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The boys cut corners across lawns, but their time is very valuable.

They say that in Ohio now a man will occasionally stop talking politics and go down to the office.

Mr. Taft seems to think higher prices are all right if they come through competition. The trusts think so, too.

Congress is talking of coining three-cent and half-cent pieces again. There will be lots of them in the contribution box.

We honestly believe that President Taft's honest opinion of Teddy Roosevelt would be worth more than a dollar a word.

It would seem advisable, after the delegates to Chicago have had their 7346th ballot, to permit them to adjourn for a ham sandwich.

The Methodist conference is still hesitating over the rule about dancing, but it ought to be safe to permit the members to play "three old cat."

Most political differences can be adjusted by the customary clam and sweet potato bake, but the Taft-Roosevelt row has got beyond that stage.

Why not let congress meet in the grand-stand while the base ball games are going on? Quite a number of bills could be passed between innings.

Four in a room at Baltimore, but let it be hoped that Governor Harmon, Mr. Bryan, George Harvey and Henry Watterson will not be put up together.

The Sears-Roebuck company are to put grain raising experts into 100 counties to teach the farmers, and if they want to keep the young folks on the farm they need a turkey trot expert at the country dances.

According to their own testimony, Teddy and Bill are both liars. Therefore neither of them is fit to be president of these United States. The only way out of the dilemma is to elect a good democrat like Champ Clark.

An Oklahoma man, who was deaf and dumb, had his speech and hearing restored by his experiences in a tornado. Nevertheless, this method of cure will not become popular because a man could not always secure a cyclone whenever he felt like taking a treatment.

Mr. Bryan stated in an address recently in Lincoln that he "believed if Roosevelt failed to receive the republican nomination at Chicago he would pull his delegates from that convention and organize one that would nominate him." This would be in accordance with Teddy's "rule or ruin" spirit.

Mr. Roosevelt says: "There is just one candidate whom it is possible to nominate against the bosses and that is myself." Well, what do you think of that? "Against the bosses" and with two of the greatest trust bosses in the world backing him and furnishing him the money upon which he is making his campaign! Did you ever hear such a bluffer?

The Colonel was introduced the other day as "the greatest human being that ever walked the earth." Apparently the speaker never heard of Ty Cobb.

It hardly seems of much use for our wives to try to solve the obscurities of Browning until they can grasp the complexities of the grocer's bill.

There is talk of a general pressmen's strike, but as long as the printer's devil stays in and writes the editorials, the prestige of most of the big papers is secure.

Why should the Sweet Girl Graduate bother about her commencement essay yet a while, with the encyclopaedia handy, and the dressmaker at the most critical period?

The flood has done \$100,000,000 damage in the Mississippi valley, and the sum provided for marble postoffices the past year to flatter a few towns would probably have prevented it.

Kansas proposes to do away with its legislature and govern the state by a commission. What inducement would there be for a patriot to take off his coat and carry the caucuses then?

The house is trying to stop fictitious purchases of cotton. This denies the inalienable right of the people to go into business on a capital of 25 cents spent for a telegram to the bucket shop.

The Chicago Sunday Tribune has had only twelve pages owing to the strike, but the colored supplement was got out, and the demands of Chicago's thinkers were satisfied.

An esteemed contemporary having quoted Lincoln's familiar remark that "You can fool some of the people all of the time," etc., the exchange editor states that this is the 376,843,286th time that the saying has been quoted within the past six months.

One reason why five-minute speeches on an automobile tour are so effective is that formerly a spellbinder had to quote poetry and political economy by the volume, but now he merely calls the other fellows liars, and signals the chauffeur to run for the next town.

Dr. P. L. Hall, member of the national democratic committee, is the proper person to arrange for a special train for the Nebraska delegation to the Baltimore convention, and the only one who has the proper authority to do so. We thought so at the time some other bluster bugs were blustering around to take this authority out of the hands of Dr. Hall. The state delegation and all other democrats who desire to attend the Baltimore convention should support the proper authority, and let Richmond and his gang walk if they don't like the manner of procedure by Dr. Hall.

The democrats of Nebraska, as a party, would fare a great deal better if they would cast out a few of the hangers-on, who are always pushing themselves to the front in every gathering of note that is held. These fellows are not democrats only so far as their own selfish designs are concerned. They never do anything for the party unless they are well paid for it. Throw such fellows out,

sit down hard and plenty upon them; give them to understand that they are not the kind of democrats that goes to make up a harmonious organization. Do this and we will have such an organization as will bring success.

It looks like all 1912 will give the g. o. p. now, is time to get out.

The leading question after the Chicago convention, "Where in hell is the hats?"

Like Mary's little lamb, Schedule K follows Taft wherever he goes, but not for the same reason.

One good thing about President Taft, he did not veto the new pension bill, as some had prophesied.

Roosevelt changed his mind about reciprocity just in time for the campaign. He watches his lime-piece carefully.

President Taft vetoed bills that looked good to the people, and it may be that some day these same people will see fit to veto him.

The g. o. p. coroner will probably have an opportunity to pronounce T. R.'s political demise as the result of third-termities.

While Bryan's hat isn't in the ring, it is known that he is standing where he could easily throw it there should the occasion demand.

These campaign roads surely must be good ones to stand the stormy travel. But keep your eye on the big democratic sign-posts.

After the candidates for vice president have been chosen business confidence will be restored and we may expect an era of prosperity.

We can't judge a man by appearance. We once had a man in Plattsmouth whose shoes were out at the toes, and yet he was well heeled.

And the cry is, "Still they come!" California democrats line up for Champ Clark. That "Horn Dawg" wave seems to be of the tidal order.

While the "Horn Dawg" may eventually supplant the Eagle as the national emblem, however, it is not going to be made so by unanimous choice.

It is predicted that the world is liable to come to an end any minute now—and we may never live to learn who told the truth about the presidential candidates.

A large comet that has not made its appearance since the days of Christ will be visible in the heavens this winter. Those who saw it before say it is well worth watching for.

"A progressive" is defined as a fellow who is not feeding from the hand of a political boss, nor sneezing when a trust magnate takes snuff, or turning a somersault every time Taft and "Uncle Joe" does.

There was a time when the republican press enjoyed poking fun at democratic statesmanship. There is no opportunity to do this now, with Teddy Roosevelt and Billy Taft before their eyes exhibiting modern republicanism and their style of grafting.

The republican supporters of Aldrich are trying awful hard to get up something that will cast some reflection upon the character and good name of Hon. John H. Morehead, democratic candidate for governor. There is so much against the present governor that unless they can produce something to offset the charges pro-

duced against Aldrich they begin to think that Mr. Aldrich's cake will remain dough.

The suggestion of Mr. W. C. Ray, now of Bethany, Missouri, but a former pioneer citizen of Cass county, is very timely. He suggests that the people get up a celebration for the early pioneers of the county and invite all the people who desire to participate. There are many of these early pioneers yet alive, and many who reside in other states and localities, who would come a long distance to be entertained at such a celebration and meet with those who shared with them the hardships of early pioneer days. Let out citizens think about this proposition and have a celebration of this character instead of one on the Fourth of July.

Mr. Morehead's letter to Mr. Metcalf concerning the former's views on Nebraska policies seems to raise a question of fact. Mr. Morehead says: "I favored the initiative and referendum measure in the last legislature, and helped to put it through. Its adoption means the elimination of the liquor question as a political or party issue." It has been generally said and supposed that Mr. Morehead did not favor the initiative and referendum in the last legislature. Since that measure was the principal test of individual progressiveness in the last legislature, and particularly as the primaries prove it the most popular amendment ever put to a vote in Nebraska, the difference between Mr. Morehead's statement and current contrary statements is of some importance as well as interest. Fortunately the difference can be explained without the formation of an Ananias club. The underlying facts are of record, and their interpretation can be left to the individual citizen. Mr. Morehead did vote for the initiative and referendum measure.—*Kearney Democrat.*

Hon. John A. Maguire's tariff speech, recently delivered in congress, has the right ring to it, and is one of the best that has been delivered before that body in many days. The Journal would like to publish the entire speech, but on account of its length we are unable to do so. In closing, Mr. Maguire utters the following, which should be recommended by every voter in the First congressional district: "I would not deny to the laborers of our great country any production or any of the comforts of life to which they are justly entitled. I care not whether they labor in the mills or in the mines, in the factories or on the farms; the American workmen deserve to share in the prosperity and the progress of our nation. But I am opposed to an industrial system which seeks special privileges in legislation in order to protect, not legitimate industries while in their infancy, but to shield great industrial and financial combinations which have long outgrown their swaddling clothes and have piled up such wealth and accumulated such power that they threaten our national welfare. I am opposed to a protective tariff which is a protection to the few against the many in this country, a tariff which has become so high in many instances that great corporate wealth and combinations have been permitted to levy tribute upon the masses of consumers and have grown rich while they have operated under the guise of protecting labor. These protected interests have been so long the favored beneficiaries of special legislation that they have come to believe they have a vested right in the protective system, and they even grow alarmed at any attempt which seeks to deprive them of the special favors which they have enjoyed so long. They complain that such attempts will cripple industry and destroy property and prosperity. They

threaten dire calamity if they are not permitted to continue to receive their regular allowance from the public bounty."

BYRAN AS A CANDIDATE.

For the past three weeks or more every day telegrams have been sent out from Washington telling that Bryan would attempt to stampede the democratic convention at Baltimore and capture it, as he did at Chicago. One or two states have boomed Mr. Bryan for president and told what they would do.

More than two months ago Mr. Bryan wrote to a Pennsylvania democrat as follows:

"I wish you would say to all that no friend would desire to embarrass me by such instructions and that no enemy will be permitted to do so. I am not a candidate and any support given to me would raise a question as to my good faith and I shall permit no such question to be raised."

Now why not give Bryan the benefit of the doubt and drop this story of his attempt to stampede the convention? Why not give him the credit for being honest in saying that he is not a candidate. There are no strings tied to the above. He cannot whip about the bush and say he is not a "consecutive" candidate as did Roosevelt.

The News believes Bryan is not a candidate and we are willing to give him credit for being honest and truthful.—*Nebraska City News.*

THE ASTOR WILL.

The John Jacob Astor will suggests that a man may die like a hero and yet leave a will behind him that will promote soap-box sentimental oratory, and do much to threaten the social foundation on which his estate rests.

The institution of private property is not based upon the rights of the individual, but on the good of the world. Human comfort has increased by encouraging men's ambition, and permitting them to retain the fruits of their toil.

Society tolerates the spectacle of a wealthy man using for his enjoyment the fortune he has accumulated. He may have rendered economic services such that society has profited by his existence, even if the reward he has exacted is very high.

Society has always permitted, and will probably continue to allow him to leave a superfluity to his descendants, provided some recognition is made of the obligations he is under to the world at large for permitting the accumulation of this fortune to go unutilized.

His descendants have given no such service as he gave. They are not likely to be able to do so, even if they would. Consequently when they are given entire control of a vast fortune, the purpose which the world had in view by establishing the institution of private property are ignored and defied.

Now it is definitely stated that 13,000 Taft ballots were thrown out in the Massachusetts election, which explains why a Roosevelt delegation was elected in the face of preferential vote for Taft. That 13,000 votes would have elected a Taft delegation and made the president's preference practically that much bigger. Yet Joe Dixon has not been heard hallooing about highway robbery.—*Lincoln Star.* No, indeed! Nor do you hear him trying to explain why his own county out in Montana went for Taft.

Some folks form the idea that newspapers never have a right to express an opinion on matters pertaining to things of interest to our people. We have been in the newspaper business a great many years, and we allow no one to question our right to "speak out in meeting" when we feel it is necessary to do so. And we intend to do it.

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The usual presidential year slump in business has not yet made its appearance, and it begins to look as if it would be eliminated this year. Bankers and business men in the east say they will not let the election of a president upset commerce. The ingaboo of poor trade and a general falling off in business in the years of presidential elections has always been a phantasma of the brain of some stock broker or weak kneed shopkeeper. It was simply a psychological state that might as well have been avoided. If we refuse to entertain the goblin of hard times it will shy around us and take to the tall timbers. Keep a stiff upper lip and business will come through in good shape.

The Commercial club has decided to inaugurate the Burlington band concerts again this summer.

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-W. F. MOORE-