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Baseball fans are beginning to make noises indicating that they are about to wake up.

Possibly we are mistaken, but it strikes us that the weather man and the coal man are too friendly.

When a man becomes a chronic crank he imagines he can do nothing wrong, and other people can do nothing right.

King George has invented and patented a fuel saving stove. Perhaps he wants history to refer to him as George the Grate.

Before the world-wide coal strike is settled indications are that fuel will be sold by the nugget instead of by the ton.

One of our contemporaries advises to let the weather alone, but we would be far more pleased if the weather would let us alone.

John O. Yeiser has filed as a candidate for vice president on the Roosevelt ticket. That's what we call cheek, with a capital C.

Filings for representative in Cass county seem to be very slow in coming to the front. Next Tuesday is the last day for filing.

If more states had more adequate corrupt practice acts there would be fewer anxious seats in the United States senate.

Look on the bright side of the fruit proposition. We never are sure that the fruit is all killed till the time is past for the buds to shoot.

Leading democrats in Nebraska are working manfully to insure the election of the entire republican state ticket.—Wil Maupin's Weekly.

The weather bureau regards this as the farewell cold wave of the winter. But the public has been fooled on the "farewell tour" gag before.

Mexican war scares show a wide variety of models. The tendency seems to be to abandon last year's extremes and to revert to the 4-cylinder type.

R. V. Clark, superintendent of public schools at Harvard, has filed for the nomination of state superintendent of schools on the democratic ticket.

Neighborhood stores where the school boys spend their pennies report that the snow has had a decidedly bearish effect in the traffic in marbles, tops and baseball accessories.

Since "Cap" Anson of Chicago is to re-enter professional baseball this year there seems to be nothing left for John L. Sullivan to do but go into training as a white hope.

The 1912 German war scare, put on exhibition in Washington, is much the same as last year's model except for the foredooms, free running board and shorter wheel base.

We overheard two old soldiers remark the other day that they could not support Governor Aldrich after the manner in which he treated Chaplain Johnson, who is also a veteran of the civil war.

Another year of tight skirts is not calculated to make the textile manufacturers any happier. Isn't it about time for some of them to suggest government regulation of the fashions so the mills can be kept busy?

The democrats have some good candidates for every state office except auditor, and they seem to let this nomination go by the boards, or else nominate a fellow who cannot possibly stand the least show of an election.

If you happen to know of any real harbingers of spring in which it is to place any reliance or that promise anything worth the confidence of practical men, you will confer a great favor upon the citizens who have already used double the amount of coal they burned last winter.

There is not a partical of use of democratic factions getting so excited over the contest of Harmon and Wilson. It should be remembered that democrats have everything to gain and nothing to lose in Nebraska. A united democracy is essential to accomplish success in November.

Speaking of John H. Morehead, the Beatrice Daily Sun says: "The democrats would do well to nominate a man of the standing of J. H. Morehead of Falls City for governor. He is not of the ordinary political type, is not a pot hunter and would be the right man to give the state a strictly business administration, and without question that is what we need."

If one horse pulls forward and the other backward, the wagon don't move very far. If half the people of the community pull one way and the other half pulls the other way, no good is accomplished. The water question is a vital, living question, far-reaching in its effect, not only upon present, but future citizens. It is too big and too important to be settled on personal grounds. The council should be independent in their action on the franchise and not listen to any grievances entertained by any one or two citizens who seem to oppose the granting of the water franchise for purely personal reasons and nothing else.

It is officiously announced that the American beet sugar manufacturers will invest during this year \$125,000,000 new capital if the sugar duty is not reduced. They do not say how much of that they will invest in republican campaign funds. It is the same old policy that has been used for the last twenty-five years. They will probably have a chance to invest that \$125,000,000, for it is almost certain that Taft will veto the sugar bill, even if it passes the senate. The fact is there will be no reduction in the tariff until the democratic party gets control of the government, so all efforts should be directed to electing a democratic president.

The first thing the democrats know the supporters of Wilson and the supporters of Harmon are going to cause a split in the party. The common masses of the party should vote for either one of the candidates they feel is worthy of support and pay no attention to the dictates of the leaders. Some of these leaders are selfish in their demands, and perhaps making such charges against

one or the other that they will be compelled to retract after the primary and national convention. There is no use of such a campaign, and it behooves the rank and file to go to the polls and vote for whom they please, irrespective of the dictates of professed leaders. The democrats cannot expect success at the general election caused from selfish action of those who believe in a "rule or ruin" policy.

There appears, unfortunately, no way to quarantine against the English coal miners' strike.

If there was a magazine called Bad Housekeeping, Solicitor McCabe would be the very man to edit it.

Captain Amundsen has now to learn that no one can find a pole and retain the esteem of his fellow citizens.

"Rain or snow," the forecast says. The weather bureau professes not to know which, but the public knows.

If the swallows were sitting on the wire when Roosevelt was talking to Stimson, they got their feet nicely toasted.

If the English suffragettes get their way the government will need to have the voting booths carefully padded.

Under the treaties as the senate has left them, the United States solemnly swears to arbitrate when it feels like it.

A. S. Tibbetts of Lincoln has filed as a democratic candidate for delegate from the First district on the democratic ticket.

After a frightful struggle with the old Adam within us, we have decided to give up calling for a third piece of pie during Lent.

If it is earnestly hoped that Mr. Lorimer's grandchildren will not have to die before learning the decision of the senate on his claim to a seat.

As for the investigation of the "baseball trust," something of the sort seems to be needed to break up the Philadelphia pennant monopoly.

Mr. Edison's concrete chair will never be popular. How in thunder can you tip it back and put your feet on the mantle piece?

The shakeup in the Missouri Pacific directorate is a reminder that a shakeup is the best thing that ever happens to Gould properties.

The man who thinks that politics are not badly mixed in Nebraska certainly is not very well posted with the lay of the land.

Governor Stubbs says Roosevelt is the greatest living American, but has he considered the claims of Hans Wagner and Christy Mathewson?

The Mexican revolutionists are hurling taunts across the border. They would evidently be thoroughly at home on the bleachers at a ball game.

And so few girls are exercising the leap year privilege, the bachelors will keep on garnering the sweets of love unencumbered by any board bills.

The Lawrence strike has ended, thank the Lord. Now, maybe, the women and children will have an opportunity to enjoy a small bit of life, anyhow.

The thermometer got down to 58 below on Amundsen's polar trip. That is nearly as cold as it

is around New York's flatiron building on a windy day.

Nebraska retailers will carry their own insurance and will organize a company under the name of the "Nebraska Merchants' Mutual Insurance company."

The kindling wood trust has been enjoined, but that is no reason why father should sneak off to the office, leaving nothing but cellar sweepings to build the fire with.

This month's snow has broken all records, but that's no sign it is at an end. Secretary Wilson has broken all cabinet records, and still he shows no sign of quitting.

Only one republican out of four voted in the reputed republican primary in Kansas City, in which 14 votes to 1 was given for Roosevelt to any other candidate. Such primaries!

The 2,400 cherry trees sent by Japan are to be planted near Grant's tomb. It would accord better with the eternal fitness of things if they were planted near Washington's tomb.

Nebraska City has her riders up for the commission form of government. Six candidates for commissioners have been nominated, but only three to be elected at the April election.

The house is having quite a flight over private pension bills. Of course, anyone who is turned down by the regular pension boards should be compensated for his mental suffering and injury to his feelings.

The Otoe County Democratic club banquet at Syracuse has been postponed from March 21 to March 28. Among the speakers to be present are ex-Governor Shallenberger and Judge H. D. Travis of this city. Possibly W. J. Bryan will attend.

The governor has appointed the Rev. Nathan Harmon of Lincoln chaplain of the penitentiary, vice Rev. P. C. Johnson, kicked out by the doty governor. He is a traveling evangelist for Coeher university, and was formerly pastor of the Christian church at David City, the governor's home town.

Girls in the domestic science classes at the University of Missouri have been urged to learn to turn flapjacks fast and skillfully. This accomplishment, a member of the faculty told the young women, will make much more impression on the crude masculine intelligence than any amount of knowledge concerning calories and the chemical composition of turnups.

The rumor that Hon. John H. Morehead has tied up with the Harmon supporters is all bosh. Mr. Morehead's well known reputation is such that he does not have to combine with any faction. He is not that kind of a man and has not taken sides with either one of the presidential candidates. He is one of the best democrats in Nebraska, and has conducted his affairs in such a manner as to command the respect and confidence of all democrats in the state.

Paul Clark, the gentleman who would like to go to congress from the First district, was in the city yesterday, interviewing the leaders of the g. o. p. W. A. Selleck, who served in the last legislature, is also a republican candidate. Either of whom who receives the nomination will have hard work to catch Hon. John A. Maguire, and if the democrats harmonize, as they should, neither one will be able to keep in sight of our

worthy congressman at the November election.

No man does as much today as he is going to do tomorrow.

Champ Clark has captured Kansas, with second instructions for Woodrow Wilson.

We sometimes think the fool-killer should be prosecuted for criminal negligence.

The Teddy boom is waning and his boomers are not so confident of his nomination as they were a month ago.

Judging by the pictures of the polar explorers, the first thing they should do is to seek out the barber's pole.

The republicans have two candidates for representative, while no democrat has had the courage to come to the front.

If the women were running the government they would find some way quick enough to prevent the men from smashing windows.

The republican delegates keep on reporting for Taft. The man that is in is hard to get out, especially when all the ins don't want to get out.

It was lucky that Captain Amundsen found the pole just when he did, for this gave him a chance to knock on wood and thus insure his safe return.

Probably the terrible crime would not have been committed at the penitentiary Thursday if Governor Aldrich had heeded the warning of Chaplain Johnson.

The joke appears to be on the two bandits who tried to rob a Southern Pacific train near San Antonio Wednesday, although they are not alive to appreciate it.

When Inventor Maxim says that modern armor plate will be found to be as futile as cheese, is he knocking the armor plate, or boosting the strength of the cheese?

Whether the world is growing better we cannot really tell, but we are certain that the fatted calf does not have to suffer so much now-a-days for the sins of the prodigal son.

No one ever thought that John O. Yeiser's ambition would be contented with the vice presidency of the United States. A vice president sometimes goes higher up, you know.

We love a reliable democrat and have the greatest respect for a reliable republican, but the man that attempts to carry water on both shoulders, we simply detest.

Now that both poles are discovered, persons of a roving disposition will have to get along with such adventures as they can find as circus performers and book agents.

Although much time will have to be spent this year in talking about the wrongs of politics, it is advisable to work at least three hours a day at one's regular occupation.

The Vassar girls are being trained to fight fire, but it would be more serviceable in everyday life if they were taught something about how to run the fire in the kitchen stove.

With a united party all pulling together for one object—success at the polls in November—nothing can defeat the democrats of Nebraska. But how are we to get together with one faction pulling one way and the other faction pulling another way? It is an im-

possibility under present conditions and one faction is just as much to blame for the situation of affairs as the other. There ought to be enough of the leaders on both sides who could throw aside their selfish garbs and come together and work together for all that is good. But it has got to be on the plan of "give and take." As divided at the present time the party has no show whatever of success. Then why not use some reason? You can't drive. That's out of the question. Then what is the use to pull back in the traces and balk because you cannot have everything your own way? Don your thinking caps and think for a little while what dampools you are making of yourselves.

Occasionally you find a man who does not think corporations ought to be regulated. They believe congressmen and senators have enough to do to get elected and hold onto their jobs.

One of these days when congress has nothing else to do we wish the house would pass a bill that could get through the senate and the senate would pass one that the house would take to.

There is a prevailing impression that if you want something to talk about in society you will get much more material by attending the automobile show than by reading Shakespeare or Dickens.

A disappointing feature of the south pole discovery is Captain Amundsen's statement that the temperature there was only 9.4 below zero. Why, it was 10 degrees colder than that right here in Plattsmouth.

It is said the penitentiary has been in very bad shape for some time and many rumors have been set afloat regarding the condition of affairs existing there. Someone high up in the management of affairs is responsible for the outbreak last Thursday.

The state penitentiary was never in a better condition than it was under the administration of Governor Shallenberger. Such a fact can be pointed to with pride. There never was a man in charge of the penitentiary who did his duty more successfully than Warden Smith.

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