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What will the Nebraska militia do without a brigadier general?

Port Arthur must be getting accustomed to Japanese bombardment by this time.

Let everyone be thankful that the father of forty-two children bears no more distinctive name than Smith.

It seems the Bryanite organ in these parts exhibits altogether too much solicitude for the renomination of Governor Hickey.

President Roosevelt evidently believes that the duty of neutrals is to be neutral, and that is doubly true of federal schoolholders.

If the reputation of the ground hog as a weather prophet is to be maintained, winter should not linger much longer in the lap of spring.

The American firm negotiating for the purchase of Chilean ships may have an interested interview with Uncle Sam before it completes the deal.

Chancellor Andrews has been taken at Chicago. He must have been reading some of the nauseating attacks on him in the local popocratic yellow.

Russia trusts China just as the criminal trusts the officer of the law. The more honest the intention of the officer the greater the dread of the crook.

If Russia had not for years prided itself upon the effectiveness of its peculiarly tricky diplomacy it would have more friends in its present trouble.

The New York Ice trust must get the Parker presidential boom out of the way if it expects to derive profit from the business of cooling New York this summer.

Inside rumblings are to the effect that the members of the democratic family in Nebraska are getting ready to dwell in peace and harmony just like a bunch of Kilkenny cats.

Wyoming is starting a movement for more equitable assessment of property as a foundation of tax reform. Wyoming can get several valuable points from Nebraska.

Governor Vardaman of Mississippi is a general. No other governor ever chartered a special train to prevent the lynching of a negro, and from none was such action less expected.

To judge by the opinions expressed by the Gentile press of Utah the editors require a whole barrel of salt to be taken with the testimony of the Mormon dignitaries at Washington.

Put it down as a cinch that Mr. Pearce will not vacate the superintendency of the Omaha schools until he is assured he has the better-paying Milwaukee job riveted down so it can't get away from him.

It is not quantity so much as quality that counts. Eighteen companies of soldiers are preserving order at Springfield, Mo., after a lynching, while a small sheriff's posse stopped a similar crime in Illinois.

Joseph Chamberlain showed no evidence of softening of the brain when he left England on the eve of a parliamentary sitting which all predicted would mark the overthrow of his party. It is sometimes considered good generalship to be absent during defeat.

Now that General Barry, together with his militia brigade staff, has been honorably discharged by Adjutant General Culver, the war of words that seriously menaced the state with a war of words is over and General Barry and his gallant staff will convert their sabers into plowshares, leaving the adjutant general in complete possession of the gorgeous field.

INVESTIGATION OF BEEF PRICES.

The house of representatives, without debate or division, on Monday passed the resolution by Mr. Martin of South Dakota directing the secretary of commerce and labor to investigate the causes for the difference which exists between the cost of live stock and dressed beef.

It is information which the public ought to have in a trustworthy form and it does not seem that there should be any great difficulty in obtaining it. It is the common impression that the difference is due to an arrangement or understanding between the beef packers and under which the price of beef cattle is kept down and the packers reap an extortionate profit on dressed beef.

What are they driving at? The organization of the Fontanelle club, which claims to start out with a membership of nearly 100 picked men distributed in the various wards of this city, is a new departure that very naturally justifies the suspicion that the coming campaign in Douglas county is again to be fought on factional lines.

A CRISIS MENACE. We have already pointed out the danger to Russia from a Chinese uprising in Manchuria and it now appears that the Russian government is fully alive to this menace and is taking steps to meet any exigency in this direction that may arise.

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the investigation. It was devolved upon him because he was believed to be the most capable man to carry it on and it is well known that from the outset he has had the earnest support of those above him. It is manifestly unjust, therefore, to denounce Mr. Bristow for doing what he believed, with the endorsement of his superiors in office, to be necessary to make the investigation thorough.

As to the members of congress involved in the report, it does not appear that, with perhaps a few exceptions, they had done anything irregular or which has not been done by congressmen of all parties since the beginning of the government. It has never been regarded as other than proper and legitimate for a member of congress to ask, for example, that postal facilities in his district be improved, or to call for any other reasonable consideration for his constituents from a department of the government.

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Portland Oregonian: The most sacred image in Russia has been removed from Moscow, where it remains in times of peace, to St. Petersburg, whence it will be sent with the army to the far east. This image, representing the Virgin appearing to St. Sergius, is about a foot square and is increased in precious stones. It accompanied Peter the Great and Alexander I on their campaigns. Attached to it is a silver tablet upon which are enumerated the battles at which it has been present. Disciples of Buddha are not easily outdone when it comes to things "sacred" and Japan will perhaps be able to match this image in supposed influence over the god of battles by one equally sacred to her people. But after all, it will be modern strategy and military and moral equipment that count.

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At the Patti concert in Louisville Friday night there were no more delighted visitors than Mr. and Mrs. George Flournoy, an old couple who journeyed from their home in Palmouth, Ky., to see the diva. "My Old Kentucky Home" and the husband and wife tearfully listened while Patti warbled the usually simple old song. The vocalist saw how interested they were and added herself for their special benefit.

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"THE UNTHINKABLE HEARST."

New York Evening Post (Ind.). The Evening Post has been reluctant to speak of the presidential candidacy of W. R. Hearst. We have felt it to be one of those things that "need much washing to be touched" and had hoped that its grotesque and humiliating aspects would put him out of consideration by all but the bought and rotten. But it is evident that his unblushing campaign—based, as a democratic senator has said, purely upon "check and a check book"—is making some headway. Hearst stands today, in fact, as the greatest temptation to the democratic party to play the fool and break its neck again. Almost any other candidate prominently mentioned would have a chance of election, and could preserve honor even in defeat; but Hearst is enough to sink any cause and damn any party.

Philadelphia Inquirer: When the war experts at Washington are told of a Japanese strategic move, they say: "Yes; that's what we thought they'd do." But when asked what the Japs will do next, they say, "Oh, we don't know."

Baltimore American: Russia is calling out her reserves. Azin has the mistake been made of underestimating the power of a smaller opponent. Nations, like individuals, prefer to buy their own experience at a high rate rather than economize on the free use of that of others.

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SODA AND TELEPHONES.

Projected Revolution in Methods of the Retail Druggist. St. Louis Republic. Pity the poor druggist no longer. He has cultivated pity of his own for himself and risen in diluted anger to get redress. He is resolved that the corner store shall henceforth cease to be an interrogation and accommodation bureau. Through long years of tolerance and polite suffering he has earned a penny and he will take it.

What a convenience is the retail drug store. It has drugs and toilet articles; it has stationery and school supplies; it has cigars and tobacco; it has a news stand and money order department; it has a soda water fountain, where ice cream and refreshing drinks are sold; it has most of the things a well regulated family may need or desire, and, in addition, a free public telephone, which, installed for the convenience of patrons, is abused by every swain and maid who has more time for silly chat than business or useful work.

LAUGHING LINES. Methuselah's mother sobbed bitterly. "I told that horrid old conductor that Thy dear was under 50," she wailed, "but he made me pay full fare!"

When you get a radish potato in your mouth that you don't think to do with or it, in spite of the rudeness of it, the stomach is no more proof than the mouth is.—Baltimore American.

"I am agreeably surprised at the room you have given me," said the manager of the theatrical troupe, with a patronizing air. "It is really first-class."

She (flushing expectantly)—Fred Smithers, as I live! Poor fellow! It saddens me to meet you here. How long has it been since you were in town?—Brooklyn Life.

Prison Visitor—What brought you here, my man? Copvick—Superstition, ma'am. Prison Visitor—Superstition? Copvick—Yes, ma'am. It was the unlucky thirteen, ma'am.

First! It snows and then it thaws. And then a rain is brewing. And then the doctor has you and you don't care what it's doing.—Washington Star.

TWO OF A KIND. W. D. Nesbit in Chicago Tribune. Across the sea and across seas, I reach my sandy land to thee, My brother in adversity.

I, too, have seen the lamp of fame snuffed out, just when its rosy flame filled the wick. I, too, have seen coy glory quit just when your name had made a hit, And people tried pronouncing it, 'Till I took it.

My name was like a gentle sigh— A song beneath the southern sky— But still, were brothers, you and I, 'Till I took it.

But do not mourn, Redjos with me, For future ages will shall see, Our names yonk through history, 'Till I took it.

Many people enjoy good vision but have eye imperfections of which they are not conscious. Headaches, Nervousness, Neuralgia, Indigestion.

HUTESON OPTICAL CO. 213 South 16th St. Paxton Block. Factory on the Pramesse. Kodaks and Cameras. A prominent lady writes: "My experience with SEPTON LENS is of a distinctly pleasing character, and to those who have not tried it, I tender the advice to do so without delay." Nut \$6, splendid for cooking; lump \$6.50 for heaters.