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Many Americans are hoping that Russia will not be permanently disabled, but they do hope that the little Japs will prove victorious.

The weather man did a good turn by north Nebraska by showing nature at her best during the visit of the business men from Lincoln.

Spring was a little backward about getting at it but has done a good job in attempting to catch up with the almanac after the start was made.

The people of the world are entitled to believe just about what they please regarding American politics if they read both sides of the questions discussed.

A week from today the Nebraska republicans will get together and let the rest of the people of the country know what is about the right thing in the way of politics.

To explain the explosions at Port Arthur the czar's officers find it necessary to admit that the harbor mouth has been blocked and that the noise is the blowing out of the cork.

If the Russians and the Japanese do not get a hurry on themselves the reading public may be influenced to turn to the war news from Thibet for the excitement they are craving.

Before Russia sends her new Pacific squadron to the front the captains and commanders will probably be given specific instructions against planting submarine mines and losing the plat.

The Japs have not given the Russians an opportunity to do that great annihilating act that they have been so confident would result when the czar's war machinery got into full motion.

North Nebraska is pleased to make the acquaintance of Lincoln business men, and they may not be sorry of their visit for they will unquestionably find this section one of the best in the state.

Mrs. Parker does not seem to be as retiring as her liege lord and some of the newspapers are therefore devoting considerable space to the wife of the would-be democratic candidate for president.

People who are not preparing to take a claim in the Rosebud have their gaze directed toward a section in western Nebraska, and many will be land owners who are not now in possession of realty.

It is Kentucky's turn now. A Texas planter and politician has murdered a couple of men and if Kentucky is to remain in the Texas class some of her citizens who are quick with the gun will have to be up and doing.

Commander Lee Estelle, of the department of Nebraska G. A. R., has issued orders for the observance of Memorial day on May 30 and the veterans of the posts throughout the state will proceed to carry it out.

W. R. Hearst won in the democratic convention of the Eighteenth congressional district at Canton, Ohio. The democrats there are so greatly in the minority that they can afford to be reckless in their choice of delegates.

The battleship Texas has a six-inch gun that has been fired nineteen times and made nineteen hits. That gun and the man who did the sighting could probably get a job in the far east at almost any old time and price.

Four Omaha saloon keepers have been indicted on the charge of selling liquor to Indians and it will hereafter be the thing to require intending customers to furnish a proof with each nickel and dime that they are not wards of Uncle Sam.

Some of the exhibits in the horticultural section of the world's fair have been stolen, and inasmuch as the fruit has been poisoned for the purpose of preserving it the management is waiting to hear of some sudden and unexpected attacks of sickness.

The promise of Russia that Manchuria would be evacuated by her

forces seems likely of realization at the present time. The troops are falling back to Harbin, and may shortly be crossing the Manchurian line, with a victorious Japanese army crowding them over.

Some time ago it was given out that the war in the far east would be settled and over with by the first of June. If that prophecy is to hold good there will need to be some swift moving of the combatting forces during the next three weeks.

Bixby propounds the query, "Do you believe all honest men are democrats?" Well perhaps not all the time, but sometimes when reading democratic papers and listening to democratic orators the thought is somehow made quite impressive.

The Pennsylvania democrats have denounced President Roosevelt as a "standing menace." It will be found when the campaign opens up that President Roosevelt will be very much of a moving menace—to democratic success.

The Methodists are crowding the war news for position in some of the larger dailies. With a couple of general conferences of John Wesley's followers in session there is something to interest a very large number of American readers.

North Nebraska appreciates the attention that has been paid to it by the jobbers and manufacturers of Lincoln, and the people here will hope that when they return to their every day duties they will be able to count their trip through this section as one of the brightest epics in their lives.

In the death of Henry M. Stanley, a civilizing and developing Africa has greater cause for grief than any other portion of the globe, as it was through his achievements and his desire for adventure, that the "dark" continent has reached its present standing in a civilized world.

If the Russians have found the line of railroad into Manchuria insufficient to get the troops into the country fast enough to head off the Japs, they will probably find facilities far less adequate when it comes to getting out of the way of the advancing Japanese army in a hurry.

If there are any states that are not going to be for Roosevelt at the Chicago convention they have yet to be heard from. Hearst would undoubtedly give the balance of his wealth for an assurance that his vote at St. Louis would even compare with that for Roosevelt at Chicago.

A great many democrats are getting ready to insist that Judge Parker's ideas of government represent all that is good and desirable for a republic without the slightest indication of what his ideas may be. Because he is reputed to be a democrat is sufficient for them and they will give him cordial support—if they have to.

Russia's plan to effect a further mobilization of troops in the far east and call out the reserves until the army reaches the half million mark is a logical conclusion following the successes of the little Japs. If Russia finds that it is unable to crush the enemy with a superior force the war is about as good as won by the Japs.

Gun powder and war are very evidently dangerous things for Russians to fool with. Not only do they blow up their vessels on their own mines, but portions of the army get to fighting among themselves and make a killing job that would rank with the casualties of a clash with the Japanese.

An Omaha health officer has issued orders forbidding the use of well water for drinking purposes in down town office buildings and the wives are wondering how much it cost their husbands to get such an order issued and whether or not the saloon men agreed to bear any of the share of the expense if it really did cost money.

There has evidently been some pressure brought to bear against the Russians that will cause them to move back to Harbin as a base of operations, and the people are now interested in finding out how long they will be able to hold out there without necessitating a move still further back up the country, from the way they came.

Fourteen church denominations have joined in an appeal to the people and propose to do all they can to fight the divorce evil. It is proposed by some of the church organizations to prevent the marriage of divorced persons by their ministers and affairs are already commencing to look gloomy in South Dakota where they have almost reached the point of serv-

ing out divorcees with a glass of beer or a meal ticket.

The Santa Fe officials issued an ultimatum to the effect that the striking machinists who did not report for duty Monday, might consider themselves as permanently out of a job in the shops. Only five returned to work and now it is reported that the road is to import men from other points to take their places. The road may be preparing for an experience similar to that of the Union Pacific during a like strike.

There are certain penalties for being on the Sphynx order. According to different biographical sketches of Judge Parker he was born in Ulster county, New York; Worcester, Massachusetts, and Cortland, New York. There may be certain advantages, however, of even these variable statements as each birthplace will be expected to help along the Parker campaign. The next mixup will come when it is attempted to ascertain for certain who the original Parker man was.

Toso now gives his official account of how it happens that the remnant of the Russian navy at Port Arthur is not to leave the harbor. The trick was attempted during a severe storm and the rock-laden boats were separated so that the commander's signals to give up the attempt were unobeyed, and each individual captain went at it in his own way and now the channel is impassable to any but small boats. It was a maneuver rivaling that of Hobson at Santiago, and it deserved to succeed.

The Monte Carlo suicide record has now another name attached, and it is becoming more of a question every day as to how long a world that pretends to civilization will permit the operation of this famous gambling joint where so many lose their wealth and determine that life is not worth living. It is probable, however, that the world will not unite in demanding its suppression until the time is at hand when the towns and cities will agree to dispense with their imitations of the Monte Carlo life.

The fact that nineteen St. Louis aldermen were convicted by Joseph Folk, some of them more than two years ago, and that none of them have yet been punished, is an argument for a change in political conditions in that state which the republicans will not permit to rest. With the common voters of that state brought to a full realization of conditions as they exist the supposed to be permanent majority of the democratic machine is liable to receive some severe jolts when the time for counting the votes arrives.

After ordering his war vessels not to leave the harbor at Port Arthur, the czar would not need to go a great way to anticipate other Japanese tactics and make it appear that all events of the war were planned from St. Petersburg. He might order his forces to evacuate Port Arthur after they have been forced out by the Japs; he might order a certain number of his soldiers killed at each engagement and he might occasionally order one of his war ships to be blown up just to emphasize the fact that he has the upper hand in the far east. If the Japs should happen to anticipate some of the orders he might get it before the world by the very next mail following the event.

The little boys are becoming educated on the subject of protecting the little feathered songsters and have acquired a great respect for the beautiful little creatures. Now if the boys who are big enough and old enough to know better will spare their lives the time will not be far distant when the little creatures will increase in number to the delight of lovers of nature and the benefit of the farmers and gardeners who have been robbed of many dollars in value by worms and noxious insects that the birds destroy. Just at this season of year the young members of the bands of mercy should be especially vigilant to prevent the destruction of the nests and bird eggs and the little fledglings.

North Nebraska has been growing splendidly this spring and intends to grow some more. There are sections of the country that have attained their full development, but this section of Nebraska is only just beginning to make the growth that conditions demand. Twenty years ago this section was comparatively on the pioneer order, with more prairie than developed homesteads and many more vacant lots in the towns than residences, but another twenty years will show that the present day development is very crude and incomplete. Cities are to be builded and other slices of prairie are to be converted into productive farms and ranches. It is a season of growth and it will take many years, even at the

present rate of development for the country to reach a condition equal to its resources.

Henry Clews, in reviewing the financial situation, finds that a glutted money market is the feature. The banks have been making loans, but it is found that the deposits and reserves of cash are keeping a pace way ahead of the borrowers, and it is evident that all kinds of war loans would be acceptable to the financial interests at fair rates. It is a good condition to have plenty of money available, but it is far better to have it out and working. This section of the country should have use for a large amount of this idle capital in developing the reservation and the section farms that will soon be available to the people and there is a splendid chance for investment in the section that is already partially developed. Nebraska banks have, themselves, been accumulating handsome surpluses of cash, but this and more can be placed to good and profitable use when the movement is once on to install the immigrants in homes of their own who are soon to be headed in this direction, and of whom the advance guard is already on hand.

It is frequently the case that business men do not know how to advertise to get the best results. Where some make it pay a big percentage on the investment, others try it only to drop out in a short time with the firm conviction that "advertising does not pay" when the contrary has been proven times without number. It is probable that in the near future a business education will be incomplete without a thorough instruction regarding paying advertisements, and the newspaper men and sign writers and circular makers will welcome that era, as one of their most difficult tasks is to convince their patrons of the value of advertising. The time is past when a newspaper man gleefully accepts an advertising contract when he knows it is given "to help the paper out." It has become a business proposition. The newspaper man has space to sell and his desire is that his advertiser shall get value in return. There has been a wonderfully advanced sentiment recently among advertisers, and newspaper patrons and those expecting to be

come such are welcoming new ideas on the subject. At a recent meeting of the Young Men's Christian association in Omaha the subject was taken up and discussed with interest and profit. Mel Uhl, a newspaper man of the metropolis, was on the program for a paper and the chief points he made were these: "First give your advertiser your personal attention; second make your ads. a personal appeal; third, see that they are properly displayed; fourth, be brief and concise in your statements; fifth, use clear-cut illustrations, if any; sixth, have similarity with a difference; seventh, use the space your business justifies; eighth, be a persistent and continuous advertiser; ninth, select the medium best adapted to your business; tenth, study the advertising problem continuously." Mr. Uhl went Moses one better and delivered an eleventh commandment. His laws ended with the strict injunction, "deliver the goods you advertise."

A Galusha of Red Cloud is making an interesting pre-convention campaign for the nomination of secretary of state on the republican ticket. Mr. Galusha is one of the shrewd politicians of the South Platte country who recognized the advisability of getting solid with the North Platte country early in the campaign, realizing that there would be formidable opposition if the north half of the state should unite on a candidate and go to the convention against him. When coming out for the office one of Mr. Galusha's earliest wishes was to secure the friendship of the north Platte country, a consideration for this section which south Platte candidates have frequently ignored in the past. He, however, realized that if he could get the good will of the people here for his candidacy, and secure a reasonable number of delegates from the southern part of the state, he would be in position for a strong fight against any candidate who might appear for the same office. Accordingly he made a trip through this section and has interested many of the leading politicians in his fight, and the prospects are that he will go into the convention next week with a large support from this part of the state. The south Platte people have been accustomed to having north Platte politicians come their way for support, but Mr. Galusha is one of the first to understand that it would not be an unwise pre-convention plan to return the compliment and ask for the good will and support of republicans of the north, and his action has left an agreeable impression.

ATCHISON GLOBE SIGHTS.

What is truth to one man is falsehood to another.

An untruthful man uses the word "liar" a great deal.

The average woman cannot resist showing it when she "owns" a man.

Say what you please, running into the face of the enemy is dangerous.

A man never knows how many steps he takes every day until his foot hurts him.

There is one thing about a setting hen; she is never troubled with indigestion.

Ever occur to you that beggars, particularly the crippled ones, are impudent?

There is a way of offending a man by offering him a kindness he doesn't want. Avoid it.

The average married woman despises her husband's kin and his business competitors.

When a man's first initial is W. his name should be Bill. We believe we prefer Bill to Wash.

A woman cannot claim to have perfect self-control if she turns her head to look at a new dress going by.

Poor health always seems to be a satisfactory excuse for a woman, but it doesn't go when a man offers it.

A man received a note from his girl today containing twenty-seven words. Nineteen of them were underscored.

An Atchison woman whose hired girl ran the house, started out to be a boss buster and as a result is doing her own work.

Often when a man gives money away to children, in a grand stand way, his wife looks as if she would like to grab it.

It may be an indication of deep thought when a girl scratches her head, but they don't look at it that way when it is a boy.

If a boy takes the measles, and acquires some distinction, the pleasure is all lost by a circus coming along at the time he is laid up.

We often think that repeating the same lectures over and over must be a good deal like telling yourself stories you have heard before.

We wonder that women ever long to be wealthy, considering that the more money they have the more servants they will have to employ.

A man yesterday offered a girl restaurant waiter a tip of ten cents. The girl thought he wanted to hold her hand and complained to the proprietor.

Andy Ketchum is having a silk vest made that will cost \$18.50. It is said that an Atchison banker is the only other man in town who has thus far been able to maintain this pace.

A man hates to part with money on a stormy day. Is it because the storm makes him look on the dark side and he imagines that he will never have any more money after that is spent?

Capt. Stabler, of Huron, lately called on a painless dentist, and had fifteen teeth pulled at one sitting. Asked if the operation hurt, he replied: "That man couldn't pull a dog's tail for me any more." That means that it hurt.

Orator story: Several years ago, Mike Sutton and Ed Madison were law partners at Dodge City. Madison (now judge) was invited to deliver a Decoration day address at Stafford, and accepted, but, at the last moment, couldn't go. So he sent his partner, Mike Sutton. In a letter to the committee he explained the circumstances. "As a matter of fact," he said, "we have but one Decoration day address in the firm, and Mike delivers it about as well as I do."

"While sitting at home last evening, the door bell rang very timidly. Opening the door, I expected to find a child, but standing there was an old white haired man; a man I have known for years as a mechanic, but whom I have lately missed off the street. He was very feeble and talked with difficulty. He said he had been sick a year, and couldn't get any better; so he had concluded to come up and ask me what he had better do. I couldn't do anything for him. He was simply worn out; he was undergoing the storm that gathers about all of us when we pass off the stage. His manner was so pitiful that the incident almost made me cry. I talked as cheerfully as I could to him, and he finally went away—feebly and hesitatingly. Probably his people do not know he called on me. In his desperation, in his weakness and despair and suffering, he concluded to call on me, and ask my advice. How I wish I could have given him advice that would have been of value. I seem to me I would give nearly anything in the world to help that old man."

—Drake Watson.

TIMELY TOPICS.

We rejoice that it is a fact that Beatrix merchants advertise more than they did a year ago. More of them believe in advertising and a number of them figure it is a necessary and profitable investment. There is more interest taken in show windows, too, and these things will help the town. A good advertisement in a newspaper and a good window display to back it up is a combination that wins.—Beatrix Express.

When you have but one of the Columbus 'phones you swear when you want to talk to the fellow who has the other. When you have two you swear when you answer the wrong one first. Will some one answer why in the name of common sense an intelligent community will suffer this inconvenience and pay tribute to a superfluous set of stockholders, when one set of poles, wire and instruments will do the business?—Columbus Times.

The 649 acres homestead law for western Nebraska is now a law and in the course of eight or ten years all of the western part of the state will be taxable property and worth that much more to the state and a large part of it will be in the hands of small ranchmen and other improvements will swell the taxable property. Not only the Sixth district but the entire state is under obligations to Congressmen Kinkaid, who has accomplished so much in his first session of congress.—Lynch Journal.

We are having lots of fun these balmy spring mornings getting up at 5 o'clock and running races with the neighbor's speckled rooster and his companions, over the lawn, across the strawberry patch and through the newly made garden. The route is in favor of the rooster and up to the present time he has had rather the best of the race, but some time we shall win and then there will be stewed chicken and dumplings for dinner at a home where there are no "coons."—Stanton Pickett.

Nebraska banks are flooded with money, farmers and business men are "even with the world," and yet some of them are not satisfied. But then every state has a restless class of this calibre. They hear of fortunes picked up in the mountains or "snaps" up in Canada and they long to be on the move. Little do they think of the thousands of people who have made their money in the agricultural states only to lose it while searching for the end of the rainbow. There's a fortune for every man in Nebraska if he will but stay here and work for it.—Hastings Tribune.

The Norfolk News thinks that N. D. Jackson of Neligh should be selected as chairman of the republican state central committee to succeed Harry Lindsay. The Omaha Bee hints quite strongly that there would be no inconsistency in Mr. Lindsay continuing to act in that capacity while attending to the new duties devolving upon him as clerk of the supreme court. There is merit in both suggestions; but Jackson is certainly deserving of recognition for past party services and his election as the pilot of the republican party through the Roosevelt campaign would prove very gratifying to a host of republicans who have every reason to believe that "Jack" possesses all the requisite qualifications for giving an excellent account of himself should he be given the opportunity of filling the position.—Tilden Citizen.

Tired Out. "I was very poorly and could hardly get about the house. I was tired out all the time. Then I tried Ayer's Sarsaparilla, and it only took two bottles to make me feel perfectly well."—Mrs. N. S. Swinney, Princeton, Mo.

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