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WHEN OUT OF TOWN. Nebraska postmasters and sweet girl graduates have the call in Omaha this week.

By the way, Upton Sinclair's experience may drive to desperation those authors who have paid for their advertising.

Democracy cannot be said to be united on the Nebraska leader until Uncle Henry Gasaway Davis returns to the reservation.

Chancellor Day is not going to let the University of Syracuse be forgotten when the distribution of "tainted money" takes place.

Illinois furnishes the first of the accidents from firecrackers this year, but from now until July 5 the tetanus bacillus will have a busy time.

Baccalaureate sermons all around us, but for some unaccountable reason Chancellor Day seems to have a monopoly on the sensational outbreaks.

Kentucky has furnished a genuine surprise for "home-coming week." A breathitt county murderer has been arrested and Judge Hargis has not been rearrested.

Soldiers returning from Asia to Russia are said to be so disaffected that they are being isolated from the people. Foreign travel always did broaden ideas.

With the majority and minority reports in the Reed Smoot case before them, United States senators can be certain of only one thing—and that is that there was a hearing.

From the decision of Judge Wade not to run for congress the inference is irresistible that not as much democratic sentiment has been created in Iowa as has been alleged.

Intimation is given that the Duma will adjourn in July, but as the word does not come from the members it doubtless means that the czar will try to send them home to a disgruntled constituency.

Members of the new democratic city administration are called upon to remember the pledges made for them as candidates for office. The danger is that they will take it all out in simply remembering.

Lightning seems to have taken up the work of regulating the supply of Texas and Kansas oil. Lightning rod men now have a fertile field in which to demonstrate the effectiveness of their devices.

If the father-in-law has so much influence over the democratic organ that he can wheel it into line for himself as a candidate for republican preference, might he not be held responsible for not wheeling it into line in the past for other republican candidates?

Now that the Kansas "hoodoo" senatorial succession has been filed, fate will probably devise a new sensation for the Sunflower state, but the greatest surprise would be to have the incumbent break the record by filling his term of office with honor to himself and advantage to his state.

The solicitude of the "anti" for the rights of individual republican voters was not so great when they proposed to agree to a ready-made state convention delegation without waiting for the aid or consent of anyone else on the single condition that they be allowed to name half the delegates.

REPLIES THAT DO NOT ANSWER.

The response made by President Cassatt to the form of questions sent to all officers and employees of the Pennsylvania by the special investigating committee appointed by its board of directors, touching holdings of stock or any interest in coal and other corporations having business dealings with the road, will certainly attract universal attention and excite varied reflections.

The answers show that President Cassatt "at present" owns extensive holdings of the stock of steel and other companies which have large dealings as sellers of their products to the Pennsylvania Central or as shippers over its lines, although they deny in general terms wrongful relations between them and the road or on his part.

Voluntary general statements of this character, especially when defensive, are one thing, but it is quite a different thing to throw upon such a subject the limelight of compulsory, thoroughgoing, independent investigation, with witnesses under oath and under such cross-examination as Charles E. Hughes administered on behalf of the Armstrong committee, and with power to probe and test every detail of books, records and documents.

By contrast President Cassatt's statement will be likely only to suggest and enforce the necessity of an official investigation as thorough as that of the Armstrong legislative committee into life insurance. The revelations in the brief and fragmentary testimony before the interstate commerce committee are of such character that nothing less than completely turning things inside out can exonerate the management, even if the truth be to its credit.

BUSINESS BEFORE ADJOURNMENT.

The most cursory examination discloses the great amount of business that is immediately before congress or waiting. Among the important and time-consuming subjects are steeplechase, the Reed Smoot case, Panama canal, the District of Columbia bill, the omnibus public building bill, the pure food bill and the railroad rate and meat inspection measures.

The proposed establishment of a ferry across the Missouri river at Florence recalls ancient history in these parts when the Mormon expeditions were paddled across the river at that point to make their winter quarters there while outfitting for the long journey across the plains and mountains with the break of early spring.

CHANCELLOR DAY AGAIN.

Chancellor Day of the Syracuse university, in his sensational outbreak against the president a few weeks ago, gave some intimation of what might be expected from him by denouncing the president of the United States as "an anarchist." But few dreamed that, after the criticism which he then received from the public almost universally and especially from leading clergymen and the religious press of his own denomination, he would have the foolhardiness to renew the assault in aggravated form in his annual baccalaureate sermon.

A man who professes to be in the existing temper of the public mind which welcomes and responds to the fearless, aggressive and progressive leadership of President Roosevelt nothing but recklessness of rights, and only prurience in the demand and application of publicity, simply advertises his own extraordinary obtuseness. The revolt against long-standing political, social and business wrongs is simply a great moral awakening to the necessity of applying to conduct the cardinal rules of ethics. From no other class in the community is co-operation and leadership demanded in so memorable a revival as from the clergy and all who as teachers and exemplars have specially to do with conduct and morals. It is fair to say that, with extremely rare exceptions, they do join with hearty sympathy in the movement for higher standards in public and business life.

Chancellor Day does himself most of all ill service by railing at the results that have been attained and grossly caricaturing the purposes which actuate the president and the great mass of the people whom he represents. Their purpose is constructive and soundly conservative.

Nothing could be more preposterous than to impute mischievous intent when the object is to relieve great corporations from universally conceded and self-confessed abuses which demoralize business and debauch government.

The body of the people are sound at heart, alert to the need of reform and absolutely sincere. To class them, as Chancellor Day does, with the debased muckraking fragment and mere yellow sensation-monging degeneracy, is a blunder which a man of his position and profession ought to have been the last to perpetrate.

OMAHA AND THE STATE.

Too many state papers are accustomed to disparage Omaha on every possible occasion. The only explanation of this is that they are imbued with a mistaken idea that the interests of Omaha and of Nebraska are at variance, when as a matter of fact Omaha is built upon the prosperity of the whole state and in turn, as the market town for its products and the base of supplies for its needs, materially assists in maintaining that prosperity.

It is gratifying to find editors of outside papers coming to take a broad gauge view of the relations between Omaha and the state. The Blair Pilot a short time ago gave expression to this pointed survey of the situation:

The fellows who are continually howling about Omaha are small bore. Omaha has the distinction of being the largest city in Nebraska and it should have the hearty support of all Nebraskans. What is good for Omaha is good for the rest of the state and if Omaha were boosted till it were twice its present size all Nebraska would reap a material benefit. If it were not for Omaha and South Omaha, then Nebraska would have to look to Kansas City, St. Louis, Chicago and Minneapolis for its market center, and that certainly would not be very inviting. Omaha is no worse than any other city in Nebraska and is no more of a hog, but by being in a class by itself it has received—invited—the unfavorable criticism of many Nebraskan towns and people.

Along the same line is the following comment on the achievements of the Omaha Grain exchange taken from the Columbus Journal:

Omaha is forging to the front as a grain exchange. More favorable freight rates and a demand for a more direct shipment from the place of production to the large distributing centers have combined to cut down the grain business of Chicago and to build up that of Omaha. This is a condition which will benefit directly the farmers of Nebraska and will result in bringing into closer harmony Omaha and the inland towns of Nebraska. It is time for people to appreciate the fact that what helps Nebraska helps Omaha and what helps Omaha helps Nebraska.

ADMISSION OF IMMIGRANTS BASED ON WEALTH.

On the Bartholdi Statue of Liberty, whose torch is the first light seen by the immigrant as he beholds New York harbor, are engraved these noble words from the pen of Emma Lazarus:

Not like the brazen giant of Greek fame, with conquering limbs astride from land to land, here at our sea-washed, sunset gates shall stand a mighty woman with a torch, whose flame is the imprisoned lightning, and her name Mother of Exiles; from her beacon-hand, glove world-wide, welcomes her mild eyes command.

The democratic state convention will have a membership totaling 866, of which only 66 are allotted to Douglas county. The republican state convention will have a membership totaling 857, of which 83 will come from Douglas county. The relative weight of Douglas county in the republican and democratic party organizations, respectively, can be figured out from this with mathematical precision.

GROWTH OF THE POSTAL SERVICE IN TWENTY YEARS.

Twenty years ago the total ordinary expense of the United States for all purposes was \$202,000,000. This year the post-office appropriation bill alone carries nearly \$200,000,000, as against a little over \$60,000,000 in 1892. Thus, though the country has increased in population no more than a few per cent, the postal business has increased four-fold. Nothing else gives a better index of the growth of prosperity in this country.

There is an annual deficit of from \$10,000,000 to \$15,000,000 because the peculiar laws and the extension of the free rural delivery service. If the government paid a fair price to the railways for transportation of the mails there would be a surplus. Instead it continues to pay at a rate fixed forty years ago, although the tariffs for ordinary freight and express have declined about one-half in the meantime. Also the second-class matter of the government is carried at ridiculously low postal rates. There is neither a political, social, ethical nor psychological reason for the present divisions of mail into second, third and fourth class, and the headquarters and ten companies of the Twenty-eighth infantry which were on the list to proceed to Fort Riley instead of which the command will go to Fort Benjamin Harrison.

Some few changes have been made in the schedule, as printed in this paper last week, under the headquarters and ten companies of the Twenty-eighth infantry which were on the list to proceed to Fort Riley instead of which the command will go to Fort Benjamin Harrison.

President Cassatt wants it distinctly understood that he paid cash for all his coal mining stock, which is more credible because he had nothing personally to do with the distribution of cars and the purchase of fuel.

Colonel Bryan may declare his boom for the presidential nomination sudden, but the chances are he will never receive as great a political surprise as when he walked off with the nomination in 1896.

his election an accomplished fact, entertaining the white the liveliest and largest hope.

Next we will be hearing about the government growling around trying to find out what the cheap restaurants have been putting in the hash.

When everything is considered—when we take into account the dreadful things that are happening to us at every turn—the wonder is that any of us are alive to read the horrible story. And it is a greater wonder still that most of us are so healthy and happy.

And the Doctor, Too! Springfield Republican.

Graft in the medical profession is to be found at but one point, according to the president of the American Medical Association. As he describes it: "The onerous evil of our profession is the commission given whereby a doctor refers his patient to some specialist and divides that specialist's fee." Cannot Mr. Roosevelt have this stopped?

A Convincing Jolt. Philadelphia Record.

It is claimed by the bureau of corporations that it has evidence of 2,600 distinct violations of the Elkins anti-trust law by railroads in connection with the Standard Oil shipments. If all the alleged infractions would be made and the maximum fine of \$10,000 should be imposed for each offense, even the most arrogantly wealthy transportation companies would be made to suffer a penalty which they would feel. A \$20,000 jolt to their pocket nerves might convince them that the law is not to be trifled with.

Restless Under Prosperity. Wall Street Journal.

Secretary Shaw says that the American people grow restless under prosperity. It is a profound observation. It explains why that these years of unequalled American prosperity have been years of social unrest. But it is a good thing for a people to become restless under prosperity. If they were contented with material success they would become apathetic. It is the restlessness and the discontent which lead to higher and better things. Nevertheless Secretary Shaw does well to call attention to the fact that if this restlessness is carried too far it may undo our prosperity.

Commencement Season Advice. Herald.

Let the young man go forth from the lecture hall and the campus to greet the world—that is, cherishing the high ideals that have there been implanted, but esteeming himself only one of the millions, most of whom have not enjoyed his opportunities. Let him have an equal vote in determining the destiny of the nation. He will find that he will be measured by his practical wisdom and by his ability to make it available for service, not to scholars merely, but to merchants, manufacturers, farmers and laborers who want advancement as he wants it. It is for him to learn of them as well as to teach them, for they know some things much better than he does.

LIBERTY FOR FORTY DOLLARS.

The secretary of war has approved the design for the "housewife" intended for the soldier's kit. Several samples of a possibly suitable article were obtained in New York and submitted by the commissary general to the army. The adopted housewife will be made of khaki-colored canvas, bound and tied with tape, that material and color being considered the most durable, economical and in all respects suitable for the purpose. The housewife will contain scissors and assorted buttons, three needles, pins and safety pins. It will weigh four ounces and its cost, according to the estimates obtained from the maker, will be 37 cents. Every soldier will be furnished one of these receptacles.

An interesting test is in progress in the army signal office, where electrical communication in typewriting has been under trial in comparison with the telegraph. The instrument used extensively at the coast artillery forts. The claim of the advocates of the new system is that it is more economical and more accurate than the existing method. The officers are conducting a competitive test of typewriting machines with a view to selecting a machine for issue to the signal corps generally. There are about 600 of these machines used in the corps at various stations. In the present test the competition is confined to what is known as visible writing machines.

The campaign and merit badges, the design of which has been approved by the secretary of war, will be made at the government mine in Philadelphia instead of by a private contractor, with whom arrangements were made originally to design and manufacture the emblems. It was found that much better results could be obtained by turning the matter over to the artist Millet and his associates who could be depended upon to make these designs of the badges proposed by the general staff, and also those for the civil war and for the Indian wars. Arrangements satisfactory to the headquarters have now been made by the War department and the making of the badges, after some minor changes in the approved designs, will be done at the Philadelphia mint.

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ARMY GOSSIP IN WASHINGTON.

Current Events gleaned from the Army and Navy Register.

A post exchange will be constructed at Fort Omaha, Neb. This is a decision reached last week by the quartermaster general, who found he had funds available for the purpose. The plans and specifications have been drawn up and the contract will be awarded at once in order that the work may come within the funds available during the current fiscal year. It was intended that the post exchanges should be built at another post in the west, but it was found impossible to carry out the project at that place. For this reason Fort Omaha will get the new post exchange.

The chief signal officer of the army has adopted a useful telescope holder, a simple arrangement which will fill a long-felt want and which was designed by Captain George S. Grier. This holder permits perfect manipulation and control of the instrument and is so designed that it may be used under almost any circumstances in the field where a support may be obtained. It can be affixed to a tree trunk, a fence rail, a stake driven in the ground for the purpose of an adjusted tripod, or the standard hallowahop tripod, which article is always available to signal corps men. The holder will accommodate any telescope which can be quickly buckled into place.

Instructions are being sent out to the army paymaster general, dated hereafter 12th cents per month from the pay of the retired enlisted men of the army. That individual fraction of monthly pay formed the contributions of the retired men to the support of the Soldiers' Home, and after that particular source, the sum from the recommendation of the Quartermaster General Dodge some months ago to the effect that the Soldiers' Home support itself on its income or by special appropriations from congress and that there be no further deductions from the pay of the soldiers to be turned into the home fund. The proposition did not find favor with the honor commissioners, who reported against it. The recommendation of General Dodge, however, brought out the fact that the retired enlisted men were not entitled to the benefits of the home and for this reason, the commission said, the deduction of pay in the case of retired soldiers should be discontinued.

The War department will purchase another lot of trunk lockers intended for use by enlisted men of the army. These are the type which was recently adopted by the quartermaster general under a description of which has been printed in these columns. There has been a contract let for the furnishing of 6,000 of these lockers and the next contract will call for a like quantity. The lockers will be issued to those troops departing for the Philippines and to troops which have occasion to change station. Eventually, and as soon as the quartermaster general can spare the funds for the purpose, all the troops will have these lockers one for each man in the service.

For some time the War department authorities who have to do with army recruiting have been desirous of learning which of several systems of publicity yielded the best results; whether, in other words, candidates for enlistment were attracted to the recruiting office by the newspaper advertisement, the recruiting poster, the recruiting circular or the display of the recruiting flag. Accordingly blanks have been sent out to recruiting officers by the military secretary of the army with a view to having the number of applications for enlistment classified under each method of advertising, with also a record of the applicants who present themselves not as a result of advertising.

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