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YOUR Uncle Sam seems to be like one of Dickens characters—he is waiting most of the time lately for something to turn up.

THE democrats of Nebraska City turned up their noses at the proposal to fuse with the pops, and nominated a straight ticket of their own yesterday. The fusion deal, so popular two years ago, seems to have lost its charm.

A THREE cornered mayoralty fight in this city seems quite probable. If the republicans place a clean and able candidate in the field this evening, his election would be almost certain. Every such man approached so far, however, says no, and the famine in candidates is not a flattering omen for success.

BARTLEY is to have a rehearsing in the supreme court, and it is said that the new demo-pop judge, Sullivan, is the man who has asked for it. A little more supreme court jugglery and a few more criminals turned loose on the people, will make the general public feel like Shadrer felt toward the constitution one time.

REPUBLICAN clubs throughout Nebraska should put their organizations into fighting shape early in the season. The meeting of the national republican league at Omaha in July should find the Nebraska club men lined up in one solid phalanx as an intimation of what the campaign of 1898 will bring forth.—Omaha Bee.

It looks as though Hawaii might be annexed after all in spite of the sugar trust, and the newspapers who have been sugared to fight the proposition. It is said a resolution will be offered in the senate and that the Sandwich Islands will be brought into the fold the same as Texas was. A majority of both houses are in favor of the plan.

A. G. WOLFENBEIGER who has long kept a private graveyard for his numerous political hopes, has been very properly nominated for the office of "cemetery trustee" by the Lincoln populists, prohibitionists and democrats. "Wolf" is a good man for the place and republicans who vote for him should not be read out of the party.

THE Armenian massacres were pointed to with horror by Americans everywhere and the British government was roundly abused as cowardly and inhuman. Now, the shoe is on the other foot, the Cuban brutalities being far worse than those suffered in Armenia. The awful crimes are committed at our very door, and yet nothing is done to prevent or stop Spain from its heartless persecutions and murders.

SIXTY-EIGHT per cent of the Spanish people can neither read nor write. This sort of nation your Uncle Sam has to cope with and it's the sort that can understand a shot gun argument better than pages of reason and sound logic. A Spaniard won't believe a thing till you show him and our government should not be too slow in giving him some practical demonstrations at the cannon mouth which he can comprehend.

A LADY bearing the appropriate name of Mrs. Shute has emerged from the rocky fastnesses of Colorado, and has notified the authorities that she has organized a regiment of martial females who will insist upon going to the front in case of war. If the example set by this lady is generally followed, peace will be a sure thing. The Spaniards may be brave, but they are not foolhardy, and they will refuse to cross swords with the new woman.—Beatrice Express.

THE Iowa legislature has undertaken the job of fixing the western boundary of the state without the consent of anyone else. The change in the channel of the Missouri has made this boundary matter an important one, and these Hawkeye fellows don't want to get funny. We may have to send the state militia and Col. Colby over there to put a quietus on them if they go to swiping Nebraska territory.

THAT remarkable partnership between wheat and silver, stories of which W. J. Bryan used to enjoy his farmer friends with, in an endeavor to get them interested in his white metal schemes went on any more. Time has proven the story a raw fake, and the man who peddled it a fakir of the first water. Those farmers who were taken in on the story are beginning to see how they were used to bolster up a cause that had no merit in it, and the result is there will be a big falling off this fall in the vote for the free and unlimited. In the meantime wheat continues to hover above the dollar mark, while silver is down lower than it was when wheat was selling for forty cents per bushel.

OUR versatile neighbor across the way, in an effort to boom the democratic city treasurer, makes laughing stock of himself by claiming great credit because taxes are being paid and the several funds are in prime condition. The city treasurer walks down to the county treasurer's office and receives what the latter officer pays over to him, that is the sort of awful labor he performs to keep up the several funds. We admit that credit is due somewhere for the improved condition of the city and county treasurers. The credit belongs to the county commissioners, who, by hard work, have collected nearly \$40,000 of back taxes and are still pushing these collections. Only a few days ago Commissioner Hayes made a trip to Lincoln at his own expense and saw the representatives of the Fitzgerald estate and brought them to time so that today they have agreed to pay \$5,000 into the county treasury in full of their taxes. Over half of this will go to the city, and it will cost the city treasurer a walk of three blocks to add it to the city funds. Our neighbor must not try to boom democratic officials by crediting them with work which republican officers have done.

GENERAL BLANCO seems to be busy most of the time in giving banquets and costly entertainments for Spanish dignitaries who visit Havana. The fact that he can do this in the face of so much suffering where defenseless women and children are dying of starvation by thousands, proves the wanton cruel nature of these Spaniards, and makes justifiable anything that this country might do to force Spain to quit her brutal war. Each succeeding report from stricken Cuba only excites greater sympathy for these struggling people, and if something is not done soon for them our claim of humanity would be farcical. Are we a nation of craven cowards whose idolatrous worship of the dollar has crowded out every spark of patriotism and sympathy for the oppressed? It certainly begins to look that way. We may make futile attempts to feed the starving people in Cuba for months, but it would be more humane, more manly to put a stop to the butcheries. If the president continues to turn a deaf ear to the awful sufferings of the stricken people on our neighboring isle, and listens only to the opinions of the stock gamblers and moneybags of Wall street, he will soon be in worse repute with his own party than Cleveland was. The mass of republicans favor the immediate recognition of Cuba and are tired, thoroughly tired, of the waiting policy.

CHILL is not chilly toward Uncle Sam and says we can have her finest war ship with the Irish name of O'Higgins at any time if we need it, and the Argentine Republic is in the same mood. Our South American neighbors are evidently not jealous of the great republic and fore see the good results which may follow by establishing close friendly relations.

HOLCOMB's attorney general, Mr. Smyth, has brought a big suit against Bartley's first term bondsman, alleging his defalcation of over \$200,000. Now comes the governor with a statement made in writing to the effect that Bartley was not a defaulter during his first term at all. The democratic fusion officers must get together or Bartley's bondsman will again be let out.

THE navy department has ordered according to the telegraphic reports over 5,000,000 pounds of powder. The big appropriation made for war preparations must be melting like an April snow. If there is to be no war as the diplomats tell us, the buying of such vast stores of material is little else than a waste of money. It seems, however, as if the government had some ideas of war which it did not care to have shared by the general public.

THE impeachment of Mayor Graham of Lincoln came to an end last evening in a way that the city should be ashamed of. The testimony was very damaging, but ten votes of the members of the city council were necessary to sustain the charges, and when a vote was taken only nine voted in favor of impeachment. The courts will now take a turn at the mayor, he having been indicted by the grand jury, and it is to be hoped that he may yet suffer the penalty of his shameful acts.

THERE'S nothing new in the Cuban situation. McKinley has not sent the proposed message to congress, neither has the red tape commission, which was investigating the Maine disaster, seen fit to make a report. The poor Cubans are dying of starvation by the thousand, and not a finger is lifted by the American government to stop the inhuman war of annihilation. The Spaniards, without money and without credit, seem to terrorize the administration as badly as if one of the great powers was about to bombard the national capitol.

Republican Central Committee. A meeting of the republican central committee will be held Tuesday evening March 22, 1898, at the office of S. H. Atwood & Co., at 7:30 p. m. over Smith & Parmelee's store. A full attendance is requested and the nominees for office are requested to be present. W. H. NEWELL, Chairman.

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WHAT THE BOY SHOT AT
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The democratic city convention met at White's opera house last evening and was called to order by that irrepressible democrat, Col. Peter Edward Ruffner.

Frank J. Morgan was made temporary chairman by Frank Green and Green was made temporary secretary on motion of John Sattler. On motion the secretary read a list of the delegates elected to the convention, there being no contests, on motion of Chas. Grimes the list as read were declared the delegates to the convention.

The delegates present were authorized to cast the full vote of the ward. On motion of P. C. Hanson the temporary organization was made permanent.

Morgan was called on for a speech, but he failed to grasp the opportunity so long as Col. Shorman's mouth watered for a chance to say a word and others desired to make a talk.

On motion of Ole the chairman of each ward was requested to announce the vote of his ward.

Nominations for mayor were called for and for a time it looked as though there would be no response, but Wm. Neville threw himself into the breach and broke the stillness which had taken possession of the hall by naming John A. Gutsche.

D. M. Jones wanted Gutsche nominated by acclamation but the chair declared him out of order and the roll was called which resulted in every vote being cast for Mr. Gutsche. When the third ward was reached the chairman of the delegation, Chas. D. Cummins, announced nineteen votes for Gutsche, but his face showed unmistakable evidence of disgust. The mayor was called upon for a speech. He came forward and thanked the convention in a few words for the honor and promised to give a good administration if elected.

P. C. Hanson, on behalf of the Second ward, named Fred W. Lehnhoff for city clerk, and H. Spies seconded the nomination. Fred got every vote except one, in the Third ward, and was declared the nominee.

Fred was not an orator and thanked the convention in a few words. Charles Grimes grew eloquent in nominating H. R. Goring for treasurer, and moved the suspension of the rules and that he be declared the choice of the convention by acclamation, which carried unanimously.

J. M. Patterson nominated Mike Archer for police judge, which carried in the same way. Archer thanked the convention in a neat speech and said he would do his duty if elected, as he expected to be.

James Patterson, Jr., named W. K. Fox for the school board and Chas. Grimes named F. G. Pricke. The rules were suspended and both were nominated by acclamation. John Corey, the Third ward candidate for council, withdrew and the Third ward delegates got together and placed James Patterson, Jr., in nomination.

Charles Grimes pronounced an eloquent eulogy on the life and valuable services of Col. P. Edward Ruffner, and named him for chairman of the city central committee. The convention acquiesced in the choice and P. Edward was made chairman. The following was announced as the city central committee:

First ward—H. G. Livingston.
 Second ward—D. M. Jones.
 Third ward—Chas. D. Cummins
 Fourth ward—B. L. Kirkham.
 Fifth ward—Wm. Slaters.

A meeting of the democratic city central committee was called for Judge Archer's office Monday evening at 7:30. A STAB AT FUSION.

Fusion received a stab under the short ribs that would have made the chills chase each other in quick succession along Mr. Bryan's back had he been present, when P. C. Hanson moved that the democratic nominees of this convention be not allowed to accept the nomination of any other convention or party or by petition, and strange as it may seem this open thrust at fusion carried by unanimous vote.

F. J. Morgan then made a speech which received loud applause.

BRYAN'S BIRTHDAY.
 Col. Sherman, who had no voice in the convention, he not being a delegate, but who is always loudly, arose in the back part of the hall and called the convention's attention to an important fact which he called a coincidence which he thought the convention should take some action on. It was to the effect that today was Bryan's birthday anniversary and he wanted congratulations or something of that sort sent. His speech would have set the convention wild two years ago, but times have changed—it fell flat and no action was taken, much to the chagrin of the gallant colonel who counts Bryan as standing next to George Washington. The city central committee was authorized to fill any vacancies that might occur on the ticket and the convention then adjourned.

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THE talk of Holcomb convening his poperaic legislature in order to save the people from railway extortion is a great joke. If the legislature was convened some of the thrifty members might make more money out of it than they did before, but there would be no legislation that would hurt the railways or any other corporate interest. Those who had business with the last legislature are unanimous in the statement that such a hungry crowd of bootlers were never before called together in the state house. This gang of free booters might capture a few samoleons to carry them over to the next session but they will not exact any maximum rate laws that would hurt the roads, if Holcomb thought they would, there would be no talk of an extra session.

Burial of John A. MacMurphy.
 From Saturday Evening's Daily.

The funeral of John A. MacMurphy occurred this afternoon from the Episcopal church, Rev. H. B. Burgess conducting the services. A large delegation of the G. A. R. met the remains at the train and escorted them to the church. There was a large attendance of old friends of the deceased and a number of sorrowing relatives in attendance and who followed the remains to their last resting place. The floral tributes were beautiful beyond description, the ceremony very impressive and the music by the choir specially suitable to the occasion.

Mr. Ward L. Smith, of Frederickston, Mo., was troubled with chronic diarrhoea for over thirty years. He had become fully satisfied that it was only a question of a short time until he would have to give up. He had been treated by some of the best physicians in Europe and America but got no permanent relief. One day he picked up a newspaper and chanced to read an advertisement of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. He got a bottle of it, the first dose helped him and its continued use cured him. For sale by all druggists.

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 The next day Gimby was laid up with a twisted back incurred by tossing the baby in the air.—Detroit Free Press.

Glass Mirrors of the Ancients.
 M. Berthelot has from time to time unearthed a vast amount of valuable information respecting the chemistry and technology of the ancients. His latest researches have reference to some glass mirrors found near Rheims and which date from the third and fourth centuries. The glass was coated with a metallic substance and also with a layer of whitish material. The metal proved to be lead, with no trace of gold, silver, copper, tin, antimony or mercury, nor was there any organic substance present, showing that no extraneous material was used to cement the lead to the glass. The mirrors appeared to have been cut from hollow blown glass globes, and it is possible that before being cut the molten lead had been poured into the interior, adhering to the previously warmed glass. The whitish layer consisted of lead carbonate and lead oxide formed by the oxidation of the lead coating and calcium carbonate, which had been deposited from the water of the district in which the mirrors were found.—Industries and Iron.

Prompt Answers.
 The lecturer on health had finished his discourse and invited his auditors to ask any questions they chose concerning points that might seem to need clearing up when a lean, skinny man rose up and asked:
 "Professor, what do you do when you can't sleep at night?"
 "I usually stay awake," replied the lecturer, "although, of course, everybody should feel at liberty to do otherwise if he chooses. Are there any other questions?"—Chicago Tribune.

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