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 Nebraska keeps right on standing up for the board of trade bear.

There may be parched earth in the east or west, but none is in evidence in Nebraska this season.

The ability of Russia to maintain a fleet at Port Arthur appears to rest on their ability to keep their boats inside the harbor's mouth.

If Togo could but entice the Russian fleet out a time or two more he would soon have all the scalps of his enemy dangling at his belt.

People that wish to die are not often found in Nebraska. Here life is worth living all the time and particularly at this season of the year.

Dowie has not yet been convinced but that he will be able to do New Yorkers some good—if they will only permit him.

The prohibitionists are in session at Indianapolis, but that was not why caused the trembling of the earth shortly after noon today.

There might be some demand on the part of Nebraska farmers for the invention of a man who will make a practical gasoline launch corn cultivator.

Now that Perdicaris is released the government of Morocco should proceed to capture Raisuli and take the amount of that ransom out of his hide.

A tornado has visited Nebraska, but it was so near the dividing line between this state and Kansas that the storm is entitled to be termed a stray.

What the Russians do not know about naval warfare and the management and manipulation of naval vessels would evidently fill several good sized volumes.

The exposition might just about as well close its doors while the democratic convention is in progress next week. It will be much the more attractive show of the two.

Considerable interesting reading matter grew out of the fact that Mr. Bryan had his portrait painted—and now a bust of the famous Nebraska democrat is being made in New York.

If Miles should win the prohibition nomination after refusing to talk out—as Fairbanks did in the republican convention—Parker stock may be expected to go up another notch at St. Louis.

Just now there is a rush for the Kansas harvest fields by those anxious to make from \$1.50 to \$3.50 per day, that would rival the crowds headed for some of the most famous summer resorts.

The prohibitionists are stayers, anyway. Any other party that had dwindled to its numbers would either disband absolutely or originate a new scheme and a new party that might stand a chance of gathering in a few votes.

While John L. Webster did not have a great run of good luck at Chicago, we should all earnestly hope that A. G. Wolfenbarger of Lincoln will have a ladder long enough to capture the persimmon at Indianapolis next week.

The glorious Fourth is but four days in the future—almost everyone knows that, but if you want it figured down to hours and minutes you will need to inquire of the average young American, between the ages of eight and fourteen.

Some of the railroads are discovering that their competitors are dealing directly with notorious ticket scalpers, and they fear that with this condition of affairs there never will be an opportunity to get rid of this class of ticket dealers.

The progress being made by Norfolk and north Nebraska is good to look upon by those who desire to witness prosperity and development. The pace may be a little swift for some but they will catch up eventually.

The per capita wealth of the country is greater than ever before and is still growing some, therefore will

there be less use than usual for the democrats to reaffirm their allegiance to free silver and the Kansas City platform.

That bee in the bonnet of General Miles is very evidently of a persistent and insistent breed, if it can bring him to the point of accepting the scant honors in the political line that the prohibition party has in its power to deliver.

The republicans have failed utterly in stirring up any antagonism or other excitement in their own camp, and they are almost beginning to doubt the ability of the democrats to put up a fight that will make the campaign interesting.

If the republicans should have been permitted to hold their convention after the democrats, it would not have been possible for the latter party to "view with alarm" the assertions and policies outlined in the republican platform.

The Russians have announced that they expect the war situation to be determined in a very few days, now. They may possibly do something to the Japs, but if they do there will be hundreds of people in America who will never forgive them.

With the armies of Kurapatkin, Kuridi and Oku lined up in the near neighborhood of each other and the attempt being made by each to outmaneuver the others, there is some reason to suppose that something will happen when the jockeying is over.

It is said that the only newspaper in New York supporting Hearst and Bryan is Hearst's own "Journal and American." This showing out of the 700 or 800 papers published in that city is not a sign of any great majority among the newspaper publishers.

Senator Fairbanks, the republican candidate for vice president, traces his descent back to pure Puritan stock, which will be a recommendation for him that will appeal to a large number of Americans who desire their chief officers to be as distinctly American as possible.

Nebraska rivals the sea shore and mountain resorts this year in giving cool and bracing breezes and other comforts not customary to the good old summer time. There are few Nebraskans to be enticed away from home this season by the offerings of the summer resort people.

The Japs are wise in giving the Russian navy considerable leeway. If the war lasts a few months longer and the sailors of the czar are given ample opportunity that country will soon have no navy left at all with which to menace Japanese commerce and the transport business.

If General Miles refuses to speak out so that the leaders of the prohibition party may know that he is not endeavoring to bunco them out of the best gift in their keeping, the people of Nebraska will rise as one and demand that the honor be thrust upon Mr. Wolfenbarger of Lincoln.

That the section homesteads are considered of value by the people who best know them is shown by the anticipation of trouble at the Broken Bow office. People would never have trouble over worthless property, and if the homesteads are worth fighting for they are certainly worth having.

Democrats should be careful how they criticize the republican candidates and the republican platform for the present. Perhaps after the St. Louis convention has finished with their pet beliefs and theories they will be only too glad to endorse the action of the Chicago convention in toto.

"Uncle Joe" Cannon, after that Chicago address, is considered to have an ability as an orator that would not make him entirely unworthy of notice as a debater against the flowery oratory of Mr. Bryan, and such a debate might be arranged by the national committee with advantage.

The prohibition national convention will meet in Indianapolis next week and place in nomination the ticket which members of that party will hope may be able to show the gain in strength that should be the result from the natural increase in prohibition families since the party was organized.

All preliminaries leading up to the St. Louis convention are of a nature to guarantee it will be as much unlike the Chicago convention as it is possible to get. This is not, however, an evidence of a democratic desire to be original. The leaders of the party would much prefer to create an exact imitation of the Chicago affair—provided always, that it would be according to their idea of men and

principles, and not as the other fellow would have it.

That regatta at Kiel must have been worth seeing and the boats in the race must have traveled some, but have you noticed Nebraska in her race for a bumper harvest. It is not only an exciting one, but valuable results will accrue to the state as well as to those that are second and third in the running.

After long and thoughtful consideration and a wrestling with the temptation that they were holding out to him, General Miles has finally decided that he will not accept the nomination for president on the prohibition ticket. It required a good deal of will power, but he demonstrated that it was possible to resist.

If Russia is to decide the war during the present week, the forces of that country now in the field will be compelled to make a showing very soon. For the first few days of the week there is nothing to indicate but that the Japanese intend to keep on doing business that does not have the approval of their enemies.

The republicans of Oregon rolled up a majority of 24,217 for their candidate for supreme judge out of a total vote of 99,315. This should be evidence sufficient that Oregon is in the republican column, and the democrats should not immediately accede to its electoral votes to the St. Louis nominee, after such nomination has been made.

The people of towns who have not Fourth of July celebrations of their own are just now busy trying to form a choice among the excellent attractions that are offered by the surrounding communities, and it is a hard proposition to determine, as all of them have offerings of real merit to appeal to the amusement lover and the patriot.

A recent tabulation of the delegates to the St. Louis convention, a week from tomorrow, shows 478 unattached; 270 instructed for Parker; 152 instructed for Hearst; 32 for Olney; 26 for Wall and six for Gray. The merry scramble will be to find out which candidate can swing the majority of those who go to the convention uninstructed.

A Scribner man was recently tried on a charge of insanity because he wouldn't work, claiming he could live better without such exertion. The insanity board was foolish for trying any such dodge. He was evidently very sane. The people who should have been examined for symptoms of dementia were those who have been guilty of feeding him.

The democrats meet in Fremont today to name their candidates for the congressional race in this, the Third district. Previous to the meeting of the convention it has looked very much like a cut and dried affair in favor of P. E. McKillip of Humphrey, he being the only one who has shown any desire to enter a contest at some considerable expense, that looks like a losing one from the start.

The prohibitionists are about as successful as the democrats at digging up new issues. Just now it has been discovered at the Indianapolis convention that the "canker worm of the west" and the most serious menace to American institutions is the polygamy of Utah, and the democrats are classed as equally guilty with the republicans for permitting it to exist.

The number of women in line for the section homesteads in the west offered under the Kinkaid law is evidence that the "new woman" is ever awake to opportunities that formerly attracted only men, and in the section filing and the filings that will be made on the Rosebud next week women will undoubtedly capture some of the best offerings on the books of Uncle Sam.

A scientist has discovered that beans and peanuts have all the qualities necessary to maintain life and produce strength. If this had been said of corn and oats, or pork, there might have been a suspicion that he was a bull on the board of trade, but inasmuch as he says it of the modest peanut and the popular bean, he cannot have had any other object than helping out the producers of these staples.

The republican platform states a remarkable fact when it says that during the forty-four years since the organization of the republican party, the democratic party has had absolute control of the government but two years. It is a showing that the republican party represents the people and that the people trust the party in a way that cannot be disputed. The two years that the democrats dissecure control bear such a record that it will be many years before they will again be entrusted with the management of the country. It

will require more than promises of reform to again make the people believe that they are needed in the high offices of the nation.

If the leading issue of the democratic party during the coming campaign is to be in the direction of the free trade they have always sworn to honor and assist, they will have a difficult time in burying from the people the fact that the only free trade country in the world has recently taken long strides toward protection, as a better thing for the commercial interests and the prosperity of the people.

If there was even a faint suspicion on the part of the American people that Roosevelt and Fairbanks looked anything like the pictures of them that have been presented in some of the papers they would undoubtedly lose hundreds of votes. If the cut in one of the Nebraska state papers had not been labeled "Fairbanks," its readers would have been justified in supposing that it was a likeness of Charles Guiteau.

Dr. Wiley, who had recently made tests regarding the consequences of using poisoned and adulterated food, has given it out that the use of such food is not beneficial to the human person. Such a conclusion had heretofore been reached by a large number of people who have preferred pure and wholesome food to any concoction of the manufacturers, but they will be glad to know that Dr. Wiley officially agrees with them.

If some of the fruit had not been prematurely jarred from the trees in this section of the state, the limbs would undoubtedly have broken when the crop had reached full maturity. The prolific yield this year is full evidence that the greatest lack of Nebraska to make it a famous fruit-producing state is the absence of the trees. When more people get to planting trees and orchards Nebraska soil and climate will quickly and effectively do the rest.

Nebraska and the west have been honored by the appointment of Charles E. Magoon of Lincoln as general counsel for the isthmian canal commission. It is a position of much responsibility, but those who know Mr. Magoon say that he is perfectly competent of attending to the matters that will come to his attention. Mr. Magoon has been fitted for the post by his work in connection with the government of Porto Rico, Hawaii, and the Philippine Islands.

It is not probable that "Uncle Joe" Cannon will come anywhere near to filling all his engagements and accepting all the invitations that will shower upon him during the presidential campaign. Since he proved himself so popular as the chairman of the republican national convention he can be assured of speaking to a good crowd wherever he may orate during the campaign. Nebraska would not for a moment object to hearing him a few times during the campaign excitement.

It is said that the first 600 or 700 claims that will be drawn at the Rosebud opening will be worth from \$800 to \$5,000 apiece and the persons who get into the reservation inside these numbers cannot be accounted otherwise than very fortunate. It will be almost like finding a gold mine, and it may be presumed in advance that the chances will not be permitted to go begging. There are hundreds of people already there waiting for the opening and thousands are undoubtedly on the way.

It looks suspicious to a natural people when a belligerent nation begins complaining long and loud about unfair treatment by their foes, or the ignoring of rules and regulations adopted at peace conferences. It looks considerably like the play the small boy puts up regularly when he is under in a fight. Russia and Japan have taken turns at making their complaints to the nations of the earth, and they appear to be made at the time when the position of the one making the protest is the least secure.

At 9 o'clock this morning there was a general hurry for the land offices in the districts affected by the new land law which permits the taking of section homesteads. As there are something like 7,000,000 acres to be homesteaded in this manner and most of the sections offered will afford a good income to a family, there should be a material improvement to result in the western portion of the state. With a new family on every section of land in the district covered it cannot but help that section of the country and the state itself.

The democrats will never forgive the delegates to the republican convention at Chicago for not precipitating a fight or two and a few disagreements over candidates and measures.

If they had been planning the convention for the pleasure and the delectation of the democrats they would have had nothing else than a split, with half of the delegates leaving the hall in a raging fury, but unfortunately for the joy that might have throbbed in the democratic heart, the wishes of that party were not for a moment consulted.

The people who have asserted and believe that the Russians would soon finish little Japan when the war was really under good headway are still waiting for news confirming their belief. Up to date the Japs have only suffered a few minor reverses either on land or on sea, while the Russians have had serious losses at almost every engagement. The Russian success in the far east appears to rest in attacking and sinking defenseless transports and merchantmen. They steer clear of the vessels that are known to have loaded guns aboard.

The democrats have found something else that they cannot approve of in the republican party, and that is the readiness with which it accepts converts from their party and gives them honors equal to their ability to perform, as with Paul Morton. That is one of the republican traits. It recognizes ability wherever it may be found, and if such ability will come as a friend and the leaders of the party have the place to use it, they will not question a man's previous political record. Had the democrats long ago admitted that any good could come out of the republican party, it would now be less difficult for them to find friends there.

City people who have not recently visited the country express astonishment at the progress and development of the farm houses and the farmers. There was a time when a city man could visit a farm and not expect to hear from the city oftener than once a week. Now he finds the farmer and his family getting the news every day through the daily papers that are brought to his door by the rural carrier and if there is need of later and quicker communication with the outer world he has the telephone. The next step in the advancement of the rural districts may be a network of electric lines that will haul the people and their products to the city. Matters appear to be taking a course in just that direction.

The withdrawal of more than a million acres in western Nebraska from homestead entry for the present means something better than the mere homesteading of semi-arid land in the near future. With one of the large irrigation projects of the government established where the land is now withheld there is a prospect of a time to come when thousands of small farms will be available that will produce abundantly as long as there is water with which to irrigate. With the irrigation projects working in from the west and the natural development of soil and climate proceeding from the east the day is not very far distant when all of the state will be available for agricultural purposes and producing in abundance for the feeding of the people of the earth.

Visitors returning from California and the coast report that the grasses and other vegetation are done to a brown turn. Everything except where there is irrigation, is parched and dry, and this is about the usual thing out there. As they proceed further east of the Rockies they begin to see bunches of buffalo grass that show slight signs of life and when the green fields of Nebraska are reached their eyes drink in the beauty of the state with a feeling of thankfulness that there are green spots on earth and if they are residents here they shake hands with themselves on their excellent good fortune. People who would give up the beauty that Nebraska spreads before the eye at this season of the year for a dry landscape are evidently lacking an eye for the beauties of nature.

The rush for section homesteads in west Nebraska is on this week and that for the homestead of the regulation size will be under way at the Rosebud reservation next week. After they are all over the wise man, having a little money to place in a home, will return to northeast Nebraska and make sure of as good land as there is out of doors at a reasonable price. Those journeying either way cannot fail to have noticed the splendid scenery, the rich soil and the flourishing crops that are the boast of this section of the state. If they have had farming experience they will not require other advertisement to attract them to this section of the west. The lucky fellows to draw good lands in west Nebraska and at the Rosebud will probably remain there, but there will be many just as lucky who will take the evi-

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The boys are evidently being educated up to the fact that they have no business to kill song birds and rob their nests. Now if the women would come to the same conclusion about the wearing of stuffed birds on their hats a good battle would have been fought for the little feathered songsters and insect destroyers. Birds have this summer been noticed to hop down on the lawn almost in the midst of a crowd of children and unconcernedly look for grubs and worms; something that they would not have dared to do a few years ago without having a stone or stick or shot sent in their direction. The time may come in a few years when they will be regularly accredited playmates of the children and their numbers will certainly increase in proportion to their new standing in the estimation of the little folk.

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