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Now is the time for a good, ripe drouth to light on Nebraska and remain for a few weeks. It would be welcome.

It is to be hoped that the sugar war in Hawaii will have effect sufficient to lower the price of sweetening for the American housewife through the canning and preserving season.

Since the supreme court has said that Nebraska must elect, Nebraska can do it. It has done it before and can again. But it was thought that it had evaded the responsibility of coming to a decision.

While colleges and universities are busy bestowing degrees upon President Roosevelt, their combined action cannot equal in approval or desirability the degrees that have been conferred on the president by the great American people.

The editor of the Stanton Register is in favor of paying \$50,000,000 for the Nebraska railroads. He has probably sized up the reputed earnings of the Nebraska systems and concludes that a year or two would pay the state out on the proposition, and it would have a nice thing and no taxes forever afterward, as the story books say.

The Lincoln Star sounds a warning to the republicans of the Second district, declaring that danger lies in the size of the republican majority of the district which will "tend to lull them into listlessness, to atrophy the party organization, to stay at home on election day when it is their duty to go to the polls." It would look nice in the face of the record for the Second to go democratic this year—in the opinion of democrats—and if there is danger of it the republicans should heed the warning of the Star and get very busy.

An Iowa woman has come into prominence by refusing a legacy of \$30,000 because the conditions under which it was given required a change of her religious belief. Thirty thousand is a good price to pay for one's religious convictions, but if they are worth anything they are worth \$30,000 and more. To change the religious views of those thoroughly convinced that one faith is right, is tantamount to declaring for no religion at all. It must have been a temptation, though, and more than one claiming a deep religious experience would undoubtedly have fallen.

Chief Justice Holcomb, who handed down the opinion in the biennial election law case was practically committing official suicide in so doing, and the people will feel like approving his position on the matter in subordinating personal interest to a point of law. He retires from the bench because of the expiration of his term of office, and has not declared himself a candidate for reelection. Even though he desired the office again his party is too weak, judging from all the late returns to again elect him, and unless a powerful "non-partisan" movement might be worked up he is as good as out of it. His opinion, however, is a neat testimonial to the fact that the supreme court is entirely unprejudiced and gives its decisions on the merits of the case and the law as they appear to them.

Lord Kitchener fears that with the Japanese conflict out of the way Russia intends to turn its attention toward taking India from the British. He declares that British arrangements for defense are "altogether obsolete and ineffective," but if Russia is led on by such a statement it will probably live to regret. Surely the English will not fail where the Japanese have won such astonishingly large successes. India is considerably better located for Russian operations than is Manchuria, but in resourcefulness and fighting qualities beyond the people of the British empire may be regarded as of the best in the world. Regardless of Lord Kitchener's expression the military experts of the world will believe that Russia will think twice before entering upon a campaign of aggression with India as the bone of contention.

For a third time Mrs. Mary M. Rogers of Vermont has escaped the hangman's noose by a narrow margin, and six months of life have been offered her by the authorities. It seems quite probable, now, that she never will hang. The idea of hanging a woman is repugnant to the men of a country who lay some claim to chivalry to the fair sex, and the proposal to hang Mrs. Rogers in Vermont has brought protests from every section of the United States. The history of her brutal crime would indicate that she richly deserved the fate that the courts have decreed if any woman ever did, but imprisonment for life might be a worse fate than the one in store for her, and the heart of the man upon whom the duty of strangling a woman by the neck until dead would fall might well be justified in quailing at the responsibility of the office. If in such cases women might carry out the degree of the court and have the nerve to do it, the offense against the chivalry of the sterner sex might be circumvented, but it is believed that there would be very few hangings of either sex if the women had the details of the executions to look after.

The citizens of Dayton, Ohio, are preparing a welcome for John H. Patterson, the leading manufacturer of that town, who is expected home on July 11 from a trip around the world. Mr. Patterson's loyalty to his home town, his interest in the welfare of the people in his employ and the influence he has had on reforms in the management of the working classes throughout the commercial world gives him honor at home that cannot be exceeded abroad. It is proposed that every man, woman and child in Dayton shall have a share in the Patterson day welcome and it is planned to make it a testimonial such as few men have received. Honors have been repeatedly bestowed upon officials, politicians, army and naval heroes, but Dayton is attempting something new in a rousing welcome to a captain of industry who has made himself a place in the hearts of his fellow citizens. It is seldom that such a testimonial has been planned for a commercial hustler, and it is perhaps as seldom that a great leader in commercial activity has so endeared himself to the people under him that such a demonstration would be their unanimous and spontaneous desire.

With the election this fall it is possible that the last remnant of the fusion wave that swept over Nebraska will have passed into history. The supreme justice and the two retiring regents of the university are fusionists, the last that remain in state office, and it is unlikely that they can be re-elected, or that any of their party faith will be chosen in Nebraska. The fusion parties rose into prominence rapidly and as suddenly have dropped from control of affairs. A few years represents the influence they have exerted and it has been an overwhelming opinion that they have not come up to the mark they have set in the matter of reforms. During the time that there has been fusion the two parties to the deal have gradually lost influence until it is doubtful if both together can show the strength of the weakest when the scheme was first installed. It is a record that cannot be pointed to with pride, and some new plan must be tried to afford formidable opposition to the republicans who have constantly gained in strength through the years that the fusionists have been losing. Whether the two parties will continue to fuse makes very little difference to the republicans, in view of the showing of fusion strength.

An Indiana young man who was fortunate in being a nephew of one of the rich Studebakers has recently made a double winning. His uncle gave him a check for \$5,000 on his twenty-first birthday. His other and better reward is a start in life without the weight of either the tobacco or liquor habit to drag him back. Years ago his uncle made the offer that if he would abstain from intoxicants and narcotics until he became of age a cash reward of the above amount would be his. His uncle has done him a service that cannot be measured in dollars and cents. Arriving at the age of twenty-one without the acquisition of these bad habits he would be worse than foolish to begin to acquire them now, and he is probably rid of them for life. Not only will he be saved the expense, wholly silly and useless, of buying tobacco and drinks, but he will have gained moral and physical strength beyond the computation of dollars and cents. Every young man or boy may not have rich uncles to offer them cash rewards for shunning evil habits and vice, but they may be certain of a better reward if they will heed advice and abstain. None are more sincere in offering the abstemious life to the young men and boys than those who were "smart" in their youth and have acquired something that they would pay handsomely to be rid of when they have come to an age of sense and understanding. Ask any of them, boys, if they think they have a good thing, whether they be soaked with whisky or nicotine.

The question now before the state is when will you have for supreme judge? Please do not all speak at once.

The French and Germans may not be very near a war but they are evidently far apart on a peaceful settlement of their differences over the Moroccan situation. If the dove of peace is to remain concessions will be required from one or both sides.

If those fellows who have objections to the czar's government had arms and ammunition it is probable that the czar would have trouble enough right at home to influence him to make terms of peace with Japan in the promptest manner possible.

How can it be expected that good roads will come from a bad convention like the one at Portland in which a fight of stupendous proportions developed. It is to be hoped that the amount of good roads developed will not depend upon the harmony of the convention.

Tom Lawson is to take the chautauqua lecture platform. His friends and admirers have reason to be disappointed. It was supposed that he would stop at nothing less than the annihilation of Wall street but he cannot hope to do that from the lecture platform.

With the number of Russian wrecks that the Japanese have to work on it is expected that the navy of the little brown men will continue to grow for some years to come. It will be found, too, that the resurrected Russian vessels will be much more formidable in their hands than when they were manned by their enemy.

The democrats of the First district propose to keep so quiet that the republicans will not know that they are there until after it has happened, but there are other ways of telling there are democrats around than by the noise they make and they need not be astonished if they find they have been located before something dreadful shall have happened.

The Lake Shore road, after a trial at its eighteen hour schedule between Chicago and New York long enough to its former twenty-hour gait. Its to induce a fatal wreck, has returned patrons will undoubtedly prefer to take two hours more in making the trip than to run the risk of never completing it during their life. The game is hardly worth the powder.

The Japanese do not propose to tie up their dogs of war until they have the Russians safely ensconced in a deal for peace that promises success. They have had nothing, thus far, to discourage them in their war operations, and do not propose to lose by falling in too hastily in an agreement to kiss and make up with an enemy that has proven treacherous in several particulars.

The board of lady managers of the St. Louis exposition are credited with having turned back into the United States treasury \$26,667 of the \$100,000 allotted them. They evidently neglected the champagne suppers, clam bakes and other media through which mere men folks dispose of plethoric surpluses. Few boards composed of men would ever have permitted it to happen.

The striking Polanders are again adding to the czar's troubles, by insisting that they have rights which the dukes, aristocrats and authorities are bound to respect. At Lodz barricades and other revolutionary tactics are employed and there is prospect that the trouble will grow if the police and soldiers do not soon succeed in killing the worst offenders off, at which they are making fair progress.

A New York woman sued her husband for divorce, alleging, among other things, that he would not accompany her to places of amusement and entertainment. The judge trying the case found that she was not entitled to divorce on any such grounds and women who insist on dragging tired husbands to church fairs and pink teas are thereby warned that the husband has some right that the wife is bound to respect.

Senator Mitchell may have had a good partner, but there are limits to the confidences even between partners and the time may come when the most faithful of them will be compelled to tell what they know. When a man is going wrong there is no one to be trusted with his secrets, and the one way to avoid trouble is to keep on the side of right so far that a most trusted friend can have nothing worth disclosing.

Another get-rich-quick scheme has been nipped in the bud by the United States postal authorities and a lot of prospective victims should return their thanks to a government that goes as far as it can in their protection. It really should not be necessary to have a guardian appointed to

see that people do not lose their money on a fool venture, but until the public is convinced that companies and corporations promising large returns on small investments or otherwise offering something for nothing are fraudulent in nine cases out of ten, it will be necessary to exercise vigilance in the matter of speculation.

Omaha is feeling clever over an increase of twenty-five per cent in its bank clearings over the period corresponding with last week of a year ago. Lincoln also claims to be on the move forward and the same spirit is undoubtedly in evidence in every smaller town throughout the state. Norfolk is among the places that are showing a growth and industry that would attract people looking for progressive towns. City and farm property in north Nebraska are of the kind that bring wealth to fortunate owners and in a few years there will be many to add their accumulation of fortune to the general roll.

The Russians are preparing for a strenuous defense of Vladivostok, but they will find it unavailing if the Japs decide that they want that particular port and an armistice does not intervene to prevent their activities from taking effect. The Russians had time and did prepare a strong defense for Port Arthur, but it was unavailing otherwise than to cause the Japanese larger losses and compel them to take a longer time in reducing the defenses. So it will be with Vladivostok, with the added disadvantage of lacking a navy to assist the Russians in a defense of the city and its environs. The Russians might better be preparing to evacuate, for evacuate they must if the Japs say so and if the precedent established by the war is to be relied upon.

In a week the patriots, young, old and middle aged, will be doing their mightiest to give the country to understand that they are happy over the fact that the republic has safely completed another year of its existence, and they will succeed beyond all doubt. If as many towns in other parts of the country have made the same preparations to celebrate as has been made in north Nebraska there will be one continuous roll of noise and enthusiasm across the continent from sunrise to sunset and there will be joy and happiness in huge blocks. Norfolk proposes to be in it with the best of them and there will be thousands of visitors who will appreciate their celebration in a town that is alive to their entertainment and will leave nothing undone that will add to pleasant recollections of the day.

The president has decided that Chinamen exempt from the operations of the exclusion act must be given fair and courteous treatment by the port officials of this country and it is thus hoped to head off the movement looking toward a boycott that has been made by the Chinese guilds. There are good Chinese, as well as good immigrants from other nations and the president's action is subject to the approval of the people of the country. The probability is that when the Chinese become as advanced and educated as the Japanese there will be no further need of excluding them and that they will be more desirable than other immigrants from European and Asiatic countries. An iron clad rule cannot be made to hold in all cases and during all time.

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The booming of the Fourth of July cannon may bring rain to break the drouth.

If Nebraska is ever again drouth stricken it will only be after several consecutive years of thorough drying out.

After Friday at midnight it will be difficult to obtain a cigarette in Nebraska without running counter to the law. This gives about another day in which victims of the habit who have the price may indulge their appetite unless they have a good supply on hand.

June continues to show a temperature under normal, but with July and August to be heard from there is no need of immediately declaring the crops down and out of it because of June's untoward conduct in the matter of hustling the crops along toward maturity.

The suicide of the bandmaster of the Alabama and his young bride the other day indicates that there are cruel partings in times of peace as well as of war. The vessel had been ordered to Asiatic waters and the couple could not endure the thought of the long separation so took their own lives. It would seem like a great government like the United States might make it possible for its army and navy officers to have the company of their wives in times of peace, when they so desired, or else forbid their marriage, if such a result is not possible.

In enforcing the Sunday closing law and shutting off the betting at races Governor Folk has certainly made enemies of those who admired him for his stand against other forms of graft and lawlessness, and it is being learned that he is a reformer on no one line alone and that he has a code of moral principles to accord with his record previous to being elected governor. Some of those who are now being hurt do not like it and promise that he shall never again be governor, nor hold any other prominent office in the state. Perhaps they have the strength to carry out their convictions on the subject. Anyway, it is possible that Missouri will herself dispose of the governor as a factor in national politics before he has successfully entered the arena.

Three years ago on June 17 a national irrigation law was inaugurated and the first steps toward reclaiming the desert have now been made. In the three years the irrigation fund has increased until it is now \$30,000,000 and will continue to grow until every irrigable foot of land in the country is producing crops and providing homes for the people. It is a revolving fund, as at the end of ten years the settlers will have paid back to the government the cost of providing them with watered farms and the money paid back will go toward the building of other projects for other farmers. It is a plan of most stupendous import to the government and this and the reforestation of timbered lands will one day make the west one of the richest countries on the globe. In a few years, it is believed, the irrigation fund will have reached \$100,000,000 to be used in providing the industrious farmers with homes. The first project to be completed by the government has just been opened and many other projects are under way. The benefit of the fund is shown in the following apportionment among the states and territories of the west and in a few years it is expected that the immense irrigation projects of Egypt and British India will be duplicated if not exceeded in these states: Arizona, \$3,600,000; Arizona and California, joint projects, \$3,000,000; Colorado, \$2,500,000; Idaho, two projects, \$2,600,000; Montana, \$1,900,000; Montana and North Dakota, joint projects, \$2,350,000; Nebraska and Wyoming, joint projects, \$5,750,000; Nevada, \$2,740,000; New Mexico, \$280,000; Oregon, two projects, \$3,250,000; South Dakota, \$2,100,000. Some of the work at present undertaken is preliminary and somewhat experimental, but vast results are certain to be attained in a few years. It is believed that the work will have an important effect on the climate in the near future and it is judged that in addition to the water flowing through the irrigation ditches the territory concerned will experience a largely increased natural rainfall. Since the establishing of the homestead law there is perhaps no law that means more to the general public than this system of irrigation inaugurated. Millions of acres that will provide food and clothing for millions more of people will be the outcome and it is proposed to increase the strength of the movement at an early date.

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Every married man has the fact thrown up to him frequently. Perhaps one reason every one loves a little girl is that she will play with her doll and make no noise about it. A girl clerk in a store always sneaks over to the opposition store, at noon, to look at the stuff on special sale. Some people never carry a watch for the reason that it is much easier to ask some one else to open his and find out the time. An Atchison woman admits that in the past five years she has given six men locks of her hair, and that no two were of the same color. An Atchison husband whose wife goes away and leaves him a good deal is flirting a little during her absence. Some people don't blame him much. It is a woman's opinion that she is good enough when she is patient when her husband scolds; that it is not expected of her to remove the cause of his scolding. We have received an invitation to deliver a Fourth of July address. If given permission to say just what we think, with full protection guaranteed, we will accept. Americans have so many fool notions that should be controverted. These fool notions do harm; they are making us a race of braggarts and idlers. We know people who regard faults as virtues; their nonsense has been accepted as wisdom and virtue so many years that the cure will come hard.

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