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IOWA politicians are divided into stand-patters and "grand-stand-patters."

All that remains to make the fame of Mayor Woodward of Atlanta secure, is to have a brand of whiskey named after him.

The President will probably be interested to know, that the "correspondents" have his message to Congress about completed.

AN Omaha fashion writer states that the latest styles in ladies' hats are very expensive. That's the "reason" they are stylish.

NEW ORLEANS has learned the lesson, although it had learned it several times before, that the "time to fight" yellow fever is "before" it arrives.

THE Russian soldiers who cut off their "trigger fingers" to keep from facing the Japanese, extend an invitation to one and all to come and kick 'em.

GOV. FOLK declares that the dollar is not so potent in politics as it used to be. In other words, the "price of votes" has increased along with everything else.

THE American hen has a right to "cluck and cackle." The past year with her eggs and her chickens, she produced \$280,000,000 of the wealth of the country.

RUSSELL SAGE hasn't bought a wig, although he greatly admires Mr. Rockefeller and has been somewhat envious of the old man's scheme to beat the barbers.

CABINET officers are now returning to Washington to take up those questions "of vast public import" which have obligingly been quiescent during the heated term.

SIMPLY as a matter of interstate courtesy Louisiana would be glad to relieve Nebraska and Iowa of any unwelcome September frosts, if only they can be shunted southward.

CHARLES B. LETTON is the name of the gentleman nominated for judge of the supreme court. He hails from Fairbury, and is at present one of the supreme court commissioners.

JAS. CALDWELL, member of Parliament, has killed more bills in the British House of Commons, than any other member. It is a proud distinction, and it is a pity that every legislature in the United States is not the proud possessor of a "Caldwell."

CHIEF JUSTICE FULLER recently suffered shabby treatment at a London hotel, by being taken for an itinerant musician. The most loyal of the friends of our chief justice have long been of the opinion that Mr. Fuller needed a hint to cut his hair, and now he has it.

THERE is a stinging commentary on the character of the departmental administration at Washington in the fact that there has been launched in the capital city, a weekly paper devoted exclusively to the discussion and exposure of "graft" among government employes. "Journal of Graft."

A WOMAN, the thirteenth child and born on the thirteenth day of the month, recently died in Arkansas at the age of 105. Might have known something would happen to her.

THE republicans who object to depriving the negro of his vote in Virginia and North Carolina may point proudly to the shining example of Philadelphia where the republican machine has not only deprived "no living" of his ballot but for years, have allowed 50,000 dead people to keep on voting.

THE stand-patters have notice that Secretary of War Taft is coming back with a bill in his pocket for the admission to the United States of Philippine products free of duty. He will have in this enterprise the good will of the Tobacco Trust, which wants all the free tobacco, and of the Sugar Trust, which wants all the free raw sugar it can get, and maybe of the Cordage Trust, which likes to make protected twine and rope out of unprotected fibres. Maybe nobody will say a word about free manufactured sugar or free binder twine, or reduced duties on cigars while Mr. Taft is running in his free raw material; and maybe somebody will. Mr. Secretary Shaw, also, reputed to have a few recommendations to offer to Congress concerning countervailing duties on bounty-aided sugar; and the reciprocity men will rise to make a few brief remarks. And yet the stand-patters say that the Fifty-ninth Congress is not going to talk tariff.

THE Beatrice Sun hits the nail on the head thusly: "The Omaha Bee is of the opinion that an anti-pass campaign must be backed by a law preventing the giving of passes to delegates to state conventions, as well as to public officers. The tendency would be to reduce the number of delegates to state conventions, and instead of having a convention of ten or fifteen hundred, the state convention would be composed of three or four hundred. It would then be a deliberate body, and not a howling mob."

SENATOR SHELDON got it in the neck pretty badly yesterday for permanent chairman of the republican state convention. The fact is, there are republicans right here in Cass county who do not care to see Mr. Sheldon gain any more prominence than he already has, and they don't all reside outside of Plattsmouth either. They try their best on every occasion to sidetrack him. But he is the coming republican of Cass county when the party want to shove to the front a favorite son.

WE will soon learn how "deglitened" Farley and his friends will be to support Letton for supreme court judge. It was he, you must remember, that wrote the opinion in the Farley-McBride libel suit, which was appealed to the supreme court by Farley and his friends.

FRED ABBOTT, of Columbus, and W. G. Lyford, of Falls City, were nominated yesterday for regents of the state university. William P. Warner, of Dakota City was made chairman of the republican state committee and Byron Clark was selected as the member from Cass county.

IN the excitement incident to the war, the peace conference, the base ball race and Mr. Rockefeller's purchase of a wig, the peach crop seems to have succeeded in "failing" without anyone noticing it.

THE depressing news comes from Oyster Bay that the President is taking on flesh again. Still, he may once more get back to normal trim, after he has his regular winter's wrestle with the Senate.

THE republican state convention meets in Lincoln tomorrow. The Rosewaters say that Duffie must be nominated for judge of the supreme court, and of course he will. What the chief guy of the Bee says must go.

DUFFIE was defeated in the convention yesterday for judge. "The way of the transgressor is hard," can now be changed to that of "the way of the renegade is harder." Judge Duffie used to be a democrat.

THE sportsman statesman in Washington with a hammerless shotgun, is just now rejoicing over old Virginia's bumper crop of part-ridges.

SINCE he has adopted a wig and bicycling, John D. Rockefeller may drift next into the cigarette habit. He would look fifty years younger.

OUR great corn crop, which is expected to equal or exceed the 2,500,000-bushel crop of 1902, will make this a great year in America for the fattening of beef cattle as well as of hogs unless, which is not likely, feeders are discouraged by too high prices for grass cattle. We shall have a great deal of meat to sell abroad. But we cannot sell it to Germany and other countries of Continental Europe in competition with South American meats unless they can pay for it with their own products. By shutting them out of our markets we deny them the means of paying for that which we wish to sell.

SOME New Yorkers are writing about the loss of money by the banks of that burg as if they didn't know what is the matter. The money it coming west and south, as it does every year at this season, to "move the crops." It is going into the pockets of the harvesters, the farmers and the country merchants, and into the bank accounts of the railroads that haul the produce. It will return to the financial centers as fast as it serves its purpose of providing the agricultural regions with the commodities which the crops buy.

JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER predicts that the next "hard-times crisis" will strike this country in 1907-08, and that where there were 3,000,000 men out of work in 1893, there will be from 7,000,000 to 10,000,000 in idleness when the next hard times is upon us. Mr. Rockefeller bases his statement on the fact that over-production in all lines will bring the crisis. We were talking "good roads" at the time, and it was his idea that proper legislation should be enacted so that idle men could be put to work building roads when the time comes. John D. is "in the ring" that brings on the hard times whenever it sees fit, and ought to know about the time set for such an occurrence.

THAT Chinese order for 100,000 barrels of American flour is one more proof that China must have our bread, boycott or no boycott. With the building of railroads and the growth inland of centers of European and American trade she will need a great deal more of it than she does now. For years our state department will have no more important function than to watch the open door in China and see that it is kept open.

"I WANT to make my position perfectly clear. I want to say that not only am I not announcing a candidacy, but I am not permitting a candidacy." In these words William Jennings Bryan administered a check to the enthusiasm at the Jefferson club banquet in Chicago last night given in honor of Nebraska's favorite son. There were various speeches advocating his nomination for the third time for president.

THE commissioner of the general land office has issued instructions to registers and receivers and offices throughout the country directing that in the future no person shall be permitted to acquire more than 320 acres of nonmineral public land under existing laws. Heretofore applicants have been permitted to increase that quantity under the timber and stone and soldiers' additional homestead laws.

Bad on Farley.
The Plattsmouth Journal dubs the ticket nominated by the Cass county republicans last week, "Farley's ticket." Farley is the publisher of the Plattsmouth News. If Mr. Farley is the republican party of Cass county at this day and age, or its ruling spirit, his ticket should go to defeat. -Mr. Farley is a very good man, but decidedly narrow between the eyes, and thus his range of vision is much contracted. Besides, one man power is a relic of the past in Nebraska, and is being relegated to oblivion wherever and whenever it shows its head.—Lincoln Herald.

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But the fact that it depopulates our kitchens, pantries and laundries is not the worst indictment against musical comedy as an institution. The truth is that, taken as a class, musical comedy is not the most elevating diversion for intelligent, or even semi-intelligent, people. It is mere animated and noisy scenery constructed about a center of drivel, built largely of girls who are strong enough to carry the costumes about, but whose natural charms are not worth special attention.

All the rest, the genuine and particular beauties who can be hired for \$8 a week could easily be compressed into one musical comedy, which might be tolerable. But to think that there are extant and moving about the country no less than 19,756 musical comedies is appalling from the artistic standpoint, to say nothing of the economic and domestic.

Is this to be another season of musical comedy? asks the lover of the drama. Considering the statistics, we fear that it is. We could wish that the girls would quit the stage and organize employment bureaus. There are thousands of opportunities in homes awaiting capable girls where they could earn more money, where the work is easier and where they could make far more of a hit than in the back line of a trifling show. And the work is far more honorable.

The Right Man.

It is stated, and upon pretty good authority, too, that P. E. McKillip, who was a candidate for congress in the Third district last year, desires the democratic nomination for governor next year. McKillip is one of the best campaigners in the state, and would make it very warm for the republican nominee, no matter who he may be.

Mr. McKillip is a graduate of the Harvard law school. His preliminary training was had at Creighton college. As an orator his friends claim that he is unequalled by any democrat in the state with the exception of Mr. Bryan. The phenomenal increase in land values of the past few years have made him one of the wealthiest men in Nebraska, but despite his environment he is said to be one of the best mixers in the party. Should he receive the nomination next year, his advocates propose to have him make something of the whirlwind campaign which proved so successful in the election of Mr. Bryan to congress at the outset of his career. His friends say that he will place \$25,000 in the campaign fund.

As evidence of the Humprey man's ability, it is pointed out that he lost only three votes in his home precinct and that he carried Platte county by 700 against McCarthy, despite the fact that Roosevelt electors received 400 majority, and in the district Roosevelt had over 14,000 majority, while that of McCarthy was cut to less than 3,000.

FOR sometime it was thought Senator Sheldon of this county would be selected chairman of the republican convention which meets in Lincoln Thursday. The Italian hand of the Rosewaters is very plain in the side-tracking of Senator Sheldon. He is too true to the people for the Rosewater gang.

MAYOR WOODWARD of Atlanta, has sworn off. He will never get drunk again, that is, real drunk.

IN order to fight the beef trust New York and Nebraska butchers have secured "little octopi" of their own.

SECRETARY SHAW might be right in thinking that "now" is the time for him to have a presidential book, if he is to have one at all.

THE Rosewaters failed to get their favorite nomination for judge yesterday at Lincoln.

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