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An Exception.

From the Minneapolis Ugeblad (Danish). It may be accepted as a rule that when the American papers write of Scandinavian matters, they make meaningless nonsense out of it. This is easy to understand, as the internal conditions of the three northern kingdoms in national and political affairs and in languages, are of a rather complicated nature, and for a foreigner it might be somewhat difficult to ascertain just what is what. But the gross mistakes, which are committed by the American press in the simplest matters, such as the capitals of the three kingdoms, etc., are none the less unpardonable, as they are proof of a carelessness in the treatment of such matters that casts a shadow over the article as a whole. It is, therefore, worthy of special praise that the Minneapolis Journal, one of the most widely circulated and best-edited dailies in the northwest, has formed a conspicuous exception to the rule by its splendid treatment of the Swedish-Norwegian crisis.

In the early summer the paper sent its managing editor, Mr. W. E. Chamberlain, to the Scandinavian peninsula to write of the union crisis on the spot. It cannot be denied that many Scandinavians here in the northwest—and we, no less than others—looked forward to letters with expectations of a mass of misconceptions. For the conditions from which the union crisis arose, are supported by a historical background which not every man is able to observe from the correct viewpoint. It must be said, however, that Mr. Chamberlain's exposition of the question was sent to investigate has been accurate in a high degree. It is a testimony to his clear understanding of the conditions and his ability to master all details, which in a single moment has placed the correspondent in a very prominent place in American journalism. But it also gives proof that our home countries can very well be correctly written about in the American press; and we have hereafter greater right to demand it than heretofore. Mr. Chamberlain has shown that it can be done.

Hall Caine's book in defense of the American money-king should prove a triumph of fiction.

The Broad View.

Looking around the fields from the window of the editorial sanctum, while glancing over the crop reports in The Journal, the editor of the Breckenridge Telegram notes an inconsistency and forthwith turns critical. "If," says the Telegram, after reading some where in The Journal the statement that wheat averages high, "The Minneapolis Journal would take the trouble to investigate it would find that the yield averages low and the quality very poor."

This is the sort of local criticism that every comprehensive statement covering the crops has got to stand. No man is so confident of his ability to pass judgment on the crop as he who can see the wheat from his house-top. Has he not lived there so many years? Does he not know what when he sees it? And is he not looking at them even as he writes? Therefore he knows about it.

If one goes into the art room of the Minneapolis public library to view the great De Neuville painting of the storming of Tel el Kebir, that Mr. J. J. Hill presented to the gallery, he will place himself to get the proper focus and see the whole. But if there is a fly on the canvas, ought not the fly, being right in the paint, to get the better view? And if the fly is on the face of a soldier who has been shot and is falling back, and the fly can see that it is all over with the man, does it not follow without possibility of counter argument that the stormers are defeated?

Not one man out of a hundred stops to consider the size of the country embraced by the expressions "the three states" or "the northwest." Few give a thought to new immigration and changing conditions, indeed few are familiar with average conditions over the whole extent of the acreage. It is quite possible, in any year, that conditions may be favorable in a particular district, and that the district may be an important producer, and yet the whole crop may line up poorly compared with the year preceding, and it is equally possible that in sections where one a loss in yield meant everything—it is possible today for losses to occur in such sections and for the entire yield still to be very satisfactory, such has been the development in wheat-raising

countries farther north and west than the old-time center of production. If one were to estimate the average condition of the wheat crop of France, and a resident in a particular locality should question it on the contention that in his immediate neighborhood it did not look that way, it would be considered very unfair criticism, yet it would be no more unfair than that of the Breckenridge critic, who evidently thinks everything must be as it is within his limited horizon.

General Wood has again pacified the Moros, much as the pot-hunter pacifies the prairie chicken.

Norway's Independence Assured.

The dissolution of the union between Norway and Sweden will have become a fact when the plan drawn up by the representatives of the two countries at Karlstad shall have been ratified by the representative parliaments and proclaimed to the world by the king of Sweden. It will then be in order for all powers having diplomatic relations with the present united kingdom to recognize the independence of Norway.

The settlement at Karlstad is subjected to some criticism, especially on the part of the Norwegians, who regret the demolition of several fortresses, but on the whole it appears eminently fair. It is at least such a settlement as gives the Norwegians what they have earnestly desired, complete independence.

The relations between the countries have been strained for some time since Norway proclaimed the dissolution of the union a few months ago, so the final outcome is one upon which the civilized world may congratulate itself and both the parties to it. Norway and Sweden have taught the world more about arbitration and the practical way to avoid war than any of the great powers, for, altho all the elements which customarily lead to war were present in this case, the Swedes and Norwegians have kept clear of the spark which ignites them and have agreed upon a perfectly amicable and dignified separation.

Hereafter when international diplomacy seems drifting toward war it may be of advantage to recall to the mind of the discordant nations that there is a way to avoid bloodshed and ruin and that the Swedes and Norwegians in the beginning of the twentieth century found and used it.

The Tokio mob appears to have returned to the cultivation of chrysanthemums and patriotism.

Easily Satisfied.

The judge's finding of "not proven" in the Virginia silver case is exploited by the Detroit News-Tribune as a complete vindication of the administration of E. C. Dunn as state auditor. The head of the lakes organ is easily satisfied. The Dunn administration will neither stand nor fall by the record of the silver case, which was singled out from the other mineral lease transactions because of the great value of the property, and not because its facts were peculiarly glaring. Many mineral leases issued to Mabel Evans during the Dunn administration were, soon after its close, assigned to Flynn and Patterson, the land clerks. The silver lease, in fact, is the only one that was not so assigned on the records. It was the one case in which interest centered, and it is certainly reasonable to suppose that the facts in this transaction were carefully concealed. Even the judge lauded as a Daniel by the News-Tribune thought there were "suspicious circumstances."

The state appears in this case to have relied chiefly on the issue of the mineral lease law, which the attorney general was trying to have declared invalid. The principal witnesses for the state were taken before the court, but their testimony was presented in deposition. The judge held on the evidence that Pearl Smith had not applied for the silver lease, but does not conclude that Smith was after in all his conferences with Flynn, the land clerk. The judge decides, by the way, that all application to Flynn would not have been valid, but must be made to the auditor. As everyone knows, the practice of the office is for the land clerk to receive applications and grant leases, only presenting them to the auditor for signature, and in this particular case the auditor himself says that he "signed without looking." The record of the case shows loose management in the office, to say nothing of the "suspicious circumstances" found by the judge in the meager evidence presented. As a vindication, the silver decision will hardly fill the bill.

It will never be possible to convince the public that there was a "square deal" for everybody when state officers gave leases to relatives, and took them in their own names after leaving office. Evidently Charles W. Fairbanks does not propose to be caught making statements which would not wash next year when the real campaign begins. He said at Bellefontaine, Ohio: "The defeat of the republican ticket would tend to shake confidence in the ascendancy of the republican party."

Trade North and South.

The remark of Governor Lind at the Hill dinner on Saturday night that trade east and west is due to different stages of economic development, but commerce between latitudes is natural and perennial is a reminder that Canada north of us is in a different latitude and that trade with Canada is natural. The inference would be that the tariff between the countries is unnatural. But, so, for that matter, are all tariffs. This tariff is particularly offensive to the sense of the country, inasmuch as it results in Americans going over into Canada and building factories, in order to escape the taxation put by their own country upon the products of America.

Now comes Mr. C. S. Funk, general manager of the International-Harvester company, and deposes that high protection in this country is provoking other nations to such an extent that they will soon retaliate upon us. To avoid the

confusion and losses incident to a tariff war several American manufacturers, he says, are preparing to erect subsidiary factories in Europe.

Evidently President Roosevelt may have another opportunity to secure the peace of the world by leading the recalcitrant American congress into a rational treaty of commerce with Europe.

Death and taxes have all seasons for their own, but this is the special time of year for the porch-climber. It is a little too cold to sit out of doors and too warm for closed windows or winter ash. The porch-climber gets in his work between summer and winter. If you find him in your house, hit him with an ax. But if you have no ax keep your windows locked.

A Question of Organization.

It does seem as though anything out of the ordinary happens on the Minneapolis street railway system, that the whole system goes to pieces, losing all sense of responsibility or initiative. Last evening a distressing accident occurred on the Hennepin avenue line about Twenty-eighth street. A feedwire broke and fell upon a passing workman, and in their terrible scramble to get out of the way of the wire one workman lost his life under the wheels of the workcar and several were injured. Within a short time fourteen cars going west and about as many going east, were stalled near the scene of the accident. Here were at least fifty employees of the streetcar company assembled, but notwithstanding this great force, which might have been immediately organized into a patrol, the broken live wire lay upon the ground practically unguarded and with men and boys running about, it is a miracle that there were not more deaths.

It would seem as tho the management should take some pains to instruct its men what to do in case of accident or any other unusual occurrence. Instead of standing about, they should be taught to take hold of the situation and command it.

T. C. Platt reached Kansas City in a sultry condition of mind. He was shown the report that he was in a bad state of health, and with a series of well-worn expetives remarked that he would show some people whether he had retired from public life. It was rather mean of Platt to come to life just when Odell has everything fixed in New York city.

Governor La Follette is said to have stated in a public speech that he would like to have the job of hanging Stuyvesant Fish. The governor should have patience. Stuy's speeches on the railroad question show that if he is allowed enough rope he will hang himself.

Russia figures that she lost \$113,000,000 worth of ships in the late disagreement, but she has the consolation that they were pretty poor ships and had barnacles on them.

Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., has become a freshman at Harvard, and is likely to hear several new versions of father's exploits from his great and good friends the sophomores.

The Boston Globe bitterly complains of the man who thinks it is humorous to refer to it as "feetball." This variety of screaming humor is found in the west also.

The New York Press sees clearly that the people paid the recent beef magnates' fines. Any wealthy automobilist will tell you that fines are easy.

According to Senator Lodge the success of the Roosevelt administration depends on the election of republican justices.

Mr. Addicks of Delaware states that the country needs honest politicians. Mr. Lawson's comment on this remark might start a new magazine.

Gas Addicks says the country needs some honest politicians. Delaware needs some honest politicians, or perhaps just one for a starter.

President Reyes of Colombia is said to have declared himself dictator. Mrs. Reyes may have something to say about this!

Admiral Nebogotoff has been paroled by the Japanese. There is said to be a small, hot courtmartial ready for him in Russia.

Heinz's opinion of Lawson is not lowered any by the latter's latest batch of revelations. It was already at zero.

After all, the Norwegian-Swedish method of knocking down fortifications is better than the Fort Arthur plan.

The Tribune, which had given up the Clark ordinance for lost, has found traces of it in the woods.

A GOOD WAY TO BEGIN

To Senator Lodge's plea that Massachusetts must sustain the president's foreign policy by electing a republican governor, Mr. Foss, once candidate for congress on the reciprocity issue, makes the pointed reply that the senate should begin its work of sustaining him by confirming his reciprocity and arbitration treaties.

PAYING THE PIPER

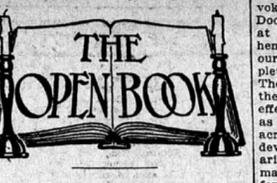
Chicago News Herald. Canada has enacted a law providing for the payment of a salary to the leader of the opposition. Here is an idea which Russian bureaucrats will find incomprehensible. Their plan is to imprison those who dare oppose the government.

NOT JAMES' FAULT

Philadelphia Press. "You here, James!" exclaimed the slum-worker, visiting the jail. "Yes," replied the new prisoner, who was in for burglary. "Well, well, I certainly am surprised." "So was I, ma'am, or I wouldn't be here."

A HISTORY MAKER

Boston Globe. President Roosevelt denies the story that he has accepted the chair in which Witt and Komura sat when they signed the peace treaty. He doesn't buy chair relics. He makes chairs relics.



THE REVIVING ART OF STORY-TELLING. The story-telling art has been too much neglected. Too few mothers take pains to cultivate it. The result is a loss to the children of such mothers and to the mothers as well. Unfortunately such mothers do not realize what they are missing—what golden opportunities for the permanent happiness and spiritual well-being of their little ones they are wasting and what large stores of future contentment and peace of mind for themselves they are failing to lay up.

It is true of the mothers is even more true of many fathers. When some one comes along, then, who has learned the art and offers to give instruction in that art, mothers and fathers ought, by all they hold dear in their little folk, to give attention. A story-telling artist and apostle is coming to Minneapolis. She is Sara Cone Bryant. Indeed, the gospel she teaches is not new before her and will remain after she has gone. In her book How to Tell Stories to Children, she herself will speak her message and give examples of the magic art by which mothers and fathers may bind little hearts closer than in almost any other way, at the First Unitarian church next Saturday at 3 p.m.



SARA CONE BRYANT, Author of "How to Tell Stories to Children."

The author-lecturer appreciates the value of story reading, by which so many parents and teachers make shift for story telling, but she stands for story-telling as a conveyor of higher joy to little folk. The tale from the story-teller, she says, contains more spontaneity, it passes through the "filter of personality," and acquires a quality of magnetism in the passage. She holds that the supreme object of the art is to give joy, not to convey truth or teach a lesson, and her reasons for so believing are hard to know. Of course, the story may, and ought to, convey truth, but the giving of pleasure is its first object. Get the pulse of a child quickened with the delights of some tale worth telling, his muscles tense and his senses all alert, and the truth of it sinks deep, becomes a permanent part of his mental and spiritual equipment, waiting on the wings of delightful memory to answer the slightest need.

Miss Bryant's book is one of the "How To" books, but it is really a guide. It puts its lesson in form of the clearest and enforces it with abundant shining examples. Doubtless, thru the filter of Miss Bryant's personality, at her Saturday evening reading, however, lesson and example will be given great added force. Houghton, Mifflin & Co., Boston.

TOO MUCH FOR HALL CAINE.—Hall Caine, asked in New York today if he intended to make a study of American millionaires with a view to writing a book, replied:

"That is a question I have been asked repeatedly in America. I shall have to explain to you that that report to that effect became untrue when I went through 'my other me'—that is, my newspaper self, as some bright reporters see me. Usually the other me says and does all the things I would not like to do, but I am sure that the other me does just the thing I would like to do. I do not know American millionaires well enough, and so your Rockefeller are in no danger. I would rather write that story about the United States. I would rather write a story of wealth and its relations to society than achieve the diplomatic triumph of your president in bringing about peace between Russia and the other me, who knows so well that he can't do it as I."

"THE PROMISE OF AMERICAN ARCHITECTURE."—The address delivered at the annual meeting of the American Institute of Architects, 1905, have been gathered into an artistic volume bearing the above title. The compiler is Charles Moore.

LIFE'S HIGHWAY. Dusty down the valley way, The ribbon of the road, A long, brown streamer in the sun, Leads off from my abode.

I sit, a loafer in the shade Beyond my house of clay, And wonder, wonder as I sit, Where leads that long highway. Frank Farrington in October Lippincott's.

RILEY'S RYE PATCH.—James Whitcomb Riley was looking over a fence on his farm at a field of rye, says Success for October, when a neighbor who was driving by stopped his horse and asked:

"Hallo, Mr. Riley, how's your rye doing?" "Fine, fine," replied the poet. "How much do you expect to clear to the acre?" "Oh, about four gallons," answered Mr. Riley, soberly.

A romance of medieval Italy by Justin Miles Forman entitled "The Island of Eustachius" has just been published by the Harpers. It is the story of a great passion in the days when love came at a glance. The scene is the island of Arbe, one of the tiny northern Dalmatian islands which, on account of its great beauty, was long the treasured possession of Venice. Here Zuan Brandino, a young captain sent by the doge to rescue Arbe from the forces of the Venetian Graello, finds himself involved in thrilling adventures of love and war.

THE MAGAZINES

A Looking-Forward Romance.—In the October issue of the Metropolitan appear the first chapters of a powerful novel, with those who have read the story in manuscript, is the equal to Edward Bellamy's famous fiction, "Looking Backward." True it is that nothing in this new masterpiece recalls the motif of Bellamy's book; comparisons of strength and interest only are made. The mere title of the Metropolitan's new serial pro-

vookes one's interest—it is called "The Doomsman." The scene is set in the days of a period some century and a half hence, when the marvelous civilization of our western empire has been as completely wiped out as if it never existed. The total and appalling annihilation of the North American continent has been effected, leaving nothing but a wilderness as virgin as when Columbus set sail across the untraversed Atlantic. On the devastated shores of our cities have arisen unbroken forests, and the few remaining remnants of population have perforce returned to the most primitive conditions of life. Communication with the rest of the world has been completely cut off. To tell more of the author's novel themes or to describe at length what transpires under the strange conditions imposed upon the new American race of pioneers and primitives, would be to spoil the reader's pleasure.

The October number is rich in short fiction—stories by Arthur Train, George Gibbs, F. E. Bennett, Edna Burton, T. Jenkins Hains, and others. Carl Schurz to Tell His Life Story.—McClure's Magazine makes promise in the October number of a new serial, "The Life of Carl Schurz," to begin with the next issue. The October McClure is devoted peculiarly to American life and activities. Pastor Charles Wagner of our best-known clergyman, author of "The Simple Life," writes of his visit at the White House, and gives an interesting and important estimate of President Roosevelt as a man. "What I Stand for," concludes Miss Tarbell's story of the oil war in Kansas, and tells excitingly how the Kansans rushed in and won. "Pioneer Transportation in America" is the thrilling romance of an American race in the interesting story full of curious information. In this first paper Charles F. Lummis, foremost authority on the subject, carries traffic through America's heroic age up to the beginnings of the great days on the plains.

How to Save Niagara Falls.—In "How to Save Niagara Falls" in the October Metropolitan, the world-famous geologist, C. Adams suggests a unique plan for saving the falls from destruction, by erecting a great dam at the mouth of the river. "For this great addition to the available water power of the world," says Mr. Adams, "sufficient perhaps to meet all demands during at least another century, it would not be necessary to divert one drop from the volume or detract one inch from the height of the great cataract. Neither would the existing power plants or those under construction suffer injury by backwater from the dam at Lewiston, for it is not proposed to raise the water level in that part of the gorge which is just below the falls.

In the lower gorge, between the whirlpool and Lewiston, the rapids would not doubt be reduced to smooth water, by a dam raised at the river level 100 feet at the latter point. It is not, perhaps, too much to say that a surrender of the rapids for industrial purposes is the price that must be paid in order to save the falls."

A Home Builder's Experience.—The October number of Keith's Magazine on "Home Building" is full of interesting and suggestive articles on the subject of building. The opening article is "An Entrance and Within," fully illustrated, followed by the publisher's own building experience, giving a photographic view of his new house, and the great estate for the Fall Garden. "An Attractive Group of Typical American Homes," "A Chapter on Oriental Rugs," "A Complete House Decorative Scheme," "A Problem No. 6" in the series "That Dormer Problem."

AMUSEMENTS

Metropolitan—"Mrs. Temple's Telegram." Is a man justified in telling a lie to his wife, if she will not believe the truth? Should a wife believe everything her husband tells her, no matter how wild the story?

These are not matters for discussion at a woman's club, but questions that are suggested by "Mrs. Temple's Telegram," which must leave a man in painful doubt as to whether it is better to lie expeditiously and scientifically or not to lie at all.

"Mrs. Temple's Telegram" was here last season under the name of "Who's Brown." Then it was but a short force and was preceded by a curtain raiser. It has come back lengthened and elaborated, and with the same enthusiasm and enthusiastic approval, which it well deserves, for it is a very clever play and William Morris is a very clever actor. He takes the role of Frank Fuller, the resourceful friend whose ability to tell a lie and tell a good one, keeps the Temple household in a state of frenzied excitement—with a dry humor that is irresistible. It would be so easy to make the play a comedy, but questions that are suggested by "Mrs. Temple's Telegram," which must leave a man in painful doubt as to whether it is better to lie expeditiously and scientifically or not to lie at all.

The story is one that any man can appreciate. Thru an accident to the machinery, Jack Temple has been kept in a Ferris wheel car, high in the air, over his head. No wife would believe such a tale and when Mrs. Temple refuses to give credence to his story, he promptly invents one John Brown of Elm avenue, Pickleton, an old Oxford friend, with whom he has a long and intimate acquaintance. The story, through Secretary Loeb, President Roosevelt wrote to W. D. Davidson, editor of the Democrat, expressing his interest in the play and his desire to see it. This letter was marked "personal," and for that reason cannot be published except with the consent of Secretary Loeb.

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BURGLARS OPEN SAFE

Take Money From Store Near Osceola, Wis. Osceola, Wis., Sept. 26.—The store owned by Wm. E. R. Galt near Farmington was entered by burglars last night and the safe was broken open. About \$10 in cash, besides clothing and other necessities, was taken. One of the burglars was arrested in a lock away with a lot of valuable papers in it. The work was undoubtedly that of amateurs, as it was a bungling job. A stick of dynamite was left by the safe.

B. F. DEER, PIONEER MERCHANT, DEAD.

Webster City, Iowa, Sept. 26.—B. F. Deer, a pioneer merchant and resident of Hamilton county of forty years, died last night aged 69. In all his business life he has been the head of the B. F. Deer drug store.

Carey Roofing will neither run in hot weather nor crack in cold weather. Absolutely guaranteed. See W. S. Nott Co., Tel. 376.

You hardly realize that it is medicinal when taking Carter's Little Liver Pills; they are very small; no bad effects; all troubles from torpid liver are relieved by their use.

CITY NEWS

Lucyem—Vaudeville. James Callahan, in his impersonations of prominent men of the past and present, is the headliner at the Lucyem this week. Mr. Callahan played stock in Minneapolis in the old Panoply opera house days and has many friends here. His impersonations are carefully prepared and they are artistic. In some of them, notably that of Pope Leo XIII., the likeness is striking. His Roberts, Bennett, Edwin Booth and the Mikado are all good. Lincoln is the poorest of the group.

The best musical number on the program is the singing of "Where Rolls the Oregon" by Miss Zenie Murphy, the local contralto. Miss Murphy's sweet voice and the enunciation make her performance unusually pleasing.

For those who like the accordion Frozini has a real treat in his handling of that ordinarily unwieldy instrument. Even from those to whom this music does not appeal his artistic manipulation and his rendition of classical as well as popular music will be enjoyed.

Constantine and Lawrence do an uninspiring clog dance turn that is only partially redeemed by a double inverted dance novelty. "Baby" Hawkins is too heavy for the childlike and not clever enough to be appreciated as a "grown-up." Washer Brothers, the "boxing midgets," have a real three-round "go" that might be made funny, but is merely grotesque. Erbe and Wilson do a musical comedy act with some dialogue that was humorous before it was worn out and some that is really clever. Rose Lee Tyler sings a soprano solo in a way that appeals to some people.

Foyer Chat.

"Queen of the White Slaves" is affording Bijou patrons good entertainment this week.

"His Last Dollar," a play dealing with the romance of Kenneth and Edna, is ably supported by Eleanor Montell and a strong company, will come to the Bijou next week.

The Minneapolis theater-going public are promised novelty of a delightful kind at the Metropolitan the last half of this week. The Stanislav Stange comedy, "The School for Husbands," which will be presented by Alice Fischer and a cast of superior merit.

A "Comic Othello" was a New York reviewer's summarization of Augustus Thomas' new comedy, "Mrs. Leffingwell's Boots." In that play a "Mrs. Leffingwell" is presented at the Metropolitan for four nights and matinee beginning next Sunday evening.

Colonel Gaston Borderberry, whose sensational shooting in the feature of the Orpheum bill, extends an invitation to have any member of the audience come upon the stage and have a lump of sugar shot from his head. The invitation has not yet been accepted.

TEXAS RANGERS AND MEXICANS IN BATTLE

New York Sun Special Service. Houston, Tex., Sept. 26.—A battle between Mexican desperadoes and Texas rangers resulted in the killing of one of the bad men and the wounding of two. The fight was on La Fortia near Minervia, a small border town in Minervia.

The rangers were led by Capt. Ben Tumlinson. After two days' riding on the trail of Garcia and his associates they came upon them in an arbo house.

A horse was shot under Capt. Tumlinson and one of his men was wounded in the first volley. The rangers gradually worked closer to the building, and when near to it the desperado made a dash for thickets. Garcia Martinez was shot dead. Two others fell wounded, but succeeded in getting into the underbrush.

Martinez, who was killed, is known to have committed four murders in Texas and several in Mexico, where a large reward was offered for him dead or alive. His last victim was the murder of Capt. Goff, a ranger, whom he killed in Minervia last week.

ROOSEVELT STANDS PAT ON THIRD TERM IDEA

New York Sun Special Service. Lewiston, Ill., Sept. 26.—The Fulton County Democrat on Sept. 6 published an editorial enthusiastically advocating President Roosevelt's unanimous nomination and re-election, if he could be brought to recall his declaration of last November that he regarded the term to which he had just been elected as his second and that no circumstances would be had again accept the presidency.

This editorial was brought to the president's notice with the statement that the editor had supposed every day that the "Gladstone" franchise agent, Parker, through Secretary Loeb, President Roosevelt wrote to W. D. Davidson, editor of the Democrat, expressing his interest in the play and his desire to see it.

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WILL CUT OUT POLITICS

STATE BOARD WON'T CONSIDER FRANCHISES FROM ANY FAVORABLE CONSIDERATIONS.

Politics will be relegated to the background in fixing the assessment values of the street railway and other public service corporations. The subject will be considered purely from a business standpoint.

This was the policy agreed on at a conference today in the office of Governor Johnson. The state board of equalization is almost evenly divided politically, and if democrats and republicans on the board started out to "play politics" in fixing the values, the equities of the proposition might very easily be lost sight of. The democratic majority on the board might make capital by a stiff raise in values, which would come handy for thunder in the campaign next year. Governor Johnson expressed today, however, as opposed to any but a business consideration of the question, and Auditor Iverson spoke in the same way. It is thought likely that the franchise assessments will be increased very slightly over last year's figures.

The board held no session today. The schedule of logs and lumber comes up tomorrow and a lively session is expected.