

# WILL MAUPIN'S WEEKLY

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## SHORT ARM JOLTS

Now they are talking about establishing the rubber industry in Texas. Senator Aldrich doubtless casting an anchor to windward.

We have it from eminently respectable authority that the fruit buds that have been killed by untimely cold this spring will not bear fruit during the coming summer.

It seems that the interstate commerce commission is not inclined to look with favor upon the proposition to let the railway managers mulct the public to make good mistakes in railway management.

The French cabinet has resigned in a body. There is a foreign idea in government that would look well engrafted upon our system right about now.

The New York editor who wants Champ Clark to quit joking must be so serious minded as to be a nuisance to himself. Champ Clark deprived of his humorous pay streak wouldn't be worth panning out. As it is he is a wonderful force in American political life.

Astronomers have just found a new star in the milky way. One is liable to find almost anything but cream in the milk these days.

The United States senate has again defeated the proposition to submit a constitutional amendment allowing the direct election of senators. If the people rule why'n't they get what they want?

If the august senate will not allow us to elect its membership as we see fit, suppose we proceed to abolish the honorable body?

If you want to know why direct election of senators was defeated in the United States senate, just read the names of senators voting against it and then probe into their relations with certain big industrial and financial institutions.

Carter Harrison has once more been nominated for mayor by the democrats of Chicago. As mayor, Carter Harrison was better than most, but better could have been elected.

Police Judge R'sser goes to the trouble of showing that Mr. Poulson's Lincoln statistics are wrong. It is all right to have judicial decision upon the matter, but everybody knows that the Poulson statistics were Poulsonized before being given to the public.

The esteemed Journal is now throwing some fragrant bouquets at William H. Thompson of Grand Island. This is much better than throwing forged railroad passes at him through the same columns.

If Mr. Armstrong's nominal connection with the gas company is any reason why he

should not be elected mayor, then is not the fact that the Journal Company's connection with the Traction Company sufficient reason why the voters should refuse to take its advice on municipal affairs?

Two things Nebraska needs, yea, three: A publicity department, a revision of our banking laws so as to permit of the organization of big trust companies to finance big operations, and thorough revision of our revenue laws.

One need not have a peculiarly well developed sense of humor to see some funny things in the present municipal campaign. Advice for local campaign use: "Keep cool; keep sweet."

There should be no objection to increased salaries for Lincoln city officials, provided, always, the officials elected earn the money.

You never think of going to a bank on Sunday to transact business, and you know better than to look for a shave in a barber shop on Sunday. Why, then, demand that the postoffice be kept open? Give the postoffice clerks a chance!

The newspaper that is warning us against a man once connected with an ice company and another nominally connected with a gas company, is controlled, editorially and financially by men having immense holdings in a street railway company. Funny old world, this.

The last senate that refused to let the people rule will die the death at midnight Saturday night. That's the best thing that could happen to such a senate.

More than a thousand bills have been introduced into the legislature. While members are drawing bills they are, at least, not engaged in doing something worse. Let us rejoice over the multiplicity of bills.

We greatly fear that some of our insurgent republican friends are insurging merely for billboard purposes.

## Some Funny Situations

There is really no reason why we should take the municipal campaign too seriously. There are plenty of humorous situations in connection therewith to lighten the gloom and relieve all of us of the idea that our business and industrial welfare depends wholly upon the outcome. Time and space forbids an enumeration of the humorous features in detail, but there is one deserving of especial mention.

The newspaper most given to advising us how to conduct municipal affairs and selecting for us our city officials, is very much worked up over the fact that a prominent and successful business man who is nominally connected with a public service corporation, is a candidate for mayor. It sees a grave danger menacing the public in this situation. Its concern is really wonderful, almost to the point of being pathetic. So far nothing humorous develops. But pause a moment.

The newspaper thus concerned lest a man connected with a public service corporation be elected mayor, is edited and controlled by gentlemen who are among the largest stockholders in another and greater

public service corporation. Material for a comic opera there.

We must not elect a stockholder in a public service corporation to municipal office, but we should be quite willing, yea anxious, to accept advice as to how best conduct our municipal affairs from other gentlemen who are much larger stockholders in a larger public service corporation. Just ponder over that for a minute or two, then take time for a real hearty laugh.

## Chief Malone.

The Daily Journal pays a deserved compliment to Chief of Police Malone, without in the least trying to gloss over some of his shortcomings. Chief Malone has made best police chief the city of Lincoln ever had, despite the fact that he has been handicapped in many ways, both by local conditions and his own temperament. Lincoln's police force is so small as to be almost ridiculous, yet Chief Malone has whipped it into shape, and today it really bears a striking resemblance to a police force, despite its smallness. It is disciplined, it does something more than saunter around limited beats, and it performs its work methodically. Having been connected with the police force for many years, and longest in the capacity of chief detective, it is only natural that Chief Malone should have many enemies. But the enemies he has merely advertise his efficiency. The doubts that existed when he was put in charge of the force have all been swept away. The whole city is hoping that the chief will speedily be restored to health and permitted to resume active duty.

## Submit the Proposition.

It is to be hoped that Councilman Meier's proposition to submit the question of issuing \$50,000 of park bonds will find favor. Give us a chance to vote for an issue of park bonds without loading us up with a lot of other propositions of a similar nature. After we have settled one bond proposition, we can take up another one for settlement. Lincoln ought to have a magnificent park system, and the only way to get it is to vote bonds. Fifty thousand dollars is little enough to start with, but it will be a start.

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