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Several prospective candidates are already feeling the pulse of the dear people.

Colonel Roosevelt celebrated Old Home week by going through the Bronx zoo the other day.

A fine program is being prepared for the celebration in Plattsmouth the Fourth of July.

Mr. Diaz broke the usual South American precedent in failing to carry off the national treasury in his trouser's pocket.

Mr. Diaz is able to see that the people didn't want him, but the sainted Lorimer is still nailing his martyr's halo to his chair.

A Pittsburg jury has decided that a woman has a right to put her feet on her husband's face. As she usually puts them on his neck anyway, what's the difference?

The tobacco trust has also "got it in the neck." Doubtless the W. C. T. U. will agree with the supreme court that the tobacco trust is one of the bad trusts.

Bradstreet says trade is below anticipations. But was there ever a time when our air-castles did not turn out to be a pretty common-place sort of a shanty after all?

The government is suing the New England milk trust. Perhaps we shall now learn that other things than cutting the forests have been draining New England's water supply.

Aviator Gilbert shot the eagle that attacked him in the Paris-Madrid race. Motorists who are bothered with people lingering on the cross-walks may feel this to be a helpful hint.

Mayor Gaynor says he'll not stop the newsboys from "hollering." To any sane-minded man the merry pipe of little fellows starting an honest battle with life is as heartening as Robin Redbreast singing in the tree-tops.

Senator La Follette has concluded a four days' speech on Lorimer, but that's nothing compared with the oration we are getting ready on the people who say they don't want their names in the paper.

The national house has abolished the jobs of 35 policemen at the capitol. We favor a popular subscription to put them back. They are needed to keep their eyes on the congressmen every moment.

Governor Wilson says it is a good thing for legislators to be unmarried. In our belief, however, before making laws one should learn to obey, and where can one learn obedience better than in matrimony.

The Burlington wreck last Monday morning will cost the company several million dollars. The blame, of course, has to be laid on someone, and from all reports a poor telegrapher will be branded as the guilty one.

Our Atlantic fleet officers were heartily welcomed by King Frederick of Denmark. Anybody hailing from the same country as his dear friend, Dr. Cook, would no

doubt get the palace guest room and pumpkin pie for dinner.

How deathly sick one gets of the word "pact," which the headline writers like because it is short. The good United States word "treaty," Mr. Telegraph Editor, will cost you only two letters more and will make your readers feel better.

A democratic caucus has been called to devise anti-trust legislation to comply with the supreme court's Standard Oil decision. Republican congressmen also denounce the trust when they're home, but did you ever hear of an anti-trust caucus in Washington before?—Kansas City Star.

There are a number of good citizens in Cass county who are abundantly qualified to fill the offices which are to be filled this fall without giving some officers a further lease who have now been there so long they think they have life tenure. Give others a chance.

The new agricultural college has been located at Curtis, a small town in Frontier county. The site is said to be an ideal one for the location. This leaves such boom towns as Broken Bow and Holdrege "in the soup." We think a grave mistake is being made in not locating the college at one or the other of these places.

There are many people in Cass county who do not believe in giving any one man a life tenure upon any office in Cass county. And there are others who do not believe even in a third term. The people turned down the greatest general in the Union army for a third term—General Grant.

Tramps seem to be giving freight trainmen considerable trouble, and in some instances they are compelled to use violence in keeping them off trains. The law in this state now is to the effect that they shall not allow such people to ride, and that trainmen must use every effort to keep them from boarding trains. Usually the brakemen have been very kind to the "Weary Willies," but the law must be enforced to protect the railroad company.

Laying politics aside, Will Hayward is a gentleman whom all who know him will regret that he is to leave Nebraska. He is a good citizen, an able lawyer and should have fared better at the hands of the republican party. This makes three prominent young republicans who have discarded politics for a more business and prosperous life, and two of those are ex-Governor George L. Sheldon and ex-Congressman Ernest M. Pollard. But such is the way of politics. Sometimes it pays best to die young in the cause.

From the present outlook Gus Hyers has the lead in the race for the republican nomination for sheriff of Lancaster county. While in politics Mr. Hyers and the Journal differ, but we have never allowed this to divide our friendship. In speaking from the standpoint of qualities, Gus Hyers possesses all the essentials to fill any office to which the people of Lancaster county will elect him. The sheriff's office is one that he is able to fill to the very letter, and

we will bet a coonskin (and kill the coon and skin it ourself) that if he is successful in securing the nomination he will make one of the most competent and energetic officials of which Lancaster county ever boasted.

THE LUMBER TRUST.

The lumber trust is now to have its day in court. The public is groaning under advances in lumber prices, with which the higher labor have raised the cost of house construction 33 to 50 per cent. They want to know whether this advance is caused by the scarcity of forests or restraint of trade.

No legal power will ever prevent two or more merchants from agreeing to sell at a uniform price. But few of the combines have been satisfied simply with making such agreements.

There has always been a minority of dealers who did not care to enter into such deals. The trusts have had a perfect right to represent to this minority their view of the advantages of uniform prices. Had they contented themselves with simple argument of this type the Sherman anti-trust law would never have existed.

The whole trouble has been that they have invented a system of reprisals to discipline those who saw things, in a different light. And punishment is a function belonging exclusively to the courts.

Remember "The Day We Celebrate" at Plattsmouth.

The decree ordering the tobacco trust to dissolve ought to create a big demand for cuspidors.

There is no argument against expending money for good roads, and he who attempts it displays his ignorance.

Senator Lorimer's resignation is ardently hoped for by the legislators, who find one jackpot every six years pretty slow doings.

Although the postoffice department has ceased having a deficit the government can be depended upon to find some other way to spend the money.

Standard Oil may be able to accomplish its dissolution all right by hiring a painter to go around and letter over their signs with different corporation names.

Burlington surveyors have been maneuvering in the yards and around the shops for a few days, which is an indication that something is going "to be did," and right away quick.

The insurgents who tried to apply one last kick to President Diaz's stern, learned that it never pays to pound the ground in order to make the earth turn around faster.

President Taft's shoes are 11 size, width EE. In view of this fact, it would hardly be wise for the young men to hang around after 10 o'clock when they go courting Miss Helen.

Champ Clark is pretty smart in many ways, but his chief smartness comes in when he sees party trouble brewing to keep his mouth closed. If some other people we know would do the same it would be better for the party.

Dr. Wiley has begun another crusade. This time it is against the sale of condensed milk. He says that "it endangers the life of every child to whom it is given." What's the matter with the old-fashioned milk? Kids will thrive on that.

The fact has developed that the anti-reciprocity movement in the United States has been developed

by the Wall street firm of Arden & Graham, and the firm has been subpoenaed to give testimony before the senate committee. That movement was never inaugurated by farmers, as every man of sense knows.

To the man who does not want to sell his land at any price, the value of that land is a matter of secondary consideration. But good roads give the man who does not want to sell his farm the same advantage that they give the man who does want to sell. They give him an increased value for his products and pay a dividend every time he needs the market.

No town entertains her guests on the Fourth of July more royally than Plattsmouth. Everybody knows that, and that is the reason they are all coming here to celebrate this year. The Red Men will leave nothing undone that will add to the pleasure of all who come to Plattsmouth on the Glorious Fourth. Come and bring your entire family and have a good time.

The fact that good roads increase the price of farm lands is not the potential argument in favor of good roads. Good roads make farm lands more valuable only because they make farm products closer to the farm and because they keep the markets accessible to the farm every day in the year. That is the reason why farmers should believe in good roads.

"Plattsmouth is now one of the best towns in Nebraska, and I am thinking about buying property and coming here with my family and making my future home here," said a prominent traveling man the other day to a Journal reporter. Come on; we will meet you with open arms. There is no better town on earth in which to make your home. We have been here now ten years and ought to know something about the good qualities of the old town.

If we ever go to the United States senate, congress or the Nebraska legislature again, we are going to introduce a bill to regulate the size of bank checks and drafts, and we believe the bankers as well as individuals will rise up and call us blessed. As it is, there is no uniformity, and there are almost as many different size and shape of checks as there are banks in the United States. The checks range in size from 2x5 inches to 4x12. By the time they are folded once or twice they make an inconvenient bunch of paper to handle. How much easier it would be if they were all of a uniform size and shape. Of course an editor is not bothered much by handling large checks or large numbers of checks, but this space is dedicated to those who do, and we hope the time will come when some standard size will be adopted by bankers and individuals who have checks and drafts made.

LUMBER TRUST TACTICS.

It may look like a hair-brained suggestion, but why should not the investigation of the lumber trust extend to the origin of the troubles of John Dietz, the condemned murderer of Cameron Dam, Wisconsin, and the operations of the trust which drove him into a murderous mania through his persecutions?

Of course the suggestion will be heard that John Dietz is a murderer and entitled to no such consideration. But is he? There is no denial of the fact that Dietz was for years persecuted by the lumber interests. He says it was the lumber trust that was doing it, and the fact that Eddie Himes, the Chicago millionaire lumberman, who has attained nauseous notoriety as the man who professed boastfully that it was he who

"put Lorimer over," and who was the recognized lumber trust lobbyist and corruptionist at Washington, evaded service of summons as a witness in the Dietz case, seems to lend color to the claims of Dietz.

It was because Dietz sought to compel the lumber interests to pay him for the use of his property that he incurred their enmity and became a victim of their persecution. That he shed blood is not conclusive evidence against him. Each of us is entitled to defend his property, his family and his life in case they are assailed, even to the taking of life. Even a court, subject to bias and influence, as courts sometimes are, cannot take that right away from us.

Everything that has transpired in the development of the Dietz case has indicated that the influence of the lumber trust dominated everything at Cameron Dam. John Dietz was taught to realize that he could not hope to contend against that influence, and maddened by the consciousness of his utter powerlessness, he seems to have determined to die in an attempt to maintain what he deemed his rights, even against the decrees of courts he believed to be subject to hostile influences.

There are undoubtedly few of us who would refuse to submit to seeming injustice inflicted by a court and resort to the rifle for protection, but it is impossible to get away from the idea that John Dietz was goaded by injustice inflicted upon him into a murderous mood, and that there is something heroic in the desperate course which he and his family pursued to retain possession and control of what belonged to them. If it could be disclosed that the courts and their officers were unduly responsive to the wishes of the trust and oblivious to the rights of the persecuted individual it would be a legitimate inquiry in the uncovering of lumber trust methods.—Lincoln Star.

Your straw hat may look seedy. It may be of last year's style; The world will overlook that fact If you wear it with a smile.

Fine growing weather.

Is it getting warm enough for you?

Plattsmouth is to have evening band concerts.

Big time in Plattsmouth on the Fourth. Bring the entire family.

There should be no forgiveness for the suckers who bites when he sees the hook.

Did you ever think of it? While you are criticising others they are doing the same to you.

Those automobile drivers who refuse to check their speed ought to be made to get faster action on their check books.

Sunday canoe accidents are the regular thing now, and will continue so until the canoes are provisioned only with cambric tea.

The business man or farmer who is not in favor of good roads is a back number. And back numbers are hard to find in Cass county now.

It is all in having confidence that makes the prosperous towns and cities. Most of Plattsmouth's people have the confidence, and that is why we sing.

Now then that the tobacco trust has been pronounced an illegal combination it begins to look as though the American Tobacco company will have to smoke up.

According to a statement issued from the headquarters of the

socialist party, thirty-six cities of the United States have elected socialist mayors since January 1.

Plattsmouth had a big celebration last year and everybody went home pleased. Now the Red Men want to please them again this year. And don't you fail to be here.

College students in Ohio will no longer be permitted to vote in college towns unless they make oath that they expect to make their permanent residence in these towns.

The army is to have woolen clothes instead of worsted. For further information address "Ole Black Joe," care Georgia Cotton Fields.

The Commercial club will make a big effort to reorganize the old B. & M. band, an organization that had a national reputation fifteen years ago, and was a great advertisement for Plattsmouth.

There is no need for any man to be idle now. The farmers are paying high wages and there seems to be plenty of work here in town for those who want to work. Work, however, don't seem to agree with some fellows.

The postoffice department is said to be paying a profit. But do they figure in the cost of all these \$100,000 postoffices put up in places where \$500 to \$1,000 yearly rental would provide ample quarters?

London hotel prices for the coronation were fixed so high that the bulk of American tourists will skip London. Personally we think it would be a much grander sight to see the Order of Dishwashers exemplify the work of the Soap Suds Degree.

Governor Harmon of Ohio has placed the judiciary of his state beyond the clutches of the political bosses by making it a condition that all judges in the state of Ohio be elected on non-partisan ballots. Such a method in Nebraska will be brought about just as soon as the people elect a few supreme judges who are honest enough to not make it a business, to kill every such law that is enacted by the legislature.

What is the use of a man insisting on running for office when his friends advise him not to do so? Those friends learn more regarding his prospects than he will ever know until after the election. If the voters were more outspoken before the primaries there would not be so many disappointments after the general election. If you are for a candidate tell him so, and if you feel that you cannot support him tell him so. He will think more of you in the end. Too many tell a candidate one thing and then act right to the contrary.

Did you know that the average American family can't have as many woolen blankets as it had in 1860? Figures dug up by the Wall Street Journal show this. Each family buys on the average just half as many yards of woolen blankets as it bought fifty years ago. Why? Simply because the United States can't produce much more than half the wool it uses, and the tariff makes the price too high for people to afford blankets of so expensive material. They have to use adulterated wool or cotton, instead. That's one place where the tariff comes home to every man, woman and child.

Shetland Ponies.

Colts and mated Shetland Ponies for sale.

William Gilmour, Plattsmouth, R. F. D.

Miss Ivy Spies, who has been ill for some time, was reported as not so well today.