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LET US SMILE.

The thing that goes the farthest towards making life worth while.

That costs the least and does the most, is just a pleasant smile.

The smile that bubbles from a heart that loves its fellow men

Will drive away the cloud of gloom and coax the sun again.

It's full of worth and goodness, too, with manly kindness blended.

It's worth a million dollars, and it doesn't cost a cent.

Judge Field says he will not run for congress.

Secretary La Follette sees hope in the Golden Rule.

Chicago gets the republican national convention, and it will convene on the 19th of June.

Christmas—childhood's happiest hours—is now upon us. Remember those children who have no way of getting presents.

Dynamiting used to be reckoned one of our safest sports, but under the new Burns' rules it may become as dangerous as football.

The McNamara won't tell what they know about the dynamite jobs. Anyone smart enough to commit murder has a loyal friend there.

Taft still clings to the Busian treaty of 1832, apparently for the same reason that he hung to Balfinger and the Payne-Aldrich tariff.

With the dynamite jury convening at Indianapolis, we are prepared to give some evidence as to what the small boy let off July 4.

Justice Hughes declines to have his name used for president, but as he forgot to get it copyrighted some newspapers keep on printing it.

5,000 scientists meet soon at Washington. Is it safe for all these scientists to take these long journeys about the country without their wives?

A woman's Hall of Fame has been made up by the Illinois Equal Rights association, and we fail to find a single dressmaker or milliner in the bunch.

John F. Hill of Maine has been made chairman of the republican national committee, and Taft's re-election is now up to him—an up-Hill task, as it were.

Many cities are competing for the national conventions. There is a widespread desire to take an influential part in the conventions by howling in the galleries.

"The people," says Congressman Vic Murdock, "yearn for facts." And it is recalled that Mr. Murdock used to be one of the very best reporters in Kansas.

California will probably make women eligible to any of their elective offices. This is simply extending their scope as family governors to a state-wide scale.

Have you subscribed to the Y. M. C. A. fund? If you have not you ought to do so right away. You will never have an opportunity to give to a more worthy movement.

Another rebellion is brewing in Mexico, and another clash is expected to loom up at any moment.

"On earth peace, good will toward men." Ah, isn't that a beautiful sentiment. And this is Christmas week.

All kinds of trouble in getting anyone to make the steam roller go this winter, in spite of all the machinists there are in this country.

The fellows that were in the wrong are the ones that cry, "Let by-gones be forgotten!" The time has arrived when they want something.

If you must do your shopping the night before Christmas, don't ask the salespeople to deliver a lecture on the goods. Shut your eyes, pay down your money, grab and run.

Will the eight traveling governors be satisfied with flapjacks and maple syrup after they get home, or will they demand that their wives reproduce the cooking of the Great White Way?

It is now positively assured that George W. Berge will file for governor. Well, there will be no discount on George making a good race and also a good governor, if elected.

The fellows who now want to throw Taft overboard and take on Teddy instead seem to have forgotten that it was he who gave us Billy. They can't very well get rid of the Jonah in that manner.

An Oklahoma pauper took the top off an old wooden leg that had been left him by a friend and found \$10,000 hidden in a cavity therein. Here was one leg that was pulled to splendid advantage.

President Taft is sending in messages on the serial story plan, but we must remind him that eight volume novels are no longer included among the six best sellers.

No one can feel just exactly right in giving out presents that they have purchased out of town. No one can enjoy his Christmas dinner so well after knowing how wrong he has been in not buying his presents of the home merchant.

Those Chicago packers have been called the kings of meat. It should be remembered, however, that government prosecutions have been trying hard, but have not yet succeeded in making mincemeat of them.

The war now seems to have been declared between Victor Rosewater and Senator Norris Brown. Victor demands the unconditional surrender of Senator Brown's "pie fort" or the big gun will be touched off with disastrous effect. Can Senator Brown have the nerve to face the coming assault by Victor on "Fort Pie"?

Bear in mind the band concert at the Parmele theater Thursday night, December 28, and also remember that everybody wants to attend. Give the boys a big house. They deserve every dollar they can get. Remember the concerts are given for the purpose of securing means to purchase new uniforms. Remember the date—Thursday night, December 28.

Attorney General Wickersham says that the Sherman law is all right. But he should have waited to see what it is going to do in the trial of the Chicago packers.

And now it is said that a former chaplain of the United States army, angered at his discharge, dynamited a fort. This dynamite habit is fast becoming a nuisance.

"Not a word about Barnes," says Mr. Roosevelt, and his silence is significant. Barnes must be pretty bad if Roosevelt is unable to find words suitable to his case.

Joe Folk of Missouri is not cutting very much of a swath right now in the presidential race, but watch out for returns later on. It isn't always the noisiest fellows that win out.

To Nebraska landlords: The Virginia law compelling hotels to furnish their beds with sheets eight feet long has been declared unconstitutional. The supreme court ripped it in two.

Every mine disaster should mean the taking of greater precautions for the protection of life at other mines. It ought to, but it doesn't. Greed makes countless thousands mourn.

And the Star of Bethlehem keeps calling to you: "Wise Man, Wise Man! Gather your gifts and go forth in the name of the Lord to the manger wheresoever the Child awaits your coming."

Aldrich has about come to the conclusion that he is not big enough for United States senator, and will run again for governor, a position that he has not proven able to hold down as it should be.

James B. McCreary was governor of Kentucky thirty-six years ago. On Tuesday of last week he was inaugurated Kentucky's chief executive again. They do some back, notwithstanding Dr. Osler's celebrated theory.

Hon. John H. Morehead of Richardson county seems to be in the lead, so far, for the nomination for governor. If there should be no other candidates, Mr. Morehead will sure be the next democratic candidate for governor of Nebraska.

Christmas next Monday. Just five more days in which to do your shopping. But don't wait till the last day to do it. The rush is not the time to get just what you want. Give the clerks a chance to show you the goods. You can't all be waited on at once.

There are no more accommodating merchants in any town in the west than right here in Plattsmouth. They never refuse any honest person credit, and it is not right for people to go to Omaha to do their Christmas shopping, where they have to pay the cash and then ask the home merchants to credit them for the necessities of life.

It should appear to every reasonable citizen that when a merchant credits them for the necessities of life when they have not got the money to pay for them, you should respect his goodness to you at least to the extent of buying your supplies of him when you have the money, and not go away from home to buy those articles which should be bought at home. People are going to Omaha to buy Christmas goods that ought to leave the money with those who have accommodated them when they had no money to pay for goods. It is not right, and they know it.

Forest Rose Flour. The next time you need a sack of flour try a sack. You will find it the best on the market.

"ALL'S FAIR IN POLITICS."

Richard L. Metcalfe, Charles W. Poole and J. H. Morehead have become candidates for the democratic nomination for governor at the primary election to be held in April next year. The Democrat cannot regard all of these candidates in the same favorable light. Mr. Metcalfe, who is the most able and, perhaps, the best qualified to fill the office of the three candidates named, is, without question, the most illogical candidate because he would enter the race at the general election the weaker candidate. The esteemed World-Herald takes a false view of the situation when it asserts the opposition to Mr. Metcalfe comes only from the Lincoln News. The Lincoln paper has called attention to an immovable condition and the World-Herald cannot improve that condition by showing a magnanimous spirit toward him.

There are thousands of democrats in Nebraska who, not stopping to consider the right or the wrong of their action, would play the game of politics with regard to Mr. Metcalfe that he played the democratic party last year. It sounds pleasing to the ear to hear a man say that "all is forgiven and forgotten," but the cold fact still abides in his heart that he really believes that "all is fair in the game of politics." Last year Mr. Metcalfe took the stump and advocated the election of a republican governor. The democratic candidate has as many party friends as Mr. Metcalfe. It would be unreasonable to say that they would support the man who so recently sent them to defeat. It is an unnecessary error to assert that they will do so and thereby become a party in bringing about another defeat similar to the one brought about last year.

With all due respect to the World-Herald, and the kindest feelings toward Mr. Metcalfe, we believe it is wrong from every point of view, under the existing circumstances, to encourage or assist in Mr. Metcalfe's candidacy, unless you desire the re-election of Governor Aldrich, who will be the republican candidate—the same man who was good enough for Mr. Metcalfe one year ago.

The wise thing to do is to advocate and secure the nomination of a man who can enter the race free-handed and not the especial enemy of any of these untangling factions; who is clean, a representative of the people and not hand-tied or tongue-tied. We believe that man is Thomas W. Smith of York county. Tom Smith is just a plain, everyday democrat, not antagonistic to any factional elements, forcible personality, strong executive ability, clean character and successful in every undertaking in life. If the democrats of Nebraska desire to win in the state next year, they must be led by a man at the head of the state ticket who was not a conspicuous party to turning the state over to the republicans last year.—Kearney Democrat.

Senator C. M. Skiles of David City is a probable candidate for congress in the Fourth district. Senator Skiles is a Cass county boy, and you know it is always a hard matter to keep them down, especially when they possess ability and energy, and Judge Skiles possesses every essential in this line. If he concludes to make the run he will give Congressman Sloan a race for his life.

Politicians who desire to be delegates to the national conventions should not waste time studying up the history of political parties or of candidates, but should go out in the back yard nights and practice prolonged hollering.

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The majority of our people are so comfortable that no family in our neighborhood ought to lack on Christmas day either for a good dinner or for such little gifts and finery as will put a song into the heart of the wife and dance steps into the feet of the children. Let us all look over our own

neighborhood and try to help anyone who may be heartless and hopeless on the day that should bring joy to all.

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