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THAT OLD, FAMILIAR TUNE.

We seem to remember having heard it said, before the late election, that the liquor question was the only one dividing the democratic party in Nebraska, and that if it were removed, by the adoption of prohibition the party could be happily reunited to fight as one man for democratic principles and policies. We seem to remember having heard it said, after election, that with prohibition adopted and the liquor issue eliminated, there is no further excuse for factionalism in the dominant party in this state.

These promises and assurances were pleasing to the ear. Factionalism weakens a party and does much to destroy its capacity for useful and honorable service. All good democrats would rejoice to see their party united, with leaders, officials and rank and file all co-operating harmoniously to advance the doctrines to which the party is committed. Almost Mayor Bryan of Lincoln persuaded us when he argued that the liquor traffic was a harmful and pernicious influence in politics, that it divided and enfeebled the democratic party, that it was responsible for bad government, and that if we could get rid of it the party would stand before the world purified, ennobled, consecrated and united. It was quite the best argument for prohibition that came to our democratic ears.

How more than distressing, in the light of these considerations, is the picture presented in the opening days of the Nebraska legislature. The liquor traffic has been abolished. The breweries and saloons are dying, and in a few weeks will be dead. They have nothing left to hope for, nothing more to fear—no future but oblivion. They had, therefore, no possible interest in the organization of the legislature. They, and their agents and tools and hirelings, stayed doltfully at home and attended their own protracted wake. The legislature, untempted and unallured by their pernicious wheedlings, was free to attend to its own business in its own way.

But not quite! For while all the other lobbyists and "bosses" were absent, so far as the newspaper reports disclose, while even our poor scapegoat friend, Arthur Mullen, was far from the scene, Mayor Bryan with his Fidas Achates, Superintendent Carson of the Anti-Saloon league, were there. He was there armed cap-a-pie. He was there still fighting, the moribund saloon and the confiscated outlawed brewery. He was there still denouncing and defying and resisting the invisible ghost of "the liquor influence." He was there to brand as a brewery tool whomever he was against and to affix the saloon stigma to whomsoever democrat would not obey his orders. He was there putting into the mouths of his sycophants ridiculous and silly charges. "Lick my boots or I'll blast your reputation! Obey my orders or I'll smirch your legislature and wreck the party." Just the same old story told in the same old way.

Nebraska democrats who respect their party and their state and who want to respect their legislature will rejoice that both houses proceeded to organize themselves according to their own wishes and judgment. The senate honored itself by choosing for president pro tem, John Mattes of Nebraska City. Senator Mattes is a man of sterling character and unblemished reputation. He is fearless, candid, and possessed of a trained mind and ripened intelligence that would grace the senate of the United States. The house did the wise and proper thing in re-electing Mr. Jackson speaker. Two years ago Speaker Jackson proved himself to be a fair and open-minded legislator, an impartial presiding officer, and excellently qualified for the duties of an

enerous position. Though there were other aspirants able and in every respect trustworthy, Speaker Jackson deserved re-election on his record.

The World-Herald wishes the new legislature God-speed in its work. Like all other similar large assemblies it will be found to be composed of weak men and strong men, some well equipped and others poorly equipped for their task, but the very large majority of them honest and well-meaning. It would not be surprising if there were a few bad men, who will bear watching. It would not be surprising, even, if such were found among those who most loudly proclaim their own virtue. All of this is for time to develop. The record will furnish the conclusive evidence. On the whole we may rest assured that the legislature pretty fairly reflects and speaks for the citizenship of Nebraska and that it will do as nearly right as possible according to the best judgment of the majority.—World Herald.

Morehead out—Neville in.

The new governor looks good.

A good sausage maker has little trouble making both ends meet.

A girl will expose her wishbone in winter and kick because it's cold.

If you cannot make friends there is something wrong in your makeup.

There is comfort in the fact that potatoes have not reached \$2.00 a bushel yet.

An Omaha mother has named her new baby "Silence." We'll bet a coon-skin that it isn't a girl.

The oldest inhabitant in Poland has just died at the age of 117. He certainly was an old Pole.

"Do unto others as you would have others do unto you," and you will always enjoy a good neighborhood.

Let's buckle up to business and secure everything we can for Plattsmouth this year. What do you say?

It begins to look as if Wilson was on the right track when he began to talk about neutrals having something to say.

What worries us is how Henry Ford manages to live since he cut his personal expenses twenty thousand dollars a month.

Six years' term for president is now being pretty extensively advocated, and but one term. That looks like it was long enough for one man to serve, anyhow.

Print paper is reported a shade less than it was last week, and we say, come on with more "shades" until it comes down to normal, if the paper trust has sufficient conscience to know what that is.

Shapely young women dancing over the meadows recall the days of ancient Greece, but nine times out of ten they are dancing for the movies.

A pair of blue silk pajamas featured in a recent news story. Persons who usually scan the headlines in a newspaper, read this article from beginning to end.

We have come to the conclusion that several Plattsmouth gentlemen are lucky roosters. They allow their wives to do all the work, and they do all the crowing.

The legislature will get down to business next Tuesday. The house seems to be harmoniously inclined, and but for Howell, of Omaha, the senate would be in the same shape. Howell is inclined to pursue the "rule or ruin" policy. But Mr. Howell has bit off more than he can chew in comfort, and in the future deliberations of that body he will have to sit back and ponder over the mistakes he has made in the beginning. Poor Ed. He is a good fellow, but in this session he will wield but little influence, and will have to be content with drawing his pay.

Is the January thaw on?

It is certainly a weather-breeder.

Business will soon pick up from the holidays.

Happy is the man who can meet his obligations with a smile.

The fellow who jumps at conclusions sometimes jumps into hot water.

Some men join every lodge that comes along, while others work for a living.

School opens again Monday, after a vacation of more than two weeks' time.

The old-fashioned automobile now looks almost as antiquated as the old stage coach.

When peace is declared these American "war brides" will resemble a bunch of old hens.

It is all a mistake about women not taking a joke. Just look at the things some of them marry.

Governor Neville says the amendment in no way assails the right of individuals to purchase drinkables.

Germany says that a business peace is close at hand. Whether that was made in Germany or not it sounds good.

The Germans ought to be able to drive a pretty good peace bargain, for they appear to be there in the driving business.

Merchants have been so busy making settlements with their patrons this week that they haven't time to do anything else.

Along about this season there are some millions of men in Europe who are wishing they hadn't raised themselves to be soldiers.

Strange things are being recorded every day that make the old saying, "there's nothing new under the sun," appear out of date.

Toothpicks have advanced 25 per cent since the war, but the need for toothpicks has gone down as the cost of living has gone up.

Army authorities will spend \$3,000,000 on the signal corps and will then be prepared to give the high hailing sign with the best of them.

Captain Koenig's account of his trips across the Atlantic merely strengthens the conviction that the submarine will never be a pleasure craft.

Would oleomargarine taste any punker under the name of "margarine," leaving off the "oleo?" An effort is being made to have the name changed.

Just now Arizona has two governors. But that is only a side show compared with Nebraska in 1891 when this state had three men passing as governors.

The aviator is the most daring of the twentieth century adventurers, but always with him rides the grim specter that sooner or later becomes a dead reality.

We are greatly in favor of an increase in the salaries of school teachers, but are bitterly opposed to so many vacations. Let the teachers keep closer to their work and then demand an increase in salaries. There is no need of more than one week's vacation at this season of the year, and that, between Christmas and New Year.

For the love of Mike, why don't somebody get married here in Plattsmouth. The Christmas bells and marriage bells did not seem to chime together matrimonially. It is certainly awful for the matrimonial market to get so slack here in this great big town. Go to it, boys, and do something for your country, and we will fix you up so that you will "live happy ever after."

PUBLIC SALE

I will sell at public auction at my home, seven and one-half miles west of Plattsmouth, a half-mile north of Louisville road, five miles southeast of Cedar Creek and a half-mile north of Becker school house, on Wednesday, January 17th, the following described property, to-wit:

Twenty Head of Horses and Mules. One span gray horses, weight, 3,200, 4 and 5 years.

One span brown horses, weight, 2,800, 7 and 8 years.

One span carriage horses, weight, 1,100, 10 and 15 years.

One black horse, weight, 1,500, 5 years old.

One gray mare with foal, weight, 1,250, 11 years.

One dark gray colt, weight, 1,100, 2 years old.

One dark brown colt, weight, 1,150, 2 years old.

One black brood mare, weight, 1,150, 11 years old.

One sorrel brood mare, weight, 1,000, smooth mouth.

Eight Duroc-Jersey sows; bred. One horse, weight 1,600, 4 years.

One mare, weight, 1,475, 8 years.

One horse, weight, 1,500, 3 years.

One horse, weight, 1,350, 3 years.

One mare, weight, 1,575, 13 years.

One suckling colt, 4 months old.

One span of 3-year-old mules.

Eleven Head of Cattle. Eight head of good milk cows.

Two heifers.

One Short Horn bull.

Farm Machinery, Wagons, Etc. One corn elevator and power. One press drill. One self-binder. One corn planter. One disc harrow. One Milwaukee mower. One 12-inch gang plow. One 16-inch sulky plow. One 16-inch walking plow. One 4-section harrow. Two walking cultivators. One 6-shovel riding cultivator. One manure spreader. One corrugated roller. One smooth roller. One bob-sled. One 3-stroke hay press. One small wheat drill. One 2-section harrow. One sweep feed grinder. One carriage. One top buggy. Two lumber wagons. One hay rack and wagon. Four sets work harness. One set buggy harness. One DeLaval cream separator. One Old Trusty incubator. One big butcher kettle. One horse clipper. One post drill. One forge. Tools of all kinds, household goods and other articles too numerous to mention. Sale commences at 10 a. m. Lunch served at noon.

Terms of Sale—All sums under \$10, cash; over \$10, one year's time will be given, purchaser giving note with approved security bearing 8 per cent interest from date. No property to be removed from the premises until settled for. H. E. BECKER.

W. R. Young, Auctioneer.

C. G. Fricke, Clerk.

Days are getting longer.

Nineteen and seventeen will be a winner.

Easy money usually goes to the undeserving.

Villa never came back, because he never went away.

Although talk is cheap a good many people waste language.

The conscience fund of the United States this year exceeds \$58,000, against \$6,187 in 1915 and only \$3,103 in 1914. Apparently prosperity pricks the public conscience.

The year 1916 shows there were fifty-four persons lynched in the United States during the year. Fifty of these were negroes and four white. The state of Georgia heads the list with fourteen.

Governor Neville is being severely censured in some sections for the appointment of G. E. Norman of Omaha as deputy labor commissioner. It is claimed that Norman was discharged by Labor Commissioner Coffey for incompetency.

If the present legislature will reduce the wall-flower force around the state house to about one half, it will be a noble deed. The members should do this the first thing on re-assembling and get rid of them from the start.

FOR SALE. Improved farm, northwest 1/4 of 13-20-6, Boone county, Nebraska; two and a half miles from Albion; \$16,000.00. Easy terms.

MICHAEL V. RUDDY, Albion, Nebraska.

The fate of the star aviators of both sides in the war shows that the wage of success is death. The only prospect which fame holds out to them is a brilliant doom.

Easy to entertain—reserve a table for your party at the Riley for speculators generally find out what goes up must come down.

Big Nebraska Conventions Lincoln, January 15th to 19th Agricultural and Live Stock Societies

Board of Agriculture, Corn Improvers, State and County Fairs, Nebraska Dairymen's Association, Agricultural Extensions, State Florists' Society

Nebraska Home Economics, Rural Schools Association, Horse Breeders, Swine Breeders, Sheep Breeders, Cattle Breeders

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For official programs, information, etc., apply to W. R. Mellor, Chairman, Lincoln, Neb.

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COMING—GEM THEATRE!

Thursday, January 11
—Matinee and Night—

Movies Latest Offering in Four Big Reels

America's Wonderland

AT THE TOP OF THE WORLD and

MR. O. B. WOOD,

The Wyoming Parson and the Naturlast of the Rockies Himself.

The Greatest Nature's Story Ever Told

ADMISSION 10 and 15c

Mr. J. C. Peterson, manager of the Gem theater, secures novel attraction for Thursday, January 11th. The movies' latest offering, a travalgue in four reels, "America's Wonderland, Yellowstone Park," and the real west at work and play. Mr. O. B. Wood, the parson and naturalist of the Rockies, will appear, giving his many experiences in the western hills and mountains. This attraction is appearing in all the principal cities and is meeting with great approval and appreciation by both press and public.

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THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Be good at the depths of you and you will discover that those who surround you will be good even to the same depths. While you are actively good in the invisible, all those who approach you will unconsciously do things that they could not do by the side of any other man.—Selected.

Governor Neville, shake!

May prosperity and success attend you.

Some seem to take to the water wagon.

"Dry as a bone," is the way some of them want Nebraska.

You can't throw the hammer so far but that some knocker can find it.

Unless you are prepared to lose never take a chance, even on a sure thing.

When your condition will not permit you to speak well of your neighbor, shut your fly trap.

But then, Jobe didn't live at a time when he was in a hurry and was told that "the line is busy."

In every town there are a few who know what the town wants whether the town wants it or not.

There may be a contest over the beauty of the new dime, but none whatever over the desirability of its requisition in bulk.

Austria is using paper as a substitute for cotton. Still the paper collar isn't as objectionable for grand dukes as the celluloid kind.

Anyone who doubts that it is the little things in life that count should compare statistics of the whale catch with those of the sardine industry.

It may be questioned, also, whether the gain of a few hundred yards on the western front makes up for the loss of a nation on the eastern.

Every now and then an old-fashioned train robber appears to show that not all the American criminals have degenerated into food cormorants.

New England gooseberry bushes are to be destroyed because they contribute to the destruction of the white pine, but who ever heard of a white pine pie?

Charley Bryan has put in the past two weeks in an effort to "down" John Mattes. But the senator from Cass and Otoe counties is some smarter than the fellow who is always "trying to do things" and fails in everything.

More liquor was sold in Iowa in 1916 than in 1915, and prohibition has been in force for one-half of 1916. Oh, yes, prohibition prohibits. Don't enforce the law too severely in Nebraska, and "save a whole lot of trouble."

The managers who are going to see that the legislature, does the right thing with the amendment, are busy. The members will come nearer doing the right thing if those "blunderbusses," who constitute themselves an authority, stay away from the legislature entirely. But nothing suits Charley Bryan better than to try to be officious and make people believe he is somebody.