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REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE MEETING.

The members of the republican county central committee are respectfully called to meet at the court house, in North Platte, on Saturday, March 14th, 1896, at one o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of determining the manner of selecting delegates to the state convention to be held at Omaha on April 15th, 1896, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting. A full representation is desired, as important business reaching through the campaign of '96 is liable to come before the committee.

G. C. McALLISTER, Chairman.

THE SIXTH DISTRICT.

The Congressional Committee of the Sixth Congressional district is hereby called to meet in the city of Kearney on Wednesday, March 11, at 2 o'clock p. m., for the transaction of such business as may properly come before it.

G. H. CUTTING, Chairman.

P. T. LAMBERT, Secretary.

THEY deal out honest justice in Iowa. A saloon-keeper sold a man two drinks of whisky, and while intoxicated he was drowned. His wife sued the saloon-keeper and was awarded \$2,000 damages.

A. E. Cady, of St. Paul, is several laps ahead of all competitors in the race for the republican nomination for congressman in this district. Republicans are confident that his nomination will result in his election.

THE Independent says the indications are that the Grand Island sugar factory will secure as large an acreage of beets as it desires without much effort. This is evidence that the farmers are satisfied with the results received from beet raising.

AN appropriation of a quarter of a million dollars to aid in the success of trans-Mississippi exposition to be held at Omaha will be asked by the Nebraska delegation in congress. We believe the exposition is worthy the appropriation asked.

M. D. HARTER, ex-congressman of Ohio, who last September addressed the sound money democratic convention at Lincoln, suicided the latter part of last week at his home in Fostoria, Ohio. The Bill Bryan fellows will probably declare that it was his financial opinions which led him to commit this rash act.

THE Manderson presidential boom does not promise to make much headway in Nebraska. The more the boom is dissected the more evident it is that it is only a scheme to get the state away from McKinley. But the scheme don't go. Nebraska is a McKinley state and apparently has no desire to push forward a "favorite son."

THE advance in the stock rates on the Union Pacific has been finally presented to the state board of transportation. The advance, which was made Jan. 1, amounts to about fifteen per cent on stock shipments from western Nebraska. There is no seeming cause for this advance, and it is hoped the board may be able to have a reduction made.

THE bill introduced in congress for the construction of fifty first-class torpedo boats and six torpedo boat destroyers is calculated to strengthen the navy at an important point. We have now but three torpedo boats and six building, while France has 218 and sixty-two building, and England 169 and sixty-two building. It is a significant fact that Spain is doubling her torpedo boat force.

A NUMBER of leading citizens of New York City have become interested in a movement to turn the surplus population of cities toward the country, and at the same time to improve rural conditions. The work will be confined at first to Westchester county, N. Y., where the first agricultural university will be opened March 4. It is assumed that there is need of greater skill and knowledge on the farm, and therefore the aim in the instruction will not be so much to increase the production as to obtain maximum yields on less acreage, reducing the costs and improving the quality. The lectures by professors of agriculture will be given at convenient points throughout the country, and when the course is completed another country will be taken up.—Globe Democrat.

MART HOWE, the discharged official of the soldiers' home at Grand Island, has drawn up his charges against Commandant Wilson. Among the charges are those of incompetency, employing incompetent firemen and engineers, nepotism, and conduct unbecoming a commandant in associating with lewd women. These charges will be investigated at Grand Island on the 10th of March.

DON CAMERON has just made his maiden speech in the senate. He has waited fifteen years, so that he might not be sat upon as an immature youth, unused to the ways of the ponderous body. His speech took five minutes and was in favor of free coinage. It is alleged that Don desires to figure as a presidential candidate at St. Louis, polling the votes of the silver mining states as a compliment. Hence his unwonted oratorical exertion.—Journal.

THE United States senate did well in voting unanimously a pension of \$100 per month to Mrs. Gresham. General Gresham's political course may have been erratic during the last years of his life, but all the same he was a great warm-hearted, patriotic man who gave all the best years of his life to his country's service. The public care for the comfort of the wife he so tenderly loved is a memorial that General Gresham, if alive, would more keenly appreciate than any other that could be given.—Inter Ocean.

ARE TARIFF RATES HIGH ENOUGH? Cheap Oriental Labor May Compel Highest Possible Protection.

Those who have expressed the opinion that the McKinley tariff rates of duties are too high, and would never be restored, are evidently not alive to the economic and industrial developments that are now occurring in different parts of the world, most particularly in Asia. Instead of their being too high, we believe that, within very few years, it will be found that the McKinley tariff rates are far too low to afford protection to American labor and to American industries in such lines as may be brought into direct competition with the products of the labor of India, China or Japan.

THE United States will not stand alone in this respect. Goods made by oriental labor will find their way into every market in Europe and Australia. They will supplant the European and our own goods in South American markets. The great hive of European industry will be removed to Asia unless some effective international combination may be brought about that can check the movement that has already originated in the orient. Instead of any tendency to lower tariffs here or in Europe we see before us indications of the necessity for distinctly higher tariffs, in some respects, than have ever yet been enacted in this or any other country of the civilized world.

THE general tendency of the masses of our people is not to dilute forethought. There are some among us, however, who recognize the impending industrial revolution and are preparing for it by the establishment of factories in the orient. While the capital there invested will be American capital, it will be subject to the laws of other countries and will be utilized in furnishing employment for the cheapest kind of foreign labor, not American labor. The product of such factories must be kept out of the United States unless upon payment of such a tariff as will make its cost equal to that of the American product made at home by American labor.

THE bureau of statistics of the treasury department enables us to show how we have been capturing the markets of the world. Here are our exports of American products and manufactures for six years, 1890 to 1895:

Table with columns for Year, Value, and Protection Average. Shows values from 1890 (\$1,885,967,711) to 1895 (\$1,807,543,982).

During the four years of McKinley protection we captured foreign markets worth, on an average, \$920,324,087 a year. During the two Democratic years our captures were worth only \$807,543,982 a year. The breach in the wall of protection cost us \$121,780,000 in each year of 1894 and 1895. The sooner the wall is repaired the less costly it will be to us.

Congressman Gamble's Idea. Restore again the policy of the Republican party and reverse the balance of trade in our favor and the effect will be, as it always has been heretofore, to stop the outflow of gold from our shores and bring to us instead the yellow metal sufficient to make good the balance of trade in our favor. The real secret of the present trouble is largely if not wholly due to a false economic policy insisted upon by the opposition in the face of overwhelming facts as well as the logic of the present unfortunate condition of our national well being.—Hon. Robert J. Gamble.

Free Wool and Carpets. We hear very little about the carpet trade nowadays from the New York Times. That free trade sheet used to be continually explaining what a "good thing" it was for our carpet manufacturers to sell carpets in England. Since the English manufacturers have been selling more of their carpets in the American market under our free wool policy the Times has been very silent. The "good thing" is over on the other side now. But why not tell us about it? "Education" and "Exaltation." Undoubtedly it has been a liberal education and a visible exaltation for the Democratic party to have accepted the political guidance of Grover Cleveland for these eight years.—New York Times, June 24, 1892.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report



TOLD IN A FEW WORDS

EVENTS OCCURRING IN ALL SECTIONS SUMMARIZED.

Haarpening From Home and Abroad Reduced From Columns to Lines.—Everything but Facts Eliminated For Our Readers' Convenience.

Friday, Feb. 21.

Creston, Ia., ice dealers have already harvested 1,000 tons of ice.—A hog weighing 850 pounds was marketed at Villisca Ia.—Burlington, Ia., may decline to go into the Western Baseball association and President Hickey is making preliminary overtures to Sioux City.—City Treasurer Johnson of Sioux City has stopped paying city warrants. The outstanding warrants against the city treasury amount to about \$400,000.—The proposition to reduce the college course at Harvard from four to three years is now almost an assured fact.—The Boston Hibernian fraternal college at Bellefonte, Pa., was destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated at \$12,000.—During a quarrel at Baltimore, W. H. Iams, who was drummed out of the militia camp at the Homestead riot, was shot and killed.—The expenses of the House Athletic association last year were \$3,286.89 and receipts \$1,346.50, leaving a deficiency of \$1,940.39.—At present there are 2,229 convicts in the Missouri penitentiary, which equals the number of its inmates last June.—The Canadians proved victorious over the United States curlers at Albany for the Gordon medal by the score of 43 to 26.—According to statistics prepared for the British blue book 35,000 Armenians have been massacred by Turks during the last 12 months.—Fitzsimmons knocked out Peter Maher in 1 round for heavyweight championship.—Republicans of Indian Territory will hold their convention to select delegates to St. Louis at Muskogee April 23. The Democrats will select their national delegates at Yuma June 9.—John Parker, a wealthy farmer of Glen Ellen, Ia., was killed in a runaway accident.—John Coffin, a veteran of the civil war, committed suicide at Humboldt, Ia., by swallowing morphine.—G. A. R. men of Beloit, Wis., gave a banquet in honor of ex-Governor Hoard and Adjutant General Talnage.—The Chicago, Burlington and Quincy directors declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1 per cent.—The Whitney presidential campaign managers of the states of Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana and Alabama have opened general headquarters in New Orleans.—Sept. 11 to 19 inclusive has been selected for the exhibition of the Sioux City, Ia., Fair association. Large premiums will be offered.—Mrs. Susan Hussey, who died at the home of her son in Cedar Rapids, Ia., aged 78 years, was buried at her old home, Palmyra, Wis. A. R. Chamberlain, 75 years of age, a pioneer of State Center, Ia., killed himself by shooting while dependant on account of illness.

Saturday, Feb. 22.

Fred Ellis, aged 4 years, was burned to death at Waco, Tex.—There are about 200 candidates scrambling for the vacant army chaplaincy.—The Chicago and Cotton States exposition will be opened Aug. 1 of this year.—The Southern Lumber Manufacturers' association adjourned to meet Aug. 12.—V. H. Payne and his wife were found murdered at their home at Houston, Tex.—Brakeman James Moore fell between the cars at Williams, Ia., and was instantly killed.—E. Cranfill, aged 12, shot Charles Cowell through the head and killed him at Hillsboro, Ia.—Secretary Hirschfeld refused to grant permission for the consolidation of four Chicago gas companies.—The twenty-sixth annual Young Men's Christian association state convention of Iowa is being held at Keosauqua.—The wife of Vice President Stevenson has been elected president general of the Daughters of the American Revolution.—Rev. Dwight Breed, D. D., of Detroit, has been called to the pastorate of the First Congregational church at Creston.—The German steamer Kantzler remains aground at Inoula, blocking 35 steamers desirous of passing through the Suez canal.—Huntington township, Indiana, has voted an appropriation of \$5,000 to aid construction of the Indiana Central road at Mexico, Mo.—A young child of Beeley Hughes was left alone for a few moments, during which it played with fire and burned to death.—At Mount Pleasant, Ia., politics in the municipal campaign has been lost sight of the fight being over whether the city shall buy gas works.—The Illinois Car Service association in ouldes 20 roads and looks after demurrage charges at 55 cities and towns in the state.—F. Krul, a farmer living near Wellman, Ia., was found dead in the road, the cause of his death being unknown.—Republicans of Cedar Rapids, Ia., have nominated George A. Lincoln for mayor and Thomas Devedorf for treasurer.—It is rumored Santa Fe officials will accept a 10 per cent reduction in salaries.

Sunday, Feb. 23.

Trouble over a business transaction occurred at Ash Grove, Mo., which ended in the killing of James Brock, an attorney, by James Gilmore. Brock's last words were: "Don't let me die with my boots on."—Miss Virginia Fair, the California heiress, left for Europe on the steamer Majestic.—The war department has arranged a system for tagging wounded United States soldiers on battlefields, by which the nature of their wounds will be known to the ambulance corps in an instant by their color, marking and shape.—The expenses atched to the fight which Fitzsimmons won in 1 minute and 25 seconds are estimated at \$104,210.—Champion Zimmerman is to be banquetted on a return to New York.—A delegation of Ohioans is at Washington to request the removal of United States Marshal Nagle.—Mrs. Augusta Maenthes, aged 94, residing at Greencreek, Pa., narrowly escaped burning to death.—Mrs. Malatia Kout, aged 70, of Robinson, Ills., was found near her home frozen to death.—Jake Schaefer, the billiardist, will play a series of exhibition games in New York City March 2.—Frank Bate-man was charged by a fellow with having murdered and robbed Henry Bellwood near Carlyle, Ills., in 1883.—William H. K. Smith, an old soldier of Greenville, Tex., died on a train en route to the Soldiers' home at Leavenworth, Kan.—Washington's birthday was celebrated at Charlton, Neb., by a wolf hunt, which was participated in by about 50 men and 25 trained dogs.—The St. Paul Whist club defeated the Chicago Whist club's team at St. Paul by 12 points.—The plighted members of the American Revolution have adopted resolutions urging congress to purchase the Old Little grounds of 1812.—A patient in the hospital at Burlington, Ia., fearing he was going to be used on the dissecting table, fled from the institution in his night shirt.—A swifter has

NEWS OF NEBRASKA.

Banks Get Two Years. LINCOLN, Feb. 27.—Tom Banks was given two years for killing Bob Mix.

Platte River Ice Gorge. LA PLATTE, Neb., Feb. 26.—The ice gorge in the Platte river here holds 800,000, and much of the low lands on the north are under water.

Ex-Clerk's Alleged Shortage. LINCOLN, Feb. 23.—Elias Baker, ex-clerk of the district court of Lancaster county, is reported to be short in his accounts from \$8,000 to \$10,000.

Victor Rosewater a Regent. OMAHA, Feb. 24.—Victor Rosewater, managing editor of the Omaha Bee, was appointed regent of the Nebraska state university by Governor Holcomb.

Koch Jumps His Bail. COLUMBUS, Neb., Feb. 25.—Frank Koch, who was under \$1,300 bonds for assaulting the two little girls some time ago, jumped his bond and has left the country.

Depot at Fairmont Robbed. FAIRMONT, Neb., Feb. 25.—The Kansas City and Omaha depot at this place was entered by burglars last night and the money drawer smashed. Papers and way bills were scattered over the floor.

Lincoln Cigarette Ordinance. LINCOLN, Feb. 25.—The Lincoln city council passed William Lawler's cigarette ordinance. This ordinance prohibits the use of cigarettes, cigars or tobacco by persons under 18 years of age within the city limits.

New Phase of an Old Case. NORTH PLATTE, Feb. 26.—W. M. Hinman filed information with the county attorney and suit was begun in the district court here against the North Platte Land and Water company under the alien land ownership law.

Farmer Dies From Injuries. PENDER, Neb., Feb. 25.—George Leonard, a farmer living near Quinton, in this county, was thrown from a wagon Friday evening, and died from the injuries. He formerly lived at Oto, Ia., and leaves a wife and six children.

Alleged Embezzler Bound Over. FAIRMONT, Neb., Feb. 24.—John D. Jennings of Hanbine, the solicitor of the New York Life Insurance company, had his examination on the charge of embezzling \$383 from the company, and was bound over to the district court. He has not secured bail.

Insurance Company Has Ouit. OMAHA, Feb. 26.—Judge Keyser appointed Earl W. Gannett receiver for the Omaha Fire Insurance company upon his filing a bond in the sum of \$90,000. The appointment was made on the application of Emerson L. Stone, a member of the board of directors.

Will Be a Very Large Acreage. COZAD, Neb., Feb. 25.—Farmers are beginning work in the fields. A number are sowing wheat. The irrigation companies are at work putting their ditches in order for operation. There will be a very large acreage of small grain sown this spring. Winter wheat and rye are looking fine.

Gas Company to Decide. HASTINGS, Neb., Feb. 26.—The ordinance granting a franchise to the gas company at a flat rate of \$2.25 per thousand was voted down by the city council, and the company is now left the alternative of either shutting down the plant, as threatened, or accepting a franchise with a less rate.

Pioneer Woman Dies. NEHAWA, Neb., Feb. 24.—Mrs. Fidelia Sheldon, mother of Lawson Sheldon of this place and A. Sheldon of Ayres, Neb., and an aunt of Senator Pettigrew of South Dakota, died here. Mrs. Sheldon was the oldest lady in Cass county. She would have been 90 years old next May. She passed away after an illness of only a few days.

Gold Mines on Many Farms. PLEASANT DALE, Neb., Feb. 25.—The gold excitement at this place still continues. Experiments are being made every week with excellent results. A farmer south of here arranged a sluice and washed out about fifteen loads of dirt and sand. The waste was run into Middle creek. About \$22 worth of gold was obtained as the result of the experiment, and about one-half a bushel of black sand was secured, which has not been tested yet. It is thought that quite a large amount of gold was washed over.

Omaha Ghosts. OMAHA, Feb. 25.—Two of the men who are supposed to have robbed the graves in Mount Hope cemetery are under arrest. One of them, Stanley Claycomb, is under arrest in Des Moines and is the man who accompanied the trunks containing the dead bodies to that city. The other party is William Glasco. Both are members of the so-called Bruton gang, whose trials occupied a considerable portion of the time of the district court during the last term. Other members of this gang are supposed to be implicated in the crime, and every effort is being made to locate them.

Improved Stock Breeders' Association. LINCOLN, Feb. 23.—At the morning session of the Improved Stock Breeders' association Editor Bruce McCulloch of the South Omaha Daily Stockman gave an interesting history of the growth of the stock yards interests at South Omaha. A discussion followed in which Mr. McCulloch said that some American packers were in the habit of placing an English brand on American pork under the mistaken impression that a finer flavor was found in English pork. He said the flavor of American pork is the equal of any packed in the world. The following officers were elected: W. G. Whitmore, Valley, president; William Foster, Sallis, secretary-treasurer; vice presidents, A. L. Sullivan of Lincoln, E. W. Chappell of Normal and J. H. Wescott of Malcolm.

Paris, Feb. 23.—Most of the newspapers regard the conflict between the ministry and the chamber of deputies on the one hand and the senate on the other as ended. The moderate Republicans praise the wisdom of the senate in baffling the hopes of the enemies of the republic and the Socialists and Radicals declare that the senate capitulated, fearing a revision of the constitution, which, however, is held to be inevitable. The Conserv. tives maintain that the senate will ally with.

Ex-State Treasurer Sued. CHEYENNE, Feb. 27.—Suit for the recovery of \$44,147.31 was commenced in the district court here on behalf of the state of Wyoming against ex-State Treasurer Otto Gramm and bondsmen.