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Leap Year.

'Tis Leap Year, and upon the leap
Are men, from maidens' paths to keep,
Pretending they are much afraid
(Or, rather, very much dis-aid).
But, shucks, such actions all are bluff—
There's no man fears that, sure enough,
Some maiden fair will capture him
And lead him to the preacher grim,
So that her bills he'll have to pay
And button up her gown each day—
At least, I don't. Why, I would dare
To face fair maidens everywhere,
And of proposals have no fear—
You see, I married last Leap Year.

"Back, back to Baltimore."

Isn't it about time to inquire
about the peach crop?

Have you had your water and
gas pipes thawed out yet?

Dunn's weekly industrial review
"sees a growing trade." Looking
perhaps in the direction
of the coal office.

Baltimore has been selected as
the place for the national democratic
convention, and June 25 is
the date. A little far east, but we
can walk that far if we start in
time.

Governor Aldrich is to have
opposition for the republican
nomination. This would denote
that Aldrich's administration has
not been even satisfactory to his
own party.

The Plattsmouth ladies are going
to show the people of our
town that they are able to cope
with the best of them when it
comes to giving a first-class
entertainment. Remember, Wednesday
night, January 24, at the
Parmele theater.

If the democrats nominate
John H. Morehead for governor
and the republicans re-nominate
Aldrich, there is no question as
to who will be the next governor.
It will be Senator Morehead without
a doubt.

The boys are enjoying the fine
coasting. Don't find fault with
the boys for doing just what you
used to do yourself when you was
a boy. Let them enjoy themselves.
They never will be boys
but once.

Nothing would suit the opposition
papers better than to see Mr.
Bryan get upon his high horse
and raise a big rumpus. But Mr.
Bryan is not going to gratify their
wishes to the extent they so much
would desire.

Mr. Bryan's only objection to
Colonel Guffey continuing as
democratic national committee-
man from Pennsylvania is that
Guffey is closed affiliated with
Penrose, the republican boss of
Pennsylvania, and is disloyal to
the democratic party.—Kansas
City Star. Well, ain't that
enough?

Another straw which shows
which way the political wind is
blowing. George A. Neely, democ-
rat, was elected to congress from
the Seventh Kansas district
Thursday to fill the vacancy oc-
casioned by the death of Edward
H. Madison, republican. Madison
was elected in 1910 by a ma-
jority of 5,000. The results is
certainly significant.

The weather man does not
seem to be able to hold down the
lid.

Plattsmouth Ladies' Minstrels
Wednesday night, January 24.
Keep the date in mind.

What are we to do about that
water franchise? The time is
getting short for action.

The Tong war has again broken
out among New York's Chinese,
but the andirons remain quiet to
date.

The first bumper crop for 1912
is the ice. If all other crops prove
equally as good won't Nebraska
boom?

A loan shark in Milwaukee is
serving a 90-day sentence on the
rock pile for usury. If this is
socialism, give us some more
of it.

Another flag that still waves
o'er the "land of the free and the
home of the brave" is the white
flag with a black square in the
center, denoting a cold wave.

Mrs. Wilson is still mayor of
Hunnewell, Kas., and is running
things. The lesson is simply this,
if you don't want a woman to boss
you, don't give her the power to
do so.

A conference between Mr.
Bryan and Senator La Follette in
Washington this week started
some third party talk, although
there was no third party present
at the conference.

During the year 1911 New York
City averaged one murder every
thirty-six hours. There is some
curiosity to know what the murder-
ers do the rest of the time.

The Chinese rebels have quit
negotiating. They know their
own mind—they want a republic
and are proceeding to make good
their want by force of arms.

Dr. P. L. Hall of Lincoln is a
candidate for re-election as na-
tional committeeman. Dr. Hall
has served in this capacity for
some time, and served the democ-
rats faithfully and with satisfac-
tion and should succeed him-
self.

The twenty-five young ladies of
Plattsmouth who have been re-
hearsing for several weeks for a
minstrel show are getting their
acts down to perfection and our
people can depend upon a pro-
gram of great interest on the
night of Wednesday, January 24,
at the Parmele theater.

There is no question as to Mr.
Bryan being selected as a dele-
gate-at-large from Nebraska. There
may be some democrats who do
not agree with Mr. Bryan in
everything, yet they will take
great pride in having our great
state represented at the great
national gathering by such a dis-
tinguished citizen.

The deal between the two tele-
phone companies is something
that may possibly benefit patrons
somewhat. Many conjectures are
made as to how the local manage-
ment will be effected, whether or
not it will remain just the same
as it is. The Bell people will
move out, of course, and the
probability is that the same man-
agement will be maintained at the
Independent headquarters in this
city.

The coldest weather Nebraska
has had in twenty-five years.

It is too cold even to talk
politics, and there is nothing do-
ing in this line.

Twenty-nine below zero. That
ought to be cold enough for most
any ordinary person.

The Outlook could get a very
good scoop now by sending out
Feddy to interview the Colonel.

There is an impression among
the churches that the Richeson
case has seen Judas Iscariot and
gone him one better.

A Chicago publicist declares
that Roosevelt's peace views are
hypocritical. Roosevelt and
peace are like water.

Those who like cold weather
have a chance to enjoy it
good and plenty. We'll take
ours a little warmer, thank you.

We hope, however the election
goes this fall, that there will be
no kicking. It is always possible
that the majority may be right.

In view of the easy way in
which murderers get away now-
adays, it would seem a good idea
to jail a few of them for about 30
days.

As neither side is able to make
the steam roller work, it looks as
if congress might as well shut
down until they get the machinery
repaired.

There is a general agreement
in congress that a determined
and patriotic resistance must be
made to the encroachments of
the economy power.

Ladies' Minstrels at the Parme-
le theater Wednesday night,
January 24. The girls should be
greeted with a crowded house. All
our home girls, remember.

The election of a democrat to
congress in the Seventh congress-
ional district of Kansas makes
the standpatters around Wash-
ington sit up and take notice.

Senator Lorimer appears to
have changed his tactics. He
testified the other day in his own
behalf, and up to the hour of go-
ing to press he had not wept.

It has been a little too cold for
the Y. M. C. A. committee to
hustle much, but just as soon as
the weather gets warmer watch
the fund make a great leap.

They have been getting tem-
peratures of 42 below up in Can-
ada, but in that climate this is
merely a reminder to cover up
the garden vegetables before the
really heavy frosts come along.

Do your duty as democrats,
but if you can't do so without
lying on some candidate you do
not like, you had better side-step
and say nothing.

We would like to get a glimpse
of the fellow who prophesied a
mild winter. He has probably
gone into his hole and pulled the
hole in after him.

Now that J. P. Morgan is on his
way to Egypt, we wish he would
attend to the long-postponed
duty of removing one or two of
the pyramids to Coney Island.

The expected January rise in
the stock market has not come
off. Not merely does Wall street
have cold feet, but it won't stand
over the register to warm them.

Under the Taft theory of de-
laying action until the tariff board
has reported on each schedule,
the people will have to pay the
present exactions for about ten
years.

If Morse is really sick the
country would be willing to let
him out, but some people think
it simply makes him sick to see
these opportunities slipping by in
Wall street.

The legislators listening to the
governors' inaugurals must feel
like a very small boy when his
father presents him with a hoe
and leads him out to a very large
corn field.

The New York 400 is doing the
turkey trot. We feel more con-
fident that the work of their heels
will be well done than if they
were trying to make some prac-
tical use of their heads.

Make up your mind right now
that you are going to see the
Ladies' Minstrels on Wednesday
night, January 24. You will enjoy
the best entertainment you ever
seen given by local talent.

Mr. Taft says nothing but death
can keep him out of the fight
now, but if he got around to the
18th hole of the golf links with
one up and one to play, the fight
might have to wait.

Some people think that the ex-
ceptional vigor with which Theo-
dore chops trees suggests that he
would like to put equal fervor in-
to removing the official heads of
certain office-holders.

More than 150 veterans of the
civil war at the Leavenworth
Soldiers' Home are suffering from
ptomaine poisoning, due to hash
served for breakfast the other
morning, but luckily no deaths
resulted.

Murderer Richeson wants to be
commuted so as to spend his life
in jail. All our efforts, however,
to make jails really popular will
be thrown away if the prisoners
have to associate with the likes of
him.

Ex-Parson Richeson of Boston
appears to be as genuinely
"sorry" as was the late Mr. Beat-
tie of Virginia. Richeson gets a
life sentence while Beattie got the
death sentence. One was equally
as guilty of murder as the other.

There is a popular demand to
witness murder trials. Why not
have them in halls like those used
by the national conventions,
where the jury could know how to
decide by the cheering in the gal-
leries?

Baltimore is said to be one of
the most hospitable cities in the
country, and no city outclasses it
for entertainment. Maybe, after
all, the national committee was
wise in selecting Baltimore for
the convention town.

There is a general feeling that
if the monetary commission law
goes through, the new association
should meet in Walla Walla,
Wash., or Key West, Fla., or
some place a good long distance
from Wall street.

The powers are trying to per-
suade Italy and Turkey to stop
the war. The powers can bear up
under the bloodshed with equani-
mity, but there is the possibility
that one of the combatants might
get some territory.

In places where the skating is
good, it is complained that the
children take their skates to Sun-
day school. It shows unusual
forebearance, however, that the
children do not demand that the
Sunday school furnish the skates.

The idea of Henry Richmond
telling that Tom Benton is Hon.
John H. Morehead's campaign
manager. Wouldn't that beat
you? Richmond is always a
troublesome character, and if he
can't get himself before the pub-

lic one way he will another. Tom
Benton is one of the shrewdest
politicians in Nebraska, but he is
a republican, and this is why the
report is so ridiculous.

Norman Mack, chairman of the
democratic national committee,
thinks that a dark horse will win
the democratic nomination. That's
what the people wish to avoid.
The success of a dark horse usu-
ally means the success of tricks
that are dark. The people want
presidential primaries so that they
will be sure of not being cheated
out of their choice.

Now it is in order for the re-
publican papers of Nebraska to
howl themselves hoarse about the
democratic national convention
being located at Baltimore as a
punishment to Mr. Bryan. It is
immaterial to Mr. Bryan where
the convention is held. While his
choice was St. Louis he can prove
just as equal to the emergency in
Baltimore as in St. Louis or any
other western city. He is able to
take care of himself anywhere you
place him.

A fool editor is one who can
please everybody. To be a fool
editor you would have to publish
a paper boosting everybody and
cussing their enemies. That, of
course, would certainly not please
their enemies. Only a fool editor
would attempt it. We have been
publishing a newspaper for a
great many years and we have
always made a few enemies along
as we made friends and we can't
expect anything else. When you
please all of the people you are
ready to die. You will be an
angel. And angels don't inhabit
this wicked earth.

MISBRANDED TEXTILES.

The law forbidding the mis-
branding of food stuffs has com-
pelled many men of big business
to be honest and without doubt
has been of great benefit in pre-
venting disease. The statute has
been quite rigorously enforced, as
is shown by the report of the
solicitor general, although the
penalties which the courts have
assessed have been in almost
every case ridiculously light.
Most of the offenders were men of
big business.

There is another law that is
needed just as much as the pure
food law and that is one making
it criminal to misbrand textile
goods. Recent investigations
show that in woolen goods there
is hardly an article on sale that
is not misbranded. In fact, it
may be said that there are no
pure woolen goods on sale. They
are all misbranded. Some of the
highest priced goods, warranted
all wool, test out only 55 per cent
wool, and part of that is shoddy.
One ladies' woolen suit warrant-
ed to be 90 per cent wool, was
found to be only 10 per cent wool.

There is a large line of goods
with cotton warp and woolen web
that are very serviceable and will
always be in demand, but the web
should be long wool and not
shoddy beat into it to increase its
weight. In many classes of goods
it requires an expert to tell how
much wool is in a piece of goods,
for double thread yarn, one thread
being wool and the other softly
twisted cotton, is very hard to de-
tect, but all this adulteration is
just as criminal as the adultera-
tion of food products and should
be so treated by the law. It is
not the retail merchant that is to
blame for this sort of swindling.
It is all done by woolen trust
manufacturers. It sometimes
seems that Big Business is honest
in nothing.—World-Herald.

ALTERNATE DELEGATES.

How, under the Nebraska law,
are alternate delegates to the na-
tional conventions to be chosen?
Mr. Thompson of Grand Island
has called the attention of the
World-Herald to the fact that the
primary law makes no provision

for the filing of candidates for
alternates, or for their election.

If this is the situation, what is
to be done about it? Both parties
in Nebraska, it would seem, should
make provision for alternates as
well as delegates to the conven-
tion. Death or illness or other
reasons might intervene to create
vacancies in the delegation which,
without alternates, there would be
no regular way of filling. More-
over, the position of alternate
delegate is no inconsiderable
honor—and carries with it tickets
of admission to the convention
sessions.

Alternates should therefore be
chosen—but how?

It would be within the power of
the state committee, doubtless, to
call a special state convention for
the purpose of naming alternates,
since the regular state conven-
tion will be held subsequent to
the national convention. A state
convention, however, with no
other duties to perform than the
naming of alternates would hard-
ly, in the nature of things, be a
glittering success, and some
would question whether it justifi-
ed the expense and trouble.

The state committee might, in-
stead of calling a convention, ex-
ercise the general party authority
vested in it and itself name the
alternates. This might be op-
posed, however, as a somewhat
arbitrary action.

As a third course of action, the
committee might announce, in
advance of the primaries, that it
would name as alternates those
candidates for election as dele-
gates, but polled the next
highest votes to the successful
aspirants. Possibly this course,
too, might be open to objection.
There might not be enough de-
feated candidates to fill the
vacancies.

The situation, however, exists.
In some way it will have to be
met.—World-Herald.

Lands for Sale.

440 acres in southeast Green-
wood 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
stabling, etc. Some bearing or-
chard. 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 consid-
ered 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 im-
proved 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.
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Forty acres of good bottom
land, near small town, \$40 per
acre, cash, if taken soon. Also
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\$35 per acre. Call or address,
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