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The only safe way—pull the republican

lever.

Uncle Sam is the drum major for the

march of commerce.

The checkbook man wants to be a

book man checked to congress.

Miss Mona Lisa is not only lost,

but lost sight of as well.

World history is being written in

big letters over in China just now.

The yellow peril, it appears, has

come, but to China, not to America.

When is a pawpaw good? asks a

correspondent. Seldom, outside of

Missouri.

The men responsible for the wheat

ring might ask how it could be called

a corner?

Look out for eleventh hour roo-

backs in the self-confessed faking

newspapers.

By the way, who was it that was

complaining of mud-slinging? Can

you beat it?

It is certainly a mean man whose

enemies will not speak kindly of him

after his death.

By the way, when was it that folks

were supposed to be so excited over

Canadian reciprocity?

There would be far less fault-finding

if people would put themselves in

the other fellow's position.

But you cannot make Wall street

believe that Steel trust prosecution

was merely a Halloween joke.

That poor farm plant of 132 votes

explains in part why the democrats

are so eager to keep control of the

county board.

Many a hearty laugh Porfirio Diaz

The Only Safe Way.

With the end of the political campaign in sight, the intelligent voter who wants to do the right thing without passion or prejudice must see that the only safe way is to pull the republican lever.

The issues of this off-year election in Nebraska resolve themselves into a question of good government through competent and trustworthy public servants, and by this test the candidates on the republican state, judicial and county tickets are all the way down superior to their democratic opponents. We make no exception here—the one place where it is the duty of all good citizens, republicans as well as democrats, to vote for the democratic nominee being a school board nomination of really minor consequence.

Here in Douglas county the voting machine will again be used to register the popular choice for state, judicial and county offices and a paper ballot for school board office. Under those conditions the safe and at the same time the simple way, is to pull the republican lever and take no chances on defeating your own purpose by attempting to manipulate the machine.

Pulling the republican lever will vote for the two supreme judges up for re-election and for Judge Hamer, who won out so handsomely in the primary.

Pulling the republican lever will vote to retain the two outgoing university regents, one of them our fellow townsman, Frank L. Haller, the only Omaha man running for state office on either ticket.

Pulling the republican lever will vote to maintain the high standard of our district bench—to retain the six present judges and to promote County Judge Leslie.

Pulling the republican lever will vote for the splendid list of candidates for county offices, each of whom measures high above the average and inculcably above his particular democratic opponent.

Pulling the republican lever will vote for Charles E. Foster for police magistrate—for a clean young lawyer of best standing at the bar as against Charley Fanning's book-keeper, a democratic ward heeler pretending to have suddenly undergone a reform spell.

Pulling the republican lever, in a word, is the only safe way for the conscientious voter.

True Basis of Criticism.

John Mitchell said in a recent speech that unionism is judged by its mistakes and failures, and in a large measure he said truly. But he added that, on the other hand, "we judge every other human institution by its best works." In which his logic is not quite as convincing.

As a matter of fact it is the most common fault of critics to pick out the weakest points in anything as their basis of attack. The public schools, the colleges and universities and even the church suffer, we think, fully as much from this sort of criticism as does union labor, which we are perfectly free to admit suffers more from it than is fair or just. It is simply natural for men to seek out the superficial faults and they are prone to magnify these faults that they may add weight to their criticism, but it does not appear that unionism suffers any more from this than other human institutions.

But, quite apart from whether it does or not, Mr. Mitchell is asking none too much for the cause he loves and has helped to ennoble in demanding that it be not condemned merely because in its ranks are those who sometimes resort to deeds of unjustifiable violence and disorder. Unionism in its inception did not provide for such things and should not be held responsible for them unless it sanctions them and shields the perpetrators. When it does that it is to be condemned. Interests with which unionism is often in conflict also have in them elements of wrong and injustice, but it would not be fair to denounce them as vicious because they are imperfect.

Divorces and Colleges.

Several of the prominent eastern colleges are "pointing with pride" to the fact that the enormous percentage of divorces in this country at large is not maintained among their alumni. Smith college states that only one in eighty-seven of its young women graduates is divorced and Vassar asserts that its percentage is even lower. So much for two of the leading girls' schools. Others, for girls and coeducational, make similar claims. The ratio "out in the world," be it remembered, is one divorce in every twelve marriages, a most shocking condition.

Of course, comparatively few people are college graduates and most of those who live out their matrimonial lives without being divorced do it in spite of the fact that they never had the influence of a college education to help them. On the other hand, the college education does not succeed in doing for all what it does for many, but it is most gratifying to find that it has done so much in the way of training men and women to control and restrain their prejudices, impulses, passions and whatever else may lie at the bottom of this divorce evil. For that is precisely what education should do. It should refine people, it should bring them to a degree of culture that

shows in their everyday, practical lives. It should teach and fit young men and women to live, and that, after all, is the larger function of education.

It is when education fails of these results that those who are prone to assail higher learning find their vantage ground. They do not stop to consider that there is no more reason to expect the ideal of the school or college than of anything else that is directed by human hands. Certainly one divorce in eighty-seven marriages is not bad in view of the appalling ratio of one in twelve for the population as a whole. How much more would it be if there were no such colleges and universities?

The Century on the Rivers.

It would have been far too much for the mind of Nicholas J. Roosevelt to conceive 100 years ago, as he piloted the first steamboat down the Ohio river, that within less than that time this same river and others would be lined with boats propelled by electric power, boats of every description, from the little private motor to the large carrier. The century of western river navigation at Pittsburgh, therefore, was of far more interest than merely that of marking the largest crowds that greeted President Taft on his 15,000-mile tour.

Steam was far too new a thing 100 years ago to make river navigation popular. Even the old stern and screw propellers were none too well proved and it is quite doubtful if such a thing as driving water vessels by electricity had ever occurred to the men of that day. Yet here in the century it has become trite and men are even sailing over seas with aircraft, as if in taunting irony at the simplicity of so recent a past. In the matter of rail transportation by steam the bounds of progress, it would seem, had been reached, and yet such a thing was unknown to this pioneer of the Ohio.

But after all the spectacular celebration at Pittsburgh must emphasize the mechanical development more than the commercial utility of the steamboat on western rivers. In the latter our recent tendency has been backward instead of forward. But here again we are reminded of the prodigious advance of the railroad. Coming from behind, as the sportsman say, it has so far eclipsed the steamboat as to force it, in most cases, out of the line of competition, although now a period of revival is apparently setting in. This period of revival, however, sets in only after the demands of commerce call for even larger and more profitable means of transportation than the railroad affords, which is, after all, but another mark of the general progress of the times. If river navigation is brought back into anything like general use it will be in response to practical needs created by the ever broadening sweep of progress in a land where the people are steadily reaching out to the development of every natural resource.

The acquisition of the water works will make the office of county treasurer, which is also that of city treasurer, much more important than it ever was. The taxpayers of this city and county have lost a lot of money in the past through incompetent or dishonest treasurers. No one questions the competency or honesty of W. G. Ure, the republican nominee for that office.

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law passed by the last congress that was to give us a full exhibit of the finances of this democratic committee? Is the publicity which the democrats clamor for only for the other fellow?

The Latest Halloween Joke.

Some of the grown-ups seem to have played the latest and best Halloween joke this year, and, while the youngsters shared in the pleasure of it, they were also the victims. The joke consisted in simply inviting companies of boys in different neighborhoods to house parties where Halloween features predominated and entertaining them so well and so late that they neither had desire nor time for their customary pranks outside. And the best part of the joke was that in most cases the boys did not "catch on" to what was thus done.

The upshot of this whole plan was about the most quiet and orderly Halloween on the whole, that Omaha has yet experienced. At any rate there was less buffoonery and misplacement, if not destruction, of property. No doubt some of the hosts of these parties felt before the evening was over that they had, after all, paid rather dearly for their concession, but they at least knew what was going on and what to expect, and could rest easy in the feeling that their front and back porches and ash and garbage cans and other appurtenances would probably be in place in the morning.

Halloween is such a fine old festival that it really is a pity to abuse the occasion if it offers for innocent, inoffensive fun and if this new plan tends to prevent abuse it will be popular. The boys of every age have had their fun at Halloween and the boys of this age must have theirs, and probably they will come to enjoy it just as much inside as outside the house, orderly as disorderly. And, after all, why is not the place and the duty of fathers and mothers, or grandfathers and grandmothers, to see that they get this better kind of fun? The scheme opens up a whole field of thought as to what constitutes duty, when it comes to that.

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Looking Backward This Day in Omaha

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Thirty Years Ago—

The whole city is agitated over the murder of Watson B. Smith, clerk of the United States district court, mysteriously killed shortly before midnight, the body being discovered between 2 and 3 o'clock this morning. Colonel Smith had been out of the city two days visiting relatives of the family of Mrs. Smith, returning in the afternoon. His activity in the movement for St. Louis law enforcement and Sunday closing had brought him into additional prominence. The body was found with a wound in the head in the hallway just outside his office door. The weapon was a revolver, which had been tucked up his trousers leg and apparently used as a bludgeon, although one chamber was discharged. The only person in the building at the time was E. C. Keniston, on night duty as a substitute in the post-office, who reported having heard nothing.

The jury empaneled in the Watson B. Smith case consisted of James Stephenson, A. Atkinson, John E. Fursy, John I. Redick, P. McShane, L. D. Shane. The post-mortem was conducted by Drs. George B. Ayres, Coffman, Morse, Menick, Gibbs and Mercer. The verdict was "Murder, by some unknown person."

An indignation meeting of citizens was held at 7 o'clock at the Academy of Music to express horror at the Smith murder. James E. Boyd acted as chairman and J. B. French, secretary. Those who spoke included Dr. G. L. Miller, District Attorney Lambertson, John C. Cowin, C. J. Greene, General Estabrook, Rev. J. W. Harris, A. J. Poppleton, A. E. Touralain. Resolutions were adopted and \$4.95 subscribed as a reward fund.

A political ball was held at Bohemian hall on South Thirteenth street this evening.

Miss Mollie Horbach has returned from her visit east.

The Misses Nourse of Bayfield, Wis., are the guests of their aunt, Mrs. General Wilson.

Mrs. Samuel Cooper of Cedar Rapids, Ia., is here on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Rheem.

Twenty Years Ago—

Elizabeth Place, the picture show on Sherman avenue, was the scene of a brilliant social event in the evening, a reception in honor of Miss Mary Poppleton, one of the season's most popular debutantes. The oldest and most prominent families of Omaha were represented. So elaborate and conspicuous was the event that the report of it occupied more than a column on the society page of The Bee. Gowns were described in detail, as were some of the beautiful young women, for instance, "Miss May Dundy, tall and handsome looking, with a figure that Diana might have envied, wore a beautiful gown of pink crepe, trimmed effectively with apple blossoms."

A rousing ratification meeting was held at the Grand Opera house where republicans gave vent to their delight over the election. The speakers included Major T. S. Clarkson, Richard S. Smith, John C. Wharton, George A. Bennett, George Munro, Judge Stenberg, General George S. Smith, Colonel C. R. Scott, J. G. Tipton, W. F. Gidrey, J. L. Webster, J. J. Conroy, W. H. Thurston, Judge Berka, W. J. Mount, E. P. Davis, John H. Butler, Judge Anderson, J. L. McCague, E. H. Robinson, O. H. Wheeler, J. P. Pfeifer, John T. Clarke, R. L. Gibson, Halfrid Jacobsen, W. J. Brostoch, R. W. Breckenridge.

Judge Heisley gave John Peel ten days in the city jail on bread and water for stealing Building Superintendent Whitlock's boots.

Herman Wreith, a newspaper carrier boy, sustained a broken leg at Sixteenth and Howard streets, where his pony fell behind a street sprinkler.

Ten Years Ago—

Nebraska went republican, electing Judge Sedgwick of York to the supreme court by a handsome majority.

Election returns indicated a decidedly republican victory in Douglas county, with, however, the republicans on the long end. Sheriff John Power, democrat, was re-elected.

Miss Mary R. Malone, secretary to Mayor Moore, quit riding in street cars and drove a high-speeding bay down to the city hall for the first time. This was the result of investing \$1 in a ticket for a raffle of a horse and buggy valued at \$20.

It was founder's day at Creighton university and honor was paid to Edward and Count John A. Creighton. Honors for the best work among the students for the last two months were awarded as follows: Junior, Thomas A. Kelley; sophomore, D. J. Dwyer; freshman, Philip Cassidy. In the academic department James O'Neil, Eugene Noolan and Charles McGrath won distinction.

Report was made that the family of Rufus L. Clark of the firm of Clark Bros., owners of the Model mills at Thirtieth and Boyd streets, had not seen him since October 4 and did not know where he could be. Mrs. Clark was residing at 195 Douglas street.

The police state that the exploits of C. Cramer, alleged forger, were much more general than they had thought. New victims were found, the First National bank for \$50,000.

M. E. Hobart returned to Omaha with his bride, and they took up quarters at the Delaine. Mrs. Hobart was Miss Caroline Van Vleet of Madison, Wis.

UPLIFT IN CHINA.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat: If China is to be a republic nearly half the population of the earth will be under this form of government. The declaration of independence, backed by American property, is marching on.

Chicago Post: The big thing seems to have happened at last. The murmurs of the last ten years have swelled to a formidable volume; the surreptitious thefts of power of the provincial governors have culminated in one big grab for power; the westernization of China has taken the one step most clearly comprehensible to the western mind. China is to have a parliamentary government.

Philadelphia Record: Fifteen thousand Chinamen sent from this country to their families in China, last year, the enormous sum of \$1,500,000, or an average of \$100 each. It is evident that wholesale Chinese immigration would ruin us. These people do nothing but drudge—they buy no automobiles—and when they accumulate \$200,000 running chop suey restaurants they go to the old home to spend it. What we need to promote business and bring back prosperity is more good spenders.

Special Watch Sale for This Week. 15-jewel watches, warranted for 20 years, open or hunting case, for \$12.75. 17-jewel watches, Rockford movement, warranted for 20 years—hunting or open case, \$15.00. The above watches sold regularly at \$20.00 and \$25.00 each. Take advantage of this sale as Christmas is near. If you haven't all the money, a small deposit will hold it. Diamonds, Silverware, Cut Glass, all go at this special sale. Mandelberg's 1522 FARNAM GIFT SHOP

People Talked About

Doubters, chalk it up—Yuan Shi Kai came back.

There is no hope for Hoboken, N. J. Its doom is sealed. All four candidates for mayor are democrats.

The year's score to date stands: Aviation victims, 102; Alpine, 113. The man with the scythe hasn't much trouble getting the higher-ups.

Hatmakers show a surprising lack of foresight in decreasing a reduction of the derby crown, just as a presidential campaign is gaining caloric in the distance.

An Ohio spinster who went into a clairvoyant's den and was plucked out of \$600 tried to kill herself by jumping into a bear pit. The animals sniffed at the meat and passed it up. Too soft.

A New York woman, run over and severely injured by an automobile, secured a verdict for \$1,200 against the owner of the machine. That will grip the speed clutch of the defendant for a while.

"Alimony," remarks a California judge, "is somewhat in the nature of easy money." Husbands thrown in the discard twenty-five cents, all well regulated members of the family, unversed in the tricks that made Mr. Halley's wanderer contemptible.

Captain William E. Miller of Carlisle, Pa., a civil war veteran of 75, enjoys the distinction of being the only soldier upon whom the government bestowed a medal of honor for disobedience of orders.

A supplementary Thanksgiving proclamation by Dr. Woods Hutchinson announces that since pine is an "easily assimilable poly-saccharide carbohydrate, of high caloric co-efficient." Have another helping?

Dr. William Robert Brooks, discoverer of the Brooks comet, has a score of twenty-five names, all well regulated members of the family, unversed in the tricks that made Mr. Halley's wanderer contemptible.

Dr. Sargent of Harvard explains that, in advocating trousers for women, he does not propose to deprive men of their nether garments. Bully for the doc. Such generosity helps to swell the debit men's man owes the profession.

Assurances were given at an open meeting of the craft that only 4,000 of the 42,000 hotel workers in New York City accepted tips. The job is so thoroughly well done by the 4,000 there isn't an opening for the others to butt in.