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THE ELECTRIC LIGHT QUESTION.

The prospect for Broken Bow to secure electric lights looks good. Two different men are now figuring on putting in an electric plant if they can secure a satisfactory franchise from the city council. Of course, one bird in hand is better than two in the bush and it may be that neither one of the men will find it to their advantage to put in the plant, but considering the opportunity there is for one here it seems that the chances ought to be good.

That Broken Bow needs electric lights is beyond question. Four arc lights around the public square and one in the center would make an entirely different looking place out of it at night. There are many ways in which electric lights may be used for illumination and to beautify the city and for these gas is entirely out of the question. Electric lights may be used in many places where gas cannot and gas makes possible many conveniences which are not afforded by electricity. A combination of the two has many good features which are not to be had when you have either one separately.

The question of whether it is best to give a franchise to a gas and electric light company or to keep the two separate is one that will have to be decided by the city council. A combination of the two would protect the interest of the present gas company but would eliminate competition. The best statesmen of the day seem to believe that the best results are to be secured through a combination of capital under proper regulations. The combination of capital makes the cost less but the trouble is that it is hard to properly regulate a corporation after it gets a good foothold.

ARE YOU DOING YOUR PART.

When a man desires to secure a manager for a department of his business he studies the qualifications of the candidates who apply for it. Why should not this rule apply in the administration of the public's affairs as it does in private business? The idea in both cases is to select the man who has the best qualifications and why shouldn't we pursue the same process in determining who the man shall be in public business as in private. Then too when a man in private business is looking for a manager of his affairs and none of the candidates who apply seem to be well qualified for the work to be done he goes out and looks up a man who has the proper qualifications. Now if the people do not feel satisfied with the candidates for a certain office why

should they not enjoy the same privilege? Well, they do enjoy the same privilege but the trouble in this case and in the case mentioned above is that they do not take the interest and give the proper time to it. After all, then, who can they blame if they do not get the proper party candidates and the proper officers under the direct primary system? Nobody but themselves. The power is in their hands if they will but use it.

LOOK UP THE CANDIDATES

On page one will be found a list of the candidates who have thus far gotten the "bee in their bonnet" for the party primaries next September. The people of the county should look over this list of men carefully and study their qualifications for the offices for which they aspire. If a man is to cast an intelligent ballot at the primary he must know something of the reputation and qualifications of all of the candidates. To acquire this knowledge the voter must take the time to look up each candidate and get information concerning him from those who know him.

The nomination of good party candidates is the first step in good government. Without strong candidates no party can hope to remain in power for any length of time. The interest and the obligation on the voter at the primary then, is a double one. In the first place he must vote for good men because it takes good men to carry his party banner to victory, and in the second place he must help to select good men in order to have the government honestly and economically managed.

This rule applies in the nation, in the state, in the county and in the precinct. If the people of the county want the county government to be honestly, fairly and economically run for the next two years after the election next November it behooves them to begin now to think over the candidates, and then when the time for the primary comes go to the poles and vote for the man best fitted for the offices.

WILLIAMS' LETTER.

The letter of Railway Commissioner Williams states his case very clearly as it stands in the minds of most of the Republicans and no doubt a good many Democrats agree with him only they they do not like to admit it. The Democrats made their cry that the people should rule and then here in the home state of Bryan they allied themselves with the railroads and the boozers and were able in the last days of the campaign to win on their misrepresentations. In other words through the cunning work of their politicians they were able to keep the people from ruling. Their politicians did the ruling through misleading the people.

PRESS COMMENT

Loup City Northwestern: President Roosevelt in his last message to congress made some energetic remarks about members of congress that badly injured the feelings of said precious servants of Uncle Sam, or the dear people, if you please. Now congress proposes to investigate the president for his awful awfulness, the president being highly pleased

over the squirming and claiming to be thoroughly prepared for the boys, his preparation being calculated to increase the squirm, rather than alleviate the mental disease. Let the fight go 'wan.

Where Was kinkaid.

O'Neill Frontier: During the campaign last fall the Sixth district congressman pledged himself, if re-elected, to vote against Cannon and Cannonism. He had an opportunity to make good his promise a week ago Tuesday when the Gardiner resolution was before the house, but he found it convenient to be absent when the vote was taken. Boyd and Pollard were the only members of the Nebraska delegation who voted for the resolution and against the speaker.

Will You Keep Your Good Resolutions

New Honors For Magoon.

Baltimore American: Charles E. Magoon, who has lifted Cuba over a bad break, has demonstrated that he is a pacificator of rare abilities, and is undoubtedly the right man to send as governor general to the Philippines, if only he is willing.

Omaha Bee: Judges of our supreme court will draw their pay at the increased rate of \$4,500 a year, beginning with December 1, last. Inasmuch as the judges are themselves the final arbiters of what the recently adopted constitutional amendment provides, and when it goes into force and effect, their demand may be considered modest and moderate. They might if they wanted to have dated the amendment back to election day, when it received the requisite majority of votes to become a part of the constitution, which would have given them at least three weeks more on the new schedule. For small favors let us all be thankful.

Grand Island Independent: The senate wants to investigate Teddy! And the friends Theodore see us to have lost in his recent defence of himself! There's Aldrich, for instance, who has always assisted the President in his efforts to bring Standard Oil to comply with the laws, and give everyone a square deal! Then there's Bailey of Texas, too—never too friendly to Standard Oil and the predatory trust! Both were in the fore front of the indignation march. The prospects, indeed seem bright for a merry time at Washington twixt now and March. The strenuous President is about to depart and congress seems anxious to administer a long nursed rebuke, by tossing him up and down in the blanket a time, or two times. Even Republicans show a disposition to lead in the exercises. If permitted, we would suggest to them to proceed with a little caution. It might not strike the Republican party over the country as the best thing to punish a man for showing a clear road in answer to a charge that scandal was connected with greatest achievement in recent years.



Ring out the Old, Ring in the New. Ring out the false, Ring in the true.

At this season of good resolutions, let us ask you to resolve to read our ads for the coming year. It will profit you as well as us, we often have some interesting store news which may mean a saving to your friends, or to you. We wish you all the joys of the season.



THEY DO SAY

That honest competition is not afraid to advertise. That the owning of an automobile does not indicate that the owners bank account is larger than his neighbors. That some young men do not hesitate to go in debt, nor do they show remorse when their father's have to pay the bills. That keeping eternally at it, no matter what happens, will bring a man at last to the place where success crowns effort. That some people who do not mind their own business bring more misery into families, churches and societies than everything else combined. They turn the pleasant, peaceful stream of good will into a loathsome pool.

Robinson & Tuttle THE HARNESS MEN

THE MAN who devotes his entire time to a particular line of business can give you a better quality of goods and sell them at a lower price than the man who has a general store. We will open up a store about January 1st in the building now occupied by James Ledwich and give all of our time to the harness business. We will have the best line of hand made harness in the city and will sell them to you at the lowest possible figure.

We are out for business and here is our proposition: We will give the first purchaser of A double set of work harness at \$30 or over, a \$9 robe. A double set of buggy harness at \$26 or over, a \$6 robe. A set of single harness at \$12 or over, a \$2.50 whip.

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