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If ignorance is bliss we feel sorry for the fellow who knows it all.

The Commercial club should interest itself in a better lighting system for Main street.

Senator La Follette continues to run as hard as any of them, even if not quite so fast.

When a man stops to knock you, you need not fear any competition from him in your line.

Don't forget Mothers' Day—next Sunday, May 12. Do honor to the memory of your dear old mother.

We don't imagine that a fair suffragette candidate for president could do more foolish fussing than Billy and Teddy.

A doctor says that card playing stupefies the mind. Evidently the doctor never sat in a game with two good poker players.

There's nothing nobler than the exercise of self-sacrifice, so everybody is generous enough to let somebody else exercise it.

A few congressmen are indolently sitting in their seats at the capital, when they should be at home electioneering for somebody.

Tom Lawson says the "black devils of the System must be warned," but when anyone is sent out to warn them he usually ends by joining them himself.

The pope of Rome must feel awfully lonely when he thinks that everyone else that amounts to anything has been put into the Ananias club.

Newspapers generally are talking of inaugurating the "pay-as-you-enter" system with subscribers. The Journal has enjoyed such a system for several years and it works fine.

If Mr. Ismay's boat should run into the iceberg belt going home it is possible that he might venture to offend the captain's dignity by mentioning the subject.

Beef is the highest for twenty years, and still going higher, and boarding house hash is reduced to potato with a slight meaty discoloration visible under the microscope.

If ambitious authors desire to get their stuff into the country paper they would do much better with a treatise on the cultivation of beans than with poems on the Titanic disaster.

When John H. Morehead is elected governor the people of Nebraska will be assured of one thing certainly—there will not be so much hot air around the governor's office as at present.

Whether at home or abroad, always speak a good word for the town in which you live. It will surprise you what an added respect for the town you will have after you have followed this rule for some time.

Unlike some others, the engineers and the railroads think they would prefer to put money in their own pockets, rather than have the satisfaction of taking it out of the other fellow's pocket, so they agree to arbitrate.

The more our business men think about the new lighting system the more they feel favorable to the proposition. Such a lighting proposition will prove a big boom for the city.

It is fortunate in view of the high cost of dolls and jumping-jacks, that some men can be entertained by walking twenty miles to capture three or four fingerling trout.

It seems the republican papers are more anxious for Mr. Bryan's nomination than the more ardent democratic friends of that gentleman are. And why? They could answer, but they won't.

All this campaign talk is demoralizing to good newspaper work. We observed a journal the other days that thought the panier skirt could be adequately covered in only a column article.

The picture men secured good films of the killing of the Paris bandits. A good, industrious and enterprising burglar has talents that would make him a success in the moving picture business.

Why do some papers continue to mention Mr. Bryan's name for president when that gentleman has repeatedly said he would not under any circumstances be a candidate? Most certainly three times is enough for any man to sacrifice himself in behalf of his party.

Champ Clark seems to be gaining friends by the thousands every day, and in every state in the Union. He is the man to unite all factions of the democratic party, and if harmony is all that is necessary to insure success Champ is the man that can do the work.

Will Plattsmouth celebrate this year? Numerous inquiries have been made in regard to the matter. If we do celebrate, the Commercial club should have charge of the matter, and they should decide about the matter pretty soon. If we celebrate let's have a rousing one.

Our friend, Hubner, of the Nebraska City News, thinks that Mayor Gaynor of New York and Governor Marshall of Indiana will be the ticket nominated at Baltimore. While the Journal differs with its friend on this proposition, we must acknowledge that stranger things have happened.

Louis F. Post, a prominent republican, sizes up Teddy Roosevelt as follows: "There is nothing in our political situation more ominous than Mr. Roosevelt's popularity. It is a popularity of a democratic crisis of a demagogic despot in the confidence of plutogenic schemers."

The city should do something with the water franchise. If they do not want to grant the franchise let them say so. There is no use dillydallying on this question any longer. Let the council either act or submit the proposition to a vote of the people. They will soon decide it.

The government has begun suit against the Harvester trust. In 1907 Teddy ordered a suit against this same trust dismissed. It must have been one of his good trusts then, the same as it is now, in Teddy's mind. All trusts that support Roosevelt are good trusts, of course.

Herman Diers, the democratic candidate for lieutenant governor, is a brother of W. F. Diers, the merchant at Louisville, and is in the same business as his brother, at Gresham, York county. He is of German birth, and like his running mate for governor, Hon. John H. Morehead, is a clean, intelligent business man. He served one term in the state senate and is a genuine good man. We know him.

Now is the time for those who desire good roads to get together and organize for action. Otoe county has organized a Motor club and every man who owns an auto will join with the organization in its efforts to secure better roads. That's just the kind of an organization that should get busy in Cass county, and it can't get busy any too soon for the benefit of everybody who uses the roads.

While we do not believe Governor Aldrich is to blame for the serious trouble that happened in the penitentiary, we do believe that had he heeded the warning of Chaplain Johnson the most of the trouble could have been averted. But some men pretend to know more, when they know less, than other people. The real ailment with the governor is he is greatly afflicted with the "swell-head."

There is one thing certain—we cannot have an up-to-date lighting system unless the taxpayers of Plattsmouth are willing to pay for it. Plattsmouth should be more abundantly able to pay for the cluster system of lighting the city than many towns one-third the size of our city that have them.

After once installed the people would never want to do without them. The good these lights would do in advertising the city would amount to more annually than the cost of the system. Let us all work for such a system of lighting and if we all pull together it will be no time before we will have the most beautifully lighted city of its size in the west.

It is the general impression that the American Indians are a vanishing race—that they are rapidly dying out. Such is not the truth. The Indians of our country are not "a vanishing race." The latest official census places them at 322,000, as against 270,000 ten years ago. They are not "a dying people." They are not passing from the stage of human affairs, forced out by advancing civilization, but are a growing people, who have much of their way ahead of them. There are many civilized Indians who make good citizens. There are a great many more Indians in the country than there were when Columbus first discovered America.

In 1904 the democrats advised their republican neighbors against voting for Roosevelt for president—but their suggestion fell upon deaf ears. In 1908 the democrats argued that Taft was not the proper man to elect as president, yet the voters of the country paid no heed to the pleadings of the democrats. Now that Taft says Roosevelt is unfit to occupy that exalted office, and Roosevelt contends that Taft is entirely too small to succeed him, self as president, the arguments of the democrats in 1904 and 1908 appear to have been correct, and now we feel no hesitancy in urging that if the republicans have confidence in the statements of either Taft or Roosevelt—or in both of them—they are in duty bound to support the nominee of the democratic party for president in the forthcoming election.

Taft says Roosevelt doesn't know what a square deal means, and Roosevelt says Taft is a paid emissary of the trusts, and if he isn't a democrat, he is certainly a horse thief. The public will read with interest these accusa-

tions and counter accusations. The effect will be to eliminate both Theodore and William from the contest, but it is a very amusing quarrel as it stands. For a long time Taft refrained from alluding to Roosevelt by name, but in his Boston speech the president attacked his loved predecessor in no uncertain way. The public in the meantime is in the position of the woman who cried, "Go it, husband; go it, bear."

What about the cluster electric lights? Let's do away with the old gas lights for a more modern system of street lights, like they have in cities all over the country. No one can tell how much more beneficial they should prove to the city, not only in the manner of lighting the city, but in the way of advertising Plattsmouth as a modern, up-to-date city. Towns not one-half the size of our city are provided with such lights. In every other way Plattsmouth is up with the times, and why not with a lighting system? The Journal editor has conversed with a number of our prominent business men on this question and they all agree that cluster lights is what we ought to have. Those who come down on Main street of an evening with their families for a stroll would enjoy these lights to such darkness as we now have. And then, again, such lights would prove a big advertisement for Plattsmouth. Let the business men unite in one general appeal to the city council to inaugurate such a system and it will be forthcoming.

In speaking of the parcels post fallacy, a writer in the Western truthfully says: "The centralization of trade which would result, should congress pass a parcels post measure, would be a menace of far-reaching proportions. If trading is done by mail, cutting out the town and country merchant, he will be driven out of business, his store will be closed, his home abandoned and he must go to the city to become an employe of one of these institutions which put him out of business."

It has been suggested that the city appoint a water inspector and also a gas inspector. We cannot see anything particularly wrong in such a proposition—and especially as regards water. We have been having some very bad water, such as has not proved very beneficial to the health of the community. The gas has also been very poor at times, and many times not just exactly what it ought to be. As long as so many of our people are interested in both good water and good gas, we think it is no more than right and proper that such inspectors be appointed. They have such inspectors in other cities and why not in Plattsmouth?

There have been quite a number of people in Plattsmouth during the past week from various sections of Cass county, coming in automobiles, some coming from the west side of the county and others from the south end of the county, and they have invariably complained of the serious condition of the roads within a distance of five or six miles from Plattsmouth. Why this should be the case we cannot understand. Is it because the road overseers are not doing their duties and the farmers along these highways refuse or neglect to drag them? Certainly these roads should be placed in as good condition as in other sections of the county, but they are not. The complaint, coming as it does from those who have business at the county seat, is not a very good recommendation for the road overseers, and the farmers by whose homes these roads run should certainly take as much pride in having them kept in as good shape as those in other sections of the county. It seems to us, in fact, that the roads within five and six miles of Plattsmouth should be kept in a

far better condition. Now, whose fault is it that they are not?

NO OCCASION FOR DISSENSIONS

There is no sound reason for serious disagreement among the democrats. The wishes and ambitions of individuals have not a feather's weight compared with the interests of the party and its bright prospects. There are no present vital national questions on which all democrats do not substantially agree, and we shall not attract the confidence of the country by letting such differences as there may be about other matters mar the party harmony.

The democrats of the country are united on the general issue of tariff reduction. They are united, with rare exceptions, on specific measures of tariff reduction as passed by the democratic house.

They are united against trust monopoly and trade regulation by competition.

They are united in favor of an income tax and placing a part of the federal expense burden on wealth.

They are united for the popular election of United States senators, for publicity in campaign expenditures, for relief of the people from the growing costs of public administration.

Democrats like Governor Harmon and Mr. Bryan disagree about such innovations as the initiative, referendum and recall, but they are agreed that these have no part in a national platform.

Not before in twenty years, not since Cleveland's last election to the presidency, has the party been in such accord on the great public issues of the time.

Escapes an Awful Fate.

A thousand tongues could not express the gratitude of Mrs. J. E. Cox, of Joliet, Ill., for her wonderful deliverance from an awful fate. "Typhoid pneumonia had left me with a dreadful cough," she writes. "Sometimes I had such awful coughing spells I thought I would die. I could get no help from doctor's treatment or other medicines till I used Dr. King's New Discovery. But I owe my life to this wonderful remedy for I scarcely cough at all now." Quick and safe, it's the most reliable of all throat and lung medicines. Every bottle guaranteed. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free at F. G. Fricke & Co.

G. A. Rawls and W. A. Robertson went to Papillion Sunday afternoon to appear in some important litigation in the district court of Sarpy county.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION.

To All Persons Whomsoever: Notice is hereby given that a petition has been filed in the County Court of Cass County, Nebraska, entitled in the Matter of the Estate of Thomas J. Fountain, Deceased, and alleging that said deceased died leaving no last will and testament and praying for administration upon his estate. A hearing will be had upon said petition on the 18th day of May, 1912, in the County Court Room at Plattsmouth, Nebraska, at 10 o'clock A. M., when any and all objections to such petition will be heard, and letters of administration be granted to Isabelle A. McGinness or some other suitable person to proceed to the settlement of said estate.

NOTICE OF SALE.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a chattel mortgage, dated June 15th, 1911, and duly filed in the office of the County Clerk of Cass County, Nebraska, on the 30th day of June, 1911, and executed by Harry Mattice to Ben Dill, to secure the payment of the sum of \$200.00, and upon which there is now due the sum of \$200.00.

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Two Fine Kentucky Bred Jacks!

JIM - CROW!

(License Certificate No. 5334, J. 867)

JIM CROW is a Kentucky Bred Jack, seven years old, black with white points, and is 13 1/2 hands high. He is a very high grade animal and a sure foal getter. He will make the season of 1912 at the livery barn of D. C. Rhoden, in Murray, Nebraska. You will make no mistake in breeding to this Jack. His colts speak for themselves.

The Celebrated Young Jack

Jesse James, Jr.

(License Certificate No. 5334, J. 867)

JESSE JAMES, JR., is a young Jack coming your years old, Kentucky bred, and black with white points, stands 13 1/2 hands high, foaled July 24, 1908. Jesse James will make the season 1912 at my farm, 3 1/2 miles southeast of Murray, to a limited number of mares. He is a sure foal getter and his colts are of the finest quality, big bone and large animals.

TERMS!—The following terms will apply to service of both Jacks—\$13.00 to insure a colt to stand and suck, if paid within 30 days after due, if not \$15.00 will be charged. All due precaution will be taken to prevent accidents, but owner will not be responsible should any occur. When mares are sold or removed from the county, service fee becomes due and payable immediately, and under all circumstances must be paid.

-W. F. MOORE-

NEW BARBER SHOP
IN CEDAR CREEK.
I wish to announce that I have just opened a new barber shop in Cedar Creek, and hereby solicit the trade of the community in that line. Also notary public work done. S. J. Reames.

The Demons of the Swamp

are mosquitos. As they sting they put deadly malaria germs in the blood. Then follow the icy chills and the fires of fever. The appetite flies and the strength fails; also malaria often paves the way for deadly typhoid. But Electric Bitters kill and cast out the malarial germs from the blood; give you a fine appetite and renew your strength. "After long suffering," wrote Wm. Fretwell, of Lucama, N. C., "three bottles drove all the malaria from my system, and I've had good health ever since." Best for all stomach, liver and kidney ills. 50 cents at F. G. Fricke & Co.'s.

Laying Concrete Walks.

Messrs. Parmele and Falter are putting a six-foot concrete walk on Vine street from the west line of the postoffice lot to Sixth street. J. H. McMaken is doing the concrete work. As soon as this walk is in Straight & Streight will lay a five-foot concrete walk on Vine street on the north side of their business block.

Lame back is usually caused by rheumatism of the muscles of the back, for which you will find nothing better than Chamberlain's Liniment. For sale by F. G. Fricke & Co.

BREEDERS

ATTENTION

I wish to announce that all my horses and Jack will make the season of 1912, at my farm, 1 mile south of Mynard:

HUBERT, the celebrated

Belgian Horse.

COLONEL, the great breed-

ing English Shire.

PRIZELANDER, the

thoroughbred trotting horse.

TOM, the mammoth sure foal

getting Jack.

TERMS!

—\$10.00, which applies to all horses, and \$15.00 for the Jack, to guarantee colt to stand and suck. All care will be taken to prevent accidents, but owner will not be responsible for any that may occur.

W. A. FIGHT