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Early shopping at the tax collector's office pays as well as it does elsewhere.

It is hoped Taft does not forget to put a Red Cross stamp on each message he sends to congress.

It is easier to get dynamite enough to blow up the capitol at Washington than to purchase a three-inch firecracker.

Possibly the high cost of living has been exaggerated. Dr. Wiley declares a man can live a month on one bushel of wheat.

It is proposed that the trouble with Russia be referred to The Hague court, but the judges might drop dead if they got a case to decide.

Lincoln Star: One thing seems certain. The Taft demonstration was not strong enough to pull the local republican organ off the fence.

The Indian Durbar must have been quite a show, but not much compared with the Improved Order of Red Men working the third degree.

We are convinced that no matter how busy a man may be, he should at least take the time to read the head-lines of the president's messages.

The moral of the Stokes' shooting case seems to be that if you keep the footlights between yourself and the show girls you won't get shot in the legs.

Louis Brandeis says that the trusts are the cause of the present social unrest. And the social unrest in turn is causing the trusts to be uneasy.

As both parties had been through the divorce court, the marriage of Alfred G. Vanderbilt and Mrs. McKim is a thoroughly fashionable wedding.

The New York peace meeting was broken up by a riot. It is getting so that a good peace advocate needs to be prepared to administer some sound thrashings.

Russia is hot under the collar about the Sultz resolution to abrogate the treaty of 1832. There is nothing else for an offender to do when called to account for his offense.

While it is sadly disappointing to see so many members of congress vote to retain the 20 cents per mileage graft, at the same time we rejoice to know that our own member, Hon. John A. Maguire, was one of the 98 congressmen who voted for the reduction. The man who says our John is not all right don't know much, anyway.

The standpat-Pollard-Rosewater booster convention, which has been talked of so much for the past month or six weeks has passed, and with its passing the idea that Nebraska is a Taft state has also gone glimmering among the hopes of Little Vio and Earnest Pollard. A more signal failure of a political gathering in Nebraska never held. From all reports Pollard and Rosewater were very much depressed over the small attendance at the "grand blow-out."

Mr. Edison's concrete furniture will never satisfy the small boy. What will he have then to try his new Christmas jack-knife on?

W. E. D. Stokes can now reflect that if he had gone to prayer meeting that night he never would have got into that mess with the shooting show girls.

25,000 Cleveland people are boycotting eggs for three weeks. As the political spell-binders will soon be around, it seems very desirable to conserve the supply.

If the president would give a carpet sweeper to every congressman who should read all his messages, some of the newer statesmen would perhaps accept the offer.

Business matters prevents E. M. Pollard from serving as secretary of the committee of Taft boomers. We should think so after that great turnout of Taft supporters last Tuesday.

Any man who ever got up on a summer night to slap a mosquito can understand the trouble Italy is having with those slippery Arabs, with the difference that it costs Italy \$2,500,000 a day.

Presidents have frequently had trouble in getting the indorsement of their own state, because they bucked the machine too hard. Mr. Taft's difficulties in Ohio do not proceed from this source.

It is a foregone conclusion now that Taft stands no show of carrying Nebraska. That great "blowout" gotten up by Pollard and Rosewater at Lincoln Tuesday night has settled that matter.

The Taft booster meeting at Lincoln Tuesday had one Plattsmouth representative present in the person of Postmaster Schneider. According to the Lincoln Star, he was the first man on the ground.

The Infanta Eulalie has stirred up all kinds of rumpus in Spain by writing a book. Had she lived in this country no one would have known about it except the postman that brought back the rejected manuscripts.

As Sam Gompers will have ample chance to talk when the American Federation of Labor meets again, it would seem judicious just now for him to conserve his lung power a little more carefully.

A congressman will walk up to the capitol and vote away \$60,000,000 of other people's money in five minutes, but when his wife calls on him for 60 cents for a Christmas present he will think it over for a week.

Mrs. Wiley argued for the parcels post on the ground that she has to drive three miles to get a loaf of bread. Most of our women friends would rather walk three miles than put their hands into the bread-pan.

What is the matter with ex-Mayor Frank Brown of Lincoln for the member of the national democratic committee from Nebraska? He has hosts of friends throughout the state and we believe he can get the support of a big majority of his party in the rural districts.

We fell confident that the Three Wise Men from the east would wholly disclaim responsibility for the scenes in the dry goods stores the night before Christmas.

It was a much more serious breach of international etiquette for Uncle Sam to tell Russia she had broken the treaty than it was for Russia to do the violating.

Aldrich has finally concluded that he is not quite big enough to be senator, so he has determined to run for governor again. He can be easily defeated if the democrats nominate the proper man.

Senator Smoot says congress will do nothing but play politics this season. We have faith to believe, however, that in odd moments they may pass one or two bills for the good of the nation.

A statesman down in a Kansas has discovered that the Aldrich central bank and currency plan is merely the old populist sub-treasury scheme fitted out in a new frock suit and a glossy plug hat.

Vice President Sherman's refusal to be a candidate for re-nomination is disappointing to those who hoped to be able to enroll themselves in a James Schoolcraft Sherman club next year.

Wonder if the Taft supporters don't want to get up another boom convention soon. Of all the great fizzles in political conventions, the one held in Lincoln last Tuesday is certainly the greatest ever held in Nebraska.

The United States is said to be the only country that does not limit the amount of explosives that can be discharged in a mine. Our legislators don't believe in doing any work that can be laid off on Divine Providence.

Metcalf's boom for governor certainly died a bornin'. There has been several caucuses of a little ring in Omaha, with a few outsiders, held to advance his candidacy, but it can't pull the wool over the eyes of the honest democrats.

Governor Carey of Wyoming says not 2 per cent of the male voters of his state would be willing to repeal the woman suffrage act. It is very evident who is head of the house in Wyoming, and also clear that discipline is well maintained.

Taft's political fortunes certainly place him in peculiar predicaments. He succeeded in negotiating peace treaties with two countries, and is now trying to cancel a treaty with another country which may succeed in bringing on war.

The Iowa supreme court has declared that one who operates a saloon in that state can have no partner. Meantime there be those who firmly maintain that no man can run a saloon without a partner whose name it would not be polite to mention.

The judicious young woman may borrow her brother's football suit, nose protector, etc., before shopping the week before Christmas, but even at that there is no referee to provide some degree of protection against slugging and tackling.

A woman and her husband have been driven out of Mexico because, as they allege, the husband refused to be a political supporter of President Madero. If this is true, it certainly discloses a novel way of making one's election unanimous.

Two men convicted as accessories

in the Shady Bend "tar party" escaped with fine of \$200 each. Now, if they had done something really serious—if they had robbed a hen roost, or used a canceled postage stamp—they might have been sent to prison for several years.

"There is no reason why cows should not be kept in town," says an exchange. With milk at 7 and 8 cents a quart and butter at 35 and 40 cents a pound, there is no reason why the family cow should not be kept in the parlor along with the hens.

According to a visitor from Hamburg the talk of war between Germany and Great Britain is silly, because "neither country can afford to fight." Nevertheless, most people spend money they can't afford, otherwise Christmas would have been abolished years and years ago.

The revolutionists in China have pulled off about as many atrocities as have the Manchus. And in Tripoli the Italians and Turks keep pace pretty well with one another in the matter of cruelty and barbarity. War turns loose the same savage passions in the breasts of men, regardless of their nationality.

There is no more sincere manner of displaying the Christmas spirit than that of giving to the poor children, whose parents are too poor to purchase them anything for Christmas. We know of one noble lady in Plattsmouth who truly manifests this spirit every Christmas, and the poor children of the city receive the gifts. We would like to give this excellent lady's name, but without her permission, we will not do so. God will reward her.

A train in Arizona was boarded by robbers, who went through the pockets of the luckless passengers. One of them happened to be a traveling salesman from New York, who, when his turn came, fished out \$200, but rapidly took \$4 from the pile and placed it in his vest pocket. "What do you mean by that?" asked the robber, as he toyed with his revolver. Hurriedly came the answer: "Mine friend, you surely would not refuse me 2 per cent discount on a strictly cash transaction like this?"

EX-GOVERNOR MISQUOTED.

Former Governor Shallenberger was recently in Houston, Tex., for a few hours, and in company with a party of friends, visited the office of the Houston Post, where he was subjected to the processes of the interviewer.

The following morning the Post published the interview, in the course of which it said:

Governor Shallenberger said that an amendment to the state constitution will be submitted to the people next month providing for the initiative and referendum, without the recall feature, and expressed the opinion that the proposition will be defeated.

That alleged utterance of the ex-governor in Texas has been reproduced by Nebraska newspapers unfriendly to Governor Shallenberger, and it is due Mr. Shallenberger to say that he never said it. A man who accompanied ex-Governor Shallenberger on that Texas trip happened to be sitting with the latter when he read what the Houston Post had to say about his interview. It was before the party had gone far from Houston on their return to Nebraska. Mr. Shallenberger expressed some chagrin when he read the paragraph above quoted, and remarked at once that what he said was that in his judgment the initiative and referendum amendment to the constitution will carry in Nebraska, as he believes it will.

He attributed the misquotation to the fact that the initiative and referendum is now under consideration in Houston, and that

the Post is opposed to it.

Ordinarily, when a man in public life denies the correctness of a published interview with him, he does not command much credence. In this instance, however, it is unnecessary for the ex-governor to deny it. One who was present at that interview, the writer of this mention, is content to do it for him.—Lincoln Star

THE NEW DEMOCRATIC STATE.

Arizona, after years of struggle, is at last a state with all the rights, privileges and responsibilities of a state.

It seemed at one time as if the hopes of the people of Arizona for statehood would meet disaster on the rock of the judiciary recall provision contained in its constitution.

Because of President Taft's veto otherwise of the statehood bill, congress directed the territory to vote out the offending provision at the present election, which it has done.

It is now a sovereign commonwealth, and the curious thing about the entire controversy that waged around the recall provision is that the state since it has become such may call another election and vote the provision back again.

It has always been considered that Arizona would be a democratic state, and the results of the election but confirm this belief. This was contrary, however, to the case of its sister territory, New Mexico, which was thought to be republican, but went democratic at the election last November.

Since the increase of irrigation and the knowledge of how to farm dry lands Arizona has been continually advancing in wealth and population. In 1900 its population was 122,931, while in 1910 it was 204,354, an increase of 66.2 per cent. Its area is 113,020 square miles, or nearly twice that of many states, though its population is many times smaller.

The new state starts out with many advantages—among which are the experiences of the older states to draw from, in solving present problems and avoiding old evils. These advantages it has incorporated in an admirable manner in its constitution. May the new Arizona live up to its high opportunities.

COST OF PRODUCTION.

The theory that a tariff ought to be based on the cost of production, lacks every essential that could commend a tariff policy to a right thinking man. Granting that the principle is right, there is no method known, nor has there been any suggested, that would enable the men who draft and enact tariff bills to find what the cost of production is of the thousands of articles upon which the tariff is imposed. That cost differs in every state and almost every neighborhood. But the proposition put forth by tariff advocates is much more difficult than that. They must find what the cost of production is in all foreign countries and compare it with the cost in this country, and if the cost is greater here than in foreign countries, levy a tariff to equal that amount. Such a thing is impossible of accomplishment.

But grant that such knowledge could be obtained and a tariff policy be enacted on that principle. Under such a law man might start a farm for raising pineapples. He could show that the cost of production was much greater in our southern states on account of the high price of land and labor and demand a tariff to equal the difference between the cost of production of pineapples there and on the islands of the West Indies or in Central American states and that there must be a tariff of 10 cents each levied on every pineapple brought into the country. Upon every article of

commerce that could be made cheaper in Europe and every other part of the world, there must be a tariff levied under such a system as that.

It would overthrow the very foundations upon which the science of political economy rests, which teaches that where the product, which on account of local conditions, climatic or otherwise, can be produced cheaper in one locality, it is wisdom to exchange that product for one that can be produced much cheaper in another locality. On that principle rests all trade and commerce, and this new tariff theory would overthrow it all. It would build a Chinese wall around the nation, and international commerce would cease to exist.—World-Herald.

WEEPING WATER.

Republican.

Dr. Kruss, whose leg was broken a few weeks ago, is able to sit up.

Four or five left here Tuesday for Pueblo, Colo., to take up a homestead.

Mrs. S. R. Smith of Plattsmouth is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Domingo, until after the holidays.

Uncle Reuben Glizbe's condition has not changed much the past week. In some respects he is better and others not so well.

Kielsch & Halmes shipped out a carload of flour to Omaha yesterday. The City mill makes the goods that are in demand.

Mrs. William Ingwerson was 65 years old Tuesday and a great many friends reminded her of the occasion with a plentiful supply of postal card greetings.

Ed Kelley, who was injured a few weeks ago, says he will have to spend his Christmas in the St. Joseph hospital, as he has not improved as rapidly as was hoped. Nels Anderson was in town Tuesday and returned to Louisville. He said that soon after the first of January they would move to Nehawka and he would go into business at the old stand he formerly occupied.

Will Philpot has been traveling between his home in the country and town. With his daughter, Lena, who is attending the academy, sick at the hall, and his 4-year-old son sick with pneumonia at home, the family have been pretty much worried.

Miss Olive Stander of Louisville died last Monday night. Miss Stander's condition was considered serious, but it was not thought dangerous, and her death was quite sudden. She was a sister of Mrs. P. E. Spangler and of the Stander brothers of Louisville. She was a young lady quite well known in the county and will be greatly missed by her invalid mother, whom she had attended so faithfully.

Lands for Sale.

440 acres in southeast Greenwood county, Kansas; fenced and cross-fenced; 80 acres of rich creek bottom land in cultivation, balance finest native prairie grass (limesoil). Fair 5-room house, stable, etc. Some bearing orchard. Lots of fine living water, which is furnished by a large creek which runs through north side of ranch. Creek is skirted with timber; cattle come off grass into deep water. This is considered to be one of the best little stock ranches in the county. School close by; fine smooth road to town. Just 5 1/2 miles from ranch to town; a nice well improved country all the way. For quick sale \$18 per acre buys this 440 acres; no trade taken on this. Has a mortgage of \$3500 that has yet three years to run. \$4420 buys the equity. Nothing better for the money. Give me to your friend if you don't want me, I must sell. W. A. Nelson, Real Estate Broker, Fall River, Greenwood County, Kansas.

Hogs Wanted.

I wish to buy a few hogs, weighing not less than 60 pounds. Inquire at the restaurant rear of Donat's saloon. Frank Zetopek.

For Sale.

A first-class 160-acre Cass county farm. Terms reasonable. J. M. Leyda, Plattsmouth.

Miss Marie Robertson returned from Lincoln Wednesday evening on No. 2, where she had been attending the university, and will spend the holidays with her parents, James Robertson and wife.