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HYPOCRISY.

Hypocrisy, the feigning what one is not, especially in religion, is the most despicable thing in the world. The hypocrite is the most hated man in society, whether in religion or government. When religious and governmental hypocrisy are combined in one man, as in the case of Rockefeller, the indignation of mankind becomes almost universal. Professing to be a follower of Christ and forming a combination that is in direct opposition to everything that Christ taught, he also professes adherence to principles in government which all his life he has defied.

He says that he believes in the freedom of contract, and that every man should be free to work for such wages and for such persons or corporations as he pleases. He knows that he has formed a combination that makes that impossible. The man must work for him at the wages that he, Rockefeller, fixes and the man has nothing to say in regard to the amount that he shall receive. If a farmer hires a man, they talk over the matter and come to an agreement. Rockefeller never holds a conversation with a man about wages. The amount is fixed by him and the man has nothing to say about the matter.

Rockefeller forms an organization which controls an immense field of natural resources. He fixes the rate of wages and the price of the product. No one else has anything to say about the matter. Every one knows that forty per cent of stock, voted en bloc, will control any great corporation. Many of them are controlled with a far less amount. When he asserts that he is only a minority stockholder and tries to escape responsibility in that manner, it is pure hypocrisy.

These Colorado mines are only a part of the great organization known as Standard Oil, beside a part of the great organization of the United States, if combined in one, would be but a pignny to a giant. To talk about fighting for a "principle" under such conditions, is a height to which hypocrisy seldom before reached. —World-Herald.

The republicans of Lincoln and Lancaster county must be hard pressed for an organ when they accept a six-column, four-page paper as such. Those who edit this gem of a newspaper must be ashamed of this bantling, as no names appear as editors. Such sheets are always for the purpose of driving it into some fellows in whom they do not cherish the fondest love, and they assume this plan of venting their spite. But intelligent readers do not take to reading such haberdash as therein printed with any idea that they are perusing the truth.

Among the lawyers at the Lancaster county bar, Price's candidacy for congress does not hardly rise to the dignity of a full fledged joke. "Bill" is a good scout in his way, but he should not over estimate himself nor take himself too seriously. This district has already been afflicted with too many lightweights in congress. —Lincoln Herald.

Why not call them the X. Y. Z. mediators, instead of A. B. C.? The only difference one begin at the head and the other at the tail end of the alphabet.

The new jail is looming up in great shape.

Greens and corn bread—why there's nothing better.

The carnival next Monday, May 11, for the entire week.

Leave the dandelions alone and they will kill themselves.

There are times when popular government isn't so dad-blamed popular.

The paper hangers and decorators are working early and late these days.

As the pastures come up we may expect the price of milk to come down.

It is the man who fails, who contends that an honest man stands no show.

Next Sunday is Mothers' Day. Don't forget your dear old mother, dead or alive.

And now comes Senator Heasty of Fairbury and wants the republican nomination for governor.

Ross Hammond seems to be a "leech" to much of a stand-patter to get the bull moose support for governor.

The weather for the past week has been enough to provoke another series of backbone of winter paragraphs.

While the federal game law is very broad in its scope it does not prohibit candidates hunting votes before the primary.

Plattsmouth has no mechanics out of work. They are all busy. That shows what the town is doing in the building line.

Since Secretary Daniels issued his celebrated order to the navy, our monster battleships should feel right at home when they go into dry docks for repairs.

When the South American republics get through with their job in Mexican troubles they might proffer their good offices to settle the butcher business out-in Colorado.

The person who fails to perceive that there is a great increase in the business of Plattsmouth over two and three years ago, is certainly not a very close observer. But it is so, nevertheless, and besides Plattsmouth has greatly increased in population. A united action on the part of the business interests is what "talks so loud."

The Allman Brothers' carnival company, which begins an engagement in Plattsmouth next Monday, is one of the largest aggregations of its character in the United States. It far surpasses anything in the carnival line that has ever appeared in this city. The train which carries this great company consists of 20 sixty-foot cars. There will be three free entertainments, and a whole raft of other side-shows. The big band of 20 pieces is alone worth coming many miles to hear. Don't fail to come and see this big show, and be sure and bring the children. Remember the date—Monday, May 11, and every day and night of the entire week.

WHAT ARE YOU WORTH?

What would you be worth if you should lose all of your worldly possessions? Did you ever take an invoice of the available assets that you possess, apart from what the world calls property? In other words, what of value have you in the way of character, of conscience, of brain, of soul, that enemies could not rob you of, and that misfortune could not take away from you in a proceeding in bankruptcy? If you have no assets such as these, then you ought to have a receiver appointed for your ruined life and for your wastel opportunities. Not so very long ago a man of wealth met with unexpected business reverses and financial loss. One bright morning he awoke to find himself without a shilling that he could call his own. The accumulated savings of a lifetime had disappeared over night, and had not so much as said goodbye as they flew away. The sun came up in the morning shining as brightly as it had ever shone, but to this unfortunate man the heavens looked mighty gloomy and uninviting. His one thought and his sole ambition in life had been to acquire riches and pile up wealth so that he might be envied by all of his neighbors. To a large extent his ambition had been abundantly gratified, and from time to time he had torn down his barn and built greater, like the rich man in the well-known parable. The sorrow and disappointment of this man was keener than one can imagine, but the thing that hurt him most was the financial disgrace that would follow the loss of his fortune. He felt that he could never again lift up his head and look the world squarely in the face. The fact came home to him that he had accumulated only such assets as financial misfortune might rob him of. When he lost his property he had lost all that might commend him to the world, and all that commanded the respect of his neighbors and his friends. This man had never given thought for a moment to the questionable methods that he had often employed in acquiring wealth. He had never lost a wink of sleep over the hardships that he had inflicted upon others. The grinding of the poor had never grated upon his ears, and the deception and fraud that he had practiced, and the hard bargains that he had driven, were forgotten as soon as over. He had given his soul, if he ever had a soul, in exchange for wealth. While he held the price in his hands and could hold it up to excite the envy of his neighbors, he was satisfied and apparently happy. The blood and tears that stained much of his money detracted nothing from its value, but the loss of this money appeared to him as a disgrace that he could never overcome. When he lost his wealth he lost all that he had. He had long ago sold his soul, his sense of right and justice, his conscience and his character. He realized that he was now so poor and so worthless that he was mere waste and that the whole world would join in throwing him into the scrap-heap. A man is mighty poor who possesses nothing but money.

We have been calling on the farmers to drag the roads, and several farmers have informed the Journal that the roads south from Mynard and west from that place are in fine condition through the efforts of the farmers along the line, right to the city, and then they begin to get bad, and now they demand that we "jack up" the city authorities on the matter and have them do their part of the work. It looks very queer that after the farmers have done their part the city remains negligent on their part.

Either the Mexican war should be finished before Nebraska's wheat harvest begins, or it should be deferred until after the gathering of the bumper crop is out of the way.

The farmers want the people of Plattsmouth to do what they are doing every day—drag the streets. And it's no more than right that the street commissioner gets busy on the outer edges.

This is the prettiest time of the year, when the hills and valleys are covered with wild flowers. Flower hunting parties are numerous and many beautiful bouquets adorn the mantles of many homes.

Everything that the women are wearing this spring pertains to yellow, and this may be the means of affording great protection to the dandelions on the lawn, as they will probably demand that the lawn harmonize with their hose.

One of the stand-pat organs of the state still contends that the republican national committee did not take the presidential nomination from Roosevelt. We have thought all along that was a fact. But the moosers are still fighting it out on that line.

The race for senator in Otoe county promises to be a very lively one. John Mattes, the democratic candidate, is a runner from away back, and his experience as a campaigner is very great. There is no reason why he should not beat Bartling, as he is no shrewd politician than his father was twenty-five years ago, when John defeated him. John Mattes will make an able member of the senate.

Daniel E. Stekles, the grim old warrior, ends a stormy life at the age of 89 years. We can remember very distinctly when a boy of 17 years when he killed Philip Barton Key, district attorney for the District of Columbia, for the betrayal of his wife. This incident created a great stir throughout the country. He was one of the greatest generals in the army, and lost a leg at Gettysburg and became a national hero.

The little coterie of Nebraska newspaper men who met as the "Democratic Newspaper Men of Nebraska," a few days ago, have got themselves into a rumpus over the resolutions passed in secret session. It turns out now that there really was only twenty-five newspaper men present, including those in Lincoln. So this meeting should be considered as not in the least a true representation of the democratic newspapers of Nebraska, so it does not make any particular difference who they endorsed or who they didn't endorse. They are not the "whole cheese" by a long shot.

The democrats of Nebraska, as they stand now, are about on an equal footing with the republicans so far as organization is concerned. But by the "simple twist of the wrist" of those fellows at Washington, in giving the democracy of Nebraska what is coming to it, a different phase could be put on the situation. The democrats of other states are not placed in the same situation as they are in Nebraska. A very few fellows control the dishing out of the federal patronage that belongs to Nebraska—the masses of the party are not taken into consideration at all, but they are expected to furnish the votes at the next election. "Loggerheads" are poor politicians, and never won anything at politics or anything else, but they can do a whole lot of injury when once let loose.

THE MEAT SUPPLY.

Does anybody know anything about the meat question? Many of our eastern farmers are considering some lines of meat production and they are making inquiries into the prospects. Perhaps the question most frequently asked is whether the rest of the world will ship enough meat to this country to reduce the price materially. Probably not very soon, because the world as a whole is short of meat. Ultimately the world will produce more meats, as it always produces more of anything after a time of high prices. Our market will get large quantities of foreign beef in the future whenever it is higher than the British market and only then. Nobody should go into meat production with the expectation that prices will be high all the time. He should take up the business with the intention of mastering it and sticking to it, confident that he will witness no disastrous low levels as in the past, but prepared for an occasional year of disappointment. Another question frequently asked is whether meat production will be materially increased in this country during the next few years. Certainly it will. The receipts of veils shows that calves are being kept to raise. The demand for purebred cattle was never broader or better. The cattle country is being enlarged by cleaning up tick territory in the south, by restoring cattle to eastern farms and by restocking the western lands that were formerly free range. The persistent fight against hog cholera is bound to have its effect. Sheep men find that they are not completely busted after all and the decline of our flocks has been checked. Everything points to greater meat production as is natural after a period of good prices. Whether the other and equally important factor, the consumption, will keep pace with it we do not know. Probably not equal pace at any rate.

Ross Hammond, a radical republican, is still drawing the salary of \$4,000 a year as collector of internal revenue, and Sizer, the same kind of a republican, is drawing an equal salary as postmaster at Lincoln. Not only are these fellows drawing salaries that democrats should be enjoying, but there are numerous other positions in which democrats of Nebraska should be placed, where republicans are drawing the pay. And all on account of the "loggerheads" at Washington. It's a shame that such a state of affairs exists, but it is a fact just the same.

There is always criticism of the men in authority when there is war or the prospect of war. This may always be expected. But in all fairness, there is no ground for complaint of the way President Wilson has handled this matter. He has always wanted peace and still maintains that this country ought to be friendly to the Mexican people as a whole. It is the dictator he is after, and naturally wants to maintain the respect and dignity of this nation while he is after the scalp of the usurper. He has undoubtedly the moral support of a large majority of the people of this country.

Sackett of Gage county seems to be a favorite for the republican nomination for governor, but he is considerably handicapped in playing "good Lord and good devil" to both factions of the party. The bull moosers will accept him as a candidate, but not if he has anything to do with the standpatters. And there it goes.

The correspondent who used to keep us advised as to the state of Abdul Hamid's health appears to have left for Mexico.

"See Will Richardson"

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If you want anything, See Will Richardson

MYNARD, NEB.

You have such an excellent memory you may recall the name of the republican candidate for vice president in 1912.

The preponderance of children attending the motion picture shows affords the chief argument in favor of official censorship.

When we remember that Colorado is a civilized state it is hard to believe the stories published about the mining war in progress there.

"Still hunting" in this day and age never got a candidate very much for state or county office. The democratic voters of Cass county are already onto the scheme and don't intend to be fooled.

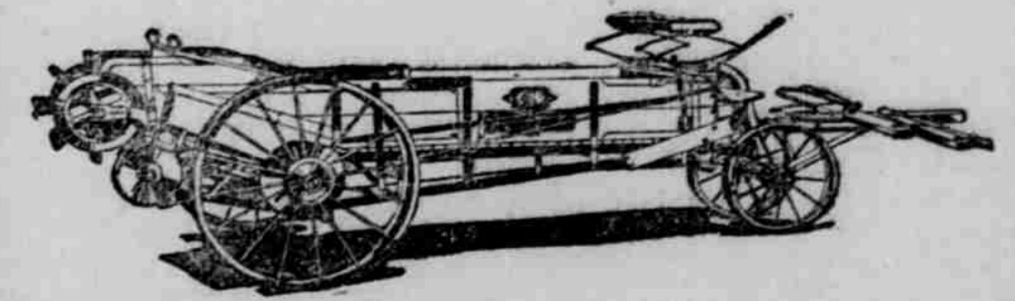
A 10-year old girl down in Missouri has confessed to having set fire to four buildings within four weeks. While the girl ought to be punished for it, she should be sent to England to re-enforce Sylvia Parkhurst and the championship team of destroyers.

The voters of Nebraska are not going to be deceived in voting for candidates for state offices on the part of the democrats at the August primaries. They do not propose to be hoodwinked into voting for some candidates they know have formed a combine and will endeavor to carry out their nefarious scheme to nominate a ring ticket from the office of governor down. The democratic voters are catching on to the maneuvers of the little ring up at Lincoln, and they will be in readiness to sit down on it at the polls in August. Mark that!

Senator Kenyon of Iowa thinks the Rockefeller foundation fund is intended to build up an invisible government. We would like to know what you would call it now? He is the whole thing in every move he makes to control.

When a serious crisis comes in national affairs there are usually as many different positions taken in congress as there are congressmen.

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