprisonment in New York city, one of them for selling bad eggs and the other for using them in making pastry to sell to the public. It is the first time a prison sentence has been inflicted for that offense, and it comes only after repeated imposition of fines has failed to remedy the evil.

Pure food is a good deal practice, as well as a good deal theory. Benzoate of soda may or not be a poison; and many other alleged medicinal or food substances may or may not be such. But if there is one point on which we could arrive at unanimous agreement, regardless of politics or race or custom, it is the subject of bad eggs. There is not even, as far as we have observed, a religion that requires its devotees to eat bad eggs. It is one point on which theory is clear and unanimous.

Comes then the practice. There are plenty of men in this wicked world who will sell bad eggs for good ones if they get a chance. The way to stop it is to make it an inducement to them to stop it. Sixty days ought to be fairly convincing, considering that the profits can't be great.—World-Herald.

The above is surely a warning to those who are not careful in dealing with the pure food law of Nebraska. After an example is made a few who still insist on selling any old thing to the unsuspecting public, like the above refers to, they will perhaps get their eyes open to the fact that the pure food law means just what it says. "A word to the wise" is sometimes in order.