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Some alleged newspapers are expensive at any old price.

The enactment of laws to make men good inevitably fails. The place where men are made good is in the home circle when the mind is formed.

Speaking of summer resorts Nebraska in January makes a fine summer resort. However, this is all forgotten when the August sun commences to get busy.

The poet has wisely said that if we paid more attention to enforcing good laws we would waste less time in making poor ones. This is commended to congress and the state legislatures.

Every factory which Plattsmouth secures means more mouths to feed and more people to clothe. Let the good work go on and let the commercial club get busier than ever. They have done well so far but there is room for improvement.

Several of the newspapers interested in the present predicament of the Republican party say right out that party harmony is a good thing but that party integrity is several degrees better. The Democrats found this out several years ago.

A Republican contemporary calls attention to the fact that when Mr. Bryan landed in Panama there was an earthquake in Yucatan. Every time Mr. Bryan lands in New York there is an earthquake among the political bandits of that region also.

The incarceration of John R. Walsh in the penitentiary at Leavenworth at the age of 72 years, is a striking example of how the mills of the gods grind "slow but exceedingly fine." Justice triumphed in the end and a life of delinquencies must pay the inevitable penalty.

All the criticism of Ex-Governor Jas. K. Vardaman of Mississippi who is leading in the fight for the senatorship from that state, does not wipe out the fact that he will be a distinct improvement on many now in the senate and that, too, in more ways than one.

Senator Burkett is said to have "insured" a little in the senate yesterday because the committee on order of business has been so slow in having business done. The senator seems to be getting nervous and wants back into Nebraska where his fences are going into a state of decline truly alarming. Well, may he insure.

While everybody is sprinkling salt on the sidewalk it might be observed that the idea is most excellent but if it disintegrates the cement pavement underneath, the use of it becomes highly injudicious and it is said to have this effect. Those who are using salt this way had best take warning and be sparing in its use lest it cost a new walk.

Another thing which should be taken up and pushed to completion as soon as the weather permits is the bridge over the Platte river into Sarpy county. This is sure to be built this year and it is understood that the stock in the concern has all been subscribed for. This being the case let the good work go on and let the structure be completed without delay.

At the same time Governor Shallenberger could do a whole lot worse things than to call a special session of the legislature. There are many things which the Democratic party stands pledged to in its last platform which they should make good before they enter on the next one. Among

them is the bank guaranty law which the governor pledged the party and himself to.

The consumer in this country is paying the maximum tariff rates on about everything he eats and wears and no one has heard talk of Taft discussing issuing a proclamation. It isn't necessary in that case as the consumer is within reach of the trusts and the other beneficiaries of the Aldrich-Cannon bill.

Now comes another iconoclast and ruins all this beautiful theory of cold weather being healthy. He says that microbes and germs flourish in cold weather and points out that ice cream is the most fertile producer of the microbe in existence. How now, you advocates of a fine winter weather? Come on, get busy and explain where you are at.

Plattsmouth is going to succeed. It has secured two new factories since the motto was adopted and it will secure many more before the slogan becomes frayed and worn at the edges. It just can't help it. It has the location, it has the railroad facilities, it has the people and it has the push. The end of 1910 ought to see Plattsmouth at the top of the heap with more factories to its population than any town in Nebraska. All that is needed is to get together and push and we have got together.

And while we are succeeding all right, it might be just as well to boom a conference with the Burlington for more shops for Plattsmouth. There is no good reason why this shouldn't be done. The men now at the head of that road realize that it has no better friends on its line than in this town. There is no prospect of labor trouble here, the town has plenty of room for more shops and its people are willing to do the right thing to get them, it has good water and plenty of it and it has the best location on the system for big shops. What more can any corporation want than this?

Nothing to it, that anti-meat crusade is some crusade. Already out of ninety millions of people some two hundred thousand have stopped eating meat. The people who have to work for a living, however, will find it pretty hard to get along, without a small section of the front end of a steer for some time to come. It is hardly believed that J. Ogden Armour has yet sold his packing house stock on account of the boycott. More likely he will now corner all the available canned goods and the cheese market. It is hard to beat a trust magnate any way you figure it.

Governor Shallenberger is said to be hedging on calling an extra session of the legislature and to want a petition signed by a majority of the members before so doing. If there is no necessity for one a petition signed by the legislators should be ignored and if it is considered advisable to enact new laws or to correct the ones heretofore passed and since held invalid, then it should not be necessary to wait for the legislators to ask for the session. The enactment of the recommendations and pledges of the Democratic platform into laws should be sufficient reason for calling the solons together. If the governor considers this has been done, then no session is necessary.

Now comes that "thorn in the side of Aldrich," Senator Burkett and gets into the game in Nebraska. Yesterday great and vast outpourings of the people met up together and formed Burkett clubs throughout the state. All the postmasters and all the underlings who hope to eat of the

crumbs from the great man's table were there and the people received their right amid loud acclaim. Be it known to all men that Elmer J., the "thorn in the side of Aldrich," is the people.

More factories, a Platte river bridge and an interurban into Cass county would make 1910 look like a winner sure enough. All these things are on the Journal's success list for 1910 and all of them will be accomplished if the commercial club and the live wires of the city go after them. Let a strong pull be made for these things and when the year has closed it will show a prosperity record unequaled in the history of Nebraska cities. Boom the town and boost the boosters.

The county option bill to be presented to the legislature has been drafted by the anti-saloon league. Isn't it about time for the ending of this eternal farce of passing ridiculous and unenforceable laws. This state has been cursed with this agitation until it well nigh sickens one. The agitation and the passage of such acts as the eight o'clock closing act has resulted in the gradual withdrawal of capital from the state until it has reached a stage where a halt is necessary. Nebraska would have grown twice as fast as it has if this had been stopped.

Illinois is struggling with the proposition to strangle the hold of the bosses on its state politics by the direct primary system. If Illinois has the same experience which Nebraska has gone through it will consign the direct primary to Gehenna or some other seaport. The theory is all right but under the Nebraska law the grip of the boss is tighter than ever. The state and county committees absolutely control the primaries and name the nominees and there is no appeal from their decision. And the state and county organizations make as perfect a machine as the worst boss ever dared to want.

Harrison Gray Otis, editor of a Los Angeles paper, takes so much delight in the dismissal of Gifford Pinchot that he names him in the same class with Dr. Cook. Anyone acquainted with the past record of Harrison Gray Otis can understand why this is done and it makes another enemy for Pinchot in whom he should glory. "Tis such persons as Otis who are worth having against one in this world. His paper has always been the most outspoken advocate of political grafters in the world and it has waxed fat and flourished in its debauchery. When the sheet has passed into a merited oblivion, the name of Gifford Pinchot will survive as that of a man who truly loved the public welfare and who devoted himself unselfishly to its betterment.

The snow is still on the ground but it is not too early to commence to agitate that interurban road from Plattsmouth into Cass county. The commercial club could not do better than to take this project up in the spirit of making it a success and doing what it can toward its building. Many of the good things which the Journal advocated last year have come to pass and this can be made to succeed also. It means a great big thing for Plattsmouth but for every town in the county and for the farmers all over the county. It will afford accommodations far superior to those now given by the railroads and it would result in a better feeling throughout the entire community. It means to the farmer an even sharper advance in the price of his real estate and it means an easy way to market for his products. It means a big boom in this city and all other Cass county towns. In short, it means prosperity. Think it over!

At last the newspaper man is coming into his own. A newspaper man in the east has been awarded a Carnegie medal for heroism. This is more like. Never in the history of the world has there been the like of heroism as that shown by the newspaper man. Especially is that true today. Behold him in all his pristine glory. He goes down to the office and

bravely he tackles all the problems which beset mankind. Fearless and alone he attacks the abstruse problems which have worried the human mind for ages and when he has finished with it, it lies before his readers a mangled and bleeding wreck. He sails into the abuses which beset the public service and lo! they lie cold in eternal slumber when he is through with them. He vigorously wields the ax upon moral delinquencies and they are not. He even tackles the print paper trust and herein he hath the struggle of his life but he will down it year, verily, it will be so. Think this all over and you can see how truly a hero is the newspaper man.

INTERESTED? CERTAINLY.

"Believing that you are interested in the enactment of a ship subsidy law," begins a communication received by the Courier-Journal from the press bureau of the Washington lobby. We interrupt to insist that the Courier-Journal is opposed to hoss thieves and all other kinds of thieves.

TIT-TAT-TOO.

The plan of the "regular" Republicans, as said to have been outlined, is to drown out insurgency by opposing the nomination of every so-called insurgent at the primaries, and in the event that they are nominated, to put out independent candidates. The result, they figure, would be the election of Democrats.

They prefer Democrats to the insurgent Republicans for the reason that they believe it would crush out insurgency, and they are of the opinion that this Democratic triumph would be short lived, while the triumph of insurgent Republicans might mean permanent loss to the machine Republicans.

Their reasoning is wrong. In numerous districts in the west the insurgent Republicans are the "machine." They are in a large majority and will probably elect their candidates after naming them.—Peoria Journal, Rep.

FROM THE BUSY WORLD.

The anti-meat crusade in Cleveland, Ohio, includes eggs now. Why not extend the list and refuse to eat at all? That makes a splendid and economical diet but it is not filling. However, it might bring J. Ogden Armour, the meat trust, the sugar trust, the canned goods trust and the milk trust off their perch. Then again it might not.

Wellesley college near Boston has come to the front with a gift of one thousand simoleons to the striking shirtwaist makers of New York and also an order for one thousand peek-a-boos. This enables the proposed co-operative shirtwaist factory to start up. The scheme was mothered by a young woman from the middle west, said to be from Omaha, who spoke eloquently in favor of the scheme. There is some class to those young women and they have set some hot pace by their action.

W. C. Lilley, treasurer of a Pittsburgh, Pa., Presbyterian church who walked off leaving the church minus \$22,800, came back the other day and asked to be cast into a cell. As the jailer had no warrant for him he denied his request. He will be sloughed later, however, for his pilfering. Lilley claims he gave the funds to various preachers who were poor and hardup and needed the money. Maybe he was technically wrong, but, be it known, many a good minister needs the money while many who ought to be in jail, have it thrust on them. Lilley may deserve commendation.

Another Solomon. In New York a young woman was arrested by a detective because she was walking the streets in men's clothes. When arraigned before the police justice, the latter wanted to know wherein she had violated any law. As no one could tell him, he promptly ordered her discharge, holding that there was nothing improper in her dressing as she pleased provided she dressed. This is well, it settles another of the immortal rights of woman and we

rise to acknowledge our appreciation of a truly great mind. Let the woman dress just as they please so long as they dress.

Richard Harding Davis who has written some good novels which have been among the best sellers and which can be found in any good, reliable Carnegie library with the backs and covers in a very dilapidated condition, now has a new side of life presented to his vision. He is about to go through divorce court. A great many people regard a divorce action as next to being muck-raked and probably Dickey will also when the finish hoves in sight. Just what excuse Mrs. Dickey will give to the law for her desire to quite the great war correspondent is not stated. The Davises had a resplendent wooing with all the romantic settings which even his susceptible nature could ask and after their marriage they spent a honeymoon by the sad sea which was dream. Now they have woke up. Welladay, 'tis sad.

Illinois is having a nice, quiet, little sideshow all to itself down at Springfield, the state capital. Its legislature is in special session trying to fry out a primary election law. The plurality system or a majority of the votes seems to be the principal stumbling block for the solons. Recently they had up a bill which provided for direct plurality primaries and an innocent looking amendment was tacked on it providing all tickets be printed on one ballot—identical with the Nebraska law. Now comes the press with the discovery that this means to give the bosses control of the primary by voting their men for any ticket they please. Cass county realizes this is true for it saw it tried not long ago. However, the clever man who tried it found he had some trouble of his own and needed all his votes to nominate himself. The objection to the scheme is well founded.

Late returns today show that the Unionists in England are gaining right merrily on the liberals and there is now a possibility of the defeat of the government after all. The returns look suspiciously as if the tactics used in the United States in 1896 had been imported into merry England and that the longer the elections go on the more likely the victory for the money powers. This seems to be the history of the world that money makes the mare go and also carries the elections. England has always made a lot of talk about the sterling honesty of their elections and such rot but if one may judge by the character of the changes going on there, the greater part of the talk was hypocrisy of the rankest sort. The victory of the Unionists would result in the passage of a tariff bill and then the United States would find out how the system works. One cannot blame the manufacturers of England for wanting a high tariff upon the same theory that the United States manufacturers want one to fill their pockets.

Washington opines that the United States is near to a tariff war with Germany and France. All of which is based upon the fact that Germany has sanitary provisions in its tariff which excludes our dressed beef and our cattle while Austria and Denmark are allowed to enter under worse conditions in their products. Unless these provisions be modified or other important tariff concessions be made by Germany and France the goods entering this country from those countries must pay the present tariff plus 25 per cent additional. The chance for both nations to get in under the minimum tariff ends Mar. 21. The Dominion of Canada enters into the deal in that it will be the beneficiary of a deadlock between the nations and would take away the American trade in the countries named as it would not impose the maximum tariff of the United States against them. It is but a few days since the president, acting under the authority conferred on him by the Aldrich-Cannon bill granted the minimum tariff to Great Britain, Italy, Russia, Spain, Turkey and Switzerland as those countries did not discriminate against

American products. The outcome of the trouble with Germany and France may be a tariff war but it is doubtful. When the time comes for the concession to be made they will be made. Tariff wars affect the big trusts too vitally to be allowed in this day and age.

Luther Burbank when he invented the thornless rose did not know that Nebraska would persist in having at least one of the old fashioned kind but it does. Now there's Elmer J. Burkett who was "a thorn in the side of Aldrich," for instance.

One of the freaks of nature took place yesterday when a heavy snow storm struck southern Georgia. Thousands of people saw their first snow and the curious freak attracted great attention. There was a howling gale accompanying the storm. A storm of this kind in the latitude where it occurred is something which northern people cannot appreciate. The natives of that climate have been used to warm weather for so long that they do not know what winter is and a strong wind with snow goes through them like a knife.

We await with a good deal of interest the outcome of the Ballinger investigation. From the complexion of the committee as finally made up, we cannot see how the majority can find against him and we look for two reports. The people will judge the reports from the general character of the men making them and their decision will be final. This being the case we opine it would have been better for Ballinger to have had a committee not so overwhelming for him to start with. However, the Aldrich-Cannon-Taft ring probably knew all the evidence and it needed a cast iron committee to stand the gaff.

Now we shall see the blood stream. Attorney General Wickersham has commenced a suit against the meat trust and will dissolve it. No doubt of this. This is terror in the camp of the packers sure "nuff." The price of beef and pork will tumble now that Wickersham has whetted his snickersnee and got after them. All this is possible and then again it is the most unlikely thing in the world. Like all the big fellows, the meat trust has waxed strong and arrogant. It has the goods and whether it retains its corporate existence under the name of the meat trust or under some other name, there will be an understanding as to prices.

Representative Lloyd of Missouri who was elected by the Republican caucus as one of the Democratic members of the Ballinger investigating committee day before yesterday refused to serve and in this refusal he was sustained by Speaker Cannon. Last night the Democrats held another caucus and selected Representative James H. Graham of Illinois in his place. Representative Graham was chosen unanimously and is understood to be acceptable to the Republican majority. This insures the Democrats of two good men on the committee and means that the probe will be thorough if they are allowed to investigate as they want to. There was considerable indignation in the caucus over the Republicans refusing to allow Rainey to serve but this feeling was suppressed as nearly as possible by the managers of the caucus.

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