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UNFORTUNATELY for President Roosevelt, many of the so-called wild assertions of Senator Tillman are supported by men of well known standing in the republican party.

It is said the board of public lands and buildings will not investigate the alleged rottenness of the Norfolk asylum management for fear that the disclosures may effect the campaign.

SENATOR GEORGE L. SHELDON of Nehawka, candidate for the nomination for governor, will be the principal speaker at the old settlers' picnic at Palmyra, Otoe county, June 14.

The Lincoln Journal says that Charles Bryan presented \$100 to Governor Mickey yesterday as a donation from his brother, W. J. Bryan, for the San Francisco sufferers, making a total of \$200 contributed by Mr. Bryan.

ABOUT twenty democratic editors met in Lincoln yesterday to talk over the political conditions in Nebraska. In the evening they enjoyed a banquet at the Windsor, which was attended by a number of prospective candidates.

The Washington Star reports an alliance between President Roosevelt and Senator Primrose to defeat the insurgents in Pennsylvania and give the corrupt machine there another lease of power. The machine will need more than ten administrations to save it from the wrath of the outraged people.

ROOSEVELT is not the only phenomenon that can talk in opposite directions at the same time. The wireless telegraph operator on the French steamer La Provence accomplished that feat on the 27th of April by talking to people on both sides of the Atlantic at once. Great talkers may expect imitations.

We notice from an exchange that there is a painful lack of teachers in the schools of many counties of the state. This is a good sign. It indicates that the girls are getting tired of teaching, and are getting married. It shows that they are growing weary of working for wages and are now going to work for nothing, or just for the fun of the thing.

It will be interesting to notice, when the republican state platforms are promulgated, how far the republican politicians will follow President Roosevelt in his proposition to confiscate the property of the very rich. Party organization must be preserved at all hazard and the party leader is entitled to full obedience or the party machine will be worthless.

If you are a republican boss, look out for political squalls about November, is the way the prognostications in the political almanac are warning the g. o. p. The advice to democrats is to get together on essentials and lay aside factional quarrels. The democrat that for selfish reasons is trying to disrupt the party at this time should be warned to desist and advised that only those who fight for the general welfare can expect consideration and reward hereafter.

It is one-half that has been said regarding the abuses in the insane asylum at Norfolk is true, there should be a general house-cleaning at that establishment. There is a tendency upon the part of a great many men who are in the employ of the state, to outgrow their jobs. Men who are employed as attendants too often rise in their own opinion above their business, and instead of being kind and considerate of those who are placed in their charge, they become tyrants, and unfit for their positions. Sift the abuses and prosecute the guilty.

WHEN the "friends of the tariff" revise it, it will be time to expect Satan to turn Saint.

THE Fremont Tribune, in commenting on the candidacy of Dr. P. L. Hall for governor, says that half a dozen democratic bosses have selected the ticket. If this were true it would be infinitely better than allowing two or three railroad bosses to select the ticket, as the republicans have always done in this state. The republicans have been led around by the nose so long by the railroads that it comes with poor grace for them to talk of bosses.

Now that the senate committee has followed the recommendations of the majority of the engineer experts to build the Panama on the sea level plan, there should be no more delay in pushing the work. There is no doubt that in view of the danger to locks and dams from earthquakes, the sea level type is the only safe one. It may cost a little more and take a little longer to build, and those who talked so much about making the "dirt fly" may be disgruntled, but making haste slowly in a work of this magnitude is the only safe policy.

THE merchants of Trenton, Mo., have taken a practical step in the direction of road improvement. They have purchased steel enough to make four hundred drags, and this material is given out to the farmers who will work the road, free of charge, upon the order of the rural free delivery carriers. Where there is a bad piece of road the carrier endeavors to interest the people in the community to fix it. This is indeed a step in the right direction. The merchants of this city could emulate the merchants of the Missouri town with profit. We need good roads, and to much cannot be said in this behalf.

THE Roosevelt administration will soon come to be known as the great compromisers, for in addition to compromising on the railroad rate bill and trying to compromise on the statehood bill, it is now proposed by Secretary Taft to compromise with the senate on the Philippine tariff bill, by raising the rate of duties to 50 per cent of the regular rates instead of 25 per cent. Can anyone give a fair reason why the people of the Philippines should be taxed 50 per cent and the Porto Ricans and Hawaiians have free trade with the United States, except that the tobacco trust and the sugar trust and the rice trust say so?

JOHN N. BALDWIN of the Union Pacific railroad says of the rate bill: "I believe the bill as adopted with its amendments is going to give satisfaction to all concerned." Comment is unnecessary. It is easy to draw your own conclusions of the bill if it satisfies the railroads. And it surely does, for Mr. Baldwin is a railroad man and speaks by the card. But we have not yet heard whether the bill suits the other people concerned—the shippers and consumers. We do not believe Mr. Baldwin is authorized to speak for them, and we shall wait until we hear from both sides before we determine whether the bill gives satisfaction to "all concerned."

THE local railroad attorneys have flooded the U. S. Senate with telegrams demanding that they be excepted from the anti-pass proviso of the railroad rate bill. These local railroad attorneys rarely have any legal business before the courts for the railroads; unless it is a "cow case." They are political agents to see that "safe and sane" men are elected to the legislature and congress and are more detrimental to the people's interest than any other of the railroad officials. Cutting off their railroad passes reduces their opportunity of mischief and voters of all parties should watch the actions of their senators and representatives on this important matter, for it will indicate more than anything else if they are really friends of the people or the corporations.

SO LONG as Plattsmouth merchants fail to patronize the columns of the newspapers, just so long will the people throughout the county consider the town a dead one, and just so long will the people of the city and county send off orders to mail order houses in Chicago.

If dear old father George Washington, who never told a lie, could come back to earth and step into the U. S. senate and hear the word "liar" bandied about by these modern day "Senators" he would thank his stars he lived before the days of the Great American Trusts.

WHAT active anti-railroad men Governor Mickey and State Treasurer Mortensen are, just now, as they are about to step down and out. They seem to think now that the railroads are fearfully under-assessed, which never occurred to them in 1903, 1904 and 1905 when they were making the assessment and were candidates for re-election.

At a meeting recently of republicans in Grand Island, ex-Speaker Rouse was endorsed for governor and a committee of one hundred leading republicans was selected to boost the gentleman. One of this committee named was Editor Buechler of the Independent, but he declines to serve and puts up a very strong argument against being drafted for this kind of work. The chief objection Mr. Buechler has against ex-Speaker Rouse is that Rouse is notoriously a Burlington machine man.

THE republicans of the Tenth Iowa congressional district, at their convention, endorsed Gov. Cummings and his position on railroad rate legislation and tariff reform. This district being the home of Secretary Shaw it virtually knocks out that gentleman from controlling the state and probably will result in retiring him as a candidate for president. Standpatters in other states should take notice and prepare for the coming tariff reform cyclone.

### Republicans Won't Stand For It.

The republican majority of the House Committee on election of president, vice-president and members of congress, very naturally voted to drop, like a hot baked potato, consideration of the bill for publicity of campaign contributions. They decided it was loosely drawn, but it was probably tight enough, if enacted into law, to have afforded considerable inconvenience and perplexity to the chairman of the republican congressional committee, who will receive contributions this summer and fall, from sources he would not care to disclose. When the sugar trust produces its sweet donation, and the steel trust disgorges some of its tariff plunder, and the coal trust, through Brother Baer, or some of the other God entrusted coal barons, "comes down with the dust," it would be awkward to publish these facts to the world. The reason for the refusal of the republican majority in congress to revise the tariff that shelters trusts would be too plain for even the most rock ribbed, but obtuse, republican voters to endorse. Of course the intelligent voter has observed the evidence that has been published from authentic sources, that the trusts and corporations have furnished millions to keep the standpatters in power and that even the funds that should have been sacred to the widows and orphans of life insurance policy holders were illegally and feloniously diverted to the same corrupt purpose. It is true that President Roosevelt denied, in the closing days of the last national campaign, that the republican national committee had received such contributions, but nevertheless his victory at the polls is still clouded by these tainted millions and no restitution has been made.

No wonder, then, that the republican politicians unite in refusing to consider a bill that make contributions from such tainted sources almost impossible. Future republican committees would be at the starving point under such circumstances.

### The Voice of Democracy.

President Roosevelt, first and last, has stolen a good deal of democratic thunder which he does not know very well how to use, but republican chumps who imagine that the democrats have no issues left will be undeceived if they will listen a little to the voice of democracy now resounding even through the counties of Nebraska.

The notes of democratic doctrine sound strong and clear and the texts from the Jeffersonian gospel are given out for preachment in every precinct between now and November.

In reaffirming the principles of Jeffersonian democracy the democrats of Nebraska do not need to expand their resolutions with multitude of words. The simple mention of Jefferson's name in connection with that of our own William Jennings Bryan, expresses hostility to most of the things that the republican party has done, is doing or wants to do.

Reform of the robber Dingley tariff is a purpose on which Nebraska democracy is unanimous and determined. Republicans who claim that the tariff should be revised by its "friends" are reminded that they have put it off too long, and that the democratic party is the only friend of the right kind of tariff.

Hostility to trusts and monopolies in restraint of trade, hostility to machine methods and boss rule in politics, loyalty to representative government freely exercised are elemental parts of the Jeffersonian democracy whose voice is heard all through Nebraska just now.

State and national conventions may expand upon issues, but all the issues the democracy contends for in the opening campaign are covered by the single Jeffersonian maxim: "Equal rights to all, special privileges to none."

### A Trust Object Lesson.

The Standard Oil clique appears to have made money out of the president's "Standard Oil message" for they had the advantage of advance copies of the message and the Garfield report from some unexplained source, probably from the newspapers they control. This enabled them to sell the market in advance and then when the message and report were sent to congress and other people took the bear side of the market, the clique bought back at lower prices the Standard Oil specialties they had sold a few days previously. Instantly, says the New York Post, the entire stock market advanced. It was generally declared in Wall street that when the message should "come out" the Standard Oil clique would give the administration an "object lesson" that Standard Oil stocks were immune from any attacks of President Roosevelt, or any one else. This leaking of government secrets for the benefit of the trust is a sample of the careless, if strenuous, methods of the Roosevelt administration.

GEORGE W. BERGE is now an out and out candidate for governor. While the Journal is prepared to support any man the democrats may decide upon, we are candid in the opinion that under all existing circumstances Mr. Berge is the most available candidate.

THE coffin industry of this country is to have another term of exceptional prosperity by reason of an increased export trade with the Philippines. The Palujanes tribe is all to be killed, to say nothing of our own soldiers who may fall in performing the ceremony. The coffin trust industry may yet reach the magnitude of the steel trust.

TOM ALLEN, chairman of the democratic state central committee, and who is a brother-in-law of W. J. Bryan, says that under no circumstances will Nebraska's favorite son be a candidate for senator. He says, also, that the race for this honor is between Hitchcock of the Omaha World-Herald and Thompson of Grand Island. For the benefit of the party and credit of the state let it be Hon. G. M. Hitchcock.

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## JOHN BAUER, Hardware Dealer

THE Chicago editor who has been trying to identify the familiar hoop snake with the chasing rattler of the prairies ought to move further away from the Peoria distilleries.

EXPATRIATED Kentuckians need not be disturbed on account of the denaturized spirits bill. It cannot possibly go into effect before the Louisville home-coming jubilee.

THIRTY-THREE counties in Missouri have formally endorsed Bryan for the nomination for president, and this in face of the fact that Gov. Folk of that state is said to be a candidate.

DEMOCRATS should pay no attention to democratic candidates for governor brought to the front by the state house ring at Lincoln. The democrats are abundantly able to select their own candidates; besides the republicans are not in the habit of mentioning popular dem-

ocrats for candidates. They endeavor to draw attention away from that fact.

THE Washington Post declares that the steel trust has promised to "sell structural iron in San Francisco as cheaply as it sells that product abroad," and adds that "the bill to refund the tariff duty therefore been put to sleep." With all due deference to this exclusive information in the Post of the concession and concession of the steel trust, it is a safe bet that San Francisco will be lucky if it can buy steel at top prices here. Why, to sell steel in San Francisco at the same price it is sold abroad, would defeat the republican candidates for congress in every doubtful district and put every standpatter on the defensive. The Post should know that the protectionists claim that trust products are not sold cheaper abroad than here.