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Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 24th day of September, 1909. M. P. WALKER, Notary Public.

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With Mr. Hearst it seems to be getting to be a case of former campaigns re-hearsed.

At any rate, Nebraska still has one eligible ex-United States senator in the widower class.

Among the recent heroes for a time among the best sellers, the name of Jack Blinks already sounds like a hark from the tombs.

A railroad magnate complains because he had to eat elk meat four days in the Montana wilds. Lots of people would covet the chance.

A Boston poet has been arrested for selling his verses without a peddler's license. Shades of Oliver Wendell Holmes, has it come to this!

With Dr. Elliot at the head of the National Observation society's propaganda, we may look for a five-foot library at every five-foot waterfall.

And now Germany is reported as holding up that Chinese loan. By the time the pie is finally cut its undercrust will have become pretty soggy.

Here in Omaha we do not expect the streets to be kept clean all the time, but we would be willing to be surprised by seeing them clean once and awhile.

Blow the siren whistle! The democratic World-Herald has shot one broadside at the republican ticket without making the editor of The Bee the target.

If democracy and decency really joined hands at the time Governor Shallenberger said they did out at Kearney, they seem to be ashamed of it already.

Inasmuch as none of those promised spirit messages from Lombroso have been forthcoming, we have a right to conclude that "central" is giving him the "busy" signal along the line.

In drawing that cartoon the picture of the democratic treasurer hurdling over the campaign publicity law seems to have been overlooked. But then the cartoonist doesn't even pretend to be a nonpartisan.

New England towns, which are suffering from water famine, could make good use of the river surplus which is overflowing Mexican settlements. Nature has yet to adjust the unequal distribution of its riches.

If Yale students can afford to pay the bursar real money for being called in the morning, is it not time for the women at home who have to call their sons and husbands every morning without price to go on strike?

The "dry" farmers have successfully resisted the advice of the land agents to adopt a name with more attractive ring. The term "dry" farming has come to have a specific significance which is generally known, and as a trademark it has established a good will that should be worth maintaining.

The supreme court ruling that the Marshall Field \$3,000,000 public museum shall not go up in Chicago's lake front park is the outcome of one man's persistent interference and illustrates the power of the individual citizen. If each voter in Chicago were as efficient in boosting as this lone man is in pursuing his singular policy, what a marvelous city it might be made.

Agriculture's Opportunity.

Just when the German imperial government is calling for the reports of the federated states as to the unearned increment land tax, we are receiving consular reports showing that the German people are turning from the land. Figures for the last fifteen years indicate a steady exodus from agricultural pursuits in Germany, with a total loss of nearly 2,000,000 of individuals thus employed. During the same period commerce, transportation and the industries have gained 14,000,000 of individuals. In other words, fifteen years ago the Germans engaged in agriculture nearly equalled those in other callings, while today those otherwise employed are double the number tilling the land. Another noteworthy change is found in the fact that Germany is now importing nearly five hundred millions in excess of its exports, largely in foodstuffs, whereas fifteen years ago the balance of trade was thirty-two millions in favor of its exports. This is a further gauge of the extent to which German crops are inadequate to supply home demands.

It is evident from the figures at hand that the burden of the land has become oppressive in Germany, and there is grave doubt whether the imposition of the special land tax has helped the condition of agriculture, although originally aimed at the real estate speculators of the cities. When agriculture lags as it does in the German states it is evident that the European situation in this respect is unbalanced. However, since agriculture is the fundamental of life, the greater its backwardness abroad, the greater is the opportunity of the United States, where increase of agricultural output is the order of the day and where we have just begun to exploit the full science of farming.

Homeopathy in Detection.

Collector Loeb's retention of confessed grafters who helped him catch other grafters in the customs house in face of the direct disapproval of the court raises again the familiar conflict between practice and theory. Notwithstanding the apparent righteousness of the judge's wrath against continuing crooks in the public service, Mr. Loeb considers himself justified in declining to deal with such cases according to purely ethical standards. In business, as in medicine, like is sometimes found to be an effectual cure for like, and Mr. Loeb, who was given a particularly sick patient to cure when put in charge of the New York customs house, has thus far demonstrated the practicability of this principle of homeopathy as applied to the detection of crime.

The location of the crooked ring that had so long controlled the customs house is not only a matter of gain to the government revenues, but is also productive of direct improvement for other ports. For years Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore and other cities have had their legitimate importing trade diverted to New York, because their collectors there insisted on exacting the full revenues, while the service in New York was admittedly corrupt. Mr. Loeb had first to find the rascals, and it is to his credit that he permitted no theoretical scruples to interfere with the legitimate use of that unpleasant, but sometimes vitally necessary, individual, the culprit who turns state's evidence.

Far-Fetched.

The democratic World-Herald's labored effort to conjure up a "republican-prohibition fusion" is altogether too far-fetched. Because two candidates on the prohibition ticket tried to withdraw it does not follow that the republican nominees are intended to be the beneficiaries, or will be the beneficiaries. If the republican campaign managers had anything to do with pulling off these candidates they would have seen to it that the applications for withdrawal were filed in plenty of time to be entirely free from legal complications. The prohibitionists seem to have "forgot" to file within the specified time, which is so similar to the forgetfulness of the democratic committee treasurer to file his campaign publicity statement in time as required by law, that the circumstantial evidence points to a democratic-prohibition fusion, particularly when we remember the prohibition affinity for the democratic ticket last year. In the desperate straits to which the democratic nonpartisan bunco game has fallen it is no wonder that the World-Herald reaches out for anything that looks to it like a saving straw.

Congestion of Commerce.

More business offered than can be handled is the experience of the transportation lines all over the country, and in the expenditure of millions for an extension of facilities the railroads are giving practical testimony to the permanency of prosperity. The New York Central's contracts for immediate expenditure of \$85,000,000 to meet traffic demands exemplifies but another of the tremendous efforts required by all lines to catch up with the commercial situation.

President Brown's statement that all of the rolling stock of his road is in active service and that if he had the equipment he could do at least 10 per cent more business may be accepted as a fair reflection of the railroad world—indeed, some lines report an even greater congestion in the field of general commerce, covering manufactures and current supplies.

In the great crop movement centers the overtaxing of the transportation facilities is reported to be even worse, as witness Duluth, where the lake steamers are literally swamped with

traffic and are compelled to defer consideration of rich cargoes on which bonus rates are offered. Altogether, the congestion of commerce is so abnormal that the railroads feel warranted in enlarging their facilities in anticipation of the most prosperous era in their history, certain that the millions they are compelled to plant today will be but so much seed for the immediate future. When the current congestion shall have been relieved the lines will still be none too well equipped to handle what traffic is in prospect. Such an outlook ought to make everybody feel good except the chronic calamity howler, whose squeak has been effectually squelched by the hum of the wheels.

The County Clerk.

The republicans of Douglas county are presenting David M. Haverly as their candidate for county clerk. Mr. Haverly is now the incumbent of that office and is, therefore, like most of his associates on the ticket, asking for reelection as endorsement of faithful and efficient service.

The work devolving on the office of county clerk, while mostly clerical, includes a number of important tasks calling for capability and reliability. The county clerk not only keeps the records of the county board, but also handles the delinquent tax list as a check between the county assessor and county treasurer, and in addition is charged with all the complicated details of preparing for elections and canvassing the returns. The county clerk is also a member of the Board of Review, which annually reviews and bears appeals from the assessments for taxes.

No one contends that Mr. Haverly has not been performing the duties devolving on the county clerk in an acceptable and satisfactory manner, the only point which the opposition seeks to make being that he has had the office long enough and should therefore be turned out. Inasmuch as his incumbency has not been consecutive, and the voters called him back after an unsatisfactory trial of a democrat, this would indicate that the argument will fail to find popular response in a case such as his, involving an old soldier who has always done his duty in war and in peace.

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NEBRASKA PRESS COMMENT.

Beatrice Express: If the democrats were able to elect their candidates for supreme judges on the gaudy plea of non-partisanship, what argument would they trump up in behalf of their judicial ticket two years hence? They would still want to be re-elected.

Bloomington Advocate: The superintendent of the Hastings insane asylum has put in a requisition asking for \$208 worth of whisky and high wines for the use of the management of the asylum. It is a pretty pass when the state is being asked to buy whisky for its employees. The temperance people who were hounded into voting for that party last fall ought to feel mighty chastised.

Pender Republic: It is said that Frank Ransom of South Omaha advised the Pender Liberty club that they were within the limits of the law and that they could not be molested. Well, if Ransom's judgment is no better in the Pender club case than it was in framing laws last winter at Lincoln we guess there will not be much doubt where they will land when the supreme court gets a whack at it.

Bridgport News: Why is it that the political state makers in the eastern part of the state persist in dragging the back number office seekers into the limelight? Why not try the experiment of going out into the highways and byways and selecting new men for state offices—men who stand well in their own communities and against whom the charge of "chronic office seeking" will not let? When a man has been slaughtered at the polls it is a strong hint to him that he is a "dead one" politically, and he should have the grace to remain dead until the people see fit to resurrect him. Let us have a common sense campaign next year and a ticket that is not dominated by political mountebanks.

Aurora Republican: All this democratic non-political talk that is floating around the state is rank enough to give one of average "horse" sense a severe pain at the belt line. How many democratic newspapers, how many democratic candidates for supreme judge, how many democratic speakers, how many democratic whippersnappers and Allen for regents of the university? These two men have made good and the welfare of the university demands their re-election. Why not talk non-partisanship here, you fellows? "Yes," you say, "but that's different." Sure it is. Whitmore and Allen are republicans and so of course are not entitled to democratic support. It's only democratic candidates who are non-partisan.

Nebraska Republican: Nebraska is a republican state, a majority of its voters are beyond question supporters of republican policies, which have made for peace, prosperity and plenty throughout the nation, and yet a republican victor cannot be won in Nebraska this year unless the republican voters go to the polls and register their wishes and desires in the only effective way to impress their views on the result—by casting a vote. Many things arise that seem to offer at least a shadow of excuse for failing to perform the duty of a citizen, which is to vote. Distance from the polling place; the demands of business and in many country districts the seeming pressure of work that calls for completion before the closing in of winter, but all these excuses are really the same in every election the government of the people by the people is at stake. Nebraska is a republican state, but in the final result it will not be so unless republicans cast their votes. Let no thought that "there will be plenty of others" who will be a fit person, a man of broad Christianity, who can sympathize with the unfortunate who will come under his care and be zealous in doing all that he can for them, but it does seem odd that the governor should fight upon a preacher of the church of Latter Day Saints and appoint him to this somewhat conspicuous although not very paying position. The particular branch to which Rev. Mr. Huff belongs is said to have discarded polygamy, but the branch is a very insignificant one in size and so little is known of these reformed Mormons that undesirable public comment has resulted from the appointment of Mr. Huff.

Nobody seems to know anything about him and nobody vouches for him but Governor Shallenberger. The chaplain of the state penitentiary is a very difficult place for any man to fill, no matter how great his qualifications. Had we been governor we would not have selected an unknown preacher of a curious sect, without known qualifications, to be the spiritual adviser and confidential friend of the state's convicts. The governor made a risky guess at best.

INDIAN SUMMER.

Chicago News: In the mellow Indian summer. Lie the meadows calm and still. Smiling as the peaceful plumber. When you settle up his bill.

Just about the middle distance. There's a mule devouring hay. Doesn't seem to be wasteful. So you'd better keep away.

Far above with wing that quakens. Floats a hawk of piercing eye. While he scans the ground for chickens. That the farmer wants to fry.

In the thicket hides the rabbit. Shy as any startled mouse. If you have the hunting habit. You can gamble he is on.

In the woods are reds and yellows. Peeking every way you turn. Soon, I think, these farmers fellows. Will have autumn leaves to burn.

Rare and radiant Indian summer. On the blue hills far away. Here or there, you are a hummer. So we wish the year would stay.

OMAHA ADVANCES IN MIRROR BUILDING ART

A. Hospe Co.'s "Framer's Craft Shop" Makes This a Feature Department Now.

It's rather smart to have mirrors fitted just as you want them, but it hasn't been possible in Omaha until now. But this plan is now in order because of the advent of the "Framer's Craft Shop" operated by the A. Hospe Co. of 1313 Douglas street.

Any shape, size, oval, circle, pier or fancy shaped mirror design will be furnished and fitted—rush work top. If you must... in time for wedding gifts, etc.

Mirrors for dining rooms may be fitted in gold, gilt or bronze; mirrors for bedrooms may be fitted in oak, walnut and other precious hard woods; mirrors for halls may be effectively framed in mahogany, rosewood, etc.—even the bath room will have its special made mirror of white enamel.

Only the most perfect and flawless imported French and Belgium plate glass is used, and every mirror designed here will bear the trade mark "F. C. S." label, just as do the "Framer's Craft Shop" picture frames.

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Wall Street Journal.

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