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### Convention Dates.

National—Republican, Philadelphia, June 19; democratic, Kansas City, July 4; silver republican, Kansas City, July 4.

### REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES.

#### STATE TICKET.

Governor.....Charles H. Dietrich, Adams  
Lieutenant-Governor...E. P. Savage, Custer  
Secretary of State...G. W. Marsh, Richardson  
Auditor.....Charles Weston, Sheridan  
Treasurer.....William Steuffer, Cuming  
Attorney-General.....Frank N. Prout, Gage  
Commissioner Public Lands and Buildings.....G. D. Folmer, Nuckolls  
Superintendent...W. K. Fowler, Washington  
Presidential electors—John F. Nesbitt, Burt county; A. E. Wadham, Cass county; Ed Boyse, Custer county; J. L. Jacobson, John L. Kennedy, Douglas county; John J. Langer, Saline county; R. L. Hague, Buffalo county; S. P. Davidson, Johnson county.

#### CONGRESSIONAL.

Congressman Sixth district—M. P. Kinkaid, Holt county.

### A Little Ancient and Modern History

(John J. Ingalls.)

The social discontent which reinforced Bryan so powerfully in 1896 has disappeared. In his appeals now to the people to repudiate republicanism he addresses constituencies prosperous beyond precedent. It is not, as sometimes happens, a state in which one interest thrives and another languishes, but every pursuit, industry and occupation shares the common welfare. Mining, farming, manufactures, commerce are at the flood. Vast enterprises projected attest the courage and confidence of capitalists and promises constant and remunerative employment for labor. Exports have passed the highest record hitherto made. American genius and enterprise have completed the conquest of the markets of the world. The circulating medium—gold, silver and paper—has kept on increasing till the per capita of money is the largest in our history. The treasury overflows. It is an embarrassment of riches.

It is not necessary to claim that this condition is due to the policies of the republicans or to the administration of McKinley. All that need be affirmed is that either because of them or in spite of them it has come to pass. Good times are here and the people want them to continue. Possibly, also, it may be only a coincident that democratic ascendancy has always been accompanied by stagnation, panic, depression, wreck and disaster.

During the past forty years the people have had three object lessons of the blessings of democratic administration.

The bequest of Buchanan was business paralysis, national bankruptcy and civil war.

Twenty-three years afterward Cleveland came in, and prices immediately fell and the country sank in hopeless apathy.

In 1893, upon the cry of demagogues that the rich were growing richer and the poor were growing poorer, Cleveland again became president, with both houses of congress democratic. It is within bound to say that the four years of his administration, from '93 to '97, will never be recalled by Americans in any age without a blush of indignant shame. The self complacent ignorance, the vulgar egotism, the bloated conceit, the brutal sneers at the patriotic defenders of their country, the hypocritical affectation of moral superiority, the ruffianly interference with the prerogatives of congress, the prostitution of patronage under the pretext of civil service reform, have their only parallel in that ignominious period of English history described by Macaulay as an epoch of servility without loyalty, of dwarfish talent and gigantic vices, the paradise of cold hearts and narrow minds, the golden age of the coward, the bigot and the slave.

Every day witnessed some new triumph of democratic policy—some factory closed, some furnace extinguished, some bank suspended,

some sail furled, some train cut off, some railroad in the hands of a receiver, some laborer reduced to beggary, some mother with her children sent to the almshouse, some veteran stigmatized as a pauper, a perjurer and a thief and the traditions of a century of honor and glory cast in the mire. War, pestilence and famine could not have wrought more baleful and fatal destruction than that which overwhelmed rich and poor alike in common ruin.

In the one item of live stock alone as an illustration for the farmer to consider, the value of cattle, swine horses and other animals decreased more than \$800,000,000 in that term, enough to pay off a large share of the interest bearing debt of the United States when Cleveland was inaugurated.

In three years of McKinley's administration more than \$500,000,000 of this loss has already been regained.

### Pops at War Over Governor.

A merry war is waging in the fusion camp over the gubernatorial nomination. An organized movement is on foot to prevent the re-nomination of Governor Poynter, and a just as thoroughly organized movement is on foot to nominate him. The opposition to Poynter is based on the governor's action as a member of the board of equalization upon fixing the valuation of the railroads of this state. The railroad assessments were allowed to remain the same for 1899 as they were in 1898, which is causing a howl from those who think it should be higher. Holt county, the seat of populist froth and foment, is among the leaders against Poynter.

John O. Yeiser of Omaha and Congressman Stark of the Fourth district are figured on for the nomination by Poynter's enemies.

The Independent last week contained a letter addressed to the governor on the subject of railroad assessments. The Independent's letter is not signed but it is easily identified. It says:

The following letter which we addressed to the governor will explain itself. We desire to be as liberal as is consistent in the discussion of any matter fraught with so much importance to the tax payers of the state and to the populist party. The governor is a candidate for re-nomination, and while many of his most ardent supporters have withdrawn their support within the last week on the ground that he has surrendered to the railroads, this paper will give all the evidence to its readers upon both sides of this question and let them decide the case for themselves, and to this end we ask the governor for a statement.

Hon. William A. Poynter, Governor of Nebraska.—Dear Sir: Your vote, as a member of the state board of equalization of Nebraska upon fixing the valuation of the railroads of this state for assessment, is a matter of keen disappointment to myself and a great many of your friends in Holt county. As one of the first counties in the state to take up your candidacy and insist upon your nomination two years ago, we have manifested an active interest in the success of your administration, and we have felt that in so far as you were able you would see that the humblest citizen of the state would receive exact and equal justice with the wealthiest corporation in Nebraska.

The farmers of Holt county pay taxes upon their lands, as near as I can learn from careful research of the county records and from my personal knowledge of the lands in our county, upon an average assessed valuation of about one-third of their real value. Therefore, your vote for a proposition fixing the assessed valuation of the railroads at about one-tenth of their actual value is not taken as an act of justice by our people and is being severely criticized, it being an act which, to me, is indefensible.

Now, governor, I want to do you exact justice in this matter, editorially, and to this end I await your reply which I trust will embody a full and satisfactory explanation of your position upon this very important question, which I shall be pleased to publish along with any argument or comment that may be made incident to the question.

This letter, which Eves, the ostensible editor of the Independent, reports to write is the product of Mike Harrington, is the outgrowth of being ignored by Poynter. Harrington addressed a letter to the governor at the time the board of

## Growth of American Exports

During the ten months of the current fiscal year ending with April 30 our exports were \$135,948,857 GREATER IN VALUE than in the corresponding months a year ago.

equalization was in session arguing that the assessed valuation of railroads should be increased, to which Poynter paid no attention, whereat Harrington is very wroth and is fighting his renomination.

Poynter is out with a statement saying he has no excuse to offer for voting to make the assessment the same as in '98, and states that after thoroughly investigating the assessment rolls of railroad and other property it is found that the valuation of all other property, taken as a whole, has been reduced from year to year by the assessors for the last three years. By comparison of the years from '93 to '99 it is shown, according to Poynter, that although the total valuation of the railroads has really been less for the last three years than it was in '93, yet the reduction in the valuation of other property has been such that the railroads bear a greater portion of the taxation of the state today than they did in 1893.

These showings are damaging to the anti-Poynter faction, but it is not safe to predict what the outcome will be. On this point a Lincoln paper quotes a prominent fusionist as saying: "All this talk and opposition to the governor will come to naught. Poynter will be renominated by acclamation. Mike Harrington can't do anything up in the Sixth. His home county, Holt, will send a Poynter delegation to the state convention. Dawes county, where there has been so much bluff, will send a Poynter delegation. York county did the unexpected thing Saturday and adopted resolutions endorsing the administration of the governor. Buffalo county, the home of C. W. Hoxie, is going to send a Poynter delegation to the convention despite all disgruntled ex-officeholders can do. Harlan county will follow Buffalo's example; and Poynter will have a portion of Gage's and all but six or seven of Lancaster's. The opposition hasn't many willing to make himself a sacrifice. So far as Stark is concerned he will not be a candidate. I have heard that he assured the governor he would not oppose him under any consideration."

At last the truth is out. A privy letter from Puerto Rico says that everybody there is pleased with the new tariff except one man. That man is the British consul at San Juan, Mr. Finley, who had bought up all the sugar and tobacco in sight, anticipating its free entry into the United States. No wonder the democrats in congress were so anxious for free trade with Puerto Rico. They were up to their old tricks of trying to fling the benefits of the American market into the lap of the British, just as they did by the Wilson bill.

Fremont Tribune: Attorney Harrington of O'Neill was disregarded by the state officials to whom he sent his communication relative to railroad assessments. It will be remembered that he pointed out that the roads pay taxes now on a sum of \$2,000,000 less than was assessed by the republican state officials. The board of assessors paid no attention to this communication and all Harrington has accomplished is to get an interesting document on file to show how "reform" officials are built.

Independent: The Frontier should write a defense for the appointees of McKinley who have already stolen over \$100,000 of the Cuban postal service.

We turn that job over to W. R. Butler, who has been writing "defences" for publication in the Independent for the last month. And while you are at it, just "write a defense" for the altered and incorrectly added returns on those sum-

### NATIONAL MATTERS

(CONTRIBUTED.)

The Hon. Arthur Sewall is going abroad this year in preference to going on the Chicago platform again.

Abdul Hamid shows a disposition to join Aguinaldo in holding out in hope of democratic success in November.

The per capita circulation is now \$26.58, the erstwhile gold contraction theory to the contrary notwithstanding.

In addition to its other troubles the democratic party now has a severe case of bifurcated populism on its hands.

The election of the Hon. Joe Bailey to the United States will leave the constitution without a chaperon in the house.

Middle-road populism possesses the courage of its convictions. But the other variety possesses the faculty for political dickerings.

When the Kansas City convention denounces trusts the Tammany delegation will ask for a special dispensation in favor of its ice combine.

Indications are that our total foreign trade for the fiscal year ending June 30 next will be three hundred million larger than last year.

In April we exported \$43,459,765 more than we imported, and we exported \$30,130,000 more of American products and manufactures than April, 1899.

The scarcity of issues for democratic campaigning is shown in the eagerness of the leaders of that party to lug in the South African war and other foreign questions.

The republican party has always depended upon commercial tranquility and prosperity for its success. Democratic hope is founded upon strikes and business depression.

The Virginia democrats didn't do a very bright thing when they hissed Admiral Dewey. The democratic party is not so heavily stocked with heroes that it can afford to hiss them.

Ninety-two per cent. of our imports and exports are carried in foreign ships, which take \$200,000,000 a year from the American people in payment of the freight. The ship subsidy bill now pending in congress is designed to stop this great annual drain, but it don't seem likely to pass.

Democrats who are so eager to show their hostility to Great Britain by trying to involve the United States in a war with that country on account of the Boers, are at the same time doing their utmost to secure the passage of an act of congress that would permit British-built ships to be registered as American.

Application has been made to the courts of New Jersey by the holder of 100 shares of stock, demanding an accounting of the affairs of the American Sugar Refining company, otherwise known as the sugar trust. This is the same concern to which Senator Jones, chairman of the national democratic committee, wanted to refund upwards of \$600,000 duties which the trust had paid on imports of Puerto Rican sugar.

Secretary Hay made it clear to the Boer envoys that the administration could not do more than it had already done to bring about peace in South Africa. The United States government acted promptly when an opportunity offered, through the appeal made to the representatives of the various nations at Pretoria, and was the only nation which did act. As its offer of mediation was then declined by England no further opportunity is now afforded.

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