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Let them fuse. It will be ineffective unless the situation conspires to throw republican votes their way.

The Japs and Russians might now diversify the game by drawing cuts to see which will be the next to blow up a ship or two of their own.

It is remarked as an epoch in the far eastern war when Kuropatkin does not fall back a few miles either in good or bad order.

The weather man evidently determined to fling back the lie good and hard into the teeth of the man who would mention Nebraska and drought in the same breath.

The next thing to an ambition to be president would be an ambition to be as certain of being nominated and elected to that high office as President Roosevelt.

If Japan could make sure of a mine that would reduce Port Arthur to kindling wood and scrap iron, life would again become worth living to the mikado and his high officials.

The county and state conventions are about reaching a finish and shortly the national conventions will be on with their noise and flurry and the campaign will be positively open.

If May was always as pleasant and agreeable as this month has been there would be more parents willing to return to that good old name as a fitting one for a handsome and agreeable daughter.

The crops are standing up for Nebraska right now in a small way, but the prospects are that they will do some taller work of that kind just as soon as a warm sun and generous rains can bring them up to it.

The democratic party as an organization may be opposed to Roosevelt, but the Lincoln Star is convinced that there are a large number of individual members who are not inclined to defeat his election.

For a week or two the sweet girl graduate and the wise young man of the same class will vie quite energetically with the situation in the far east and with politics for first place in the papers and in the minds and hearts of the common people.

Peter O. Elliott, the man thought to be insane who at one time threatened the life of President Roosevelt, hung himself the other day at Minneapolis. This may be but an indication of the fate that overtakes those who threaten the lives of the presidents.

Port Arthur, Texas, should be able to extract a share of advertising that is coming to Port Arthur of the far east. They are not at all in the same circumstances, but the name should be sufficient to attract a share of the world's attention to the Texas town.

The editor of the Fremont Tribune advised people to test their seed corn before planting and then went ahead and planted some untested corn just to show others how foolish such methods are. He only has about fifty hills to replant in a field of fifty hills.

City directories should be in exceedingly demand by people who are just now looking for relations in the exposition city. A person with an official directory might even assume relationship with another of the right name, at least until after the big show is over.

The Sioux City Journal registers objections to so much politics because it has distracted attention from the very fine weather with which the country is being favored. The weather is certainly of the kind that should appeal to the lovers of nature if not the politicians.

The appearance of John M. Thurston before the state convention at Lincoln was the signal for some enthusiasm that could scarcely have been exceeded had Senator Dietrich occupied the platform in his stead. "The red, red rose" was either forgotten for the nonce or forgiven.

Some Sioux City enthusiast has formed an appendix club. At the rate the disease has been making it

self manifest with modern people it would seem that a more exclusive society could be formed by receiving into membership only those who still retain their vermiform appendix.

The democrats of Ohio prefer to register in as representing the conservative element of the party, and their temporary chairman probably spoke for the majority of them in that state when he expressed a desire that all of the radicals might be turned out and driven away.

Colorado and Wyoming are very evidently in need of some of that work that will prevent floods from rushing down on them all in a bunch, but to hold it to be drawn on gradually when it is most needed by the crops. The way those cloudbursts did things the other day should serve to attract the attention of the topographic survey.

No serious opposition is likely to develop to President Roosevelt before the national meeting of that party in St. Louis. In the interim the apostles of free trade or free silver or anti-imperialism, or whatever they may advocate, are more than busy taking care of troubles of their own and have no time to look after the common enemy.

The fusionists appear to be taking very strongly to the candidacy of P. E. McKillop of Humphrey as their candidate for congress. The convention to be held at Fremont on the 28th will have the way so about the matter and the most serious problem will be the acquiescence of the populists, as McKillop is said to be a rockribbed democrat.

Parker is probably like other wise democrats—waiting for his party to say whether he is expected to holler the roof of his head off for the free and unlimited coinage of silver at the rate of sixteen to one or make the welkin ring with plaudits of the gold standard, and this is not the only question under doubt, all emphasizing the need of a deep and oppressive silence until the party first speaks.

It will probably surprise no one more than Mr. Bryan if the democrats should finally decide to unite on Grover Cleveland. The leaders are very evidently making soundings of party sentiment to determine how such a maneuver would be received in the event it is found that Mr. Parker cannot swing the required delegates necessary to a nomination.

Appearances are indicating that before the excitement is over in the far east there may be numerous exciting war tales unfolded and serious conflicts recorded. Neither of the combatting forces has yet gained any very distinct advantages or decided victories, indicating that they are probably very evenly matched, and that when they do come into conflict there will be some hot fighting.

It is said by a leading political publication that President Roosevelt will be the real platform of both parties, in which event it is unseemly and unwise for the democrats to be fighting among themselves as to whether the Kansas City platform should be affirmed or denounced. President Roosevelt and his record is safely the platform of the republicans. And the democrats will find it exceedingly difficult to evade the Roosevelt issue when the campaign opens.

Memorial day increases in importance and in general observance with each recurring 30th of May. The people feel that it is required of them to devote one day in the year to thoughts of the boys in blue and their achievements, and they like to do it. It inspires patriotism, perhaps not as demonstrative as that of the Fourth of July, but patriotism of an enduring kind and effective. Next Monday is the day that this annual observance will take place.

Tom Johnson of Ohio is booming Joseph Folk of Missouri as the proper candidate for president. If Mr. Folk has any ambitions in this direction his earliest effort should be directed toward getting Mr. Johnson to support some one else—that is if Mr. Johnson's own experience in running for a larger office than mayor can be taken as an indication of his influence in a larger field. He progressed backward last fall and may be able to accomplish the same result for Mr. Folk.

The czar is reported as believing that the tide has turned in Russia's favor in the far eastern war. The Japanese have undoubtedly been thinking the same thing, but their friends are confident that they are merely getting a reverse that will be beneficial in inspiring greater caution and planning more stoutly and firmly to be on top in the final outcome of the war. It is expected to hear different reports when the machinery the Japanese have set in mo-

tion finally arrives at the point where the accomplishment of their purpose is possible.

Levi P. Morton is eighty years of age and said to be in the enjoyment of excellent health. Perhaps he is able to attribute his present good health and prosperity to his early determination to abjure politics, after he had participated in one race for the vice presidency. They are not all as wise as Mr. Morton and continue flirting with fickle office, until their minds and bodies become affected and they go down to an early grave some time this side of Morton's age.

From the way things are happening in national affairs for the democratic party it would seem probable that Mr. Bryan would be doing very well should he be selected as the nominee of his party as candidate for United States senator from Nebraska. Then after his nomination he will have a strong fight to win, as the republicans have endorsed a candidate who appears to have equal ability and is untrammelled by the radical views that have been acting as a drag to Mr. Bryan's ambition.

Sioux City is systematically at work on a scheme that should serve to keep the national meeting of democrats in and out of jail, it being persistently rumored that the city jail is haunted. The last ghost to appear insisted on cutting up cordwood and endeavoring to take a drink of water—two things that no live tramp could be guilty of—and it is supposed by other prisoners to be an indication from the spirit land that the ghost would be only too contented to do these abhorrent deeds could he but return to earth entire once more.

The people of New York are rejoicing because Governor Odell has vetoed a bill that had the approval of Mayor McClellan which would give the obnoxious gas trust of the metropolis additional monopoly and strength, and yet there are people who will continue to argue that no anti-trust action can originate from the republican party, but that all reform in this direction must be looked for from democrats. A few more official acts of this character against the interests of the people by New York's democratic mayor, and the Empire state can be depended upon to go unanimously for the republican ticket.

A congressional committee is just now investigating the best method to restore America to a worthy place as a marine nation. The people are becoming averse to having all of the ocean carrying trade done by foreign vessels manned by foreign crews when America is as much interested as any nation in the world in the traffic between countries that the oceans divide. It is to be hoped that some means will be found to give this country the position on the seas that her commerce deserves and in the interest of American institutions such traffic should be carried on by American vessels and American sailors.

J. J. Hill, the railroad magnate, thinks it will be impossible to restore the American merchant marine until the people become interested in the business. With its coast lines as widely separated as are those of America, and so many people who are not interested in the sea, or its carrying business, it will be somewhat difficult, perhaps to interest them to the same extent that the people of the interior are interested in railroads, but it should be so. England and other maritime nations, whose people are compelled to take to the sea if they expect to go anywhere, are naturally awake to what is going on in the seas, but it is just as essential to the American people to become interested as it is for those of any nation, because those of the remotest interior depend to a great extent for their prosperity on the prosperity of the people of the coast.

W. D. Hunter of the entomological bureau of the agricultural department has made a report on the boll weevil. He finds that a single pair of these brutes are quite capable of having 134,000,000 descendants before the end of a season, and is convinced that the pest will in a few years cost the cotton planters and the country millions of dollars in cotton destroyed. It would be interesting if the farmers and planters could have just a season without an insect pest of any kind to interfere with their work and the results. There is little doubt but that these pests exact a large percentage each year from the producers for their maintenance and support. The propagation and protection of birds and other natural enemies of these pests is highly recommended and the results would begin to show in a few years, beyond a doubt, if the carnivorous birds should be permitted to increase exceedingly in numbers.

Norfolk is just in the primary stages of its ultimate development.

New York and California may be far apart regarding distance, but they are evidently very close together on the Hearst situation for the democratic nomination for president.

May showers are all right, but when it comes to soaking rain storms with hail accompaniment, there are better things in the weather line to be desired.

There are very evidently a few at the great exposition. With a record of 257,611 passing through the gates last week there are indications to show that not all the people of the country are absolutely bankrupt.

The situation between Hearst and Parker, to hear both sides of the controversy, is about as indefinite as it is between the Russians and the Japanese as determined by the respective reports from St. Petersburg and Tokio.

Sixty of the State Journal is persistently jabbing his pen into the fellow that spits on the pavements and in time hopes to have Lincoln a spitless town or have all the expropriation associated with the refuse and messiness of the gutters where it properly belongs.

The populists are evidently desirous that fusion should continue on state issues while they go it straight on national affairs and thus find out their exact standing as a party. With half fusion and half straight they can easily dodge in either direction as indicated by the returns as their policy.

Many Methodists will be politicians enough to wonder what influence could have operated to cause Chancellor Day to refuse as good a church position as that of bishop. It is almost equal to declining the presidency in national political affairs, and the man is a phenomenon who would not accept that job.

The democrats might not lack a paramount issue, or would not care so much if they did lack a paramount issue if they were only reasonably certain that the prevailing prosperity could be headed off and with calamity and hard times cause the people to be dissatisfied with the present republican government.

Some of the politicians are so fearful that there will be no excitement during the coming presidential campaign that they are already beginning to worry for fear that Sir Thomas Lipton will not come over again this year to have another try at the yachting trophy and to substitute for the interest that the campaign may lack.

There are a lot of democrats in the country who do not care who is placed in nomination at St. Louis, which is interpreted by republicans to mean that they are fairly well satisfied with governmental affairs as they exist under a republican administration. If they thought the country was in danger they would not only care who was named at St. Louis but would do their best to see that he was elected.

Nebraska might have been a drouth state some years ago for one season, but it has decidedly reformed, and is now not as much of a drouth state as some of the eastern commonwealths where the corn dried up and rattled last year and other vegetation was so devoid of moisture that a lighted match would set it to going like a bunch of shavings. For several years now Nebraska has had moisture to let.

Norfolk is all right, but it needs a commercial club to help direct the city's development at it should be directed. The business men are energetic in their respective ways and enterprising regarding their personal affairs but much less effort would accomplish far greater results by unity of purpose and action. It is the time to advance when conditions are as favorable for advancement as they are now and the merchants and property owners should get together.

The Russians are growing quite optimistic over the situation in the far east and are now counting on controlling the sea and relieving Port Arthur. They have certainly clung to the strategic port with grim determination and it would not be astonishing if they should finally extricate it from its difficulties. The Japanese too are proving powerful and aggressive antagonists and the outcome of the conflict is still very much in doubt with a great deal to do to bring about a settlement. At the present rate of progress it is probable that the conflict will continue for many years to come.

It is evidently no time for croakers, other than frogs, in Nebraska.

The season is very propitious in a crop way, people are quite generally employed at fair wages, there is money in the banks, towns and country are developing, new investors are coming in, new settlers are arriving, there are no epidemics to speak of, there is plenty available to eat and wear, nature is at her prettiest, and everything conduces to the general happiness and comfort of the people. It is a time for optimism, and the intelligence of the people is manifest in the infrequency of pessimistic utterances.

John Jacob Astor is not without his troubles. He has recently erected a magnificent hotel, but through an oversight the building is within 200 feet of a church, all of which makes it a matter of question whether or not the structure can ever put to the use for which it was intended. In New York a hotel is hardly a hotel unless intoxicants are on tap at all hours of the day and night. In New York, also, it is not allowable to sell intoxicants within 200 feet of a church—and thus it happens that the millionaire is in trouble. He would probably pay handsomely for the privilege of moving the church.

Those who are in closest touch with the merchant marine situation appear to be unanimously in favor of the late Senator Hanna's policy of creating a subsidy, but as this is the plan pursued by the leading maritime nations of the world it would seem to be about the only solution of the matter. With other governments supporting their marine out of their treasuries and finding that it pays, it will be necessary for America to meet the competition, or keep the back seat that it now occupies on the high seas. Everything else favors American supremacy on the seas, but it cannot hope to compete with those that are already powerful without meeting their methods.

REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR.

It takes ten times as long for a woman to get old as for her children.

It's very easy for a clever man to get around a woman—with his arm.

No man can break a girl's heart as easily as some other man can repair it.

There never was a man a woman couldn't flatter; there never was a woman that didn't do it.

A woman hasn't any doubt you are a good man when you can remember the ages of her children.

It's a curious thing that girls go from the nursery to school and from school back to the nursery.

It beats anything how a girl whose stockings fit her well is never afraid of a hammock that bucks like a broncho.

It's very easy to get solid with the mother of the girl you want to marry by being deeply interested in her views on the education of children.—New York Press.

Sunday is a good day for staying at home without letting your family know you'd rather be some place else.

Girls are so clever about a man they can tell by the kind of necktie he is wearing whether he is going to propose.

It's pretty good fun to pretend you are going to kiss a girl and then to have to do it to appease her indignation.

When a woman rides horseback straddlewise she feels as natural as a man who tries to climb a tree in petticoats.

Swift's Pride soap lessens laundry labors. It is the very best possible laundry soap that can be made. Order it for Monday's wash.

When the open work shirt waist season comes a man always has the embarrassed feeling he has the first time he is ever in a turkish bath.

No matter how poor a woman feels she never has any doubt that it is cheaper to buy an expensive hat and charge it than a low priced one and pay cash for it.

ATCHISON GLOBE SIGHTS.

There are diamonds everywhere you dig.

Any man who is a success as a victor, is a Sissy-man.

We have counted, and know that a certain Atchison woman has been fatally ill nine times.

If you can't tell all you know about any one, don't hint that you can tell something, and make it worse.

An Atchison man who has been a drinking man for more than fifty years, quit the other day; after whiskey had done him all the harm it pos-

sibly could. Why didn't he quit years ago?

Here is something you never see mentioned by the writers on etiquette: every person's social obligation begins at home.

"Mothers are so dense," complained a girl today. "Mine comes in the parlor when I have callers, and stays and stays and stays."

If you were invited out to dinner today, your hostess doesn't think she had a chance unless you gave her notice day before yesterday.

One of the funny things is to meet a drug store drunkard who doesn't know that you know he drinks, and who, when full, tries to hide the fact.

Sheff Ingalls quit chewing tobacco a year ago, and his wife has been praising him for it ever since, although he began again ten days after quitting.

Dr. Bogle has been "ailing" during the past three days, and says that during that time, he has eaten nothing except a cup of beef tea. We would like to know, just for fun, what he has eaten in the last three days.

Bishop Turner of the A. M. E. church, in an address at Chicago yesterday, begged his hearers never to sing "Wash Me and I Shall be Whiter Than Snow," saying he would never have it sung in his presence. The colored preachers are becoming almost as notional as the white ones.

TIMELY TOPICS.

John M. Thurston, in a speech before the state convention, remarked that "we are doing tolerably well," and expressed the conviction that the people of the country were happier and more contented than they had been for a great many years. His statement will receive a hearty second from everyone who is willing to work or grasp opportunities.—South Sioux City Record.

The Methodist conference in session at Los Angeles thinks the evils of the times are political corruption, the liquor traffic, tyranny of trades unionism, greed of unscrupulous employers, lynching, the negro question and Mormonism. Their catalogue covers a multitude of sins, but human greed that has smothered old fashioned honesty is at the bottom of the biggest part of it.—Wisner Free Press.

The Bible is a remarkable book. Even the men who doubt its inspiration admit that whether it be viewed as an historical book, an inspired book, a book of prophecy or judged wholly upon its literary merits, it is a marvelous book, and worthy the careful study of everyone. Perhaps no book is quoted so often or with so much force as the Bible. No book sets forth a better code of morals than the Bible. No book expresses so many noble thoughts in such beautiful language as the Bible. It is a digest of knowledge. It is a model of rhetoric. It argues, it pleads, it threatens. It is the storehouse to which men have gone for ages, and to which future generations will continue to go for inspiration and instruction. No other book is its equal. No other can take its place. You cannot remember the Sabbath day better than to read from this book.—Beatrice Express.

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