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There's a time to be merry,
A time to be gay,
A time to plant taters,
A time to make hay.

There's a time to get busy
And clean off the shelf,
A time to unload
And to rake in the pelf.

There's a time for the merchant
The merchant who's wise,
To mark down his goods
And then to advertise.

And let it be said,
Just to close up this rhyme,
That now, Mister Merchant,
Is the very best time.

How about that January thaw?

Gold claimed twenty-five victims
in one week in Chicago.

The political atmosphere seems
to be serene, notwithstanding the
cold weather.

The man who writes the gas
bills in this world will have the
devil to pay in the next.

There are plenty of slippery
places now for the wicked, as well
as the righteous, to walk upon.

And now abideth faith, hope,
charity, these three; but the
greatest of these is charity.—I
Cor. xiii, 13.

Governor Wilson has declared
war on the mosquito and the
house fly, but he says nothing
about presidential bees.

Not all of Mr. Carnegie's ideas
can be classed as flap-doodle. He
says: "Stock jobbers are parasites,
feeding on values and
creating none."

"Hookworm has invaded twenty-
two Kentucky counties." Rather
dangerous for the hookworm, for
it is said to be very easily pre-
served in alcohol.

According to the republican
"organs" the Woodrow Wilson
presidential boom has collapsed.
This, you know, is what republican
"organs" are for.

While we are keenly interested
in Mr. Roosevelt, we decline to
devote a column and a half to a
description of his prowess in cut-
ting down a birch sapling.

It is said that Russia will take
her time in making a new treaty
with the United States. It cer-
tainly took time in violating the
old one—kept it up for forty
years.

"Tariff slashed on iron and
steel." Pray be calm. The slash
has been effected not as yet by
the customs house officials, but
by the democrats of the ways and
means committee of the house.

Who is to run for the legis-
lature on the democratic ticket?
It is time to think about a candi-
date for this position. Cass
county is now entitled to only one
member.

The Carnegie monument should
commemorate some truly historic
event, like getting the better of
John D. on the ore deal, rather
than merely getting rid of a few
thousand libraries.

Mrs. Sarah Platt-Decker has
decided not to be a candidate for
United States senator in Colorado.
Any accomplished shopper, such
as Mrs. Platt-Decker, must realize
that the price of a Colorado sen-
atorship is too high.

If the "fool killer" was not so
far behind with his work lawyers
would starve to death.

The populists' national conven-
tion will probably meet in Lin-
coln. That's the rumor now.

In relieving suffering among
the poor the best time to give is
early, and the next best time is
often.

Don't expect the cold weather
to disappear all at once. The
warmth, you know, has to come
by degrees.

Don't fail to attend the Lady
Minstrels next Wednesday night
at the aPrmele. The finest treat
in many years.

The man who says, "take my
advice," seldom gives you a
chance to take anything else that
belongs to him.

You will miss half of your life
if you fail to attend the Lady
Minstrels at the Pärmele Wednesday
night, January 24.

Nebraska City will try the com-
mission form of government next
spring, having so voted at a special
election Tuesday.

The weather is due to moderate,
but not enough to cause any
stampede in the direction of the
ice cream soda counter.

It is no disrespect to those
other admirable graces, Faith and
Hope, to give Charity the right of
way in winter weather.

Every business man should
make his arrangements so that he
can take part in the banquet one
week from next Monday night.

A millionaire banker in Ama-
ville, Texas, shot and killed a
millionaire rancher. The bank
and the ranch will now be divided
among the lawyers.

Hon. John H. Morehead is cer-
tainly the candidate for democ-
rats to nominate for governor.
Every day evidences of this fact
becomes more demonstrative.

Zero weather, the forecast says,
is "over." For three or four
weeks it has been over the entire
country from the Rock mountains
to the Atlantic seaboard.

Floyd Seybolt of Geneva has
filed for the democratic nomina-
tion for state treasurer. He is
said to have been a successful
banker in Nebraska for twenty-
five years.

Congressman Maguire is the
only member from Nebraska that
voted against the 20 cents a mile
graft now being paid as mileage
to congressmen. Our John al-
ways votes right.

This paper is for Hon. W. B.
Banning for senator. He has
served two terms most acceptably
to his constituents and is equally
as popular in Otoe as he is in
Cass. Mr. Banning has always
proved equal to the emergency.

Taft wants to know why Post-
master General Hitchcock made
the parcels post announcement
without first consulting him. The
president is, no doubt, led to be-
lieve strongly that a traitorous
insurgent has been found right in
his own executive family.

Teddy has put a dead man in
the Ananias club. It is under-
stood that club is fearfully over-
crowded with the live ones.

"Commerce court fights for its
life." It hasn't lived a worthy
life so far, and hence those who
would have it reprieved are few.

We hope they don't get Mr.
Roosevelt into presidential poli-
tics until he gets the June wed-
dings reported for the Outlook.

There are fourteen dark horses
mentioned for the democratic
nomination, but several of them
would not be safe for any lady to
drive.

The Chinese throne will prob-
ably be moved from Peking, but
we would not haul it out of town un-
til the roads get settled next
spring.

Mr. Bryan has bought a 1912
model automobile, which is one of
several indications that the don-
key is not traveling fast enough
to please him.

Lorimer says he is the victim of
a plot. Why, that was the
case with certain seats in the
United States senate allotted to
the state of Illinois.

The government has secured
permission to examine the books
of the meat packers, and we have
the feeling that the bible will not
be found among them.

Andy Carnegie was tickled over
doing John D. out of some mil-
lions on the ore deal, but prob-
ably John D. was equally tickled
to get rid of the money.

If the bridge combine don't "get
it in the neck" in the next legis-
lature we miss our guess. That
the taxpayers have been paying
too much for the construction of
county bridges no one can doubt.

If the democrats were only in
power the republicans would be
able to use the old "bread line"
and "soup house" arguments with
telling effect in the coming cam-
paign.

Is not this the last that I have
chosent? to deal thy bread to the
hungry, and that thou bring the
poor that are cast out to thy
house? when thou seest the naked
that thou cover him?—Isaiah
58:6-7.

The republican standpat lead-
ers of Nebraska have evidently
passed Governor Aldrich up, and
he will have to be an insurgent
now or nothing. It is really a
hard matter to understand just
exactly where he stands.

Jeff Davis, Arkansas' hot blast
statesman, is in eruption again.
At its next election Arkansas
should call out all its fire depart-
ments and effectually quench this
very irritating form of combustion.

The boys are running consider-
able of a risk of getting injured
or killed in coasting down High
school hill and Main street. We
candidly believe it should be stop-
ped before some serious accident
occurs.

Mr. Morehead did not deem it
necessary to deny the rumor that
he had put his gubernatorial
boom into the hands of Tom Ben-
ton. This is another proof that
Mr. Morehead is a very level-
headed gentleman.—Will Mau-
pin's Weekly.

The Folk-Clark scrap in Mis-
souri tempts one to recall the old
couplet: "There were two cats in
Kilkenny, each thought there was
one cat too many; so they fought
and they bit, and they scratched
and they bit, until instead of two
cats there weren't any."

With a united and harmonious
party, the democrats will have the
finest opportunity for success
next fall they have ever had in
many years. But factionalism
must be thrown aside and all
march in one solid phalanx on-
ward to victory.

It is an easy matter for voters
to post themselves upon the char-
acter and ability of candidates
before the primary. If they will
do this there are some fellows
who have filed as candidates for
state offices who will get beauti-
fully left when the returns are
all in.

Governor Aldrich has gotten
himself in a pretty pickle by try-
ing to blow both "hot and cold" in
politics. The Taft faction have
given him the cold shoulder, and
the insurgents are very doubtful
as to his sincerity with that fac-
tion of the republican party. It
seems, therefore, that Mr. Ald-
rich was decidedly "in the soup."

We love to see good, honest
democrats rewarded for their
loyalty. But we detest to see pro-
fessed democrats coming up for
places simply because they think
they can possibly be nominated in
a primary election. We have in
our mind's eye one or two fellows
who insist on loading themselves
on the party, whose records are
everything else but good. Throw
them aside.

The Journal would like to sup-
port every man running for a
state office in order to please the
views of all our readers, but
would that be right and proper?
Have we not the same right to our
opinion, and the same right to
support such candidates as we
please as other democrats? We
always support the nominees, no
matter whether they were our
choice at the primary or not.
That's where the proper democ-
ratic spirit is displayed.

Like religion, there is too
much hypocrisy in politics. There
has been too many great men
kept back because they were not
hypocrites. While W. J. Bryan
may have his faults as well as
other great men, no one can say
he is a hypocrite. Could he have
acted the part of a hypocrite he
would be president today. That's
the trouble in politics—the bigger
the hypocrite, the more success-
ful politician. Honesty and sin-
cerity in politics are things of the
past.

Good men who could be elected
and are well qualified for any
position, are kept back by men
who have no qualities at all to
recommend them for positions.
That's the trouble with the democ-
rats of Nebraska. Good, honest
and able men do not care to run
the risk of getting defeated in the
primary by such cattle, but under
the primary law you can't pro-
hibit them from running for
office. But when they are once
nominated what are you going to
do? Why such fellows will per-
sist in loading themselves upon
the party we are unable to per-
ceive.

There have been various
rumors regarding a very dis-
graceful affair that is said to have
occurred almost within a stone's
throw of Plattsmouth. The Jour-
nal has paid but little attention to
these rumors because we did not
believe they could possibly be
true. But we have received a
communication in which the
writer says the disgraceful affair
has become common talk
throughout the county, and wants
to know why the authorities have
not made some effort to in-
vestigate these rumors, and if
true bring the guilty parties to
the bar of justice. If all reports
are true, it is one of the most
heinous crimes ever committed in
a civilized country, and it is

someone's duty to make an in-
vestigation and show to the out-
side world that Cass county will
not put up with such outrageous
affairs. Whose duty was it to re-
port this outrage? It was, evi-
dently, someone's. Then why have
not the proper officials be-
stirred themselves in an effort to
investigate? We are no more
interested in the matter than
anybody else, but an outraged
public has now raised its voice
and demands that something be
done without further delay.

CIVIL SERVICE.

For the theory of the civil
service as applied to government
work, one cannot but have great
respect, even though he may
doubt the wisdom of life tenure in
office. But the manner in which
civil service is administered in
the postal departments one can
hardly help entertaining the ut-
most contempt.

The civil service is simply, as
now administered, a political con-
venience for the administration.
Whenever the whim strikes the
postmaster general or the presi-
dent, either can suspend the
operation of the rules. When an-
other whim besets them they can
extend it. The former whim
manifests itself about the time
political discipline is deemed es-
sential. The latter whim when
the administration's term is draw-
ing toward a close.

Under the civil service rules it
is contemplated that one under
its protection can only be removed
for some cause in the nature of
incompetency or an offense
against the government service,
but one of the rules established
by the present postal adminis-
tration is that one may be re-
moved "for the good of the ser-
vice." That is such an elastic
provision as can easily be made
to cover urgent political ex-
igencies.

Meantime such cases as that of
Postmaster Thomas at Omaha,
who was accused of levying
political assessments upon his
subordinates in a senatorial elec-
tion, don't seem to jar the ad-
ministration at all. The state-
ment that over \$1,300 was con-
tributed by the postmasters of the
Fifth congressional district to aid
in the election of a congressman,
and that every postmaster in the
district "was ordered" to con-
tribute, disturbs no civil service
discipline in the least.

The twenty-eighth annual re-
port of the civil service commis-
sion has just been sent out. It is
a droll document, in that it con-
tains the following:

"The number of complaints re-
ceived during the past year of
political activity on the part of
the employes in the competitive
class and of solicitation and re-
ceipt of political assessments was
comparatively small, and with one
or two exceptions the cases re-
sulting have been of only ordinary
importance. This condition is
noteworthy in view of the political
campaign in the fall of 1910. The
reason for this apparent decrease
in political activity and political
solicitation is undoubtedly that
employes and the public generally
are becoming better informed of
the civil service act and rules and
of the resolute stand of the presi-
dent in support of the same.
There have been no convictions
since the last report for violations
of the statutes relating to the
solicitation and receipt of politi-
cal assessments, and but few
prosecutions, are now pending."

Ah! Just so.—Lincoln Star.

Ira Bates, 8 Miles South of Plattsmouth (the Old Martin Farm)

has installed a Saw Mill on his place,
and is prepared to furnish hard lum-
ber of all kinds, posts and chunk
wood.
All orders promptly filled, and
also solicited.

MINE WORKERS RE-ELECT WHITE

Has Majority of Forty-five Thou-
sand Over Lewis.

HAYES NAMED VICE PRESIDENT

Mitchell, White, Lewis, Walker, Hayes
and Green Elected Delegates to Fed-
eration of Labor Convention—Social-
ist Resolution Rejected.

Indianapolis, Jan. 19.—John P.
White of Oskaloosa, Ia., was re-elected
president of the United Mine Workers
by a majority of 45,424, over his op-
ponent, Thomas L. Lewis of Bridge-
port, O., according to the report of the
tellers made to the convention.

White received 104,015 1/2 votes to
Lewis' 58,591. Frank J. Hayes was re-
elected vice president by a majority
of 64,824 votes over Samuel Lascoe of
Illinois. Secretary-Treasurer Edwin
Ferry was not opposed for reelection.

Delegates elected for the American
Federation of Labor convention were
as follows: John Mitchell of New
York, John P. White of Iowa, Thomas
L. Lewis of Ohio, Frank J. Hayes,
John H. Walker and Duncan McDonald
of Illinois and William Green of Ohio.

By a vote of 515 to 155 the con-
vention refused to adopt a resolution
committing the organization to the Social-
ist party and approved the substitute
measure of the resolutions committee,
declaring "it would be well if workers
would unite on the political as well as
the industrial field." The resolutions
committee had reported that it would
be unconstitutional for the United
Mine Workers to endorse any political
party.

Five hundred dollars was appropri-
ated for the fund of the striking but-
ton workers at Muscatine, Ia.

A resolution providing for seces-
sion from the American Federation of La-
bor and charging that Gompers, Mitch-
ell and other labor leaders were "in
the grasp of the capitalistic class
through the influence of the National
Civic Federation" was defeated.

HEYBURN ATTACKS GOMPERS

Communication From Labor Leader
Ordered Printed in Record.

Washington, Jan. 19.—A sharp at-
tack on President Gompers of the
American Federation of Labor was
made in the senate by Heyburn (Ida.),
who protested that a communication
from Mr. Gompers should not be re-
ceived by the senate. He said that no
communication should be accepted
from that source after the revelations
made in the McNamara case.

Mr. Heyburn had a colloquy with
several senators, who insisted that
any citizen had a right to address a
communication to the senate. The
Idaho senator demanded to know if
any senator could vouch for Gompers'
citizenship.

Senator Reed (Mo.) criticised Hey-
burn for attempting to shut out a
communication from the American
Federation of Labor. The latter re-
plied that he referred to Gompers in-
dividually.

"Would you sit here and receive a
communication from the McNamara
brothers, each as an official?" deman-
ded Heyburn of Reed.

"Unhesitatingly, yes," replied the
senator from Missouri. "I would re-
ceive it from the best or the meanest
of God Almighty's creatures."

On motion of Senator Fletcher it
was ordered that the protest sent in
by Gompers be printed in the Record.
Senators Heyburn, Brandegee and Gal-
linger voted in the negative.

FO'S IN THREATENED

Black Hand Plots Against Governor of
Massachusetts Discovered.

Boston, Jan. 19.—When Governor
Foss came to the state house he was
guarded by detectives and plain
clothes men watched for the possible
appearance of Black Hand agents.

The governor's secretary, Mr. Hol-
man, said: "We received from sources
which we considered trustworthy and
from six widely different points that
at a secret meeting held at night cer-
tain interests had sent to New York
to have two Black Hand bomb throw-
ers come over here and attack Gov-
ernor Foss and other officials and give at-
tention to their residences."

"It was our information that the
feeling against the governor was due
to his action in sending the militia to
Lawrence, as well as because he had
signed the fifty-four hour bill, which
is an issue in the strike."

Proposed Advance in Rates Withdrawn

Washington, Jan. 19.—Voluntary
withdrawal by the western and south-
western railway lines of proposed ad-
vances in the freight rates on live
stock, particularly cattle and calves,
induced the interstate commerce com-
mission to vacate its orders suspend-
ing the increased tariffs. This means
the investigation proposed will be
abandoned and that the lower rates
will continue in effect.

Lidgewood Nearly Wiped Out.

Aberdeen, S. D., Jan. 19.—The busi-
ness section of Lidgewood, a town of
900 people in Richland, N. D., was de-
stroyed by fire. The loss is estimated
at \$200,000. The first National bank
and several large mercantile estab-
lishments were wiped out.