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Weather Report.

The instrumental readings are from government standard instruments exposed in the manner recommended by the chief of the weather bureau:

Date	Temp'ra'ture	Barometer	Direction of Wind	Force of Wind	Character of Sky
24	83	30.05	SE	1-2	P. Cloudy
25	88	30.08	SE	1-2	P. Cloudy
26	87	30.05	SE	1-2	P. Cloudy
27	91	30.05	SE	1-2	P. Cloudy
28	91	30.05	SE	1-2	P. Cloudy
29	92	30.05	SE	1-2	P. Cloudy
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Very respectfully,
July 30, 1908. CHAS. S. LUDLOW,
Co-Operative Observer.

THE DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM.

Conservative, Because the Country Has Grown Up to It—The Platform Compared—Tariff Pledges—Banks and Railroads.

Banks and Railroads.
(concluded from last week.)

right to pool. The Democratic platform demands that the interstate commerce commission be given power to fix and change rates on its initiative. The Republican platform is silent on this point. There is nothing here of what is commonly called "radicalism," but there can be no doubt that, while the Republican party has receded from the Roosevelt position on the railroad question, the Democracy has gone forward.

Growth of Offices.

Early in the Democratic platform comes a statement which must have shocked more than one complacent patriot and made him wonder if he had read aright. The present Republican administration has boasted of the parity of its intentions so long and so loudly that many have come to take as self-praise for performance. It is somewhat of a jar to learn therefore, that in the last six years nearly 100,000 new federal offices have been created, costing annually close to \$70,000,000. This is about ten times as many as were ever added to the federal patronage in a similar time before. Those who attended or kept track of the Chicago convention can testify that this increased patronage is in the hands of a man who knows how to use it to further his political plans. In the light of this information, it is not surprising to be told congress, in the session just ended, appropriated more than one billion dollars, and that there is a deficit for the year of \$60,000,000. The Republican platform did not mention those things.

Anti-Injunction Plank.

And perhaps nowhere did the Democracy disappoint its enemies more than in the anti-injunction plank. The Republican party merely recited the present law. The fear was expressed that the Democratic party would make an attack on the courts. But the Democratic party, strongly affirming its faith in the general good conduct and righteousness of the courts, pointed out that there was a reform needed in judicial procedure, and demanded that cases of indirect contempt be tried before a jury. This is all that the conservative men among the labor leaders want, and it is something which few judges can deny to be just.

It is a platform which will grow in strength the more it is scrutinized, and, we feel certain, will be the guiding chart of the next federal administration.

Special prices on old wheat flour at the Red Cloud Milling Co.

Tax "Reform" in Nebraska.

Five years ago, when the railroad and corporation lobby down at Lincoln combined to force the revenue bill through the legislature, the World-Herald warned the farmers what would happen. It asserted then that the purpose of the law was to compel the collection of such a large measure of taxation from the farms that the railroads and big corporations would be enabled to escape the fight for a juster taxation of their own property. It predicted that, once the law got into full swing, farmers would be found paying a larger proportion than ever of the taxes, and the railroads a smaller proportion.

Exactly what this newspaper then predicted has come to pass. The railroads, which in 1903 were assessed at 27 millions, in round numbers, are this year assessed at 53 millions. Their assessment has not quite doubled.

All other property, which was assessed in 1903 at 161 millions, in this year assessed at 325 millions—and the state board has announced its purpose to raise the figure still higher when it sits as a board of equalization. Other property, therefore, has been more than doubled.

In a single year, from 1907 to 1908, there is practically no increase in railroad assessments. But farm land is jumped from 146 millions to 192 millions; it will probably go to 200 millions by the time the state board gets through with it. And this same farm land bears practically the entire burden of the vast increase in the total assessed valuation of the state—an increase of almost 40 per cent on Nebraska farms!

Little wonder if the state's finances are flourishing! Little wonder if the railroads are satisfied!

A few years ago Nebraska was ablaze with indignation because of "railroad tax-dodging," and all parties promised to remedy it. Today under "reform" republican administration, the railroads pay a smaller proportion of the total tax than they did then, when the fight was begun for justice!—World-Herald.

Far Representative.

William F. Renkel of Inavale announces himself a candidate for renomination for representative from the 44th district of Nebraska, subject to the will of the Republican voters at the primaries to be held September 1, 1908.

For Commissioner.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for nomination for the office of commissioner from the 1st district of Webster county, subject to the will of the Democratic and Peoples Independent voters as expressed by them at the coming primary election to be held September 1, 1908.

FREDERICK H. CLATTE.

For State Senator.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the nomination for State Senator from the 26th district of Nebraska, subject to the will of the Democratic and Peoples Independent voters as expressed by them at the primaries to be held September 1, 1908.

Slaughter of Wild Swans.

Gunsners on the lower Niagara river almost annihilated a flock of wild swans that visited that section late Sunday afternoon.

Most of the swans were brought down with fowling pieces as they hovered over the lower river, but not a few of them were taken alive. The birds that settled into the water seemed to get caught in the ice and eddies and could not rise and the hunters went after them in boats.

The capture of swans at that point is not an unusual occurrence, though such a big catch as that of Sunday has never before been recorded here.—Niagara Falls Correspondence Buffalo News.

Steel in Place of Leather.

Steel bands or belts, as a substitute for ordinary leather or rope drives, have been introduced by a factory of Charlottenburg, Germany. Such belts may be reduced to about one-sixth of the size required for leather belts, they do not stretch, pulleys may be narrower, and in some cases shafts may be smaller. Either ordinary pulleys or pulleys with a special covering to increase friction may be used. A belt four inches wide and one-fifth of an inch thick transmitted 200 to 250 horsepower at a belt speed of 5,400 feet per minute, and tests have shown that steel belts may run 12,000 feet per minute.

Neglected.

Mrs. Stiles—I do wish you'd try to keep yourself neater.
Mr. Stiles—But, my dear, you're not so careful—
Mrs. Stiles—I'm not? I'm certainly more careful of my clothes than you.
Mr. Stiles—Exactly. Whereas, you should be more careful of me.

PERIOD OF REST PROCLAIMED.

Absence of Light Regulates the Hours of Slumber.

If it were always daytime, we should never sleep. So says a scientist, according to Answers. There is no particular reason why we, or any other animals, should rest, on an average, eight or nine hours a day.

The period of rest has been determined by the fact that eight hours is the average time when there is a lack of sufficient light to enable us to move about in comfort.

This most fundamental distinction between night and day is wholly relative to the sense of sight. It only affects those types of life which have developed eyes.

Plants, being dependent for their growth upon the action of rays of sunlight which fall upon their leaves, have a wide distinction between day and night functions.

They eat and digest in the light, and grow during the hours of darkness.

The lowest forms of animal life—the slightest denizens of ocean depths—do not rest at regular intervals. They prow around incessantly, seeking prey by the sense of touch alone. When they rest, it is at irregular periods. In other words, they have no distinct periodicity of their own.

But as soon as eyes are developed, and in proportion to this development, animals begin to divide their time into two main portions—a waking and a sleeping time. While there is light they perform all motive functions. When darkness comes they retire to nest or lair to rest.

ARE MASTERS OF EVASIVENESS.

Bedouin's Answer Typical of the People of the East.

In the far east, when men converse together, an evasion is equal to an answer. Riding down to Egypt over the old caravan route from Jerusalem to Cairo, Norman Duncan and a party pitched their tents outside a Bedouin village and by so doing offended against the laws of hospitality which the people so religiously maintain. Mr. Duncan, writing in Harper's Magazine, says that he was obliged to turn aside their reproaches—and avoid the abominable quarters which were still being offered. Turning to his guide, he said: "The man must be diverted. Ask him if the world is round or flat." The reply was a pure philosopher's jewel of the east. "If the world is flat," came the response, after heavy pondering, "I am content; if it is round, it is by God's wisdom." And the men softly applauded, in their pleasure forgetting their injury, forgetting everything except the joyous, sative craft of words.

The Inquisitive Man.

Wet paint as a test of human curiosity has a rival in the chewing gum slot. The apparatus at the One Hundred and Tenth street subway station was out of order the other morning. The "first person" to discover the fact was a small boy with a yearning for gum. He confidently dropped a penny in the slot, but the toothsome wafer sold coyly back. Repeated thumpings and shakings failed to induce it to appear, and the boy, looking disconsolate, was finally persuaded by his mother to go downtown without it. A dozen or more persons had witnessed his futile attempt to coax out a piece of gum, but they were in no wise deterred from following his example. Evidently each thought his predecessor had not manipulated the machine properly, and that he could do better, for before the next express train came along five men who apparently had never known what chewing gum tasted like had sacrificed pennies on the altar of their curiosity.—New York Times.

An Ancient "Twopenny Tube."

A great tunnel which has lately been found at Gezer, in the land of the Philistines, in Palestine, was described at the annual meeting of the Palestine Exploration Fund. Prof. Macalister, whose son has been making the excavations, said that the tunnel, which was made about 2000 B. C., is as high as the "Twopenny Tube" and half as wide. It descends by 80 steps, the lowest of which is 130 feet below ground. In it is a well. The tunnel is the greatest engineering work that has been found in Palestine, and has astonished every one who has seen it.—St. James' Gazette.

On Midsummer Eve.

In European countries, midsummer eve, June 23, is celebrated, and the blazing fires from the hilltops are supposed to typify rejoicing at the good luck of the past year, and the burned-out fagots are kept to ward off evil for the coming year. The maiden gathers mistletoe with her left hand, and with it assures for herself her heart's desire, but in this country the culmination of the season is not considered worth a thought.

Two of a Kind.

"Yes," said Maj. Bragg. "I've been in many engagements in my time, but I never lost my head!"
"How odd!" exclaimed the summer girl. "Now, I've been in many engagements, too, and never lost my heart."

Often The Kidneys Are Weakened by Over-Work.

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