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It is stated that there are thousands of prettier and more attractive young ladies who attend the St. Louis fair daily than Alice Roosevelt, but being the daughter of the "accidental" president, is the simple attraction to Miss Roosevelt.

"They made us swallow Mickey and Burkett and now if the opposition will put up Shellenberger for governor, Mickey will be snowed under at the polls by 20,000 and the populists will capture the next legislature and it will be Bryan instead of Burkett in the United States senate."—(Words of a Hastings delegate to the republican state convention)—Hastings Daily Republican.

ALL of this talk about Mr. Bryan's "right to bolt" if the nomination at St. Louis displeases him is superfluous. Everybody knows that Mr. Bryan can bolt if he wants to, and it ought to be about equally well known that he will not do so.—Lincoln Journal.

This is one truth to the old Journal's credit. The republicans seem to be worried about Mr. Bryan's bolting. Perhaps "the wish is father to the thought," in this respect, but in that they will never be gratified.

The amiable and inoffensive king of burnt cork, Lew Dockstader, has been guilty of lese majeste. He went through a pantomime not long since representing the acting president in the act of lifting a fallen nigger to his feet, and for portraying that act of mercy and kindness he was chased to New York by a detective and compelled to surrender his photographic property, which was destroyed. If the dead pictures had become living pictures, would it not have helped the White House occupant rather than have harmed him?

The Franklin County Sentinel can conscientiously and will gladly support Hon. A. C. Shellenberger for governor should he receive the nomination by a combination of democratic votes. Mr. Shellenberger is a democrat, but one in whom every populist in the Fifth congressional district places the most implicit confidence. He is a man of irreproachable character and well known integrity. His splendid service in the 57th congress is still fresh in the minds of the citizens of Nebraska who recognize in him a man of sterling worth and a tried and true friend of the people.—Franklin Sentinel.

Said Abraham Lincoln: "You can fool a part of the people all the time, and all the people a part of the time, but can't fool all of the people all of the time." The republican party of Nebraska has fooled the people, by the aid of the railroads, in the election of two senators neither of whom are hardly fitted to represent their respective counties in the state legislature, and now they are going to try to fool them again into voting for a legislature that will send Blowhard Burkett to succeed Scapgoat Dietrich, simply because the railroads have so decreed. Will they be able to fool the people again?

From the tone of the republican press, one would suppose that the party here in Nebraska was very harmonious—n't? All the opposition has to do now is to nominate a candidate for governor who commands the respect and confidence of the people, and he will snow Little Johnny under so deep the tooting of Gabriel's horn won't be able to resurrect him. The republicans didn't want to renominate him, but so faithfully has he complied with the mandates of the railroads that a command from them was all that was necessary. The republican party is in the power of the railroads, and were it not for their aid, that political party would not stand any more show in this state than a snowball in hades.

Deny the presidential campaign of 1900 Lincoln democrats were very numerous. Last year McKinley democrats were quite common. Since Lincoln and McKinley are both dead, their admirers mentioned here, of course, voted the democratic ticket. As a rule in politics a democrat never sees any good in a republican until after he is dead, but this year there seems to be a change. Now, the other day we met a man who has voted the democratic ticket for at least twenty years and he said that this year he would vote for Roosevelt. This gentleman said, "I am a democrat, a Roosevelt democrat. I shall vote for Roosevelt because he is the president for the people." There will be a lot of Roosevelt democrats this fall who will show their colors at the polls.—Weeping Water Republican.

The above sample of tommy-rot has been going the rounds of the republican press, not only in Nebraska, but also in Iowa, and when called upon to name the democrat referred to they have universally failed to do so. Now, as the above re-hash has been applied locally in Cass county, the Journal demands the name of the democrat referred to or the editor of the Republican stands in the same boat with other republican editors who have reproduced the article—as a base political fabricator. Name your man, Brother Keithley—if you can! We know of at least two republicans in Cass county who say they will vote against "Teddy the Terror" if the democrats nominate a good man in at St. Louis, and we are prepared to give their names, if it becomes necessary.

REPRESENTATIVE COWHERD, chairman of the democratic congressional campaign committee, has opened headquarters in Washington. In a recent interview he says: "Newspapers tell us that republican primaries in West Virginia were so harmonious that only seven men were killed; that the Dick and Foraker factions in Ohio have abandoned balloting and are relying for success on the thickness of their skulls and weight of their clubs. Illinois is in the throes of the bitterest convention fight the republican party ever experienced in that state. There was a regular riot at the convention in Wisconsin and noted prizefighters and athletes were in demand for sergeants-at-arms. Senator Spooner says 'the condition in Wisconsin is deplorable—there is no worse condition anywhere.'" Is not this a pathetic state of things?

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Republican "Gains."

Republican papers are making much ado over the announcement that Paul Morton, vice president of the Santa Fe railroad, has joined the republican party. Mr. Morton refers to his "change in political faith," but inasmuch as he has not voted the democratic ticket for twelve years, and gave his support to republican candidates during the last two presidential campaigns, there is not much change in Mr. Morton's political faith. To all intents and purposes, he has been a republican for many years, but this is the first time he has summoned courage to acknowledge the fact.—World-Herald.

"Hurrah for Mickey!"

Mr. Mickey is not a popular official, neither is he a strong character. He possesses a certain kind of obstinacy which his friends are pleased to construe as firmness, and his overweening self-esteem is in like manner self-termed self-reliant independence. His much-vaunted Christianity and moral purity have been paraded to the point of nauseum—as if it were something uncommon for a republican officeholder to be a gentleman in all that the term implies. The Citizen was opposed to the reasons that are apparent in the foregoing sentences; but since he has again become the unanimous choice of the duly accredited representatives of the republican party, this paper is ready to yell "Hurrah for Mickey" as loud as any of its contemporaries. Party loyalty demands this concession, but the Citizen makes it with much the same feeling as possesses the small boy when he is required for harmony's sake to form pleasant associations with some conceited, smirking, sniveling classmate.—Tilden (Neb.) Citizen (Republican.)

Mickey a Hard Dose.

An interview with any honest republican who was a delegate in the late lamented state convention and one will hear with all details and trimmings, how the Lincoln-Omaha machine gang practically gagged the delegates and forced the nomination of Mickey and all the rest of the candidates on the machine slate, they will tell you in no uncertain language that Mickey was a hard dose to swallow, and many of them will also frankly tell you that it was the expressed opinion of seventy-five per cent of the delegates before they had walked two blocks away from the convention hall that Mickey would be everlastingly snowed under at the polls. If the populists and democrats nominate A. C. Shellenberger for governor Mickey will be so badly beaten he'll be sorry he was ever in it. For a professional Methodist and a stalwart republican Mickey is one of the worst ever.—Hastings Daily Republican.

It is given out that Bryan will make a run for the senate during the coming campaign, and it is even hinted (very darkly) that he will challenge Elmer J. Burkett to a great joint debate with the intention of wiping him entirely off the political map. The program is very good in the making, but as Mr. Burkett will doubtless decline to be wiped off of the map aforesaid, Mr. Bryan's plan will very early develop a painfully weak spot.—Kearney Hub.

Yes, if such a thing should come to pass on the part of Mr. Bryan, it would be painful to his friends to even think that Mr. Bryan would come down from his lofty position as one of the nation's greatest orators and statesmen, to challenge a man who has nothing to recommend him but egotism. Then, again, if Mr. Bryan was to favor the great wind-bag with a challenge, that "eminent tool of the railroads" would be too cowardly to accept. So, don't worry, Mr. Hub, Mr. Bryan is not in the habit of wasting precious moments on such insignificant egotists as Blowhard Burkett.

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