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THE SMALL TOWN BOY

Not long ago a writer in a western exchange bewailed the passing of the true boy, the boy of natural impulses with a streak of the old Adam, and a fine contempt for the minor ordinances. He was the boy who plotted and executed mischief of the boyish type, who made himself a nuisance, perhaps, to the community in which he ran wild, yet never mixed meanness with mischief. In short, he was the old-fashioned boy, the embodiment of life and spirit and impishness. In his place, as the writer points out, we have the hulking street corner boy, who travels in gangs and becomes the bane of police-guardians. No doubt the author of this dissertation had in mind the boy of the rural community, not the city boy, but the small town boy. That type of boy isn't found in the cities. They are too hampering for his soaring soul. He needs room, he requires a tolerant community, he wants a congenial atmosphere. It may be imagined that the author of the lamenting screed, having looked out through his urban window and noted no boy of the old-fashioned type, believes he and his joyous tribe have passed. The small town boy still exists, however. Every little while his boyish pranks provide material for the country correspondents. He plays the same old tricks; he exhibits the same old brand of boyish exuberance. The other day he slipped into a Delaware church where revival services were held and left a half frozen hornets nest beside the stove. When the hornets thawed out they organized an exploring expedition and the congregation promptly tried to leave the edifice in a body. There's no use worrying over the decline of the small town boy. He hasn't declined.

The gypsies have got to traveling around in automobiles. At this rate it won't be long till hoboes are doing the same.

The fact is, so many republicans are so well satisfied with President Wilson's administration that they don't care who is nominated at Chicago.

While a Presbyterian meeting was in progress near Coldwater, Kas., recently, a tornado struck the church. The congregation knelt in prayer while the storm raged, and the church members believe they were saved by prayer. How would you like to be a scientist and be assigned to the task of proving to those people that there is no power in prayer?

In the case of the young man Waite of New York, who was killing an entire family for the purpose of getting an estate with which to enjoy himself in company with an affinity, a jury promptly set aside the pretense of insanity and adjudged him guilty of murder after a few minutes deliberation, which goes to show that the jury system is not as big a farce as some people would contend.

Who's the greatest woman in all history, past and present? That is the question school teachers of a neighbor state recently debated. They spoke of Joan of Arc, Queen Elizabeth, Cleopatra, Grace Darling, Florence Nightingale, Jane Addams, Susan B. Anthony, and scores of others. And to whom do you suppose they awarded the palm? To the wife of the farmer of moderate means who does her own cooking, sewing, washing, ironing, brings up a family of boys and girls to be useful members of society and who also finds time for intellectual improvement. There are millions of such women in America, and no one better than the rural school teacher knows how great and useful they are.

Gardens are doing fine.

Glenwood will celebrate the Fourth of July.

Getting a little warmer, which helps the corn.

It is too much to call him the Elihu Root of all evil.

Not many days till harvest, and the wheat looks well.

Plattsmouth will do no celebrating until "home coming" week.

Nobody knows how much campaign money is spent with book-makers to catch the band-wagon vote.

Politics up about the state capital seem to be rather quiet for the headquarters of both political parties of the state.

A great naval battle is almost as much trouble and worry as an election. You have to wait so long for the returns.

There is a man named Weeks running for the republican nomination for president. He has proved a very "week" sister.

It would be interesting to the writer to attend the St. Louis convention, if we were some years younger. In so doing we would meet many friends, those with whom we have stood side by side in years gone by, and fought for democratic principles. We have attended at least a dozen national and state conventions in St. Louis, beginning with the national convention that nominated Samuel G. Tilden in 1876. But we are becoming too aged to enjoy the meeting of old democratic friends on such occasions. Grand old St. Louis, the most hospital city extant!

THE BRANDEIS CASE

The senate judiciary committee has recommended confirmation of the appointment of Louis D. Brandeis to be a member of the supreme court.

The recommendation, it is interesting to note, is by a strict party vote. Every democratic member of the judiciary committee voted for confirmation.

Every republican voted against it. Newspaper reports, based on careful canvasses of the senate, agree that the vote of the senate will follow closely the same lines. Democratic senators, with very few exceptions, are expected to vote against it.

Columns, yes whole volumes, could be written to explain the fundamental difference between the republican and democratic parties, and fail to make it as plain as does this line-up in the senate.

The democratic party is such that its leaders and official representatives naturally incline to a man like Brandeis for membership on the supreme bench. The republican party is such that its leaders and official representatives naturally oppose such a man for such a place.

The democratic party is naturally the champion of human rights. The republican party is as naturally the champion of property rights and vested interests.

Every trust in the United States, every great corporation, all the henchmen and pensioners and dependents of the great corporations, oppose the Brandeis appointment. Therefore the republican party opposes it. The common people, who honestly earn an honest living, who ask no special favors and demand that they be protected against special favors conferred upon others, long have prayed for a man of the Brandeis type of mind upon the supreme bench. Their prayers remained unanswered until a great democrat was elected president, and a democratic senate was elected to hold up his hands.

It will pay the voter who may be undecided as to how his ballot shall be marked next November to give serious thought to the meaning of the party division, and the long and bitter partisan fight over the Brandeis appointment.—World-Herald.

PROTEST PROVES THE NEED

The Omaha daily newspaper that objected to any patriotic parade in Omaha reiterates its protest and suggests that the proposed parade for "Flag day" be abandoned altogether.

This is the first time a newspaper has objected to a patriotic demonstration in its town. Universally newspapers have encouraged parades and similar enterprises. Such things draw visitors to the city and even from the business standpoint have been regarded as being desirable. The very fact that there is now manifested so much un-American spirit by men who would drag our country into the mire of European politics makes patriotic demonstration particularly desirable in every section of our country. The very fact that a newspaper protests against such a demonstration proves the need for a manifestation of the American spirit.

This protesting newspaper has not hesitated to admit to its columns letters written by men who give their first allegiance to foreign governments, letters which breathe the same un-American spirit against which Mr. Lincoln and his associates contended during our civil war. It is strange that it is willing to give publicity to un-American doctrine, yet is so strongly opposed to the manifestation of the American spirit in the form of a parade.

Old-fashioned Americans—native and foreign-born alike—will not fail to see that the protesting newspaper is catering to what it believes to be an overwhelming sentiment in Nebraska for peace at any price. Or it may be bending the pregnant hinges of the knee in the hope of winning the favor of the coterie of German politicians who, while objecting to preparedness for America, lose no opportunity to point with pride to the preparedness of Germany. While these German politicians object to patriotic demonstrations by Americans, they are holding daily sessions in demonstration of their devotion to the fortunes of the foreign government to which they give their allegiance.

A patriotic demonstration is needed in Omaha as much as in any other city of the land. Newspaper editors who imagine that the pacifist and the German politician fairly represent the public sentiment in Nebraska will yet discover their mistake.—Omaha Nebraskan.

Never in the history of Plattsmouth were strawberries so plentiful, large and fine. It is the same with other fruit crops.

"Anything to beat Wilson" is not going to defeat Wilson. No good reason can be given why he should be defeated.

A great many people share Winston Churchill's wonder at why Great Britain raised an army and what it has done with it.

Chauncey DePew says that the republican convention at Chicago is the coldest—outside and in—that he has ever known. Chauncey has attended a good many conventions, and ought to be capable of judging.

It may be taken for granted that all the republican leaders are chiefly interested in electing a president and capturing the United States senate in November. Gosh! but wouldn't the grafters fly high in that event?

The General Federation of Women's clubs has become so big that there is no city on the western hemisphere that can hold it. The New York convention has been a near failure by reason of lack of hotel and hall accommodations, hundreds of delegates having gone home long before the conclusion. It will probably be necessary to reduce the delegations to tabloid size. National political conventions are bigger, but men put up with more when they think they are saving the country or lining up the postoffice. They are willing to sleep three in a bed, stand up all through the convention sessions and stand up some more until the scrub woman takes possession of the hotel lobbies.

NEBRASKA CROP CONDITIONS IDEAL, FEDERAL REPORT STATES

Nebraska wheat, oats, alfalfa and potato crops made good progress during the past week, according to the crop report issued by the United States department of agriculture, but corn is small and has grown slowly. The tardiness in the corn is due to a temperature 2 degrees below normal and less sunshine than usual, so that much replanting has been done. The alfalfa harvest is in progress over the state, with an excellent crop generally.

The federal reports show a decrease in crop damage by the Hessian fly in Kansas, and a general improvement of crops in the corn and wheat region for the week. The germination of spring wheat has been retarded by low temperature, but generally the plants are growing well. Corn planting is nearly completed and cultivation is under way. Harvesting of winter wheat has already begun in Oklahoma and North Carolina.

Oats are making rapid growth in the upper Mississippi valley and Lake region, but are in poor condition in Oklahoma and are greatly damaged by greenbugs in Kansas. The weather was mostly favorable for rye, meadows, pastures, fruit, potatoes, truck crops and tobacco.

JOSEPH LIBERSHALL AND MISS ANNA VITERSNEK MARRIED

This morning at 9 o'clock at the Holy Rosary church occurred the marriage of Mr. Joseph Libershall and Miss Anna Vittersnek, two of the popular and highly esteemed young people of this community. The church was well filled with relatives and friends of the contracting parties and the beautiful and impressive nuptial mass celebrated by Rev. Father John Vleck, rector of the church. Preceding the ceremony the wedding march was played softly by Mrs. Vincent Slatinsky as the young people advanced to the altar, where they were united in the bonds of holy wedlock. Following the wedding ceremony at the church the bridal party and the relatives were entertained at the home of the parents of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Vittersnek, northwest of the city, where a sumptuous wedding dinner was served that was greatly enjoyed, and the newlyweds received the heartiest congratulations of their families. The bride and groom were attended by Mr. Mike Vittersnek as best man and Miss Anna Jirousek as bridesmaid.

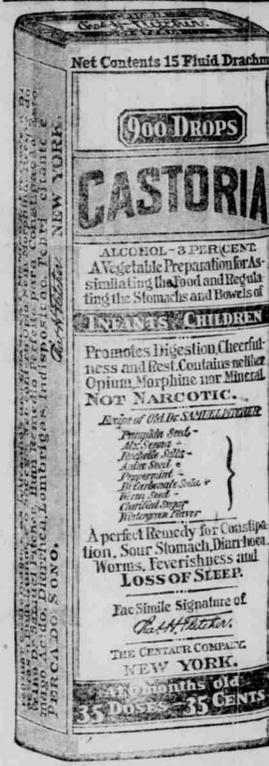
The young people departed this afternoon for Everett, Wash., where they will enjoy their honeymoon for the next two weeks, and on their return will be at home to their friends at their cozy home in the south part of the city that the groom has awaiting the coming of his helpmate.

Both of the contracting parties are well known throughout the city and universally respected and esteemed by those who know them best, and their friends will join in wishing them a long and happy married life and one free from care and sorrow, as both Mr. and Mrs. Libershall deserve the best that is possible in the way of happiness.

GARFIELD PARK PRESENTS A FINE APPEARANCE

Garfield park, the pretty little tract of land which the city owns at the top of the South Fifth street hill, is presenting a fine appearance and the condition of the lawn is the best it has been for years with the care and attention that C. C. Despain, the caretaker, has devoted to it. This little park is one that is used a great deal by the residents of that section of the city and is one in which the citizens take a great pride. With its fine grass plots and inviting seats it is an ideal place to pass a few hours very pleasantly and from it one may get a good view all over the city. The city will soon have another of these small parks on the north side of the city, which will be found as popular as Garfield park and in the course of time it is hoped to add the third park for the west side and furnish recreation places for the grown-up and children.

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T. R. TELLS THE SCRIBES HE'S OUT OF POLITICS

It is Unlikely He Will Reconsider Conditional Refusal to Head Moose Ticket.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., June 11.—Theodore Roosevelt reiterated tonight that he is "out of politics."

"I want to tell you newspaper men," he said, "that it's of no use for you to come up here to see me. I will have nothing to say. I will answer no questions, so please don't ask me to. I am out of politics."

If the former president has any plans for the immediate future other than to continue his literary work, he has not made them public. His secretary, John W. McGrath, is expected to arrive here tomorrow from Chicago with a detailed report of the happenings at both the republican and progressive conventions.

Colonel Roosevelt attended church service in this village this afternoon with Mrs. Roosevelt, but remained in seclusion at Sagamore Hill the rest of the day. The telegraph wires last night and today brought in a flood of messages to Colonel Roosevelt. It was announced that most of them approved of his action in declining to become a candidate upon the progressive ticket.

While Colonel Roosevelt would not discuss the question today, his intimates considered it altogether unlikely that he would reconsider his conditional refusal to head a third ticket. He has not yet made it clear whether or not he will support the candidacy of Mr. Hughes.

Peter Meisinger and wife of near Cedar Creek were in the city today for a few hours, looking after some trading with the merchants.

HUGHES MUST DENOUNCE THE GERMAN AMERICAN ALLIANCE

Oyster Bay, N. Y., June 11.—If Hughes will denounce the German-American alliance by name, Roosevelt will accept him and take the stump with the republicans in an effort to accomplish his greatest desire—the defeat of Wilson.

This statement was made confidentially, although Colonel Roosevelt would not issue a formal statement for publication.

Colonel Roosevelt considers the Hughes message of acceptance a weak statement.

RETURNS FROM ILLINOIS

Jesse McVey, who has been spending the past several months in Windsor, Ill., with relatives and friends, returned yesterday afternoon to old Nebraska for a visit here with his old friends and neighbors. He arrived at Murray on Saturday and spent a short time there, coming on to Plattsmouth last evening, and will be gladly welcomed back by the large number of old friends. He is looking fine and reports a most pleasant time back in Illinois.

MURRAY DANCE

A social dance at Murray, Neb., on Saturday, June 17, at Puls & Gansemer hall. Music by Holly's orchestra. A good time and good order.

You are invited to attend the "Tom Thumb Wedding," which will be held at the Presbyterian church tomorrow (Tuesday) evening, June 13, at 8 o'clock. Admission, 35 and 20 cents.

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