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A faint heart never won much of anything worth winning.

Jupiter must be a very heaven for barking dogs. It has eight moons.

Men seek the presidency but the vice presidency has to seek men.

The mate goes quickly in those days if a man has money enough to buy an automobile.

Don't worry about the platform. Taft's record is the best platform the party can have.

It is well to pity the deserving poor, but what we would like to know is who deserves to be poor?

As one gets older, he finds that the most of the golden days in this world is found in golden novels.

It's going to be hard on Taft to elect him president. He'll have to stay at home.

Milliners say the new spring hat is easily adjusted despite its unusual size. Maybe, but the bill isn't.

It makes some women jealous of their husbands because their husbands don't get jealous of them.

It's probably foolish to borrow trouble, but what would some people borrow if they couldn't do this?

There is one reason why some women do not marry for the second time. They never have a chance.

Some people's definition of a good memory is one that enables them to forget everything at the proper time.

A Baltimore man has predicted the millennium in 1914. There's a genuine prosperity boomer for you.

Uninstructed delegates are popular in both the great political parties when it comes to the vice presidency.

It's all right to be modest but it's as well to remember at the same time that other people are apt to take you at your own valuation.

Taft does not look like Lincoln but nevertheless is admittedly a statesman of sufficient size to splendidly fill the president's chair.

Aunt Hetty Green, we notice by the papers, has moved again. Is it possible that she has found out that it is cheaper to move than pay rent?

Says the Chicago News "It keeps some people broke dressing well enough to make others think they are not."

Some great men can never be president who would make great chief justices. There is Elihu B. Root for instance.

Senator Bailey wants the president impeached and Senator Foraker is willing. Still there is no excitement about the people.

The number of young fellows and some older ones isn't small who would like to have all the holidays come during the base ball season.

It may be startling but nevertheless it is true. There never was a man so impossible but somewhere there was a woman who denied the proposition.

What the airship needs is a safety clutch that will work automatically, in case of sudden descent.

An extra strong roof is being put on the convention hall in Denver. They mean to be prepared for the worst.

The death during the past year of four aged senators leaves Senator Allison of Iowa the senior senator both in age and length of service.

The man who changes his political color every time he thinks he can land an office or some political preferment by so doing is not a very reliable man to depend upon.

The Boston Globe calls for a Father's Day. It might not be out of place to give the old man a chance. He's useful—when the bills come to be paid.

Wharton Barker says that he expects to poll "4,000,000" votes. Some men fairly revel in expectations and Wharton is one of them.

A Kansas paper says that anyone can dig up a rich relative. The serious question in this, however, is, can they make the rich relative "dig up" after they have found him?

The judge who has decided that if Harry Thaw was crazy enough to be acquitted of murder, he is crack enough to be kept where he cannot repeat the

crime or encourage others to attempt similar crimes, has rendered a right and sound decision.

The trouble that oppresses most business men and householders is that they are unable to prove that their bills are unconstitutional.

An Oklahoma man has a front yard lawn with forty acres in it. He must have to get up before breakfast and come home early after dinner in order to keep its whiskers properly trimmed.

Admiral Evans well said: "It takes a real statesmanship so to steer the country's course that she will fight when she is obliged to, for the right, and never otherwise."

To be willing to stand alone in defense of a principle if need be, is worthy of praise but is not the particular virtue that some men think there is in always being on the wrong side of the fence.

Prof. Bowell, a scientist expresses the fear that the earth is drying up. Some of the farmers in this section wish it would for a little while so they could do their work in the fields.

An Ohio editor thinks if President Roosevelt were blindfolded and his hands tied behind him he would still be able to write a pretty good stirring message.

The Chicago Coliseum where the national republican convention is soon to be held is a very large building. A large sized candidate is to be nominated there.

The dandelion and the homely are now under ban. The crusaders declare they must go. Isn't that the trouble? Haven't they been going about where they wanted to?

A Chicago lawyer demands that the ten commandments be either repealed or revised. So far as Chicago is concerned, they have evidently been dead letters on the statute books long since.

Miss Jane Addams has been mentioned for the presidency by the women suffragists. What has become of poor Bella Lockwood? Is she to be crowded off the platform at this late date?

The Pittsburg and Lake Erie railroad company has ordered 2,000 new steel cars for the handling of its traffic. That's business. As Horace Greeley said "the way to resume is to resume."

If Julius Caesar Burrows, the Michigan senator, doesn't make good as temporary chairman of the republican national convention, it will not be for lack of a formidable name.

Men's straw hats will have very narrow brims this summer. There wouldn't be very much room for them to be anything else than narrow if the owner walked long side a Merry Widow.

Ex-Governor Geo. W. Peck has been down in Tennessee and insists that two drinks of "squirrel" whiskey such as is sold in Chattanooga would make a man climb a tree. The Nashville American is unkind enough to believe that one is enough.

The increased size of the world's battleships not only means the increased cost in construction of the ships, but also large amounts of money spent in enlarging harbor entrances, docks and canals to accommodate these powerful floating forts.

The value of inter-state commerce in this country can hardly be realized until we come to see the figures. The south ships annually to Northern markets \$100,000,000 worth of vegetable and fruits.

Mrs. Elizabeth Custer, wife of General Custer, who fell in the Indian fight at Little Big Horn thirty years ago, will build a home in Bronxville, New York, for impoverished literary women as a memorial to her heroic husband.

Booker T. Washington calls the attention of the young colored men of his institution to the fact that a competence awaits those who will go into mule raising intelligently and adds "No one ever saw a mule in the south who couldn't find some one to buy him."

Louisiana has seven million acres of swamp land which are now worse than useless, for they are the breeding place for malaria and mosquitoes. Think of the families that area would support in health and comfort if it were properly drained!

The problem of getting efficient service in municipalities is simply that of getting good government. Every part of the city government should be made to tell in the way most advantageous for the municipality as a whole. Special interests and special classes do not constitute a city.

Senator Aldrich will reach his seventieth birthday soon after the expiration of his term in March, 1911. It is stated that he plans to retire at that

time and enjoy his beautiful home in Rhode Island. His emergency emergency bill has had such hard clotting that he has become both wearied and irritated.

There was once a man who declared that he never smoked except on two occasions when he was with others to keep them company and when he was alone to keep himself company. That's the way it should be with advertising.

Senator Dooliver asserts that the employer's liability which passed the senate was purposely drawn to fail before the supreme court. Such work is of great value to the country. No wonder the salary of congressmen had to be raised.

Mrs. Russell Sage has presented the New York Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals with a thirty horse power automobile for use in its ambulance service. Mrs. Sage seems to be distributing her millions with more than usual wisdom and discrimination.

Swarthmore college, near Philadelphia, which refused the million dollar James Bequest rather than bar football permanently from its catalogue of college sports, has now decided to shut out both football and base ball. So the college is minus the million and the game, too.

There are many things that Bob Burdette has said that deserve to be remembered. For instance, this: "My son, follow not the footsteps of the loafer, and make no example of him that is born tired, for verily, I say unto you, his business is overstocked. It is better to saw wood at two bits a cord than whistle at a whittling place and abuse the government."

Villages on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts, where sailors of the fleet can establish homes are being planned by the navy department to increase the attractiveness of the navy. Such a plan if put into effect would remove the most serious obstacle to a naval career.

The United States is the only great agricultural exporting country which permits brokers, boards of trade and produce and cotton exchanges to determine the price which the farmers shall receive for their products at harvest time and the excess price which the consumers shall pay the rest of the year.

Bradstreet says the prices of the necessities of living have not been so low for years as at present. Whereupon a bright exchange rises to remark "It would be interesting to know at what grocery store Mr. Bradstreet does his trading. That man can do business if he will advertise."

The department of agriculture states that Europe has increased its annual purchase of wheat more than 100,000,000 bushels and doubled its purchase of corn. These figures ought to give new hope to the most skeptical farmer. The fact is that taken as an average there is no more prosperous people in America at present than the farmers.

Chas. W. Morse, as the sequel shows seems to have been the victim of circumstances and of his financial enemies, rather than a crook. Four months ago he was a bankrupt facing an assortment of indictments and a host of irate creditors. Now, after having settled all debts with cash, he is reported as \$20,000,000 to the good and it has not been extra good times since January 1, either.

It is generally believed in naval circles that Commander Wainwright, the "Dick" Wainwright made famous during the Spanish-American war as commander of the gunboat Gloucester now commanding the battleship Louisiana, will be made commander-in-chief of the Atlantic fleet when Admiral Sperry relinquishes command because of his age a little more than a year hence.

The Wall Street Journal calls attention to the fact that America's fire losses are enormous annually and that seventy-five per cent of the loss is preventable if proper attention were paid to making conditions as safe as possible. We are trying to check the waste of our forests, our mines, our arid and swamp lands, but allow the buildings we have erected to burn down by the thousands annually for want of attention to proper building laws and other safe guards.

A London vicar evolved a theory that too much talking is the cause of many of the nervous ills from which people suffer and through which our insane asylums are filled. The vicar prescribes silence as the cure for a multitude of human ills. If he would also advise useful employment the prescription would be complete and would tend not only to prolong the days of those afflicted with the talking mania but also those of the victims' unfortunate friends.

The life of a modern battleship is of few years and full of trouble. The ships of Schley and Sampson are all

gone. Not one of them is to be counted on the effective list of the navy, today though it was only ten years ago they participated in the war with Spain. Ten years from now there will be none left of the great fleet which was taken around the Pacific by Admiral Ryan. They will all be on the junk pile by that time, and in the meantime they will have to be replaced with new ships.

Mrs. Ivah de Clippenham Bergh, thinks she should be regarded as the benefactress of her race because she has evolved the idea that if people thought in curves instead of angles, their faces would become more beautiful and life would take on a new meaning. We have often heard of people who couldn't even think straight and it is very evident that Mrs. Bergh is one of them.

The almost unprecedented rainfall throughout the country is damaging crops. Much corn land is too wet to plant yet, while seed of many kinds has rotted in the ground. Iowa farmers are having a particularly hard time, as they had last year. Nebraska had the bumper corn crop—and got the harvest of high corn prices.

Paris has ordered the abolishment of revolving doors in hotels, restaurants and other buildings capable of containing more than 100 persons, on the ground that they are dangerous in case of fire and panic. It would be a profitable measure for American cities to adopt and if the case needs strengthening they might be pronounced a public nuisance at all times.

A Paris inventor proposes to establish a wireless typewriter in England and with it set type in the composing room of a New York newspaper. He will be ready to begin this marvellous feat as soon as Marconi succeeds in sending wireless waves across the Atlantic. Such talk sounds extravagantly foolish, but the great principle of wireless transmission is still in its infancy. No one can say that even this cannot be done. The day of scientific miracles is at hand.

We are so apt to think that we are so much smarter than the people who preceded us in the march of civilization that it helps to keep our heads at normal size to come up against such facts as these: Free rural delivery and a very excellent post office system existed under Nebuchadnezzar; Babylon had a court of appeals; civil service reform flourished under King Menes of Egypt, 4,500 years before Christ; the turbine wheel, the phonograph, wireless telegraphy were all known to the early Egyptians. "Why should the spirits of mortals be proud? We think the same thoughts that our fathers have thought."

The Memphis Commercial Appeal says "If Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, and Arkansas could have \$500,000,000 invested in electric railways within the near future the wealth which it would mean to those states and their inhabitants would be incalculable." The same newspaper urges a more friendly attitude to capital. There is no question but what this is good advice not only to the south but to the whole country. What is most needed is a rest from the hysteria of agitation against wealth so that the energies of the people may be devoted to upbuilding industries and promoting substantial prosperity.

Kansas has a grievance against Minnesota. The notorious Cole Younger who committed so many crimes in the earlier days of the Gopher state, was at last caught, escaped the gallows only by a technicality, spent many years in Stillwater penitentiary and was finally some ten years ago by a special law turned loose on parole and eventually pardoned. This was granted on the ground that he wished to return to his old home and end his days quietly. He is now the head of the wildest kind of a Wild West show now touring Kansas, which offers such features as the "Hold Up of the Leadville Stage" and the "Bank Robbers of Rollings, Wy."

The people of Kansas naturally do not approve of such edifying performances for the moral uplifting of their sons and feel that the state of Minnesota should have kept a legal string on so notorious a law breaker instead of placing faith in the promises of a man who had broken all the laws of God and man.

President Elliot recently addressed the high school boys of a western city. He did not tell them that each one was especially endowed and could achieve a brilliant success along any chosen line of endeavor. He did tell them that they were all given some measure of talent and some qualifications of usefulness. The public schools demonstrate capacity or lack of it in children. Here boys and girls come to know their talent and the limit of their endeavor. Every youth can go far toward making up for the lack of talent by hard work. No other agency can carry the youth so far on the road to success as persistent hard work. Many a boy with a slow brain has far outdistanced his brilliant school mate by hard work and stick-to-itiveness. Men like Elliot

and Roosevelt proclaim the truth, not allowing generalities. Their advice to the school boys and apprentices is to be diligent and then if he is also brilliant a great future is assured. If nature endowed him with only ordinary ability, diligence will bring him reasonable success and a life of contentment and happiness, with the power to make others happy, also.

**MR. BRYAN'S PANIC CHARGE.**  
Mr. Bryan is starting on a very dangerous roadway when he attempts to make the people of the west believe that the financial flurry of last October was the most disastrous in the history of the country. Aside from the questionable practice of trying to create financial unrest by insisting that there was a bad panic, he is deliberately misrepresenting the situation for the sake of trying to show how very, very bad the republican administration has been.

"There never before was a panic so severe that the banks of the country had to suspend paying out deposits," he declared. If Mr. Bryan had chosen to be fair and perfectly truthful, he might have said that never before did the bankers of the country adopt emergency measures so quickly and thus so surely avert a panic, as last fall. The measure adopted absolutely prevented a panic, instead of indicating the intensity of panic, as Mr. Bryan would have the public believe.

Mr. Bryan in 1896 contended that an administration could not be held responsible for panics. Now he has shifted, for the sake of politics, and worse than that he is trying to exaggerate the situation into making people believe that they have just passed through the severest panic of all time.

That sort of argument won't make many votes in Nebraska.

**COURTS AND JURIES TO BLAME.**  
We shall never have a more wholesome respect for law in this country; we shall never put an end to the hideous offenses committed against right and against humanity, until we secure a different treatment of the offenders by judges and juries. It is the old system of substituting fines for jail sentences that makes the daring offender snap his fingers at the laws, and even the novice conclude that he may as well take a chance of making good speculation, since at the worst it can cost him no more than a very small percentage of his sure profits.

How aggravated is this practice of the courts may be seen from a recent case in the District of Columbia. The maker of a patent nostrum was on trial for violation of the pure food law. Hardly a circumstance to make his crime offensive was wanting. It was established satisfactorily that the so-called remedy would be dangerous to health and life. The manufacturer was compelled to admit on the stand that he would not take a bottle of it himself. The department of justice pressed for a jail sentence, for the sake of the effect on criminals all over the country who were watching the result. There was no question of guilt. But a judge who ought to be held up to the reprobation of the whole country fell back on the familiar plea of a "first offense," and sentenced the man to pay a fine that hurts him no more than it would most of us to hand over a nickel.

This is the standing crime of the law, and until it is remedied we cannot hope to have a successful administration of justice. In this instance the crime was no less than attempted murder for the sake of financial profit. The "first offense" idea has no application whatever. This is an extension only in the case of extreme youth or in crimes committed in the heat of passion. Perhaps the first offense of the man who deliberately plots against the lives and health of people in order to make money is the worst that he can ever commit. And he pays a few hundred dollars where he ought to be confined to hard labor. The fine where jail sentence ought to be imposed is the bane of this country. The greatest possible reform would be its abolition as an alternative penalty from three fourths of the cases where it is now allowed.

**THE CALL OF DUTY ANSWERED.**  
The years are fast approaching a half century of time since out from every corner of the northland, from farm, from forge, from factory, from the counting room, and from the counter; from the pulpit, from the lawyer's desk and the editor's sanctum, there stepped forth, at the call of arms, thousands of men to do battle for a common cause.

These men had not been reared to war. They loved peace and their disposition, purpose and plan was to pursue it. On New England hillsides, in the mountains and valleys of New York and Pennsylvania, or in the newer regions of forest and of prairie, whose magnificent resources and unexplored wealth were ever beckoning them westward, the people were busy with their descendants of a Greater America are busy today in the upbuilding and development of a nation.

But worthy as their work was, there was still greater work for them to do.

An awful curse held the land in bondage. Slavery, hideous monster that it was, like all great evils that

threatened to engulf society, had one resource in swapping its nefarious clods about the national life until it seemed as if there was no way of escape from its malignity. And so the clouds of discouragement and disaster grew thick and heavy on the national horizon.

At last the storm which had been gathering more than a generation broke with relentless fury. Fort Sumpter was assailed and the nation's very life held trembling in the balance.

Then came the most tremendous awakening of a great people which this nation or any other nation had ever seen. Those years from 1860 to 1865 which we commemorate by annually honoring the memory of the brave men who shared in their trials and tribulations were of more value to humanity than either "fifty years of Europe or a cycle of Cathay."

The marching columns of stout men, who crossed and recrossed the sunny southland at the quest of duty and call of country, have long since been mustered out of service. But their works have followed them and today we enjoy the present splendor of golden days, peace, plenty and prosperity because of what they did.

The union was saved. The flag which they carried floats today over nearly half a hundred states, one and indivisible. Not only was the nation saved but four millions of bondsmen were made free, and slavery, twin relic of barbarism, was wiped out of our national life forever.

It is worthy of this great nation to set apart a day once a year in which to do special honor to those whose sacrifices made possible our present greatness and tranquility. It is meet to "give thanks for the living and tears for the dead." The flag which floats above us is the flag of a great and irresistible nation because of those weary years of toil and bloodshed.

The work which those men were called upon to do has long since been completed. Within the borders of the republic no man lives today who wishes slavery back. South and north east and west, alike rejoice in a more perfect union than that of which they even dreamed.

Every generation has its problems. The men of the sixties had theirs and we bow in homage before them for their noble devotion to liberty and union.

Duty whispers to Americans today as she spoke to the men of half a century ago and points sternly to questions which must be settled. The horizon is full of them. The recent past has demonstrated, despite all that is said to the contrary, that the heart of the nation still is true to the call of humanity. The younger men of 1898 in quick response to those who were suffering from tyranny and oppression showed the same fibre of patriotism as did their fathers. Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines wrought not only for the betterment of the condition of those people, but made America a great world power.

We are really just beginning to discover what we are here for. "An eagle's nest was never made for a humming bird." If it is true that we have a growing consciousness of our power in relation to the world, it is equally true that our national conscience is much more sensitive to all that affects the moral welfare of the country than ever before. This is true in every department of life. In politics, in social life and in commercial affairs, there has been a tremendous awakening which has given us a clarified vision.

The nation desires peace with all the world. It has no other thought. "War," as Gen. Sherman said, "is hell." But there are some things worse than war. A craving cowardly nation that tries to shirk its duty has no respect of mankind.

As Thomas Carlyle said "Diffently, abnegation, martyrdom, death, are the allurements that act on the heart of man." This was true in the ages that are past, true now, true forever. It is this element in human nature that links it with the throne of the eternal.

The old soldier did his part well in our national history. Because of what he did and our contemplation of it, we are strengthened and inspired to do our part as well. "And we for whom they suffered and died, let us thank God for showing us in our own experience, as in history, that the noblest traits of human character are still spanned by the rainbow of perfect beauty; and that human love and faith and fidelity, like day and night, like seedtime and harvest, shall never, never fail."

It is for us to do our work in living for the republic in the same noble spirit in which they died for it. Their recompense was ample. They secured a crown of glory kept green forever in a nation's life.

**AROUND TOWN.**  
Only one month more until the Fourth of July.

Well, Plainview had to go some, anyway.

Why should the June bug army cause comment? Isn't the month of June well started?

If you ever do get around to housecleaning, it's a dead mortal cinch you'll

have company come right in the midst of your housecleaning.

Those are the hottest days of the month. They begin to shorten after the twenty-first, so make the best of them while they last.

It's always fair weather when five Eagles get together.

Norfolk is glad to offer itself as a nest for the Nebraska Eagles.

That's playing ball, even if the first name did mean a beating for Shaffer's vote.

If this kind of weather keeps on, there won't be any use for an "artificial" ice plant.

It isn't satisfactory to go into partnership with your neighbor on owning an incubator—or anything else.

It's been so long since there was a genuinely good show here that the whole of north Nebraska will welcome "The District Leader" Friday night with open arms.

None of the Eagles in Norfolk have their wings clipped. They're all full-sized, unclipped birds and when they fly their backs scrape against the clouds.

Those Merry Widow hats are not only beguiling; they're deceiving. See a friend beneath a Merry Widow hat and you get so frustrated that you can't even recognize the friend.

The Black Hills always has been fast enough, but apparently that region is getting still more rapid. For one thing, an hour is going to be clipped off the running time of the Black Hills Norfolk train, beginning Sunday.

Norfolk now has two home life insurance companies. One way of encouraging home industry would be to take insurance in them both and then live eighty or ninety years. People might as well be accommodating in this world.

Lots of sympathy is wasted. A lot of people began to feel sorry for a family who were about to move away from Norfolk, thinking that it would be a tremendous hardship. Come to find out, the family could hardly contain itself over the joyful prospect of going.

Another new town is going to be added to the immense territory tributary to Norfolk when Winona, in Tripp county, S. D., begins to bloom tomorrow. There isn't a territory anywhere in any land more ideal for future development than that in whose center Norfolk is located. This magnificent territory is bound to build up for itself a metropolis of which it may feel proud. Norfolk is going to be that metropolis. There's a great future ahead for this northwest—and Norfolk's prosperity and growth will only be measured by the prosperity and growth of the region that surrounds this city. Omaha and Sioux City are too far away—Norfolk is the natural center toward which this whole country is coming more and more to gravitate as the natural and logical metropolis of this section.

**ATCHISON GLOBE SIGHTS.**  
All the training in the world will not make a duck a swan.

Whoever "talks" about another person, will lie about him.

As you grow older, there are fewer stories that make you laugh.

Ambition with some men is laziness; they have an ambition to live without work.

The man who thinks a great deal of one woman is apt to be gallant and honorable toward the sex.

Almost any woman, if given her choice, would rather be independently rich than happily married.

You will observe that the little girls have an admiration for high heels and a desire that corresponds closely to a boy's desire to get shaved.

The only woman who has a right to take advantage of leap year privileges, and propose is the woman who has lots of money in her own name.

After a man has been accused of stealing, though he may have proved his innocence, the people for the rest of his life, will tighten their hold on their pocket books when they see him coming.

When you hear a tremendous yelling on the streets, and ringing of bells, don't be frightened; it is only some photographer taking a picture of a baby. Before an artist can take a picture of a baby, he must scare it half to death.

Somehow we never admire the man who scolds his children before company. It is what grown folks would call "rubbing it in," and the children feel a childish resentment towards their father for doing it. If you want a man to hate you, humiliate him. The same thing is true in regard to little men and women.

There are a good many failures in the world, but the most helpless is the one who admits it. There is always hope, however small, for the man who keeps on trying. There is a vast difference between defeat and total failure. A defeat may sometimes prove helpful in the end, but when a man admits he is a total failure he is certainly speaking the truth unless he can be induced to change his mind.