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THE DEAD BANDIT.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY.

If thou canst not give pleasure to all by thy deeds and thy knowledge, give it then to the few; many to please is but vain. —Schiller.

The roads are in a terrible condition and it still rains.

What does a loafer do when he feels he needs a rest?

Senators are still standing on the burning deck of the ship bill.

Most women are in favor of peace until after they get a man.

There seems to be much opposition to an extra session of congress.

Man is a reasonable being, except when his prejudices are involved.

We move that the county commissioners buy a new flag for the court house.

The organization of "bachelor girls' clubs" is such a cunning device that it is odd that it is not more generally used.

The man in the White house is "sawing wood," while criticisms of his administration flash through the country.

If corn, rye and other coarse foods cost as much as white wheat flour, they would no doubt be as equally popular.

It is really a pity that the Nebraska legislature will not be ready to adjourn by the time congress is—March 4.

Now what do you suppose he is after? John M. Thurston is going to return to Nebraska and open a law office in Omaha.

A Philadelphia woman claims that her husband "hypnotized her into marrying him." Oh, both! That's the way all men do.

The old saying is, that "wheat is worth its weight in gold," but if it goes much higher it will be worth more than that.

There are many experts, but it occurs to us that a typewriter agent knocking some other make is the real star at swinging the hammer.

Under the Underwood tariff, cattle are on the free list, and yet the price of meat and cattle are going up. This does not look very much like legislation against the farmers, as so many republican papers would have us believe.

Representative Stevens of Snyder county has a bill before the house extending the terms of all county officers to four years. Unless it has an easy recall provision, or making the occupant ineligible to the second term, it would be a serious mistake to enact such a bill.

How this country has responded to the call for aid for the starving people of the belligerent nations is shown in the statement that the relief commission has now a fleet of thirty-five steamships all in action. This is a squadron of which not only this country, but all the world, also, can be proud, and whose victories mean defeat for no one, but hope for success for all.

The grass is getting green, and soon we will have greens for dinner.

Congress will have a race against time on their big appropriation bills.

Swatting the fly is comparatively easy. But what John Bull wants is something to swat the flyers.

For the present the great American eagle retires gracefully in favor of the stork as the national bird.

Trouble in the Omaha postoffice is brewing. The clerks and employees threaten to unite with the American Federation of Labor for protection.

Congressman Barton fires a final broadside at the democrats, knowing full well that he will never have another opportunity in the halls of congress.

The legislators who are not guilty of introducing any bills can return home with a clear conscience of doing no harm, if nothing else but voting right.

In view of the threatening war situation, it is believed that the army should get out promptly and repair the lawn mower which will soon be needed.

There is a growing tendency in Washington to judge a bill less by its merits than by the size and character of the lobby supporting or opposing it.

A scientist claims that butter can be made directly from grass, without the intervention of the cow. The question is, why don't he go ahead and make it?

A college professor proves by history that the best work of the world has been done by men of sixty years or over. Well, a man ought to have much of the foolishness out of his head by the time he reaches sixty.

The legislature is doing mighty well considering the cranks who try to make life miserable for those members who are sincere in their efforts to do right by their constituents and the taxpayers of the state in general.

The man that wants the trade does not hesitate to tell the people so. The buyer as a rule expects to trade with the man who invites his trade. This is an age of intelligence and the systematic advertiser who studies his subject is the man who will win in the long run.

There has been a decided falling off in the diamond trade owing to circumstances beyond the control of the diamond merchants. But the bread, and meat trade remains more active than ever. People having got into the habit of eating are indisposed to give it up if they can help it.

Here is what immortal Billy Sunday says about dancing: "I denounce the dance as the most hellish institution that ever wriggled from the depths of perdition. Six saloons do not do as much to rot the morals of girls as one dancing school." Now, what do you think of Billy Sunday?

There is a great deal being said on the death of Frank James. We knew the dead bandit personally, and have met him quite frequently, and we can conscientiously say that we never met a more clever or gentlemanly fellow in our life. In fact, to know him, was to respect him in the latter days of his life.

The Wise Man who consults the stars and bets on the goosebone and the garter-snake says this is to be a year of abundant moisture; that we are going to have a lot of rain and that drainage and not irrigation will concern us. The Wise Man has the whip handle at present, but he is reminded that prophecy is a long-distance business and that whoever excels in that should not issue any predictions short of a hundred years in the future.

THE STATE UNIVERSITY ISSUE.

The lower house of the Nebraska legislature deserves hearty congratulations on its manifest indisposition to follow Representative Taylor of Custer county in his slambang crusade against the state university.

Mr. Taylor is a perfectly honest man and in deadly earnest. He hasn't the slightest notion he is crusading against the university. He accounts himself, indeed, a friend of the university within certain narrow limits. But the whole animus of his fight is hostile to the university's higher interests and in his speeches he shows himself, at heart, hostile to the trend and effect of higher education. He is resentful because the university plants inspirations and aspirations in the hearts of the young folks of Nebraska. He doesn't want their horizons made too broad. He has the notion they would be better off if they were willing, unanimously, to tread the paths their fathers trod. It may be that Mr. Taylor realizes, in some hazy and indefinite way, that it is the higher education that lifts the world upward and onward, and that it must have scholars, scientists, artists, philosophers, engineers, poets, dreamers, and broadly and liberally educated men and women if it is to continue to go forward. But it seems to hurt Mr. Taylor's inmost feelings that this contribution to the progress of the world should be made in any considerable part at the expense of the taxpayers of Nebraska, and that from among the boys and girls of Nebraska should be chosen a fair part of the material on which and by which it works. Mr. Taylor does not say as much, but from his utterances it is a not unreasonable conclusion he would be much better satisfied if the University of Nebraska were a sort of glorified county academy, and if his own children and those of his neighbors could be kept far and free from its disturbing influences.

There are not a few citizens good and respectable people, too, who feel much as Mr. Taylor seems to feel. But they do not voice, we feel safe in saying, the dominant view of the state of Nebraska on this subject. Most Nebraska people, we believe, do not desire that the university should be put in a strait-jacket, that it should be deprived of its freedom, that it should be divided into parts, that those parts should be put under the necessity of fighting each other for the legislative favor and support, and that a legislative committee, hurriedly, in a few hours or a few days, should attempt to determine how its resources and activities and growth should be apportioned among its various departments.

Anyone conversant with such an institution as the great University of Nebraska knows that the hard-and-fast program proposed by Mr. Taylor would be wholly and ludicrously impractical. The regents, who are nominated and elected by the people, and who give, through long years, much time and study to the needs and activities and growth of the university, are competent to say—far more nearly competent, anyhow, than is the legislature—what disposition and distribution shall be made of university funds, and how the service of instructors may best be utilized. It is preposterous to say that a committee of legislators, with only a scant and surface knowledge of university activities, should be able to do this more intelligently, more efficiently, more economically than the regents. And we think no one will contend they would do it more honestly or more public-spiritedly.

The government of such an institution as the state university presents a very difficult and complicated problem. It is one calling for the highest degree of skill, for the utmost possible familiarity with the situation as a whole and in all its parts, and for the best ability the state can furnish. It is not a thing to be determined, from year to year, in the hurly-burly of a legislative session. No university can be successfully managed according to the same hard-and-fast plan provided for the fiscal management of a state penitentiary. The

wise thing for this legislature to do is to follow the example set by all preceding legislatures. Repose a reasonable confidence in the regents. They are honorable and competent and high-minded men. They were elected by the people for the particular purpose of managing the university. They are applying themselves wholeheartedly to the job. They know a great deal more about it than the legislature knows or can know. They are accountable to the people in the same degree that any legislator is. And—we say this without intending the slightest offense—we believe they have the confidence and respect of the people quite as fully as has the legislature itself.—World-Herald.

Germany and Great Britain are both pronounced standpatters.

The robin, the jaybird and even the redbird are here, and still there is a demand for coal.

A comic valentine never broke up a happy home, although it might have furnished the excuse.

Saokcloth is the proper thing to wear in Lent, but it has to be cut according to the 1915 spring style.

Secretary Garrison is one member of the cabinet who seems to consider facts more important than his own suppositions.

The agitation in favor of making states of the large cities of America affords mental exercise, but is otherwise without value.

Conan Doyle need not blame himself for submarine depredations. Both Robert Fullerton and Jules Verne showed the possibilities long before he did.

The statement of Huntington Wilson that Great Britain and France are angry at America is not surprising. It is simply one of the penalties of neutrality.

A proposed amendment to the California constitution would extend the suffrage to all persons over 18 years of age. Voting seems to be the chief pleasure of California life.

Now two women are to be prosecuted for "transporting themselves" across the state line. The department of justice may finally make the Mann act so odious that it will be repealed.

Messrs. Rockefeller and Carnegie received \$2.00 per day recently for testifying before the federal industrial commission. It would certainly have been a shame to compel those men to go to all that trouble at their own expense.

The present legislature is not overly supplied with statesmen, yet there are a few members who would like to be termed so. If the gift of "gab" was one of the chief qualifications to statesmanship they would undoubtedly be "right in it," but the trouble is the level-headed members of that body have no confidence in their efforts.

While a national child labor law might entail a great increase of federal expenses, it would assure a desirable uniformity in the various states. The freedom of interstate commerce, when there is no such uniformity, punishes the states which take high grounds, and also fails to protect the children, who may be taken to states with loose laws.

When a man from Omaha gets in the legislature he forgets that there is any other place or section in Nebraska outside of the metropolis. But he finds out before he has gone very far that there are other places and sections just as important as Omaha, and that there are just as smart representatives come from the interior and western part of the state. That's the reason Omaha is looked upon with suspicion and never gets what is coming to her. See!

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The Fremont Tribune says: "The new commissioner of labor appointed by Governor Morehead is not unknown in Fremont. He at one time had charge of a strike here, in which he resorted to disreputable tactics that practically ostracized him. The governor was evidently hard pressed for material. The appointment of chief justice, which has been so vigorously criticised, was an inspiration compared to this one."

Ex-Lieutenant Governor "What's His Name," and that plug hat was no doubt missed at the opening of the Panama exposition. By the way, what's become of the surplus that was subscribed for that junketing trip to San Francisco? Was there anything left?

The report that Germany is boycotting American goods is bosh. As that country does not receive any American goods, the report shows a disturbing element yet at work to increase more sentiment in this country against the Germans.

This has been a pretty hard winter on old citizens, and many have passed away in consequence.

Evidently there will be no time lost on liquor legislation at this session of the legislature.

Sell your property through the Journal Want Ads.

More watchful waiting and, if it please the powers that be, a bit more of neutral neutralizing.

What's in a name, anyhow? Christian county, Kentucky, went wet, while Bourbon county went dry.

There has been considerable sickness in this vicinity, occasioned, perhaps, by the changeable weather.

The new armory building, recently dedicated at Glenwood, is a building that any city should be proud of.

Every one in a while Roosevelt says something in order to let the American people know that he is yet among the living.

If the Lord loves a long face some people who pose as saints on earth might get by with the gloomy stuff they inflict on their friends.

A good many of the girls will have to wear their winter styles all through Lent, and yet some people say they don't mortify the flesh.

Social economists say women should weigh meat and ice, so that the family is not cheated. But how can they without spoiling their afternoon tea gowns?

The warring powers, being all allies of God, feel it their duty to sink those hellish neutral vessels that are wickedly venturing to sail the seas with the foodstuffs.

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