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This is the week and Wednesday is the first day of the great carnival at Plattsmouth. Every lover of fine stock in Cass county will, or should be, here on opening day and view the stock show. It will all pay all farmers to be here.

"Why in hell should I notice Fowler?" asks Speaker Cannon. Not being well instructed in the ethics of that region we cannot answer. But if there is anything in signs and portents, Mr. Cannon will have to notice him in this world before the comet disappears behind the sun.

It is not generally known, perhaps, that the United States does not own and, as indicated, have never owned an acre of public land in Texas. The state has its own homestead laws and its own commissioner of the general land office at Austin. Out of its vast domain it has endowed its public schools with more acres than there are in the state of Nebraska.

George P. Meisinger, Democratic candidate for county commissioner, is making friends wherever he goes. He belongs to one of the best families in Cass county, has resided here for many years, is a farmer and purely honest in all his dealings. No man in the county is better qualified for the position of commissioner, and you can bet your bottom dollar that if he is elected the interests of the taxpayers will be carefully guarded.

A meeting of the Republican county central committee was held in Langhorst's opera house Saturday afternoon. A feeling of general satisfaction was manifest as regard the personnel of the ticket and all feel confident of a sweeping Republican victory this fall. Willard Clapp was selected as the new chairman; Dr. Cook of Plattsmouth, vice chairman, and H. G. Wellensiek of Avoca, secretary.—Leader-Echo. This meeting was composed of the regular old ring.

In a recent issue of a prominent magazine Uncle Joe Cannon derided the idea that the speaker of the house could be in any way tyrannical, and elaborately proved by all that was good and bad that the said speaker could not make himself in any way obnoxious, because the members could remove him at any time they wished. Having delivered himself of this pronouncement, Uncle Joe proceeded to punish the Republican "insurgents" by carefully eliminating them from the chairmanships of any important committees, and by sundry other methods of which your Uncle Joseph knows the how only too well. Speaker Cannon is evidently of the mind that the public can be flim-flammed through a magazine article as easily as it can be through the tariff.

## RECKLESS AUTO DRIVING.

The terrible list of fatalities resulting from fast and reckless automobile and motorcycle driving, as recorded in almost every issue of our daily papers, reminds us of our duty as a public newspaper to sound a note of warning to those who own or operate these machines, that they may avoid the legal consequences of any future neglect, both in the criminal courts and in the civil courts and by this timely warning they may avoid causing the sorrow and suffering from the accidents which must inevitably follow through their carelessness.

We have therefore copied extracts from our statute books covering the maximum speed limits allowed by legal definitions and the penalties

imposed for violations of the law so that none may plead ignorance in future cases if prosecutions should follow its violations. Section 147 of the compiled statutes of 1909 provides as follows as to "speed":

"No person shall operate a motor vehicle on a public highway at a rate of speed greater than is reasonable and proper, having regard to the traffic and use of the highway, or so as to endanger the life or limb of any person, or in any event in the close built up portions of a city, town or village, at a greater rate than one (1) mile in six (6) minutes, or else where in a city, town or village, at a greater rate than one (1) mile in four (4) minutes, or elsewhere outside of the city, town or village, at a greater rate than twenty miles per hour, subject, however, to the other provisions of this section. Upon approaching a crossing of intersecting public highways, or a bridge, or a sharp curve, or a steep descent, and also in traveling such crossings, bridges, curves, or descent, a person operating a motor vehicle shall have it under control and operated at a rate of speed less than heretofore specified, and in no event greater than is reasonable and proper, having regard to the traffic then on such highways and the safety of the public."

Section 140 further provides in defining what is meant by "closely built up portions," as follows: "The territory of a city, town or village contiguous to a public highway, devoted to business, or where for not less than one-fourth (1-4) of a mile the dwelling houses on such highways average not more than one hundred (100) feet apart."

For violations of this law, for the first offense a fine of not to exceed \$25 is imposed, but for the second or a subsequent offense the fine shall not be less than \$25 nor more than \$50, or the punishment may be imprisonment in the county jail for a time not exceeding thirty days.

## CALEB POWERS FOR CONGRESS.

Caleb Powers, pardoned convict, named as an assistant assassin at the murder of Governor Gobel of Kentucky, proposes to drag that whole nasty mess back into the politics of the Blue Grass state. Caleb Powers was secretary of state through fraud. He was in the Taylor crew of Republican politicians who proposed to hold the government of Kentucky from the rightful officials at all hazard—murder if necessary. And murder was necessary. The killing of Governor Gobel marked a vicious chapter in the political history of Kentucky. Those responsible for it never paid the full penalty for their crime. Caleb Powers was three times convicted of being an accessory to the assassination; twice sentenced to life imprisonment and once sentenced to death. He served the greater part of eight years in prison, but was pardoned by a Republican governor recently elected.

Goebel's opponent for the gubernatorial chair was in exile for eight years through a refusal of Republican governors to honor Kentucky's request for extradition.

Powers came from his prison cell claiming the wreath of a martyr. He proposes to strike down every hand that was raised in defense of the law of the land as it was applied to his case. He believes he was wronged. Measured by the yardstick of punishment as inflicted upon the man who actually fired the shot which killed Goebel, Powers may have been wronged. But what of Goebel's lot? In vain now the real friends of Powers urge him not to nurse his wounds in public. He has declined their advice. He appears to

be a whirlwind of power. On the stump now he is convincing, and Kentucky losing a fighter, is showing some concern, if not admiration, for him. He may succeed in his determination to enter congress for his home in Knox county is among the Republican strongholds of the state. His congressional district is represented by Don C. Edwards, last elected to congress without Democratic opposition. Powers has entered the field to fight Edwards for the nomination, claiming that Edwards aided in sending him to prison.

The country appeared to have escaped from the odor of a distressing crime when the last of the cases pending were cleared by a pardon from the present governor. Some he wrongfully pardoned before their case had even been pressed to trial. In the whole history of this case there seems to have been more or less of a misapplication of justice, and it may be that the administration of law was marked with error in the trials which resulted in the conviction of Powers, but the facts were sufficient to convince three different juries of his actual connection with that murder. Now the country is to be asked to walk through the dirty trail again. We do not anticipate that Congressman Edwards will decline to join issue with his warring antagonist. Powers may be the cause of more bloodshed in the Blue Grass state, but it is to be hoped that Knox county will settle the question at the ballot box and let no assassin's bullet rob the successful man of his seat as Goebel was deprived of the gubernatorial chair he had won.—National Monthly.

The Democrats are certainly fortunate this year in selecting their ticket. There is not a weak element in it and it should win. Not one candidate with a shady reputation—not one whose past will not bear investigation. It seems as if every one commends the ticket as one of the best ever selected. This is as it should be.

Governor Shallenberger says he would hate to think his speeches were not worth \$50 apiece. We would like to buy a large consignment at our price and sell them at his.—Omaha Bee. Do tell! Maybe the governor could be prevailed upon to swap even for one of those editorials Little Vic produced in the Bee during the campaign last fall, which was Democratic to the core.

Since the doctors' trust of Iowa has established by law what a doctor can charge for his services, the ministerial associations are now agitating an established salary for the preacher. If a doctor's pay must be fixed by legal enactment why should not a minister have an established wage? The doctor's trust is no dream in Iowa, and it has all been accomplished by the medical association seeing to it that they are properly represented in the legislature. Now for the ministers' trust.

It seems the report in regard to Governor Johnson's health is all a mistake. In Chicago Sunday he said: "I am not sick and have had no operation performed for appendicitis nor any other disease, nor do I intend to have any," said Governor John A. Johnson of Minnesota, who arrived here today. "Just how the report got out that I was seriously ill and that an operation would be necessary I cannot imagine. I was weak and worn out for several days, but rapidly recovered and now I am nearly well again."

Senator LaFollette, on his lecture tour at Chautauquas, is exhibiting a large number of articles which he had bought in a New York department store and had them sent to the customs house to have appraised under the new tariff laws. By the appraisement the cost of every article would be increased about 25 per cent. Dealers are receiving notice from jobbers of increases in the cost of many articles used by the common people. Yet the stand-pat Republican papers are trying to make out that revision was downward.

Every sensible man, whether lawyer, farmer, mechanic or merchant, must recognize the force of the following statement of Judge Letton in his dissent on the non-political judiciary law: "After eliminating the prohibition of free speech and the provision limiting the number of signatures for the office of supreme judge, we find an act which in substance provides that candidates for judicial and educational offices shall be nominated by petition and not at primary elections, prescribing the number of signatures to entitle the candidate to the printing of his name upon the official ballot, and providing that the names shall be printed thereon without the party designation. I see no obstacle to the carrying out of these provisions." Judge Letton is a Republican, and in two years more his successor will be elected. The people will no doubt re-elect him, if they believe a man is honest in giving an opinion that is free from political prejudice. In the language of the Omaha World-Herald: "If Judge Letton is right, manifestly the partisan Republican members of the court, who have slain the non-partisan act are wrong. If Judge Letton is right, then the people of Nebraska, by an arbitrary abuse of power, have been robbed of a law which would have given them a non-partisan judiciary. A partisan court could, if it wished, continue indefinitely to overturn such a law as this, or any other law in which the members of the court are interested, or to which the party to which the members go publicly for advice as to their official actions, is opposed."

## ANOTHER ATTACK OF TIDDICITIS

"Two years ago thoughtless Republicans in this county elected a Democratic county clerk, treasurer, superintendent of schools. For two years these offices have been made Democratic headquarters. This has been especially true of the county clerk and county superintendent. In these two offices more attention has been paid to politics than to the public business."—News-Herald.

How does the astute editor of the News-Herald know that these two particular offices are "Democratic headquarters?" It must be from a view across the street from the editorial sanctum of the News-Herald office. While the editor is cogitating deep and long over the difference between a cream-separator and a slot machine, he happens to look through the window of his sanctum across the street and into the superintendent's office in the court house. There he sees a number of young ladies taking teachers' examination under Miss Foster. For aught the editor or any one else knows, these young ladies may all be Republicans. But the News-Herald editor is so absorbed in trying to solve the difference between a cream-separator and a slot machine that he at once concludes that Miss Foster and these young ladies are holding a Democratic caucus with not a single voter present! And this new discovery presents to the gigantic intellect of the News-Herald editor another deep and profound problem; that is, the difference between a teachers' examination (where none are present but ladies) and a Democratic caucus. With this new problem and that of the cream-separator-slot-machine business the News-Herald may possibly survive what seems to be another attack of Tiddicitis.

## CROPS AND COST OF LIVING.

Predictions of cheaper living, based upon ample crops, must be taken with some caution. We are not confronted by the problem of \$2 wheat, which Mr. Patten probably did not expect when he was predicting it last spring. His prediction served his purpose admirably. Instead of shipping wheat into Chicago and breaking the May market—the sort of thing that has broken nearly every predecessor of Mr. Patten in "bull" operations—the farmers held on to their wheat and waited for that \$2 quotation. The harvest began less than a month after the May option closed, and we now have every assurance that the wheat crop

# Low Rates for Autumn

**TO THE NORTHWEST:**—Cheap one-way Colonist fares to the Northwest, Puget Sound and California, September 15th to October 15th; daily through trains to the Northwest via the Great Northern; also via the Northern Pacific. To California, daily through tourist sleepers via Denver, Scenic Colorado and Salt Lake City.

**ROUND TRIP TO PACIFIC COAST:**—Very low Seattle and California round trip excursion tickets on sale during September. This is the last chance to obtain these cheap rates for the greatest railroad journey in the World.

**EASTBOUND:**—Special round trip rates to Chicago, Kansas City, Lincoln, Omaha, St. Joseph, St. Louis, August 28th to September 5th and from September 11th to September 19th. Daily low thirty day round trip rates from Chicago to Atlantic cities and resorts.

September is the last month for the special vacation rates to Colorado. Homeseekers' excursions September 7th and 21st.

Consult nearest ticket agent; he has latest advice of special rates.

Burlington  
Route

W. L. PICKETT, Ticket Agent.  
L. W. WAKELBY, G. P. A., Omaha.

will exceed 700,000,000 bushels and may reach 735,000,000 bushels. Wheat is selling in Chicago for less than a dollar.

Food ought to be, and probably will be, cheaper than it has been lately. But cotton and wool are high and textile prices show no disposition to recede. Most of the prices are rising. Structural steel is not a commodity that the average citizen purchases, but he is affected by its price, and all steel prices are up. Hides are on the free list, but the shoe stores and factories are stocked up with goods purchased before the repeal of the hide duty and prices are not yet coming down. The most important item of expense is rent, and with the growth of population that tends upward, but the extensive building operations all over the country may keep abreast of the demand.

But Taft isn't the first nor the only one who will have to get busy explaining how it happened and why it wasn't different.

Royalty in Europe is getting its bumps all right. The king of Sweden is finding out what it means to have an elephant on his hands.

Cannism is decidedly on the wane. And when the old whelp does go down it will be with such a thud that he will never be heard of again.

They've bagged an outlaw in Pennsylvania. According to the stories which have filtered out of that state there are still something like a million or two left who ought to be bagged.

It's a fine political privilege to be able to determine which of the southern states are "doubtful" and the exercise of that privilege will give Taft a chance to show woe littleetaoi a chance to show how little he knows about politics in the south.

The Kearney Hub and Omaha Bee are about the only two Republican papers in Nebraska that have the audacity to defend the Payne-Aldrich tariff bill. But then when Little Vic cracks his whip it is the signal for the Hub editor to fall into line "and do as he does" on all questions, and he follows suit.

One day you will hear that Hariman is going to die and the next day he is going to live. Why so much worry about it? Is his life any more than any other human's, only that he is a millionaire? On the other side of the divide there will be no distinction, and why here?

Here are a few protective schedules in the Payne-Aldrich tariff bill: Yarns, 143 per cent; cloths and knit fabrics, 141 per cent; women's and children's dresses, 118 per cent; ready-made clothing, 96 per cent. Whether these rates are higher or lower than the old rates we do not know, nor does it make much difference. It will take a whole lot of figuring to convince that the American manufacturer

needs any such per cents as these to "protect him from the pauper labor of Europe."

Liberati and his famous band and grand opera singers makes music very popular at the state fair. They will be heard at Lincoln four concerts every day, September 6 to 10. They never disappoint the crowd, simply hold them spellbound during the entire program. The cornet solos by the great leader or the solos by the other artists always well rendered. No matter whether the band renders "Andre Cheniev," a number so tremendous that it taxes the full musical power of the band, or "Uncle Sam's March," as the last note dies away the crowd always cheer.

## TARIFF ALPHABET.

"A" stands for Aldrich, "B" for his bill;  
"C" for consumer, known, too, as "nil."  
"D" is for "downward." No, not for "damn."  
"E" is the "easy mark" getting a slam.  
"F" is for "faithful," and "G" is for "goats."  
They are the fellows who rolled up the voters.  
"H" stands for "hides," and "I" for the "it."  
The "J" for the Joker, just covered a bit.  
"K" is for "kicker," "L" stands for "leather."  
"M" for the "M-a-a" of Neise the bell-wether.  
"N" is the "neck" where the consumer gets his'n.  
"O" is his outcry when he's arisen.  
"P" is for "President," "Q" for his quarrel.  
"R" is for "revision" and "S" for the snarl.  
"T" is for Teddy, 'way cross the sea. Thinking of William and bursting with glee.  
"U" is for "unrighteous" and "V" is for "vain."  
"W" is for wrath, which we're feeling again.  
"X" is "xpenses," and gosh, how they swell.  
Lo, the consumer, "Y" 's for his yell.  
"Z" is for "Zebedee," his children wear many;  
Had Aldrich lived then, Zeb couldn't have had any.

## The Mystery Seems Clearing.

Greenwood's sensational disappearance of J. M. Jensen, a prominent stockman of that place, is commencing to clear up. According to printed stories now he departed owing several bills, the exact amount of which are not stated. It will be recalled that he took a car of cattle to Omaha and sold them, immediately disappearing. A search was made for him by friends and the South Omaha officers, but no trace has been discovered so far. He was thought to be a well-to-do stockman, but recent investigations indicate that this was incorrect, and that he really was in debt to some extent.

## Order to Show Cause

In the district court of Cass county, Nebraska. In the matter of the guardianship of Reo Campbell, a minor.  
The cause came on for hearing upon the petition of James M. Campbell, guardian of Reo Campbell, a minor, praying for a license to sell the undivided one-half of the north half of the west half of the west half of the southwest quarter of section 25, township 11, range 9, in Cass county, Nebraska, for the purpose of converting said property into money to assist in advancing the education of said minor and for retirement.  
It is therefore ordered that all persons interested in said estate appear before me at my office in the court house at Plattsmouth, Nebraska on the 10th day of October 1909, at the hour of 10 o'clock p. m. to show cause why a license should not be granted to said guardian to sell said real estate.  
Dated the 29th day of August 1909.  
HARVEY D. TRAVIS,  
Judge of the District Court.