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'Twas ever thus: The man who has to pay \$2.00 a sack for flour is not very enthusiastic over the benefit \$1.50 wheat is to the country.

We don't know who the author of the story is, but we heard the other day that Admiral Dewey is not a good chemist, because he only knows how to make Spanish fly.

\$500,000,000 in bonds seems to be an exorbitant price for a war with a nation like Spain. The rest of the world should chip in and pay us for wiping her off the map!

Governor Holcomb has issued a proclamation declaring Wednesday, June 1, as a holiday throughout the state of Nebraska, in honor of the opening of the Transmississippi Exposition at Omaha.

In England the temperance agitation is confined principally to seeing that the drinker gets pure beer and other liquors. It might be a good plan for the United States to adopt this method and watch the results.

Now if Sampson will Schley the Spaniards in the Caribbean sea we won't Dewey thing but see Watson the land of Cuba, Weyler nation waits to see what Merritt there is in Manila cigars, and McKinley in bed o' nights without wondering how many Miles away the Spanish fleet is.

"The possibility of being shut off by war from the grain and provisions supplied by the United States is not a pleasant one for European countries to contemplate. But they need not fear, we can lick Spain, keep open the channels of commerce and feed the world, all at once. That's the kind of hairpins we are when we get started," says an exchange.

According to "Our Dumb Animals" Ex-Gov. John D. Long, now Secretary of the Navy in McKinley's cabinet, is vice president of both the American Humane Society and the Massachusetts Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. This probably explains why the navy department has so strenuously urged a "peaceful blockade" and "bloodless war" against the Spaniards. This shows Long has a fine sense of humor.

We have been making fun of the Spaniards as a lot of opera bouffe featherheads, but let us guard against opera bouffe featherheadedness ourselves. There is no more reason now why we should annex Hawaii, the Philippines, Porto Rico or Cuba than there was two weeks ago when we disavowed any such intention and declared war for the express purpose of merely liberating Cuba.—Louisville (Ky.) Courier Journal.

We have heard a great deal during the last two weeks about the phenomenally high price of wheat, and all kinds of theories have been advanced regarding the cause thereof. First, the corner on the market obtained by a noted Chicago speculator influenced the price to a great extent, but the most potent reason is the fact that not for a decade has the "visible supply" of wheat been as low as it is now. On April 30 the amount "in sight" was about 23,000,000 bushels. On the same date in 1897 the visible supply was 34,500,000; in 1896 it was 59,500,000; in 1895 it was 62,000,000; this small supply, taken together with the natural increase in consumption in this country, makes the smallest amount per capita known in our history. This fact, coupled with that of the short supply in Europe, due to crop failures during the last two years, gives a logical reason for the advance in price. It is estimated that wheat will be worth 75 cents on the farm next harvest.

Dissecting Table

Mr. O'Donnell, a gentleman who has been making his home here for the last few months, took to himself our Dissecting Table article last week, and attempted to "call us down" therefor. We didn't "call" worth a cent, in spite of the gentleman's knife and reputation as a fighter, and if he wishes to consider himself as being among the third class of idle men spoken of, he has our permission. "There are others." The Dissecting Table is no respecter of persons, parties or creeds. This we have demonstrated in the past, and his insinuation that politics controlled our action has no semblance of truth in it.

If there is anyone part of our government which should be kept out of politics, it is the local school board. Partisan politics is not responsible for the election of the board, and partisan politics should not influence its actions. We are happy to say that but few occasions have arisen when charges could be made against our board, and hope that in the future these occasions will be fewer still. In response to a hint some time ago we clearly defined our position on this matter to a politician of our own party, and in reply to a rumor that a political move is on foot for the future, we would say, "Don't."

PLUTOCRATS' PLANS.

In the last three weeks the Wall Street financiers who put Mr. Hanna, of the steel trust in power at Washington, have done three things which make their plan of campaign in the next national election perfectly plain: (1) They have voted down propositions to tax the plutocracy for war purposes; to coin silver for war expenses; to print treasury notes bearing no interest for war expenses.

(2) They have prepared for an issue of from two hundred to five hundred millions of interest bearing bonds, to be used in inflating the currency with national bank notes.

(3) They have begun appointing "Gold Standard Democrats" to office, especially in the South, as if they were republicans in full standing.

Everyone who has studied American politics will see at a glance that the plutocracy is forced to this course by the half of its existence. It intends to vote half a billion from the treasury to pay the expenses of its next national campaign. It will do this partly on "war contracts," but chiefly by issuing national bank notes as presents to its favored campaign contributors to whom it has already issued bonds.—Valley Democrat.

Prior to hostilities between this country and Spain Nebraska had the honor of having the only war governor—Alvin Saunders of Omaha. He is the only surviving war governor of the rebellion. Today there are forty-five "war governors" and the people of Nebraska have a right to be proud of the fact that among all this number none has been more painstaking or more zealous for the public welfare than Nebraska's governor. It would be difficult to find a more thorough democrat than Governor Holcomb, and his modest demeanor on the campaign ground, coupled with his splendid executive ability, has endeared him to the soldiers as well as the civilians who have visited the camp.—World-Herald.

We notice that Bro. Julian, of the Chadron Journal, upholds Rosewater and the Bee in his \$3,200 raid on the Transmississippi Exposition treasury, and explains that Rosewater did the fair thing when he offered Hitchcock the same chance. Most any old robber would give permission to someone else to rob if he could go free. We presume that Bro. Julian felt a great thrill of pride and satisfaction pervade his frame when he received that little circular this week offering him a pass to the Exposition, good during June only. Nice scheme of Rosewater's that, to get more free advertising from the "country yokels."

We know at least three politicians in this town who on the streets loudly denounce anything which looks at all like subservience to party, yet these same three will whenever the occasion presents, run at once, figuratively, to the aid of one of their party. We have known them to denounce men in the very strongest terms, and yet at the first opportunity support those whom they have denounced. These gentlemen may be found on our dissecting table one of these days.

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One of John Adamson's little girls fractured her right arm yesterday. Dr. Dwyer reduced the fracture.

Sunday was Memorial Day! in the Odd Fellows' lodge, and a committee decorated the graves of deceased members at this place with flowers.

G. Howe, of near Kennedy, fell from a horse and broke his collar bone, Monday, but under the skillful treatment of Dr. Dwyer is recovering from the accident, rapidly.

J. W. Tucker and wife went to Lincoln Sunday morning to bid their boys, John and Harry, Co. H., 2d Regiment, Neb. Vols., goodbye before they left for the south. The Judge talked with Gov. Holcomb, and says the Valentine Volunteers will surely be recognized.

The annual election of officers of Minnehadza Lodge No. 192, A. F. & A. M. will be held in Masonic Hall, Valentine, Nebr., Saturday, June 4, 1898, at 7:30 p. m., sharp. All members are requested to be present.
W. W. THOMPSON, Sec.
W. T. KINCAID, W. M.

The county attorney informs us that he recently received an anonymous communication from Cody, complaining that two saloons are run at that place without license. He informs us further that he will not take steps on such a complaint, and it is reported that the author of the letter is a man to whom these saloons refused to sell liquor.

The circus has come and gone and left in O'Neill and vicinity many mourners. We did not suppose that there were people in this vicinity who would attempt to beat such "skin games" as they operated here. Many of the boys and several of the old fellows, men who are old enough to have better sense, tried to beat the "shell game" and dropped their "wad."—O'Neill Frontier.

Roy Barnes, Dick McClain, Mose Briggs, Bert and Lute Gillette, Albion Chase and Ed Kesch, of Ainsworth, were in town Monday night with three wagons, tents, etc., on their way to Montana. The boys don't know where they are going, when they are to get there, or what they are to do when they arrive. It is dollars to doughnuts that they will all be home ere snow flies.

M. E. Kleinsmith, of Newport, was in town Saturday and made application for enlistment in the U. S. Army at Ft. Niobrara, but was rejected. Walter Houseman and Lawrence Taylor, of the same place were here Monday, and went on to Crawford to make an effort to break into the cavalry. The boys are very patriotic. One young fellow from Newport, named Patrick, was enlisted and went to McPherson.

Reports of a shocking tragedy come from the vicinity of Ardmore. James Swinbank, an unmarried ranchman, in a fit of despondency last Sunday afternoon, set fire to his house and afterwards shot and killed himself. Mr. Swinbank has been a sufferer with rheumatism for a number of years, and it is thought that the belief that his case was incurable is what prompted him to commit this awful deed.—Crawford Gazette.

Lemen Bros. circus showed here last Thursday afternoon to a good crowd. Circulars of warning had been circulated, no gambling was allowed, and but little disturbance was created. One man had his pocket picked, and some suckers bought perfume at \$3 a bottle, but they are not to be pitied. The circus carried a good menagerie and gave a creditable show, but struck tents and pulled out without giving an evening performance.

The annual election of officers of the Northern Star Chapter O. E. S. will be held in Masonic Hall, Valentine, Nebraska, on Tuesday, June 14, at 7:30 p. m., sharp. All members are cordially requested to be present.
W. W. THOMPSON, Sec.
EMMA YEAST, W. M.

The Epworth League will give an ice cream and strawberry social at the office of the County Judge, on next Monday evening. Everybody invited. By order of departments of Social Work and Finance. 17

On Friday evening, Howard Lewis, son of L. C. Lewis was accidentally shot by a 22-calibre rifle in the hands of John Beekly, son of Samuel Beekly, near Glen, Sioux county, from the effects of which he died Saturday evening.—Crawford Bulletin.

Money Not Medals.

The protest of the stockmen of the west against the offer of medals as awards in the live stock department of the Transmississippi Exposition has resulted in a unanimous decision of the board of directors to substitute cash for medals. Stockmen declare that this change will result in making the live stock section of the exposition the greatest show of live stock ever held in the United States.

The resolution, which was adopted by the directors without a dissenting vote, was as follows:

Resolved, That this board hereby directs the executive committee to reconsider the subject of live stock premiums and instructs the committee to offer cash prizes amounting to \$35,000 in place of medals.

In addition to the \$35,000 to be awarded by the directors under the terms of this resolution, the Union Stock Yards Co., of South Omaha, will contribute \$1,000 in cash to be awarded in prizes by the executive committee for cattle, hogs, and sheep. The announcement of this offer was made to the directors by General Manderson, representing the Stock Yards Company.

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To John Harden:
You will take notice that by virtue of an agister's lien for the sum of \$10.00, dated May 16, 1898, and filed by me in the office of the clerk of Cherry County, Nebraska on the 16th day of May, 1898, for the keeping, care and feeding of the following described property, to-wit: One large, red and white heifer, about three years old, I will, on the 4th day of June, 1898, at 10 o'clock, a. m., offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the above described property at the farm of E. Ormscher in Schlegel precinct, Cherry county, Nebraska, for the purpose of satisfying said agister's lien for \$10.00 and accruing costs.
17-10 ADOLPH BUECHLE.

FINAL PROOF NOTICES.
Claimants and witnesses in final proof cases notice of which appear in THE DEMOCRAT, will receive a marked copy of the paper. Should any errors in description of land or spelling of names be discovered, notice should be sent to the land office and this office, so correction can be made.

U. S. Land Office, Broken Bow, Neb., April 7th, 1898.
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the County Judge, at Valentine, Neb., on May 24, 1898, viz: Lewis K. Beeding.
H. E. No. 1041, for the W 1/4 Sec. 9, township 20 N., range 27 W. in the 9th meridian (Central Standard time), and west thereof, having also entered and through time-tables to all other sections.
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