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The war is about over again in Mexico.

Did you observe Arbor day as you should have done?

Did you answer Mayor Sattler's appeal and clean up Saturday?

About every man in Mexico appears to be an insurgent against the idea of having anyone else run things.

According to the recent act of the legislature precinct assessors will hold over the same as county assessors.

It is one of the paradoxes of life that the more expensive your fishing tackle, the lighter your fish basket is apt to be.

In view of the way the supreme court makes over our laws, is congress degenerating into a kind of a nominating committee?

It is said the acts of congress on March 4 may be illegal. But the supreme court says most of their acts are illegal, anyway.

If Mr. Diaz wants his star battery to practice their curves right in front of Douglas, Arizona, he at least ought to put up a backstop.

Another large crowd of farmers, their wives and daughters were in town Saturday, and business among our merchants was generally good.

It used to be mighty convenient for the Douglas, Arizona, people to step over the line when a policeman came along, but now they have to pay for it.

The most humorous feature of the reciprocity debate is the spectacle of numerous special interests trying to disguise themselves as western farmers.

Wednesday is the ninety-second anniversary of American Odd Fellowship, and the day will be observed by that order throughout the United States.

Now that the postoffices are being closed Sundays, some men will have to hunt around and find something other than business to worry about that day.

The steel trust is going to see if its employees are overworked, but no one takes any pity on the poor government clerks who sometimes miss afternoon tea.

Parasites damaged the peach crop to the extent of \$8,000,000 last year, according to the department of agriculture. Sometimes the frost does a great kindness to put the peach crop out of misery.

But few are aware of the fact that by an act of the last legislature, in effect now, the salary of street commissioner is raised to \$3 per day, councilmen \$100 per year, and city attorney \$450 per year.

Democrats in congress are quoting the republican president in favor of Canadian reciprocity, which leaves the standpat republicans with nobody to quote except themselves.

Ex-Secretary Ballinger announces that he is through with

public life. But if the democratic investigators in congress have their way public life is not yet through with Ballinger.

If President Diaz does not emerge from the barn cellar and remove his crappers out of range of our back yard, someone else will be hiring the help, and he will be up in the back lot hoeing the corn.

No man should have a statue until he has been dead seventy-five years, says ex-Governor Long of Massachusetts. It would save the sculptors embarrassment to have no one living that knew how their subject looked.

They are separating church and state in Portugal. As the minister can no longer be policeman, the tendency of the American boy to stand on his head in Sunday school will soon be observed.

We make an awful fuss if the boys play three-old-cat within reach of the dining room windows, but the Mexicans are still popping over the Arizona people while indulging their favorite sport of insurrections.

The Daughters of the American Revolution are calling each other self-seekers and piayune politicians. The next time we have a vacancy in the position of fighting editor we know where to look for a likely candidate.

The insurrectos demand the surrender of Juarez, but if they only knew it, they are much more comfortable sleeping on Mother Earth than they would be in one of those already tenanted Mexican beds.

The old standpat crowd that runs the republican end of congress would still like to fill the senate with Lorimers, and still lacks interest in any proposition to reduce the cost of the people's food.

The reciprocity measure has passed the house. Norris, Kin-kaid and Sloan voted against it, while Maguire and Lobeck voted for it, with Latta absent. That's where the Nebraska delegation stands.

It won't do to get too sanguine in a democratic victory next year. This paper prefers to wait until we see what the present congress does and who is to be the candidate for president before we do any shouting.

The act prohibiting the throwing of broken glass, crockery, nails, tacks, beer bottles and like substance into any public highway, bridge, street or alley, is now in force. A penalty of \$5 to \$100 for the violation of any part of this law. Hon. W. H. Puls of this county is the author of this bill, and it is just the proper thing.

Hold-ups are becoming very frequent in Lincoln, and no less than three persons were robbed of watches and money in the past week. One employee in the railway commissioner's office was robbed of \$400 and his watch and chain, the latter containing a diamond. And all in the "holy city." We would advise our friends who visit Lincoln to leave their money and watches at their hotel before starting out after it gets dark.

We regret to learn of the death of James Gillespie, for twenty-six years editor of the Memphis (Mo.) Reveille, which occurred on April 19. For several years the writer was editor of the Memphis Democrat, and during our business career in that city we ever found Jim Gillespie a gentleman and a man whom it was always a pleasure to meet. A Christian gentleman, kind and charitable to all. Thus another good man has passed from the scenes of this life to realms beyond.

GROUND FOR INTERVENTION.

In determining the reasons constituting sufficient ground for intervention in the Mexican troubles, our legislators must be careful that they do not sacrifice a dozen lives to save one.

It makes one's blood boil to read the reckless acts of both parties to the Mexican strife, in doing their fighting at a point where innocent non-combatants may be killed. It is a slap in the face at neutral rights that would never be permitted by commanders representing governments that knew what international responsibility means.

But one must also think of the thousands of Americans now residents in Mexico, from the Rio Grande to Yucatan. What are the fever-blooded masses of Mexico's under world going to do to them, if they should learn by telegraph that our troops had marched across the border?

Bitterly as our citizens along the border have cause to resent the lawlessness of the contending forces, it will save a big bill in American blood and cash if they can remain safely in the vegetable cellar during such time as the bullets are flying over their heads. Uncle Sam could well afford to pay for any time they may lose in this way.

WHAT NEBRASKA IS DOING.

In 1910 the agricultural products of Nebraska aggregated in value upwards of \$350,000,000.

In 1910 the live stock products of Nebraska aggregated upwards of \$200,000,000.

In 1910 the manufactured products of Nebraska aggregated upwards of \$2,000,000.

In 1910 the state of Nebraska produced and added to the wealth of the nation upwards of \$700,000,000.

This is more than the gold and silver production of the United States and its dependencies for eight years.

No other state yielded so much wealth per capita. No other state can show so great a production of wealth in proportion to population. No other state made such rapid strides forward in the development of agriculture and manufacturing.

No other state produces as much wheat, corn, oats and rye per acre as Nebraska.

Nebraska's development has been great—it should be greater, and would be if Nebraska's resources and possibilities were made known to the world. The legislature failed to make provision for advertising Nebraska to the world. This was a criminal mistake that will be realized ere another legislature meets.

The thing now for Nebraska's newspapers and commercial bodies to do is to get busy in advertising as far as possible what Nebraska has to offer to the homeseeker and the investor.

It offers the following:

The finest climate in the temperate zone.

The best educational and religious facilities.

The cheapest homes wherein the industrious and the frugal may become prosperous and independent.

The best opportunities for investment in manufacturing enterprises.

A warm, hearty welcome to everybody who wants to be some-

body. Sixteen million acres of land that await cultivation and promises bountiful rewards to those who intelligently cultivate.

In everything good Nebraska offers the best and the most. Of things bad Nebraska has the least.

Let all the world know the truth about Nebraska!—Will Maupin's Weekly.

The bucket shops in Nebraska are now a thing of the past.

A farm paper puts it this way: "Why not live on a farm, where money grows, instead of the city, where money goes?"

The success of municipal government, whether commission or otherwise, depends entirely upon the character of the men chosen to office.

Plattsmouth has a new city attorney in the person of A. L. Tidd. The appointment was made by Mayor Sattler and confirmed by the council.

What about a Fourth of July celebration? It is about time to begin preparations. Plattsmouth is noted for her big celebrations, and we always get the crowds.

It is noted in various quarters that much of the lawlessness in municipalities occurs on pay-days. As a preventive, pay-day might be abolished. But foraging day might come next.

An ostrich farm has been started near Sidney, Neb. The promoters say the climate in western Nebraska is really better adapted to ostrich raising than either California or Arizona.

Japan has over 6,000,000 students in its public schools and universities. Evidently the mikado is thinking of something else than annexing the United States.

The coverts of Omaha are after the short-weight fellows. It would be a good thing for some in this city to look a little out or they may be snatched up when they least expect to be. We just want to give them timely warning.

No more open primaries in Nebraska now. That law is a thing of the past and the next primary will be a closed one. Two years' experience with the open way of voting was sufficient to convince many people it was not the proper method.

Decoration day next in order. This is a day that is sacred in the memory of all veterans of the civil war. But a few more years and the sons of these old veterans will have to take up this work, if the work goes on after they have all passed away. Have you ever thought of that?

The vote on reciprocity in the house, 264 to 89, was "a disappointment to the republican leaders." They fear the reciprocity will prove so satisfactory that it will open the eyes of the voters to the folly of the whole-high tariff scheme. And then where would the "republican leaders" be?—Kansas City Star.

Curtis Guild, jr., recently appointed ambassador to Russia by the president, is a man of sterling ability and statesmanship. If he does nothing more than to compel Russia to observe the treaty relations with the United States with respect to Hebrew-American citizens he will earn lasting credit. Heretofore these have been practically a dead letter.

Judge Kenyon, the new senator from Iowa, was one of the administration trust busters. He was assistant attorney general and helped to prosecute unlawful

trade combinations. A republican, he is said to be progressive, but not radical. If Senator Kenyon will use the same endeavor to bust the tariff trust as he did to check the abuses of monopolies that grew out of it he will have a place on the pedestal of public esteem.

The world's production of cotton has trebled since 1872, while that of wool has nearly doubled. But while the consumption of cotton in this country has kept pace with the production, the consumption of wool has declined considerably, the price falling from 48 cents in 1880 to about 30 cents at the present time. This is due to the high tariff on wool manufactures and the consequent falling off in its use. What objection the opponents of the reduction of duties in schedule K can make under this showing is hard to understand. It looks as if the continuance of the present duties or further raising them would put the woolen industry out of business altogether.

THE FUTURE GOVERNOR.

The Journal has not been given of late years to the booming of candidates, yet we do not believe it to be out of order to say a few words in behalf of a gentleman whose record we closely watched in the recent session of the legislature. That gentleman is Senator John H. Morehead of Richardson county, whose home is at Falls City. The people who know him best are the highest in his praise, as would be natural, but there are others, who have probably never had the pleasure of the gentleman's acquaintance, who have watched his record more closely than we have in the senate, who are of the opinion that he will be the next democratic candidate for governor of Nebraska.

John H. Morehead came to Nebraska a penniless boy, and by his indomitable energy became one of the leading citizens of the state. He gave much of his time to the profession of school teaching, at a time when business and conveniences had to be gotten by hard work, but he was a stayer, and gradually went "onward and upward," and by his honesty and integrity won the confidence and respect of all with whom he came in contact. He was treasurer of Richardson county for two terms, and for many years cashier of the First National bank of Falls City, both positions where honesty and integrity prevail. He has held other positions of great honor, and when he was elected to the state senate the people complimented him with a large majority, republicans and democrats alike voting for him. And in the organization of the body, the moment the eyes of the senators lit upon the fine countenance of John H. Morehead there was no use of looking further for a president pro tem of that body—and he was elected by the solid vote of the democrats of the senate. His record is as clear as crystal all through life. Honest, able, conscientious, and these are three essentials that make a good governor, and all these John H. Morehead possesses, and these will make him governor of Nebraska.

SITUATION CLEARING.

The tension over the Mexican situation, due to the fighting of the contending parties so close to the international line as to cause the death of a number of American citizens and the wounding of others, non-combatants, has been for the time relieved by the evacuation of Agua Prieta by the rebels, said to have been caused by a desire to avoid possible intervention on the part of the United States, and the assurances of the Diaz government to the department of state that it would use all its power to confine the conflict within reasonable distance inside the Mexican lines.

The president, it seems, though endeavoring to place responsibility upon congress for intervention, would have ordered the advance of the troops into the Mexican territory immediately had congress failed to act and the Mexican government not given its guarantee of the cessation of hostilities within limits dangerous to the lives and property of record—as being otherwise antagonistic.

Temporary relief is felt. But the situation is not entirely cleared up. Federals are holding Juarez, just across the Rio Grande from El Paso, and the insurgents are daily threatening a strong attempt at its capture. What may occur at other points along the border is problematical. The embroilment that the invasion of Mexico, even for the purpose of stopping fighting so near the line, might lead the United States into, is contemplated with much concern. That it would be regarded as an act of war is little doubted. The ultimate consequences might be exceedingly grave. The joinder of federal and insurrector troops to prevent American invasion would not be an impossibility, and the moral effect upon our relations with the South American republics, which look upon American power with suspicion, would be exceedingly bad. The situation continues delicate and developments along the border will be awaited with considerable anxiety.

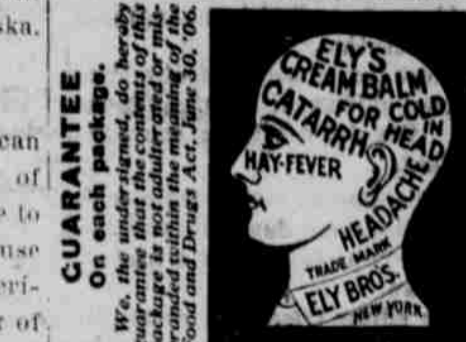
ALL TO THE FARMER, FREE.

If the farmers' free list bill becomes a law, says the New York World, the remission in duties will be more than \$8,000,000. The cotton growers of the south, it is estimated, will save \$1,500,000 on a 13,000,000-bale crop. On sacks to ship peanuts, potatoes and kindred farm products there will be a saving, Mr. Kitchen, who arranged this list for the ways and means committee, thinks, of from \$3,000,000 to \$4,000,000.

Free lumber will save western home-builders not less than \$20,000,000. Taking the duties from the products of the steel trust will save about \$5,000,000. This includes fencing and baling wires. At the present price of flour there should be a cut of \$1.47 a barrel. The public generally should save more in proportion from boots and shoes, salt, leather goods and harness.

The democrats found fifty names on the rolls of house employees all drawing salaries, and not one of these persons could be found in Washington. As far as could be learned none of them had any duties to perform or work to do. Their names were dropped, but this is not the end of the matter. It is suspected that there are a number of others who perform no services and they will be treated in the same manner. It is claimed that in every department at Washington there is the same state of affairs and has been for many years under the republican rule. And the people pay the freight.

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