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How do you like the bed-sheet ballot now that you have tried it?

Texas has increased its assessment \$125,000. Nothing hurts Texas all over.

If Police Judge Crawford runs that way at the election, Judge Shoemaker will regret that he did not stick to the last.

From what we saw of Spanish soldiers in 1898, we are not surprised that the Rifles drive the little boys away whenever there is a fight.

Mayor "Jim" declares that he enjoys chautauquing as an anti-prohibition debater. The real test is whether the audience enjoys it.

Rubber is bringing higher prices. We all trust that our friends who went into the rubber plantation business fifteen years ago are doing well.

Under the new primary law, the election officers have it easy during the voting hours, but they have to earn their money during the counting hours.

The eventual consolidation of Omaha and its suburbs is as sure as fate, the only question being, when? If it's a good thing, the sooner the better.

Mr. Taft's weight is down to 304 pounds and he has never lost his appetite. Senator Root would give up his salary if he could get that lost fifty pounds.

The late hot wave made a higher record of fatalities in Kansas City than in Omaha, but that's one place where we yield precedence to the city on the Kaw.

One thousand houses have been destroyed in Japan by fire and earthquakes. When we learn that a Japanese mansion usually costs about \$4.50 the calamity does not seem irreparable.

Titanville will celebrate the half-century of coal oil's discovery. Remarks about John D. Rockefeller, John Archbold, Lewis C. Emery and Ida Tarbell add nothing to the announcement.

The hotel keepers in session here want uniform state laws affecting the conductor of their business. Must want the nine-foot bed-sheet to operate on the same plan as interchangeable mileage.

William Winter has resigned from the New York Tribune. The Old Man Eloquent of the Tribune's dramatic staff never had the quarrelsome look, but if he longed for a fight he had the right to it.

If the king of Italy really contemplates sending Abuzzi to us as ambassador, as he probably does not, the object is to study under Mr. Taft, the greatest of all diplomatists, and not to arrange a marriage with Miss Katherine. This latter he is capable of attending to himself.

Duluth is preparing to handle grain worth \$100,000,000. In the vicinity the wages of miners will be \$16,000,000. The zenith city of the unsalted seas is doing well since the inhabitants mastered the art of walking straight up and down a landscape on a 100 per cent grade.

The County Ticket.

The result of the primary in Douglas county must be highly gratifying to all republicans who were interested chiefly in securing the nomination of a strong ticket made up of competent and trustworthy candidates, practically insuring success at the polls in November.

To be sure, the county ticket was, in a large part, made up in advance by the conceded renomination of the present incumbents, who had good records of service to commend them for continuance in office. A ticket going before the people asking for another term for Sheriff Bralley, County Judge Leslie, County Clerk Haverly, County Treasurer Faray, Register of Deeds Bandy and County Superintendent Yoder ought to be a winner by itself, and with the addition of strengthening material for the other places to be filled it should be invincible.

The ticket has been completed practically along the lines suggested by The Bee as best calculated to make it a good fighting column. The selection of John A. Scott and John Grant for the long and short term commissionships is recognition of the candidates with the best claims. The nomination of George McBride for surveyor gives South Omaha republicans a representative in the list. For coroner The Bee was of the opinion that Mr. Rippen had laid the foundation for the best claim by his party service in other campaigns, but if it should turn out that this contest, which is close, favors Mr. Crosby, there is no reason why the latter should not be a vote-getter in the election as well as in the primary.

The ticket nominated is representative of the community and of the party and is a harbinger of success.

Dry Farming.

October 25 is the date of the Dry Farming congress at Billings, Mont. The discussion will be devoted to that system of cultivation which trusts in deep and frequent working, whereby the roots penetrate to a damp substratum of soil, attract moisture and create a condition independent of surface moisture. It would appear to be a visionary project if it had not been thoroughly tried by reliable men and pronounced practicable. It resembles several new ideas in the manner of treating land in that it comes from China, that immense area where everything in agricultural experiment has been tried and where large sections have first been allowed to become worthless from aridity and then restored by fine working. It is a subject of keen interest because there is such a monster of power in the dry regions of America if it can be awakened from its parched lethargy.

In the east land owners are reclaiming soil with the supplying of new nitrogen. Improved varieties of clover have given value to exhausted farms. Cropping and seeding are a science. Swamp lands and river bottoms have been transformed into fertile fields. But of all the modern efforts for the extension of fruitfulness nothing promises so much as the two methods which are being applied to the dry sections of the west, irrigation and dry farming. Millions of acres, now not only useless, but injurious and in the way, will be restored to fertility and the manifold uses of mankind. Nearly all of this land is of a high degree of natural fertility, reckoned by the constituent substances of the soil. All it needs is more water or a higher utilization of water. That gift these new methods promise, and their promise has been borne out by many tests. The Dry Farming congress at Billings is a gathering equal in importance and fresh interest to any meeting of the year. The reports will be part of genuinely national literature.

Air Navigation.

Most Americans dissent when they hear that this country is far behind Europe in airship ideas and practice. Are there not the Wright brothers, ahead of them all and honored of the whole earth? So they are, but most of the honors and encouragement have come from France and Germany. Even in the crude days of simple ballooning it was nearly always Frenchmen who bore off the glory of making records and reporting discoveries. Farman and Santos-Dumont attained fame with dirigibles ahead of the Dayton men and their aeroplane. In Germany the people have an excited interest in air navigation. In every walk of life the fascination of the subject is felt. It is a sport, a social amusement, an object of practical experiment and a hope of wide utility. The government, always military in Germany, takes supervision of aero clubs and proposes to keep at its command this force of practical navigators.

Representatives of five nations will compete for the aviation cup at Rheims. Forty-five machines have been entered. A balloon, with two Italians, reached a few days ago a height of 18,375 feet, or three and one-half miles. Another surpassed the feat, but the use of oxygen to sustain breathing detracts from the human interest of the performance. Dispatches tell us of the weekly meeting of the Aero club of Paris at St. Cloud, the most interesting feature of which is the ascensions of the club of women. The leading woman balloonist is Mme. Surcouf, who has made 177 ascents. It was in this park at St. Cloud that the record flight of Miss Moulton in 1904 started. The women's club has eighty-three members. The ascents are frequent. Nine or ten balloons may be inflated at once on the club lawn.

In America there are several aero clubs. Many women have made ascents and some have remained in the air all night. But the interest in this country is small compared with that in Europe. Besides the Wrights, there are few men who have given the subject much consideration, though it would seem attractive to scores of wealthy young men who have exhausted the commonplace means of entertainment and do not care for sports which have no mental side. The best performers seem to be army officers and, unfortunately, they seldom have the private means for cultivating the art.

America would not be known in the world-fashion of aeroplaning if it were not for the Wrights and would be only in the hidmost rank of balloonists. If aeronautics is to be an American sport or study, there are few signs as yet of the advance. Those New York legislative commissioners who are touring the west for a personal investigation into the operation of direct primary laws made a grievous mistake in not giving Nebraska one day of their time. It is suspected that the dispatch of a fleet of warships to Crete means a carefully designed scheme of Cretan businessmen to work up a score. Cretnans have long had a reputation for readiness of resource. And now the wiselings tell us that the flowing perspiration of last week was good for the blood. Regardless of that advice, the laundries and soda fountains think well of the recent weather.

Better Stretch It. Treasury department suggests that our paper money should be made a little shorter. It doesn't reach half far enough now.

Room for a Come-Down. The National Irrigation congress might be willing to shade a little its call on Congress for a \$5,000,000 bond issue to be expended on irrigation and kindred projects, but it no doubt has learned that it is a good rule to ask all you can when you are asking.

Suppose We Hatted In. Alfred Mosely, the distinguished English educator, wants President Taft to appeal to Germany to stop the present competition in European armament. He says England is willing to stop if Germany only will. By successful interposition Mr. Taft would build himself an everlasting monument. It is a delicate business, but Mr. Taft has come through the tariff fight unscathed. The resolution inspires an un-enthusiastic. But suppose William should say: "Why don't you restrict your own navy?" Wouldn't that be awkward?

MUCH ADD ABOUT LITTLE. Misplacing of Decimal Mark Provokes Much Sound. The statement given out in Secretary Ballinger's behalf by the general land office, would seem to leave but little of the contention that he has been giving away water powers to one who knocked at his door. It is positively stated that "at no time since the administration of Secretary Ballinger have any fewer sites been filed upon in Montana." A little fiction that the Riverside Land and Live Stock company had been awarded a monopoly of the valuable water rights, proven on examination to be due to the error of a correspondent who by omitting a decimal mark converted 18.68 acres into the larger amount. The only water on this arid stretch is two small springs, and the company that obtained it is not in the power business. Finally the land office makes this positive statement: "The only water power sites on the watersheds of the Missouri river not now under the control of the government under Secretary Ballinger's orders of management are those which have been in private ownership for several years, and two additional sites which are improved and developed to run the street cars and lighting plants of Helena and Butte and the mines in Butte."

travel to the Gular country. The United States is in that business itself. From the Prison association's committee on paroles the reader learns that a life convict is better off than in the common citizen will reply that the old thought of deterring men from crime has a little something in it. Anyhow, it will do for small boys until we find a surer restraint. There is everything but similitude in the ingenious democratic fling that the insurgents make the republican party look like the democrats of 1855. The republicans might learn to look like a rough house, but they never could consent to go crazy. Those New York legislative commissioners who are touring the west for a personal investigation into the operation of direct primary laws made a grievous mistake in not giving Nebraska one day of their time. It is suspected that the dispatch of a fleet of warships to Crete means a carefully designed scheme of Cretan businessmen to work up a score. Cretnans have long had a reputation for readiness of resource. And now the wiselings tell us that the flowing perspiration of last week was good for the blood. Regardless of that advice, the laundries and soda fountains think well of the recent weather.

On the Wrong Foot. The Omaha Bee says that if the people will only wait until the new tariff law gets to working they will find that the tendency is downward instead of upward. This is the same old cry of the stop thief to distract the attention of the people while they plunder on. There is scarcely an article in the tariff schedule that is not raised that is generally used by the middle or producing classes. Two big ships laden with cotton and woolen goods were in port last Friday to reach the New York harbor in order to get in before the tariff went into effect, but lost and did not get in under the old tariff schedule and owners of these cargoes will have to pay over \$100,000 more tariff under the new schedule. Does anyone doubt that the consumer must pay this extra amount? Do we need to wait longer than the time that we will buy these goods to find out that the tariff has been raised? You may go into any general store within the next few weeks and ask prices on any line of goods and then compare them with what you have been paying and you will not have to wait long to find out that the tariff has been raised instead of lowered.—O'Neill Independent.

In this case the shoe is on the other foot. The importers who were trying to get in under the wire with goods on which the duty was raised were not pretending to be benefactors of the consumers, but were trying to beat Uncle Sam's tax collector out of the money they would thus save and keep it in their own pockets. Whether those ships had arrived in time or not, the sale price of the imported goods they carried would have been the same. While talking about "stop thief," why not stick somewhere near the truth? None of the ships "racing against time" were laden with cotton and woolen goods. The wool duties are not raised and the cotton schedule is but little changed from the Dingley act. The one vessel figuring in a spectacular role is described in the New York World, a paper not friendly to the new tariff, as follows: The Pennsylvania had left Hamburg on July 24, laden with a rich cargo of vinegars, champagnes and Rhine. Its arrival on the day before the new bill went into force would mean a saving of between \$20,000 to \$30,000 to the consignees of the still and sparkling beverages. "Is there any doubt that the consumer must pay this extra amount?" We think not. "Do we need to wait longer than the time we will buy these goods to find out that the tariff has been raised?" Again we think not. But we also think that it will be hard to work up much complaint among the customers of the general store at O'Neill because the importers of a cargo of costly wines lost out on a gamble of from \$20,000 to \$30,000.

Senator Cummins says that the president did the best he could. Angels could do no more. The insurgency is at peace, the roll of honor is dissolved, the republican party is united, the crops are good, Aldrich and Lodge are accepting the thanks of the blue-nose voters and Taft is getting ready to interview the plain people of the west and south. The democrats claim that they will have a campaign next year, but have no notion of what it will be about.

An ordinance has been introduced into the city council to require the street railway company to provide help rails to enable its cars to pass over horse lines laid during fires. One would suppose that it would be more to the interest of the street railway company than to any one else to provide against interruption of traffic which means loss of revenue. It should not require an ordinance to bring about this improvement.

Now just try to imagine what a free-for-all, go-as-you-please big-entry race for supreme judge would be with a ballot to be voted at the regular election containing nothing but a long list of unidentified names of candidates, with a legal prohibition against any party endorsements, recommendations, criticism, reference or allusion.

According to discoveries made by W. E. Curtis in Wyoming there are ten unmarried men there for one woman. Marriages made by correspondence, and even by advertisements, turn out well. This requires national attention, though no relation is established with water power trusts or other topics of the day.

Now begins the season of good roads conventions, national and state. The cause remains in its usual health and takes on an accession of strength when a railroad offers to carry free the material for good roads. That's the goods. Not why, but how? is the present question in the highway problem.

Director John Barrett is making that same informational address about Latin-American richness in raw material and desire for capital. When we wish to trade capital for raw material we need not learn Spanish and

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PERSONAL NOTES.

That attacking force should pause again to reflect that if it takes Boston it has to take Tom Lawson, too. The slickest job pulled off by the Georgia legislature in special session was to hold up near-beer saloons for the amount of its payroll. With a treasury otherwise empty, the pile was as sweet as money from home.

William T. Johnson, long a resident of Chicago, who had been treasurer of Cook county, a member of the State Railway commission and Indian commissioner under President Garfield, died recently at the age of 74. Congressman Heflin of Alabama, seems to be a warlike person, but nobody will ensure him for his latest encounter. He undertook to thrash the homicidal tendency of a chauffeur, and, but for untoward interference, might have succeeded.

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