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The human race appears to be to the swift.

How would President Madero do as a college professor?

George Whitewings Perkins is mad, that's very evident.

Our Omaha Commercial club is looking up—also looking down.

Crimes of maniacs are not capitalized at par for campaign purposes.

Even an electric fan can stir up quite a breeze in a school board meeting.

Still, if Harry Lauder insists on playing Hamlet, we know of no law to prevent him.

No man in public life was ever more meanly double crossed than Senator La Follette.

Any way, Nebraska has not had to give up the services of its governor during this campaign.

Evidently those bull moosers at Lincoln go on the theory that a poor excuse is better than none.

Running Jack Johnson out of town will rid Chicago of him, but what of the next community to which he goes.

Hiram Johnson may be the man for vice president, but Hiram's affectionate father thinks not, and he ought to know.

And by December 25 all will be singing "Peace on earth, good will toward men," no matter what happens November 5.

Serbia is said to object to that term, insisting on Serbia, as there is nothing servile about it. Tell it to the Turks, then.

London shows signs of becoming democratic. A recent lord mayor was a brewer and the next one to be is an auctioneer.

The headline writer may use the word, massacre, with propriety over a Balkan story if the word "fight" will not fill out the line.

The Houston Post commends "the soothing balm of democracy" to the defeated New York Giants. Soothing is the best word by which to describe it.

Considering his repeated insistence that as campaign manager for the state candidates, he is keeping hands strictly out of the presidential race, Chairman Epperson seems to be unnecessarily peeved.

Governor Marshall's remarks about California being far behind its progressive pretensions in failing to provide republicans there an opportunity to vote for Taft electors, would be easily applicable to Nebraska if our election laws produced the same result.

Secretary of State Wait declined to accept the nominating papers of Taft electors with the explanation that he had no authority to receive them, and then declined again after the court confirmed his authority. He should have given the real excuse first.

One of our supreme judges did not sit in the ballot cases because as attorney general he had been engaged in litigation involving our election laws. Suppose every one of the seven judges had before going on the bench had ballot cases before other courts, would all of them be disqualified to sit? It was our notion that the line was drawn only at direct personal interest in a specific case.

That Mysterious Fifteen Thousand.

The testimony of Thomas Fortune Ryan before the senate investigating committee to the effect that he put in \$450,000 into the democratic national campaign funds in 1904 possesses more than passing interest to us in Nebraska.

Mr. Ryan insists that his contribution was exclusively for the purpose of clearing up the committee's debts, so we may let that be as it may. But it was in this campaign of 1904 that the consignment of \$15,000 of Wall street hooch was dumped into Nebraska through the agency of Mr. Bryan's brother-in-law, "Tommy" Allen, not to carry the state for Parker, for the failure of the demopop fusion on presidential electors made that impossible, but to elect a democratic legislature that would send Mr. Bryan to the senate. When the lid was removed from this pot four years later, and the suggestion made that it was "tainted money," Mr. Bryan promptly offered to repay it if it should be traced to Belmont or Ryan, but was content to let the offer rest when Mr. Sheehan assured him that it came out of the committee treasury.

The present Ryan confession shows that Sheehan was merely beating around the bush, and that the money sent to Nebraska was really Ryan money, whether contributed by him direct or made good later under the theory of paying of a debt. It is plain now that had the \$15,000 not been handed over to "Tommy" Allen, Ryan would have had to put in \$15,000 less.

Base Ball and Its Vernacular.

A very excellent American paper, which does much to uphold the standards of clean journalism, recorded the result of a certain sporting event in Chicago a few days ago, thus:

Manager James Callahan's Chicago team of the American league retained the local championship which it won last year by taking the final game of this year's series with the National leaguers.

Of course, a base ball fan, especially keen to catch a point, might make out from that that the Sox had beaten the Cubs again, but he would be left to conjecture over it, nevertheless. Base ball and its vernacular have come to stay and not one without the other. Might as well try to divest politics of certain peculiar terms and expressions as to talk base ball except in its own nomenclature.

Nor is it damaging to pure diction. Rather it might compliment the virility of the language, whose power of resistance has survived all the colloquialisms of its day, some of them not only lacking the exhilarating tone of base ball lingo, but really debilitating in their effect.

Taxing Luxuries for Good Roads.

Congressman Warburton of Washington will ask the next congress to restore the tobacco tax of 1873 to provide revenue for good roads. He has laid out a system by which, he says, adequate funds could be raised without either imposing a hardship on the tobacco user or curtailing its consumption. He kindly directs attention to the historic fact that taxing luxuries has never restricted their use. He would first construct a military highway across the continent from one state capital to another, then he would divert the line of building to the national parks and lay out a few boulevards, and then take up the matter of laterals until he had criss-crossed the country with the most modern system of thoroughfares, and also provide a maintenance fund.

Not questioning the feasibility or possibility of this scheme, why, we may ask, tax only tobacco? Why single out one luxury and make it bear the burden of all? Why should not liquor bear its share? Why not chewing gum? Let the women participate in this grand enterprise. This is a day of woman's rights. And chewing gum surely is as much a luxury as tobacco. Possibly, if automobiles may come in under this head, we might even find a spot on them large enough for a tax tag. If we are to resort to war measures in time of peace, why not be indiscriminate and raise all the money possible? It hardly seems right to build our good roads out of tobacco alone.

Isn't it Just Too Awful?

Ordinarily the retirement of a newspaper editor is one of these hum-drum every-day occurrences that does not even make news, but the sudden eclipse of the chief editor of Collier's Weekly discloses a situation in connection with that great reform organ that is just too awfully awful.

As owner, Mr. Collier declares that the termination of Mr. Hapgood's nine years' career as its editor is due to a divergence in politics. But Mr. Hapgood refuses to have it that way. Mr. Hapgood intimates that the reason is altogether different, and is due to the subsidization of the editorial policy to orders of the manager of the advertising department.

And this from Collier's! This from our great national weekly that has been berating us poor duffers for disseminating "tainted news," and accusing us of coloring our comment to match the shade of the business office receipts! But, of course, nothing will stop Collier's from continuing to lecture other publications on private morals and public duty.

Looking Backward This Day in Omaha

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Thirty Years Ago—

"More glorious weather than that we have experienced in the last two weeks we have never seen in an October in Nebraska."

Meadlimer & Dally, the Sixteenth street carriage makers, have just completed a fine four-spring wagon for William Gentlemen, the grocer.

Captain J. J. Neligh is able to be about again after a serious attack of fever.

The state convention of the Young Men's Christian association closed, all pronouncing it a success.

Rev. J. W. Ingram of this city and Rev. N. H. Alley of Dorchester, appointed to represent Nebraska at the Christian missionary convention at Lexington, Ky., have sent a message to B. B. Tyler, president, bearing greetings and regrets at inability to attend.

Fred Krone, one of the Lincoln councilmen, is putting in the curbing and gutting at Sixteenth and California streets. County Clerk Baumer is gathering in all the flags he can borrow for the court house cornerstone ceremony.

Twenty Years Ago—

Henry De Long, a 15-year-old boy, whose home was at 827 East Broadway, Council Bluffs, fell off a motor car at Fifteenth and Cass streets and suffered a compound fracture of the leg.

Captain James A. Hutton, United States Army, left for his post at Fort Robinson after spending a few days with friends here.

Mrs. J. E. Glick returned home from the east, where she had been for three months.

Judge Allen W. Field, republican nominee for congress in the First district, spent the day in Omaha.

Joseph Hengen of Houston, Tex., formerly fire and police alarm operator in Omaha, was visiting his parents at 907 South Twelfth street.

John J. Welshans, 78 years of age, died at the family home, 715 South Portieth street at 8 a. m.

Rev. Charles W. Savidge preached in the morning at Padre's church on "Doing Good to All Men."

Ten Years Ago—

After singing "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," the national convention of the Disciples of Christ at the Coliseum was adjourned with benediction by the Rev. Alvin Elson, state evangelist of Oregon.

J. H. Adams, assistant city attorney, returned from Lincoln, where he had been for several days trying cases before the supreme court in which the city was a party.

Miss Margaret Quinn of Chicago was the guest of Miss Margaret Dempsey, 108 North Thirty-fourth street.

Mr. and Mrs. McDonough of Chicago stopped off in Omaha to visit friends. Mrs. McDonough was formerly Miss May Welling of Omaha.

General Ballington Booth, commander of the Volunteers of America, was in a jolly mood in his address to a large audience at Kountze Memorial Lutheran church in the evening. The general was introduced by Mayor Frank E. Moore. Brigadier Fielding of Chicago made a preliminary address.

The board of directors of the Auditorium met and considered proposed changes in the plans of the building which would comprehend the purposes of an auditorium and horse show both.

People Talked About

Another campaign canard is canned. Assurances are given that "Gene Debs" baldness is not due to worry for fear John D. Archbold would slip \$100,000 into the socialist war chest.

Sir William Ramsay says that before going into battle the Japanese were made to change their underclothes, but we thought that the first requisite of a soldier was to keep his shirt on.

John Mellish, a young farmer boy in Wisconsin, was so interested in astronomy that he built a telescope himself. He ground the lenses himself, and turned out a really serviceable instrument.

Mrs. Winifred Y. Plister of Gardner, Me., the only woman auditor in the state, was married last week, but so much does she like her occupation, it is said, that she has refused to give it up.

The wife of a Kansas City man gave him away and he divorced her. Last week when the divorcee re-wed the ex-husband attended the ceremony and cheerily gave her away. Could gallantry do more?

Mrs. Elizabeth Chambers, aged 84, of Bayard, O., claims distinction as the oldest Sunday school teacher in the world. She is an active church worker and Sunday school teacher at the Union church of Bayard.

Former Governor "Hod" Boies of Iowa, after a quarter of a century in the democratic tent, comes back to his first love, the republican party, as a supporter of President Taft. Uncle "Hod" is in his eighty-fifth year.

Thirty-five thousand fourth-class postmasters put under the shelter of the civil service law sends to the political museum the axe made famous by Adlai Stevenson, Ret. Clark and other eminent heads-men of bygone days.

Old General von der Goltz, who reorganized Turkey's army, is confident that it will give an uncommonly good account of itself in the present Balkan crisis. "The enemies of the Turks will witness a wonder before they are through with the fighting," he says.

A fortune left by a humorist at San Benito, Cal., who imagined it would remain intact by devising it to unmarried women who could prove that they were over 40, is not equal to the demands of beneficiaries. Flocks of maidens over 40 are putting the laugh on the dead.

Prof. Dr. Friederich Puelleborn of Hamburg, Germany, who is credited with knowing all the kinds of mosquitoes in the world, awards the palm for size to the New Jersey variety. It is reassuring to hear from this expert that "in this part of the world the mosquito is a nuisance and not a source of actual danger."

The Country's Real Need.

Pittsburgh Dispatch. While there is a general cry for an elastic currency, the more obvious need of the commerce of this country is a system of elastic freight cars, which will expand when crops need more facilities and contract when the rolling stock of the nation is classed as Teddy Bears.

KEEP THE RECORD STRAIGHT

Chief Source of Abuse in Present Campaign.

New York World (dem.). Taft delegates from Alabama.

Standing before a committee of the United States senate yesterday, Medill McCormick, a rich young man who has helped to finance and manage the Roosevelt campaign, charged that the murder-ous assault on Mr. Roosevelt was instigated by the "falschoods of character-assassins and liars like Charles D. Hillis," who was formerly secretary to President Taft and is now chairman of the republican national committee.

The rantings of a half-baked young person like Mr. McCormick would be of no importance if they were not so completely in harmony with the conduct of the Roosevelt managers since Mr. Roosevelt was shot by a madman. Dixon, Pinchot, McCormick, Cochenis and a whole chorus of demagogues have been seeking to inflame the public mind against better men than themselves, and create the impression that Schrank's insane deed was inspired by political "abuse" of Mr. Roosevelt.

Now it happens that there has been a good deal of abuse in this campaign, but most of it originated with Theodore Roosevelt and his followers. No other candidate for president ever indulged in such sweeping denunciation of his opponents. No other candidate for president ever attacked a president as Mr. Roosevelt has attacked Mr. Taft. No other candidate for president ever appealed so frankly to the passion and frenzy of his audiences. To select a few of many examples:

Day after day Mr. Roosevelt has compared President Taft to a "crook," to a "thief," to a "burglar," to a "pirate," to a "pickpocket," to a "receiver of stolen goods" and Hiram Johnson, Mr. Roosevelt's associate on the ticket, has traveled from one end of the country to the other calling President Taft "the most humiliating figure in American history."

Even the day that he was shot, Mr. Roosevelt denounced the conduct of the governor of Illinois as "infamous" because Governor Deneen refused to support Mr. Roosevelt on the third party ticket.

June 3 Mr. Roosevelt said of President Taft that "high-minded and honorable men would refuse to accept delegates" such as Mr. Taft had gained in Ohio.

June 5 he said that "again and again we have sent to the penitentiary election officials for deeds not one whit worse morally than was done by the members of the national committee" in seating two

We mention these matters now only because of the scandalous and demagogic attempt of Mr. Roosevelt's political managers to bring about a reign of terror against everybody who has opposed his election. Mr. McCormick's shocking assault upon Mr. Hillis is a fair example of their manners and methods, which cannot be allowed to go unchallenged. It is on a par with Mr. Cochenis's assault on Mr. Bryan as an "oratorical grave-digger" whose statements are "shameless" and "shoulish," all because Mr. Bryan protested against the scheme to make partisan capital out of the murderous attack of a maniac.

Mr. Roosevelt was not shot because of "abuse." If anybody had been shot because of "abuse," it would be William Howard Taft, president of the United States, and not Theodore Roosevelt.

Let us keep the record straight.

Activities in Army Circles

Matters of Interest Gleaned From Army and Navy Register.

Aviation Affairs.

The Army Aviation school will be transferred for the winter from College Park, Md., to Augusta, Ga., about November 15. Augusta is selected for the winter work of the school as conditions there were found satisfactory, while the school was at that place last winter. After completion of the experiment, that are to commence at Fort Riley, Kan., November 1 with the control of field artillery fire from aeroplanes, at least one of the two type C Wright weight-carrying aeroplanes that are to participate in these experiments will be sent to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, where an aviation station will be maintained. The old-style aeroplanes that have been in use in Texas has been transferred from San Antonio to College Park, where it is used in practice work. Later a new machine will be sent to San Antonio. One aeroplane now is in use in the Philippines, and another soon will be sent to those islands.

Shooting at Air Craft.

Captain Frederick B. Hennessey, Third field artillery; Second Lieutenant Henry H. Arnold, Twenty-ninth infantry, and Second Lieutenant Thomas DeW. Milling, Fifteenth cavalry, of the army aviation school at College Park, Md., left Washington last week for Fort Riley, Kan., where they will participate in the work connected with the experiments that are to commence at that place on November 1 with the control of field artillery fire from air craft. Two type C Wright weight-carrying aeroplanes and apparatus were shipped from College Park to Fort Riley for the experiments. One of these machines will be equipped with experimental radio-telegraph apparatus for sending messages from the observer in the aeroplane to the fire commander below. One radio section of signal corps field company D at Fort Leavenworth has been ordered to proceed to Fort Riley for the experiments.

Absence of Officers.

The absence of officers from their commands, especially of captains, is the subject of remark in the annual report of the inspector general of the army. This subject has received the attention of the inspector general's department for several years, and emphatic protest has been made concerning the number of officers absent from their organizations. It has been pointed out that it was particularly important that captains of the line should be with their company. At times battalions have been commanded by a lieutenant, and, naturally, the systematic instruction of troops is hampered to a great extent. General Arlington also criticizes

ute's time on September 21 on the run from Stamford to South Norwalk.

Springfield Republican: One of the features of the campaign which started out so prematurely and furiously is that the traveling men declare that they find an increasing unwillingness to talk politics and a corresponding centering of thought on business. This does not necessarily imply indifference, but, in addition to the fact that business is active, indicates that many have made up their minds both as to how they will vote individually and as to what the result will be, have put the whole thing aside for more practical affairs. We can't be expected to think about politics all the time, in spite of primaries and spellbinders.

Promoting Happiness.

Baltimore American. A western railroad will order that discharges among its employees of domestic troubles may be its employees, arguing that such troubles cause a worry strain and often loss of necessary sleep. From now on every employe who wants to keep his job must have a happy home. Even the millennium seems possible in view of this mandatory domestic happiness.

Keeping Up the Killing Pace.

Indianapolis News. Notwithstanding exciting events that are occupying so much of the world's attention, the science of aviation pursues the even tenor of its way, killing a man or two or more every day.

EDITORIAL SNAPSHOTS

St. Louis Globe-Democrat: The \$200,000 spent by Wilson's backers to secure the nomination at Baltimore is a pretty penny for a candidate who claims so much for himself as a radical reformer.

Indianapolis News: That presidential order is nice enough for the 35,000 fourth class postmasters who are now on the job, but just think of the feelings of the fellows who nourished post-election hopes!

Baltimore American: Take care of the farmers, says the president, and the food supply will take care of itself. The best way of dealing with all supply problems is to get directly to the source and begin applying the remedies where the trouble begins.

Brooklyn Eagle: Mark Hanna said that the next great issue this country would have to meet would be socialism. His son, "Dan," is meeting it by getting next to the powers that be in the progressive party, which has taken and spent \$17,000 of his untainted cash. The Warwick strain lies to be near the throne.

New York Tribune: If one-half the attention were given to safety that is given to adhering to schedules, such accidents as those which have occurred on the New Haven railroad would be less frequent. The regular engineer of the wrecked train, who was off duty when the accident occurred, testified that he had received a letter from the master mechanic of the line regarding the loss of one min-

MORE ROOM FOR MOTORISTS.

Admission of Automobiles to National Parks.

Boston Transcript. Motorists read with delight the news that Secretary of the Interior Fisher is in favor of admitting automobiles to the national park in the Yosemite valley. Undoubtedly Mr. Fisher would not stop there, but would also admit them into the Yellowstone national park and the rest of the great federal playgrounds of the west. It is surprising that these places have been shut so long to the inquisitive motor car, and it is all the more surprising when it is realized that the arguments for its exclusion are the same kind of arguments that opposed the railroad trains. People have urged, for example, that the motor frightens the horses, impregnates the woods with the odor of gasoline, and so forth. But the westerner is finding that this is really inhospitable, and that even the "brones" can accustom themselves to automobiles, while the pleasure of the humans who can cover miles of desert in hours instead of days is increased a thousandfold. Mr. Fisher deserves the thanks of the motorists' trust.

"What reason have you to think my daughter loves you?" "She says she is willing to make any sacrifice for me." "That's no sign she loves you." "What is it, then?" "An indication that she's crazy."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Spratts—Miss Elder is much older than I thought. "That's no sign she's old." "That's no sign she's young."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Spratts—Well, I asked her if she had read Asop's Fables, and she said she read them when they first came out.—Home Journal.

"THE CHEERFUL FELLER."

Richmond Times-Dispatch. There are numerous ways to be happy. Right has no sign she's old. Right has no sign she's young. Right has no sign she's old. Right has no sign she's young.

A feller can be quite contented. By makin' his brother men glad, Because it's reflected Right back on his own part. The best joy a man ever had.

A feller don't have to be wealthy To play a philanthropist's part. He mustn't be too keen to flatter. To always be cheerful And keep the sunshine in his heart.

I'd rather shake hands with a feller Who's got a glad smile on his face Than one with a million. Or even a billion. Who's lacking in that savin' grace.

It costs not a cent to be cheerful. Or to give a warm clasp of the hand; Sometimes it is bunk And the feller's hunk. But it don't hurt you none, understand. We all love the things that are pleasant. A feller that spreads lots of love May come just to flatter. But that don't matter; He's a purty durned good friend to have.

INES TO A LAUGH.

Hokus—I will tell you, an operation for appendicitis is no joke. "Yes," she gets sleepy about 11 o'clock and begins to yawn."—Philadelphia Record.

"Is it true that your wife has an impediment in her speech?" "Yes," she gets sleepy about 11 o'clock and begins to yawn."—Philadelphia Record.

"Dearie," says the bride, "did you notice how all the girls were crying as the minister was marrying us?" "Really I never supposed they would take it so

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