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Manhattan (Kan.) Republic.

Robert Good of Jamestown, editor of the Optimist, received a gasoline engine as a Christmas present with the compliments of the merchants of the town and the adjuration to stop his kicking—a job press. We will venture the prediction that the hard licks that Bob Good puts in to get trade to Jamestown will make the merchants about as happy as they were in giving this pleasant surprise.

Springview Herald.

The editor who can please everybody is not fit for this earth, but entitled to wings. Human nature is constituted so that some like scandal, some don't; some like to see others ripped up the back, others don't; some like to see fakes exposed, others don't; some like the truth told about them, others don't; some like to take their papers seven or eight years and never miss an issue or pay a cent, and get mad and stop their paper when they get a statement of their accounts, others don't. It is some consolation to know that the Lord himself failed to please everyone while on earth.

Springview Herald Man in Trouble.

We received this week a statement of a little account from a business firm in Springview which was made out on a head furnished by the Pratt's Food Co., and on it was printed with a rubber stamp "Please call and settle at once. Prompt attention to this will insure future favors" and it was mailed in an envelope printed and sold by the government. This firm has spent \$11 in advertising and job work with us in nearly four years while we have spent in cash with them nearly \$200. Will some of our subscribers come in and help us pay this little bill so that in future we can trade with Sears Roebuck?—Springview Herald.

Not a Hard Problem.

O'Neill Independent.

The Columbus Telegram gives the following problem in finance to Nebraska boys: "If in a time of admitted prosperity the state of Nebraska runs into debt nearly \$150,000.00 in one year, how long will it require the republican redeemers to put Nebraska in the bankrupt column?"

You may think this picture a little overdrawn, but a peep at Auditor Searle's report for the year 1905 will convince you of the need of having the young boys and the old ones as well, to do a little figuring along this line. You will remember that the republicans promised faithfully to wipe out the obnoxious state debt if the voters would give them the power to do so. You gave them the power, both in all the state offices and the legislature, and they have had six years in which to work. The result is that they have shoved you farther into debt each year. The report shows the state to be in debt more than two and a half million dollars. This is the way they have repaid your confidence. The voters of this state have gone through the same experience twice and the railroads are framing up to do it again.

We sometimes believe that the republicans will have Nebraska into the bankrupt column long before the people will awake from their political prejudice.

We copy a number of articles from our exchanges this week, which will be found interesting, partly on account of the thought conveyed, and some articles because of merit and the more to be emphasized as having come from a republican newspaper. Read the articles and ponder over those which voice the sentiment expressed by democrats and populists years ago.

Rushville Recorder. (R.P.)

They seem to have thought about everything at the canal zone from providing pyjamas to a brass brand, but the work, that's another scheme.

The land fraud cases are filling people with apprehension, which all goes to show that government indifference in the past has been largely responsible for many of the irregular filings that have piled up, and which now threaten the west with disorganization. Land hunger is as much a curse as any other avarice.

There are not many trusts being smashed by legislation, but quite a number have gone under by the weight of their own sins; and there has never been a time in the history of the Great American Republic, where more graft, fraud and incompetence has been uncovered than under the relentless scrutiny of Theodore Roosevelt who stands out first and last as an honest man, demanding and strenuously insisting upon a purer and higher standard of political and national honor.

The time is not yet ripe, but come it will, when the solution of all the railroad difficulties will be solved by the government purchasing the railroads right out. This has already been brought about in some of the European countries. Italy being the last to solve the problem in that way, and it is only a matter of time when we must face the problem in the same bold manner. No control can be effective unless backed up by ownership, from the simple fact that the public demand one thing and the railroads another. The far reaching effects to say nothing of the difficulties of railroad legislation is every day being forced on the attention of the American people.

There is a general all round shake up coming in the west, along with the rest of the country, and we better get ready for it. In an article on Rescuing Municipal Government, written in The World to-day, is the following: "A far western correspondent, an important state official, himself charged with important power of scrutiny and investigation, declares that "there is a general shaking up in municipal affairs going on throughout the west. The daily papers tell of investigation in all departments of public affairs, expert accountants are being called in, grand juries have been assembled, and in general there is an effort being made, such as never before,

to arrive at some definite form of administration of public funds that will show without too much elaboration the disposition of the people's money," and prevent its dishonest use or diversion.

There is no Unbelief.

Ainsworth Star-Journal.

A writer on the Dubuque, Iowa, Telegraph-Herald discusses the question of what next when faith is gone. Very pathetically this writer says:

"Without faith, the morrow is empty of promise and today the hours are long and the task is heavy; the golden glow of the harvest moon is dulled and where its light falls upon the placid water there is no beauty; the flowers have lost their fragrance, there is no scent in the new turned earth and the changing leaves on the bush and vine and stately oak and maple, have lost the supernal in their coloring. The substance has disappeared before the shadow and grim materiality walks through field and busy mart and along the other paths of men, wrecking as it moves what is not of earth, or sky, or sea, and leaving in its trail the stalking ghosts of desolation and abandonment.

"For what is there left to you who call him man, human like yourselves, and not of God? And to you who know no God, who have followed Spencer, Huxley or Ingersoll and with the reading of each sentence have felt iconoclastic blows fall upon the structure of your faith, robbing you of the supporting staff of life, that now as nineteen hundred years ago was solacing as a mother's caress, hope-giving as the cheering words of a wife, inspiring as the presence of a child of one's own flesh? Emptiness reverberant as the rolling sound of the timbril bearing its load of human misery to the guillotine, and disconsolate as the monk's chant of the miserere, barren of nutrition as the sands of the Sahara and as fatal to hope as Dead Sea fruit to living matter—that is yours when faith is gone."

But there is no unbelief. There are few men without faith. The world has seen fewer infidels than we think for. Some men are wont to talk, betimes, and somewhat boastfully, it would seem, of their lack of faith—their unbelief. But when you sound the depth of their natures you will find that all this is but an idle boast. The man does not live who is entirely without faith in things unseen.

Bulwer has discussed this question most profoundly in a few simple verses. He says:

There is no unbelief,
Whoever plants a seed beneath the soil
And waits to see it push way the clod,
He trusts in God.
Whoever says when clouds are in the sky
"Be patient, heart, light breaketh by and by,"
Trusts in the Most High.
Whoever sees "neath winter's friend of snow
The silent harvest of the future grow,
God's power must know.
Whoever lies down on his couch to sleep,
Content to lock each sense in slumber deep,
Knows God will keep.
Whoever says "tomorrow," "the unknown,"
"The future," trusts the power alone
He dares disown.
The heart that looks on when eyelids close
And cares to live when life has only woes,
God's comfort knows.

I hear stories, young man, to the effect that you are failing to pay your debts. You have borrowed a half dollar each from several of the boys and have forgotten to give it back. You also owe a restaurant or two and are making no effort to make it right. The amount you owe is small, but it will grow. Perhaps you do not know it, but I want to say that you are storing up the poorest asset in your career. For a couple of dollars you are bartering away what may be your future competence. The best asset a man can have in this business world is his credit. If he keeps it good he will always have money. If he prostitutes it, he will always be hard up. It is not honesty alone that should make a man pay his debts. It is common sense. No

man ever succeeded in business who was a deadhead. Show me a man whose credit is poor in town and I will show you a failure. If you owe a small debt, by all means pay it as soon as you possibly can.—Randolph (Kan.) Enterprise.

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And see the dear children from Sunday school come.

To visit or drive, to feel a your case
I know that you're not some summer to please
To feel as a man a man amongst men,
That your work ain't cause of a wife's heart pain,

To feel like the boss is gettin' it stiff,
When the "Civ-civ" a-givin' a so id id stiff,
To feel that some w. there's one sabbath day,
Ain't full o' the devil to 'one don't pray.

And yet there is someth'ng better for me
Then sneakily breakin' the laws that be
For I don't feel right, to open the day,
Temo'in a bar, for it's pitiful say.

I've often thought, if there's hell to be
That hell's a conin', dead sure to me,
For handin' booze is a reg'lar crime,
If ye trade it off, fer a sot's last dime.

It's helpin' him down the toboggan slide,
Bringin' disgrace on some mother's pride,
And this taste o' heaven, on this side o' law,
On the side o' right, is the line I'll draw.

Just do someth'ng else—I can't do worse,
I'll jet slide out without no fuss,
Quit this sellin' poor slaves to pen
And take my stand with the Righteous Men.

For the first time in fifteen years not a saloon in Omaha, so far as could be learned, was open for business Sunday, the "lid" being on so tight that there was not a crack visible until after 4:30 this morning.

The effect of the closed Sunday is told by the jail blotter, only three persons having been arrested during the twenty-four hours on the charge of drunkenness. One of these "jags" was acquired in Council Bluffs and the other two carried bottles in their pockets.

Saloon doors were tightly sealed, while the curtains to the windows were thrown back, exposing to view the bar over which drinks are usually served.

Men believing themselves possessed of "the knowing wink" loitered around the rear entrance to some saloons, but their winks, passwords and high signs failed to bring the wet goods they desired. Omaha Daily News, Jan. 15.

Cherry County School Notes.

Did you get your perfect attendance certificates? Did you send in the names of those entitled to them? 191 certificates were issued this week.

Treasurers', moderators' and directors' books are ready for distribution.

Teachers' examination next Friday and Saturday.

Each Cherry county teacher will receive a beautiful calendar through courtesy of Attorneys Walcott & Morrissey.

ASSOCIATION PROGRAMS.

Jan. 27, 1:30 p. m.
Report of Good Things Heard at State Association.....Prof. R. H. Watson.
LA Purchase, Chapters 1 and 6.....Nellie Collett.
Chapters 5 and 6.....Vannie Hooper.
Recitation.....Chloe Waggoner.
Model Recitation, Fourth grade, Arithmetic.....Kate E. Driscoll.
Helpful Divides in Teaching Reading.....Nettie Kneeland.
Quiz on Language Work.....Mary Grewe.

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LA. PURCHASE.
1. What instructions did congress give to Lewis and Clarke?
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