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CONVENTION DATES. Republican state convention, Lincoln, October 5, 10 a. m. Independent state convention, Lincoln, September 5. Democratic state convention, Lincoln, October 4.

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES is losing no opportunity to adjourn over the constitutional three days at least once a week.

THE CHINESE are again in congress and is the subject of as bitter a denunciation as ever. In the meantime the Geary law remains unenforced.

THE fate of the home rule bill now rests with the House of Lords. And the fate of the House of Lords may rest with its action on the home rule bill.

THE movement for a prohibition-republican ticket in Iowa is not meeting the expectations of its promoters. Prohibition is no test of republicanism.

THE pinnacle of populist ambition is to produce politicians. They despair of ever contributing to the world a man who can claim the rank of statesman.

HOWEVER expensive the new liberty bill may be, it can never secure a place in the hearts of the people beside that of the old cracked but historic Independence ball.

FRED DOUGLASS maintains his reputation for good common sense when he says that the negro must work out his own salvation in the line of persistent philosophy.

MILITARY demonstrations on the border between France and Germany may tend to repress any warlike yearning of the French, but they will scarcely make them feel any more neighborly toward the Germans.

THE American laborer should demonstrate to his European competitors that he can celebrate a labor day without having recourse to disgraceful riots, such as usually characterize the labor demonstrations abroad.

THE populists have been advised to become politicians. From the character of the men who have drifted into their ranks most people would conclude that they have tried to be politicians all their lives, but have ended in miserable failure.

SEPTEMBER has arrived but as yet no word from President Cleveland relative to his tariff policy. In his message to the new congress he said that he had intended to call an extra session not later than September to consider revenue matters. Have these matters become any less important since congress has convened?

A DEMOCRATIC congressman justifies his change in attitude on the question of quorum by the fact that he has become four years older in legislative experience. With four years of experience under the present democratic administration, the man who voted for Grover Cleveland will have ample justification for likewise changing their attitudes.

IT IS reported that holders of over \$2,000,000 of the \$3,800,000 in bonds upon which the Union Pacific has been authorized to secure extensions have consented to the plans of the directors. That is very well for a temporary expedient, but isn't it about time to give some serious attention to the government indebtedness of the company that is so soon to become due?

CITIZENS in the sister cities of Minnesota have organized against the coal combine. The coal barons have been having things their own way so long that this move will no doubt cause them some little anxiety. But for a vigorous fight against that grasping monopoly, the counter movement should take in the people of the whole northwest. The citizens organization should first be extended before the struggle.

THE action of certain eastern insurance companies in raising the rate of interest on their mortgage loans from 4 and 5 per cent to 6 per cent is exciting no little unfavorable discussion. Some interpret it as indicating a belief that the stringency of the money market is yet to continue for some months, but on the other hand it is widely condemned as sacrificing permanent interests to securing a little temporary gain.

A CONSPIRACY UNMASKED. For the past three months, and in fact ever since the acquittal of the impeached state officers, there has been a concerted effort by the bootlickers at the state capital and the railroad bosses at Omaha to contrive schemes for shelving Judge Maxwell. The venerable judge has been a thorn in the flesh of the state prison rings and printing contract swindlers ever since he had taken his seat on the supreme bench.

When the first lease of penitentiary convict labor was made to Bill Stout, Judge Maxwell, seconded by Justices Lake and Gantt, interposed a veto and enjoined the letting under the fast and loose contract which had then been made. That made the penitentiary contractor and his successors his unrelenting enemies.

When the State Journal company attempted to perpetrate a gigantic printing contract swindle upon the taxpayers of the state, Judge Maxwell thwarted the job and made the Journal gang of public plunderers his undying enemies.

Judge Maxwell's decision on the right of the state to regulate railroad rates, either by legislative act or through a board of railroad commissioners, has rendered him very obnoxious to the railroad managers. So the judge found himself bitterly opposed by state house rings, penitentiary rings and corporation lawyers every time he came up for renomination. But the great mass of republicans have unwaveringly supported the fearless and unrepurchasable judge and the corporation cohorts were overthrown twelve years ago and again six years ago, and the judge was triumphantly renominated.

That was when the republicans had from 15,000 to 25,000 majority and a nomination meant an election. Now that the party has a narrow margin, if it is not actually in the minority, the enemies of Judge Maxwell have adopted new tactics. They not only propose to pack the republican convention with corporation henchmen and men that train with the bootleg gang, but they also propose to make it impossible for Maxwell to be elected through an endorsement in independent, or for any man to be nominated or elected who will not be subservient to their interests.

With this end in view, the cappers and strikers who are on the pay roll of the railroads and manipulate both the republican and democratic machines have for weeks been industriously circulating through the state and secretly organizing the dependent employees of the roads and the annual pass men to pack the primaries and conventions so that no man be placed on any ticket who has backbone enough to resist the blandishments or threats of corporate power.

In order to make sure of the defeat of Maxwell every district judge has been urged to enter the lists as a candidate, and where the district judges have refused to play catnap, unprincipled, self-seeking lawyers have been induced to announce themselves as candidates. Each of these candidates and all of them jointly are to be pitted against Maxwell, whom they expect thus to choke off.

In order to prevent an endorsement of Judge Maxwell by the populist convention, the stool pigeons and galvanized anti-monopolists, who have been smuggled by corporation managers into the populist camp, have industriously worked upon credulous farmers and workmen in favor of a straight populist nomination and nothing else. This has been the keynote of all the decoy ducks that mix with the populists for revenue only. And to make the conspiracy doubly sure, several so-called populist lawyers, with the late railroad lobbyist, Regan, at the head, have been encouraged to be candidates on the populist ticket.

Now, with possibly two or three exceptions, every Nebraska lawyer who professes to be a populist is an imposter, simply playing apostate to his old political faith to sell out the new party to the highest bidder. This is a very caustic charge, but it is the unvarnished truth. The average lawyer who talks loud against monopolies and bankers is a monumental fraud, either hired by corporations to work the populist racket or else waiting ready to do the bidding of the corporations for a price or for a position on the railroad staff.

Will the people of Nebraska allow themselves to be hoodwinked and hand and foot-bound to be delivered over to the tender mercies of the corporations? Will the new reform party, which claims to be desirous of purging the state house and upholding a fearless, unbribable judiciary, allow itself to be duped by mouthy mountebanks and renobates into helping the railroad ring and the bootlicker strike down and repudiate the grand old man who has stood manfully and fearlessly for eighteen years as the honest exponent of the constitution and laws of Nebraska? If they do, they will insult and strike down the honest men of all parties in the late legislature who sought to reform Nebraska from corruption, misrule and reckless raids upon the public treasury.

REPORTS of isolated cholera cases in the cities surrounding New York harbor and of renewed outbreaks of the disease in various parts of Europe again caution every one to exert all possible care in rendering conditions unfavorable to its spread in this country. The people of the United States have had sufficient experience during the past two years to no longer fear a cholera scare

such as was imminent about a year ago. Authorities in the east are doing everything in their power to prevent its inroads and with co-operation of citizens in general there will be little danger of more than a few sporadic cases. The great demand of the day is excessive cleanliness if there can be such a thing. With uncontaminated water supply and with extraordinary efforts in the health and sanitary departments of our city governments, the cholera will not be able to gain a permanent foothold with us. Every one, however, must do his part and refrain from needlessly inviting disease.

TOO MUCH LIKE A HIPPODROME. Dave Mercer was elected to congress by going around among the country bumpkins kissing babies. That probably explains why County Judge Elliot is trying to be so sweet on the women who have children that want to see the World's fair. The judge generously volunteers to pay the fare of a couple of dozen children providing the Psycho can get the railroads to make the fare \$5 for the round trip. This is a proposition with a string tied to it. Why does not the good and generous judge put up a couple of hundred dollars and let as many children ride on it as the roads will carry at regular World's fair rates? There is nothing to hinder him or anybody else from chartering a train for Chicago or from contributing any amount they see fit to any number of people willing to accept their donations.

The chief objection that can be advanced against taking money out of the school fund or any other public fund for a World's fair excursion. Incidentally the attendance of men who are battling for votes at the Train hippodrome is too transparent, and therefore makes it look like a campaign barbeque where the candidates buy the roasted ox and the people have to pay for him.

By the way, why can't the enthusiastic politicians and editors who want to educate other people's children at the World's fair grounds, pass round the hat among themselves and invite Barnum's menagerie to come to Omaha, where the children would learn natural history by an inspection of the animals. There would be a chance for the overworked schoolmarm and underworked and underpaid parent to come in and enjoy the luxury of a trapeze performance and baroback riding of two horses going in opposite directions, like our acrobatic politicians, with Psycho Train as the ringmaster.

THE PIANO FAD. Just now when the funds to the credit of the public schools are running low any scheme to divert the money that belongs to teachers and janitors to the purchase of things not absolutely needed should be discontinued. Music in the public schools is at best an accomplishment rather than a part of free school education. So long as it involves no other outlay than the pay of two or three singing masters it may be submitted to by the expiring patrons of the schools without grumbling.

But when it is proposed to supplement the musical fad with the purchase of half a dozen pianos, it is time to demur. If the school board invests in any pianos, it should buy the very best, and that means an outlay of at least \$3,000. Cheap John pianos, rated at from \$50 to \$250, would be only good for kindling wood in less than five years. Besides that, they are objectionable for the reason that they tend to miseducate the ear of pupils that may have some musical talent and should get their elementary music from a perfectly toned instrument.

So the question resolves itself into this: Will the Board of Education be justified in taking \$3,000 out of the treasury for the purchase of half a dozen pianos just to please the faddists? We believe we voice the sentiment of nine-tenths of the school patrons when we say, most emphatically, no! There may be a time when the school board has more money in its treasury than it knows what to do with, and even then it will be a mooted question whether that fund is intended for musical instruments, rather than school books, scientific apparatus, teachers' salaries and fuel.

THE TARIFF HEARINGS. Today the committee on ways and means will begin giving hearings to manufacturers and others interested in the tariff. The date fixed for the last hearing is September 20, so that if the committee meets every day, exclusive of Sundays, there will be only fifteen days devoted to that purpose. This, however, does not correctly indicate the time that will actually be given to obtaining the information which the committee implores a desire to obtain, since it will meet only for a short time each day, and it will be more nearly correct to say that probably not more than forty hours will be given to this purpose. Practical men will not need to be told that very little can be learned about the vast and varied industries of the country in that time. Noting the fact that the ways and means committee of the Fifty-first congress, which passed the Wilson bill, a great break was produced, but the price did not even flutter on the day the repeal bill was passed. For nineteen days previous it had not been quoted on the stock exchange. As a matter of fact, the price of silver has been little affected for a year by treasury purchases or prospects of free coinage or the reverse.

WE LEAD ALL NATIONS. Detroit Free Press. American firemen recently went to London and opened the eyes of that somewhat sleepy city to the fact that a great many of their fire-fighters of the fire front. Now some distinguished foreign commissioners have seen how American appliances facilitate the gathering of a great harvest of square miles of what being out and bound while they were watching the operation. America has untold resources to offer in the methods of realizing upon them. There is no chance for hard times to continue long in a country so blessed, if its legislators do their duty.

DEATH BLOW TO THE SWINDLE. Red Cloud Ar. Ne. The action of the banking department of Nebraska in pronouncing bond companies illegal contracts and denouncing them as lottery swindles has had a depressing effect on the promoters in this state. It has damped down the enthusiasm of the promoters of a great square mile of what a business which promises such splendid returns for themselves and friends on the ground floor has gone glimmering. Although the promoters have asserted that they are conducting an honest, legitimate business, none have ventured to defend the present bond companies and denounce a contempt for criticism and assume an air of martyrdom.

A few have ventured to print advertising rates with a jumble of insurance statistics, which have no bearing upon the question. They talk about the amount that would be paid for the attack. These pretenses are in keeping with the hold plan.

GUARDING THE BORDER. Minneapolis Tribune. A better system of inspection of immigrants along the northern boundary has been ordered. This will have the effect of keeping out a good many undesirable immigrants, as large numbers have been snuggled over the Canadian frontier. They also make nice snug berths for a number of deserving democrats. All in all it is a commendable departure.

CHEROKEE RUSH. Philadelphia Record. It is already apparent that the throwing open of the Cherokee Strip to settlement next month will be attended by confusion, with a possibility of riotous demonstration. It is said by colonization experts at Guthrie that, according to the best records ever made in land office registering, the entire Cherokee strip contains more than 14,000 of the 300,000 waiting people in the five days allowed them. Red tape methods will be apt to go down before the mad rush of the homeseekers. The system pursued in apportioning among eager settlers the remaining portion of the public domain is evidently in need of intelligent revision.

SUBSTANTIUM RUM MAD. New York Post. The difference between this country and Canada could hardly be more vividly illustrated than by the fact that the city of Toronto has never allowed street cars to run on Sundays, and that a special election just made a majority of over 1,000 was cast against granting the permission to run on that day in future. There are seven daily newspapers in the city, and only one of the number left in the city of Toronto is the Toronto Star. The idea that street cars should not be allowed to run on Sunday in such cities seems so absurd to us that it is hard to understand how it could be held in Canada.

SHERMAN DRAIVES THE NAIL. Kansas City Journal. Senator Sherman has grown tired of hearing it said that he demagogued for the 1876 trickery, and he proposes hereafter to brand all such statements as lies. It naturally takes a man of Mr. Sherman's temperament some time to get warmed up, but twenty years of denunciation and abuse has finally roused him.

ST. PAUL Pioneer Press: John Sherman put a favorable falsehood of the free silverites through a process of electrocution which ought to put an end to it. It turns out that Ernest Seyd, so far from desiring the demoralization of silver was an earnest bimetalist. But Senator Sherman need not flatter himself in demonstrating the story to be a conscientious lie. He is a politician. All the more it is to be expected that Donnelly and his ilk will keep on repeating it.

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GLOBE-DEMOCRAT: The speech of Senator Sherman is the most valuable contribution which has been made this year to what may be called the history of the silver question. While the distinguished Ohioan joins the rest of the sound-money men in demanding the repeal of the purchase provision of the law of 1890, the points out that other causes have conspired with this act to bring about the present financial depression. Among them were the Argentine monetary convulsion early in 1890, the collapse of the great house of Baring Bros. in the latter part of the same year, the heavy drafts on the Austro-Hungarian empire for gold in 1891 and 1892 in order to place herself on a gold basis, the Australian panic of a few months ago, and the balance of trade against us this year, which drew much of our gold to Europe.

PEOPLE AND THINGS. The better the cut of the farmer the greater his prosperity. Neal Dow thinks prohibition is working. It is fermenting trouble. The threatened bolt of prohibition republicans in Iowa is waterlogged. An operation on the jaw of calamity would be hailed with much joy in the land. The total admissions to the World's fair since May 1st has tripled over 10,000,000. It must be admitted there is a great deal of policy in the work of an insurance agent. If Cleveland's jaw is a trifle out of whack, "pull" continues in a superb physical condition. The quantity of prospective pipe may be measured by the activity of senatorial supporters of the administration. Collector Howell, of the Atlanta Constitution, indulges in "A word to the Senate"—three-quarters of a column long. Mr. Cleveland's organ in Denver has turned its concentrated toes to the skies. No wonder. Handorgans have a hard grind in that section. One-seekers who have grown weary waiting for a distribution of federal proweny can secure a feast of "pi" by calling on the compositor. Senator Stewart's love for silver is not overwhealing. In all cash transactions he uses gold—not that he loves silver less, but the yellow is so convenient, you know. The fight will be a hard one, but you, Bismarck takes the prize: "I am uneasy," exclaims the prince, "when there is a chancellor who acts without consulting anybody." The sultan of Dookhata is mentioned as a probable visitor to the fair. His lowliness is about four feet in what is commonly called height, but there is nothing short of his full name, which is Hamanosemone-patingalagaburrahmanasayidunpotozomode.

Senator Proctor is soon to begin the erection of a fine house in Washington at the corner of Vermont avenue and K street. The stone for it will be sent to Washington from Senator Proctor's quarry in Vermont, whence most of the marble used in the construction of the western terraces of the capitol has been brought. Mrs. Pattie Lyle Collins of Mississippi is an invaluable worker in the dead letter office in Washington, where she is known as "the blind reader" that she is blind by no means, for she is wonderfully keen sighted. She has a remarkable facility in ascertaining the intended destination of letters that are "blind" because of incomplete or imperfect or incorrect addresses. President Samuel Sloan, of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad, is orthodox to the backbone, and keeps literally at the beck and call of the stockholders. He is especially opposed to Sunday excursions and will only consent to them upon payment of extra rates, a system which involves the spilling of the Sabbath-breakers' blood. The enriching of the righteous—by the righteous—being understood, Samuel Sloan and his fellow stockholders. Senator Hill's distaste for the society of the sexes is so pronounced that he takes his meals privately at hotels. He was driven to this step by the request of a lady at the Arlington hotel in Washington. She asked the head waiter to place her at the table at which Senator Hill was sitting. He heard the whispered request, saw the lady take her seat near him, and then arose and left the dining room before finishing his meal. He never again appeared in the general dining room of the Arlington. An associate of George Stephenson in pioneer railroad work, Rev. Ralph Swinburne is now living in Ashland, Ky., at the age of 88 years, and is said to be the oldest railroad engineer in this country. As a boy he first met Stephenson while repairing a wooden rail near Newcastle. Later he was the contractor for the Stockton & Darlington road, and others of which Mr. Stephenson was the chief engineer. Mr. Swinburne came to America in 1830, and at first was engaged in railroad work, but in a few years he retired and removed to his present home, where he was ordained as a Baptist minister.

FOUR OF THE STATE PRESS. Mogan that Will Win. Lincoln News. The slogan of the republicans of Nebraska this year must be: The railroads must keep their hands off.

Refers to the Railroad Dir. Platte County Argus. The republican dagger has been drawn. It will be plunged into the vitals of Chief Justice Maxwell.

They Never Would Be Missed. Crete Vindicator. A few members of the state central committee think they are the only real good republicans Nebraska. The sooner they are retired the better it will be for the party generally.

Prescient Politics Just Its Size. Tekamah Herald. To read the World-Herald's leading editorials on outside district and county matters causes country politicians to shudder with fear lest Hitchcock take up the cudgel even in precinct politics. Yes, the World-Herald is a great paper.

Only a Mild Criticism. Seward Reporter. The republican state central committee call for a large convention, nearly 1,000 being the number of delegates. The Reporter is inclined to think that the number is entirely too large, and that it would have been better had it been one-third less.

Bad Weather for Bosses. Lodge Pole Express. A hint to politicians: Keep quiet and let the people, especially the farmers, express their views as to the policies and candidates. There is a vague unrest in the political atmosphere that means ill to the bosses who are manipulating matters irrespective of the public wish.

This is Just a Straw. Fremont Telegraph. The effort is being made to turn down Chief Justice Maxwell on the part of some of the republicans. It is said he is not liable to be defeated to run in the political arena, but if placed on the ticket by the alliance or by petition the people of Nebraska will have a splendid opportunity of ascertaining what a host of friends Judge Maxwell has in this state.

Not if Honest Men Are Awake. Ring Times. The republican ring of Nebraska has played their first card to defeat Judge Maxwell for supreme judge. The republican county convention of Dodge county—the Bookers plan to meet next week—sort of a snap convention, will have the intention of the gang to send a delegation to the convention opposed to the judge from his own county. Will the republicans be so slow in ascertaining what a host of friends Judge Maxwell has in this state.

Easy Way to Kill the Party. Lincoln News. The matter of the supreme judgeship is exciting the state press just now. If the republicans are wise they can win this year with ease, but if they allow the railroads to name the candidate, as the railroads have gotten into the habit of doing, it would be a serious matter for the republicans to lose for use around its neck than to go through the worry of a campaign.

Just One Wise Course. Blair Pilot. There is but one wise course for the Nebraska republican state convention to pursue. It should nominate Judge Maxwell and thus insure party success at the polls. The judge is a conscientious honest man who never truckles to any man or party, and because of this or that legal opinion rendered by him is not popular with the views or interests of others, is no reason at all why he should be set down. More than this, his opinions are mostly in line with the mass of public sentiment, and he is the only one who will be the work of the bosses who will thereby defeat their party at the polls.

Strong Timber is Needed. Tremont Chief. Republicans must be alert to the duties of the hour. The convention of both county state, will soon be held. Don't let any personal likes or dislikes prevent the nomination of the strongest ticket possible. The work be done so that no apology will be necessary after the conventions are over. It is a conscientious honest man who never truckles to any man or party, and because of this or that legal opinion rendered by him is not popular with the views or interests of others, is no reason at all why he should be set down. More than this, his opinions are mostly in line with the mass of public sentiment, and he is the only one who will be the work of the bosses who will thereby defeat their party at the polls.

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