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Japan proposes to remain neutral in the Mexican trouble. That certainly is a wise proposition.

Nebraska is prepared to furnish 4,500 soldiers in twenty-four hours' notice, and more, if necessary.

Optimism is a most delightful thing when it isn't over-worked or made to appear as a joke. This isn't a joke.

"General" Coxy and his twenty "soldiers" should turn their faces toward the border if they really want something to do.

Sending fleets to Mexico will afford many young men a chance to see the world, beginning at one of the worst places on earth.

Official announcement has been made, barring unforeseen accidents, the Panama canal will be open for merchant ships July 1.

Nobody believes in bad roads, but it seems some farmers are ferminist putting them in good shape, even along their own farms.

It is all right to know a good thing when you see it, but you should know enough to let it alone when it doesn't belong to you.

Taking up the matter where it was left off last year, we venture to suggest that now is a good time for the farmers to test their seed corn.

A correspondent wants to know how to get rid of miserable neighbors. Every try playing a flute or graphophone every night about 12 o'clock?

The way the hostile warships are assembling in the harbors of Mexico, Huerta's opportunities for taking a trip to Europe are rapidly diminishing.

Progressives expect Roosevelt in Nebraska in the fall, democrats expect Wilson, and farmers are expecting great crops. This is to be a great year for expecting things.

The head of a Chicago mail order house must pay the tax on an income of more than a million a year. You haven't heard of any of his customers being placed in such an unpleasant position.

It seems hard to work much interest over a great-grand-nephew of Napoleon Bonaparte, who recently got married. The relationship is not sufficiently distinct for the young man to get engagements with the picture shows.

Our fellow citizen, Mont Robb, has filed for the republican nomination for recorder of deeds of Cass county. Mr. Robb is an exceedingly clever gentleman, and is well known in various sections of the county, and being qualified and very sociable, he is, personally, very popular.

A republican representative in congress has found a magazine article written by Woodrow Wilson in 1879 in which Mr. Wilson said that "Congress is a deliberative body in which there is little deliberation and a legislature which legislates with little real discussion." Well, isn't it?

TO A UNITED AMERICA.

It is war, of course, and, in one way or another, we are all in it. We are ashore at Vera Cruz, and may be at any hour ashore elsewhere in Mexico. And wherever the flag goes up it should stand while it flies for a united America. No haltings, no bickerings now. Business, and particularly war business, is business. A pull, a strong pull, and a pull altogether, while the national duty runs, says the Washington Star.

Let it be remembered by everybody that the period of "watchful waiting" is past. That is a closed chapter. That is a subject for the future historian; and he will deal with it in his own time and way. Present European judgment almost unanimously condemns it.

But the period of action is here. We are in action, and our resources are large—altogether ample for what is expected of us, and what we must do if anything worthy and of lasting value is to issue from what we have in hand. Let us be sure to provide something the future historian will chronicle with admiration as well as approval.

For this reason let us all give the president support in "ungrudging measure." In this matter we know where he stands. If he has not reached his position by a course which all have indorsed, now that he is there, with the flag in hand, he should have such assurance from all parties and all sections as will inspire him to his best spirit and efforts. As commander-in-chief he is entitled to all we can do to sustain him.

Gossip will be abundant. Such a situation invites gossip. But the gossips should restrain themselves, and the public should pass every yarn under the strongest glass.

Take the story about Mr. Bryan. It really is an affront to him to suggest that he meditates leaving the cabinet. Desert his chief on the very threshold of the engagement? He would be incapable of such a thing. By such an act he would dig his grave, both as politician and man. Never has he been so necessary to Mr. Wilson as now. Although the administration's Mexican policy, or want of policy, has been credited to Mr. Wilson, Mr. Bryan has known of every step taken and by remaining in his office approved all. His place is at his chief's side, and we may all be very sure he will keep it.

The great danger of gossip is not here at home. We know how to discount it. What should be guarded against is the possible effect abroad. No European or Asiatic power should gather an impression that we are not united as a people at this time when the die has been cast and so much of national duty and prestige is at stake. Uncle Sam expects every son to do his duty. That signal should be read abroad the world.

The taxpayers who fully understand the proposition to remove the state university to the state farm will vote against its removal every time. It is a grand scheme of speculators to make a lot of money out of the proposition at the expense of the taxpayers of the state. A close examination of the scheme will soon show you that the taxpayers are the ones who bear the great expense of removal. That's all there is to it for the people—taxes.

It is also taking Huerta a long time to drink himself to death, or for his fellow patriots to get a shot at him. Some men just naturally die hard.

Candidates for governor are not so numerous, either republican or democratic. There are a large number mentioned, but they seem to be a little bit afraid to part with that \$50 filing fee.

There is no telling how many candidates there will be in Cass county by the time they get through filing. From present indications the number exceeds that of any previous year to a considerable extent. That's the beauty of the primary election system. The more the merrier.

In the filing of John Wunderlich of Nehawka for the nomination of sheriff, it places one of the very best men in Cass county before the people. There are no better citizens, and the beauty of it is, everyone who knows John Wunderlich know him to be remarkably well qualified for sheriff in every way.

The government of Chile seems to be disturbed over the action of the United States in regard to Mexico. Which is a reminder that it has been only a few years since Chile was given "time" to comply to a simple little request made by Uncle Sam. Chile might have given Mr. Huerta a valuable suggestion as to how to avoid trouble.

John Mattes, jr., was in the state senate twenty-five years ago, and those who know of his service in that body at that time agree that he made an excellent reputation and was one of the ablest members of the senate. He can do much better now, and if nominated and elected, he will prove it to the voters of Otoe and Cass counties.

The man who has made such a success as governor of Nebraska as John H. Morhead, has certainly proved himself abundantly capable of looking after the interests of his constituents in the First district in congress. He has certainly proved himself a man of sound judgment, with brains sufficient to carry out his brilliant ideas.

There is a fine state of affairs among the democrats in Lincoln, all created over the postmaster-ship in that city, which remains unsettled, and is liable to remain that way for some months. The friends of both Brown and Johnson are in battle array, and no matter which one is successful there will remain a bitterness that will not clear away for many months, and probably never.

The state primary law needs remodeling very badly. In fact, we wouldn't care if the next legislature repealed the law entirely. Under this law any one and everybody can get into the running for office, and some good, deserving citizen gets defeated in consequence of the number of candidates. The primary should be for the purpose only of selecting delegates to both the state and county conventions, and they will be vested with power of nominating candidates.

Governor Morhead is gaining friends every day in Cass county, and we are pleased to note this fact. A man who has been in public life as long as the governor, most certainly would make one of the foremost representatives in congress. His personality is one that will make friends wherever he goes, and his ability would certainly make him a peer among the statesmen in Washington. That is the kind of a man to represent the First congressional district as it should be represented.

"STARVE THE FLY."

Fly swatting will soon be on with the usual show of activity, charges and feints, thrusts and parries, loss of temper and the usual rear guard of disappointments.

In anticipation of the impending conflict, one will take satisfaction in running down some of the old veterans left over from last year to be the proud parents of several billions of offspring in 1914. With perfect glee, these old stock are laid low and one feels that one has saved a billion swats or so otherwise coming to one next summer. In some cities, the boys are paid 10 cents apiece for the pelts of these big bull-flies—better than 10 cents a pound for their offspring after awhile. The new slogan for the summer fly campaign ought to be "Starve the Fly." This is the real up-to-date battle cry of the erstwhile fly-swatters of the country. To prepare for the new campaign, one sallies forth down town and buys a covered, air-tight garbage can instead of purchasing a fly swatter. One thereupon starts in to cleanse the premises, renovate the back yard and remove all refuse which is guaranteed to hatch out perfect young flies. A few ordinances are adopted to keep foodstuffs covered in the stores and restaurants, hang up doors and screens to conserve eatables for human beings. These are just a few of the methods adopted to keep the fly from growing fat and sassy in the good old summer time. Right now, the campaign should be along two lines for every householder—swat the old left-over flies and solve the garbage disposal problem. The removal of refuse NOW will be effective in keeping down the swarms of flies later on.

"Starve the Fly" is a good slogan for a clean city government. It furnishes a warning and an incentive for desperate action. Keeping the premises clean is a written promise of protection for the summer pests, disease spreaders and all-round pirates, the hated house flies, whose lives have been condemned to extinction by recourse to cleanliness and sanitation.

New York's unemployed turned down farm labor because the farmers offered but twenty-five dollars a month and board. Forty-five dollars and maintenance was the minimum fixed by those sons of rest who have devoted a hard winter to finding fault with the social system. Quite likely, also, some of the jobs were rejected because the farmer neglected to supply grapefruit for breakfast or steam heat in the hired hand's headquarters. Which reminds a man who has never had much time or opportunity to serve with the army of unemployed that he once acted as chief engineer of a fourteen-inch stirring plow and other walking implements for the remuneration of fifteen bones per month. A pitance, to be sure, but he ate regularly, and it took him out in the open air, and, all around, was probably more profitable than sitting in the back end of a saloon reciting wrongs, demanding higher wages and finding fault with the administration.

Writing heavy editorials when it is time to be out making garden is not what it is cracked up to be. The time to be out is when spring is opening, when the electrical impulse is endeavoring to awaken the blood from its winter's lethargy, in fact it is the time when you want to get out of doors and commune with nature.

Mexico need not feel so resentful over the seizure of the custom houses in Vera Cruz and Tampico. It isn't as if the government was going to put those awful Payne-Aldrich rates into force there.

It is really too bad that now when the nation has at last built up a fine fleet it should be compelled to go to war with a government that hasn't a ship to its name.

The Colorado militia in the Ludlow mining district appears to be commanded by someone who is a combination of Villa, Sitting Bull and the Mad Mullah. It is certainly an outrage the way they have been shooting down men, women and even children.

No country on earth can boast of more genuine patriotism than the United States. This is being displayed every day by the large number of young and brawny men in all towns and cities who are willing to go to the front to resent Mexico's insult to the Stars and Stripes.

All reports agree that winter wheat never looked better, and the acreage is large, while the ground could hardly be in better condition for spring planted crops. Which is cause enough for rejoicing, regardless of a number of things that can happen between now and harvest time.

A prominent democrat from the capital city was in Plattsmouth a few days since, and reports politics in rather a mixed condition. But he says Governor Morhead is decidedly the favorite for congress among the democrats of Lincoln and Lancaster county, and it is generally believed the governor will have easy sailing for the nomination in Lancaster county.

Gus Young, former county clerk of Otoe county, was in the city yesterday afternoon attending to some business with the county commissioners, and found time to call on the Journal. Mr. Young is one of the best fellows in the world, very popular among all democrats, and we are of the opinion that he would make a stronger race for float representative than any person we know of in the two counties. He is able to hold the position with distinction to himself and honor to his constituents.

Because they are alleged to have "kept company" with young men who were their pupils, Miss Helen Witney of Chicago and Miss Mabel Smith of Urbana, teachers in the Areola (Ill.) High school, have been summarily dismissed by the board of education. Refusing to accept the notice of dismissal, the teachers presented themselves at the school, on advice of their attorney. They were refused admission. Both refused to accept checks for back pay, and say they will sue for the full amount of their contract and also for personal damages.

Senator Tillman whose obituary notices were in type in many newspaper offices several years ago, has regained his health by physical culture, and is now able to wield the pitchfork in old-time form. Chauncey Depew, former senator and after-dinner orator, modified his menu and is young in his old age. John D. Rockefeller has gadded the golf links until he has banished a bum stomach, although failing to grow hair on a bald head, and seems equal to the strenuous task of clipping coupons for some time to come. Old Sam Blythe, substituted dumbbells for drinks as a stimulus and has regained the figure and health of youth, and ex-President Taft is feeling fine since he quit taking care of this country and Mexico, and began taking care of himself. The moral of all this being that every man should be his own doctor, and try to take as good care of himself as he would of a horse in his employ.

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Patriots who said battleships were a useless expenditure are quietly remaining in the background just now.

This being a campaign year, a number of able harvest hands doubtless will be otherwise engaged when they are most needed.

The war excitement continues, notwithstanding the proceedings of peace propositions, which may possibly end the differences. We simply hope so.

The disgraceful bluffing and seizure of valuable land belonging to the Columbian republic is at an end. This took place when work on the Panama canal started. A treaty has been signed under which the United States agrees to pay a lump sum of \$25,000,000 for her rights to that territory. Thus have amicable diplomatic relations between us and Columbia been restored and the honor of our country is guarded.

Otoe county has another candidate, in the person of Charles Marshall, president of the Otoe County National bank at Nebraska City, whose friends are booming him for the republican nomination for governor. But they do not mention whether on the bull moose or stand-pat ticket.

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