



Tick tack, tick tack,
Three minutes to eight by the
nursery clock.

Tick tack, tick tack,
"D'you fink it's nearly twelve
o'clock?"

Tick tack, tick tack,
"Supposing he's forgot us,
Jack!"

Tick tack, tick tack,
"Won't nurse be cross when
she comes back!"

Tick tack, tick tack,
"Did anyone hear Father
Christmas knock?"

Tick tack, tick tack,
(It was nurse who came with
a loaded sack!)

E. M. B.



CHRISTMAS JEWELRY

XMAS SHOPPING

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Cut Glass, Fancy China, Scarf Pins, Bracelets

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PEOPLE TO BLAME.

The people themselves are to a certain extent at least responsible for many of the evils and shortcomings which manifest themselves in the workings of our government. They are responsible for the machinery in the first place and secondly for the use of the machinery. The men who have made and are making the machinery obtained their power from the people. No man can secure the authority to help make the machinery without the consent of the people and no man can secure the right to operate the machinery without the people's consent. The people are at fault, then, in not selecting the proper men to make and operate the machinery of government and then backing them up in their work. That the people will make occasional mistakes is inevitable. But they need not make as many mistakes as they do. They are to blame to this extent: They do not give proper attention to the nomination of party candidates. If the people would give more time and thought to the selection of candidates they would not vote for so many men who are unfit to represent them.

CLUB TO BE A SUCCESS.

The attendance at the business mens banquet last Thursday evening and the enthusiasm manifested by the men indicates that Broken Bow is this time to have a real Commercial Club and the city will make a much faster growth under its guidance. A Commercial Club should be an organization to the support of which all the business men contribute time and finances. Every man should contribute financially according to the benefit he will derive from the organization and every man regardless of his age, occupation, or financial standing should be ready at all times to do anything he can to rush the work along.

The meeting last Thursday showed that a large per cent of the business men are going to take up the work of the Club in this manner and that is why this Club gives promise of being a success.

Building up a city increases the value of property in a city and out of it. Building up the city of Broken Bow means that the value of the property in the city will be raised and it means that the real estate of the country surrounding Broken Bow will become more valuable. As Broken Bow increases in population and wealth it becomes a better market for the produce of the farm. Every farmer in Custer County ought to be interested in building up the towns of the County and he ought to realize that one of the best ways of doing this is to buy his goods at home instead of in Chicago, Omaha, Lincoln or Kansas City. Any thing that builds up the town, builds up the country, anything that builds up both is to the interest of the farmer as well as the "city folks."

BRYAN ON COUNTY OPTION.

The report that an attempt will be made in Lincoln this winter to compel W. J. Bryan to commit himself on the county option question will be watched with interest. The question of just where he stands was discussed a great deal by the voters at the last election and are yet in doubt. As near as can be ascertained Mr. Bryan voted for high license a number of years ago and he managed to be absent when the question came up in Lincoln the last time. Bryan is a pretty good dodger and they will do better than expected of them if they succeed in getting him to come out and declare himself either for or against county option.

Just why Governor Sheldon delays the appointment of the supreme judge to take Judge Sullivan's place is not known, but it does seem that the governor is a little slow in making up his mind. The people have sufficient confidence in the Governor to believe that the delay is for the best.

The news item showing the attendance at the city schools is an interesting one and it shows an unusual regularity in the attendance of the pupils. A variation of but nine in the total enrollment for the three months shows that very few pupils are leaving the city schools is an evidence of satisfaction with the teaching force and the general management.

There are plenty of Democratic applicants for the place made vacant on the Supreme Bench by the resignation of Judge Sullivan so that the Democrats of the state seem to still feel that when a judge is appointed the chances are that he will be a Democrat.

The ultimate goal toward which we aim in boosting a town is to increase the purchase of goods in the town. One of the first steps toward

boosting, then is to do all of your own buying of your home merchants. Do not kick because some man buys elsewhere and then follow his example.

PRESS COMMENT

Revenue Reform.

State Journal: State Treasurer Brian's recommendation that the expenses of the state government be borne by taxes levied upon the public service corporations, and that the counties be left to raise their own revenue by any scale of assessment of property they choose, will be endorsed by a large number of scholars who have gone deeply into state taxation problems. The suggestion is particularly timely just now, for the incoming legislature is pledged to restore the old system of elective precinct assessors, who will be certain to throw the revenues of the state into the confusion that obtained before the revenue law of 1903 was passed. When each county can do as it pleases in making assessments, Lancaster may assess land at \$10 an acre and Johnson may put it down at \$100 and no harm will be done.

This wholesome change cannot be effected without a constitutional amendment. The democratic party can give up its proposal to return to a wornout and discredited method of assessment and adopt instead a modern system of collecting revenues for state purposes, but it is doubtful if it has the wisdom and the courage needed for such a step. The charge most often made against this political organization is that it is devoid of business capacity. It has an opportunity to make the proof of that charge tolerably conclusive by going ahead this winter and carrying out the letter and spirit of its platform declaration on precinct assessors.

Roosevelt's African Trip.

Lincoln Star: Unjust criticism has been aimed at President Roosevelt on the ground that the expenses of his African trip are to be borne by the government. Such assertions have been made, of course, by persons who are ready and eager to seize every opportunity to find fault with the chief executive or place his administration in an unfavorable light.

Three naturalists connected with the Smithsonian Institution, at Washington, are to accompany Mr. Roosevelt, and the funds to meet their expenses have been subscribed by personal friends of the President and the institution, for this especial purpose. So far as his own expenses are concerned, Mr. Roosevelt will pay them out of his own purse, as he is well able to do. While a public appropriation to pay the expenses of the natur-

alists would not be at all irregular or improper, nevertheless that is not the plan outlined. The government will receive the benefit of the investigations and observations of the President and his companions, and at no expense to the people.

Roosevelt a Compromiser.

Scotts Bluff Star: Roosevelt, who divides with Andrew Jackson the reputation of being the bluntest, most straightforward and imperious of all our presidents, has in reality always been a compromiser, as every good politician is. If he couldn't get all he wanted, he believed in taking what he could get and waiting for the next chance. Taft has more of the judicial habit of deciding what should be and then making his decree stand absolutely or else be absolutely reversed by a stronger power. He is as much like Grover Cleveland as like Roosevelt, and a mean average between those two great presidents ought to be a pretty good man.

County Option.

Grand Island Independent: There has been considerable comment over the publication by "The Nebraska Issue," the organ of the anti-saloon league, of an alleged letter written by Governor-elect Shallenberger to a Nelson citizen, in which Mr. Shallenberger agrees to sign any county option bill passed by the legislature, declaring that he would take such action to mean that a county option bill was the will of the people. It has been reported, he also promised the other side that he would veto any bill of the kind, it would be interesting to see the letter in the form of promise however, made side by side with the Nelson letter.

Galt A Strong Man.

Ord Quiz: You thought President Taft would be a weak president, did you? But you see he has brought Speaker Cannon to terms and has him pledged to a thorough revision of the tariff and to other prominent programs of the new president. This will secure Cannon's election and the carrying out of Taft's program, and furthermore, saves a election in the party which might have proved fatal at the election two years hence. We are pleased to know that Taft is going to see things done as they should be.

Honor for Chancellor Andrews.

Springfield, Mass., Republican: Chancellor Andrews of the University of Nebraska, it will be gladly noted, retires from that position with great honor. The title of chancellor emeritus has been conferred upon him and he will receive a Carnegie pension of \$3,000 a year. During his administration the university had the most substantial growth in students and funds.

NEW HEAD FOR UNIVERSITY.

Doctor Samuel Avery Elected Acting Chancellor of State Institution.

Dr. Samuel Avery, professor of chemistry at the University of Nebraska, unanimously elected acting-chancellor of that institution at a meeting of the board of regents at Lincoln on December 8th. The new chancellor will begin his duties on January 1st, the date at which the resignation of the present chancellor, Dr. E. Benjamin Andrews, takes effect. Dr. Andrews retires on account of long continued ill health. It is stated on unquestioned authority that Avery's appointment, while at present only that of acting head of the University is actually a test of his fitness for the larger responsibility and that, should he measure up to the demands of the situation, it is the intention of the regents to award him the full chancellorship at no distant day.

Dr. Avery, the new chancellor, is a B. S. of the institution which he now heads, receiving that degree from the Nebraska University in 1892. Later he won his doctor's degree at Heidelberg and returned to the Nebraska University with which he has been connected since, except for a short period spent with the University of Idaho. He has been at the head of the department of chemistry since the departure of Professor Nicholson from the University faculty.



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