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### WHILE THE GETTING IN'S GOOD.

#### THOUGHT FOR TODAY.

Experience shows that success is due less to ability than to zeal. The winner is he who gives himself to his work, body and soul.—Charles Buxton.

Real old winter weather with us again.

A fool that doesn't act like a fool, feels a lot of other fools.

Leap year ball is now in order, girls. Don't wait till winter is over.

No legislative candidates have filed in Cass county yet. What's the matter?

"Shoot Villa on sight" is the order. But to get sight of the brute, is the trouble.

The man who attempts to stand on his dignity is apt to step on his own corns.

Any good democrat for governor, but Charley Bryan, the egotistical fool, as R. L. Metcalfe says.

Send in your dollar and you are sure of a seat at the democratic banquet. Remember the date—Thursday, February 11.

Why has not some democrat filed for congress in the First district? The first man to the front will be the first served.

When a man won't practice what he preaches he should quit preaching. This is a center shot for some fellows in this town.

It takes a wise man to honestly change his mind, but there are many fools who can command more respect by keeping still.

It is much easier to find the per capita of wealth of some men by looking up the statistics than by looking in their pockets.

The bull moosers seem determined to have a separate ticket in Nebraska this campaign unless the republicans nominate Teddy for president.

Walter George's friends are positive that he will get the republican nomination for governor. He is a sly old con and knows a thing or two when it comes to electioneering.

Hon. Mat Gering of Plattsmouth, one of the real orators of the state, will deliver an address before the Kearney commercial club at the noon luncheon on Tuesday, February 8.—Kearney Democrat.

Governor Morehead is firm in the decision that he will not be a candidate for the third term. So be it. He is perhaps getting out of the way for Charley Bryan, while Charley agrees to support the governor for United States senator against Hitchcock. The democrats are getting themselves in fine shape to elect nobody next fall.

The democratic party seems to be doomed to defeat. We regret to say it, but present indications truly point in that direction. There are men who are popular enough to lead the party to victory, but none of them have yet come to the front, and unless they do, we'd just as well hang up the old fiddle, for Charley Bryan can't even dance let alone play the democratic fiddle. The party can never be lined up to follow in the wake of Charley Bryan.

It will occasion little surprise to have it get out that C. W. Bryan and Edgar Howard have come to an understanding as to which of them shall get into the field after the democratic nomination for governor, and that the choice has fallen upon the mayor. Now that petitions are in circulation for the mayor, confirmation is assured to those who have imagined all along that the mayor had it in mind to try for the nomination. Mayor Bryan runs for office in pursuance of a system invented by him. When he ran for mayor he began by proclaiming his conviction as to what a mayoralty candidate should be and stand for, indicating that he entertained some hope that a man other than himself might be found to meet the requirements, but finally recognizing that there could be no such man but himself.

He has approached a realization of his gubernatorial ambition by the same transparent ruse. At the recent banquet of the democratic newspaper association he laid down his idea of what a candidate should be, and he constructed his ideal by fitting it upon his own person. It seems hardly possible that Mayor Bryan can imagine that he could ever be elected governor, or that he can even achieve a nomination. But he is so endowed that he can entertain some confidence that he may defeat some other democratic candidate through the creation of party dissension. Next to his own election that of a republican would please him, if one may judge of his hopes and motives by his acts.

Control of the party machinery in this state is what the Bryans most desire. And that is just what they are least apt to acquire by this method of procedure. It is not surprising that Mayor Bryan has discovered that some of those upon whom he has always heretofore looked as subservient vassals would not even sign his petition as a candidate for governor. To nobody else is it a surprise. The recent meeting of democrats who were unsuccessfully backing Fred Shepherd for postmaster, at which was adopted what was termed a declaration of independence, disclosed the fact that most of the former most loyal followers of the Bryans had come to an understanding of the pitiable lack of consideration for them, their wishes and their interests is entertained by Mr. Bryan or his brother. They were tired of the tyrannical bossism of the junior Bryan and the acquiescence of the elder brother therein.

The candidacy of C. W. Bryan, a candidacy that is manifestly self-conducted, is to lay the foundation for the last desperate struggle of the Bryan brothers for the retention of their tyrannical bossism of Nebraska's democracy. They are not going to be able to herd democrats as heretofore. In the past they have made themselves so feared that democrats were afraid to refuse obedience. It is so no longer. Party workers have awakened to a realization that they are men themselves, voters who are entitled to a voice of their own in the party councils. They have begun to sniff the atmosphere of political freedom, and they have of late been manifesting much real liking for it.

This does not promise to be entirely an unwelcome contest. It will cause some party embarrassments, perhaps, but the great majority of the democrats of Nebraska will not find the situation without its compensations.—Lincoln Star.

What's the matter with Hon. W. B. Banning for toastmaster for the democratic banquet Thursday night, February 10? He is one of our own county democrats, and abundantly able to "cut the mustard."

Moon eclipse is a poor excuse for staying up late at night.

Necessaries of life are going higher and no one can tell the reason why.

Have you secured your ticket for the banquet? Better get it right now.

Democratic banquet Thursday, February 10, Remember the day and date.

It's a long head that has no turn when unexpected prosperity overtakes it.

Personally we have always preferred a nice contribution of sausage instead of flowers.

In Omaha it takes about two thousand fools to properly support one first-class clairvoyant.

Every poor man would like to get into some business where he would really need an automobile.

Governor Majors of Missouri wants to run for vice president. We are for him, if he really needs a rest.

There is much talk about compulsory military service from those who have reached the exempt-age.

Dry goods prices will never soar enough to make the free and downtrodden citizens cease chowin' the rag.

Some fellows say the high cost of living is partly due to that ingrain carpet being replaced by an oriental rug.

The dear public never buys stock with such confidence and enthusiasm as when prices are very close to the top.

Missouri has a greater percentage of improved roads than Kansas, and Kansas has always been a republican state.

Charley Bryan has secured some fellow to circulate his petition for governor. As yet none of the old reliable democrats have signed the document.

This is an "open session" for old bachelors. Now that it is leap year, it is well that all marriageable young ladies keep their eyes peeled for the eligible young men who are on the market, and there are hosts of them.

Now that Governor Morehead is out of the way, the democrats can certainly find some strong, able man for governor who can command the full democratic vote, and enough republicans to elect him. But don't count on Charley Bryan carrying the democrats of Nebraska, and this is the year that republicans are going to stay with their party candidates.

I. J. Dunn is always ready to run for anything in sight, but he never gets there. Now he would like to run for the democratic nomination for United States senator against Secretary Hitchcock. He is simply waiting to see what Morehead intends to do. A fellow at our back says he is going back to Falls City to look after his farming and banking interests. Don't you think it.

The Globe-Democrat is telling its party comrades that the party cannot win by trying to make an issue on Wilson's foreign policies. That is true. About nine voters out of every ten unequivocally endorse the president's foreign policy; in fact, Wilson has handled all the delicate situations just to the people's liking. He has patiently, yet firmly, maintained peace with honor. Without bluster and banter he has won practically every disputed point with the different belligerent nations, and has brought them to the point where they have agreed to observe the rules of international law and humanity. He has drawn all the republics of Central and South America to us in a strong tie of friendship and fellowship, and poor, old, war-torn Mexico is yielding to his patient, unselfish leadership and returning to the paths of peace.

### DEFERENCE TO BRYAN.

Advices from Washington leave room for no other conclusion than that President Wilson does not include Nebraska in his contemplated trip to the west because he desires to disclose a delicate sort of deference to ex-Secretary Bryan.

Certainly it is a courtesy entitled to recognition in kind. In view of this deference to his personality, the least that Mr. Bryan and his subservient followers in this state could do would be to observe a moderate degree of candor in the discussion of the president and his policies, something that has not yet been done by those who speak for the ex-secretary of state in Nebraska.

It is out of this deference to Mr. Bryan that the president declares his determination not to look upon Nebraska as an enemy country. As a matter of fact, it is not an enemy country, but that is not the fault of those who speak for Mr. Bryan, who have done and are doing everything within their over-taxed power to make it so.

Nebraskans may easily imagine that there is no other state in the republic in which there are more people trying to shoot the president's program full of holes than in Nebraska, and it is being done with the knowledge that discrediting the president through the defeat of his program will probably mean disaster, possibly to Woodrow Wilson, but certainly to his party.

Nobody can have forgotten how the same political factors of this state who are now opposing with all their noisy vigor the plan of the president, were a few months ago denouncing Senator Hitchcock and other noted democratic senators and congressmen for simply insisting that a plan proposed by the president should be amended in ways that would better it. At that time no national campaign was imminent, and Mr. Bryan was out in this state pleading for a democratic victory as an endorsement of the Wilson administration, of which he was then a part.

Of course Mr. Bryan and his vassals must know that a democratic victory in Nebraska then was not as important in the way of an endorsement as a similar victory would be this fall. It certainly cannot be that it was important that the administration should be endorsed then, because Bryan was urging it, in order that it might be beaten this fall, when he will be recognized as opposing it.

Now, how could the Bryans show their appreciation of the deference disclosed for the elder brother by the president when he declined to come to Nebraska because he did not deem it an enemy country? The answer is easy. Nobody would insist that they should show their deference by supporting a policy of the president with which they are not in accord.

But they might at least tell the truth about the president and his policies. They might refrain from a discussion of what they dwell upon in exaggeration of fact as "militarism." They might candidly tell the people that "the large standing army" that they oppose consists simply of an addition of 34,000 men to the army roll. They might explain to the people that the president's plan is a much less elaborately militaristic plan than that proposed by republican leaders. After making these facts plain, they might with honor oppose the plan.

Will the Bryan spokesmen make this acknowledgement of President Wilson's deference to the family name? Or will they continue to misrepresent the president's policy in order to swell the subscription list of the family almanac?—Lincoln Star.

Building will boom when spring opens up.

It is now thought that John G. Maher may enter the race for governor. John is a big improvement over Charley Bryan as a candidate for governor any day in the week.

The people who failed to repay the government for the money loaned them to get home from Europe last year are perhaps the some ones who think America is so inferior to Europe.

### TAKE YOUR CHOICE.

The citizen who has yet made up his mind on the issue of preparedness should have no difficulty in doing so.

He can choose between three fairly clear-cut policies, each represented, typified and ably expressed by an eminent American.

He can choose between the policies advocated by former President Theodore Roosevelt, former Presidential Candidate William J. Bryan and President Woodrow Wilson. In either event he will find himself on a definite platform with much to be said—and being said—in its favor.

Bryan and Roosevelt represent the polar extremes of thought, President Wilson the equatorial middle ground. Bryan is for peace—like President Wilson and most of the rest of us. He is so strongly for peace that he quit the president's cabinet because he thought the president was using a too harsh and belligerent policy toward Germany. He was too craftily for peace to join the Ford expedition. He is so consumedly for peace that he is against any increase in armament whatever, and possibly is also for disbanding what armed strength the nation now possesses. He is so ardently for peace that he is assailing the president's program as militaristic; though, oddly enough, he seems not to have a word to say against the appallingly larger program of Colonel Roosevelt.

Colonel Roosevelt, though, is for war. He would have taken action, he says, when Belgium was invaded; though what he would have done and how he would have done it he does not explain. Neither does he explain what higher duty the United States had to intervene in behalf of Belgium than Germany had to intervene in behalf of Panama when Roosevelt "took Panama" after a conspiracy had made it ready to drop into his hands. Colonel Roosevelt, if you can believe him, also would have had Mexico captured and lying bound at his feet by this time, if he had been president.

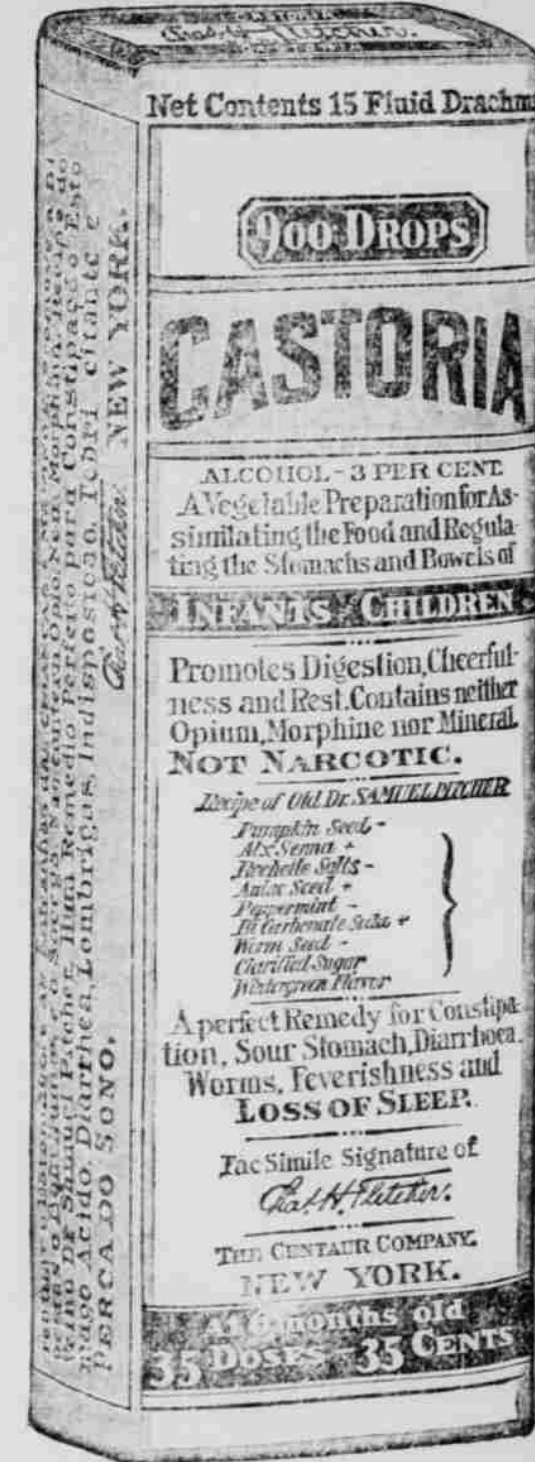
Colonel Roosevelt attacks President Wilson's program as contemptibly inadequate, his voice, oddly, chiming harmoniously with the voice of Bryan, who is assailing it as dangerously excessive. The belligerent colonel would have a standing army of at least a quarter of a million; he would have compulsory universal military service, which would mean a reserve army of about fifteen million men; he would rob the public schools of a large share of their precious time in order to introduce military training for lads in their teens; he would have a swash-buckling navy that would make every nation and every combination of nations tremble at our rancorous defiance, outdoing Prussia itself in its armament. And if he were elected president, with such an equipment as he advocates, he would itch for a chance to use it to his own glorification to gratify his lust of empire.

Between the extremes of Bryan, with his policy of weakness and altruistic impossibility and of Roosevelt, with his fantastic dreams of militarism and empire with himself as the man on horseback to lead the nation to world conquest, still stands the president of the United States.

The president's program contemplates a slight increase in the army from 108,000 to 140,000; the creation of a reserve army of citizen volunteers, to number 400,000 in five years; a substantial increase in the navy, putting it unquestionably second only to England, and spreading the increase over five years.

Mr. Bryan's program is defenselessness. Colonel Roosevelt's program is a swash-buckling offensive; the president's program is a sensible adequate condition of defensiveness.

The three policies represented ably by these three eminent men are clearly defined and vividly differentiated. The citizens of the United States will make their choice between them, and each will take his stand with the one who represents his own personal views on this tremendously important issue. This being a matter wholly outside of partisan politics—or one that should be, at any rate, far above the confusions and littleness of partisanship—an overwhelming majority of the people will steer clear of the extreme



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positions offered by Bryan and Roosevelt and, being sane and clear-headed, will take their stand with the president on the sensible middle ground he has so wisely chosen.—Duluth Herald.

Plenty of time to file. You have until March 18.

Men should be just devilish enough not to want to be mollicoddles.

The king who flees his realm sacrifices royal pride to safety first.

However, a rolling stone does not roll up the ladder that leads to success.

Very few girls go into the kitchen to find anything on which to pass the time.

The question in Europe seems to be—who took the grin out of Montenegro?

Opponents to conscription in time of war are against it merely because they are against it.

Adam was thoroughly human. No doubt his best story told his neighbors was the details of how he lost his rib.

The St. Louis Globe-Democrat is opposed to a democratic tariff board. We suppose a republican board would suit it better.

Louis D. Brandeis of Boston, one of the most eminent lawyers in the United States, has been named by President Wilson to succeed the late Associate Justice Lamar. The appointee is the first Jew ever appointed to a position of this character, and will no doubt serve with great distinction.

With all the bills being introduced, it does not seem likely that the boys in congress can get out of the trenches before the Fourth of July.

"America First" is the title of Sousa's latest march. It would make excellent music with which to march some people out of the country.

The happy exemption of the United States from this awful war is probably due not so much to the superior wisdom of the American people as the width and wideness of the ocean lying between.

William V. Allen is a good man for governor and he can be elected, if nominated, and he can be nominated if he comes to the front. Ex-Senator Allen has many true and tried friends in Nebraska who would gladly support him for governor.

Before you tell anything which you do not want generally known, you should stop to consider that in the majority of cases the person to whom you tell your troubles has a dear friend to whom he or she tells everything, and that friend has another dear friend to whom such things are confided.

A few years ago our ablest men went to the legislature, but now most anybody that can read and write wants to go. That's the trouble with our laws today—too many ignorant men are sent to the legislature. Select good men—men who are attentive to their duties and know a good law from a bad one, and cannot be controlled by the "smart set" into voting for bills that are not wholesome for the people.

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## WESTERN NEBRASKA and COLORADO FARMS

are fast increasing in value. Their 1915 yield of from 25 to 45 bushels of wheat per acre will exceed the present price of similar and adjoining lands. Indications point to the greatest demand for these deeded Western lands that the West has yet ever seen. The incoming inquiries show already the movement to get hold of one of these farms before it is too late; if you can buy these lands at from \$15 to \$35 an acre you can make up your mind that they will be 50 per cent higher in the near future. Dairymen are making money. The silo has revolutionized farming on these lands and insures a return value that has never been known. All farm improvements on adjacent lands bear testimony to their worth. Yuma County, Colorado, last year produced \$1,275,000 worth of wheat, \$600,000 worth of corn and \$1,280,000 worth of stock. This was about the production of other counties where these lands lie in Western Nebraska and Eastern Colorado.



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