

MEN & MATTERS

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of Rosewater publications, subsidized by land speculators of the Pacific coast states. It is held in Omaha because that is the best point for catching people coming westward to look for farm homes. When caught at Omaha they are whirled across Nebraska without being given a chance to investigate it, and are sold the "gold brick" fruit lands of the far west at enormous prices. Better fruit lands for half the money are to be had right here in Nebraska. It is high time the business men of Omaha realized that instead of being a business help, the so-called "land show" is merely using them, and to their serious disadvantage.

Secretary Wilson made good as honorary president of the brewers' congress, but just the same Secretary Wilson is going to be bumped out of the cabinet in due time. Between the enmity of Wiley's friends and the enmity of the anti-liquor interests, "Tama Jim" is in a bad way.

When the Burlington undertakes to show that the 2-cent fare law is "confiscatory" it will have difficulty in explaining its balance sheets for the fiscal year just closed. So will several other roads. It is pretty easy for an expert accountant to juggle figures, but how will the railroads explain the fact that under the 2-cent fare law they are earning more money than they did under the 3-cent fare? Under the 3-cent fare the Nebraska railroads carried about half their passengers for nothing. Today everybody pays the 2 cents a mile.

A few years ago we were told that the supreme court was so far behind in its work that it could never catch up without help. So we established the "supreme court commission," which about the baldest evasion of the constitution that one could imagine. Later we abolished the commission and doubled the size of the court, incidentally just about doubling the salaries of the judges. And now the court is further behind than ever. Must we double the court again, and also increase salaries? The plain truth of the matter is the judges are not handing down as many opinions dolence or to the fact that the bench as now constituted does not measure up in point of intellectual and legal ability with courts of former years. Perhaps it would be well to inject a little ginger into the supreme bench. And perhaps, too, the best way to do that would be to elect two or three democrats. That would give out the impression that a seat on the supreme bench is not so much of a party job as of yore.

William F. Porter, former populist, is out for Harmon for president. This is Mr. Porter's privilege, of course, but it isn't going to help Harmon a bit. Mr. Porter is one of those who rode into office on the populist wave of 1890-94. He served first in the legislature and then as secretary of state. As secretary of state he was a member of the state railway commission. If as a member of that commission Mr. Porter ever performed one single act calculated to curb the rapacity of the railroads, the fact escaped public attention. And if Mr. Porter ever evidenced any interest in the dear people after he "got hissen," that fact, too, escaped public attention. In view of all the circumstances it would be just as well for Mr. Porter if he remained out of the glare of the political limelight. And instead of being an asset of the Harmon boom, Mr. Porter is certain to be a heavy liability.

The esteemed World-Herald is not going to get anywhere by trying to "hammer" Ben Baker. Judge Baker is one of those estimable gentlemen who makes friends who stick. And Ben Baker has made 'em by the hundreds and thousands. Gee, but it must be hard work for the World-Herald reporters to write things against Ben Baker! A man who will go as far as Ben Baker has gone, time and again, to help the newspaper gang, ought to be given mighty square treatment by that same newspaper gang.

The Anti-Saloon League is still after Judge Oldham's scalp, regardless of the fact that there is no better qualified man for the supreme bench in Nebraska. Things will be in a sorry state when every clique and clan bobs up to oppose a man—when Methodists oppose a Disciple, the Congregationalists an Episcopalian, the druggists a drygoods merchant, the horseshoer the drayman, and so on ad infinitum, ad nauseum. We opine that Judge Oldham's home life is quite as clean as that of any of his critics, that his professional standing is quite as high, and that his ability as a lawyer is quite as great as that of any lawyer in the employ of the Anti-Saloon

League. The fact that a lawyer of W. D. Oldham's ability is willing to accept the judgeship ought to be enough for the people.

The Fairbury News is a republican paper. It is among those who declare that Bryan is a dead one. The name of Bryan appeared fourteen times in the three columns of editorials in the Fairbury News of last week. The Fairbury News, like many other g. o. p. organs, loves to deal with dead issues and dead leaders.

The American Protective Tariff League is financed by the beneficiaries of the Payne-Aldrich tariff. It employs some skilled writers. These writers get out "syndicate letters" and furnish them free to all republican newspapers that will accept them. A lot of little country papers do accept them. Then the "American Economist," subsidized organ of the American Protective Tariff League, reprints these editorials, crediting them to the little country papers. Then the editors of the little country papers so quoted swell up like poisoned pups. It's a mighty cute game the tariff grafters are working, and they get away with it, too. But this is only evidence of the fact that there is always a sufficiency of suckers on hand, with more being born every minute.

Let us all hope that there is truth in the current rumor that Theodore Roosevelt has determined to maintain silence during the gathering national campaign. If Roosevelt endorses Taft he will merely make admission that his own much vaunted progressive policies were the merest grandstand plays. If he opposes Taft he will admit that he is not infallible—something no one conceives Roosevelt capable of admitting. It was Roosevelt who gave us Taft. Taft rewarded his maker by immediately throwing overboard the Roosevelt policies. The best way out of it for Theodore is to keep almighty still.

A "Union Labor Political Club" has been organized in Omaha. Just what its purposes are is hard to determine. But it is safe to say that whatever that purpose is it will not be accomplished. If it is intended to solidify the "labor vote" it will be an inglorious failure, for the "labor vote" simply will not solidify. It is the most independent vote in the country—and also about the most ineffective when it comes to securing results for the workers. There are men who claim to be able to "swing the labor vote." All such men are liars. No man ever has, at any rate. If the wage earners of this republic would lay aside partisan bias just once, and vote as a unit in their own interests, regardless of political affiliations, they would put an awful dent in some political machines, and incidentally help themselves a great deal. But the indications are that it will be several decades before the workers quit allowing themselves to be used by the political manipulators. The "labor vote" is one of those pleasant political myths that have become fastened upon the body politic.

The "progressive conclave" at Chicago recently discussed about everything save the progressive policies the people are interested in just now, the initiative and referendum, the recall, tariff reduction and kindred subjects. But the conclave offered splendid opportunities to a number of eminent gentlemen to arise and deliver a "few words." After all, that seems to have been the idea in the first place.

Just because he is a minister a lot of people will immediately declare that Rev. Virgil Thompson Richeson is guilty. A simple accusation against a minister is enough for some men—usually men who are always seeking excuse for their own immoralities. When a minister gets into trouble—and ministers often do, because they are humans—you can always count on a lot of little two-by-fours hopping up and making attacks on the ministry and upon the churches.

MOOSE NOTES.

The first of what will be a season of winter festivities under the management of the L. O. O. M. of Lincoln, was held at Moose hall Wednesday evening. It was a masque ball and proved to be one of the most enjoyable affairs of recent months. An unusually large number of dancers were in costume, and many of the costumes were handsome in the extreme. Those that were not handsome were unique, and some of them were ludicrous.

Mrs. Grebe won the first prize for the most handsomely costumed lady, her costume being a "harem skirt," richly trimmed with fur. Miss Bain won second prize, her costume representing Hallowe'en. Frank Jacobs won the first prize for gentlemen. He was costumed as a woman and so

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successfully did he carry his part that not a few gentlemen present were deceived into dancing with him. Martin Kropp won the second prize offered to gentlemen. He took the part of an East Side Yiddish merchant and was really very clever in character work. As a matter of fact, Mr. Kropp's character was undoubtedly the best carried of the evening. His dancing specially brought down the house. Indian maids, cowgirls, tramps, princesses, cavaliers and football artists mixed indiscriminately and had the best time imaginable. The committee in charge saw to it that only those personally known to members of the Moose were present, and by invitation. Refreshments were served. The music was furnished by Will Quick's orchestra.

Before the masque began the Moose held a short business session. The campaign for increasing the membership was mapped out more extensively and committees appointed to look after the work. For the next few weeks the lodge will work under special dispensation which will allow it to take in new members under the same conditions as existed before the charter was closed.

Some extensive improvements in Moose hall are contemplated. A club room will be partitioned off at the south end. The partition at the north end will be removed and the dancing hall extended to the rear end of the building. A series of waiting rooms, lockers, etc., will be provided the entire length of the west side. When the club room is opened a library will be installed, together with card tables, etc. It is the intention of the house committee to provide pool and billiard tables in the very near future.

"Honey Boy" George Evans and his minstrels are dated for Lincoln soon. Evans and his entire company belong to the L. O. O. M. and the local herd purposes giving a smoker in their honor after the performance at the Oliver. It will be something worth while and will undoubtedly call the whole herd in from the woods.

De guy dat's runnin' fr' offus is allus dead sartin dat de country is a goin' t' hell unless folks take a more active intrust in politicks.

DEATH OF WALSH.

John R. Walsh is dead, and the cold earth that covers his mortal remains may well cover the shortcomings of the man. Walsh lived to realize to truth of the old adage that "curses

like chickens come home to roost." Fifteen years ago he was mighty free in denouncing as dishonest, as repudiationists, all those who differed from him on the money question. His vocabulary was insufficient to enable him to frame sentences severe enough to condemn those who did not agree with him. Yet those whom he denounced as dishonest and as swindlers lived to see this self-appointed guardian of the national honor don the prison stripes and suffer the disgrace of a felon. Walsh belonged to the old school who believed that anything was fair so long as it paid a profit. The

rule of might was his creed. He lived to see the day when public opinion would no longer stand for that form of business.

After ruling with an iron hand for a generation this strong man was at last broken. His obsession was money-making. And what did it profit him? He lost fortune and honor. He died within a week after being released from prison, and of all the millions he made and handled, not one dollar could he take with him. After all, there are far better ways of spending one's time on earth than in the mere making of money.

JUST COMPARISONS

No one criticizes Lincoln for not having public buildings equal to the public buildings of Cleveland, New York and Philadelphia. No fairminded person expects the street railway of Lincoln to be equal in equipment and service to the railways of these large cities.

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