

The preachers of California are using their utmost efforts to prevent the prize fight which is slated to take place in that state next July. And they are right, prize fighting is a relic of barbarism and should not be tolerated by any country calling itself civilized. If the papers would follow suit and refuse to mention the subject prize fights would be a thing of the past. Newspapers derive no benefit whatever from the space given so freely while the loser will obtain at least \$25,000.

It is seldom the privilege is given us to see the reproduction of a real African Jungle. Mr. Warren is certainly fortunate in securing not only the Jungle but also Ex-President Roosevelt in connection therewith. We have been reading for a year about his adventures and most of us have a pretty good idea of what he has been doing, but to have the whole thing presented before our very eyes is a pleasure which we had not anticipated. Pictures of real life are educational and instructive.

We have been visiting the power house lately and we are very much delighted with the conditions there. Charley Whitaker is surely getting to be an expert and keeps things in excellent condition. The entire plant is as clean and neat as a parlor and the machinery works with the precision of a clock. Mr. Whitaker is pursuing a course in mechanical engineering and is rapidly progressing in his chosen profession. We are pleased at this advance he has made and suggest that more of our citizens visit the power house and see conditions for themselves.

Many readers of The Lyre will be deeply interested in the success of Hon. R. D. Sutherland of Nelson for the congressionalship in the Big Fifth; for Sutherland is not only a statesman of conspicuous ability and a splendid representative of noble American manhood, but he stands aggressively and unequivocally for the great basic principles that differentiate popular representative government or fundamental democracy from all forms of class rule, and no statesman or jurist of recent years has been more fearless in pointing out the grave dangers that threaten the Republic thru the attempt to "Russinize" America. He's an able man.—Tamora Lyre.

The world is growing better. Dr. Flexner of New York has found a serum which prevents and cures the disease known as infantile paralysis. This strange disease caused many an anxious moment the past year. In Northwest Kansas more than a hundred cases were reported and sixty deaths. The Kansas University has obtained the serum and will send Dr. E. H. Schorer anywhere in Kansas to treat the disease. The serum cannot be purchased. Here is the evidence that the world is growing better. The eminent doctor following the precedent set before him might have had his discovery patented and coined a million.

Some of our people seem to think that they receive as much revenue for their cream by selling to a company which ships the cream out in its original form as they would by selling to a local creamery which manufactures the cream into butter. This is a mistake. The large association with one central creamery has many incidental expenses to meet. The expense of the station, the drayage, the freight and their profit all comes out of the farmer's milk pail. 70 per cent of cream when churned is butter milk and the farmer makes the association a present of it. They sell it for four or five cents per gallon. When selling to a home creamery the buttermilk which is not sold is fed to hogs and nets the share holder a neat sum. Again there is what is known as the over run which is the difference between the chemical test and the churn test and this will average 20 per cent. An average cow will give 200 pounds of butter fat in a year and that means on an average about \$11.00 per year more for over run.

Ten cows means \$110. Surely no one will deny that it pays to operate and maintain a creamery in our own community. Our own industry is in danger of being discontinued to the detriment of the farmers and the upbuilding of our town. We are not large enough to lose a single enterprise and we should by all means hold our creamery where it is. The machinery is already installed and the association is ready for business. A matter of technicality should not stand in the way of progress.

Mothers' day originated with the Club women of New York and the G. A. R. knowing that there were countless heroines at home during the great Civil War has endorsed the day and officially asked every comrade in the United States to observe the day by wearing a white flower, and sending flowers to the sick. We honor our heroes of the battle and why not those of the household? It takes a rare kind of courage to daily face the arduous duties without the inspiring influence of the drum beat or the example and fellowship of many comrades. Mothers' day is here to stay and we trust that by the time another year rolls around the Mayor of Red Cloud will see fit to set apart the second Sunday in May for this anniversary.

Attention is called to the city clerk's report for the year found elsewhere in these columns. City Clerk Teel is deserving of much praise for his complete and comprehensible report. One can see where the money comes from and where it went and what is more it not only tells what money is on hands but it also shows what the city owes.

We always are pleased to see both sides of the picture. An unknown indebtedness is cause for more worry than real knowledge. Vagueness and indefiniteness leads to wrong conjectures and does not appeal to residents or people in search of a location. We would have been pleased to have seen a conservative estimate placed upon our water works and electric light plant and the brick building owned by the city. This would show what we have to offset the \$30,000 of outstanding warrants. However that is not within the duties of the clerk. He has given an exact account of all transactions and every thing which comes within the records of his office.

The state is shaken from center to circumference owing to the prominence which the initiative and referendum is assuming. For our part we heartily endorse the movement. The matter of expense is a small item in comparison to the ultimate good it will accomplish. We are heartily weary of this saloon in politics whether local, state or national. A man's fitness for office judged wholly as to whether he is for county option, prohibition or high license is vicious in the extreme. It is high time that that question be settled singly and alone. The state needs men of ability to work out problems of legislation and should be selected according to their fitness. The liquor question is acknowledged by friend and foe alike to be a non partisan question. Once get it out of the way and we will be in a position to get down to business and conduct business on business principles. We favor any measure that will solve this problem by itself. What does the candidate stand for aside from his position on the liquor question?

The Riverton Review in its ambition not to be out done by Munsey, The Cosmopolitan or Colliers' Weekly, came out last week in a muck raking attack on Senator Besse. He indulges in flights of mixed metaphor and doubtful oratory in a vain attempt to appear judicial but fails utterly to convince any one of anything except the largeness of the vacuum contained within the confines of his crumpled appendage. He virtually accuses the Senator of being a traitor to democracy, to his constituents and the state of Nebraska. All because the Review editor imagines the Senator to be vigorously opposed to the initiative and referendum. As a matter of fact Mr. Besse is perfectly willing to vote for such a measure if the people of this senatorial district want it or he is willing to vote against it if his people are opposed to the measure. Senator Besse is too big a man to refuse to do anything his constituency asked of him. The Review editor frequently goes off on a tangent but he should take the trouble to learn the facts before he indulges in fanciful sketches of public men. Belshazzar and the flag, special interests and the frowning elements are all right in their places but—give me liberty or give me death—suffering snakes of Ireland please pass the limburger.

LINCOLN LETTER

LINCOLN, NEBR., May 10th—(Special Correspondence). Talk of the proposed special session of the legislature has been rampant in Lincoln since the last letter. Every day members of the legislature have visited and consulted with the governor, and of course opinion is divided. One objection to a special session is the enormous expense involved, with the likelihood that even the submission of the proposed initiative and referendum would not serve to clear the atmosphere. The organization backing the county option proposition has served notice that even the adoption of the initiative and referendum will not prevent it from going right ahead and making a fight in every legislative district, and opposing the candidacy of every man who will not pledge himself to vote for a county option measure at the next regular session. At the time of

writing this letter Mr. Bryan has not stated the result of the poll he is taking of the members.

In pursuance of his determination to address meetings in every legislative district whose senators or representatives voted against the initiative and referendum bill at the last session, Mr. Bryan asked for the use of the Otoe County court house. It was refused in court terms. Upon receiving the refusal Mr. Bryan declared that he "felt like an actress whose jewels had been stolen."

In 1900 Mr. Bryan received an intimation that it would be dangerous for him and C. J. Smyth to try and speak in Nebraska City because the people were aroused over their attacks on the trusts—and Nebraska City then had a branch of the starch trust. Mr. Bryan said he would speak in the very shadow of the starch trust—and he did. Nebraska went republican by a good majority that year, and a few days after election Will Hayward sent Mr. Bryan an impertinent postal card to the effect that "the shadow of the starch trust seems to stretch to the western bounds of Nebraska." In that 1900 speech Mr. Bryan warned the people of Nebraska City that republican victory meant the destruction of their starch industry. In 1908 Mr. Bryan, again a candidate, spoke in Nebraska City, but not "in the shadow of the starch factory." There was no starch factory. The machinery had been removed and the tall chimney belched forth no clouds of smoke. The starch trust had closed the factory down and then dismantled it. When Mr. Bryan speaks in Nebraska City on the initiative and referendum he will not speak in the shadow of the starch factory, even if he fails to secure the use of the court house.

Deputy Attorney General Grant Martin has announced his candidacy for attorney general Mr. Martin, who hails from Dodge, was a recognized demo-populist leader in that section a few years ago, but he is now a full-fledged republican, and for four years has held office under a republican chief.

The democrats of Johnson county had a rousing rally and banquet at Tecumseh on the evening of May 3. Governor Shallenberger, Mr. Bryan, Judge Kelliger and Richard L. Metcalfe were the speakers, and Dr. Fitzsimmons acted as toastmaster. Every precinct in the county was represented around the banquet board. In introducing Mr. Metcalfe, Toastmaster Fitzsimmons declared Metcalfe to be the choice of the rank and file of southeastern Nebraska democracy for United States senator.

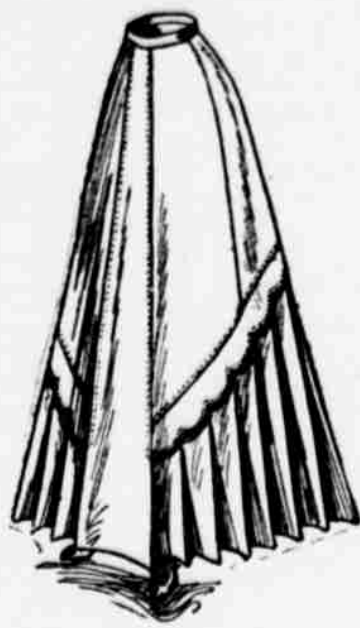
Laurie J. Quinby of Douglas has filed as a democratic congressional candidate in the Second district. Mr. Quinby is one of the most scholarly gentlemen in the west, one of the staunchest of democrats, and stands second to no other man in the district in the esteem of men whose good opinions are worth having. Mr. Quinby will be especially strong with the labor vote in Omaha and South Omaha.

From Washington comes the news that ex-Congressman Boyd is preparing to try again conclusions with Congressman Latta. If the real truth were known it is quite probable that Congressman Latta would, if the matter were referred to him, choose Mr. Boyd as his antagonist.

Referring to the work of the legislature of 1909 the Fremont Tribune, edited by a federal officeholder, says: "With the supreme court undoing what it did, the people of Nebraska should fully realize the folly of again chartering this party to legislate for them."

Let us see about that. The legislature of 1909 enacted upwards of two hundred laws. Of this number just two have been overturned by a republican supreme court. A bank guarantee law that was demanded by 95 per cent of the people was overturned by a federal judge appointed at the behest of a republican senator for valiant services in managing the congressional and senatorial races of the aforesaid senator. The supreme court, made up of republicans, overturned the non-partisan judiciary law, an act designed to take the supreme court out of the hands of political schemers, and especially the hands of republican machine politicians. It also overturned the normal school board law, and act designed to put a stop to the practice of making the normal schools the asset of a political party. But the court did not overturn the amendments of the revenue law whereby taxpayers of the state will save one million dollars during the two years of Governor Shallenberger's administration. The 1909 legislature appropriated more money for education than any previous legislature, yet the sum total of appropriations, based upon the needs and number of inmates of the several state institutions, was less than that of the republican legislature of 1907. Yet the 1909 legislature had to take care of huge deficits left by the previous republican administration, and had to provide for the erection of

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If the Fremont Tribune, or any other republican paper edited by a federal officeholder, desires to make the coming campaign on a comparison of the work of the 1909 legislature with that of any former republican legislature, or on a comparison of the administration of Governor Shallenberger with that of any republican governor, it or they will be met considerably more than half way.

Base Ball Souvenir Tickets

The base ball association has issued a very attractive souvenir for the opening game and inasmuch as they lack about \$400.00 of the amount necessary to carry the season to a successful close they have decided to sell these souvenirs for \$1.00 each and present one ticket with each one good for the opening game.

They have decided upon this method because they feel that they have solicited the public enough already for larger donations and this will give all those who have not yet subscribed an opportunity to help the association along. Down at Nebraska City they are selling tickets for the opening game for \$1.00 each and they expect to realize \$1000.00 in this manner.

We trust that our association will meet with a ready response and that seven or eight hundred of these pretty souvenirs will be purchased. Our team is making good already in their exhibition games and we ought to give the boys every encouragement possible.

Don't Forget the Date

Do not forget that the Railway Commission will hold a session here May 18 which is next Wednesday. This meeting will be an important one for Webster county and every preparation should be made to present the case fully and thoroly.

Campbell, Bladen, Blue Hill, Cowles and Guide Rock have all expressed themselves in no uncertain tones and will undoubtedly have delegations here to give testimony. We urge those places to see to it that they are faithfully represented by a good big delegation.

In the mean time our own citizens should use every effort and have every detail ready so that there may be a strong case presented. We still believe that a mass meeting should be called this week to discuss the matter and to be sure no stone is left unturned.

The opportunity is here and we must not be caught asleep to our best interests. This is the last issue before the hearing takes place. Get ready.

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