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The straw hat and straw vote season has passed.

Now is a good time to lay plans for swatting the fly crop of 1913.

Commissioner of Indian Affairs Valentine has made a comic of himself.

Let's see, how long has it been since Madero put down the insurrection?

Will some one kindly tell the weather man what he is expected to do?

Many a man regards a public office as a private means of advertising himself.

What are you reading these days as a substitute for the Congressional Record?

Really Jupiter Pluvius ought to be more considerate of our political picnic orators.

That Kansas doctor who gave up the use of tobacco at \$1 should live to a ripe old age.

We are not in the least inclined to doubt the cable dispatches saying that Diaz is enjoying himself.

Eight years from now he may deny that Messrs Perkins, Munsey and company financed his campaign.

The sad fate of aviators who try to cut funny capers proves that aeroplanes have no sense of humor.

Wilson, Bryan, Roosevelt, all headed this way. Nebraska must be regarded as debatable territory.

The colonel speaks of "Brother Hearst." But William Randolph has not yet reciprocated the favor.

"Dear Perk: Thanks for the last \$15,000. Small favors gratefully received. Yours truly, B. M." "N. B.—Come again."

China is very careful whom it borrows that \$50,000,000 from, differing in that respect, too, from its occidental neighbors.

It seems inevitable that the courts will have to have their annual roundup of our Nebraska primary law to tell folks what it means.

It remains to be seen whether the next four years offer as rich financial opportunities on the chautauqua stump to men elected to public office as the last four have.

Before Mr. Morgan pays out too much for the excavation of Pompeii and Herculaneum he had better wait and see what it costs to resurrect his blasted political hopes this fall.

Peter Muldoon of Louisville and Mary Fitzsimmons of Wheeling have been married, which leads a funny-grapner to predict the possibility of another "white hope." In wrestling or boxing?

Grove L. Johnson, father of Governor Johnson of California, has been elected again for office. He is one of the old-timers in California politics and is still a straight-out republican, being ardently opposed to his son.

And now it is said that every member of the republican national committee will be called on to come out squarely for the presidential standard-bearers or take the consequences under the rule for expulsion for disloyalty. Oh, my! That is calculated to make some people mightily embarrassed.

New Party—Or Mere Bolt?

Colonel Roosevelt is going around the country insisting that he is the head of a newly organized independent political party, equally antagonistic to all the old political parties, and inviting former democrats and former republicans alike to enlist with him.

On that theory separate and distinct political organizations have been formed in most of the states, and state and local tickets nominated to go on the ballot in a column devoted exclusively for "progressives." Everywhere that the field is thus occupied by a third ticket, loud profession is made that the purpose is to make unbridgeable the chasm between the old parties and the new.

Here in Nebraska, however, the program of the Roosevelt following seems to be completely reversed. Instead of a new, distinct and independent party their actions betoken merely a bolt from the republican party, and a bolt, at that, confined only to that part of the ticket occupied by the presidential electors.

While going through the form of nomination by separate party machinery, the only new names proposed are those of two electoral candidates in place of two nominated as republicans who recognize their moral and legal obligation to support the republican presidential standard-bearers. In spite of the invitation to democrats and populists to come over to Roosevelt, nowhere in this state, so far as we have heard, have the "progressives" endorsed or nominated a single democrat or populist candidate for office on their so-called third party ticket, which, however, carries a goodly number of Taft republicans. To the Roosevelt managers in Nebraska—whatever may be the case in other states—a Taft republican looks better than a Wilson democrat, presumably because he looks like more votes, and better, too, than any "progressive" who has really cut the ties that have bound him to either of the old parties.

If this is the program to be carried out by "progressives" in Nebraska, it is to be a bolt, and not a new party.

Murphy, Dix and Wilson.

It must make "Boas" Murphy very happy to have Governor Wilson's public statement that he has not pledged his support to the re-election of Governor Dix in New York. Wilson made the statement under the pressure of political gossip, probably not because he preferred to, for he cannot be indifferent to the hazard of antagonizing Tammany.

Murphy is said to demand the re-election of Dix in the interest of Tammany's power in New York City, which has been placed in the balance by the upheaval in the police department. Governor Wilson's position in this connection is none too comfortable. While he and the general ticket probably have been receiving Tammany aid, they will not receive it long without something, present or future, in return. Tammany has found it possible before this to concentrate its efforts on a state campaign while a national contest was in progress. It remains to be seen whether Wilson will let himself be drawn in deeper. But one thing seems quite certain, he cannot satisfy Murphy with the excuse that he is not mixing in state politics.

Criminal Hazing.

Apologists for college hazing have another job on their hands growing out of the fatality at the University of North Carolina a few days ago when four sophomores caused the death of a freshman. At the instance of the governor of the state, the hazers have been arrested, but despite the patios of their situation, it is to be hoped they nor no one else will offer palliation for the barbaric custom, which has cast a pall over so many colleges. The best that can come out of this unfortunate affair is such an object lesson as will really discourage the business of hazing.

If it seems necessary for upper classmen to initiate newcomers, let it be done with enough common sense as to avoid cruelty and physical danger. The hazing practice is little more than nonsense at best and if tolerated at all should be under the severest restrictions. These four young men, no doubt, would be willing to dispense with the custom, for the death of their comrade casts a blight upon their lives which no amount of innocent intentions or exploring grief can remove.

The Nebraska State Federation of Labor wants convicts to be paid wages, presumably union scale, and the excess over cost of keeping them, and managing the institution turned over to their families. It also wants all prison-made goods so labeled, presumably to prevent them from finding a sale on the market. How these two propositions can be made to hitch will require demonstration.

It turns out that nearly 10 per cent of the names on the petition to form the bull moose party in this state were picked up at the penitentiary and the insane asylum. That reform and progress at one and the same time.

An interior democratic weekly reminds us that our Senator Hitchcock made three speeches in Maine just before it swung back into the republican column. Why this cruel allusion.

ACTIVITIES IN ARMY CIRCLES

Matters of Moment Gleaned from Army and Navy Register.

New Quartermaster Corps. The judge advocate general of the army has rendered an opinion in which he holds that the administration of the affairs of the offices and departments consolidated by the law may not be assumed by the new bureau and corps until sixty days after the approval of the act, in view of the statement in the law that it shall be the duty of the chief of the new corps to put into effect the provisions of this section not less than sixty days after the passage of this act.

Retired Enlisted Men.

A bill recently passed the senate (S. 2065) providing that petty officers, non-commissioned officers and enlisted men of the navy and marine corps on the retired list, who had creditable civil war service, shall receive the rank or rating and the pay of the next higher enlisted grade. The secretary of war called the attention of congress to the fact that there were about 100 enlisted men of the army on the retired list who had served creditably during the civil war prior to April 9, 1868.

Loss of Pay for Misconduct.

The army appropriation act contains a proviso that no officer or enlisted man in active service shall receive pay for the period of absence from duty caused by disease resulting from his own intemperance use of drugs, or alcoholic liquors, or other misconduct. The act went into effect on August 24, and regulations are now in the hands of the adjutant general of the army and will shortly be issued. It will be provided that stoppage of pay will be noted on sick returns, and the pay will then be deducted for any time lost due to such causes.

Acting Dental Surgeons.

Examinations will be conducted at the various posts in the United States during the month of October for appointment as acting dental surgeon in the army. At the present time twenty-six applications have been favorably acted upon and these men have been invited to present themselves at the post nearest their homes to undergo examination. Those who are successful will be appointed acting dental surgeons and after three years' service will again be examined, and if they reach the required standard will become dental surgeons in the army under permanent appointment with the rank of first lieutenant.

Medical School.

Examinations are being held of applicants who desire to become officers in the army medical corps. The successful candidates will become members of

PLAINLY DISHONORABLE

The New Code of Ethics of Bull Moose Electors.

Harper's Weekly. That is what Lowell, a publicist as well as a poet, and a hater of all double-dealing, thought of the course which Rev. Dr. Abbott defends. Dr. Abbott defends it by a curious inference from the legal point that electors are chosen by states, and not by the country at large. We do not believe the argument is valid attempted for, we do not believe a professor has a legal right to be called a republican on an official ballot; but what if he had such a legal right? Would that absolute him from the moral obligation he assumed when he accepted a republican nomination? A lawyer might as well argue that he has a right to desert his client and go over to the other side while still hanging on to his original retainer.

Plain men, uninitiated in the new bull moose ethics, will agree with Lowell. Whatever quibbling may be advanced in behalf of men who would retain or accept the nominations of one party in order to vote for another party's candidates, what they are trying to do is "treacherous, dishonorable and immoral." To such followers of the bull moose as have not yet fully committed themselves to the new code of ethics we again quote Lowell's version of the older code: "In vain we call old notions fudge, and suit our morals to our dealing; The Ten Commandments will not budge, And stealing will continue stealing."

The race feeling is so widespread and acute as to interfere with the ease and facility with which the local government business can be done by the appointees, it is sufficient benefit by way of encouragement to the race to outweigh the requirements and increase of race feeling, which such an appointment is likely to engender.

Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, while standing at Armageddon, battling for the Lord, said: "There has in the past been much venality in the republican national conventions in which there was an active content for the nomination for president, for the most part among the negro delegates from the southern states. I earnestly believe that by appealing to the best white men in the south, and by frankly putting the movement in their hands from the outset, the colored man of the south will ultimately get justice."

Woodrow Wilson gave the following expression in answer to a request for his position on the negro question: "If elected president, I shall observe the law in its letter and spirit. Yes, more, in the spirit of the Christian religion. Comment is unnecessary; you may be held and judge for yourselves."

HOW EDITORS SEE THINGS.

St. Louis Republic: Don't be consistent but be simply true, says Senator Cummins, and then he announces that he opposes the third party and favors his candidate.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat: George W. Perkins is demanding a good deal when he asks that his children be considered in electing a president of the United States. Mr. Perkins was not brought up under the special tutelage of a president, and yet he seems to have done fairly well in the battle of life.

Sioux City Journal: It appears, as he tells the pathetic and thrilling tale, that George W. Perkins, synchronously big, the Injun of the bull moose uplift and steel and harvester trust downthrow, has children, the thought of whom is his guiding star—just now, but we must presume, not heretofore. Or was that the impelling force when he threatened the Roosevelt administration that the Morgan interests would "fight" if it brought action at law? Whatever it was, it is of record that Roosevelt said to his officers having the matter in hand not to begin proceedings "until you heard from me." Possibly the colonel also knew that Perkins had children.

Looking Backward This Day in Omaha COMPILED FROM BEE FILES SEPT. 16.

Thirty Years Ago—

Nearly everybody connected officially with the state fair was duly cabled. D. H. Wheeler got one inscribed "For the boss secretary," and Treasurer Chris Hartman came in for a gold headed ebony souvenir.

Twenty Years Ago—

Word comes from New York, much to relief of friends and relatives in Omaha, that John L. Webster, Mrs. Webster and their daughter and William A. Paxton had arrived from Europe without any trace of cholera to which it had been feared they might have been exposed.

Ten Years Ago—

Speaker David B. Henderson's declination to run for re-election was the source of surprise and regret to many of his Omaha friends.

People Talked About

Mrs. Elmer Nutting, of Cambridge, Mass., is said to have the largest collection of post cards in the world. It numbers more than 20,000 specimens.

The Bees Letter Box

Appreciated Appreciation. OMAHA, Sept. 14.—To the Editor of The Bee: In behalf of the osteopathic physicians of the state of Nebraska, I wish to thank you for liberal space accorded us during and previous to the convention just held here in the city of Omaha.

Hint for the Newsless Brigade.

OMAHA, Sept. 14.—To the Editor of The Bee: Since there is so much alleged demand for the suppression of the pedlar who calls his ware during the day for the benefit of the consumer, let me suggest that the workmen and others by passing an ordinance ordering to the stable after, say, 10:30 p. m., all joy riders who can give no better reason than that of keeping awake those who work hard all day until time to go to work again.

The Candidates and the Negro.

OMAHA, Sept. 14.—To the Editor of The Bee: In view of the many conflicting statements which have been made concerning the attitude of the leading presidential candidates on the so-called negro question, I am sending you here with the words which each candidate has uttered respecting it.

But it may well admit of doubt whether in the case of any candidate, appointment of one of their number to local office in a community, in which

THESE GIRLS OF OURS.

"Wealth doesn't always bring happiness," remarked the youngster with the large spectacles. "Naw," asserted the other kid. "Look at me cousin yonder. He's got 2 cents and he can't decide between lollipops and ice cream."—Pittsburgh Post.

"Are you expecting a land slide this year?" asked one campaigner. "No," replied the other. "There has been so much mud throwing that there won't be any loose land left."—Washington Star.

The Husband—If I should die, will you ever marry again? The Wife (an actress)—What will your dying be to do with it, dearest?—Puck.

Mrs. Stiles—How do you like my new gown? Mr. Stiles—Reminds me of a crowded theatre.

Mrs. Stiles—Crowded theatre? How so? Mr. Stiles—There seems to be standing room only.—Judge.

Young Lawyer—I haven't lost a case yet. Friend—Oh, you'll get a client some day.—Life.

Mrs. Youngbride—My husband vows that his love is more enduring than the everlasting granite. Mrs. Longwood—Huh! Mine said the same thing; but it didn't even last as long as a wood pavement.—Boston Transcript.

He—If I was rich, darling, would you love me more than you do? She—Well, I might not love you any more; but I would look forward to our wedding day with a great deal more impatience than I do at present.—Boston Transcript.

"That woman is the most curious person I ever met. She wants to know about everything." "She isn't half as curious as her husband."

"My dear, he isn't curious. He simply has a great desire for knowledge."—Baltimore American.

"Father, is it true that two can live as cheaply as one?" "That's an old saying, my dear."

"Do you believe in it?" "I think it can be done." "But if I marry George, do you think you can manage to support him with the sum you now spend on me every year?"—Detroit Free Press.

AN OLD PLAYED-OUT SONG.

James Whitecomb Riley. It's the curious thing in creation, Whenever I hear that old song, "Do They Miss Me at Home?" I'm so bothered.

My life seems as short as it's long— Per ever-thing 'pears like a flash— It 'peared in the years past and gone— When I started out sparkin' at 20, And had my first neckercher on.

Though I'm wrinkler, older and gayer Right now than my parents was then, You strike up that song, "Do They Miss Me?"

And I'm jest a youngster again, I'm a-standin' back there in the 40s, A-wishin' for evening to come, And a-whisperin' over and over Them words, "Do They Miss Me at Home?"

You see, Marthy Ellen she sung it, The first time I heard it, and so, As she was my very best sweetheart, It reminds me of her, don't you know— How her face used to look, in the twilight, As I truck her to spellin', and she kep' a hummin' that song 'tel I ast her, 'Pnt-blank, if she ever missed me!

I can shet my eyes now, as you sing it, And hear her low answerin' words, And then the glad chirp of the crickets As clear as the twitter of birds; And the dust in the road is like velvet, And the ragweed and fennel and grass Is as sweet as the scent of the lilies Of Eden of old, as we pass.

"Do They Miss Me at Home?" Sing it lower— And softer—and sweet as the breeze That powdered our path with the snowy White bloom of the old locus' tree; Let the whippoorwill be'p you to sing it, And the echoes 'way over the hill, 'Tel the moon boogles out, in a chorus Of stars, and our voices is still.

But, oh! "They's a chord in the music, That's missed when her voice is away!" Though I listen from midnight 'tel morning—

And dawn, 'tel the dusk of the day; And I grope through the dark, lookin' up— And on through the heavenly dome, With my longin' soul singin' and sobbin' The words, "Do They Miss Me at Home?"

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