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The people finally settle all questions of government—even in Portugal.

Nicaragua hasn't had a revolution for some weeks. Are the people all dead?

Some people are always away from home when a good opportunity is knocking.

President Taft is being pretty thoroughly endorsed by most of the state conventions.

Dealers in footwear report, after looking Secretary Ballinger over, that hides are firm to strong.

How fortunate for Long Island that it did not have its census taken before the automobile races.

One of the greatest lessons a man can learn is not to do what he likes, but to like what one does.

A magazine writer asks "Is it right to make money." Well, not if the federal authorities catch you at it.

We shall not believe that Dr. Cook has been in London until they find where he buried a brass tube with records.

Mayor Gaynor roasts the yellow newspapers, but they won't worry provided their cash is safe in the deposit box.

The conservation of resources movement fails in Nevada, with all the gamblers skipping out of Reno on account of the new law.

The monorial may prove to be a perfectly safe method of travel, but what would happen if some one put a monolog on the track?

About now the householder regards the furnace about as gloomily as the turkey looks at the chopping block along in October.

Denmark has more money in savings banks than any other nation in the world. Doesn't look like anything rotten in Denmark.

A London manager is paying Sarah Bernhardt \$5,000 a week for a music hall turn and making money out of the bargain at that.

Dr. Cook has turned up in London, they say. If so he will find more residents of the state of Missouri there than on his last visit.

Radcliffe college girls are to play baseball, which finally disposes of the idea that women are incapable of the classical education.

The real reason for the high price of rubber overshoes is unquestionably the increase of demand caused by the frequency of the gum shoe campaign.

Many members of congress are being placed in the unemployed class, but we would remind them that there is a constant demand for farm help.

Mrs. O. A. Turner of Baltimore lost a \$40,000 necklace returning from Switzerland. If she had said it was worth \$7.99, she might have got it back.

It was a benefit to the Los Angeles Times to be dynamited as a matter of advertising. The only people who suffer are the families of murdered employees.

The drug habit has grown to alarming proportions in England. What was once the vice of the few has become the practice of the many.

It speaks well for the United States that even while building the Panama canal it can obtain money at a lower rate of interest than any other country can command.

Electing a democratic congress this fall, with a republican president still in office, would be like hitching two horses to a load, each trying to pull it in the opposite direction.

County Attorney James Nichols, republican candidate for re-election in Madison county, was nominated without opposition in his own party, which speaks well of his record.

Everyone must admit that the last congress accomplished a big amount of work, but some people seem to think it should be reorganized as a democratic debating society.

The day when the silver-tongued orator can hold his audience spellbound is past. Causes are espoused or spurned in homes instead of public halls. The newspaper is more powerful than the platform. People think of less of the leader than the justice of his cause. Facts are what the men of today want, not beautifully rounded

sentences. Truth is demanding recognition.

Turkey is short on finances and is anxious to gain the permission of the European powers to an increase in the customs duties. It has been granted by all but Germany, and since the kaiser's kingdom has succeeded in selling the Turks a fleet of out-of-date gunboats at a very good price, the German consent is practically granted.

In 1900 Birmingham, Ala., had a population of 38,000. In 1910 it has 132,685. This phenomenal growth in one decade is made plain in one word, manufacturing. Birmingham is a great center for the manufacture of iron and steel. This has attracted other kindred industries who have built near the iron and steel plants. It only serves to strengthen the well known law that if a city would grow it must manufacture.

It is very evident that the United States has very little idea of what it is capable of producing. When one reads that Denmark, a little patch of swamps and sand dunes that could be hidden in one corner of one of our great states, furnished England alone with 2,072,200 hundred weight of bacon, it reminds us that we Americans should get busy and try to make two pigs grow where one has grown before.

Mayor Emil Seidel of Milwaukee is known as the socialist mayor, and the admirable features of his administration are credited to socialism. As a matter of fact there has been little of a definitely socialistic character in the mayor's official acts. They witness not so much to Mr. Seidel's socialistic soundness as to the saneness of his civic convictions and his good sense as a man.

William McIntosh of Emerick precinct would prove a most valuable member of the Madison county board of commissioners. He is a substantial, progressive farmer of up-to-date business ideas, an appreciation of the value of good roads and yet a conservatism which would take care of the best interests of the taxpayers. It is a business proposition to elect William McIntosh county commissioner.

William McIntosh, republican nominee for commissioner of Madison county, is a substantial farmer held in the highest esteem by those who have lived near him for years in the western part of the county. Mr. McIntosh would be a credit to the county and he would prove a conscientious and conservative official, with the interests of the taxpayers at heart. His election would mean a more equitable distribution of commissioners, as there are now two in the immediate vicinity of Madison, with none in the west portion of the county.

The pension list will not be as large again and the amount paid is bound to decrease with the rapid passing away of the civil war veterans. The sum paid in 1865 for pension was \$8,525,153, while in 1909 it has increased to \$161,973,000. This is the high water mark. While there were without question frauds in this great list of pensioners, it will always be to the credit of a free people that they so kindly remembered the brave men who by their heroism saved the republic to us—one and undivided—as a priceless heritage.

It is said that the art of remembering is going into decline in these days when people read so many daily papers and light literature which they make no effort to remember. A good memory is a great help to success in any business or profession. The most successful politician is usually the one who best remembers the men whom he meets. Writers, speakers, lawyers, doctors and merchants depend largely upon their memories for their advancement. A good memory in these days of competition is likely to be the factor which turns the scale toward success.

WHAT IS COUNTY OPTION?
 The News has been asked to explain what county option means. County option is that system of liquor traffic regulation which enlarges the unit from the present village or city, to an entire county. Under the county option plan, each county votes whether the entire county shall be wet or dry and each town in the county must abide by the decision of a majority of the voters of the county. The plan contemplates having the question brought up not oftener than once every two years.

COMMISSION GOVERNMENT.
 Mayor Friday's attitude regarding the commission form of government, will find a welcome with many Norfolk business men and taxpayers, who will join the mayor in hoping that the coming session of the legislature will pass a law permitting cities of this size to adopt such a system of government.

The commission form of government contemplates the election of a few men, three for example, to have charge of the city's business affairs. They are elected by all the voters,

without regard to wards. They are paid enough to permit them to devote the necessary time to the work.

Pity the foreigner! How is he to know where he is at or who's it? One of them when shown a picture of the Atlantic squadron said: "What a flock of ships." He was told that a flock of ships was called a fleet, and that a flock of sheep was called a flock. He was further informed that a flock of girls is called a bevy, and a bevy of wolves is called a pack, and a pack of thieves is called a gang, and a gang of angels is called a host, and a host of porpoises is called a shoal, and a shoal of buffaloes is called a herd, and a herd of children is called a troop, and a troop of partridges is called a covey, and a covey of beauties is called a galaxy, and a galaxy of ruffians is called a horde, and a horde of rubbish is called a heap, and a heap of oxen is called a drove, and a drove of blackguards is called a mob, and a mob of whalers is called a school, and a school of worshippers is called a congregation, and a congregation of engineers is called a corps, and a corps of robbers is called a band, and a band of locusts is called a swarm and a swarm of people is called a crowd.

The next Trans-Mississippi congress is to meet at San Antonio, Tex., on November 22. Delegates are now being appointed to this commercial congress by the governors of states and mayors of cities lying between the Mississippi and the Pacific ocean. Every question of interest to this great section will be discussed, but among the most important is that of transportation. There is a growing demand for cheaper transportation. In fact if the agriculturalist is to receive fair remuneration for his toil and the people get farm produce for anything like reasonable prices, the rates of transportation must be lowered. It is expected that the opening of the Panama canal will lead to great development of the Trans-Mississippi country. If the western states take favorable individual action toward promoting the deep water way movements so that sufficient water for transportation can be depended on, it will mean that they will share directly in the increased commercial prosperity brought about by the opening of the canal. Much interest is felt in their action on this matter at the coming congress.

LATTA DISOWNS HIS PARTIES.
 Mr. Latta, the demo-populist nominee for congress in the Third district of Nebraska, is apparently ashamed of both the parties which named him as their candidate. He is making his campaign on a card that reads thus:
 "J. P. Latta, Candidate for Re-election."
 He refuses to classify himself as a democrat or a populist. Apparently he thinks it would injure his chances. Quite evidently Mr. Latta regards the democratic and the populist parties as handicaps to him in this race.

TRIED AND FOUND WANTING.
 In the national campaign of 1908, when Mr. Latta was elected as a member of congress, a studied effort was made to impress upon the voters the necessity of sending to congress a man who would specially represent the farmers and common people of this great agricultural district. The claim was made that there were no farmers in congress and that they should have a representative there to look specially after their interests. A strenuous effort was indulged in to convince the voters that Candidate Latta was a farmer, pure and simple, and in full sympathy with their wants and those of the whole people. Letters written upon letter heads upon which he was depicted as work as a farmer and stock raiser, thereby drawing a strong inference that farming was his sole occupation, were sent broadcast over the district. He could stand this during the campaign, but soon after election, when he first reached Washington, his farmer title was suddenly cast to the four winds. On his first appearance in the house of representatives the card he presented bore the inscription, "James P. Latta, President First National Bank, Tekamah, Neb." Did he so soon forget he made his campaign as a farmer? Was he ashamed of the occupation, or did he think his title as bank president more honorable? In his remarks upon the postal savings bank law, printed in the congressional Record of June 20, 1910, he makes the statement, "I am a practical banker of more than thirty-three years' experience," but not a word in those remarks to his farm life nor to the benefit to be derived by the common people from the passage of the postal savings bank law. His persistent opposition to the passage of that law earned him the title "Banker" in lieu of that of farmer and stock raiser.

If his opposition to the postal savings bank law ought to be sufficient reason for any fair-minded person retiring him from congress.

During the last session measures of vast importance came before congress for its consideration. We ask a careful consideration of Banker Latta's record upon some of the most important of these measures.

The postal savings bank law, which

became a law June 25, 1910—The national democratic platform upon which Mr. Latta was elected, as well as the republican platform of the same year, pledged their parties to the passage of this law. When the test came requiring Banker Latta to choose between the common people and the special interests he promptly arrayed himself on the side of the banks and worked and voted against the passage of the bill (Cong. Record, June 9, page 7,957). Mr. Hitchcock and Mr. McGuire, both democrats, members from Nebraska, voted for the passage of the bill. Did the fact that Mr. Latta was a banker and personally interested in deposits have any influence upon his vote upon this important bill?

The railroad bill, creating a court of commerce and enlarging the powers of the interstate commerce commission, which became a law June 18, 1910, is a measure of far-reaching importance to every person interested in freight rates and one in which each farmer and shipper was directly concerned. Yet Banker Latta saw his way clear to align himself with the railroads and voted against this bill (Cong. Record, June 10, page 6,255).

He failed to vote on the resolution ordering an investigation of the sugar trust (Cong. Record, April 14, page 4,869).

He moved and voted to strike out of the agricultural appropriation bill the item of \$18,250 for the propagation and experimental growing of trees on the sandy land of Nebraska. This was the only item in the bill for his state and was saved only by the efforts of the other members of congress from Nebraska (Cong. Record, February 1, page 1,331).

He voted to kill the resolution of Mr. Henry (a democrat), charging Speaker Cannon with violating the rules of the house (Cong. Record, April 18, page 5,038).

He failed to secure a single item of appropriation for his district.

December 14th he was granted a leave of absence for ten days on account of important business (Cong. Record, December 14th).

February 8th he was granted leave of absence on account of important business (Cong. Record, page 2,141).

He missed and failed to respond to twenty-four out of a total of ninety-seven roll calls during the session.

AROUND TOWN.
 Look out. There's a bank robber.

There's a hobble skirt in Norfolk.
 How do these March winds strike you?

That's some harvest moon, believe us.
 Where's your money—Cubs or Athletics?

The Manuel training system has had a setback.
 The enterprising aviator is the one who keeps up on things.

Is Braden going to have a chance to come across with that ten?
 Why should shoulders soldier on a man at this time of year?

This is the open season on bank robbers in Madison county.
 Why do the women have any limit at all to the amount of hair they wear?

Bank robbers are more plentiful than ducks—and just about as hard to land.
 Here's a suggestion to the paving contractors: Put on a night shift. You're welcome.

An Italian brand of weather prevailed in Norfolk during that paving riot, all right.
 The only starter Sunday in the Chicago-New York air race will be the nephew of a Norfolk woman. Get there, Ely!

One Norfolk woman will allow her husband to smoke a pipe in the house, but she does draw the line on campaign cigars.

A Norfolk man likes the crust of the pie better than any other part, and always insists upon eating the crust left by his wife.

If the boy king of Portugal had been up-to-date he would have cried, "An airship! An airship! My kingdom for an airship!"

A reporter on The News, whenever he makes a note on scratch paper about "Mr. and Mrs. So-and-so," writes it "So-and-so & ½."

Necktie bills are high for the man with a rough beard on his chin. The beard scratches the neckties to pieces. So in some ways a woman is lucky to be a woman.

There is one sensation that defies description at the hands of an ordinary typewriter. That's the sensation that creeps through a golf lover's mind when he sits at the window and watches other golfists whiz linkward automatically, realizing the while that he has a shoulder which is a tractor to him.

For the benefit of those who seem to have misunderstood, just because one asks whether your wife will let you smoke a pipe in the house, doesn't mean that one's self isn't allowed that

privilege. In fact, in this instance, one's self is allowed to smoke a pipe in the house, and to clean a pipe in the house, too.

Mr. Quigley, one of the Lincoln trade boosters, in a little speech in Norfolk last night, said Lincoln was entitled to her fair share of northern Nebraska's trade and money. North Nebraska admits Lincoln is entitled to a fair share of her money, but is it purely coincidental that at about the same time the Lincoln trade boosters start this way, two north Nebraska banks should be dynamited?

ATCHISON GLOBE SIGHTS.
 We learned years ago not to be impressed with Big Tales.

An Atchison man is such a Sis that he carries a powder rag in his purse.

We sometimes think no one is trying very hard to please the real severe critics.

Boys believe that unless they spit every time they see a caterpillar, they will have typhoid fever.

Ever see two women meet at a reception or military opening, and engage in a smiling match?

Some people are never satisfied unless they are maintaining a nuisance, and quarrelling with the neighbors about "their rights."

A Texas man says the Globe is unfair with Gifford Pinchot. We know it; no newspaper can dislike a man and be fair with him.

In Missouri when a man has so much money he doesn't work much, people say, when asked what he does, "He plays with jack knives."

When a man is grumbling, he says "it happens that way every time" although the wrong he is grumbling about may be the first.

"About the only new thing that happens to this town," says the Coolidge Enterprise, "is to have a new damage suit filed against it."

"You needn't worry about my not being punished for my sins," a man said to his pastor; "indeed, I sometimes think I get more than is justly coming to me."

The Town Bad Man said today: "I have been mean, as all the world knows, but I never induced a woman to get ready to marry me and then failed to show up."

The next time you quit work to act on the committee for nothing, look over your children's teeth, and see if they do not need fixing more than the public needs your service.

An old fashioned argument against woman's suffrage is that the women cannot qualify as soldiers in time of war. But we notice the women continue to kill a good many men.

Actors are pretty apt to judge a town by the way it patronizes his show. But there is a good deal of that sort of selfishness in the opinions of others than actors.

This would be a wise world if the average youth were as persistent in acquiring the other fine points of an education as he is in learning to like tobacco.

It is only fair to the men to say that there are more good husbands in the world than there are husbands who pay attention to chorus girls and actresses.

No man ever invented anything as intricate as the bung hole in a barrel without pausing to figure what he would do with an income like Thomas A. Edison's.

Every father helps his son at least to the extent of boarding him several years when he is not productive, and sending him to school. But not every son helps his father.

There has been considerable curiosity concerning the gasoline engine that has been installed in a shed just outside of Mrs. Lysander John Appleton's door, and a Globe reporter was detailed today to find out what it was for.

The scheme is a good one. Every member of the family having broken off his, or her, nails in getting Mrs. Appleton's dress to meet in the back, the gasoline engine has been installed for the purpose of drawing her corset strings tight. It draws her straight-front so tight that her waists meet in the back without trouble, and hooking becomes easy.

It is related that once upon a time Daysey Mayne Appleton attended a musical entertainment in which there were five fiddlers who had to give their instruments the usual amount of preliminary attention before playing. The curtain had gone up, and the five men tuned, and adjusted their strings and adjusted them again. "Isn't that beautiful?" said Daysey Mayne wearing the rapt, far-away expression she had read about in books. "That is the Ungarische Lustspiel from Bela, and I just love it." Then the men, having adjusted their strings to suit them, struck up "My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean." But Daysey Mayne was not crushed. She thinks they played two pieces and that the first was so much finer.

GAYNOR DOES NOT WANT IT.
 The Nomination for the Presidency Has No Charms.

New York, Oct. 12.—That Mayor Gaynor has no ambition to be president is the inference gained from a letter. The letter was written to

James Creelman and in it the mayor said it was too late for him to begin struggling his course for any political purpose and declared that he has no consideration at all for his political future.

The date (September 25) of the letter to Mr. Creelman is prior to the date of the mayor's letters to John A. Dix, then state chairman, but now nominee for governor, and Mr. Creelman, which absolutely settled that Mayor Gaynor was not a candidate for the nomination for governor and would not take the nomination should it be tendered him.

The reference to the presidency grows out of the fact that Henry Watterson of the Louisville Courier-Journal wrote Mr. Creelman a letter stating "that Mayor Gaynor was the strongest man the democrats could nominate for president, and Mr. Creelman inclosed this letter in one he wrote to the mayor. The letter of September 25 is in reply to this communication.

Following is the text of the letter:
 Dear Mr. Creelman: Your note, with Mr. Watterson's, is at hand. Mr. Dix and Mr. Mack have been here, and I have told them finally and positively that I am not a candidate for governor and cannot be made a candidate. I do not intend to abandon the city.

They say that it seems certain that the convention will nominate me, even though I am not a candidate. That does not seem probable and I hope it does not occur, for in my present state of health it would weigh heavily on me.

I am now worn with anxiety, the shock I received has proved more permanent than I had supposed possible and my voice comes back only slowly. I am not certain that I can even bear the strain of the mayoralty again.

Although my mind is made up, I do not perceive any moral question in the case. I am under no obligation whatever to remain as mayor. I certainly had no such compact with those who opposed me and voted against me; it takes two sides to make a compact; nor had I any with those who nominated and elected me; and, if I had, they would have a right to release me.

As for myself, or my political future, I shall not consider that at all. Mr. Watterson is in error in supposing that I have the presidency in my mind. Never! And it is too late for me to begin shaping my course for any ambitious purposes.

And when a man has gone down into the Valley of Shadow and looked the specter Death in the face and said to it, "I am ready," nothing in this world looks very large to him, as I can assure you.

You will have a hard time reading this letter, as my shoulder and collarbone are still disabled, owing to the injured neck muscles which support them.

QUEEN MARY AS THE RULER.
 "I Must Ask May," is Becoming King Byword in London.

London, Oct. 12.—"I must ask May," that is, Queen Mary—is becoming a byword in court circles. It is King George's invariable reply when he is asked for instructions on any point from arrangements for a shooting party to the settlement of an important ministerial question.

When King Edward's clothes and uniforms were to be disposed of King George was asked what should be done with them. Naturally, it was presumed that he would have some scheme in mind. He answered, as usual, "I must ask May."

When Queen Mary was approached on the subject she suggested that Queen Alexandra be invited to give advice. Alexandra desired to keep King Edward's field marshal's uniform and orders. Then she made out a list of persons to whom she desired that certain small souvenirs should be given. What was left has been placed in a special room in Buckingham palace. Ministers of state bow to her.

The cabinet ministers have become accustomed now when discussing matters of state to deal chiefly with Queen Mary, even when the king is present. They have formed very decided opinions concerning her ability and insight and also of her knowledge of precedents governing the relation of the crown to ministerial matters. Although her affiliations have been conservative and anti-liberal, her advice to the king is always strictly constitutional and given with admirably assumed deference to the king's responsibility.

Niobrara News.
 Niobrara, Neb., Oct. 13.—Special to The News: The Niobrara Shakespeare club has reorganized on a new basis. Messrs. C. W. Demel, E. A. Houston, Misses Maude Marshall and Inez Viele, a committee appointed to draft a constitution and by-laws, made their report at the last meeting. Serving of lunches at the regular Monday night meeting is prohibited. The annual membership fee has been raised to 50 cents. Program committee as provided by the constitution was elected. Their duties are to outline the reading, prepare the special programs and assign meeting places and leaders.

Mrs. George W. Chambers and Misses Nelson and Draper will serve on this committee for the first half-year. Much interest is being manifested, and although a successful organization in the past, greater results are anticipated under the new regime.

The teachers and pupils of the Niobrara schools are preparing a program to be given in the Z. C. B. J. opera house in November. The proceeds will purchase pictures and library books.

Thomas Darnall, attorney for the Nebraska anti-saloon league, discussed county option in the opera house last night.

Roller skating at the rink located in the Laird building, has become a popular recreation with the younger set.