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THERE is some talk now of Dr. P. L. Hall, of Lincoln, for governor. He is good enough for us.

THE "trust busting" business is becoming a popular industry, but honor bright, did any one ever hear of the feat being accomplished!

OMAHA republicans are badly mixed on the senatorial question, and there will be another hot time in the old town before snow flies again.

THE Fountanelle club of Omaha is up in arms against Edward Rosewater for United States senator. This is an indication of Mr. Rosewater's success.

THE champion absent-minded man hails from Kansas. His wife has to watch him continually to keep him from putting the lamp to bed and blowing himself out.

IT is not quite fifty years since the republican party held its first national convention. The wonder is that it could become so hardened in sin in so brief an existence.

A PREACHER down in Tennessee bought a page advertisement and increased the membership of his church one third in a week by advertising. "It pays to advertise."

EVIDENTLY some of those who suggest Mickey for senator are "joshing." After his term of governor expires he will be consigned to private life where he properly belongs.

OMAHA has a half dozen republican candidates for United States senator, but Rosewater has the longest pole and will surely "knock the persimmon." He seems to be "it" this time.

THERE are many small enterprises that Plattsmouth could just as well have had in the past two years had it not been for street corner knockers. Why are such mortals allowed to breathe, anyhow? They are a misery to themselves and disgrace to the community.

WHEN you buy an article from the home dealer you always see what it is before you take it. When you buy of a catalogue house you take it "sight unseen," and no matter how inferior the article you have to keep it.

"BUSTER" BROWN is getting so busy trust busting that we fear he will not be able to complete the job in any given case, before the election of a United States senator becomes necessary. Then his political enemies might make the cruel charge that Norris was only playing to the grand stand.

THE republican senatorial contest in Nebraska promises to be a hot one. The state house ring candidate, "Buster" Brown, promises now to be low man in the race. His boom came too soon to be lasting. Rosewater knew what hour to make a lucky strike.

THE Fountanelle club of Omaha which was instrumental in securing the nomination of Benson for mayor against the wishes of the rank and file republicans, says it proposes to keep on doing business at the old stand. This is certainly good news to the democrats of the metropolis.

SECRETARY SHAW is unnecessarily pessimistic in counting among the political evils of the day the "trend toward the obliteration of party lines." Nothing can rub out party lines in this country. The trend which Mr. Shaw fails to see aright is that of republicans moving, with something like a landslide rush, to get on the democratic side of the line.

THE town whose citizens are most thoroughly united and harmonious in their efforts to accomplish desired results for the common good is the one which can be counted on to make the most progress.

THE selection of an energetic state central committee is one of the most important duties of the coming state convention to perform. This matter should be kept prominently before the democrats of the state. Let each county see that they are represented on this committee by an energetic working member, and one that is alive to the interests of his party.

JUDGE SULLIVAN does not desire the democratic nomination for governor. When approached upon the subject the other day he remarked: "If I thought there was any chance of the democrats nominating me for governor I would move into a state where the officials would refuse to honor extradition and become forever after a fugitive from justice."

THE delegates who attend the democratic state convention should be selected with the understanding that a candidate for United States senator will be nominated. For the democrats to fail in doing what they have advocated for years will not add very much to the success of the party at the ballot box. The masses of the party who select the delegates should so instruct their representatives to the ensuing state convention.

THE keynote of democratic action in 1906 was sounded by the democrats of Kansas in their state convention, declaring that the Dingley tariff is the greatest of all grafts and the source of despotism which the people suffer at the hands of the trusts. It is a direct challenge of the republican claim that unnecessary and burdensome taxes on everything that enters into general use are a good thing for the people who pay the taxes. And the nomination of ex-Senator Harris emphasizes the position of Kansas democrats in this matter even more strongly than does their platform.

TO COL. M. C. WETMORE of St. Louis, W. J. Bryan writes: "I am always glad to hear from you, even if your flattering reports do make me blush. I am satisfied that the things I have been fighting for are growing, but who will be most available in 1908 is a question that cannot be answered now. I shall not do anything to secure another nomination, and do not want it unless circumstances seem to demand it—time alone can determine that. I appreciate your deep interest in the matter, and shall want to see you as soon as I get home. You will have to pay me that promised visit. We are seeing lots, and I am glad you are pleased with the letters. I think you will enjoy the one on English rule in India."

THE Lincoln Journal and Ross Hammond of the Fremont Tribune seem already worried over the candidacy of Edward Rosewater for United States senator. Of course this is no surprise to Mr. Rosewater's friends, as it was on the "bargain and sale" proposition that "Buster" Brown was agreed upon by Ross Hammond and the Journal faction, but it is not likely that the convention will fall in with the scheme. Hammond, Schneider and the Journal faction have adopted to defeat the will of the republican delegates in convention assembled. Hammond, Schneider and company once ran the republican party to suit their notion, but that day has gone glimmering and only numbered among the days that were.

THREE churches were struck by lightning in Cleveland, Ohio, a few days ago and badly wrecked. Was that also a visitation of providential displeasure?

SPEAK a good word for Plattsmouth. If you can't do that keep a closed mouth to all comers and goers.

REPRESENTATIVE JOHN SHARP WILLIAMS has so many times shown himself a master of the tariff question that it was no surprise to see him rise and read the republicans in the house on Friday last. In addition to a thorough grounding in economic principle, Mr. Williams has a large practical knowledge, which makes him a peculiarly ugly customer for the standpatters to wake up. Moreover, he has the fine consistency which leads him to denounce tariff plunder even when it seems to be flowing toward his own pocket. Hence the discomfiture of those who sought to trap him by asking him if he, himself a cotton planter, was not in favor of a protective tariff on his own product. "Why should I want to rob carpenters and bricklayers and blacksmith," asked Mr. Williams, "by making them pay an artificial price for cotton?" This is a much stronger position than that taken by Senator Tillman when he admitted that the tariff was but so much stealing, but declared that, so long as it was going on, he was bound to get South Carolina's share of the booty. Mr. Williams, too, fairly left the republicans terror-stricken when he asked what they would do with the tariff-revision message which the president was sure to send in before a twelve month had passed.

THE democratic party holds, and will proclaim in the congressional campaigns of this year, that the whole system by which special interests are given the right to rob and oppress all other interests is false in principle and vicious in practice. The republican party, it is now evident, will not budge one inch from its traditional position that the manufacturing interests of this country should have the right to levy tribute upon all other interests and industries, regardless of their merit or of their value in the general economy of the country. The republican leaders prefer that the democratic party should win in this year's election on a tariff reform platform rather than that the growing tariff reform sentiment among republican voters should find expression through a republican congress. They prefer that tariff revision should be undertaken by democrats rather than by republicans. The democratic party accepts the responsibility and is likely to make tariff revision a paramount issue in 1906. Democrats do not hold that American industries should be exposed to foreign attack or discrimination. It is the entire history of the government antedating the advent of the republican party there was hardly a tariff act in which some protection, direct or indirect, was not extended to nascent American industries.

THERE are just 1,587 clerks in the different departments of the government more than 65 years old, and of this number 171 are upwards of 75 years. The Civil Service Commission has completed its census of the different departments, and within a few days a report will be made to President Roosevelt regarding the years and efficiency of these clerks. The oldest clerk in the service is 91 years. There is one who is 90; three are 86; four 85; five 84; six 83; twelve 82; fourteen 81; eighteen 80; fifteen 79; twenty-five 78; twenty-three 77; forty-four 76. Of the entire number 189 hold their position on account of their war records.

SECRETARY SHAW's neighbors in his congressional district in Iowa have not only refused to endorse his presidential aspirations, but in their convention last week by a vote of two to one they refused to approve his record as secretary of the treasury. Well, we should think that any convention of self-respecting people of any party would refuse to endorse his wild-cat and counterfeit money schemes and aiding Wall Street in robbing the balance of the country.

NOW doth the busy standpat be singing sweet in Buster's bonnet, and stinging Rosewater in the rear, when he sits down upon it.

The Tie-Up at Panama.

THE 23,000 men drawing pay from the Government on the Isthmus of Panama are almost as many as the law allowed in the army of the United States a few years ago. In his latest report to the Secretary of War Chairman Shonts tells why much of the money they received is wasted. The work of digging the canal is delayed by the neglect of Congress to decide whether the canal shall be made with locks or at sea level.

The sanitary work and policing of the canal zone administration have banished fevers from that part of the Isthmus. The mosquitoes have been almost exterminated. Comfortable and healthful quarters are prepared and preparing for the army of laborers who are to "make the dirt fly."

And yet, the dirt is not flying in any considerable quantities, and cannot fly until the kind of canal to be built is decided upon. Though the steel works in the United States are booking orders months ahead, much of the machinery to be used in the canal and harbor work is not yet contracted for and cannot be until it is known whether the canal is to be at sea level or above it.

Why is the decision postponed? The opening of the new route is expected to revolutionize the world's commerce in the Pacific, with most of the benefits of the change falling to the United States. The preliminary steps for the canal building, the setting of the Panama government, the purchase of the canal zone and of the rights and property of the French canal company were among the most brilliant achievements of President Roosevelt's first administration. But the harvest of all this planting is barred by indecision as to what we want.

In this instance, as in many other of Mr. Roosevelt's enterprises, the promise of the proclamation is not fulfilled by the performance. The country waits and grows weary of waiting while the Senate hesitates. The country wants that canal and will hold the republican party responsible if the dirt is not flying good and fast by midsummer.

THE radical republican senators, repudiating the white house surrender, have administered a stinging rebuke to President Roosevelt by forcing the railroad senators to accept additions greatly strengthening the original Allison amendment to the railroad-rate bill. The republicans, according to the latest reports from Washington, will present a united front for the amendment in its new form. Senators Dooliver, Cullom, Long and other western republicans lined up solidly against the naked review, agreeing that even the present popularity of Roosevelt in the west would not shelter them politically if they surrendered to the railroad senators. Senator Dooliver looked to Iowa and saw Governor Cummins ready to rise in denunciation of a rate fiasco. In Illinois, Senator Cullom saw Yates making the surrender of an issue in the senatorial fight. In Kansas, Senator Long saw former Senator Harris running for governor and heading a democratic revival, based on a railroad issue, that already threatens to overwhelm the republican ticket this fall. These conditions would move most any wise senator from the west to move in the direction of the people. How about the senators from Nebraska?

THE country does not need nor does not care for a republican rate bill nor a democratic rate bill. The question of rate regulation is not a partisan one and the attempt to make it so is illadvised and foolish. From past experience it looks as if it will take all the brains there is in both parties to frame a law that will stand the test and meet the requirements of the hour. Any law that can command enough votes to make it a party measure will without much doubt be found to have little value.

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