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Not since March have we had such ideal summer days.

Associate Editor Metcalfe may now consider himself well slapped on the wrist.

Still, July is giving us a pretty good brand of weather for those hang-over June weddings.

Strangest thing in the world how the weather man has so long escaped the Ananias club.

It turns out that in the battle of two bruisers for a fortune the best bruiser beat the other one by only \$4.

It is given out on good authority that Senator Bailey conveniently lost that silk hat before returning to Texas.

The term, "rats in the garret," was in use, however, before the women began wearing those funny things in their hair.

What H. Smith of Georgia is trying to find out is whether the people there are ready to cheer him again as "Hoke der governor."

If Jack Johnson would go away back and hide himself and not stand before the footlights it would be better for all concerned.

Those school census enumerators have discovered 1,200 more people of school age in Omaha. And still they haven't gotten them all.

The contest for congressional nomination in this district has reached the joint debate stage. The spectators are evidently going to get their money's worth.

Mr. Bryan repeats that he is not a candidate for office. But will he run? Now is the time to file those petitions as the law requires, and give him five days to say "yes" or "no."

A New York man writes to a paper that when Roosevelt was president he made \$8,000, while now he makes but \$2,500. Ought not blame Mr. Taft for getting fired off the other job.

To be real frank about it, we could not see how he could allow all he said at Washington and back track so soon, notwithstanding his previous record as a political contortionist.

Now that the Boers have been placed in charge of the new South African republic and the conflict is as to which language shall be supreme, why not give Esperanto a chance?

The movement to suppress the moving-picture reproduction of the big fight suggests that the two bruisers were not so slow in moving their percentage on the cashing-picture concession in advance.

"Bill" Oldham would have the democrats nominate a republican for state superintendent of public instruction just to prove the sincerity of their nonpartisan professions. A fine chance, but will they take it?

What about that ordinance checking automobile speeding and stopping young boys and girls from driving high power machines? How many more lives must pay the penalty before the mayor and council get in action?

Wait for the Big Show. By his pronouncements reiterating his demand for a county option plank in the democratic state platform Mr. Bryan invites a straightout test in the coming Grand Island convention to determine whether or not he is still master of the democratic party in Nebraska.

For fifteen years Mr. Bryan has either himself written the platforms promulgated by the democrats of his home state or has had the draft submitted to him for his revision and O. K., which was the only prerequisite condition for its adoption. If he follows up his announced intention to go to Grand Island and demand the acceptance of county option as the paramount issue raised by the democratic platform in the impending campaign, he will for the first time in fifteen years encounter a test of strength and meet with opposition that would write the platform differently than he would dictate it.

During his absence from the country his colleague, Associate Editor Richard L. Metcalfe, was prevailed upon to stand sponsor for a so-called compromise that would furnish Mr. Bryan a soft place to alight. Mr. Bryan has evidently spurned the Metcalfe mediation, and insists upon being voted up or down on his original proposition, incidentally dealing out a few left-handed uppercuts in the direction of Governor Shallenberger, Mayor Dahman and Congressman Hitchcock, but generously sparing Associate Editor Metcalfe.

In the old days the fusion performance used to be pulled off annually in a three-ring circus. Indications are that this year all the political two-horse equestrians and all the spectacular mid-air trapeze acrobats will perform in one ring at the big democratic tent show at Grand Island.

New Jersey Reforms Itself. New Jersey has long been the mecca for slopers and the refuge of the easy; it issued marriage licenses and asked no questions and as the back door to New York drove a thriving business. Finally, however, the state awoke to the shame of such loose laws and set about at self-regeneration.

Perhaps New Jersey has gone further than the exigencies of the situation required, but it will be far better and safer for it to err on that side than on the other. If its laws should be the means of preventing for the time a perfectly legitimate marriage no lasting harm will have been done, for the couple can go elsewhere and wed and this is not to be compared with the tremendous evil wrought by the unbridled system that has existed for so long.

On the last day the old law remained in effect, more marriages were performed in the state according to report than on any previous day of its history. People of all sorts rushed in to take advantage of the law's defects before a stronger law should become operative. This of itself is proof enough that New Jersey needed to turn over a new leaf. Perhaps if a few other states would tighten up somewhat on their matrimonial statutes we should have less cause for complaint about the multiplicity of divorcees and abandoned wives.

College Football. President David Starr Jordan of Leland Stanford university is an aggressive man, but he has seldom been more forcible in public utterance than in his address before the National Council of Education of the National Educational association denouncing college football as a combination of brutality and pugilism, a sport that destroys the best there is in the American youth.

However much some people may differ with Dr. Jordan, those who appreciate his high position in the world of thought cannot fail to heed what he says. Perhaps it is necessary in this case to magnify the real evil in order to arouse public sentiment to the pitch of action. It is not worth while to challenge Dr. Jordan's position because all admit that football has been played in American colleges is susceptible to improvement and that the best interests of the college and its students demand an improvement. Whether it destroys the best there is in young manhood or not, it certainly impairs the usefulness of too many young men, to say nothing of the fearful scholastic loss it produces.

These onslaughts, reinforced by others may put foot ball on the blacklist. The only saving clause would be to eliminate the dangerous and odious features of the game and make it a genuine sport while it still retains some favor.

Starting Postal Savings. While the board of trustees of the postal savings banks, consisting of the attorney general, postmaster general and secretary of the treasury, is determined to install the system as soon as possible, an immense volume of detail has to be worked out before this can be done. The board must first get information as to the methods employed by foreign countries in the conduct of postal savings depositories to guide it in establishing a system based on sound experience and then it must institute its rules of business, which will be a delicate task.

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No Reason for Surprise. Abraham Lincoln signed an act to admit the territory of Nevada as a state, when he refrained from denying that the population was inadequate and the character of it horrible.

Sting of Down-and-Out Politiced with Cola. To the vanquished belongs half the spoils in the new reading connected with the affair at Reno. Times have changed since a noted pugilist said in the fighting in the ring was all right for the man who won, but the man who lost was left on the ground for the hogs to eat him.

Get After Express Companies. As soon as the new railroad law becomes effective next month, the Interstate Commerce Commission will have undisputed jurisdiction over express companies, for its authority has been clearly defined.

Originalized by the railroads, these express companies have in many cases become parasites on the railroads and they have been imposing on railroad stockholders as well as on the shippers. They are and ought to be subject to the same control and regulation as the railroads, for to all practical purposes they are equally common carriers.

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Washington Life

Some Interesting Phases and Conditions Observed at the Nation's Capital.

Notable Coincidence. The death of Chief Justice Fuller recalls the remarkable fact that at one time in our history both houses of congress and the highest judicial body in the country were presided over by sons of Maine.

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Washington Life continued with various news items and observations.

NEBRASKA PRESS COMMENT.

Nemaha Republican: The fact that Governor Shallenberger has refused to call an extra session of the legislature would indicate that he is really more of a politician than Mr. J. Bryan.

St. Paul Republican: It is being noted that Governor Harmon of Ohio refused to stand aside at the request of Bryan, but went on and secured an endorsement from his home state as a presidential candidate.

York News: Hon. Victor Wilson is doing his utmost to make the liaison between democracy and decency a real wedding, but the party is far from ready to celebrate the nuptials.

Plattsmouth Union (dem.): There may have been a great deal accomplished at the National meeting, and the same may have been truly a harmonious affair, but what hails us is how are we to harmonize the friends of Mayor Dahman and Governor Shallenberger after the primaries are over.

Scott's Bluff Republican: It seems that certain republican (?) papers are very much exasperated over the fact that one W. J. Hitchcock is to be a candidate on the democratic primary ballot.

Several hundred young women who recently arrived in Washington from various sections of the country to take temporary employment in the census bureau are about ready to throw up their jobs and go home.

An ingenious plea for a life job in congress is made by Representative George C. Sturgis of the First West Virginia district.

The general public does not know that certain committees spend more hours in absolutely necessary committee work than on the house floor.

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TIPS ON THE FUNNYBONE.

"What are you reading, dear?" "Reports and conclusions about irrigation and the annual rainfall."

"You want to know what I'd do if I had John D. Rockefeller's wealth, do you?" "Uncle Allen Sparks. "Well, I'm no hog, I'd give him part of it back."

"Here, you sir!" cried Miss Roxie's angry judge. "How dare you show your face here again?"

"I see you are smiling at my jokes," said the waiting contractor, hopefully.

"I could send seven more words without any additional expense," he said, "but I can't think of seven words beginning with 'ye' and ending with 't' that will quite fill the bill."

"Later he reflected that he could have used a picture postcard and saved at least 40 cents."

Red and Black. She wears a saucy hat and her feet go pit-a-pat.

International Tangles Straightened. Philadelphia Record. "It doesn't pay to send a boy to do a man's work."

Talks for people who sell things. A good many merchants drop their advertising after a trial of a month or so because they do not see any direct results from it.

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A SUMMER GIRL.

She wears a saucy hat and her feet go pit-a-pat. And she walks, and she walks, and she walks, and she walks.

Her skin is soft and white, like magnolia buds at night. But for fear she'd be too fair there's a freckle here and there on her brow.

Then her winsome, winking eyes flash like bits of summer skies. O'er her fan, as if it couldn't be met, you may go now and forget if you can."

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Advertisement for The APOLLO 88-Note Player-Piano and THE ONLY ONE Playing All 88-Note Music. Includes image of the piano and text describing its features.