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PRIMARY IS HERE TO STAY.

As regularly as the primary election is held in Nebraska do we hear criticism and complaint concerning its workings.

The primary law is a human device, and therefore imperfect. If it bumps and bucks at times, eventually it gets there.

At a general election the voter is allowed to make his selection among all the candidates, and the results always show that this has been liberally exercised.

That is about the worst that can be said of the primary. The fact that unknown men occasionally receive the nomination may have an explanation in the fact that sometimes the voter picks the stranger because he knows the other fellow too well.

No likelihood exists of a return to the old convention system of making nominations in this state. Defects in the primary law may be remedied as experience discloses them.

Nebraska's constitution provides for the initiative and referendum, the primary election, and in general locates the power as well as the responsibility for government in the citizens.

Suppose—just suppose, you understand—it should turn out that the lease on the Teapot Dome field was not such a bad bargain for the government after all?

may have been mistaken as to their conclusions. Most of the row has been kicked up over the battle paid Albert Bacon Fall.

POSTAL RATES AND POSTAL WAGES.

Debate before congress on the Kelly-Edge bill that is to increase the pay of postoffice workers turns on the additional cost of the service.

The postmaster general favors an additional wage ranging from \$100 to \$200 a year. The workers say this is inadequate, and ask for what amounts to about 30 per cent increase all around.

It is a matter for some regret that the discussion should take on this aspect. People want the postal employees to be well paid. It is one of the unpleasant facts connected with our government that its workers are as a rule paid lower rates than those in similar private employment.

One of the points brought out by the discussion is that while parcels post provides 70 per cent of the total mail matter handled, it only produces 25 per cent of the revenue, or \$150,000,000.

BEATRICE GIRLS SHOW THE WAY.

Graduation from the high school is an event of importance. It comes but once in a lifetime, and so deserves to be treated seriously.

Those girls are starting right. We warrant not one of them but appreciates a pretty gown, that any of them will engage in harmless fun or take part in a lively game.

A white cotton gown, faintly clinging in its soft folds to the form of a high school girl ought to afford a pretty picture, and when 62 of them are arrayed as one, it will be a subject for an artist.

A Los Angeles gunman got away from the police; only to be killed by a lightning bolt in peaceful Iowa: What a chance for a movie scenario!

What the governor of California said to the governor of Arizona is the matter before the meeting just now.

"From State and Nation"

Republican Accomplishments

"Better business management has been applied to government under the present republican administration than ever before in the history of the country," declared Elliot Wadsworth.

"You must choose between returning to office the men who have accomplished these results or turning them out and substituting an entire new group of whom you do not know very much, and who undertake any fulsome praise of the men who are now in office, but to say to you with every assurance that there is today in Washington a hard-working, sincere body of men who devote themselves wholeheartedly to seeing that the affairs of the nation are efficiently conducted."

A Logical Proposal.

Forecast of the report which is to be made by the Dawes commission show that the plan contemplates the return to Germany of a control of the railroads, mines and mills of the Ruhr which, if the plan is adopted, will be managed by their owners.

At the same time German control of its own industries, subject to reasonable safeguards for allied interests, is necessary because Germany cannot be required to produce taxes and reparations payments out of property in the hands of a management which is not German.

Public Playgrounds.

It is announced by Joseph Lee of Boston, president of the Playground and Recreation Association of America, that the nation's playgrounds and recreation centers under his leadership have increased 175 per cent during the last 10 years.

From the New York Times: American composers of popular music find it difficult to share the sentiments of Longfellow about breathing a song into the air and finding it again, from beginning to end, in the heart of a friend who grasps it over the radio.

Free Airs.

On the abstract rights of the issue there can be no question. The song writer, along with the playwright, is entitled to the same protection as the composer of a play.

Abe Martin

Little children make fun of their teachers, and college men ridicule their professors, and workers don't think any too much of their employers, and 'no it goes. Some people are just like bandits—they go after the folks that have got money.

SUNNY SIDE UP

Don't forget that sunshine never failed us yet

Spunking of state parks. Nebraskans should keep their eyes on the Fort Robinson military reserve near Crawford, and be ready to grab it off any time Uncle Sam shows a willingness to let go of it.

Two years ago a certain candidate whose qualifications were nil, and whose standing in his own community was not very high, slipped into office in a three-cornered fight.

A Pullman porter is quoted as saying that it is a mistake to think that a porter thinks less of a passenger because that passenger refuses to give a tip.

A well meaning friend who desires to keep his identity hidden remarks that the democrats are in the dark regarding a presidential candidate, their trouble being that there is so much all around they don't dare to strike a match.

Arbor day is just around the corner. Recalling the story of Arbor day, we suggest the planting of forked trees and the enactment of a law compelling a certain class of pestiferous politicians to wear long hair.

Occupation was the long suit of politicians and officeholders in the old days, but since the advent of equality of franchise it has fallen into what Grover Cleveland termed innocuous destitute.

In that remote day when we were a boy in school we used slate and pencil, but the slate was long since abolished for sanitary reasons. We are reminded by all this that it would be grounds a month earlier than usual.

Iowa Limerick.

There was an old man in What Cheer Who tried to make one keg of beer.

The old home town is going to bore for oil, and with its own money, too. We will invest in a few feet of the hole, and while the drilling is being done we will put in our spare time spending our dividends in European travel, looking on at the Juana, imbibing lemonade in Havana and browsing around old book stores.

WILL M. MAUPIN.

Letters From Our Readers

All letters must be signed, but names will be withheld upon request. Comments on the letters and their authors will be given occasionally.

A World Without War. Omaha—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: The vision from Mark Twain through his book "A World Without War" is a little perspective on some of our present actions.

Now, let me get myself straight before the reader. I favor the exclusion of the Japanese, and all to prefer races, as a means to our national standards.

But we have hit the Japanese in a very tender spot, their national pride. They will not make them any more friendly to us as a nation.

Another Freak of Primary. Omaha—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: I notice letter from W. W. Annie in this morning's Bee regarding the primary law as it now stands.

Before the world war upheaved everything, Japan had set about on a plan that still looks good. It is "Asia for the Asians."

Decision of Character. "He married a woman who didn't know her own mind." "I wouldn't say that," rejoined Miss Cayenne. "She was rather doubtful concerning the engagement, but she was perfectly positive about wanting a divorce."—Washington Star.

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"the chequered history of this trust estate"

THIRTY-SEVEN years ago a man whom we shall call Mr. B. died. He left a will in which he made certain trust provisions for his daughter. In the will he appointed four individuals to carry out these provisions.

Mr. B's daughter is still living. But not one of the trustees originally named is serving today.

One of these persons never qualified; a second resigned; a third was removed; the fourth died a number of years ago.

Meantime the husband of Mr. B's daughter had been appointed as the trustee. A short time ago he, too, died.

Following this, Mr. B's daughter, through her attorney, applied to the court to have a trust company appointed as trustee.

The court granted this application, and a trust com-

pany is now administering the fund.

The advantages of a trust company as executor and trustee are emphasized by the history of this case and the following words from the court record:

The application was based on the desire of all the persons interested "to avoid a repetition of the expense, annoyance, and care to which they have been subjected by the unusually chequered history of this trust estate in its thirty-seven years of existence. Not only do they seek the stability and freedom from natural death of a corporate trustee, but they have special reasons for desiring the appointment of a trust company with which they have sustained continuing relations of trust and confidence. Moreover, they do not desire to be put to the expense of premiums on bonds and of successive accountings whenever a new individual trustee might be required."

An interesting booklet on wills and trusts, entitled "Safeguarding Your Family's Future," may be obtained free at any of the undersigned trust companies.

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