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GOVERNOR JOHNSON'S PREDICAMENT

Governor Johnson of Minnesota has been placed in an embarrassing position by the democratic party of his state which has forced a third term nomination upon him.

It will be awkward for the governor to go before the people admitting that he has stultified himself and violated every sense of political propriety.

The situation in Minnesota is peculiar. In 1900, when President McKinley carried the state by 77,000 plurality over Mr. Bryan.

Don't forget that the men who are to be nominated on the republican ticket at next week's primary must then go before the people and beat out their democratic opponents at the November election.

While Douglas county and this congressional district are normally republican, they are not invariably republican and the personalities of the candidates competing for each particular office have in the past had a great deal to do in determining which one lands the job.

The republicans have carried Douglas county more than once by upward of 2,000 majority and at the same time had democrats crawl into office because of inherent weakness or flagrant unfitness of individual republican nominees.

GETTING RID OF LEOPOLD. The passage by the Belgian Parliament of the treaty of annexation, by the terms of which the Congo Free State is to be taken from the personal control of King Leopold and transferred to the Belgian government.

STILL HARPING ON THE NEGRO. Democratic newspapers in the south evidently do not agree with Mr. Bryan that discussion in this campaign shall be limited to subjects specifically enumerated in the Denver platform.

LOOKS A BIT NERVOUS. Chicago Tribune. Some of the plain people, strange to say, talk as if they thought it a nerve proceeding on the part of Mr. Bryan to ask them to pay his campaign expenses.

INVITING COMPARISONS. Minneapolis Journal. Mr. Bryan's tariff argument appears to rest upon the assertion that the republican party cannot be trusted to revise the tariff.

EXCEPTIONS TO THE RULE. Boston Transcript. The modest proportions of Senator Allison's fortune should serve as an effective answer for the American public man to the idea of a trust in our own countrymen.

WILL LAWYERS HURT "BUSINESS"? Philadelphia Ledger. The American Bar association should be encouraged to proceed with the mighty work of preventing courts of appeal from making decisions on technicalities which do not affect the merits of the case.

CASTRO MAY HAVE NOTICED THAT HOLLAND HAS ITS DUTCH UP. Cuba and Springfield, Ill., are both trying to prove that they are capable of self-government.

THE SALOME DANCE IS DESCRIBED BY AN EASTERN PAPER AS "A BARE-FACED EFFRONTERY." Is that all?

JUST ONCE MORE REFERRING THAT MATTER OF NAMES. Li Sun is the editor of the leading newspaper in China.

ROUND ABOUT NEW YORK.

Ripples on the Current of Life in the Metropolis. A remarkable falling off in the death rate in New York during the severe hot weather of summer is regarded as the direct result of the educational campaign prosecuted by the health department.

THE MAN WHO WINS THE WEST IS NOT GOING TO BE ELECTED. The battleground is in Indiana and New York, says the democratic St. Louis Republic.

THE SUGGESTION OF THE GEORGIA WOMAN THAT THE EFFECT OF PROHIBITION BE SCIENTIFICALLY INVESTIGATED IN ONE THAT COMMENTS ITSELF. Deliberate inquiry into the results of the operation of sumptuary legislation ought to bring more conviction than any amount of sentimental debate.

THE RAILROADS ARE DOING THE HANDSOME THING IN GRANTING REDUCED RATES FOR THE STATE FAIR AT LINCOLN AND OUGHT TO DO THE SAME FOR THE AK-SAR-BEN PERIOD AT OMAHA. The 2-cent fare is not an argument against conceding the favor asked.

THE REGULATION OF POOL HALLS IS A WORK WHICH THE POLICE OF OMAHA CAN WELL AFFORD TO TAKE UP. No objection can possibly be raised against a well conducted pool or billiard hall, but some in Omaha have not been well conducted.

IN HIS DESIRE TO IMPROVE THE CONDITION OF THE FARMER THE PRESIDENT MIGHT HELP SOME IF HE WOULD STOP THE FREE DISTRIBUTION OF THOSE WORTHLESS GARDEN SEEDS SENT OUT EACH YEAR BY THE RURAL CONGRESSMEN.

IT IS SAID THAT MR. BRYAN IS WILLING TO FORGIVE COLONEL GUFFEY OF PENNSYLVANIA. Now is the time for Colonel Guffey to come forward with his usual contribution to the campaign fund.

"THERE IS NO ENTHUSIASM IN SOUTH CAROLINA FOR MR. BRYAN," SAYS THE CHARLESTON NEWS AND COURIER. Enthusiasm is not needed to carry South Carolina for the democratic ticket.

HAVING COMMITTED HIMSELF ON THE PRESIDENTIAL QUESTION, ADMIRAL CERVERA MIGHT TELL THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WHETHER IT WAS SAMPOSON OR SCHLEY THAT WON THE NAVAL VICTORY AT SANTIAGO.

BARNEY OLDFIELD HAS NOT BEEN DAUNTED IN AN AUTOMOBILE SMASH-UP FOR MORE THAN A WEEK. He has been in the hospital during that time recovering from the finish of his last race.

THE SULTAN HAS GRANTED THE YOUNG TURKS THE RIGHT TO HAVE A LEGISLATURE. The Young Turks may learn later that a concession of that kind may have its serious drawbacks.

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