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Colonel Roosevelt might get a job in the Spanish army.

What is now wanted is a nonpartisan chairman of the democratic state committee.

Deliberate and premeditated murder will find no sympathy in this community.

Lincoln's new city attorney has just appointed his son as his deputy. They do it everywhere.

The World-Herald's forte has always been in putting up straw men in order to knock them down again.

What arrangement do the promoters expect to make for the straphanger when aeroplanes carry passengers?

Several cars in the Glidden tour finished with perfect scores—they did not kill a single person during the trip.

There will be one common point on which to start future discussion, and that is that the tariff has been revised.

Cuba has a new cabinet, which demonstrates at least that the country has material enough for more than one.

A firm of submarine boat builders has gone into the airship business. That is certainly playing both ends of a string.

If olives and almonds are high this coming winter do not charge it up to the tariff—the Spaniards are too busy to gather the crop.

An anti-cigarette law is in effect in Minnesota, but at last reports the youth of that state were still permitted to smoke elm roots.

The French are said to be dissatisfied with our new tariff bill, but then the bill was not designed specially to please foreign nations.

There is some consolation in having been defeated for re-election to congress. J. Adam Bede has been able to fill his Chautauque dates.

If the east will only loan us enough men to move the crops from the field to the bin, the west will try to find the money to move the grain to market.

A base ball umpire in Connecticut has sued a player for libel. The only way he could make sure of a verdict, however, would be to get a jury of umpires.

Last chance to withdraw from the official primary election. Withdrawals later on will be by popular edict without waiting for the aid or consent of the person eliminated.

The Newman Grove Reporter says that where The Bee credited it with saying something sensible it meant simply that for once both agreed in the same view. Let it go at that.

We have it from reliable if not authoritative sources that the Lincoln Star proposes to "hand a package" to the editor of The Bee on every possible occasion. The editor of The Bee will try to survive.

Of course the fact that the populists were suddenly seized with a fit of non-partisanship at Lincoln at the very same moment that the democrats broke out with the disease is merely coincidence. These little coincidences between the democrats and the populists are quite common in Nebraska.

That Extra Session Plank

Among other things projected as platform planks by the convention purporting to speak for Nebraska democrats at Lincoln last week is the following with reference to the proposed amendment to the federal constitution giving congress power to levy an income tax without apportionment by population:

We pledge the democratic party in Nebraska to assist in securing ratification of that amendment and to that end we ask Governor Shallenberger to call a special session of the legislature at an early date that Nebraska, a pioneer in the advocacy of an income tax, may have the honor of being the first state to ratify the amendment.

For the privilege of having Nebraska recorded as the first state to ratify a constitutional amendment our democratic friends would have Governor Shallenberger convene the legislature in extra session. The cost of such a program seems to cut no more figure with them than its palpable ineffectiveness. So far as ratifying the amendment is concerned, or hastening its incorporation into the federal constitution, it will make absolutely no difference whether Nebraska is the first to take action or the thirty-fifth, because the amendment will not be operative until ratified by three-fourths of all the forty-six states in the union.

Just what a special session of the legislature would cost may only be estimated, and would depend upon its duration. There are 133 members of the house and senate who draw \$5 a day when the legislature is in session, and with the secretaries, clerks, doorkeepers and other necessary attendants, the salary roll may be placed at \$1,000 a day. A ten days' session would cost \$10,000 in salaries alone, and to this would have to be added the mileage allowance, cost of supplies and other incidentals. So that if an extra session could do the job within ten days the taxpayers of Nebraska would be called upon to pay from \$15,000 to \$20,000 for the empty privilege of having the honor to be the first state to ratify a constitutional amendment.

But if Governor Shallenberger obeyed the instructions of the democratic platform makers and issued his call for an extra session of the legislature forthwith, Nebraska still could not have this honor. At least two legislatures are in session right this minute, those of Alabama and Georgia. In Alabama the ratifying resolution has been introduced and referred to the proper legislative committee, and as there is no opposition it will be adopted at the first opportunity, and the assent of Alabama will be complete this week, making it the first state on the alphabetical list of states and the first on the list of ratifications. While we have no exact information as to what the legislature of Georgia is doing on the subject, it is safe to say that Georgia will follow suit with little loss of time and will be the second state to ratify the amendment. So the very best that Nebraska could possibly do with an extra session of the legislature costing from \$15,000 to \$20,000 would be to get in third or fourth on the list of ratifying states.

If Governor Shallenberger has nothing else for the legislature to do but to tickle the vanity of some eminent statesman who has been a pioneer in advocating the income tax he will think twice before convening an extra session of the legislature.

New Departure in Insurance

Several life insurance companies have announced plans for furthering public health and incidentally extending the age expectancy of its policy holders. The movement is subsidiary to and inspired by public and private enterprises. The object is laudable from the viewpoint of humanity and possibly profitable from the insurance standpoint. There is reason, however, to doubt whether it comes within the province of insurance companies and is likely to be challenged if it involves the expenditure of any considerable sum. Life insurance companies are trusteeships and every expenditure of these trust funds must be clearly for the benefit of the existing policyholders, and courts have held that such benefit must be direct and clearly shown. Statutes and court decisions have left little discretion to insurance company officials in handling company funds, the fields of investment even being limited, and if the theory of trusteeship as previously construed is strictly adhered to the companies cannot go very far with the proposed plan, although in the meantime a number of them are getting much good advertising at little expense.

Spanish Republic Proclaimed

The proclamation at Barcelona of a Spanish republic appears to be nothing more than an effort to find a rallying point for the discontented elements. The previous experiment with a Spanish republic, though it had the advantage of the leadership of the greatest Spanish statesman of recent times, Emilio Castellar, was a failure because of the inherent incapacity of the masses to sustain popular government. Even a representative monarchy seems to be too advanced for a large portion of Spanish people. Viewed in the light of the past, there appears to be little hope for a republic no matter what may be the fate of the present dynasty. The difficulties that beset the government in Spain are many, even in times of profound peace. The masses are ignorant, the percentage of illiteracy being the highest in Europe. The people as a whole are desperately poor, their main industry being agriculture in a land not particularly fertile and farmed in a primitive way as compared with the more advanced na-

tions of Europe and the United States. On top of all this is a national debt of over \$2,000,000,000, accumulated almost entirely as the result of foreign wars. It is the oppression of this debt and its cause which incites opposition to the war in Morocco, which is being waged to hold a valueless strip of territory wrested from the Moors in 1495.

If a Spanish republic could lighten the people's burdens, it would have some claim to the sympathy of other nations, but it holds out no such hope. Enlightened statesmanship may in time raise Spain from the slough of despond, but the leader who can and will has yet to appear.

Features of the New Tariff

Some features of the new tariff bill are commonly overlooked and others entirely misunderstood. Among the common misapprehensions is that the wool and woolen goods duties were raised above the Dingley rates, which is not the case, the only change being to lower the duty on tops to give proper proportion to other parts of the wool schedule. The cotton goods rates are perhaps the least understood when quoted as increases over the Dingley rate. The new cotton goods rates are identical with those supposed to have been imposed by the Dingley bill and which were, in fact, collected under it for four years after its passage, until the courts decided that the law did not say what it intended it should.

Another salient feature, and the one which dominates the purpose of the bill is that where increases have been necessary to produce revenue needed by the government they have been made almost exclusively on luxuries. Census bureau figures show that the total yearly consumption of goods on which increases have been made is \$852,512,525, of which amount \$578,850,322 are of luxuries, the largest single item being wines and liquors, and the next largest silks. On the other hand reductions were made on articles of which the United States consume yearly \$4,978,122,134 worth.

On one of the most vital items—lumber—there has been a reduction all along the line with the exception of shingles, and this last concession to the producer is explained because the standing cedar timber is practically exhausted, and in the shingles made from stumpe domestic mills could not compete with Canadian sawing from the full trunk.

With one exception, the entire iron and steel schedule has been cut, and this exception is for the salvation of the small independent manufacturer and industries scattered all over the country. On steel beams and all kinds of ironwork except structural steel punched and fabricated for use, the duty is lowered. The big steel mills are cut on their product while the hundreds of local workshops all over the country which finish the product for the builder get the only increase.

Whether the bill is revision upward or downward it turns somewhat on its revenue-producing qualities. It is estimated that the new tariff will produce \$40,000,000 more revenue than the present Dingley law. Of this the corporation tax is depended on to raise \$25,000,000, the increased internal revenue on tobacco \$9,500,000, and customs \$4,000,000 additional. To produce this increase in customs revenues, the increased duties on luxuries must be several times \$4,000,000 to offset the reductions upon necessities and raw materials.

The Czar's Tour of Europe

The police are familiar with the troubles of the Russian czar, and probably before he returns home the rulers of the leading nations of Europe will have the details at first hands. While its troubles are common knowledge, yet in spite of reverses in the Japanese war and strife at home Russia is a power to be reckoned with in European politics, and the imperial powers are so great that, more than any ruler, the czar is able to commit his country to a policy. With international politics so tangled, the present visit of the czar to the rulers of all the northern powers is credited with a wide influence in shaping future events. Russia's relations with its powerful neighbors, Germany and Austria, have been considerably strained of late and the two meetings with Emperor William are expected to bring about a better understanding. Had the czar stopped there, Russia would have been in danger of creating grave suspicions in Great Britain and France, with one of which it has an alliance and with the other is making every effort to draw closer together. Diplomatic understandings are so sensitive that the hint of an alliance with Germany without a quid pro quo to France and Britain might lead to serious results. One feature of the czar's tour cannot escape the attention of every careful observer and that is, no matter what may be the sentiment or inclination of the rulers of all the nations visited, a large element of the population of each is implacably hostile to the Russian government and to its ruler personally, a sentiment which, if the powers dared, would leave Russia without a friend in Europe. A break with one, however, would throw Russia into the arms of another group and seriously disturb the balance of power.

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Around New York

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THE NEW CHAIRMAN

Norfolk News: The selection of William Hayward once more as chairman of the state committee will be acceptable to the large majority of republicans throughout the state, who realize that his work in the past has been of high caliber and materially effective. Beatrice Express: The naming of William Hayward of Nebraska City as chairman of the republican state central committee was a wise choice. He is a staunch republican, a firm believer in republican principles and standing squarely on a republican platform, will fight from start to finish to win. York Times: To cap the climax and give practical strength to the cause William Hayward was made chairman of the state central committee. This will inspire confidence, renew courage and give assurance of victory. With such a platform, with 500 leading republicans enthused and awakened and with William Hayward to lead in the fight the battle is as good as won. Fairbury News: The election of William Hayward as chairman of the republican central committee will have an inspiring effect on the members of the party all over the state. He has had considerable experience in the organization of campaigns, of which his connection with the national committee is an important part, and he is one of Nebraska's promising young republicans. Kearney News: The selection of Will Hayward of Nebraska City as chairman of the republican state central committee insures aggressive work by that organization. If this young man's past may be taken as a guide for the future, he has been in touch with the progressive movement in the state, is in harmony with President Taft and his policy, is secretary of the republican national committee and, while having held no public office, has a political record that is satisfactory to the republican rank and file in the state. Tecumseh Chief: The republican state convention in Lincoln accomplished the most commendable piece of work when it so unanimously agreed that Hon. William Hayward of Nebraska City should again head the state committee as chairman. Mr. Hayward is one of the foremost republicans of the country today, and his ability has been so recognized that he has held more responsible positions in the party than the one just conferred for a second time. He was one of the very best chairmen the republicans were ever fortunate enough to select. Young energetic, able, a natural born organizer, and possessing the confidence and esteem of all Nebraskans are some of the superior qualifications the newly-elected chairman possesses.

PERSONAL NOTES

Mrs. Honora Tully, a native of Cavan, Ireland, now on a visit in Brooklyn, is 104 years old, and eats lobster and keeps house. One look at his gray hairs and even the office boy turns him down. A leading city newspaper on Sunday last put one of its advertising pages to the free use of unemployed men above 50 years of age, who were out of work. One hundred and sixty-six accepted the offer and inserted their advertisements. The list would have been much longer had all the members of their class known of the chance. Among them were lawyers without clients, editors without desks, ministers without pulpits or pensions, merchants without business, and men with no one to pay them for their services. Among the skilled mechanics, coachmen, carpenters, nurses, etc. In every case there was the one conclusion: "The objection to me is my age." The youngest was just turned 50, the oldest was 75. He had been a bookkeeper and a printer in former years. A merchant who employs many men, in commenting on the above facts, said: "I do not object to an old man because of physical reasons, for many who come to me for jobs are in better figure and stronger than a lot of our young fellows. The trouble lies in their mental attitude. They have set up their own opinions and their ways of doing things, and it is hard to get them to change. In too many cases there is a dogged determination to do things their own way and not as I want them done." "In the case of men who have grown up and become old in this place, there is no trouble in that respect. They learned the ways of the house when they were young." "I never even guessed that I was a near unto the spur of poverty drove me into prophecy," writes James Andrews in a recent issue of Harper's Weekly. Then I happened to light upon the advertisement of a wholesale dealer in prophesying machines, and he sold me an outfit for a low price. Advice he gave free. "Look wise," he said. "Hand 'em a line of hot talk full of big words. They'll fall easy." How the author set up his automatic machine with its large pasteboard head of Abdul Aziz Khan, at Coney Island, and raked in the nickels of the credulous is told in this interesting confession. The victims were not of the uneducated type. They wore fine clothes, ate costly foods, and many of them came in automobiles. And yet the fortune-teller often took in between three and four thousand nickels during an afternoon and evening. A divine healer is in jail in Brooklyn. When locked up he was in rags, who concealed \$75 and several diamonds. He is charged with obtaining money under false pretenses, having promised a cure that was not forthcoming and for which he was careful to collect in advance.

TALES OF THE JOKERS

The shah of Persia was asked if a pension of \$25,000 would be satisfactory. "And with Mrs. Howard Gould getting \$20,000?" he queried pleasantly. "Not on your typewriter."—Philadelphia Ledger. Conductor (on railroad train)—This isn't the right ticket, sir. Absent-minded Passenger—What's the matter with it? Conductor—This ticket calls for a diamond ring.—Philadelphia Bulletin. "Here, this writer in describing the fire says the flames ran along at a rapid pace. I wonder what sort of a path they ran on?" "Must have been a under path."—Baltimore American. Husband—Why don't you have Bridget shut the kitchen door? One can smell the breakfast cooking all over the house. Wife—We leave it open on purpose. The smell is all that gets the family up.—Judge. She—Does Gladys look any different since she and her husband have separated? He—Yes. She wears her hair a la divorcee. She—Goodness! How's that? He—Parted.—Kansas City Journal. "Say, maw, do I look like you?" "Why, yes, Willie, I think there is a resemblance. Why do you ask?" "Cause when Mr. Pipton laid his cigar down on the porch rail, I took it up an' smoked it, an' he said 'I had your eyes, maw, an' your nose, an' your chin—an' paw's nerve'!"—Cleveland Plain Dealer. Miss Upper—I do so enjoy repartee. Mrs. Cumpo—My husband won't drink anything but Oolong.—Boston Transcript. "It strikes me you are reading a great deal of humorous literature," said the confidential friend. "Yes," answered Senator Sorghum; "I am reading all the funny stories I can find." "You are in a merry mood." "No. But I've got to have something to tell my constituents when I get home."—Washington Star. "A woman in Connecticut ran a needle into her finger, and the other day it came out at her elbow." "That's nothing. My wife swallowed a needle and two days later had a stitch in her side."—Cleveland Plain Dealer. Mistress—Jane, I can't have you entertaining company in my kitchen all the time. New Cook—Fath, an' it do be your own fault, ma'am. Yes should 'ave advertised for a plain cook.—Puck. Patience—She says she never forgets a face. Patricia—No wonder she's subject to nightmares.—Yonkers Statesman. INSULATED BILKINS. Judge. Yes, I like a chap like Bilkins; he's the kind that don't explain. Young energetic, able, a natural born organizer, and possessing the confidence and esteem of all Nebraskans are some of the superior qualifications the newly-elected chairman possesses. When the team was thrashed at foot ball, and he lost a pot of cash. For old Bilkins loved to gamble, and he frequently was rash. When they asked him at the finish why his team had lost, he said: "I just shrugged his manly shoulders, as he answered, 'They got beat.'" When his best girl frowned upon him and eloped with Billy Jones. There was not a bit of whining, there were no heartrending groans. When they asked him for a reason, why the maid should treat him so, he replied, "Quite simply, 'Bill.'" When he ran for public office, back in eighteen ninety-nine, and was elected to a trolley on a North Alaska line. Some one asked him how it happened that his luck had been so tough. It was chiefly, so he reckoned, that he "hadn't votes enough!" When his uncle died and left him only sixty-seven cents. It struck him, but his feelings were unpleasantly intense. But he never showed he felt it, or expected a greater wealth. He just "blew" the sixty-seven "to the dear old duffer's health!" Yes, I like a chap like Bilkins; he is such a great relief. To the general run of cusses who delight to share their grief. It is nice to find a sight who, when he gets a solar plectrum, Leaves explanatory piffle and just takes it in the neck!

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