

**LET US ALL LAUGH.**

**JOKES FROM THE PENS OF VARIOUS HUMORISTS.**

**Pleasant Incidents Occurring the World Over—Sayings that are Cheerful to Old or Young—Funny Selections that You Will Enjoy.**

Tess—My! What a small sofa you have here.

Jess—Yes, if it wasn't so small I couldn't keep George at his proper distance when he calls.

Tess—But, gracious, you're engaged to him, and—

Jess—Of course, so when we both squeeze into it he can't get very far away.—Philadelphia Press.

**Used to It.**

Fudge—There's Suburbs there, he hasn't a lump of coal nor means to get any, but he laughs at the prospect of being put to any inconvenience by the cold this winter.

No—Is he an Arctic explorer?  
Fudge—He says he is so used to riding on the unheated suburban trolley cars that a little thing like cold can't trouble him.—Baltimore Herald.

**How It Looked.**



Her "Pop"—What was Cholly doing in the hall last night?  
His daughter—He only clasped my cloak.

Her "Pop"—Looked to me like he clasped its contents, too.

**The Status.**

Marie—I have an engagement with Cholly and I don't know how to get out of it.

Helen—Haven't you any reason for breaking it?

Marie—Yes, I have a reason—Cholly is the reason—but I want an excuse.—Puck.

**'Twas Bound to Go.**

"I thought she married a man with money?"

"So she did."

"But see how poor they are."

"Well, my goodness, how long did you expect she'd be spending it?"—Philadelphia Bulletin.

**Hard to Please.**

Mrs. Naylor—I hear your husband's ill. I hope his condition isn't critical.

Mrs. Krank—No, but his disposition is. He criticises everything we give him to eat.—Philadelphia Press.

**Not a Charitable View of It.**

"She thinks it's wrong to go to the theater."

"Well, poor thing, she has to have some excuse for never being asked."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

**At the Minstrels.**

Bones—Yes, sah. Ah kin prove dat Noah didn't take enuf to eat on dat voyage.

Tambo—How kin yo' prove it?  
Bones—Don't be good book say he only took one Ham?—Chicago News.

**Doubtful of His Ability.**



Crusty—Can you support my daughter?

Slinkins—Yes, sir.

Crusty—Ever see her eat?

Slinkins—Yes, sir.

Crusty—Ever see her eat when nobody was looking?

**Hopeless.**

"They say Miss Newrich's education has been sadly neglected."

"I should say it has. Why, that girl can't even play ping-pong."—Harper's Bazar.

**No Plus Ultra.**

Ding—I just heard Mrs. de Styles say that she found it impossible to introduce her husband into polite society.

Dong—For what reason?  
"She couldn't teach him to say 'dinner' for 'supper.'"—Baltimore News.

**Incurious Man.**

She—Do you know what I'd do if you should try to kiss me?

He—Not why?

She—Oh, nothing; only you don't seem to have any curiosity.—August Smart Set.

**Out of the Market.**

"I wouldn't marry the best man in the world."  
"You will not have the chance, I am already engaged."—New York Times.

**Meaning Was Clear.**

"What was the cause of that awful racket and disturbance in your office just before you came?"

"You know that young farmer's son who came yesterday to begin the study of law with me?" said the other.

"Yes."

"Well, I thought he might as well begin at the bottom of the ladder and I told him that when he came down this morning the first thing for him to do would be to clear out the office. He found half a dozen big, strong fellows there waiting to see me on business, but he did it all right!"—Answers.

**Low Estimation.**

Visitor—Well, Johnny, I suppose your father thinks the twins are something wonderful.

Johnny—Yes, but (in a confidential whisper) I could lick 'em both easy.—Tid-Bits.

**Wifely Appreciation.**

"There's one thing I will say about Charley," said young Mrs. Tokins; "he has a lovely disposition, even if he doesn't always display it at home."

"How do you know?"

"I heard some of his Wall street friends talking about him. They say he is a perfect lamb."—Washington Star.

**Now Why Did They Laugh.**

Several ladies sat in their club a few evenings ago, discussing the virtues of their husbands.

"Mr. Bingleton," said one of them, referring to her life partner, "never drinks and never swears—indeed, he has no bad habits!"

"Does he ever smoke?" some one asked.

"Yes. He likes a cigar just after he has eaten a good meal. But I suppose on an average, he doesn't smoke more than once a month."—Stray Stories.

**A Recommendation.**

A faithful colored servant had recommended a friend to take charge of his mistress' delicate little girl.

"Do you think, Sally," asked the anxious mother, "that I could trust Aunt Ellen with the entire care of the baby?"

"Law, yes, ma'am! Ellen knows about childun. She's done buried six."—Judge.

**The Outlook.**

Her Papa—Yo' aspiyah ter marry ma' daughter, sah? H'm! Whad am yo' prospect'?

The Suitor (a widower)—Ebery single one ob de pussions fo' whom ma' late lamented wife done washin' fo' hab promised ter liberly paternize her successah.—Judge.

**Of Some Use.**

Mrs. Dix—Your husband must suffer terribly with his coughing and sneezing when he has hay fever.

Mrs. Hicks (cheerfully)—To be sure he does, but you can't think how it amuses the baby.—Tid-Bits.

**Her Idea.**



Wife—I want a dress, a new hat shoes, gloves, a handsome cape, and a box of candy.

Husband—Can't you cut it down a little?

Wife—Very well, dear, I'll do with out the candy.

**Very Likely.**

Mrs. Slumkin—The Werdey baby is the picture of her father.

Mr. Slumkin—I suppose that when the child is a little older she will be the phonograph of her mother.—Judge

**Tipping the Guest.**

Waiter—Beg pardon, sir, but haven't you forgotten something?

Guest—Forgotten something? Ah yes, a toothpick. Thanks.—Chicago News.

**His Plan.**

City Man—Yes; we all need a res once in a while.

Farmer—So we do, young man. An if some of you city folks'd foller my plan an' take yer rest from 9 at nigh till 4 in the mornin' you'd be a dea better off.—Puck.

**An Observation.**

It is to be observed that the people who offer bargains get rich faster than the people who take advantage of the same.—Puck.

**His Private Opinion.**

"I heard a good story the other day, began the grocery man, "about a certain politician."

"That will do," interrupted the disappointed office-seeker. "In the first place, there are no certain politicians."

**Genile Hint.**

"Yes, people call me rich," said the boastful old bachelor, "but I assure you my money is a lot of trouble to me."

"And people do say," remarked Miss Willing, "that every man ought to have some woman to share his troubles."

**Only Too Pleased.**

"I never object to my wife havin' the last word."

"Don't you, really?"

"No, I am only too thankful who she has got to it."—Judge.

**No Comparison.**

"That New York girl was awful bad when I asked her if she was from Boston."

"I'll bet she wasn't half so mad as the Boston girl whom I asked if she was from New York.—Life.

**PRICE ON HIS HEAD**

**TRAIN ROBBER OF FUTURE WILL BE HOUNDED DOWN.**

**RAILROADS TO JOIN HANDS**

**THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR EVERY DEAD HIGHWAYMAN.**

**ROBBER IS WORTH 1,000**

**Burlington Makes the Offer and Others Will Follow—Holdups at Lincoln and Davenport Cause for Action.**

Chicago, Nov. 26.—Train robbery as an industry is to be throttled through concerted action of railroad and express companies operating from headquarters scattered throughout the middle west. Of late there has been an epidemic of railway holdups extending from the banks of the Mississippi river over the great plains to the foothills of the Rocky mountains and beyond in the lonely wilderness of the far west.

The Davenport robbery of the fast Rock Island train and the robbery near Lincoln last month, were the straws that broke the camel's back. The Rock Island railroad company, in conjunction with the United States Express company, issued a joint reward during the day of \$5,000 for the arrest and conviction of the knights of the road who intercepted their train early Saturday morning.

In addition to a declaration of a new policy to follow these robbers until captured, the Burlington road entered the field with an announcement that a dead train robber would be worth \$1,000 to any of its employes. It was inferred by some who heard of the order that dead train robbers would be preferable to live ones.

"We have given all our trainmen to understand," said F. A. Delano, general manager of the Burlington road, "and also the express messenger that a dead train robber is worth \$1,000 to any of them. All our conductors and trainmen carry revolvers and we are encouraging them to do so and to learn to shoot straight. I am in favor of concerted action on the part of railway managements and express companies which shall have for its object the hounding of train robbers to the ends of the earth."

Officials of the St. Paul, Illinois Central and the Chicago & Alton road coincided with Mr. Delano's statement, and declared that they would not hesitate for an instant to bear their share of any burden brought about by a concerted movement to eradicate the evil.

**Leaves All to His Widow.**

Berlin, Nov. 26.—Emperor William will attend the funeral of Herr Krupp, which will take place from the little old house where his father lived poorly while striving to cast the first steel gun. The will of the deceased gunmaker, according to a semi-official statement, provides that the woman shall not be turned into a joint stock company, under twenty-five years, meantime the revenues of the whole property will go to the widow and after her death to the eldest daughter. The value of the estate, estimated by the bankers, who were connected with Herr Krupp is \$75,000,000. This does not include securities owned by the deceased outside his manufacturing plants which may possibly amount to as much more.

The suicide theory has not yet quieted. The Cologne Gazette says: "Whether he died of shock due to excitement and embitterment over the attack made upon him, or whether adjudging himself guilty, he took his own life are questions which have not been answered and the accusation itself must halt at his death."

The physicians who were in attendance upon Herr Krupp have drawn up a statement which for the present is kept secret but it is understood that it declares he died of apoplexy. It appears that after Herr Krupp regained consciousness on Saturday he insisted on discussing with his solicitor, Herr Korn, the prosecution of the newspapers for publishing accusations against him and there upon the second stroke of the word.

The very poor of Berlin are better housed than those of any other large city in the world. In fact, there are no filthy slums in the German capital and the poorest people there are disposed to be tidy.

**Says They Swore Falsely.**

Des Moines, Ia., Nov. 26.—Joseph Koskuba, a farmer, was the center of a dramatic scene in the court room at Marshalltown this morning, when he swallowed a big vial of morphine. By heroic means a physician saved his life. He was on trial for the attempted murder of William Brande, a neighbor. He alleged as a motive for his attempt on his own life that all his neighbors had sworn falsely.

**NEED OF MANY MORE MEN.**

**Secretary Moody Says Navy is Short Handed.—Use of Liquid Fuel at Sea.**

Washington, Nov. 29.—In his annual report to the president Secretary Moody of the navy says at the close of the last fiscal year there were under construction for the navy, by contract the following vessels: Eight battleships, armored cruisers, nine protected cruisers, four monitors, thirteen torpedo boats. The general progress of work upon these vessels, particularly those of the larger cities, has not been found to be satisfactory. The battleships were, on the 30th of June, 1902, from ten to twenty-nine months behind contract time; the armored cruisers from four to thirteen months; the protected cruisers from six to eight months, while the monitors were from sixteen to nineteen months in arrears.

In the cases of the larger vessels the causes assigned for slow progress are the non-delivery of structural material, the inability of shipbuilders to obtain a sufficient supply of skilled labor, and in some cases, strikes. Other causes have contributed to the result. The department has recently taken steps to remove, as far as practicable, any grounds of delay over which it can exercise control, and has notified contractors that they will be held to accountability for failure to push forward the work of construction with the diligence, if such failure shall occur, and particularly for any delays which may at any time be caused by preference being given to private over public work.

In the case of torpedo boats and the destroyers, the contractors have assigned as an additional reason for delay that the contract for their construction were so exacting that compliance with them has been well nigh impossible.

Among the most important lessons learned in the war with Spain was that a modern navy cannot be improvised during a war or upon the threshold of a war. Much money was then expended in the purchase of ships. Many of them served useful auxiliary purposes, but it may well be doubted whether they added materially to the fighting efficiency of our fleet. The time best suited to the development and perfection of our navy is the time when there is neither war nor threat of war. Happily the present is such a time, and it permits a dispassionate consideration of the future.

The country approves, with hardly a dissenting voice, the policy of strengthening our power upon the sea. What may have been an adequate navy some years ago is totally inadequate for the performance of the duties growing out of our new possessions in the Pacific and Atlantic and the determination of congress to construct a canal across the isthmus.

If, then, the policy of strengthening our power upon the sea to the point where it can respond to the national needs be not abandoned, the navy has manifold needs. There must be additional naval and coaling stations; more ships, fighting and auxiliary; and an increase of officers and men. In all of these respects, congress in the past has dealt with the navy wisely and generously, and I doubt not that in the future it will as accurately register the will of the people.

The most imperative need of the navy today is of additional officers. I cannot overstate this need. It invites the instant attention of congress. The administration of the department is embarrassed almost daily by the lack of officers below command rank. This condition has been approaching for some years, and was clearly apprehended and stated by my predecessor in office. It is acute today, and, when the ships already authorized are completed, it will be desperate unless there is early action.

I am informed that under existing conditions 355 graduates of the naval academy may be expected during these four years. There is no other source of supply except a number not exceeding six per annum, which may be obtained by the promotion of enlisted men. Unless, therefore, the above computation can be shown to be erroneous, we shall have in the near future something more than a thousand officers less than the proper complement.

The officers we need can be obtained from three sources by appointment from civil life, by promotion from the ranks, or by education and training at the naval academy. The first source has been so uniformly rejected by the opinions of all, that I will not discuss it. Congress has indicated its opinion by abandoning this method in the army and marine corps, and would not, it is assumed, adopt it for the line of the navy.

**Sad Ending of a Reunion.**

Albany, N. Y., Nov. 29.—William and Martha A. Huggobom, aged sixty years, were found dead in a bed in a hotel here, having been asphyxiated during the night by illuminating gas. They were residents of East Colerick and arrived here to meet their two sons and their daughter-in-law, who were to be discharged from the Albany county penitentiary having served a term of six months for petit larceny and burglary.

**PACE IS TOO FAST**

**NORTHWESTERN LOSES TO THE WESTERN FROM NEBRASKA.**

**TWELVE TO NOTHING**

**METHODISTS PUT UP SURPRISE ON CORNHUSKERS**

**SHOW UP IN GOOD FORM**

**Nebraska Did Not Put the Usual Game—While Northwestern Played Her Best Football. A Large Crowd Was in Attendance.**

Nebraska's goal has not been crossed this season. The Thanksgiving game with Northwestern resulted in a score of 12 to 0 in Nebraska's favor and her year's record is clean.

The game was witnessed by the largest crowd ever gathered on the Nebraska field. It was a close contest, much closer than the supporters of the scarlet and cream were looking for. The men from the Northwestern played the best game of the year and Nebraska did not make as good a showing as usual. The battle was full of close situations and there was grave danger at times that the purple would score. That this did not occur is due to lack of skill on the part of the visitors and the ability of Nebraska to pull herself together at critical times.

One thing mars the remembrance of the game. Many believe that Umpire Allen acted without cause in frequently penalizing the cornhuskers. It cost a touchdown already earned and the loss of the ball on many occasions.

At the start Nebraska played fast ball, her backs finding the Northwestern line a wide meshed sieve. Mickel, Bender and Bell smashed for repeated gains. Northwestern early took a strong stand and forced Nebraska to punt and on securing the ball started the tandem formation on tackles which during the entire game, was the most continuously successful ground gainer.

Nebraska was weak a left and where Fowler, a light man, tried to fill the place of Shedd, a star end. As the play advanced Northwestern made more frequent gains in this spot. Nebraska having partially solved the tandem formation, Northwestern won several opportunities to kick goal from field but two were lost fumbles, the Nebraska ends reaching Baird with the ball as it was snatched back.

The cornhuskers on several occasions seemed to be unable to resist the charges of the purple warriors. Once or twice the line seemed to go to pieces and occasionally an opening was found which other teams this year did not locate. The men were not playing their game. Northwestern hammered constantly at the weakest defense, and made the most of her advantage. When Nebraska did wade into her opponents, she was repeatedly penalized, causing losses of the ball that made the rooters sick. The visitors were penalized four times, to eleven for Nebraska, seven of the latter being for alleged holding which caused a loss of the ball. It was discouraging work for the cornhuskers and their game sh-wed it. But they held their end was never interfered with. They punished the Northwestern line unmercifully and always made gains.

**Use Axes, Revolvers and Clubs.**

Milwaukee, Nov. 28.—As the result of a battle west of the city limits, in which axes, revolvers and clubs were used, Bernard and Albert Belfuss are in the hospital and the latter may die. He was shot in the breast and was four hours without the attention of a doctor. The alleged assailants are Max and Paul Otten. Max was arrested but his brother escaped. The trouble is the result of a quarrel several weeks ago.

**NEBRASKA NEWS-NOTES**

J. W. Barrett, an aged man, was struck by a Burlington train at Wyomere and killed.

The horse and buggy stolen from A. Allen at Cedar Bluffs has been recovered.

F. E. Toms, who has been running the Country department store in Graf, has disappeared.

Hastings Broadous, who was shot Saturday by Jim Walker at Crawford died. The men had quarreled.

Henry Brown, a Sac Indian and veteran of the civil war, died recently near Falls City at the age of 90 years.

The Rev. J. S. Shepard of the Third Presbyterian church of Lincoln, has accepted a call by the local Presbyterian church at Fairbury.

At Louisville James Turberry and Mr. Paterson had a runaway, Turberry's collar bone being broken and one of the horses being killed.

At Loup City, R. Watke was bound over in the sum of \$5,000 for setting fire to the Bartow elevator at Ashton.

J. L. Howard was arrested at Fremont and taken back to Seward where he is charged with beating a hotel bill.

Fire broke out in the brick harness shop of Frank Rosline at St. Paul. The loss will not exceed \$200, covered by insurance.

A special car on the Union Pacific, consisting of thirty cars loaded with coal and beets met disaster near Norville, nine cars being wrecked. The track was torn up for a long distance.

News has been received in Platts-mouth from Rawlins, Wyo., to the effect that John Mumm, a former Platts-mouth saloonkeeper who was arrested at that place several months ago for shooting a man during a quarrel, had been acquitted.

John Larson, who was taken to the Hastings asylum from Lincoln, escaped from the officers during the trip and wandered through the country to Blue Hill, where he was taken in charge by a farmer and taken to Red Cloud.

For some time past thieves have been operating in and around Nebraska City and have taken several head of cattle but last Saturday they took ten head of fine helpers from L. A. Kropp's pasture. No trace of missing stock can be found and parties are scouring the country.

The cylinder head of the engine at the Wirt Milling company's plant at Tecumseh blew out Saturday night, damaging the engine to that extent that a new machine will have to be supplied. G. W. Witt is in Lincoln and Omaha looking for a new engine. No damage of consequence was done to the mill building.

A team driven by an old gentleman named Young, with three grandsons, was struck by a switching train near Norfolk and the wagon demolished, one horse killed, the young men thrown off the track and the old man between the rails. The car was derailed and thrown across the track, to which fact the old gentleman owes his life.

Frank Schmehr of Beaver Crossing was found guilty in the district court on two charges of selling intoxicating liquors without a license, and was assessed a fine of \$200 in each case, this being the second time he has been before the court for failing to take out a license. He took an appeal to the supreme court and furnished bond.

A proposal has been made by which Kearney will gain a new industry in a strawboard factory, to be operated on a very extensive scale. The plan is to merge the canal and water power and the old cotton plant and equip the large buildings of the latter with high grade paper mill machinery. All sorts of strawboard products are to be manufactured if the plan is carried out. It is backed by strong capital.

The plant of the Sioux City Beet, Syrup and Preserving company has been absorbed by the Great Western Beet Sugar company, a wing of the beet sugar trust. The capital stock was increased from \$100,000 to \$200,000, and the additional \$100,000 was taken by the trust. This money will be used to construct a complete glucose factory here, which will employ 150 men and use 1,000 pounds of corn daily.

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