

# The Plattsmouth - Journal

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The monetary commission is being deserted like a sinking ship. Well, why not?

And now Wickersham is to retire because Taft refuses to re-fire Dr. Wiley.

The war of words between Harrington and Harman is now over, thank the Lord.

A good, soaking rain is what is needed in this county. One of the "gully washer" stripes.

A presidential veto of the tariff bills means that the tariff hog gets one more year in the trough.

What about a fall entertainment for Plattsmouth? It is time to make a move in that direction.

The boom of Paul Clark for congress by a little gang of republicans in Lincoln has evidently fell with a heavy thud.

The fight for Irish home rule is like the contest for honest tariff revision in America: Each defeat brings it nearer to ultimate fulfillment.

It is fortunate that the Canadian election comes as early as September 21, for soon after then the country roads in that latitude become blockaded by snow drifts.

A French army captain has climbed 11,330 feet in his aeroplane, but as it is no easier to get a living up there than down here, why take the trouble to go so far?

A Washington lad was sent to the reform school for seven years for stealing four newspapers from doorsteps. Wonder if this will have any effect upon the tariff for print paper?

How things have changed. The other day a negro was burned by a mob in Pennsylvania. Had this occurred south of the Mason and Dixon line what a howl would have went up.

Admiral Togo has placed roses on Washington's tomb and now if he will place some burdock leaves on Captain Hobson's fevered brow his mission will be complete.

The testimony in the Lorimer hearing has covered pretty well the reasons why Eve ate the apple, but it has failed to take up the question of Solomon and his many wives.

Admiral Togo visited congress the other day, but as they failed to give him a ride on the steam roller, he did not really see the whole show.

President Taft having let it be known that November 30 will be Thanksgiving day, he evidently desires to give the farmers plenty of time to fatten their turkeys, if they have any.

Can't the pure food law touch those metropolitan newspaper publishers who hash up for the suburbs evening editions marked 5:30 p. m. that actually go to press at about 10:30 a. m.?

The high prices the consumer has to pay for country produce is bringing back the old market house in many cities. Omaha and Des Moines papers think people can get things cheaper by the restoration of the old market

house than they can in the present way of buying such articles.

How do you like primary elections?

After hearing those financiers talk it seems strange that the president doesn't hire desk room in Wall street and be close to accurate information at headquarters.

President Taft asks the people to "use their moral influence to have the senate ratify the arbitration treaties." The trouble is that the people have mighty little moral influence with the senate.

It is going to cost \$600,000 to send the king and queen of England to India. We believe they could cut this a bit by joining the Woman's Rest Tour association and putting up at their recommended boarding houses.

The Weeping Water boosters done a great stunt Monday in the way of advertising their chautauqua and fraternal picnic. The picnic occurs Wednesday, August 30, and a big time is expected.

Work in earnest began on the Platte river bridge Monday morning, and it is thought the whole business will be completed by the first of November. This will prove a great thing for Plattsmouth, and no mistake.

The next events are the Louisville street fair and the M. W. A. Log Rolling at Nehawka, both coming off this week. The latter events comes off on Saturday, August 19, and the citizens of Nehawka are preparing to entertain a monster crowd.

We have every reason to believe that Judge Dean of Broken Bow would be a most acceptable person to sit upon the supreme bench. He is a man of spotless character and of marked ability and his legal training and experience eminently fit him for this high office.

The Burlington band will play for the Louisville street fair three days this week, beginning Thursday, consequently the band concert will be given Wednesday night instead of Thursday night, as usual. Why not continue to hold them the balance of the season on Wednesday night of each week?

The Old Settlers' reunion at Union Friday and Saturday was a big success, and now all should try to make the M. W. A. Log Rolling at Nehawka Saturday next a big success. Nehawka people are making a big effort to give the Woodmen boys the very best they have in the shop, and you will miss a grand treat if you and yours fail to be present.

Victor Murdock, the Kansas congressman, who has made a trip over the country, says the rank and file of the democrats are for Woodrow Wilson for president, while the politicians and the "big business" are for Harmon. How a republican could learn so much from democrats we are unable to perceive. The republicans had better be looking after presidential matters on their own side of the house. The democrats will be able to select a candidate without any outside help.

It isn't always the noisy fellows that come to the front in primary elections.

There is a growing demand to have the weather bureau muzzle its dog days.

Congress has fully determined to adjourn some time this month. We hope they will stick to this determination.

The summer of 1911 will long be remembered as the time when the maximum of 89 was regarded as a "cool spell."

The vote throughout the county was very light considering the hot canvass some of the candidates made to get out the vote.

The democrats of the house are pretty well organized and stick close together on those questions of which the common people are directly interested.

The "labor crisis" in England gives promise of being more exciting, even if less important, than the crisis through which the peers recently passed.

Mrs. Belmont has been entertaining her "farmerettes" at Newport, but if a plain, ordinary agriculturist went there the Newporters could hardly tell him from a red Indian.

Now that the scientists claim to have discovered the process of photographing the soul, some of the millionaires may get such photographs big enough for decorating shirt studs.

The insurgent senators are franking their anti-reciprocity speeches over the country. It is pleasant to reflect that the country's waste basket capacity is fully equal to the occasion.

As the bathing suit does not seem really to fit until it has shrunk considerably, it is strange that the makers of them do not cut them the popular length to start with.

It will hardly avail John Jacob Astor and Miss Force to seek refuge in London. King George and Queen Mary are as "unreasonable" on the subject of divorce as some of the American bishops.

The primary Tuesday was one of the most quiet elections ever held in this city, and but little interest seemed manifest. We believe the voters of Cass county are tired of the primary system, anyway.

Futile as it may appear to most of us who have observed the growth of the tobacco habit, an earnest effort is to be made to combat it, and it is receiving some show of welcome from the press. New York papers accord an open arms welcome to the recently incorporated Non-Smokers' Protective League of America, the principal aim of which appears to be to discourage smoking in places where women, and men to whom tobacco smoke is repulsive, congregate.

It was a badly mixed-up affair this time, sure. Democrats voted the straight republican ticket in order to nominate someone they wanted on that ticket, while republicans done the same with the democratic ticket.

When a man displays his suspenders, which are the means of keeping his trousers securely in place, it is called improper, but some of those belted men, whose trousers are apparently about to fall off, meet with society's full sanction.

Hundreds of letters are being sent out from the White house

asking politicians as to the "sentiment" for president in 1912. Here and there, at infrequent intervals, a politician may be found who will answer frankly and candidly.

Some people are now willing to acknowledge that the primary system is a grand farce. We have always thought so. The people won't even come out and vote when they have an opportunity to vote direct for their choice of candidates.

Elections every year are a big nuisance, and two-thirds of the voters of Nebraska will agree with us in this assertion. An election for state and county officers should occur only every two years, Iowa, Missouri and Illinois used to have such an election law, but they saw the folly of holding elections so often and done away with it.

The agricultural department has at last reported the real conditions of the crops. It reports the following crops to be from 14 to 22 per cent below the ten-year average, namely: Corn, spring wheat, oats, barley, potatoes, tobacco, flax and hay. Fall wheat and rice are about up to the average. That is in accordance with what the farmers themselves have been saying.

## DRUG FIENDS IN AMERICA.

There is a growing demand among American newspapers for firmer regulatory measures for the protection of the unsuspecting from the drug habits that have been growing among the people. Attention has frequently been called of late to the alleged fact that there are as many victims of the drug habit in this country, in proportion to population, as there are in China, over the degradation of which country through opium the missionaries have become at times hysterical.

The sale of cocaine among school children in several eastern cities, notably Philadelphia and Pittsburg, has been the subject of comment in the eastern press recently. Now comes the announcement of the Philadelphia authorities that an anti-opium crusade in that city is to be begun and it is stated that it is not only in the tenderloin and among derelict men and abandoned women in vicious circles outside of the vice districts that considerable trade in deleterious drugs is driven. In "high society," say the police and detectives, there is a good deal of indulgence in drugs.

According to a crusader cocaine and opium work in shifts to destroy the constitutions, morals and finally the lives of Philadelphia victims. The two drugs are used alternately, one to lessen the depressing effects following stimulation by the other. The effect upon the health is, of course, rapid and far-reaching. The investigator declares that it is surprising how many Philadelphians of social prominence visit dives to secure drugs sold in violation of law, and he promises "startling revelations."

The announcement that the prominent and supposedly virtuous are wicked or weak is customary when such crusades are made. It matters very little insofar as the drug habit is considered as a public menace whether the victims are members of "first families" or of the proletariat. We do not pity the Chinese upon the ground that the aristocrats use opium, but upon the theory that the social fabric is honey-combed by opium smoking. The disclosures promised in Philadelphia may not prove as startling as first headlines indicate, but the conditions there and elsewhere are bad. The consumption of drugs is an evil too little understood by most of us while mighty campaigns are waged over the

question of whether constitutions shall be abolished in order that the sale of beer and whisky shall become illegal, disreputable and untaxed, like the sale of mind-wrecking and body-wrecking drugs.—Lincoln Star.

## THE SUMMER SUNDAY.

The intense feeling once existing among church people against Sunday excursions has been greatly modified today. It is generally recognized that men and women imprisoned all the week in offices, stores and factories need a liberal installment of fresh air on the rest day. That is the gift of God to man for his best advancement. It is not wise to compel anyone to sit down indoors in this day and generation and require him to read Baxter's "Saint's Rest" unless he feels thereto inclined.

The people who make Sunday serve the widest range of purposes get the best out of it. The silent quiet of the sanctuary of a Sunday morning, the rhythm of scripture poetry, the cadence of noble song, has a good deal more refreshment for those who have learned to like it, than the clang of the trolley gong and the whiz and bump of the motor.

For the rest of the day, the farther away one can get from the works of man, the closer he can get to Mother Nature, the more of healing the day has for him.

So far as possible, though, the man with a friendly feeling for his neighbor will avoid those avenues of activity that tend to make Sunday a work day for an increasing part of the population.

However much one has admired Senator La Follette's career, to see him fighting for a high tariff on wool and woolen goods seems most astounding. The conditions at one time were so critical that it seemed that he might prevent any reduction in that schedule. How any man can come to the conclusion that there ought to be any tariff on wool is beyond comprehension, but knowing the condition in the senate the democrats thought a reduction of one-half might be secured. But La Follette stopped that attempt. The shivering thousands who are forced to wear cotton instead of wool next winter will have only La Follette to blame.

## A King Who Left Home

set the world to talking, but Paul Mathulka, of Buffalo, N. Y., says he always KEEPS AT HOME the King of all Laxatives—Dr. King's New Life Pills—and that there's a blessing to all his family. Cure constipation, headache, indigestion, dyspepsia. Only 25c at F. G. Fricke & Co.

## A Trip to Germany.

Mr. and Mrs. August Bach left this morning for Germany, where they will visit relatives and friends at a number of places. It has been thirty-three years since Mr. Bach was in Germany and fourteen years since his wife was there. They will return in about three months.

Miss Irene Jess went to Omaha this afternoon.

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## SELLING BIG TRACT OF SAN LUIS LAND

W. E. Rosencrans Tells Journal of the Famous Costilla Tract Now Being Sold.

The success that W. E. Rosencrans is having in selling land in the Costilla estate in San Luis valley, Colorado, lead the Journal to talk with Mr. Rosencrans about the land there. The Costilla estate consists of 540,000 acres of land, of which 440,000 acres is rough, mountainous land and the rest, 105,000 acres, very fertile, level land, susceptible to irrigation. The estate lies in the center of the famed San Luis valley, 230 miles southwest of Denver. This valley lies in a strip 125 miles long and about 12 miles wide. The title to the Costilla estate goes back to an ancient Spanish grant, which was later confirmed by an act of congress.

One of the largest and most extensive irrigation systems in the world is being put in throughout the estate. The company owns the water sheds to the valley, thereby assuring a perpetual supply, and means that settlers there will never have trouble over water rights.

The largest private irrigation engineering project in the United States is the claim made by the owners of the estate. Mr. Rosencrans has actual panoramic photographs of some of the vast irrigation projects that are being built on this estate. One of them, the Sanchez reservoir, is five and a half miles long, two miles wide, a depth at the dam of 110 feet and a capacity of 104,000 acre feet, or 4,532,320,000 cubic feet. The dam holding back this vast lake of water is 1,410 feet long at the top, 250 feet wide at the bottom, 120 feet high, 20 feet wide at the top, 600 feet wide at the bottom, and contains 525,000 cubic yards of material.

An interesting feature of the project is the intake tower, situated in the reservoir. It is 150 feet high, with a 15-foot inside diameter. The water passes into this tower and out through the arched tunnel built through the dam. The water is conveyed through this tunnel to the canals and ditches to land where it is used.

A railroad has been built through the estate, with regular trains daily. There are telephone lines in, and ditches constructed, through which water is now flowing to the land in cultivation. Of the Costilla tract 2,000 acres are now in cultivation. On January 1 not an acre was plowed.

Mr. Rosencrans has taken a number of people out to view the land, and every one has returned a booster for his proposition. His next trip will start on August 22. He leaves here with a party of prospective buyers every Tuesday. They leave Tuesday afternoon at 3:30, connecting with Burlington train No. 3 at Ashland, and arrive at Denver Wednesday morning. They spend the day seeing Denver, visiting many points of interest there, including the museum at the state capital, the United States mint, where Uncle Sam makes his money; Electric park and other Denver parks. Leaving Denver in the evening they cross the range of Rock mountains, arriving on the west slope of their destination at 8 a. m. Thursday. In automobiles the party spends the first day in inspecting the water supply, which is the first thing to be taken into consideration in all irrigation projects. The second day is spent in viewing the land for sale and seeing the crops that are grown.

"If you will join my party," said Mr. Rosencrans, "I will show you the crops now on the ground; wheat averaging from 45 to 65 bushels an acre, alfalfa, cow peas, oats, rye and barley such as you have never seen in Nebraska. The railroad fare will be \$23.60 for the round trip. Your hotel bill will be paid by the company while on the ranch."

Mr. Rosencrans said that if anyone was interested in the proposition he could show, at his office, specimens of the grain grown there and explain to them fully the irrigation features, which are not surpassed anywhere.

## Notice From District No. 2.

Notice is hereby given that all weeds along the public highway in Road District No. 2 must be cut by the 15th of August or the same will be cut by the road overseer and charged up to the property.

John Busche, Overseer.