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THE MERGER DECISION.
 The decision of the supreme court of the United States, sustaining the contention of the government in the case of the Northern Securities company, is what was very generally expected. It is consistent with the decisions of that tribunal in the transmissouri and joint traffic cases, in so far as it reaffirms the view that the Sherman anti-trust law applies to railroad corporations and also that all combinations in restraint of trade, whether such restraint be reasonable or unreasonable, is a violation of the law. The decision goes over the same ground as that of the circuit court, with which all interested in the case are familiar, making no important additions to it, though amplifying in certain respects in which the lower tribunal merely suggested the points.
 It would seem that the decision must put an end, at least for some time to come, to further attempts at railroad combinations or mergers of a nature to which the anti-trust law is applicable under the plain construction of the court of last resort. It is quite impossible that any intelligent person can now misapprehend the meaning and scope of the Sherman act as defined by the court. Neither can there be any question as to the power of congress to establish such regulations as are prescribed in the law. Its authority over interstate commerce is complete, declares the decision. Another important point is that in case of conflict between national and state laws the former have supremacy, so that trusts and combinations cannot shield themselves behind the laws of the state in which they are incorporated, as the Northern Securities company sought to do.

The decision having been expected it was very largely discounted as far as any immediate effect on the stock market is concerned. This was shown in the very slight effect produced when the market received the news that the court had decided adversely to the Securities company. Even the stock of that corporation, which is held in strong hands, was only very slightly affected. The situation is radically different from that of two years ago, when, with security prices at an abnormal level and a large weak following in the stock market, a decision against the company might have brought a crash. Now stocks are held mainly by capitalists who are able to prevent an acute break if they wish to do so. Unquestionably the decision is of great public importance. It compels a halt in a policy which, if it had been permitted to prevail, would have brought about a railroad monopoly that, as suggested by Justice Harlan, could control rates throughout the country in defiance of congress. That danger has been averted and is not likely to soon arise again. It is a result in which the people should feel profound satisfaction.

CHARGE BY CONVERTING IT INTO A LOW RATE BAND?
A SANITATION PROBLEM.
 The report made by Dr. Perry of the public health and marine hospital service in regard to the sanitary condition of Cuba and Panama and of the towns along the route of the Panama canal, shows that the problem of sanitation in that region is a difficult one, the treatment of which will take considerable time, a good deal of labor and a large expenditure. According to the report, the chief plague spots are the cities at the terminal of the canal and the shabby villages that have grown up along the line, which are said to be absolutely devoid of all civilized appliances for the protection of health. Even in the cities, Dr. Perry states, there is no system of sewerage or of drainage and no supply of wholesome water, while the interior villages have the filth and slovenliness to be expected of places occupied by low grade negroes and coolies.
 The treaty with Panama excludes the cities of Colon and Panama from the grant of territory made to the United States, although they are within the boundaries of the ten mile zone, but there is an article of the treaty which provides that the United States may maintain any works of sanitation which in the discretion of this government may be necessary and convenient for the construction, maintenance, operation, sanitation and protection of the canal and railroad. This will permit our government to provide a complete drainage and water system for those towns, to pay for which it may levy a tax. The Republic of Panama undertakes to guarantee that the cities shall comply with the sanitary ordinances and if it fail to do this then the United States is given authority to enforce the same.
 The first work of the canal commission will be devoted to this problem of sanitation and it is the opinion of those familiar with conditions on the isthmus that it may require at least two years of assiduous labor to effect such changes in the canal zone as are necessary to the protection from deadly fevers of those who will be employed there. It is perhaps not possible to more than modify the danger in that climate, but it is practicable to make a decided improvement in conditions and the best engineering and scientific skill will be employed for this purpose.

DEVELOPING THE PHILIPPINES.
 Ever since his return from the Philippines Secretary Taft has been showing an active interest in the question of developing the industries and commerce of the islands. One most necessary means to this is better communication in the islands, particularly in Luzon, and the secretary of war is endeavoring to induce American capital to embark in railroad construction in the Philippines. For this purpose he last week conferred with representative New York capitalists identified with railroad interests, it is understood with a quite satisfactory result. He will this week present the information obtained to the house committee on insular affairs, which has under consideration a bill conferring upon the Philippine commission authority to guarantee interest on capital invested in railroads in the archipelago. The secretary conferred with such men as E. H. Harriman, James Speyer, George F. Peabody and other well known capitalists.
 The measure before the house committee is not sufficiently liberal in its terms to induce American capital to invest in Philippine railroads, yet what it proposes in the way of guarantees is perhaps all that it is practicable to offer. In regard to the difficulties in the way of inducing Americans to furnish capital the New York Journal of Commerce remarks: "The islands are a long way off and have a tropical climate. The men desirable for the service of looking after the construction, maintenance and operation of railroads could be induced to go there only by liberal compensation, and the labor needed would probably not go at all. The opportunities at home for both labor and capital are such that special enticement would be necessary to draw them to the Philippines. The greatest difficulty would be the uncertainty of labor, not only for constructing and operating railroads, but for developing the industries that would make them profitable." It is doubtless a fact that most of our people who have capital to invest in railroad enterprises have no very great faith in Philippine development, or feel that however stimulated and encouraged it is not likely to amount to much in the near future. There are more favorable opportunities for making profitable investments in other directions. Secretary Taft is certainly to be heartily commended for his loyal and earnest devotion to the interests of the Philippines, but unless a better inducement is offered than is contained in the bill before the house committee on insular affairs American capital will not go extensively into Philippine railroad construction.
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SENATORIAL NOMINATIONS.
 Grand Island Independent: York county led off in the matter of the republican county conventions and endorsed the recommendation of the state central committee that the next United States senator be selected by the state convention, and instructed its delegates to vote for Congressman Burkett. The central committee of a number of other counties have passed resolutions favorable to stop Burkett and it will be found a difficult task to stop the movement to take the election out of the legislative session and put it closer to the people.
 Clay Center Sun: If the recommendation of the republican state central committee that the convention take the matter of choosing a senator out of the hands of the legislature was a hidden scheme to boom a certain individual, it was a failure and the boomer has flattened out. The Press has aired the matter quite thoroughly, and the opposition to the new way has clearly shown that it would not, as claimed, be a better expression of the people, but that on the contrary they would have less voice in the matter than under the old system. It would mean about a needless disruption of the party and probable loss of the legislature. It now seems pretty certain that there will be no recommendation by the convention.
 North Platte Tribune: Several more courses declared for the nomination of a senator by the republican state convention during the past week. It appears that the movement for the fuller participation by the people in the making of senators is so popular that the politicians who try to stop it are getting run over right and left. The opposition of the chief political engineers of the Burlington railroad to the nomination idea is really giving it an added impetus among the rank and file of the party. The average republican remembers the session of the legislature of 1901 that ended in the appointment of Dietrich and Millard as senators by these railroad politicians and swears that it is time to stop that sort of manipulation.
 Chappell Register: While the Register believes the people should have the right to say, by their vote, who should represent the state in the United States senate, it is of the opinion, as the law now is, that it is time and trouble wasted for the republican convention to nominate a candidate for United States senator, since the people of this state asked, by their vote, the legislature to re-elect Chas. Van Wyck. The senators ignored their wishes and elected Manderson. Again, three years ago, E. Rosewater received a majority of the votes cast for that position and once more the legislature took the bull by the horns and the senatorial logos fell to our present senators. History will repeat itself and the next legislature will tell the dear people to go to the hot regions and proceed to elect a senator of their own choosing.
 Ainsworth Star-Journal: In spite of all the talk about having a candidate for the United States senate nominated at the state convention, the Star-Journal still believes that it would be a bad move politically. The people would soon find out that the action was taken in the interest of the one who is at present the leading candidate, with the purpose of shutting out other candidates who may hereafter desire to enter the race. The leading candidate here referred to would make a good senator, but there are others equally capable and possibly others who might be found more deserving of the honor at the hands of the party. The people resent anything that seems to be intended to circumvent them, and if something should finally transpire to make the election a close one this action might possibly endanger the election of a republican legislator.
 Aurora Republican: The Republican, after consideration of the matter and talking with men who are well posted on political affairs, has concluded that the nomination of a United States senator by the coming state convention would be premature and unwise. The selection of a senator by the party at large would be a wise departure from the old method of fighting it out in the legislature, and this editor gladly endorses that plan. But would it not be wiser to call a nominating convention after the election, instead of before? If the party at the May convention selects a senator, a lot of fellows who have the senatorial bug in their headgear will be disappointed and lukewarm in the support of the legislative ticket. Again, the man chosen for the toga may not be everywhere acceptable and his enemies may defeat him by electing a legislator of other than republican complexion. It is essential to elect a republican legislator first, and a senator after that. Why then would it not be the wiser course to defer the selection of a senator until after election? Let all the senatorial aspirants turn in and assist in electing the legislature. Then call a delegate convention for the purpose of choosing a senator and give every candidate a fair, clean show, taking into careful consideration his work during the campaign and, of course, his fitness and ability. To the Republican this seems the better course. At present the matter is too one-sided and Mr. Burkett has an unfair lead by reason of his being first mentioned and boomed, and while Mr. Burkett is satisfactory to the Republican, this editor believes in giving all candidates a fair show and a scratch start. The republicans of the state should consider well the senatorial situation before they jump at a procedure which may result disastrously to the party.
 Fairbury Gazette: There is more or less discussion just now as to whether the republican state convention should nominate a candidate for United States senator. The range of the discussion is quite unlimited, and much can be said on both sides. It is claimed that the delegates to a state convention come fresh from the people, and are supposed to know what they want. This may be all right in theory, but is it correct in practice? Most state delegations are selected in the interest of some certain candidates, and as they are absolutely traded at the will of the candidate, what is to prevent candidates from

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charge by converting it into a low rate band? ... We are the (the people's) chosen servants and are here to do their bidding," exclaimed Representative Smith of Michigan as a newspaper reporter of the most remarkable "news" of the day.
Will History Repeat Itself?
 Indianapolis News. "In order to teach the Japanese a lesson," says General Kouropatkin, "we will walk through the islands after crushing them in Manchuria and Corea." Let's see, it was General Buller, wasn't it, who didn't eat that Christmas dinner in Pretoria?
Criminal Methods of Promoters.
 Philadelphia Ledger. There has been more criticism, not to say scandal, connected with the transaction of the United States Shipbuilding corporation than with any like organization, perhaps, in the history of the country. Grave charges, with apparently good foundation, have been made. Under the circumstances District Attorney Jerome of New York is indignant with a purpose of bringing criminal prosecution with a view of punishing those guilty of fraud in connection with the matter. If any one is guilty he should be punished. It will be unfortunate to allow such a scandalous affair to pass into history without punishing the guilty of the shameful misrepresentation and efforts to defraud innocent investors.

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THE ONE QUESTION INVOLVED.
 Philadelphia Press. The only substantial inquiry before the senate in the Sпот case is whether the ecclesiastical system of the Mormons is such that a strict member of the church cannot be a loyal citizen of the United States. If this be answered in the negative by the testimony of Mormon witnesses, then Elder Smoot has no right to a seat in the senate. But what may be his religious beliefs apart from his acts and practices has nothing to do with the case. He may religiously believe that the polygamous practices of the Patriarchs were in conformity with the doctrines of the Old Testament, but so long as he does not practice polygamy himself he cannot be expelled from the senate for an abstract opinion. The only question is a political one: Can a Mormon be a good citizen?
American Interests Sacrificed.
 Springfield Republican. Transatlantic shipping seems to have been brought more completely under British ownership and control than ever as a result of the combination known as the International Mercantile Marine company. It is stated that English interests have owned a majority of the stock from the outset, and it is now claimed that their holdings have been much enlarged since then at small cost, stock standing very low in the market. One of the companies going into the combination—the International Navigation—was American in law, and another, the Atlantic Transport line, was American in fact or ownership; but they are now in English hands, and control, as an Englishman's supplies in America, at the head of the concern. English interests are also heavily represented in the syndicate holding the \$80,000,000 of bonds of the company. The profits growing out of the organization were also largely for the English stockholders, while the losses, as in the case of the trans-transport line, fell chiefly against American. And it is all the work of an American.
AMONG THE CANDIDATES.
 Norfolk Press: If there is a deputy in the state house at Lincoln who doesn't want his chief's job will he please have his picture put in the papers?
 Beatrice Sun: Several republican newspapers are booming M. A. Brown as a candidate for secretary of state. Brown once lived in Beatrice, and is a very good citizen and an unflinching republican.
 Sidney Republican: The candidacy of Hon. R. D. Harris for lieutenant governor continues to receive the undivided support of the republican press of western Nebraska. When the convention rolls around the doctor will have a strong following and make a showing that will surprise his opponents for the honor.
 Norfolk Press: The Tekamah Journal brings out the name of John F. Piper as a candidate for delegate to the national republican convention from this district. John F. is all wool and a yard wide, and he hails from Burr county. Madison county by rights owes a few votes over that way, and this might be a good time now to even up past favors.
 Scott's Bluff Republican: There is no longer any doubt about Norris Brown, the present deputy attorney general, being nominated for the position now occupied by Frank N. Prout, when the convention meets in May. It is also certain that Treasurer Mortenson will be renominated to succeed himself at that convention. Thus the Big Sixth district will have two candidates on the next state ticket.
 Sidney Republican: The republican press all over the western part of the state is crying for the nomination of A. Brown of the Kearney Hotel for secretary of state, but Mr. Brown has not as yet consented to become a candidate. Mr. Brown has been in the newspaper business at Kearney nearly a quarter of a century and built up a business and reputation that any man could be proud of. By all means Brown for secretary of state, and we will have a good one.
 Geneva Signal: The people of this county appear to be unanimous in their support of the candidacy of J. L. McBrien for state superintendent, and it would doubtless be of service to Mr. McBrien if the republican county convention to be held here on the 23rd inst., should adopt a suitable resolution declaring in his favor.
 Tobias Express: If the people all over the state knew F. J. Sadtler as well as do the people of Saline county, he would probably be nominated on the first ballot for secretary of state, but would also be elected by the largest majority ever given a state officer. That a better man cannot be found to fill this position is conceded by all who know him.

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 Here are six million dollars' worth of stock certificates.
 In Jiggly's Giant Company for Propaganda.
 The stock is lithographed so fine; the dividends are due;
 And I'd be clipping coupons, but the floor fell through!
 'Way up there in the attic is a heap of ancient bonds—
 The Guarantees Subscription for the Buckeye's Own Flashboards.
 And tumbled round about them is about a million's worth
 Of shares in Rosewater's Scheme to Make Pure Diamonds from Earth.
 They cost me almost nothing, and it makes me rather blue
 To think I will be wealthy, but the floor fell through!
 O, yes, and here's my special lot of Super-heated Air;
 My little Shaded Copper, too, is stacked up over there;
 Why, underneath the carpets and all—
 Is Kansas Coffee—common—just ten million on its face.
 They gave me first chance at it—'twas splendid thing to do,
 And I'd be clipping sparkers, but the floor fell through!
 I've got a lot of other stock—there's Sago-crush Tea, preferred;
 And Mountain Air Condenser (now, that agent was a bird);
 And Summer Snow Supplier, also Ocean water Goldens Motion, but that stock, by jinks, I sold!
 I got my good twice weekly, but I want I'd have them all again, but the floor fell through!

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 This announcement by Mr. Bryan's closest newspaper oracle is the same as a proclamation that Mr. Bryan is ready to swallow any dose the St. Louis convention may mix for him.
 Mr. Bryan has been busy preparing a list of "don'ts" for the delegates to the convention. He has said, "Don't take back a single declaration in the Chicago and Kansas City platforms." He has said, "Don't nominate a candidate who is not known to be in hearty sympathy with the fallacies engrafted on the democratic creed since 1896." He has said, "Don't nominate a man unless he supported loyally the democratic ticket in the last two presidential campaigns." The force of all these warnings lay in the implied threat that unless they were heeded Mr. Bryan and his friends would bolt the convention and would refuse to support the ticket, just as the gold democrats refused to support the ticket when Bryan headed it himself.
 But now we are told that Bryan will not bolt and that he will be found among the most conspicuous supporters of the platform and ticket no matter what they may be. This is just what the reformers have wanted—to be able to say that Bryan's threats are simply a game of bluff and that he will be in line no matter what action the convention takes.

COUNTY FUNDING BONDS.
 A former deputy county treasurer, speaking for the warrant brokers with whom he is now interested, is out with a printed statement designed to show why the proposition to vote \$200,000 of bonds at a special election called by the Board of County Commissioners should not carry. From this statement it is plain that the local warrant brokers are against the proposed bond issue. As a matter of fact, however, there is no reason why the warrant brokers should be expected to favor this bond issue, otherwise they would be acting directly against their own business, which thrives when an empty treasury compels the county to put its warrants out at interest.
 The proposed bond issue is intended to fund the county floating debt, consisting of 7 per cent warrants, but bonds bearing not over 3 1/2 per cent interest, and to place the county as nearly as possible upon a cash basis that would make it unnecessary for the future to pay interest upon its warrant obligations at all. If county warrants could be cashed forthwith at the counter of the county treasurer, and the county thus enabled to make its purchases and bargains at current cash rates, a large and lucrative part of the warrant brokerage business would be destroyed.
 The bond proposition simply puts this question up to the taxpayers. Shall we continue to pay 7 per cent interest on \$200,000 of outstanding warrants, or shall we save half the annual interest

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COUNTY FUNDING BONDS.
 A former deputy county treasurer, speaking for the warrant brokers with whom he is now interested, is out with a printed statement designed to show why the proposition to vote \$200,000 of bonds at a special election called by the Board of County Commissioners should not carry. From this statement it is plain that the local warrant brokers are against the proposed bond issue. As a matter of fact, however, there is no reason why the warrant brokers should be expected to favor this bond issue, otherwise they would be acting directly against their own business, which thrives when an empty treasury compels the county to put its warrants out at interest.
 The proposed bond issue is intended to fund the county floating debt, consisting of 7 per cent warrants, but bonds bearing not over 3 1/2 per cent interest, and to place the county as nearly as possible upon a cash basis that would make it unnecessary for the future to pay interest upon its warrant obligations at all. If county warrants could be cashed forthwith at the counter of the county treasurer, and the county thus enabled to make its purchases and bargains at current cash rates, a large and lucrative part of the warrant brokerage business would be destroyed.
 The bond proposition simply puts this question up to the taxpayers. Shall we continue to pay 7 per cent interest on \$200,000 of outstanding warrants, or shall we save half the annual interest

Local reform purifiers need not beguile themselves with any idea that they are to be snuffed out by a reversion of the call for a spring grand jury. No one has yet manifested any disposition to obstruct the coming grand jury. If the reformers have anything to substantiate their indiscriminate charges of corruption and lawlessness let them get ready and present themselves before the grand jury. All law-abiding citizens in the community will support every honest effort to expose official mal-administration, but let us have an end of idle gossip and mere unsupported rumors.
 President Smith of the Mormon church revisited the old winter quarters at Florence none too soon. In view of the strides that busting and reweakened suburb is making, should he return few years later he would have difficulty in discovering anything to remind him of the border gang of fifty years ago.

making the senatorship a matter of political barter and trade? This little game has been worked in this county upon previous occasions and you have no assurance it will not be done again. What the individual candidate wants is his own personal success, and if he can throw in the senatorship to get it, who is there would stand against that proposition. Then there is another objection, and it will be well for republicans in the smaller counties not to rush in and place themselves in a position to be swallowed up by the big fish. As is well known, Lancaster and Douglas counties have a powerful vote when combined. As is also well known, for four years at least, both counties have been controlled by a machine, which has worked in combination and has been controlled and directed by an exceedingly limited number of men, not all republicans, either. This combination, with what can be picked up on the outside, will be a power in the state convention, with which the small counties cannot contend. The result of that if this policy prevails the machine in the two counties will very likely control and name both senators this year and two years hence. It seems to the Gazette that very dangerous ground when they take the senatorial question into the state convention to have it hawked about and traded around for other positions. It looks like the old way was the best, where the people can get action direct on their representatives.
PERSONAL NOTES.
 Senator Aldrich of Rhode Island claims to be the champion golf player in congress. He is an all-round athlete and spends most of his leisure time out of doors.
 Mrs. Helen G. Craig, who died last week at Anbury Park, was selected from a list of beautiful girls in Boston to crown Lafayette with a laurel wreath when he visited that city in 1824.
 The maharajah of Jeypoor, who is coming to the fair, wears \$5,000,000 worth of diamonds when in full dress. He will be placed in the safety deposit vault of that bank at the fair grounds.
 Said that rather successful money getter, Andrew Carnegie, at the Cooper Union, New York, the other day: "It would be a great mistake to put the pursuit of money getting on a level with the professions, because the object of business is self and ends with self. With professions it is different. The first end of professions is not mere money getting."
 Dr. Hale, chaplain of the senate, went to the State department to pay his respects to Secretary Hay, not knowing that it was diplomatic day. As he approached a messenger halted him and asked: "Are you a foreign minister, sir?" The chaplain replied, saying: "No, I am a domestic minister," and departed on learning how the secretary was occupied.
CALCULATED TO TICKLE.
 "We want a man for our information bureau," said the manager, "but he must be one that can answer all sorts of questions and not lose his head." "That's me," replied the applicant, "I'm the father of eight children."—Philadelphia Ledger.
 Cannibal King—That missionary made an awful fuss, didn't he?
 Hear that terrible, sir. His struggles were frightful.
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 "Don't you sometimes think that members of congress waste a great deal of time?"
 "Yes," answered Senator Forthum, "in some cases it would be cheaper all around."

to send 'em their salaries and mileage by mail and let them stay home."—Washington Star.
 "But how about the political and civil rights of the people in the Philippines?" they asked of him. "Does the constitution follow the flag?"
 "Mine did," said the haggard, hollow-eyed soldier who had just returned home from Manila. —Chicago Tribune.
 "What did you do with that article that Bitter sent you on the 'Longevity of the Patriarchs'?"
 "I'm using it for a paper weight."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.
STOCK TREASURES.
 W. D. Nesbit in Ainslie's. I like to sit and look at all my stocks and bonds and shares. And the constitution has joined the multimillions.
 Here are six million dollars' worth of stock certificates.
 In Jiggly's Giant Company for Propaganda.
 The stock is lithographed so fine; the dividends are due;
 And I'd be clipping coupons, but the floor fell through!
 'Way up there in the attic is a heap of ancient bonds—
 The Guarantees Subscription for the Buckeye's Own Flashboards.
 And tumbled round about them is about a million's worth
 Of shares in Rosewater's Scheme to Make Pure Diamonds from Earth.
 They cost me almost nothing, and it makes me rather blue
 To think I will be wealthy, but the floor fell through!
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