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Proceeding to Business.

Arizona and New Mexico have gone about their work of becoming states with the true American spirit and may have their stars in the old flag by the next anniversary of the nation's independence, with their representatives ready to sit in the congress that convenes on the first Monday of December, 1911.

Both states have appointed days for the election of delegates to the constitutional convention, Arizona naming September 6 and New Mexico September 12. These conventions will lose no time in getting together, drafting their constitutions and submitting them to the people for ratification. Congress and the president, who urged the lawmakers into action, will have no ground for complaint at lack of promptness on the part of the new states. If the people accept the constitutions drafted for them by their representatives, then these charters will go to congress and the president for final ratification and if adjudged true to the republican form of government guaranteed by the federal constitution, then all that will remain to consummate statehood will be for the chief executive to issue a proclamation for the two new states to come into the union.

The fathers of the republic could scarcely have dreamed, in their most rosy imaginations, that the nation they founded would reach such territorial and political proportions in so short a time. This rounding out of the greatest free government in history in the comparatively brief period of 134 years is the most astounding achievement in the annals of nation-building.

An Object Lesson.

The lynching of the Anti-Saloon league detective at Newark, O., while, of course, disgraceful and lamentable as a violation of law, is yet a solemn object lesson, or ought to be, to these over-sealous upholders who employ disreputable characters as agents in their crusades. Here is a man willing to take human life and who admits he has never engaged in a laudable means of earning a living, urging other young men to avoid the error that cost him his life.

It is a mistake for an organization which vests itself with social reform to proceed on the theory that the end always justifies the means and that it is all right to hire ex-convicts, professional strike breakers or other disreputable to do the spy work on which the league depends for information. And if this experience in Ohio does not serve to impress this fact on the minds of good men and women engaged in this and similar work, then it will fail to accomplish its best result. The Anti-Saloon league and allied organizations, their cause and their crusaders have suffered in public esteem because they employ men whose personal records would not bear scrutiny. It is simply impossible to get people to believe strongly in any cause that must depend upon such questionable methods for success. Here in Omaha and in other towns and cities of Nebraska this has been demonstrated where men have been employed by these organizations with penitentiary records and courts asked to send men to prison on the word of hiring falibirds.

Temperance causes are not promoted by intemperate people or intemperate methods. In this state at present the Anti-Saloon league is embroiled in a bitter internal factional fight; several members have publicly resigned to avoid being ousted and recriminations of the ins and the outs are putting both under suspicion and their association with crooked detectives does not strengthen them in public esteem.

Work of the Y. M. C. A.

The Young Men's Christian association is being credited with doing a great service by the watchcare it keeps over boys and young men. It often follows a youth across the continent in order to surround him with proper associations. Recently a young man went from his home in a small Nebraska town to work in a large office in Chicago. One day he was surprised when a stranger approached him at his work, called him by name, told him where he was from and invited him out to lunch. It was a Young Men's Christian association representative come to accompany him in a strange city. The home association had notified the Omaha association and the Omaha had notified the Chicago association of the young man's movements, and in Chicago a worker was assigned to look after him.

As one of thousands of cases this illustrates a system that is working with excellent results, and the best part of it is that it is not confined to young men of this country, but extended to the youth coming here from abroad. Many of our newcomers are greeted at eastern ports of entry by these Young Men's Christian association workers and given assistance, which not only helps them for the time being to overcome the pangs of homesickness and get started in a strange land, but aids them permanently and tends to make them better American citizens. They see a great organization in the new country interested in their welfare; interested in it enough to look out for them and appealing to the best there is in them. At the outset it gives them a high idea of Americans and Americanism and inspires them with the belief that they have a mark to strive for and a determination to reach the mark.

Not long ago a tall, angular youth walked into the local Young Men's

Christian association headquarters and asked if a letter from Holland and one from Liverpool had been received with reference to a young man coming to Omaha. The fame of the Young Men's Christian association had spread to Holland, and this young man, venturing to cast his fortune in a new land, wrote to the Omaha association for the privilege of its fellowship and found it most cordially given him on his arrival.

Helped to secure employment, directed in obtaining good living quarters, influenced in the matter of proper associates—this work is invaluable to the youth away from home, and it must have a place in the sum total of the making of useful citizens out of sojourners in a strange land or in a strange city.

Adequate and Inadequate Penalty.

The other day a girl was fined \$25 by a San Francisco judge for racing her automobile against a locomotive and laughingly told the court that the fun was worth the price.

This thoughtless miss unconsciously set forth the essence of this whole auto-speeding mania which the law must combat. The average automobile owner or driver, we may admit, is not thus reckless, but so long as there are so many exactly like this girl we are going to pay a dear tribute to the indulgence. Courts all but make a travesty when they assess nominal fines for law-defiant speeding. If the speeder does not care for the fine then it may become necessary to impose a penalty that will not strike so lightly.

It is not only unsafe for people like this girl to run automobiles, but unsafe for them to be permitted to indulge the idea that "the fun is worth the price," to laugh at law and sneer at courts. Such people must be punished in such a way that they will not think the penalty smaller than the offense, that they will not chuckle at the impotency of law and go out and repeat their performance. They must be impressed with the fact that a fine is not a license to indulge in a pastime that imperils life. It is the business of the authorities to see that the limitations are seriously observed when so serious a thing as human life is at stake.

When the Colonel Comes to Omaha.

When Colonel Roosevelt comes to Omaha in September he will have a rousing big reception, in which everybody irrespective of class, creed or politics will extend to him the glad hand.

That much may be considered settled in advance without waiting to know more about the hour of his arrival or the length of time he will spend here, or the detailed program that may be laid out for his entertainment.

Colonel Roosevelt has been Omaha's guest before, and on each occasion has had the kind of welcome that would be prompted by the true spirit of western hospitality and the popular admiration of the man.

It goes without saying that Colonel Roosevelt has not lost anything in public estimation in this section since becoming a private citizen, and that interest in him and in what he may say to us will be manifested just as strongly, if not stronger, than heretofore.

In making Omaha a stopping place on his itinerary Colonel Roosevelt honors our city and our people, who will gladly show their appreciation by honoring him.

The man who circulated those Bryan senatorial petitions is between two fires. To file the petitions with the secretary of state will cost him \$50 and may offend Mr. Bryan, while to fail to file them will expose him to a penalty under the law of a fine of \$500 or imprisonment. The question is, Is it cheaper to obey the law or to defy it?

Why should Mr. Bryan be so severe with the distinguished democrats whom he has bawled out, and at the same time so gentle with Associate Editor Metcalfe? Why not the same punishment for the same offense by whomsoever committed?

Reading the account of what happened to the anti-Saloon league sleuth in Newark, O., suggests what a lucky stroke it was that that case fell out of dynamite did not explode and kill a lot of innocent men, women and children in Omaha.

That Los Angeles man who is opposing Colonel Roosevelt for commander-in-chief of the Spanish-American war veterans is probably just seeking the distinction of being "the man who ran against Theodore Roosevelt."

The woman candidate for governor in New Hampshire says that within ten years women will be candidates for governor in twenty states. She is careful not to predict that they will then be governor of that many states.

England professes through its press to be shocked that America should decorate with a prize fight the day that marks the anniversary of freedom from British tyranny, but is that really the source of grief?

Our old friend, "Mike" Harrington, seems to have forgotten that only two years ago he, himself, ran for presidential elector as a demo-pop on a platform pledging him to county option.

The Commoner is running a symposium on the question, "If the people rule, why don't they get what they

want?" Here's the answer: "They do, except when Mr. Bryan won't let them."

Accounts Balanced.

Kansas City Times.
Mr. James Jeffries is inclined to blame the public for calling him back to the prize ring. But inasmuch as Mr. Jeffries didn't come back, the account should be balanced.

Living Up to His Name.

Washington Herald.
Senator Gore's idea that it is all wrong to rob Poor Lo is generally endorsed. Poor Lo probably does not suspect that his name ever will be anything other than Poor Lo, nevertheless.

Hard Test of Patience.

Washington Herald.
Doesn't make you mad, after all these months of economical endeavor, to pick up a newspaper and read that some medical highbrow had promulgated the opinion that "we eat too much?"

One Reason Why.

Boston Transcript.
One reason that Mr. Taft is having so many judges to appoint is because his predecessor was permitted to name so few. Mr. Roosevelt in two terms in the presidential office named only Day, Holmes and Moody, while Harrison in half that length of time named Brewer, Brown, Shiras and Jackson.

Suggestive Philippine Figures.

Philadelphia Ledger.
The anti-imperialists, who hold that the Philippines are "no place for a white man," from the point of view of sanitary conditions, apart from political considerations, should have their attention called to the figures compiled by the Bureau of Insular Affairs, which go to show that the death rate among 8,000 government employees in the islands during the first quarter of 1910 was 5.9 per thousand. The death rate of Boston is 10.1, of New Orleans 2.7 and of Philadelphia 17.4.

Senators of the Old School.

New York Tribune.
Like William B. Allison of Iowa, John W. Daniel died with more than a full six years' term of service in the senate ahead of him. Each was serving out the last year of an expiring term and had been re-elected. Mr. Allison sat in the senate for more than thirty-five years. Mr. Daniel was in his twenty-fourth year of service. Each had been nominated first under the primary system, when the latter method supplanted the former. Their tenure was unaffected by the change, because both enjoyed to the end the degree of the confidence and affection of the commonwealths which they represented.

Master Builders of the Nation.

Boston Herald.
Hannis Taylor in his Fourth of July address at Washington names as the "first master builders of the American commonwealth." Jefferson, the drafter; Washington, the actor; Pelatiah Webster, the architect; Marshall, the founder; and Lincoln, the savior. There will be little dispute over the inclusion of these names in this patriotic gallery in the Hall of Fame, not even as to Pelatiah Webster, whose part in the building of the national government now is generally, though very tardily, recognized. But why stop with Lincoln? Must we wait until men are dead before we recognize the importance of their work?

President Taft's Achievement.

Passage of Nearly All Measures Recommended to Congress.

Washington Post.
The wisdom of President Taft's policy of conciliation is being shown very clearly in the last days of the Sixty-first congress. Without the blare of trumpets, the president has accomplished the bulk of his legislative program, and regulars and insurgents are now joining together in praise of his achievement.

There were many persons who thought that President Taft had made a great mistake in outlining so definitely what he hoped to accomplish in the course of the Sixty-first congress. Had he not expressed great hopes, it was pointed out, he would have been in a position to claim a victory, even though only a few good laws were enacted.

Periodically, it was declared that the legislative program was hopelessly blocked; that this bill or that bill had been dropped overboard; and that congress would pass the railroad bill and adjourn with half the program lost in the shuffle. All kinds of criticism were leveled against the president for having bitten off more than he could chew.

It is now very evident to friends and critics alike that President Taft knew what he was doing. The administration took no chances. The bills to which the republicans' national convention pledged itself were drawn up under the supervision of the president himself.

With the exception of the anti-injunction bill, every single measure to which Mr. Taft pledged himself will be passed before the close of the present congress. The railroad bill—admitted by insurgents, democrats and regular republicans alike to be one of the best measures ever given to the country—has already been signed by the president. So has the statehood bill, which brings the number of states in the union to forty-eight. The conservation measure has been passed by the senate, and will be approved by the house, going to the president for his signature in a few days.

All the bills, so frequently said to have been dropped overboard, have, on the contrary, been piloted safely into port, and it would seem that the president could have taken his vacation with the consciousness of duty well done. He can feel that he has given the republicans a platform of achievement on which it can well afford to stand in the coming campaign.

Our Birthday Book

July 11, 1910.

John Wanamaker, of the big Wanamaker stores and once postmaster general, was born July 11, 1838, in Philadelphia. Outside of business he takes delight in superintending Sunday schools.

George W. Norris, the fighting congressman from the Fifth Nebraska district, is celebrating his forty-ninth birthday today. He was born in Sandusky, O., and started out as a school teacher studying law in the interim, and after being admitted to the bar moved to Nebraska in 1885, becoming district judge and then member of congress.

Charles F. Breckinridge, attorney-at-law, was born July 11, 1836, at Charlotte, Vt. He was educated at Baldwin university and Berea university, and began practicing law in 1868 at Newark, O., removing later to Omaha, and in recent years has been practically retired.

Rev. M. Y. Hieber, pastor of the North Presbyterian church, is just 41 year old today. He was born in Wapella, Ia., and educated for the ministry at McCormick seminary in Chicago. He was pastor of Knox Presbyterian church for three and a half years, taking charge of the consolidated church when the Knox and Second were merged two years ago.

Around New York

Whipples on the Current of Life as Seen in the Great American Metropolis from Day to Day.

Kneading dough with the feet still prevails in some Italian shops in New York, according to an official report of the state department of labor. The report adds that "our inspectors have endeavored to stop it, but have not been sustained by the department for the reason that there is nothing positively illegal or necessarily unsanitary in the practice." A writer in the Survey, commenting on the "appetizing practice," expresses the hope that the German and Jewish bakers, now on a strike, may win the recognition of their union because it will lead to a further step—"to demand in New York as in other cities, shops where are not in order, which is characteristic of the factories as well as the small shops; to refuse to bake with adulterated food materials such as eggs and milk substitutes; to force on their own members cleanliness in their person and their work, as they have done in Germany; and finally to form some kind of an amalgamation with the Italian union that will put at the disposal of these helpless workers the resources of the International Union of Bakery and Confectionery Workers."

In the group surrounding the mayor on the reviewing stand in City Hall park while the Fourth of July parade was passing was a man who said when the band for inappropriate music: "Now watch for the first band started 'Garry Owen.' Then came 'There'll Be a Hot Time.' Several musical inquiries as to the whereabouts of one 'Kelly,' 'Dixie,' 'Marrland' and popular quicksteps, but until the Sixty-ninth regiment entered the park not a strain of patriotic music was heard except 'Yankee Doodle' by the band opposite the mayor, and this was keenly appreciated. The band of the Sixty-ninth played 'The Red, White and Blue' and secured a rousing cheer for the regiment. There was no lack of appropriate music, however, at the exercises which followed on the city hall steps."

If Mayor Jaynor always gets as fine a point of view with reference to the great questions that confront him as he seems invariably to get with reference to those of minor import, he will go down history as one of the greatest mayors New York ever knew.

In disapproving a recent resolution from the board of aldermen providing for a certain "tag day" for the benefit of the Day Nursery in the borough of Richmond, the aldermen would authorize the ladies of the Day Nursery in the borough of Richmond to accept people in that borough for the purpose of extracting coin and other moneys from every possible citizen on the occasion of a tag day. Such an authorization is of doubtful legality and of more than doubtful propriety. The collection of money on tag day is usually a success by the aid of small children—a practice which should not be permitted.

Brakes suddenly shot against wheels jarring passengers traveling by a Brighton Beach train to the ocean breezes, caused the question, "What's up?" to buzz through the cars. Guards pushed forward. The train's whistle was thrilled alarmingly, but before the women had been allowed time in which to faint gracefully it was announced that a dog was running ahead between the rails, and that the motorman didn't have the heart to ruthlessly run down the beast.

The dog was a brindie bull. It was thought that the screech of the whistle and the shouts of the trainmen would drive the beast from the track, but the screech and the shouts operated differently. The noise put panic into paws and no dog ever put more heart into his running. Although he knew he was taking liberties with the schedule the motorman persistently refused to be the bewildered creature's executioner.

Every time the train drew close to the brindie bull there would come a