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THURSDAY, MAY 14, 1896.

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.

Sixth district republican convention to nominate a candidate for congress, at North Platte, July 3, at 10 a. m.

The call for the republican congressional convention has been issued to meet at North Platte on July 3, at 10 o'clock, a. m., to nominate a candidate for congress. Sioux county is entitled to 2 delegates, the same as in the state convention.

The last act in the tragic career of H. H. Holmes, the multi-murderer, occurred in Philadelphia last Thursday when the wretch was hanged. The execution passed off without accident or incident. It were better had he never been born.

The young republicans of Omaha a few days ago passed resolutions endorsing Jack MacColl as a candidate for the republican nomination for governor. It is refreshing to learn that there are some people in that city who are willing to recognize the western part of the state.

There are forty-six mutual insurance companies in Nebraska, carrying $425,457,682 in insurance. This explains the animus of the fight of the old line companies against the mutuals. It also explains the numerous devices resorted to for the purpose of bleeding the people who patronize them.—Kearney *Hub.*

At a meeting of the republicans of Omaha last Thursday evening at which all wards were represented a resolution was adopted endorsing Attorney General Churchill for a second term and declining to endorse W. J. Broatch as a candidate for governor. Those republicans recognize what is right and act accordingly.

Dawes county has another murder case on its hands. A man named Glen Santee was shot to death by William Welsh near Ida postoffice, about twenty miles south of Chadron. It was claimed to have been done in self-defense, but the coroner's jury held that it was done with felonious intent. The man who who was killed went to the house of the other and during a quarrel was killed.

The interest manifested here the first of the week indicates the importance of irrigation to Sioux county. It is shown beyond doubt that there are claims for a great deal more water than the streams of the county will supply. The only way to increase the amount of water to be used is for the people to build reservoirs and store the flood waters for use at the time needed. The necessity for such work is becoming more apparent as time passes.

Judge Shiras, of the federal court at Omaha, on last Thursday decided that the military authorities had the right to allow a post canteen to be operated on the Fort Robinson reservation and that liquor could be sold there without regard to the state laws, and ordered that the officers who had been arrested be discharged. The cession of the reservation to the United States caused the statutes of Nebraska to lose their force within the territory of the reservation.

Hay Springs has a candidate for the republican nomination for state senator for this district, by the name of S. Bockey. He is said to be a good man for the place. THE JOURNAL is for the man who is the best and strongest candidate, no matter from what part of the district he comes. It is time that the northwest district made an effort to redeem itself from what it has had in the upper branch of the legislature for some years past.

There is a good deal of talk about Thurston having a cabinet position assured in the event of the election of McKinley. Such a result would be right and proper when the time comes, but it is not just to either Thurston or McKinley to intimate that any promises have been asked or given, for that would put them on a level with the lowest class of politicians. Thurston's record in Nebraska proves that he does not exact a promise to pay before he will help a friend.

A great deal is being said of late of the extension of the civil service rules which are being put in effect by the administration. THE JOURNAL has always been in favor of such rules but the attempt of the democrats to claim credit for reform when it is simply a scheme, makes people tired. The administration, like all of its predecessors, has been putting members of its party into office as fast as it could ever since Cleveland was inaugurated, which under the precedent of all the years gone by was perfectly proper, and the result is that about every place is now filled by a democrat. The administration recognizes that the people demand a change in the policy of the government and that the party in power will step down and out on the 4th of March, 1897, and in hope of keeping as many of its adherents at the public crib as possible an extension of the civil service rules is proclaimed and credit for reform is claimed. Civil service is a beautiful thing, but its beauty is sadly marred when an attempt is made to use it to cover up political schemes.

Constitutional Amendment.

At the coming election twelve propositions to amend the constitution will be submitted to the people to vote upon. The following summary which appeared in a recent issue of the *World-Herald* covers the most important points of each of the proposed amendments:

First—To give the legislature power to pass a law providing that in civil actions five-sixths of the jury may render a verdict.

Second—Provides for three railroad commissioners to be elected by the people, each to hold his office three years. Nebraska has long been in need of capable railroad commissioners. The value of such an amendment would depend upon the character of the men elected to the positions, but the adoption of this proposition and the subsequent selection of good men for the commission would be of incalculable benefit to the state.

Third.—Authorizes the legislature to fix the salaries of the governor and other state officers, which salaries shall be neither increased nor diminished during the term for which these officers shall have been commissioned. This proposition provides that the legislature held after the adoption of this amendment shall establish the salaries of all state officers, a three-fifths vote being necessary. It also provides that the compensation so established shall not be changed oftener than once in four years, and in no event unless two-thirds of the members of each house of the legislature concur. Under this amendment the legislature would be empowered to fix the salaries of the three railroad commissioners, as well as to re-arrange, if necessary, the salaries of all state officers. The authority sought to be conferred upon the legislature is well guarded by the provision that a three-fifths vote is necessary to fix salaries in the first place and a two-thirds vote to change such salaries after four years shall have expired.

Fourth.—Conveys authority upon the legislature to create additional executive offices by a three-fourths vote and at the same time authorizes the legislature to abolish any office which it may have created.

Fifth.—Confers upon the legislature authority to create other courts inferior to the supreme court. The purpose of this is to give the legislature authority to create a state court of appeals for the purpose of affording relief to the heavily burdened docket of the supreme court.

Sixth.—Increases the number of judges of the supreme court from three to five. It also provides that the legislature may fix the term of office of the supreme court, provided, however, that such term shall not be for less than five years.

Seventh.—Authorizes the legislature, by a two-thirds vote, to increase the number of judges of the supreme court, as well as of the district court, as the constitution now provides.

Eight.—Authorizes the legislature, by a three-fifths vote to fix the salary of judges of the supreme and district courts, such compensation not to be changed oftener than once in four years, and in no event other than by a two-thirds vote of each house.

Ninth.—Is to confer authority on the legislature to authorize the use of a voting machine if that shall become practical.

Tenth.—Provides that the state permanent school funds shall be invested only in United States or state securities or registerd school district bonds of the state. When any warrant upon the state treasury regularly issued is presented for payment and there shall be no money in the proper fund to pay such warrant the state treasurer may, on order of the state board, pay this warrant from the school funds and hold the warrant as an investment of the permanent school fund.

Eleventh.—Authorizes that the government of any city of the metropolitan class and the government of the county in which the city is located may be merged wholly or in part when a majority of the voters of the county and city shall so declare. To accomplish this it will be necessary to obtain a distinct majority of all country precinct voters. The purpose of this is to give the Omaha and Douglas county governments a chance to unite in the event that the people may consider such a move desirable.

Twelfth.—Amends the constitutional prohibition against donations, by city, county, town, precinct or municipality to railroads or works of internal improvement, or manufactories, by striking out the word "railroads." It also provides that a two-thirds vote of the people shall be necessary to vote a donation to any work of internal improvement.

The Fashionable Type of Girl.

Every style of girl is said in society to have her day; and just at present the type of feminine looks in greatest demand and admiration is she of the very sallow, nay, of a distinctly yellow, complexion whose countenance shows no animation whatever, but who can boast of a pair of large, gloomy, black eyes. Can you trace the likeness? These unfortunate girls have come to the fore since Eleanora Duse has won such popularity here. Well, the sallow, dark-eyed girls are enjoying their day hugely, and do their hair in soft, languid-looking folds about their faces, and drop an occasional Italian, instead of French, word into their conversation. In fact, Duse has made the soft language of Italy wonderfully popular since she has been in this country, just as she has brought into favor the custom of wearing a large turquois ring on the first finger of the left hand. It's the only jewel she honors with daily usage; and the unique ornament is at present one of societies whims.—From "Society Fads," in Demorest's Magazine for May.

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County Court.—At Harrison, commences first Monday of each month.

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