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"There's so much good in the worst
 of us, and there's so much bad in the
 best of us, that it doesn't behoove any
 of us to speak ill of the rest of us."

If these suffragettes don't quit
 pestering the editor of this paper
 with challenges and such things, I
 am going to challenge the leader
 of the bunch to a foot race down
 the main street of the town some
 busy Saturday.

The recent visit of the editors
 to the town of Liberal is really
 the first movement toward making
 it the meeting place of all of the
 conventions and annual gatherings
 of the various organizations in
 this section of the state. The
 brand of hospitality exhibited then
 we believe will make the town
 more popular for such meetings in
 the future. There is nothing so
 good for Liberal, as a strong con-
 sistent, backing of enterprise
 which will be of ultimate benefit
 to the community. To this end,
 a Commercial Club should be or-
 ganized. Every firm in town
 should have a representative in
 the commercial club, and we be-
 lieve that considerable benefit
 would accrue from such an organ-
 ization.

It would be difficult to frame a
 better platform than George Nee-
 ley of Hutchinson has chosen for
 his campaign for the coming elec-
 tion to fill the congressional va-
 cancy caused by the death of Hon.
 E. H. Madison. From every point
 of view, it is logical, progressive,
 straightforward, and every issue
 upon which he declares himself is
 a live one to the people of south-
 west Kansas. Strengthened by a
 hard campaign against one of the
 most able men Kansas has ever
 produced, seasoned by a year of
 hard work to win the election, he
 will be a formidable opponent
 of the standpat republican candi-
 date, Judge Martin of Hutchinson.
 The time has come when people
 do not draw a sharp line between
 democrats and republicans. They
 rather look for a man who is cap-
 able, and who stands for the prin-
 cipales as well as the legislation
 which they favor. Judge Martin
 is an old man, of long standing in
 the ranks of the old republican
 machine in Kansas, avowed a mem-
 ber of the so called "conservative"
 wing of the republican party. His
 period of aggressive activity has
 passed. His principles are obscur-
 ed by a cloud of verbosity and
 oratory which leaves with those
 who attempt to find his stand on
 principles, merely an impression
 instead of a clear cut accumula-
 tion of facts. We believe that the
 people of this section of the state
 will vote for Neeley, a young pro-
 gressive aggressive man of no
 mean ability. He has the odds in
 his favor, and will, we believe,
 win the coming election at the
 hands of the voters, the intelligent
 voters of the district who regard-
 less of politics, are looking for a
 real man, strong in his convictions,
 to fill the vacancy caused by the
 death of our honored representa-
 tive, E. H. Madison.

There has been much discussion
 and some criticism of the ordi-
 nance requiring the payment and
 fixing the rates of the occupation
 tax for the town. The prosecution
 of J. S. Cude this week for
 plastering here without paying a
 license fee to the city, has brought
 the subject up again. Several
 have expressed the idea that it
 was taxing a man for merely get-
 ting out and earning a living. If
 this view should be taken by all
 people on the general subject of
 taxation, it might be said that the
 state was placing a tax on pros-

perity, and putting a premium on
 pauperism, by compelling those
 who had acquired property to pay
 something for the support of the
 government. In Liberal, we also
 have a number of necessary ex-
 penses in running the city, en-
 forcing the laws, and making the
 improvements demanded by the
 citizens of the town. In order to
 defray these expenses it has been
 decided to make those who have
 property contribute something for
 the support of the town in the
 shape of taxes.

There are also a number of peo-
 ple here who are engaged in busi-
 ness, who own a little or no prop-
 erty. These people derive the
 benefits of the city government, of
 the improvements made here, and
 enjoy the protection of property
 and person that is accorded by the
 city ordinances and their enforce-
 ment. We believe that the occu-
 pation tax is not based on an un-
 just principal. However, there
 may be a possibility that the pres-
 ent schedule should be revised,
 and changed, yet there was prob-
 ably never a state or city law
 which did not in some application
 work a hardship on some individ-
 ual in the community. Such, how-
 ever, are the exception rather than
 the rule, and do not necessarily
 prove that the principle on which
 the law is based, is unjust or not
 equitable.

About Taxes Here

Another reason for the increase
 of the taxes on property located
 in Seward county, aside from the
 fact that the state levy has been
 raised, is found in the great in-
 crease in the number of school
 districts. In 1906, there were only
 12 districts in Seward county.
 There are now 29 school districts,
 each one of them having a school
 house, and a number of them hav-
 ing more than one building.
 District 12 has 3 school houses,
 district 15 has 2 school buildings,
 district 16 has 2 buildings, district
 4 has 2 buildings, and district 2
 which includes Liberal uses four
 buildings this year to take care of
 the children. Kansas is the fore-
 most state in the Union in her
 school system, and it is also one
 of the most costly systems in the
 country.

A number of the districts are
 still paying off the bonded indebt-
 edness, in others there are new
 levies for the buildings, for bonds
 and for interest. The increased
 number of schoolhouses has
 brought about an increased of ex-
 penses for running the schools.
 There are more than twice as many
 teachers in the county today, as
 there were five years ago, and
 there are more than twice as many
 buildings to heat and take care of.
 Kansas prides herself on the ex-
 cellence of her schools, and the
 people of Seward county have ad-
 vanced more rapidly during the
 past five years than other portions
 of the state. As a result, the levy
 for the schools in the various dis-
 tricts over the county has brought
 on an increase of taxes, which has
 gone a little ahead of the increase
 of chattel property in the county.
 The schools are expensive, but
 there is little chance for a decrease
 in the school taxes, for the people
 of this country have already shown
 the fact that they want the very
 best to be procured in the way of
 schools for their children. The
 idea is all right, and we believe
 worthy of the very best support
 in each and every community in
 the county.

Elma

The conduct of the weather
 Sunday night and Monday was
 everything but pleasant in this
 neck of the woods.

Misses Anna Dettmer and Anna
 Brier were in Liberal Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Tils called
 at the Calvert home Sunday.

Mr. Taylor called on Mr. Dett-
 mer Monday.

Ethel Davis has been absent the
 past week from school, on account
 of a severe attack of tonsillitis.

Gilbert's threshing machine
 pulled to the Calvert home Friday
 and are threshing maize when the
 weather is favorable.

Mr. Taylor and daughter, Alice
 were in Liberal Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Eli Taylor visited
 the home of S. E. Dodd's.

Ed Brier visited with Lee Swan
 Sunday.

I. H. Swan is building an addi-
 tion to his house.

Eli Taylor was seen heading
 cane Tuesday.

Apron Sale

The annual apron sale, bazar and
 lunch of the Ladies Aid society of
 the Presbyterian church will be
 held at the Star grocery on Sat-
 urday, December 2nd.

The Ladies Aid Society of Beth-
 el Baptist church will hold a ba-
 zar and give a dinner in Liberal
 Saturday, December 16th.

Liberal School News

Owing to the stormy weather
 the attendance in the primary was
 very small Monday.

The sixth grade girls defeated
 the eighth grade girls in a closely
 contested game of basket ball Fri-
 day evening. The score was 2 to
 3. The eighth grade won from the
 seventh Saturday—5 to 1.

Visitors this week were Mes
 dames Todd, C. D. Gasaway, J.
 E. Mann, E. H. Rich, R. H. Ma-
 lone, R. B. Hume, J. D. Stevens,
 Frank Wheeler and Misses Char-
 lotte Gasaway, Mary Carson and
 Glen McCollock.

The new slide is getting to be
 the "smoothest" thing on the play-
 ground.

The eighth grade boys have
 purchased a new basket ball.

Every pupil should receive his
 last month's grades and report
 this week.

The third grade B. have receiv-
 ed a nice box of leaves from Belle-
 fontaine, Ohio. The senders wish-
 ed to exchange them for some
 cacti and Russian thistle and a lit-
 tle buffalo grass.

The following is a list of pri-
 mary pupils—first and second
 grade—whose attendance was per-
 fect:

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| Charles Black, | Ruth Burger, |
| Robert Edwards, | Beatrice Capps, |
| Wallice Edwards, | Mary Carson, |
| Lester Ellsaesser, | Thelma Farmer, |
| Buster Hyde, | Irene Grimble, |
| Hugh Jarrett, | Lepha Hibbs, |
| Lee Mahoney, | Rena Leas, |
| Archie Swanson, | Edith Thornburg, |
| Robert Home, | Minnie Wood, |
| Ruby Bradley, | Ola Francis, |
| Nile Carson, | Arthur Carson, |
| Birtie Lee Capps, | Kenneth Grigsby, |
| Luella Douglas, | Kendal Grigsby, |
| Alice Eldson, | Dale Hubbard, |
| Lois Mahoney, | Albertus Knisely, |
| Alice Nichols, | Ruth Printz, |
| Harold Qualls, | Wynona Sweat, |
| Otis Rawlins, | Alice Sprague, |
| Charles Shumate, | Lester Womack, |
| Joe Joslin, | Agatha Printz, |
| Bernice Harper, | Fern Ellsaesser, |
| Frank Highland, | Dale Nichols, |
| Clay Miller, | Fay Lemmonier, |
| Audie Rich, | Noberto Jaramillo, |
| George Joslin, | Wayne Dickerson, |
| Cecil Wright, | Mabel Wright, |
| Lucile Stotts, | Elsie Els, |
| Everett Garrison, | Alfreda Swanson, |
| Freddie Buckman, | Mabel Stamper, |
| Harriet Magruder, | Leo Kern, |
| Lloyd Spitznberger, | Bernice Hutchinson, |
| Wayne Montgomerp. | |

SOMETHING ELSE.



The Professor—An ordinary brick
 will absorb a quart of water.
 The Pupilist—Then my brother's no
 brick!
 The Professor—What do you mean?
 The Pupilist—He never absorbed
 that much water in his life.

OFFICIAL DIRECTORY

COUNTY.
 Commissioners: J. E. Faust, Chairman
 W. W. Antrim
 Eli Taylor
 County Clerk: E. D. Cooper
 County Treasurer: George A. Smith
 Clerk District Court: E. S. Irwin
 Register Deeds: C. W. Finley
 County Attorney: C. B. Commons
 Probate Judge: J. W. Campbell
 Sheriff: H. H. Eldson
 Surveyor: J. G. Trindle
 Coroner: A. L. Knisely
 County Superintendent: Mary E. Todd
 Judge 2nd Judicial District: Hon. William H. Thompson, address, Garden City, Kans.

TERMS OF DISTRICT COURT
 Wednesday after third Tuesday of April
 Wednesday after second Monday of September
 Wednesday after second Tuesday of December

CITY
 Mayor: Dr. R. T. Nichols
 A. K. Stofer
 C. Summers
 Tom Smith
 J. E. George
 P. A. Craig
 H. W. Lane
 J. T. Gray
 J. Karau
 E. J. Thayer
 Councilmen:
 Police Judge:
 Marshal:
 Clerk:
 Treasurer:

LODGE DIRECTORY.

Fargo Lodge No. 300
 A. F. & A. M.
 Stated communications first and
 third Monday of each month.
 M. H. FLOOD, W. M.
 E. S. IRWIN, Sec'y.

Liberal Lodge 555
 I. O. O. F.
 Meets every Tuesday night
 at 8 o'clock.
 H. W. LANE.
 E. D. COOPER, Sec'y.

Liberal Encampment 144
 I. O. O. F.
 Meets every 2nd and 4th
 Thursday night at 8 o'clock.
 EARL COOPER, C. P.
 FRANK ONG, Scribe.

Liberal Rebekah
 I. O. O. F.
 Meets every 1st and 3rd
 Thursday night at 8
 o'clock.
 Inez Prater, N. G.
 Gertrude Thierer, Sec.

Liberal Lodge 283
 A. O. U. W.
 Meets every 1st and 3rd Mon-
 day night in the Craig Building
 at 8 o'clock.
 J. D. LANE, M. W.
 A. W. PANKRATZ, Rec.

Liberal Chapter No. 104
 EASTERN STAR
 Meets the second and fourth
 Monday of each month.
 Mrs. J. A. BLACK, M. W.
 Mrs. CREEK, Sec'y.

Modern Woodmen of Amer-
 ica
 M. W. A.
 Meets every 1st and 3rd Mon-
 day nights of each month, at
 Craig Hall.
 J. A. BLACK, Consol.
 EZRA SHORB, Clerk.

The Royal Neighbors of
 America
 SHORT GRASS LODGE
 No. 454.
 Meets on the 2nd and 4th
 Thursdays at Craig hall.
 Visiting neighbors are in-
 vited.
 MRS. J. E. MANN, Orac.
 MRS. LEWIS WARD, Sec'y.

Canton Liberal No. 22
 The regular canton
 meetings are held the 2nd
 and 4th Thursday of each
 month.
 H. D. DAVIS, Capt.
 A. W. PANKRATZ,
 Clerk.

Victor Hugo Lodge
 No. 186
 K. P.
 Meets every Wednes-
 day night. Visiting
 Knights are welcome.
 S. L. Wright, C. C.
 L. C. Chamberlain, K.
 S. & of R.

Pale Faces

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 shaky women—who suffer
 every day with womanly
 weakness—need the help
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 99 pounds. Not long after,
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 in good health." Begin
 taking Cardui, today.

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