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IT BEGINS to look like Taft's pleasant smile is almost as potent as Roosevelt's big stick.

PROSPECTS for a postal savings bank law begins to look hopeful. The president is strenuously insisting on its passage.

POGONIP is the name of a new disease that has appeared in Pittsburg. We knew there was something the matter with Pittsburg, but we never believed it was as bad as that. The Fricks, and other steel kings have an excuse and will have no trouble in proving an alibi.

A MAN named Smith commenced work at Venice, Illinois, the other day, first work he had done in fifty two years, and was promptly killed by the machinery he was attempting to run. Had this man continued to live like the lilies of the fields he might be alive today to grumble at the weather and cuss the tariff.

It is reported that the price of shoes will be advanced from ten to twelve per cent. When it is known that under the present tariff law hides are on the free list and the tariff on shoes is more than twenty-five per cent lower than under the old schedule it will be hard for the people to believe that the increase in price is justifiable.

THE Lincoln Evening Star, D. E. Thompson's paper, which supported the democratic ticket last fall, has a coupon which it desires republicans to sign, approving its course, and the information will be treated as "confidential." We don't know of any republican who desires to get on confidential terms with the Lincoln Daily Star.

FRANK HARRISON, the man who discovered South America a few years ago, and who is now publishing the State Capital at Lincoln, is one of the Burkett insurgents. He is also the man who attempted to get an anti-Taft delegation to the national republican convention. If you investigate you will find a purely personal reason for the attitude of every man who is insuring against Sen. Burkett. Insurgency sounds better than personal opposition, hence they so-style themselves.

IN THE list of Lincolntites who are insuring against Sen. Burkett, the Sen. declares, there are twelve men who have been besieging him for appointment to office for the last ten years. The fact that D. E. Thompson, owner of the Star and former B. & M. political boss, is a political enemy of Senator Burkett, is sufficient reason for the Star's attitude in the matter. But the republican party repudiated Thompson and others of his ilk several years ago, and it is not in a frame of mind to take political directions from his lieutenants. The Star aided the democrats in carrying the state for Bryan in 1908 and tried to elect the democratic candidates for supreme judges last fall under the guise of securing a non-partisan judiciary.

THE boycott against the cost—we mean the price, of meat is growing. If the United States court does not come to the aid of the beef trusts and enjoin the people from refraining from eating meat, there's a chance that the beef magnates will have to pull in their horns, as it were, and lower the price to a reasonable figure. Great is the injunction and the trusts are its beneficiaries.

IF THE editor of the Lincoln Star and his man Whedon will take the trouble to glance over the telegraph columns of the Nebraska dailies they will learn that the rank and file of the republican party have taken up the fight of Sen. Buskett and propose to see that the democratic party aided by disgruntled politicians, disappointed office-seekers and near-republican papers will not have such an easy time in defeating the senator for another term.

A RUMOR comes from Oklahoma that a special session of the legislature of that state will be called before the end of January to consider the amendment to the state bank guaranty law in order to give the guaranty plan a new lease of life and strengthen the democratic party for the next campaign. The present Oklahoma law has not satisfactorily met the first test and the guaranty system that it provides can not possibly stand the strain of another failure no matter how small it may be. Governor Haskell hangs on, and hopes with the help of Governor Stubbs of Kansas and Governor Shallenberger of Nebraska to devise a guaranty scheme that will fool the public for another two years even if it can not be made to work successfully.—Kearney Hub-

ON July, 1909, the republican state convention of which the Hon. Charles O. Whedon was chairman, passed the following resolution:

"We approve, commend and unqualifiedly endorse the stand taken by President Taft in the matter of tariff revision. We are counting on him to see to it that the party's platform promise of revision is redeemed by the enactment of a tariff bill acceptable to the people, and we would approve his veto on any bill that does not conform to his construction of the platform pledge, which he has said means revision downward within the limitations of the protection principle. We look to our senators and representatives in congress to sustain the president in the position, and we commend them for their efforts in support of the party's pledges and the president's policies."

These resolutions were sent to our republican delegation at Washington. Can republicans of Nebraska question the votes of its representatives under such direct instructions from their party?

An Opinion From Wall Street

The editor of a leading Wall Street Journal declares: "What America needs more than railway extension and Western irrigation and a low tariff and a bigger wheat crop, a merchant marine and a new navy is a revival of piety, the kind mother and father used to have—piety that counted it good business to stop for daily prayers before breakfast right in the midst of harvest; that quit work a half hour earlier Thursday night so as to get the chores done and go to prayer meeting. That's what we need now to clean this country of the filth of graft and of greed, of worship of fine horses and big lands and high office and grand social functions. What is this that we are worshipping but a vain reputation of what decayed nations fell down and worshipped just before their light went out? Read the history of Rome in decay and you'll find luxury there that could lay a big dollar over our little doughnut that looks so large to us.

Great wealth never made a nation substantial or honorable. There is nothing on earth that is so dangerous for a man or a nation to handle as quick, easy big money. It takes greater and firmer heroism to dare to be poor in America than to charge an earthworks in Manchuria."

A Little Lay Sermon.

The last words of a noted suffragete and philanthropist who passed away a few days ago in Troy, N. Y., were pinned on the wall of her room. They were these: "This is the end—friendlessness, dissolution and death. Let no one play the game of philanthropy who desires peace and a peaceful end."

Not in any spirit of criticism may one condemn even such a view of human helpfulness, which is the true philanthropy. The most charitable view to take of these words in this individual case is that the unfortunate woman who died friendless, after a long life devoted to kindly deeds and the cause in which she so devoutly believed, suffered in her last moments from an aberration which clouded her intellect and cast a more than usually sombre hue over the bitterness of a situation not unreasonably resented under the circumstances. Normally there is a closeness of correspondence between the end of a life devoted to good deeds and the life itself. People often repent a misspent life, but rarely a life filled with service to humanity. When they do the latter, it is not natural regret, but should be looked upon as an abnormal emotion of the rightly constituted mind.

Yet despite these extenuating circumstances there is in a great many people more or less of the spirit manifested by this dying unfortunate. It is healthy and human nature to desire appreciation of efforts to help other people. If everyone was so constituted that he never felt the sting of a rebuff, never regarded indifference with resentment and was never chilled by lack of sympathy, the world would contain so many perfect human beings and so many philanthropists that there would be few people to reform and few to help. Human nature must be permitted more or less latitude even in the doings of good deeds, and it must be admitted that a great many more such deeds would be done if those who are the beneficiaries of the general run of philanthropic effort showed greater appreciation of those same efforts. Here again, however, human nature in one phase of its expression runs counter to human nature in another. For people as a general thing do not relish being made beneficiaries. Gratitude is one of the elemental virtues and qualities of our natures, but it is a string that very quickly gives out a discord if swept too heavily and too often. The average man would really prefer to give than to receive. He does not like the idea of being obligated to his fellows. This sentiment is born of the primeval pride which went on the supposition that every man was the best and strongest man, the most skillful hunter, bravest warrior. There could be only one best in each little circle and thus the fittest survived the inevitable quarrels. The individual fights with club and stone became the tribal conflicts, and these the broils of nations. Nobody was willing to concede that he was inferior, no nation would admit it was not the greatest. The spirit survives in the assertion of independence that revolts at charity in one aspect of its manifestation and in another inspires the ceaseless struggle for material prosperity which will place the victor above the station of the more fortunate. Charity implies superiority of a kind that is particularly galling to the minds of most people. Men and women starve to death

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on every hand rather than make their condition known.

It is not such a far cry from these primitive instincts to their expression by a twentieth century philanthropist who bewails with her dying breath the lack of appreciation on the part of the world. But philanthropy is not a "game" and the true philanthropist never plays it. If he does, he does not deserve the peace which comes only with doing good for good's sake, right for right's sake, charity from love of humanity. That is what "philanthropy" means—love of man. It does not mean a game that is played, though many there be that "play" it. And this comes to the other side of the question. If lack of appreciation is due to a fundamental instinct on the one hand, it is equally true that there are lots of "philanthropists" who engage press agents to keep their right hands—and the world at large—duly and fully informed of all the doings of their left hands. Those are the ones who "play the game of philanthropy," but in comparison with all the humanity-helpers in the world they are few indeed. Those who are inspired by the true spirit of love for their fellow man do not express that love with any hope of reward, save the approval of their own consciences. Their ears do not listen for the hand-clapping of the multitude. Though their death bed be forsaken, yet are they surrounded by very clouds of friends and there is no abandonment for them. A new beatitude could be written to bless the true lovers of their fellow men, for they shall be never alone, neither friendless nor forsaken.—Kansas City Journal.

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That said land was assessed in the name of Julius Wickham, and that after the expiration of three months from the third publication of this notice tax deed will be applied for.  
Dated January 6, 1910. C. M. KELLY.

**NOTICE OF PETITION.**  
Estate of Frank H. King, deceased in the County Court of Custer County, Nebraska. The State of Nebraska to all persons interested in said estate, take notice, that a petition has been filed for the appointment of Lillian King as administratrix of said estate, which has been set for hearing here in on February 15th, 1910, at 10 o'clock a. m. Dated January 11, 1910. C. H. HOLCOMBE County Judge.

**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.**  
Sealed bids will be received on or before 2 p. m. February 7th, 1910, by L. H. Jewett, Secretary, for the erection of a High School Building for School District of Broken Bow Custer County, Nebraska, in accordance with plans and specifications now on file with the Secretary and also on file with the architect, John Latenser, Omaha, Nebraska. Each bid to be accompanied by a certified check in amount Five Hundred Dollars as a guarantee of good faith. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids.  
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