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Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 23rd day of August, 1909. M. P. WALKER, Notary Public.

Subscribers leaving the city temporarily should have The Bee mailed to them. Address will be changed as often as requested.

A million Manila cigars imported in a few weeks throws some doubt on the improvement of matters by the tariff.

With Nebraska's unprecedented crops behind it the State fair at Lincoln next month ought to be a record-breaker.

Lincoln papers contain an account of the successful raid of an opium joint. Evidently dry towns may have other troubles.

And now our superintendent of school buildings is to have an automobile runabout paid for out of the school fund. Next!

The grand rifle contest of the year is about to open. The Massachusetts militiamen are not eligible under the rules of preliminary exhibition.

Glenn Curtiss and Charles Willard, aviators, are forcing their names up toward the who's-who class. The world moves if the earth level doesn't.

Just because they kill them off recklessly in Indianapolis is no good reason why the list of automobile victims should be needlessly lengthened in Omaha.

Because Hammerstein has landed twenty-five of his opera singers in New York, Chicago acts as if Paris and Milan had been dropped out of the wagon.

The hay fever season is below the average level in complaints recorded. It must be because travel in the grain belt and the hills of the northwest has been greater than ever.

Spanish commanders believe that they can demolish the Riffs with rough riders. It is an idea worth trying, but the Riffs are reputed some rough riders themselves.

In a few days the goddess of peace will cross the Rio Grande with the president of the United States. Even the sonnetists will not notice her unless she wears a tourist coat.

McKees Rocks is doing what it can to ruin the American reputation, which was just beginning to start a new record of prosperity. There is always somebody to spoil a good thing.

Art is now free and we shall be uplifted high as old masters push and shove on our culture. We have not had time to pick out the spurious every time, but we are feeling the uplift.

Mr. Taft sends word to China that its independence is the first and last thought of the American government. At the same time it is suggested that we are offering the best brand of railroad iron in the world.

The democratic World-Herald tries to take consolation that the name of Judge Sullivan does not appear of record as one of the attorneys bringing the suit to nullify the corporation tax law. He has been in the case just the same.

Champ Clark stopped over in Omaha between Chautauqua dates long enough to say: If the people don't elect a democratic congress next time it will be the strangest thing that ever happened in American politics.

Still, a lot of strange things are constantly happening in American politics.

Controlling Corporations.

If the logic of the forceful address delivered by President Lehmann of the American Bar association appears in the press dispatches he takes the ground that there are evils and inequities in the organization of corporations and that the tax enacted at the recent session of congress introduces powers which the federal government can use to enforce publicity and reach real remedies.

In passing, it is interesting for the western public to know that this brilliant lawyer was an Iowa boy who won his first laurels before the courts of his native state.

Mr. Lehmann's address outlines the status of corporation law. The trust has served its purpose of enlarging the scope of corporations and is no longer worth organizing. It is obsolete. If it were permitted, the invention would not be used. The next step is the holding company, an improved, perfected form of the trust, which does and was designed to do what was done by the trust and does it more efficiently. But the holding company is not the full and final development of industrial combination.

This is reached in the single corporation with unlimited power of capitalization and direct ownership of the business. Here is eliminated the disturbing element of minority interests in constituent companies. No state can deal with the problem singly and master it. There is not and cannot be effective concert of action among the states. In the federal constitution production is not within the commerce clause, but something of regulation and supervision can be effected under the taxing power. We have never been without a federal law for the encouragement and support of manufactures. What may be aided may be regulated. There is no more stretch of federal authority in the control of our industries than in extending to them a constant fostering care. The investor in corporate securities needs the protection that comes from supervision and publicity. The corporation tax just put in legal form offers the protection, or at least the entering wedge to a comprehensive control of corporate operations, insuring the rights of the shareholders and of the public.

The bar association address goes straight into the great questions before the country. It strikes the layman as forecasting the course of debate in the regular session of congress. Every lawyer must read it and most men in politics will be inclined to study it carefully.

Our amiable democratic contemporary, the World-Herald, is indulging in a debate with the Fremont Tribune in defense of its own consistency on the subject of direct primary legislation. The World-Herald has been denouncing the open primary ballot, inflicted on the voters of Nebraska by the late democratic legislature, as "vicious," and tries to square itself for going back on this democratic masterpiece by contending that it was opposed to it all the time.

We submit, however, that the World-Herald does not make out a good case. The platform declaration put out by Nebraska' democrats in 1908 reads as follows:

We favor the present primary law, but favor its amendment so as to enable the voter to more clearly and easily express his choice.

To vindicate its claim to faithful and conscientious performance of every platform pledge the late democratic legislature enacted the open primary as redemption of this promise, and now in convention assembled for 1909 Nebraska democrats have incorporated into their platform this declaration:

We commend the governor and the legislature for the enactment of specific democratic platform pledges into law. Isn't this a party endorsement of the open primary? If not, what is it? The editor of the World-Herald was a member of the committee that framed and promulgated this platform. More than that, he is right now a candidate who is running for office on this very platform. If he is not in honor bound to uphold and defend the open primary, which he says is "vicious," what can these platform declarations mean?

Once more we ask. Are platforms binding?

College Illiterates. President Faunce of Brown university says that the colleges are turning out illiterates. If there is anything in the criticism it is one of those half-truths which are so attractive to college speakers of our day. Graduates of our time are not illiterate, though they may not be precise in speech or bookish in the habitual mental attitude toward the pursuits of life.

Every historian who has studied the habits of the colonies and the first half century of the republic has noted that a college education in those periods meant the line of study conventionally supposed to suit the preacher, doctor and lawyer. Traces of the custom can still be found all through the south where higher education is taken to belong to the three professional classes. It may be true that the relatively small numbers of college men "before the war" in all sections observed literary forms, quoted books and wrote letters with more care than is now in evidence. That they are now more illiterate is impossible, except that more of them are not good and honest students, a moral rather than a literary defect.

Fifty years ago a college man was more conscious of the difference between himself and the noncollegian and maintained the impression of knowing about "belles-lettres," a

term then common and now almost discarded on account of its tinge of affectation.

More college men now understand subjects, move about and have grasped the meaning of books. Whether men talk books as much or not is another matter. Whether they quote standard books and assist in handing down the phrases and contents of conventional established books to the same extent probably calls for a negative answer, because women have taken command of book talk in society and the prig has nearly retired from activity. President Faunce has noted some changes from the New England view of college accomplishments fifty years ago, and that is the extent of his diagnosis of illiteracy.

Sweetening Business. A New York banker who has spent more than twenty years in Latin-American republics states the reasons why, even with perfection of the Mississippi channel and completion of the Panama canal, the United States will still have a comparatively small share of trade in those countries.

Among other drawbacks, he names uncouth traveling representatives, nonaccommodation of customers and refusal of credit facilities. Another is imperfect knowledge of the language. A Frenchman who knew no English would do little business in New York. An American knows this, and yet New York houses often exhibit blind confidence in the luck of ignorant representatives "getting along."

One very large corporation decided to open branch houses in Mexico and Panama. The two managers appointed had never been in a Spanish-American country and could not speak Spanish. The house suffered severe losses and the two men had to be replaced. That sort of blunder will be many times repeated, yet it is certain that with efficient management and an intelligent policy an American bank in Latin-America would nearly always be profitable.

The Latin-American of standing invariably possesses a certain amount of personal refinement and culture. Naturally he is not favorably impressed by a person of uncouth manners. The German and English exporting firms understand this and make a point of sending out men who not only know the language, but are accustomed to dealing with cultivated society. They are cordially received anywhere from Mexico to Argentina. In one sense these countries are not "practical," but they insist on the usages of good society. The writer referred to tells of an instance in Panama where an American official appeared at a function attired in a sack suit and tan shoes, the only man present so dressed. The bad impression has not yet worn off. He asserts that the Latin-American trader is as honest as any other and as sure to pay, but he has his customs and not to observe the customs is discourtesy.

The Panama canal will be of but partial advantage to the United States, except in coast-to-coast home trade unless such frictions are removed from intercourse with the Latin-Americans. Even if there were no money in it, a development of the courtesies and refinements of Spanish-American life would be a valuable education among Americans. To an extent it is humpbug, but all formal society must have its ingredient of polite humpbug.

Slow Up. The Bee has been giving Omaha automobilists the warning signal to slow up in season and out of season. We have preached the obvious admonition that overspeeding through crowded city thoroughfares is dangerous to life and limb. We have urged that the ordinary precautions be taken before the accident occurs rather than proceeding wildly in the expectation of mending the pieces after the smash-up.

Omaha is not alone in marking the map with automobile fatalities, but because automobilists in other cities are sowing the wind and reaping the whirlwind affords no valid excuse for Omaha speeders doing likewise. It would be a great credit for Omaha to be known as the city with the sanest automobilists and the fewest automobile accidents.

Therefore, we repeat the warning: Slow up.

Is no one to be permitted to call himself a republican in Nebraska any more unless he allows Taft to think for him, Aldrich to act for him and Victor Rosewater to lead him around by his calloused nose?—World-Herald.

We object. We realize that some of our friends have gotten into the habit, when short of argument, of indulging in invective against our defenseless nose, but we insist that, in spite of an occasional sneezing cold, it is not calloused.

Postmaster General Hitchcock has not been in Chicago since the steam roller was sent back to the Taft garage in June, 1908.—Saturday's Chicago Tribune.

Such is fame in Chicago. After all those gibes about the peregrinations of the republican national chairman of the Twentieth Century Flyer between New York and Chicago throughout the campaign, and even after election.

They tell us that trust companies must stop trying to do too much before other Moses and Thomases get our investments tumbled again. It sounds like sound finance. Keep the brakes on the trust funds.

Numerous candidates in various counties throughout Nebraska have been nominated on the face of the returns by pluralities of three or four

votes, and the defeated naturally accuse the democrats of making good their boast that they would sneak through the party fence and select the opposition candidates. The open primary is an invitation to fraud and an encouragement to contents.

Ex-Governors Campbell of Ohio and Folk of Missouri unite in the information that the tariff is the issue. The supplementary bulletins is that anybody whose heart has ever been untrue to tariff for revenue deserves hanging. When they get around to this last remark their look is in the direction of Fairview. Such interviews belong under the general classification of democratic harmony.

Halley's comet approaches at a speed of a million miles a day. What's the comet and what's the speed? We cannot put a fence around the comet nor kill spectators with the speed around a racetrack. The comet is superfluous for our ways of enjoying it.

Montreal has examined into the vitality of the rake-off system and finds that there is none in New York or Philadelphia more plunderous than that of the St. Lawrence city. Move on, muck-rake brigade, and tell the world some tales on Canada.

Two million acres in the Dakota reservations would make a wonderful sanatorium site, but nobody has consumption in that country. The common variety of settler is invited to fill up the vacant lands.

The government edict is that blondism flour is not so bad, but it must tell the truth. There is no federal objection to anything blonde, the blonding being the feature under disapproval.

Nervy Raw Recruits. Brooklyn Eagle. The horrible fate of Boston shows how foolish it is to oppose a major militia general to a couple of able regulars fresh from the war college.

Peace Guarantees. Washington Post. To show how in rapport the United States is with the prevailing peace sentiment, the United States has accepted of the 26,000 ton type.

Screw Down the Lid. Cleveland Plain Dealer. Free trade between the states is, of course, all right, but a prohibitive duty upon Beverly golf stories would appeal to many outside Massachusetts.

An Example of Consistency. St. Paul Pioneer Press. James Dahman, the "cowboy" mayor of Omaha, is a candidate for the democratic nomination for governor on an anti-prohibition platform. Dahman is consistent, at least, in his refusal to take water.

Value of Union Blues. Philadelphia Press. Besides being a model of courtesy and comports this war game is also strictly up to the minute in being fought on union lines. Boston was only saved from capture Tuesday by the invaders throwing down their guns when the eight-hour whistle blew.

If This is Law, Darn It. Pittsburgh Dispatch. To deprive of his adopted nationality a Chinaman who served in the navy during the Civil war, was wounded five times in the service of the country, and has held citizenship papers for thirty-five years, must be in accord with the law, since the courts say so. But it leaves a liberty of opinion as to what sort of law it is that inflicts such results.

Preparing for the Best Ever. Buffalo Express. Chairman Knapp of the Interstate Commerce commission, proclaims in cheerful tones that prosperity is upon the country, and more than that the railroads are prepared for it. The scarcity of cars suffered in 1907, he says, is not likely to occur this year. The railroads have seen the boom approaching and have made their plans accordingly.

SYNDICATING EDITORIALS. Sample of Methods of Distributing Boiler Plate Opinion. Sisson Thompson, manager of a railroad news bureau in Chicago and an expert in syndicating editorials favorable to the constructive interests of the war, says that syndicated editorials are syndicated, among a class of alleged newspapers of the yellow variety. The revelation was provoked by a criticism of the statistics of Mr. Thompson, who retorts in a circular, from which these paragraphs are taken:

On Monday, June 23rd last, an identical attack on the railroads of the United States was printed in seven or more daily newspapers in cities as widely separated as Atlanta, Ga., and Superior, Wis. Subsequently the editorial appeared in at least five other papers; so that to date the list they collected of palming off the "hot-burn copy" thought of as UNKNOWN as those of their own editors, includes the following well known journals:

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Into supposed jaws of death. Into the for-the-sake-of-argument jaws of death. Stomped with theoretical shot and shell. Rode the metaphysical six hundred. Bridges succumbed to metaphorical stress. The constructive jaws of death apparently at the moment of success. Fatally wounded in the subliminal consciousness. While, constructively, all the world wondered.

Honor, mathematically, the charge they made. Educated theorems for the part they played. While the differential calculus and leapt into its mien constructively laid down. Distinguished the ranks constructively surrendered. Substituted from the constructive jaws of death. Letting "x" equal the theoretical laws of the problem is to solve the equation trigonometrically. And we all have the remainder of the six hundred constructively.

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JIM JAMS.

Wristle Tribune: When Jim Dahman runs for governor, his republican opponent can move to Lincoln without awaiting the election returns.

Fairbury News: Mayor Jim Dahman of Omaha professes to enjoy his chautauqua anti-prohibition debates. He always did entertain a radically different opinion of things from other men.

Fremont Herald: The Dahman democracy has had an election of officers, and has a long string of vice presidents selected from all over Nebraska. Dodge county failed to furnish a peg to fit one of the holes, we are pleased to remark.

Columbus Journal: Mayor Jim Dahman alludes to Governor Shallenberger and friends as "a bunch of four-flushers," and demands that they "put all their chips in the center of the table." And thus the war between the two factions of the democratic party goes on with the mayor of Omaha slightly in the lead.

Albion News: Dahman insists that there shall be no sentiment, but just practical business principles applied to the settlement of the saloon question. That's why the railroads and all great business interests have insisted that their employees shall "cut out" booze or leave their employ. There are no practical business principles connected with the sale or consumption of booze. It's all graft.

Blair Pilot: Governor Shallenberger said recently that "democracy and decency have joined hands in Nebraska," and if they have then Dahman democracy must not be representative of the true democracy of the state. And all good men hope it is not. But Dahman will make a strong fight for the democratic nomination just the same, and he understands that Governor Shallenberger will not be in the contest against him, but will make the race for senator. This information comes from a high source and may be relied upon.

PERSONAL NOTES. The 3-year-old son and heir of the Cesar Nicholas is insured for \$250,000 and is said to pay the highest premium in the world.

President Eliot has now achieved the distinction of delivering an address on religion which the pope has ordered to be translated into Italian for his own perusal.

A new use was promptly found for the new Lincoln pennies. It seems, according to a Washington account, that they are in great demand by congressmen to present to babies in their districts, as the first issue will come in time rare coin.

The Austrian vice consul at Cleveland has officially denied that the Painesville machinist who claimed to be the missing Archduke John of Austria is a fake. The machinist may now have his whiskers trimmed and pass the rest of the summer in comparative ease.

Miss Christobel Fankhurst of London is coming to the United States to show us how a real, live, fighting suffragette looks. She will be hospitably received, but must not think that American prisons will be open to her. In this country people seldom are imprisoned for practical joking.

Hay fever cases take the right-of-way with a judge in Jersey City who, on the application of counsel, consented to postpone argument on a certain action until late in September. The attorney said that, on or about August 22, he expected to be attacked by hay fever, as he had been each year for thirty years, so, realizing that sneezing is incompatible with oratory and necessary precedences of it, the judge granted an adjournment until the goldenrod and similar provocations have gone out of commission.

SPELLS OF A WIND-JAMMER. Awful Things We Hear Of, but Never See. Des Moines Capital. Capital never, in all the world's history, wrung sweat and blood and tears and white from the oppressed, and humanity in greater security, with more perfect freedom from molestation, than it does today.—Omaha World-Herald.

Isn't it awful! Nebraska farmers increasing their bank deposits at the rate of two million dollars per month; reducing their mortgages at a livelier rate than ever before in the history of the state; wheat, corn and oats, and cattle and hogs, and butter and eggs all selling at top-notch prices.

Isn't it awful! Omaha newspapers, like those in Des Moines, filled with advertisements for help; mechanics of every kind naming their wages; and the streets of the city upon the streets they cannot be counted.

Isn't it awful! Railway shops running day and night in an effort to turn out cars sufficient to move the mightiest crop that ever sprang from American soil. The Omaha calamity howling organ whose editor holds down a congressional seat at Washington at an increased salary can see nothing but sweat and blood and tears and tribute!

Isn't it awful! Such a case of perverted vision would be pathetic if it were not so ridiculous.

BATTLE OF BOSTONTOWN. W. D. Nesbit in Chicago Post. Constructively to right of them, Allegorically to left of them, Magnificently in front of them, The imaginary instruments of war constructively thundered.

So it was theirs to cogitate upon the reason why. So that they might differentiate between those who should constructively die. And those who, constructively overwhelmed, should fly.—Otherwise, some responsible head might have blundered.

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BIRTHFUL REMARKS.

"Bless" said she coquettishly, "are the windows of the soul?" "Perhaps," he answered abstractedly, "that's the reason why many of them are so filmy."—Washington Star.

"Nagusa, tell me," said she, "if there is anything to admire in my latest book." "There is, Boris," he said, "I am filled with admiration when I think of your astounding success in finding a publisher for it."—Chicago Tribune.

Write—What kind of seats do you get for the musical comedy? "Hot-Nem" seats to hear the music, and far enough back not to hear the jokes."—Boston Transcript.

"Madam, you nearly jabbed your hairpin into my eye." "Well, don't flatter yourself that I meant your personal attention. I do the same thing to everybody."—Philadelphia Ledger.

"Lucky dog, that man Borworth." "Has he come into a fortune?" "No, he has secured a certificate from his doctor showing that he has organic heart trouble. When an insurance agent attacks him hereafter he will merely have to show his certificate."—Chicago Record-Herald.

"Do you think you'll go to the mountains next year?" "Yes; too much breeze at the sanatorium. Always blowing the ends off the bridge tables."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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