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The court house contractors are doing better. Credit where credit is due.

Old 'View With Alarm' and 'Point With Pride' are doing overtime these days in Kansas and Ohio, respectively.

The duke of Abruzzi ought at least make a hit with Father Elkins for his tenacity, whether he wins the young lady or not.

A veracious yarn is abroad about two California 'women' charming a snake by singing to it. Why didn't Eve think of that?

Such a severe storm struck Wellington, a suburb of St. Louis, recently that it shook Mayor (Rev.) Irl R. Hicks out of his office.

Why cannot the democrats of Nebraska adopt J. Adam Bede's old advice to the democrats in Minnesota, 'Brethren, let us love one another.'

If the short ballot movement wants justification it can obtain it for the asking in the bed-sheet primary ballot with which Nebraska voters have to grapple.

That Massachusetts preacher who says base ball will be played in heaven has made a long hit that ought to clear the bases and score several runs for the church.

Mayor Brand Whitlock of Toledo, who was arrested for exceeding the auto speed limit, has been running wild on fiction political schedules for a long time.

Because Mr. Bryan has a few hundred acres of Texas land he is no sign that he is going to leave Nebraska. Besides, he is not ready to admit that he is down and out in Nebraska.

The Water board is asking the city council to give it authority to sell that \$5,000,000 bond issue. We thought the Water board was paramount to everybody and everything in the city hall. Why should the city council have to help carry the Water board's load?

Although the Douglas county democratic county convention failed to endorse the candidacy of the Douglas county democrat aspiring to the United States senate, he says: 'I tender my thanks for their act.' Thankful, presumably, for not being denounced.

Few Omaha people realize what a big manufacturing institution we have in the Union Pacific car shops. Every enlargement of the shops means increased employment for labor, and in turn increased demand for dwellings and increased consumption of goods sold by the retailer.

It is said John Lind, who turned down the democratic nomination for governor of Minnesota, may be chosen to the presidency of the University of Minnesota to succeed Dr. Northrup. Such a position would be a greater expression of popular favor, after all, for it would seem to come from all the people instead of a party.

The Danger Point.

Speaking of the constitutional amendment which is submitted for an expression of the voters of Nebraska this year, the Lincoln Journal says: This amendment will be adopted or rejected not at the election, but at the primary.

Although technically wrong, the Journal is correct as to practical results inasmuch as the vote on the amendment at the primary will determine its fate in the election more certainly than the vote on a candidate's seeking nomination. For adopting constitutional amendments we have, to all intents and purposes, substituted the primary for the election, and in so doing substituted minority for majority rule.

The question which this condition suggests is, if we get the initiative and referendum, will we have the straight party ticket scheme incorporated into it?

Harvey W. Scott. The death of Colonel Harvey W. Scott, editor-in-chief and principal owner of the Portland Oregonian, strikes one of the strong forces from the field of American journalism.

His was a virile, vigorous, dominant personality, which was felt through his paper. So far as his influence extended it was exerted against extreme radicalism in politics and business alike.

Colonel Scott was a pioneer in the far west. He knew the country, its people and their problems, and he gave the best there was in him to all of these. His life was spent continuously in journalism, save a few years in political office at Portland.

Don Jaime a Weak Obstacle. Spain and the Vatican could come to a speedier settlement of their issue if the Carlist pretender to the throne, Don Jaime, were out of their way.

Woman has had as much difficulty in striking a medium between the extremes of skirt styles as in permanently locating the waist line. Some years ago the proper molds of fashion in skirts were the hoops, while today they are the hobbles.

The variation in skirts has a vast influence—more than the average woman perhaps has stopped to think upon carriage. The woman of yesterday with the inflated hoop skirt, while certainly she could not today be considered a graceful figure, did have the advantage of a long, free stroke.

It is not surprising that the hobble skirt was doomed so early, for it was about as hard on the wearer as the long train that came into vogue ten years ago and had to give way to the shorter gown as a more sensible and practical creation. We do not pretend to sit in judgment on woman's dress any more than on woman herself, but

we cannot forbear to view with more than ordinary interest the approach of the hobble skirt's successor, just to see what it will be, which way it will tend—for better or for worse. It cannot go very far in the latter direction.

Troops and Forest Fires.

The Western Pine Manufacturers' association of the Pacific northwest is petitioning the president and secretary of war to station troops in the national forests to protect them from the ravages of fire, which is said to have destroyed in the last sixty days \$150,000,000 worth of timber.

But there is a question whether fighting forest fires is strictly within the function of the regular army. Troops, to be sure, are stationed now in the Yellowstone and in the national parks in the California big tree sections, and the soldiers have been detailed to all sorts of tasks.

No one questions the wisdom of precautionary measures for the protection of forests, in the east, north and south, as well as in the west. An efficient forest ranger service, with emergency auxiliaries, ought to answer so far as the government is concerned.

Our old friend (by permission), Edgar Howard, is against county option, but for the county option candidate for United States senator. That's Edgar's privilege. But call no one else inconsistent heretofore.

Looks Good for a Starter. Postmaster-General Hitchcock's attack on the postal deficit begins to look like business. A deficit is never business, but killing one is most emphatically business.

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Some of Bryan's 'Victories.' The total list of deaths in aviation accidents up to date is less than twenty. No one would willingly detract from the glory of these gallant pioneers, but the public looks discrimination in its sentiment.

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Repelled at Rome by the Vatican, and in Spain by his own partisans in his revolutionary plans, Don Jaime is not likely now to wield any potent influence in the controversy, but he is quite likely to bring to an ignominious end his own selfish ambition to supplant Alfonso on the throne and re-install the old Carlist regime in the ancient kingdom, and such an outcome must be considered in the light of an ultimate victory for the better elements which, we may believe, are but working out the destiny of the government into a stronger and freer people.

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Army Gossip

Matters of Interest On and Back of the Firing Line Gleaned from the Army and Navy Register.

After much shifting about, first on one side of the question and then on the other, the War department has decided to hold an examination of candidates from civil life for appointment as second lieutenant in the army. The examination will occur at Fort Leavenworth on November 1 and this week designation are being made of some 30 applicants who have expressed a desire to be admitted to the competition.

No republican should throw his vote away on Mayor 'Jim' in the coming primary. Governor Shallenberger has the nomination nailed down, and republicans should vote in their own party column to strengthen their own ticket all along the line.

The Nashville American says 'Democracy is strong in the faith and confident in the leadership of Governor Patterson.' That is the sort of faith that moves mountains, a mustard seed.

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NEBRASKA POLITICAL COMMENT.

Osceola Record: Oh, yes, Shelly will sign it all right. You bet he will. But he had too much yellow in him to 'put it in writing.'

Shelton Clipper: Now that the democrats have thrown Mr. Bryan over the transom it behooves the republicans to look a little out. Mr. Bryan may break into the republican camp and he's the greatest political hoo-doo of our era.

Major General Leonard Wood, chief of staff of the army, had a conference last week with President Taft at Beverly, Mass., in regard to the estimates for the military establishment, including river and harbor work. The president adheres to the policy which has, in general, characterized his administration, and there has been a general reduction in public works and in all items which may not be considered provision for maintenance.

The secretary of war has taken exception of the rulings of the comptroller of the treasury respecting the hire, use, or repair of automobiles for army officers. The ruling made by the military authorities is that the comptroller has exceeded his authority in disallowing the items for automobile use and maintenance. It is claimed that so long as the law provides automobiles for the army, it should be the privilege of the secretary of war to determine how they may be used and when they may be used.

The War department authorities are considering the results of the physical examination of the honor graduates of the military colleges authorized to nominate cadets of high standing with a view of their appointment to the grade of second lieutenant in the army. While there are ten of these universities permitted to make such nominations, three or four of the institutions graduate cadets who are less than 21 years of age, and consequently not eligible to appointment as commissioned officers in the army.

The infantry committee of the general staff is considering the comments of the quartermaster general of the army concerning those articles of apparel which were recommended for adoption in connection with the proposed infantry equipment. The question of the final adoption of the equipment is largely confined to these items of dress. The quartermaster general has not found it possible to concur in the recommendation for a new shorter overcoat or pea jacket for the infantry. He believes that the present garment which there is a large stock on hand will answer the purpose of the service. He did not give his approval to the proposition of a sweater, mainly on the ground that it would add another article to the list of allowances for clothing and probably would not result in an appreciable decrease in the number of overcoats issued.

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Philadelphia Record. Mr. Roosevelt is always interesting and he is not least so even when he goes out to get first-hand information. But whether very much valuable information can be obtained by a 'whirlwind trip in an automobile' through the coal regions may be questioned. Still, he made a study of conditions in Egypt through car windows which has been treated seriously in England. It is well known that a day's stroll in England and counted forty-five varieties of birds, and he probably saw more in the coal regions than anybody else would have seen in the same time.

Philadelphia Ledger. When the president of Clark university says that girls must first be in a laying down a rule of conduct contravening that already laid down by the chapter. His statement is the mere recognition of a psychological law, and means that the instinct that leads to flirting is inborn, as of course, it is. The term is so general that it embraces almost every phase of conduct marking the association of young women and young men. They outgrow it in time, but the habit is a queer world if they never had it.

PERSONAL NOTES

Prof. Luther O. Emerson of Hyde Park, Mass., who wrote the music to William Cullen Bryant's 'We Are Coming, Father Abraham,' and who has just entered on his 83rd year, has declared that he expects to live at least thirty years more.

Most of the money for the Graver Cleveland memorial at Princeton is now in hand. Senator Henry D. Winton, who is secretary of the committee on erection, said that about \$70,000 had been subscribed, and that there would be no trouble in collecting the \$75,000 needed.

Following the New Hampshire case of Mrs. Marilla M. Waterbury comes that of Ella Reeve Bloor of Waterbury Conn., whom the socialist party has nominated for secretary of state. The Connecticut attorney general is likely to be asked whether her name may go upon the Australian ballot in the coming state election.

A 24-year-old girl who has been astonishing it with her violin playing. Her name is Antonette de Romani, and she is the daughter of the director of the World's Graphic Press. This child also plays the piano and speaks fluently English, French, Italian and Spanish.

Mrs. Rebecca Sprinck, who has just completed her sixtieth year in Los Angeles, says that she remembers a conversation between her father and Daniel Webster, in which the latter declared that the day would never come when the journey between Worcester and Boston could be made in less than four hours. She says she wonders what Webster would say if he could see it done today in less than an hour.

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CHEERY CHAFF.

'How shall I represent this railway that has become noted for erratic divilings?' asked the map maker. 'Put it down as a short and crooked line,' replied the chief of Chicago Record-Herald.

'So Bronson doesn't play on your ball team any more.' 'No, he's married, settled down, and is the father of twins.' 'I see; he has a bowl team of his own.'—Boston Transcript.

'Once I was hard pressed by wolves, it's a terrible sensation,' said a man in Los Angeles. 'I know how it feels. I used to open the dining room doors at a summer hotel.'—Kansas City Journal.

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Talks for people who sell things

Advertising to be profitable must when and where they have the inclination to read. Mr. Merchant, advertising the right sort of goods honestly and intelligently in the advertising columns of the newspaper that goes home is profitable advertising.

WELCOME WORDS TO WOMEN

Women who suffer with disorders peculiar to their sex should write our Association and receive for the advice of a physician of over 40 years' experience.

Dr. Pierce's treatment will cure you right in the privacy of your own home. His 'Favorite Prescription' has cured hundreds of thousands, some of them the worst of cases.