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How can you expect to purify a judiciary with an impure disinfectant?

The Tribune has a prediction to make. E. J. Burkett will succeed Charles H. Dietrich as United States senator, and Judge Paul Jessen of Otoe county will succeed Mr. Burkett as representative.

By the way, what about the approaching city election? It will be the first skirmish that precedes the big battle. Have the republicans of Falls City girded on their armor and filled their knapsacks and are they already scenting the battle from afar off?

Every time we see a rural mail carrier coming into town after a hard trip over his route we wish that this country were an empire for about ten minutes and we were the emperor. The imperial ukase we would issue increasing the pay of these public servants would be a notable public document.

Wheat reached the dollar mark but the great army of wheat producers didn't know any anything about it. Lots of money changed hands but the man who raised wheat in Richardson county last year didn't get any of it. On the other hand he has the satisfaction of knowing that he didn't lose anything when the slump came.

We believe that when the mists shall have rolled away the name of John L. Webster can be read just beneath that of Theodore Roosevelt on the republican ticket. As one who has the best interests of Nebraska at heart, we trust that such may be the case. Above everything Nebraska's delegation to the national convention must be solid for Roosevelt, and then, if such a thing is possible, let them be for Webster.

Any protest against Secretary Shaw's action in calling on the banks which are United States depositories for \$45,000,000, is out of order. The government has certain obligations to meet and must draw the money or issue bonds for the amount needed. It may inconvenience a few bankers to be compelled to produce the money that Uncle Sam has de-

posited, but a bond issue of \$45,000,000 would inconvenience the great American people. These bankers have not acted as the custodians of the public money for nothing and can afford to stand for a little inconvenience.

Bryan has expressed a preference for Billy Hearst as the democratic presidential candidate. Hearst is regarded as having the slimmest chance of all the various aspirants to that honor. The Bryan wing may throw enough support to him to bring about a deadlock in the convention. Then in the interests of harmony, a "crown of thorns and cross of gold" speech will be in order. History has been known to repeat itself.

BOLTERS.

No man who ever bolted a convention was able to give a satisfactory reason for having done so, unless he went the full length and repudiated the principles of his party and went over to the enemy. There is no middle ground. A man cannot bolt the county convention and still be a republican, because he is only one of the many men who make up the party and he has no right to demand that the majority rule be suspended and that a minority report for which he alone is responsible be adopted. It is his privilege to go into a convention and oppose the nomination of any man whom he sees fit to oppose, but when the majority has spoken he has no right to bolt the action of that convention and still claim to be a republican. When he does so he brands himself as a political hypocrite and for such the people have no respect. No man has a right to ask his party to settle his own personal grudges. In nine cases out of ten, the action of the bolter is based upon the most selfish of motives—the rule or ruin policy. The republican party is founded upon great principles, and the man who adopts these principles as his own; who believes in them, and is honest in that belief, will be too broad minded, and too completely devoid of egotism and selfishness, to demand that a convention make nominations in accordance with his wishes. It does not follow that a man is called upon to vote for a candidate simply because he is on his party ticket, but this fact gives him no license to take a stand against his party as such, and with deliberate intent and great malice aforethought to do his party an irreparable wrong, and then turn to that party for aid and comfort. When a republican announces that from an honest change of convictions he has become a democrat, the republicans can respect

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that man and his opinions, but they must ever hold the hypocritical bolter in supreme contempt.

IN TWENTY YEARS.

Twenty years from now there will be a great change in the personnel of the republican party in Richardson county. When the county convention meets there will be new faces in all the delegations; there will be new leaders on the floor, for the old leaders and the old rank and file shall have passed forever from the arena of politics and their places shall have been taken by the young man and the school boy of today. What is to be the heritage of the next generation of republicans? What will you men who make up the party today, bequeath to the republicans of tomorrow? This is a vital question, for it is one that affects posterity, and any question that has to do with the welfare of those who come after us cannot be considered too seriously.

We want to live twenty years longer if for no other reason than to be present at a typical county convention of that era. We want to see just what constitutes the birthright of Richardson county republicans in 1924.

This birthright today is in the process of the making and when those who are making it shall pass it on to the next generation, what responsibilities shall they hand down with it! In politics there is a law of heredity as immutable and as certain in its operations as its counterpart in natural law. The men who are sowing the seeds today are responsible for the harvest of tomorrow. What shall the harvest be?

FRED W. MILLER.

Fred Miller, the present deputy secretary of state, has been men-

tioned to succeed Secretary Marsh.

We believe that the candidacy of Mr. Miller will be acceptable to all Richardson county republicans. His party loyalty is not questioned; his ability is beyond any doubt, for he has proven an efficient deputy and his adaptability to clerical work should make him an ideal secretary of state. The Tribune believes that should he accept the nomination he will be elected and when elected will prove a competent and satisfactory official.

Watches for the Boys.

The Lincoln Daily Star is making it possible for any boy in Nebraska to be the owner of a handsome American watch. The watches are open face, stem wind and stem set, and are guaranteed by the maker to be good time keepers. Many boys throughout the state have already secured one of the watches, and they are invariably well pleased.

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