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Don't forget the great celebration in Plattsmouth July 4th.

Tomorrow, June 14, is Flag day. Unfurl Old Glory to the breeze.

Republican orators might as well prepare to explain that the railroad bill was "the best we could get."

State candidates are now filing right lively, and from present indications there promises to be plenty of them.

The fact that the tariff was revised by its friends is not sufficient reason why the railroads should be supervised by their friends.

Preliminary to the proper observance of a safe and sane 4th, it may be advisable to impress upon Young America that the celebration does not begin in June.

James Schoolcraft Sherman, the vice president, is to make speeches against LaFollette in Wisconsin. Isn't LaFollette just about the luckiest man in public life?

A recount of the votes in the 13th Pennsylvania district had cut Dazell's majority to a meager 207. And whereupon the Honorable Dazell got out an injunction to prevent any further recounting.

The Red Men of Plattsmouth are preparing an old fashioned 4th of July celebration at that city. The Reds at Platts are a strong order and a live bunch, and they will have a "time" worth going miles to see. The world is invited.—Lincoln Herald.

All the towns situated within a radius of twenty five or thirty miles of Plattsmouth will please take notice that this city will celebrate the 4th. When they understand this fact, they know that it will be the biggest celebration that will be held in southeastern Nebraska this year. Don't forget it.

Ralph Clark of Stella, Richardson county, was filed for lieutenant governor. Mr. Clark is a member of the there will be no question as to his qualities for presiding officer of the senate. He is one of the ablest men of Nebraska, and displayed great ability in the last session of the legislature.

Robert M. Fanning of Custer county has decided to file as a candidate for the Democratic nomination as commissioner of public lands and buildings. Friends of Gilbert M. Haase of Buffalo are urging him to seek the nomination for state treasurer. Mr. Haase has been treasurer of Buffalo county for several years and has made an enviable record.

President Taft has given another exhibition of extreme narrow mindedness by a refusal to receive Representative Harrison, Democrat, of New York, at the white house, because the congressman publicly criticized the president's connection with the back-dating of the Wickersham report in the Pinchot-Bullinger controversy. As Mr. Harrison aptly remarked, if everyone who justly criticizes the Taft administration is to be barred from the white house it will become a lonely place.

The federal officeholders of Wisconsin on Thursday had a meeting, at which President Taft was endorsed and the new tariff defended, and the Republican party extolled. The Republican party in Wisconsin is in a pitiable condition. A large part of it has gone over to the Socialists. The federal officeholders—of course—keep the Republican flag flying. Outside of this bread-and-butter brigade, the Republicans of Wisconsin are led by LaFollette, who condemns the new tariff.

We see that the chairman in calling a meeting of the Republican state committee for June 16, has invited editors of Republican papers to be present. That shows the chairman appreciates the work done by the pack-mules of the party. Why did not the Democratic committee do the same? Are not the Democratic editors to be consulted on matters pertaining to the interests of the party? Do they not do their duty when it comes to fighting in a campaign? What kind of campaign would it be without the press? Poor management on the part of the chairman.

That the Democracy of Nebraska is a militant organization these days is in evidence by the continued success of the series of county Democratic banquets. These county banquets are more largely attended than the recent state-wide Republican banquet held in Omaha. Custer and Buffalo counties are the most recent examples of enthusiastic organization. The banquet at Broken Bow, preceded by a rally in the afternoon, was attended by 200. At Kearney on June 9, the largest available dining hall was crowded to the doors. Governor Shallenberger was the chief speaker on both these occasions. The other speakers were Mayor Dahlman, W. B. Price, R. D. Sutherland and others.

The "Oregon plan," briefly stated, is that candidates for the legislature sign one of two statements. Statement No. 1 is to the effect that the candidate "will vote for that candidate for United States senator who has received the largest number of the people's votes at the general election next preceding the election of a senator in congress without regard to my individual preference." Statement No. 2 is to the effect that the candidate will consider the vote of the people for United States senator as "nothing more than a recommendation, which I shall be at liberty to wholly disregard, if the reason for doing so seems to me to be sufficient." Democrats are favoring the widest possible application of the law, while Republicans are showing a disposition to ignore or evade it. The "Oregon plan" merely means that the people may elect their United States senators instead of turning the matter over to the hands of corporation agents and machine politicians as heretofore.

LAWMAKING IN THE DARK.

What is happening to the railroad bill?

The Washington dispatches tell that the conference committee, having the bill in its tender keeping, is conducting its deliberations in profound secrecy. But one man outside the committee knows what is going on—President Taft. And he has been "asked to refrain from mentioning the work of the conferees to other members of congress"—because the other members might get mad and raise a ruction if they knew what is happening to the bill!

Nobody knows what promises the president made the railroad presidents, when they agreed to withhold the advances in freight rates till the new law takes effect, and he agreed not to enforce the Sherman law against them.

Nobody knows, therefore, what the changes are in the bill, except that it is already announced that the provision to prevent the issue of watered stock will be eliminated. This, perhaps, is only the beginning of the evil that is to be done.

The senate bill provided that the burden of proof shall be on the railroads to justify increases in the freight rates. Under the present law the burden of proof is on the shipper, or on the government to show affirmatively that the increase is not

justified. The former plan would give the people the advantage. The latter plan gives the advantage to the railroads. On account of this provision of the senate bill, and because he believed the senate bill in every respect a better bill than would come from the conference committee, Congressman Hitchcock made an earnest plea for the acceptance of the senate bill by the house.

To fight to accept the senate bill, which was supported by all the house Democrats but six, and by a number of Republicans, was bitterly opposed by the railroads, by the standpatters, and by the white house. The senate bill was objectionable to the railroads because of the radical amendments which had been incorporated into it by the Democrats and such insurgents as Senators La Follette and Cummins. It was necessary to send the bill to conference in order to kill those amendments and make the bill conform to the assurances given the railroad presidents of the United States. And so the bill was sent to conference.

The conference committee, of course, consists only of the Republican members. The two Democratic members are helpless, and are not considered. The Republican members are all standpatters, all under the Taft influence, all friendly interests—and at their head is Aldrich. Aldrich and Taft, in effect, constitute the conference committee, with a bare possibility that Congressman Mann may make some trouble.

And the conference committee is doing its work in the dark. All the long weeks of hard work and earnest debate in the house and in the senate have been wasted weeks. The bill the house prepared, the bill the senate prepared, are little better than so much waste paper. The concessions that were made to the Democrats and insurgents, in both the house and senate, were for one purpose only, to get a bill through either house, and into conference. Then the conference committee can preserve such features as it wishes, eliminating the others.

The conference committee is making the railroad bill, assisted by President Taft, who held his conference with the railroad presidents.

And the conference committee is doing its work in secret, behind closed doors.

It remains to be seen what the country will get out of law making in the dark.

It remains also to be seen how the country will like the kind of law making thus obtained.—World-Herald.

Is it possible that the anti-saloon league had to import a man from Ohio to run their organization? Then after a few months residence in Nebraska his salary was nearly doubled? Who is this Poulson, anyway?—he who comes to Nebraska and endeavors to run the politics of the state on such short acquaintance?

The loss of confidence in congress does not apply, of course, to the men who really represented their constituents and who are making so fine a fight for the conservation of self-government. As soon as these men have won their battle and consolidated their victory, confidence in congress will return.—Gifford Pinchot at St. Paul.

Will Hayward has resigned the chairmanship of the Republican state central committee, which means that he is going to make a strenuous effort to capture the congressional nomination in the First district.

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The base ball fan's idea of a cataclysm is when there's a game on and his wife makes him go to a church social.

Wonders never cease. A Vermont man has committed suicide with a safety razor. Next we may hear of someone getting a clean shave with one.

As the logical outcome of Colonel Roosevelt's efforts as a peacemaker, it is reported that English regiments have been warned to be in readiness for a call to Egypt.

Vive President Sherman says there is no trouble in the Republican party of the west. Of course, their isn't with the crowd he associated with while out here—the federal officeholders.

Great Fourth of July celebration in Plattsmouth. Everybody knows what to expect when they have a celebration in this city, and that is the reason they are all coming to the town this year.

A united Democratic party means a glorious victory for the party in Nebraska this year. And we believe this will be the result as sure as the sun rises and sets on election day. The Democrats know what they have to do to obtain a victory, and will organize in every precinct.

The selection of Grand Island as the convention city was made for the sole and simple reason that it has been six years since a Democratic state convention was held in the central part of the state. The charge of Republican organs that the selection was made as a result of various tie-ups between prospective candidates is ridiculously false.

It has been decided to proceed immediately with the organization of a State Democratic club, patterned somewhat on the Bryan Volunteers of two years ago. A committee of seven was selected, one from each congressional district and one from the state at large, to formulate the plans. This committee is as follows: Chairman J. C. Brynes, ex-officio; J. C. McCarthy of Auburn, First District; Harvey Newbranch of Omaha, Second District; W. C. Beum of Tekamah, Third District; Tom Smith of York, Fourth District; R. Wahlquist of Hastings, Fifth District; Arthur Mullen of O'Neill, Sixth District. The club will act with the state central committee in the prosecution of the campaign.

We are willing to bet a coonskin, capture the coon and skin it ourself, that Senator Aldrich will never touch side, edge or bottom in the race for the Republican nomination for governor. The Republican party is not after county option candidates in any form. Vicy Rosewater is dead-set against Aldrich, and that means he had just as well step down and out of the race.

A Republican who voted for Taft says he is making the most unpopular president that ever occupied that high and lofty position. That instead of being a servant of the masses, he is a perfect tool of the classes. There is great dissatisfaction to Taft all over the west and it is growing daily. You can fool the people a portion of the time, but you can't fool them all the time.

Ex-Governor Sheldon is still maintaining the "Barkis is willin'" attitude towards the gubernatorial nomination. But it has been some time since he said anything about his three-fifths vote proposition on the license question. There are a lot of Republicans who have not yet forgotten the Sheldon action after his defeat, and they say they have little use for such a poor loser as he showed himself to be. In the meanwhile Mr. Aldrich, the gentleman who was depended upon to defeat county option in the legislature three years ago and did so, but

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who is now posing as the local option candidate, is making strenuous efforts to secure the nomination. "Peruna" Andrews hasn't been heard from lately, and it is presumed that he is keeping quite and bracing his political nerve on his favorite blood tonic preparatory to coming into the race later.

Depart for Colorado. F. G. Egenberger, William Starkjohn and S. H. Shumaker departed this morning for Limon and Denver, Col., where they will look at some land with the view of purchasing. They are accompanied by Colonel John Frank Swezey who has been in the city several weeks selling land for the Union Pacific Land company. The party expects to be gone about ten days and to get back here probably a week from Saturday. They intend to have a good time during their trip and really don't care whether there is a diner on the train or not as Mr. Egenberger had a sack full of what Shumaker and Starkjohn declared was pork and beans. Anyway he had a panic at the depot when he found that the sack had been left up town and he frantically telephoned to have it rushed down to the depot. From the manner in which he threw it around it seemed to be full of lead slugs or something of that kind. He declined to permit anyone to investigate the contents although many were full of curiosity to know what the sack really did contain.

Attend Convention. There was quite a delegation of Plattsmouth people this morning who went down to Auburn to attend the district convention of the Epworth league which convenes in that city today. Among those attending were Rev. W. L. Austin, E. H. Wescott and Don C. York and Mrs. Frank Gobelman, Miss Hazel Tuey and Miss Margaret Mapes. Several of these are on the program for the meeting including Don C. York who will be choirster. Miss Hazel Tuey is also upon the program. Mr. Wescott is district president. This gathering is the most important the league holds as it has no state organization and the first district is the largest in the state. The delegates have been assured a fine time by the people of Auburn and they will find themselves handsomely entertained. The sessions of the convention will take several days and their is a great deal of work mapped out for the delegates to look after.

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Alf. Nickels came in this morning from his home near Murray and was a passenger on the morning train for South Omaha where he will look after the sheep market with a view to stocking up his farm with these animals.

Make Pleasant Visit. Henry Boeck and wife are enjoying a visit today from old friends and relatives in the shape of Mr. Edward Gyger and wife of New York city, Mr. Charles Gyger and wife of Omaha and Mrs. Bittenger of Omaha. The party drove down this morning from Omaha in a large touring car, coming by way of Louisville and will spend the day here, departing for Omaha this afternoon. The gentlemen and Mrs. Bittenger were born in this city and for many years made their home here. They have many good friend and acquaintances among the older residents here and undoubtedly will enjoy their brief stop in the city.

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Advice Duly Appreciated.

The Journal's news editor, Charles Grimes, this morning received an anonymous communication which had been mailed him from Havelock, which is certainly the richest thing he has ever received before. He only regrets that the writer failed to send his or her name for it conveys some information which is certainly startling if true and which is of a highly humorous nature. The advice which the writer gives him is duly appreciated by Mr. Grimes and doubtless he will immediately get busy and do as the writer suggests. The letter will be carefully preserved and filed for future reference.

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