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The Harmon boom at least seems to be conservative.

James Eds How says he will march a band of hoboes to Washington, How?

Colonel George Harvey speaks of "one democratic blunder." Which one?

In considering new sites for the national capitol, don't overlook Humboldt, Ia.

Mrs. Gotch sat by while her husky husband hugged Hack and did not get a bit jealous.

Before the people knock out pugilism some real old John L. blows will have to be dealt.

The tax-I would make a bigger bit with the property owner by changing its ominous name.

Take notice that Joe Bailey did not announce his intention to quit until the dissolution of the Standard Oil.

If Admiral Togo came over here to put himself in line for a magazine writing job he ought to have succeeded.

A writer to the New York Times protests against "too much horn-blowing." It might be in autoing or politics.

What is the matter with the world, anyway? It is not going to suit Uppie Sinclair, Emma Goldman or Hackenschmidt.

Could it be possible that "Nebraska's leading democratic daily" had announced its choice of Harmon prematurely?

The farmer says he gets less than one-third of the consumer's dollar. Still, that is as much as the consumer often gets.

Still, a meeting between Candidate Harman and "Mike" Harrington would be expected to develop more enlightening features.

Speaking of the fearlessness with which Premier Laurier challenges his retirement, a man of 70 can do that with comparative comfort of mind.

Last time it was the "Square Meelers" who took the democratic money, which job this time is evidently coveted by the "Liberal Republicans."

If J. Ham Lewis tries to make his whikers an issue in the Illinois senatorial campaign, somebody is apt to say they are adulterated with benzoate of soda.

"Johnson has the Yankees completely at his mercy." What great battle of the rebellion does that refer to? Address answers to our puzzle department.

Our old friend, Jasper L. McBrien, has publicly taken oath to fight the liquor traffic to a finish. A very laudable ambition, the only wonder being that the job has lasted so long.

If the salary of supreme court justices should be raised to \$25,000 the president will have a much longer list from which to select the next appointee than he had the last time.

Omaha's marrying preacher has moved his high water mark of couples united by him in wedlock up to 3,300. It would be interesting to know how many of them have since been disappointed.

The Hitchcock-Denison-World-Herald combine scored its only majority against the commission plan of government in the progressive Third ward. It was a glorious victory for these eminent reformers.

The esteemed marquis of Queensbury came clear from England to tell us how the Gotch-Hack match came out. His verdict is that Gotch threw but a shadow of the real Hack. How deucedly clever of the marquis, doncherknow, to put us hip.

Ignorance That's All.

The chairman of the committee will appoint the executive committee, and it in turn will name the temporary chairman of next year's state convention.

This would be interesting if it were not so palpably a display of ignorance.

Under our new primary election system the state committee is purely a campaign committee charged with the management of the canvass for the candidates on the party ticket, and the work of party organization.

Next year's platform conventions will have no opportunity whatever to favor anyone for president, because these conventions will not meet until the end of July, whereas the presidential tickets will all be in the field a month before, and in Nebraska the presidential preference vote will have been taken in April preceding.

Neither will the platform resolutions have any power to make straight party ballots count for or against the initiative and referendum, for that, too, will have been long before determined in the April primary, in which the rank and file will indicate the only approval or disapproval that can count for that purpose.

Folk Press-Clipping Bureau.

Former Governor Joseph W. Folk of Missouri, one of the three democratic presidential candidates from that state, is resorting to the press-clipping bureau for the purposes of his campaign.

His managers have put out a large circular entitled "Recent Press Notes of Joseph W. Folk: Some of the Newspaper Comments on Missouriian Who May Be Democratic Choice for President."

The notes consist of editorial clippings from papers published in Missouri, Oklahoma, Michigan, Montana, Pennsylvania, all favorable, of course, to Mr. Folk and his candidacy.

While Mr. Folk's candidacy does not now look formidable, his method is quite interesting and may attract some support to him.

It at least shows that Mr. Folk and his friends are not preparing to stand aside for either Champ Clark or David R. Francis, Missouri's other two candidates.

Missouri democrats pledged themselves to Folk in state convention a year ago, before Champ Clark or Dave Francis was in the ring and before the accident happened by which Clark was elevated to the speakership, where he might command serious attention as a presidential possibility.

Whether the Missouri democrats would commit themselves to Folk today were they to hold a state convention is uncertain, but it does not matter, so far as the formal endorsement goes.

If Francis gets into the fight with his old-time vigor, it will be hard for the old guard to follow behind a Folk bandwagon.

So far as Clark is concerned, whatever nucleus of support he gets from his state is likely to go into Folk, for they have both been playing, more or less, to the same galleries.

A Good Example, Anyway.

Those ministers who declined to marry a multi-millionaire divorcee to a girl young enough to be his daughter, even for an excessive fee, cannot hope to prevent the match, but they have at least set an example, the moral effect of which surely will not be entirely lost.

The clergyman who does perform the ceremony cannot help but appear to a disadvantage by contrast with his brethren who refused, despite the tempting size of the fee.

It is all very well for the church and its votaries to preach the sanctity of matrimony and the purity of the family altar, but their duty does not end there.

To put preaching into practice, they must have the courage of their convictions, which these ministers display in rejecting the proffer of \$1,000 to do something which they vigorously condemn as wrong.

They cannot escape their responsibility in this connection. Neither can they wield influence worth while so long as they attempt to escape it.

The world has a right to demand leadership of those who stand as moral teachers and if they fall then they cannot expect much in the way of following their precepts.

The increasing evil of the sanctioned divorce is far too large a problem to be solved with any half-hearted, or dispirited effort. It cannot be overcome by being winked at and connived in.

The Power of Song.

Falling fifteen times in seven years to swim the English channel, William T. Burgess triumphs on the sixteenth attempt. It is the first time in thirty-six years, since the achievement of Captain Mathew Webb, that the feat has been accomplished.

It tested all the swimmer's strength, skill and endurance and then it seems he would have failed but for the ringing cheer of his pilots' singing from the motor boat alongside.

Twice the swimmer became sick at sea, once almost delirious and faint would quit, "but my pilots began to sing and this gave me fresh courage to persevere."

The other night when the Hon. Hackenschmidt, on the eve of his professional engagement with the esteemed Mr. Gotch, found sleep impossible and rest difficult, his trainers employed a large, genial German to sit in his room and sing national airs dear to Hack.

That was once when the magic of music failed, but the instance goes to show what charm and power dwell in quickening song. History has rhapsodized over it. Many a flagging army has been fired with new vim by some inspiring strain from the regimental band and gone into battle to conquer instead of lose.

The "Spirit of '76" is the spirit of the militant martial air. The songs and drumbeats on many a civil war battlefield helped win the day.

But here is a new test of this music magic, in the realm of athletic endeavor. Perhaps the story of the Battle of Reno might have been different had the army of General Jeffries resorted to phonograph records to cheer the heart of the white man's despairing hope.

What stupendous detail in the destiny of mankind hung on the swimming of the English channel, we know not, but whatever it was, it has been perfected through the mystic instrumentality of magic rhythm, and now the course of human destiny may run along to its end unobstructed.

The Democratic Distress.

Our amiable democratic contemporary, the World-Herald, seems to be terribly distressed for fear "weak-kneed republican progressives may refuse to exert themselves to prevent the renomination of President Taft because they would be fighting the inevitable.

This course, that disinterested sheet tells us, would proceed on the "lasy and cowardly theory" that it is impossible to prevent his renomination, and it tries to inspire "genuine progressives" to come out against Mr. Taft openly and defiantly by showing them what a weak candidate he will make, and how certain he will be to lead the party to defeat.

This appeal is not worthy even of the World-Herald's reputation for political fox-craft, for if that organ had the slightest confidence in its own representations on this score, namely, that Mr. Taft's renomination assured democratic success, it would be urging republicans to stay with their president lest some other and stronger standard bearer might head the republican ticket to the detriment of democratic chances.

The World-Herald is solicitous about the "weak-kneed progressive republicans" only for the purpose of using them in boosting the democratic game.

Local democrats must indeed be in hard lines when they have to dig up a bold grafter like Van Alstine to head the uprising against nominees on the republican ticket.

Van Alstine has this time convened himself as a club and passed a resolution exactly 120 strong, which is modest itself for him, since he has been known to offer votes by the thousand for the proper consideration.

What we advise our democratic friends to do when bargaining with Van is to make the reward conditional on delivery of the goods.

Both the democratic state committee and the democratic state club have retained Dr. P. L. Hall as treasurer.

But if former democratic practice is pursued he will only be apprised of the fact when asked to subscribe his name to a sworn report of campaign receipts and expenditures handled exclusively by the democratic machine boss.

An accommodating federal judge has again enjoined the South Dakota Railroad commission from enforcing the reduced rate schedule enacted by the last legislature.

If South Dakota is up against a railroad rate fight, it can learn a lot about what to do, and what not to do, from Nebraska's experience.

The ostensible purpose of the proposed organization of former lawmakers in Nebraska is to influence legislation. If these lawmakers could not turn the trick themselves while they were on the job, how do they expect to make their successors do what they failed to do?

And now it is said that the doctors made a mistake in diagnosing all those cases at Lincoln as typhoid. Better put that into the brief as argument why the money devoted by Nebraska to medical education should be spent at Lincoln rather than at Omaha.

What, Never! Houston Post.

Mr. Bryan reiterates his determination never to run for president again. By shaping that luminous decision into a peroration for all his public addresses we believe Mr. Bryan might materially fatten the gate receipts.

Stodesty Goes to the Mat. Cleveland Plain Dealer.

A New York millionaire has so much delicacy of mind that he disliked to annoy his fashionable customers with bills. He made an assignment the other day and it is believed the assignees will have no qualms over dunning the society debtors early and late.

Does the Title Fit? New York World.

It may take a little time to get accustomed to the title, "The Peace Kaiser," conferred upon Emperor William by Congressman Barthold in Berlin in presenting to the kaiser and the German people the statues of Baron von Steuben. But it is an undoubted improvement upon that of "The German War Lord."

Empires Under the Rod. Philadelphia Bulletin.

The appointment of fifteen referees for boxing clubs of New York under the authority of the new commission on boxing, suggests that the time may come when the appointment of base ball umpires may be taken out of the hands of league officials and delegated to a state commission, which, of course, would be held to impartial and careful performance of its duty under the peril of the recall.

Why the Lawyers Whooped. St. Louis Republic.

The president is always in his element when he addresses a convention of lawyers or speaks on the subject of the judiciary.

His suggestion before the American Bar association yesterday that judges of the supreme court should receive salaries of \$25,000 a year was greeted with more enthusiasm than anything else that he has said in weeks in many a day.

A man who is clever enough to make the lawyers whoop and yell ought to know how to wake up the plain people occasionally.

Looking Backward This Day in Omaha

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SEPT. 8.

Thirty Years Ago—The most brilliant social event of the season was the reception given this evening at Happy Hollow by Mr. and Mrs. J. N. H. Patrick for Colonel Matt Patrick and his bride on their return from the east.

Nearly 500 invitations had been issued, and in anticipation of full dress, Omaha's belles had for weeks past been making elaborate preparations to do justice to themselves. In the parlors Mr. and Mrs. J. N. H. Patrick, assisted by their son, Robert, received the rapidly increasing arrivals who were introduced to Colonel Patrick and his bride.

It seemed as if all Omaha's best society must have postponed every other engagement to do honor to the occasion. In the intermission between the music by the Ninth infantry band there were a number of brilliant displays of fireworks on the lawn. Dancing began at 9 o'clock and lasted until 3 o'clock, the program concluding with a german. The favors for the german were costly and elegant, having been purchased in New York. Two sets of dancers participated, as follows: Robert Patrick and Miss Margaret Will; Charles Beach and Miss Kelly; Arthur Wakeley and Miss Steele; Richard Berlin and Miss Chapman; Warren Switzer and Miss Rustin; Richard Carter and Miss Lehmer; George Savage and Miss Knight; M. Barkalow and Miss Balmombe; Mr. Hendricks and Miss Berlin; George Strain and Miss Will; Will McMillan and Miss Chambers. The second set: James Ross and Addie Berlin; A. L. Patrick and Miss Kammerer; Newt Barkalow and Miss Yates; Robert Garlich and Miss Ijams; Kate Cray and Miss Lou Ijams; Charles McCormick and Miss Windsor; J. C. Sharp and Miss Meagher; Will Chase and Miss Doane; W. B. Scott and Miss Wells; Theodore Ringwalt and Miss Ringwalt; J. Ringwalt and Miss Hall. The out-of-town guests were Miss Kammerer of Pittsburgh, Mrs. William Walker of Salt Lake City and Hon. Robert Anderson of Pittsburgh. The names of the other guests make too long a list to reprint.

Three tests were made this evening by the water works company. Connections were made at Seventeenth and Chicago through 300 feet and two at Eighteenth and Chicago through 100 feet. The supply of water was raised through two four-inch mains with one and one-fourth inch nozzle, and three streams were drawn to a height of about 115 feet.

After much suffering Phil McCaffery, generally known as "Old Phil," died at St. Joseph's hospital, where he had been an inmate for about a year and eight months.

Edward Foley, aged 83 years, died at his residence at the corner of Thirteenth and Cass streets.

T. W. Blackburn left for Kansas City this afternoon.

C. E. Yost and wife have returned from Colorado.

Henry E. Palmer of Plattsmouth is staying at the Creighton house.

C. E. Foote of St. Louis is the guest of Dr. Foote at the Creighton house.

Dr. A. W. Hyde arrived from New York bringing with him his bride, to whom he was married last week in New York City.

Charles Elgutter, who graduated so brilliantly at the high school last June, left for college at Exeter, N. H.

Twenty Years Ago—Colonel Harry Brownson, aged 82 years, who died the day before at his home, 233 Davenport street, was buried under the auspices of the U. S. Grant post, Grand Army of the Republic, Champion S. Chase, commander; John J. Jeffcoat, adjutant. The services were held at Trinity cathedral.

E. E. Grand post, Grand Army of the Republic, celebrated the occupancy of its new headquarters in the Boston store building, Sixteenth and Douglas streets, aided by the Women's Relief Corps and Sons of Veterans camp of Omaha, Fort Omaha, South Omaha and Council Bluffs. Colonel C. S. Chase, commander, welcomed all and received from Comrade Davis in behalf of the post a beautiful souvenir of the late encampment at Detroit. The first commander of the post was then introduced in the person of Senator Manderson, who made an address. Rev. Mary Girard Andrews also spoke.

Mayor Cushing returned to the city council, without his approval, a resolution to publish the Australian ballot law at a cost of \$1,200.

His trusty shotgun, Mike McCarty, 1113 Cass street, perforated William Cublin, of the same address, in a nearby saloon as the result of a dispute the two men had had over household expenses. McCarty was Cublin's father-in-law. The wounds were pronounced not dangerous.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Coutant were agreeably surprised in the evening when a party of friends came in on them, including Mr. and Mrs. Yates, Mr. and Mrs. Barkalow, Mr. and Mrs. Morsman, Mr. and Mrs. Pritchett and Mr. and Mrs. Yost.

Ten Years Ago—A mass meeting where prayers were offered for the recovery of President McKinley, was held at St. Mary's Avenue Congregational church. These ministers took part: Revs. E. F. Trefz, H. C. Herling, T. V. Moore, Clyde Clay Clesell, C. S. Sargent. On special invitation of Dr. Edwards many prominent citizens, among them Edward Rosewater, Joseph H. Millard and others attended.

The Trocadero announced Baby Lund in "The Gypsy Princess" as the big hit of the week.

A. M. Morrissey of Valentine, Neb., appears in Omaha on his way home from Buffalo, N. Y. He was there when President McKinley was shot and described the sad occurrence.

Omaha gets a flogging at the hands of St. Joseph, score 4 to 1, in the mud at Vinton street park. Red Doolin (now manager of Philadelphia Nationals) was catching for St. Joseph.

People Talked About

By entertaining ten members of the family on his country estate, John D. Rockefeller demonstrated how easy is the task of gathering subsidiaries in the main tent.

W. B. Huff, a machinist employed in an automobile concern at Winfield, Kan., says he has broken a record by cutting down a piece of steel into a spiral 155 feet long and a second piece of steel into a spiral 121 feet long. The longest shaving of this sort he ever heard of, he says, was one 110 feet long, reported from the Santa Fe railroad shops at Topeka.

Eugene La Bina, a farmer of Marshall county, Minnesota, is harvesting 500 acres of wheat with one machine, working day and night. The binder is run with eight horses, four to a shift, and a headlight is used at night. The night shift of horses would do the work much better than those used in the day, he says. A blind man predicts that night binding will become the custom in the northwest.

The Commission Plan

Editorial Comment on Decree of Omaha Voters for the New Form of City Government.

Back to Bryanism? St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Omaha has adopted the commission plan of government, the initiative, the referendum and the recall, all at one dose. The democratic foes of Mr. Bryan have been running the city government of Omaha for a year past, but their violent reaction in perhaps only what should be expected.

Battle Only Half Won. Sioux City Tribune.

Omaha people must understand, of course, that the battle for better city government is only half won. The commission form of government merely makes efficient economical and honest administration of city affairs possible. The indictment against the old plan, upon which it has been tried and condemned in so many places, is that it would not work well no matter how good the men chosen to administer it. But to make the new plan work well it is vital that efficient and honest men be chosen as city commissioners. That is the problem which the people of Omaha now have to face.

New System in Large Cities. Springfield (Mass.) Republican.

Omaha now has a population of 125,000, and the considerable size of the city will make the experiment of the commission form of government quite instructive as in any of the other cities that have adopted it. It has been often said that the smaller cities were peculiarly adapted to commission administration, and it is well that as many places of over 100,000 as possible should be included in the lengthening list of cities now trying the new system. Five years hence should see a general harvesting of conclusions concerning the departure that will be valuable and perhaps conclusive.

The Feet to Come. St. Louis Republic.

We may be sure that if this simpler and more direct means of managing a city proves successful in Omaha it will be attempted in still larger cities. With a population of 124,000 Omaha fairly represents many metropolitan conditions. Its problems and difficulties have been those common to the greater municipalities. The commission form of government is the only substitute which these times have tried for the conventional form. Several smaller towns have lately adopted it, and some have rejected it. That important towns are disposed to give it a larger experiment speaks significantly in its favor.

Joins Reform Procession. Chicago Tribune.

Des Moines Register and Leader.

But it may be said that the commission plan, as Beecher once said of good clothes, "a fine coat will not make a fine man, but it will help his appearance." Omaha has joined an eminently respectable procession of reform cities and while merely getting into the coat of reform will not work any internal changes it will help outside appearances. It is also to be said for the commission plan, that once adopted it affords the opportunity for a reform wave whenever the city is moved by the right impulse, and once the Des Moines plan is in operation, Omaha may wake up most unexpectedly to the enormities of bad government and taking the bit in its teeth move up to the head of the line.

Unconcerned Voters. Chicago Tribune.

Last week there was a special election in Omaha to decide whether the city should be governed under the commission plan. One would imagine that the proposal to revolutionize the municipal government would have brought an unusual number of voters to the polls. The commission plan has been so widely discussed during recent years that few who read the papers could have been in the dark about the question to be voted on or unaware of its importance. Yet of the 12,000 registered voters only 7,688 marked their ballots. Of these 5,341, or less than one-third of the total electorate, voted for the plan and carried it. If there had been a tinge of politics in the election, if it had been a question as to which man should fill a particular office, there would have been a much heavier vote. An important measure, a question of public policy, a proposed radical change in the form of local government, interested less than half the eligible voters. The passive majority allowed the question to be settled by an intelligent, progressive minority.

Will Bryan Go the Limit? Chicago Tribune.

How to End the "Appalling Depredations of the Trusts." Brooklyn Eagle.

As the official organ of the party, the Commoner recommends that a radical measure for the relief of the public be passed at the next session of congress. This because of the "appalling depredations of the trusts."

There is a sure cure. A step in its direction was taken when it was proposed that guilt be assumed and that offenders be compelled to prove their innocence, thus simplifying matters for the prosecution.

Let the next congress law provide for that. Let the statute be drawn so that the authorities may rest their case upon an allegation and let every judge who fails to direct conviction be recalled.

Finally, let there be no fear as an alternative to imprisonment, and the people will be happy. What is worth doing at all is worth doing well.

CHEERY TRIFLES.

The young man in the parlor scene had just proposed.

"Can you read the answer in my face, George?" queried the blushing maid.

"Of course," he said, "I can read your face as well as mine."—Chicago News.

Mrs. Henpeck—Were you going down for the third time, John, when the life-guard saved you?

Mr. Henpeck (regretfully)—No, my dear; it was the thirteenth!—Puck.

"You used to say," she complained, "that you counted that day lost when you did not hear the sound of my voice."

"Yes, I know," he replied, "and I shall never cease to long for those dear lost days."—Chicago Record-Herald.

"I seen in some place they have decided a woman is young at 25 years. What do you think is the real test of a woman's age?"

"I guess it is marriage."—Baltimore American.

"Why, how do you do, my dear sir?"

"You can't just place me, can you?"

"Oh, yes, indeed. You are Mr. Bienski, when you're in the humorous paragraphs nearly every day."—Buffalo Express.

"Why is it, doctor, frowned the victim, 'that a tooth has to have a nerve?'"

"My dear sir," soothingly answered the man with the forceps, "there wouldn't be a dental college in all this broad land if it wasn't for the nerves in teeth."—Chicago Tribune.

Williams—This is a queer world.

Walker—Right you are; a man's shoes will often get untied, but never just as he is ready to take them off.

"So you're actually going to marry young Mrs. W.?"

"Yes, indeed. I'm going to marry her just as she is, with all her faults and her follies and a big bank account."

"Well, you can rely on me to change all that."—St. Louis Republic.

PUBLICITY FOR OMAHA

Fremont Tribune. President Taft will spend a Sunday in Omaha. And Omaha naturally will be puzzled over how to entertain the president on the holy day.

Plattsmouth Journal: Omaha business men are trying to settle the difficulty between the Union Pacific railway company and its employees. They are pursuing the proper course.

Aurora Republican: The Omaha Bee says: "No man should draw cards in a primary election game unless he is prepared to be as good a loser as he expects the other fellow to be." Isn't it the truth.

Syracuse Journal: The Omaha Examiner states that Judge J. L. Root, one of the ablest, as well as one of the driest, candidates for the supreme bench, was defeated. "Now, for which was he defeated; for his ability or because he keeps sober at all times?"

Fremont Tribune: The Ak-Sar-Ben organization at Omaha is publishing a clever little paper called the "Goat" which is getting so close to the danger line in some of the things it prints that it is going to get butted out of the mails if its editor doesn't watch out.

Waterloo Gazette: The Omaha Bee is quite right condemning the action of the Business Men's association in hauling out advice to the unions in the threatened railroad strike. The Business Men's association is notoriously against the unions and advice from that source will not set well with the union men and would rather operate against than for averting the strike.

Falls City Journal: The Blair Pilot, one of the rabid insurgent papers, advocates the voting of a split ticket for supreme judges, suggesting Letton, Rose and Dean. He advises the democrats to cut Oldham. This suggestion, we believe, is not based on any fear that Oldham is not a suitable

Baltimore American.

"The world is mine!" a man cried once. Men's hearts on this they set it. Till women came and saw the world—Said to the man, "Forget it!" They started out to take it too. For rights are strong crusading; Demanding votes, all England's land And our own, their hearts invading.

In Germany, the stronghold famed For keeping them domestic, A recognition they demand. Scores autocrats majestic. They stay not more their enemies. Give yeers to prospects murky; Rebel 'em in the Indian tribes, And outrages in Turkey.

In India no more wives to burn Are found as victims willing; In China, locomotive power. They fear not more they're killing. Some pessimists opine the world "When theirs, will be men's harem; But while 'ere they'll have it yet—So here's "God bless the ladies!"

DETERMINED.

Another