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Dates to be Remembered.

Prohibition national convention, at Pittsburg, May 26.

Republican national convention, at St. Louis, June 16.

Democratic national convention, at Chicago, July 7.

Populist national convention, St. Louis, July 22.

Republican state nominating convention, Lincoln, July 1.

Populist state convention to elect delegates to national convention, Grand Island, July 15.

Administration or straight democratic state convention to elect delegates to the national democratic convention, at Lincoln, April 29.

Sixth district republican convention to nominate a candidate for congress, at North Platte, August 19, at 10 a. m.

Cripple Creek sustained a terrible loss by fire on Saturday. Estimates place the loss at two millions of dollars, with but little insurance. No lives were lost.

It has been figured out that the government is running in debt at the rate of $1,200 a minute. No nation can stand that sort of a drain very long.

In New York the civil service rules are applied to the subordinates in all of the state offices, the office of the executive having been included at the request of Gov. Morton. A few of his confidential employees are the only ones who are exempt. It will be a great day for Nebraska when the same is true with all of the appointive offices.

There seems to be a tendency among contributors to magazines and periodicals to urge co-operation among manufacturers and those engaged in other industries. Co-operation in most instances is simply another name for trusts and if there is any one thing that the writers of this country should discourage it is the formation of combinations whose object is to stifle competition.

A man in Iowa while experimenting with the X rays is reported to have discovered a method of transforming one of the base metals into gold at a cost of fifty cents for $153 of gold. He calls the process Y rays. Should his claims prove correct it ought to increase the circulating medium enough to suit all, and would cause notes and bonds made payable in gold to lose their terror.

An inter-national arbitration society was organized at Washington a few days ago. Should it accomplish its object all disputes between civilized nations will be settled by an international court of arbitration and the ultimate result sought is the disarmament of the nations. The object is a worthy one and may in part be accomplished, but it is hardly likely that the nations will ever surrender the right of appeal to arms as the court of last resort in the settlement of inter-national difficulties.

The free silver democrats held their state convention at Lincoln last week and elected delegates to the national convention. No list of delegates was presented so just how many were present is not known, but it was estimated that between four and five hundred were present, and over eight hundred were entitled to seats. W. J. Bryan heads the list and was endorsed for presidential candidate. J. C. Dahlman of Chadron is one of the delegates to the national convention.

The recent newspaper consolidation at Chadron is another proof that newspapers cannot be considered as anything but business enterprises and can only be conducted under the same general rules as other business and hard times and business depression affects them just the same as any other business. A little more than a year ago Chadron had four papers and Crawford had three. Now each has two and both fields are fully occupied, and one paper in each town could easily fill the bill. Alliance is the only town in northwest Nebraska where three papers still exist.

Auditor Moore is being criticized a good deal for the position he has taken in regard to the insurance laws. It is said that his action has been in the interest of the old line insurance companies and against the mutual organizations which have grown up in the state of late years, and he seems to have taken upon himself the authority of a court and passed upon the legality of the acts of the legislature. When Gov. Holcomb did that he was severely criticized and Auditor Moore is no more excusable. It is generally supposed that the officials are to see that the provisions of the laws as they appear on the statute books are fulfilled and if any feel that the law is not right he may seek redress in the courts. The insurance lobby has been more in evidence at the legislative sessions of late years than that of the railroads and Mr. Moore is charged with being influenced by it. The people of the state have their eyes on him.

Day by day the evidence is becoming more clear that Cuba will throw off the yoke of Spanish misrule. The natural home for the island is beneath the stars and stripes. The Cubans will never be conquered unless reduced to slavery and it is to be hoped that the civilized nations will interfere before that point is reached, but the non-action on the part of the president of the United States indicates that he cares nothing for the sentiment of the people of his country nor the cruelties practiced by the Spaniards in Cuba.

A deal was made at Chadron last week whereby the *Signal* and *Recorder* were consolidated and in future will be issued as the *Signal-Recorder*, with A. E. Sheldon as editor and F. S. Kendall as manager, and owned by a stock company. The consolidation will be populist in politics and that is bad, but to adopt a hyphenated name is worse. The deal leaves Chadron with but two papers—a great plenty—so that they ought to do reasonably well from a business standpoint.

The republicans of northwest Nebraska should profit by the result of the Broken Bow convention and see to it that the same error is not repeated. At the state convention the only candidate this part of the state will have will be G. A. Eckles of Chadron for auditor, and there is no good reason why he should not have the entire northwest at his back. If all should go to the convention solid for Eckles and unpledged to any other man for any office, and stick right together it would be recognized, but if it is split up this part of the state will get nothing.

The popularity of the candidacy of Judge Kinkaid for the republican nomination for congress over a large portion of the district, indicates that the desire for the success of the nominee of the party is the ruling one with the masses of the voters. There are a number of counties in the district with favorite sons whom they would like to see in congress—and be it said to the credit of the republicans of the sixth district that there is not a man whose name is before the party who would not represent the district with credit to himself and his constituents—but the difficulty will be to get them there. It is sometimes an easy matter to fix up a convention so as to make nomination dictated by a boss or ring, and under the old election laws by the efforts of those in control the party lash could be applied so as to go far toward having their convention work ratified at the polls. But under the new laws it is different. The lash will not reach within the polling-booth and in order to elect it is necessary to put up men for whom the people will vote of their own accord. No true friend to a man will help him get a nomination which can only result in defeat. The republican nominee for congress in the sixth district has got to make a desperate fight if he wins, and it will be well for each aspirant to be closely examined and if weak spots are discoved his true friends should advise him to keep out. It is recognized that Kinkaid has no weak spots, and that is the reason his friends are urging his nomination.

Sound Advice.

Newport Republican.

We observe that there are several candidates for congress in the 6th congressional district. A populist has beaten good republicans three terms and it is evident that the populists still have a majority. That being the fact, the case resolves itself, not in a question of personal supremacy, but it is one of republican success or defeat. Which do you want? Perhaps you have a candidate, if so are you putting him up as a winner or as an easy victim for the opposition? This is no time for an exhibition of fine manipulation of conventions. It is a time for sober thought and effort for republican success. You do not honor your friend by nominating him if he cannot be elected, you only disgrace the party you profess to serve. With the light of six years of republican defeat in this congressional district, it is time for us to come to our senses. Rock county cannot be taken to task for this. She has always given a good round republican majority for the republican nominee for congressman.

All in Line for Him.

Crawford Tribune (dem.): There is not the least doubt among those who are acquainted with the political situation in the sixth district but that Judge Kinkaid could get more votes from the democratic party as a candidate for congress than any man in this judicial district, provided the democrats put up no candidate.

Alliance Times: If reports are to be relied upon, a great many of the delegates at the Broken Bow convention were watching the chances of Judge M. P. Kinkaid for the congressional nomination pretty closely, a "putting in a lick" now and then in his favor. Entirely proper, gentlemen, entirely proper! He's a winner.

Ogalalla News: Hon. M. P. Kinkaid, one of the judges of the fifteenth judicial district of Nebraska, gave the *News* office a very pleasant call last Friday. The judge has announced himself as a candidate for the nomination for congress on the republican ticket in this district and was here looking after his chances. It is no intrusion for Mr. Kinkaid to come into Keith county this year as we have no aspirant for that position. The judge made a favorable impression and will no doubt stand a fair chance at the convention, considering the fact that he has such a large portion of the district at his back to start with. In his judicial district last fall the judge ran more than one thousand votes ahead of the ticket, attesting his great popularity at home, and also indicating what the result may be if he succeeds at North Platte next August.

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The soil varies from a heavy clay to a light sandy loam and is capable of producing excellent crops.

The principal crops are small grain and vegetables, although good corn is grown in the valleys. The wheat, oats, rye and barley are all of unusually fine quality and command the highest market prices.

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