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Why is it that on the crest of every reform wave, we find the frail craft of the professional reformer? It seems impossible for any reform in politics without this catastrophe following; yet, when closely examined it is perfectly natural. Reform in governmental affairs must come about through political parties. The frauds universally sink out of sight, in well organized parties, they become known and measured for what they are worth, and consequently are consigned to "the shelf," figuratively speaking; but, when a political upheaval comes about, this class of fellows are always first "in the swim," and by loud talk constitute themselves leaders who are almost certain to turn up as the first candidate for office. This is most thoroughly illustrated in the congressional nominations made by the peoples party in the second and third congressional districts in this state. Kem and McKeighan, both blatant demagogues without a single redeeming feature. McKeighan so rotten in his reputation and so worthless in his business transactions that when examined, the exception is to find a square honest transaction in his life; and to make the matter worse this man does not pretend to deny his crookedness, but attempts to face it down, by telling the farmers he is their friend. Kem is said to be very little better. Now then the old parties would not dare nominate this class of men, and it is only in exceptional cases like that of the second district, when for the sake of breaking the power of the dominant party, that such a man as McKeighan can secure an indorsement as he has from the democratic party this year. This but illustrates the fact that it is a mistake politically for the Alliance republicans and democrats to seek reform outside of their party organizations—this new party must be made up from old parties, of the same men moved by the same politics, and moral agencies that would move them within the old parties, and they are almost always certain to catch at once, the scallawag and long haired reformer as leaders. The nominations in Cass county and in the state, certainly show that the old parties have placed in nomination men who, are as honestly interested in the welfare of the producer and in whom the Alliance have as much confidence as those selected on the so called peoples ticket, and as a rule they are far stronger safer men to intrust the business of the people with.

SINCE the World Herald has inaugurated the fashion of asking questions of candidates, the Pawnee Republican brings out this one:

MR. BOYD, IS MARRIAGE A FAILURE?

M. B. Murphy, Cane
From Fridays Daily.
About a dozen of the friends of M. B. Murphy conspired with his better half to give him a genuine surprise on the occasion of his fifty first birthday, Sept. 18th. A. B. Todd, Mayor Richey, Timothy Clark, A. N. Sullivan, Byron Clark, Thos. Mitchell, James Mitchell, Drs. Humphrey and Cook, F. A. Murphy and R. W. Hyers quietly wended their way to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Murphy at half past six in the evening and enjoyed themselves discussing the question, the democratic and prohibition alliances and the farmers' alliance and other subjects until their intended victim, M. B. Murphy, entered the parlor where they were seated. The surprise was complete. Mrs. Murphy had prepared a royal lunch to which all were invited to partake, and the invitation was accepted, including the flowers, and greatly enjoyed by all. After supper high five was in order, until half past nine when Dr. Humphrey demanded the attention of the party and Mr. Murphy in particular and in a neat happy speech presented him with an elegant gold headed cane, to which Mr. Murphy fittingly replied. The whole affair was a very pleasant one and was well planned and carried out. THE HERALD trusts that Mr. Murphy will only need to carry the cane as an ornament for many years yet.

The Petit Jurors.
Selected for the coming term of the District Court which begins October 13th are as follows:

- CH Dill, S D Cecil, L J Griffith, A C Adams, H J Maury, C J Marten, Wm Dety, J C Creamer, H P Coolidge, W L Barr, Lyman James, V V Leonard, B F Allen, Peter Stander Jr., Robert Stewart, Frank Day, Robert Crawford, Cyrus Alton, John Bell, John Twiss, John Domingo, Tim Bull, I M Stone, Sam'l Smith

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Unfair For the Fair.
The fair closed yesterday evening, the rain having ruined the racing and the attendance for that day. Through the careful management of President Gorder and Secretary Windham there will be enough money to pay all premiums in full. The total receipts will amount to about thirteen hundred dollars. The fair was unquestionably the best ever held in the county and as far as the HERALD could learn was especially well managed.

Judge Ramsey was made very weary the other evening in this wise: A young man with an anxious look on his face caught the judge on the street about eight o'clock and told him he had been looking for him for some time and that he wanted a marriage license. The judge blandly acceded to his request, went over to his office and fixed out the license, after making the usual enquiries; just before the fellow paid the bill however, the judge asked who was to marry them, when he promptly replied that they were to be married in Creston. He was soon informed that a Plattsmouth license was no good in Iowa, when with a doleful countenance he remarked, "that busts me," and slowly departed without knowing but what he had busted the judge without paying for the papers he had made out.

A Remarkable History of an Old Conductor.
From Saturdays Daily.

There is now in our midst Col. Nicholas Greusel, father of E. S. Greusel, whose history may be looked upon as one that may inspire our young men. Coming to this country a poor lad in 1833, and working his own way and making a name for himself, being the son of one of General Murat's officers, who distinguished himself and was rewarded on the field of battle under the first Napoleon. His son, of course, had the military blood born in him. We first find him with a commission from Governor Stephen T. Mason, as second lieutenant in the Michigan State Militia, the adjutant and captain of the Scott Guards, captain Co. D., First Michigan Volunteers in Mexico; on the breaking out of the rebellion he was the first volunteer from Illinois, raising the Seventh Regiment, which was the first regiment; then major and lieutenant-colonel of the same regiment; promoted by Governor Yates to colonel of the Thirty-Sixth Regiment under General Sigel at Pea Ridge; then we find him at Corinth, commanding the Second Brigade, Fifth division, left wing, under General John Pope. We next find him at Cincinnati, for which he was selected by General Grant, and with his Pea Ridge Brigade in front at Covington, soon induced Kirby Smith that if he wanted to burn and pillage that city, he must do some awful fighting or retreat, and he preferred the latter. We next find him going down the Ohio to Louisville, where he was put in command of the Thirty-Seventh Brigade, under General Buell, and fought in the center under General Sheridan—a successful fight. We next find him, after the army was reorganized, under Rosecranz, commanding the First Brigade, third division, right wing, Sheridan's division, where with military caution on the night of the 30th of December, 1862, while the whole army slept, he worked the whole night making a breastwork of rails, which proved to be the salvation of the whole army from being driven back to Nashville, while General's Johnson's and J. C. Davis' divisions were driven back before 7 o'clock in the morning. Colonel Greusel was able to hold and drive back at the point of the bayonet, the whole of General Polk's corps and holding him in check until 9:30 a. m., which enabled General Rosecranz to reform the two divisions which were driven so disastrously early in the morning, and being disabled was obliged to relinquish his post, and General Sheridan says it was much regretted, for it was felt that our cause was losing one whom it could ill spare. His railroad record dates back to 1851, as conductor on the Michigan Central railroad, conductor on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, and finally in 1866 as general road master on the Burlington & Missouri River railroad, never having an accident in all his railroad, and is now a free passenger on most railroads and is looked upon by the boys as the fighting conductor, and honored by all as a man and soldier, who never disgraced the noble men of the punch. The colonel is now seventy-four years old, and looks as if he would have yet many years to enjoy his honors and the comforts of his well earned fame.

A Painful Accident.
As Mr. Dodd the switchman was coupling cars this morning in the yards about one o'clock, he had the misfortune to get his left hand caught between the bumpers, crushing the hand badly. Dr. Thede Livingston was called and dressed the injured hand, and amputated two fingers that were crushed into a pulp. The balance of the hand it is thought will be saved. Mr. Dodd was one of the best men in the yard and THE HERALD is indeed sorry to learn of his misfortune.

Men Held Their Breath.
Mr. Randolph announced that the lady would perform on the slack wire. She balanced herself on the wire and tripped back and forth, while the audience looked on with that apathy and air of being half bored which characterizes all shows which are thoroughly familiar to the theatre and circus patron.

All at once the fair performer drew a few pins from the bay window of her dress and drew that garment off, leaving her standing on one foot, clad in an elaborate lace skirt.

The audience awoke from its indifference, and the show became endowed with a new interest.

More pins were extracted, and over her head went the skirt.

The audience became excited. Next the bus—dress improver came off. It had no longer any dress to improve, and its occupation was gone.

The audience began to speculate as to where the disrobing process would end and a pistol shot or a dog fight would not have served at that moment to distract attention.

At this time the lady on the wire had got down apparently to the snowy garment which as adapted to the female form is known as the shirt.

The audience craned their neck, so to speak, and as the lady showed an intention of removing even that garment strong men held their breath in dismay wonder, and curiosity, while the weak and modest ones covered their faces with their hands.

Well the what d'ye call it came off, and—nothing more shocking was revealed than a handsome and very shapely young woman clad in the regulation tights and trunks that all well-regulated slack wire and trapeze artists are wont to wear.—Ex.

The Reading Wreck.

One of the worst railroad accidents of the year occurred on the Reading road seventeen miles above Reading about 7 o'clock last night. The Pittsfield express as the train was called left Reading ten minutes late and was running at the rate of forty-five miles an hour with 150 passengers aboard when it reached a point on the Schuylkill river where the track is over twenty feet higher than the river. Here, shortly before 6 o'clock, a freight train ran into a coal train, throwing several cars in the latter train on the opposite track, and before the train hands had time to warn any approaching train of the danger the Pottsville express came around the curve and ran into the wrecked coal cars on its track. The engine went down the embankment, followed by the entire train with its human freight.

A passenger who went down with the train and who was but slightly hurt, says: "When the passenger train left Reading the cars were all filled, many of the passengers being ladies. I sat in the front part of the last car. The train was going at a lively rate of speed. The passengers appeared a happy crowd, many of the ladies chatting and laughing after a day's pleasure at the Berks county fair. I was viewing the country through which we were passing when suddenly there was a terrible crash and I was hurled from my seat, while the cars rolled down the twenty foot embankment and I was thrown from one side of the car to the other like a toy, when splash went one end into the water and I was thrown against the side of the car with a force that partially stunned me. I quickly recovered myself and managed to climb upon the seats on that side which lay against the embankment. I was a prisoner in the car, unable to get out, and while I was nursing a sprained and dislocated wrist I realized that I was in a scene of horror. Around me were human beings struggling in the water and screaming in their fright, and some dragged me back into the water.

A few said themselves as I did and the remainder struggled in the water and quickly sank out of sight. Direct communication has been had with the scene of the wreck and it is reported that the number of killed will reach forty or fifty. It is impossible to get the exact number and the full horror of the situation will not be known before morning.

The Bicycle Tournament.
The Omaha Bicycle tournament starts out in a lively manner, and for the first day drew a big crowd.

As predicted by the HERALD our Plattsmouth boys are already winners. T. Patterson won a two mile race against several competitors, the prize being a fine Winchester rifle. Tom Parmelee won the second place in the two mile handicap against sixteen others, the prize was a fine lamp. Tom Patterson came in second on the five mile handicap, which was pronounced a very interesting race. The prize was a \$15 pair of trousers.

Our boys are still on the ground and may be depended upon to capture more of their prizes before the tournament is over.

Parties wishing grapes will leave their orders at Petersen & Larson's store or at Soennichsen's store. Grapes will all be gone in side of ten days. Jno. LEBEL.



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