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CALL FOR COUNTY CONVENTION.

The republicans of Cass county are hereby called to meet in covention at Weeping Water, Nebraska, on Saturday, July 30, 1898, at one o'clock p. m. for the purpose of placing in nomination candidates for the following offices, to-wit: County attorney, two members of the legislature, one senator, one member of the board of county commissioners from the third district; also to select 24 delegates to the state convention at Lincoln, August 10, at 10 o'clock a. m.; also 26 delegates to the first congressional convention at Lincoln, on August 3, at 8 p. m., and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the convention.

The committe recommended that there be no proxies recognized, but that the delegates present from each precinct or ward cast its full vote. The primarys to select delegates to said convention will be held on Saturday, July 23. Representation is based on the vote cast for C. W. Raley, (regent for the state university in 1897,) being one delegate for each 15 votes or major fraction thereof, and one delegate at large for each precinct or ward:

PRC'T	VOTING PLACE	TIME AND NO DEL
Avoca	Avoca	2 p m 6
Center,	Manley	5 to 8 p m 7
8 Mile Grove,	Bell school house	4 p m 7
Elmwood,	Murdock school h'se	8 p m 9
Greenwood,	Alvo	8 p m 6
Liberty,	Union	8 p m 10
Louisville,	Hassemier's hall	8 to 9 p m 9
Nehawka,	Nehawka sch'l h'se	8 to 9 p m 9
Mt Pleasant,	Pleasant Dale "	8 to 9 p m 5
Rock Bluffs—		
First Dist.,	Murray school h'se	8 to 9 p m 8
Second "	Rock Bluffs "	8 to 9 p m 5
Tipton	Lumb'r office Eagle	8 to 9 p m 8
South Bend,	So Bend school h'se	8 to 9 p m 6
Stove Creek,	Elmwood opera h'se	8 to 9 p m 12
Salt Creek,	Greenwood	8 to 9 p m 8
W Water pct,	Cascade school h'se	8 to 9 p m 6
Weeping Water City—		
First Ward,	G A R hall	8 to 9 p m 5
Second Ward,	Council Chamber	8 to 9 p m 5
Third Ward,	Powel's Hall	8 to 9 p m 4
Platt Prct	Taylor school house	4 to 5 p m 7
Plattsmouth City—		
First Ward,	Perkins House	6 to 8 p m 7
Second Ward,	Turner Hall	6 to 8 p m 9
Third Ward,	Ritch'y lmbr office	6 to 8 p m 11
Fourth Ward,	Council Chamber	6 to 8 p m 4
Fifth Ward,	School House	6 to 8 p m 6

C. D. CLAPP,
Chairman.

H. G. BEARDSLEE,
Secretary.

ADMIRAL SAMPSON was away when it happened, but they are all brave, brilliant fellows anyway and did their work well.

SAM CHAPMAN has at last got a job that fits him with peculiar nicety, he is now wet nurse to Mat Gering's demo-pop congressional boom.

ROSS HAMMOND has grown hilarious over the magnitude of a Dodge county man's boom for state auditor. It may collapse before convention time arrives

POLITICAL matters are beginning to occupy some attention, but fellows who expect to run the democrat and pop conventions will find when noses are counted that they are not cutting much ice in the republican ranks.

SOME people, who ought to know their names were a stench in the nostrils of good republicans, are wasting lots of time plotting and putting up jobs to control the primaries, when, as a matter of fact, they will have no more to do with those who go as delegates than the Akund of Swatt.

WHEN the republican ex-boss took charge of Mat Gering's political fortunes, the young man with a big voice felt at once that he was not only nominated, but his election was assured at the same time. It is well that he should enjoy the victory (?) now, as he wont be able to enjoy it later on.

CARL SCHURZ, in a letter printed in a German newspaper, informs his fellow countrymen in Europe that German-Americans will stand by their adopted country: "its friends are their friends, and its enemies are their enemies." There has never been a doubt on this subject in the United States. There are no more loyal citizens than our German citizens. If any misconception on this subject exists in Germany or elsewhere it cannot be too soon rectified — Minneapolis Times.

BLANCO'S voice is loud for war. It seems a great pity that he is not in Santiago instead of Havana, where his wants could be speedily attended to. Butcher Weyler could not have been more cruel than Blanco, who now urges continuance of the war when his people are starving and their loss from American shot and shell will be something terrible. It looks like murder rather than war surrounding Santiago as we do, to have to bombard that city which, ought to have surrendered several days ago.

THERE is still much talk about peace and many people at Washington are prone to believe that the Spanish war is near an end. The Americans are not reqengeful, and feel that Spain has suffered enough for her cowardly destruction of the Maine. Our people would be glad to hear that the war was over, and that terms of settlement had been made as desired by the enlightened sentiment of this country. Porto Rico should be annexed, Cuba made free, and the Philippines held until every dollar the war has cost us was paid back by Spain.

AS PREDICTED, the fusion plans of wily office seekers are daily being frustrated by men who have regard for principle above pelf. Yesterday the for sale element of the Populist party was divorced from the element which is honest and earnest for better government in the state of Missouri, and the result was, two populist state conventions are now in session and two state tickets will be nominated, to the great sorrow of democratic office hunters who had hoped for a different deal. Nebraska may not do so well at the convention, but it will rebuke bargain counter politics at the polls.

INFORMATION AND OPINIONS.

According to the London Chronicle, Admiral Camara is half English, his mother before marriage having been a Miss Livermore of Liverpool. Camara is a graduate of the Naval academy of San Fernando. He is an ardent monarchist and was among those who advocated giving the crown of Spain to Alfonso XII.

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Cervera's family in Spain are said to be noted wine makers; that is probably the reason he was so easily bottled up.

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July 14 is the date when Billgreene, the boozy congressman from the Fourth district, expects a renomination. He is a disgrace to the state, and ought to be left at home.

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The next thing is to bottle the popocrat party, and that event is due the first week in November.

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The two Spanish fleets sunk at Manila and Santiago numbered in all eighteen ships. They lost over 2,800 killed, wounded and prisoners. The American loss was one killed, eight wounded and not a ship was damaged. This is one of the most surprising facts in all history.—Ex.

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Spain did not celebrate the Fourth, remarks an exchange, but she corroborated with us in our celebration, by furnishing the cause for much joy.

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Three horses were stolen in Columbus Saturday night, and still Cass is not troubled. The long sentences which Judge Ramsey deals out to these thieves, we believe, is the chief reason they choose other counties to operate in.

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An exchange thinks the Spaniards in Santiago must be from Missouri because we have to show 'em.

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The pops of Buffalo county in convention assembled last week pointed with pride to the record of Billgrene. This is the worst reflection on Buffalo county that could be printed and the only way to earn the respect of the state and country at large is to turn down the blooming boozer with a big majority.

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It is reported that the Spaniards could be easily dislodged without loss of life, if proper care were taken to see that people didn't get trampled on in the rush, by simply inducing Major Milo S. Briggs to sing one of his solos in front of Santiago. People have been known to rush into all sorts of danger, to escape the major's music, which seems to be a cross between a noise of saw filing and a horse fiddle.

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Thirteen people in Crawford county, Mo., were drowned last Friday by a waterspout. The county seat was almost wiped out by the flood.

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A. C. Wright has gone to Lincoln to do work for the republican national committee and will have his headquarters at the Lindell hotel. A. C. enjoys a national reputation in that line of work having taken part in the McKinley campaign in Ohio in 1891 and in every state campaign in Nebraska since then, and besides all this he has sent millions of documents into the northwestern states for the national committee.—Elmwood Leader.

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Fighting Bob Evans should be renamed as breezy Bob Evans. He talks too much for what he has to say.

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The U. S. Grant republican club has arranged to tender a banquet to all the republican newspaper editors in the state next Friday evening. It will occur at the Commercial club rooms and it is expected that 200 plates will be laid. This is a step to bring them all to the meetings of republicans next week. The arrangements are in the hands of Cadet Taylor, A. R. Kelly and John G. Kuhn.—Omaha Bee.

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Rev. C. T. Atwood of Whiting, Iowa, has distinguished himself by becoming engaged to sixteen of the young lady members of his church. When the facts leaked out the minister resigned without an investigation.

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Lieutenant Blue, whose exploits around Santiago command praise and admiration, is only 32 years of age, but he is true blue and an honor to the navy. He is commander of the Suwanee, one of the converted seagoing tugs, but what the boat lacks in naval architecture is more than balanced by the courage and dash of its commander. Lieutenant Blue was the first American to make a tour around the city of Santiago and definitely locate the Spanish fleet. He, too, was one of the first to flounder ashore by the wreck of the Colon and make prisoners of several of the beached crew.

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The colonel on the staff of Governor Holcomb who refused to put his typewriting machine at the disposal of his country has escaped the court-marshal on a technicality and the patriotism of the nation is again vindicated. Now for the firm who made the typewriter to take up the incident for advertising purposes.—Bee.

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Before the war the yellow papers were full of alarming stories about the defects in our fighting ships, and the "blow holes" in the armor furnished by the plutocratic American manufacturers. The test of the pudding has been made, and the yellow journals were wrong, as usual. The United States navy has jumped in sixty days from a place of comparative obscurity to the very front rank of fighting organization of the world. It is not the largest, but no navy is more effective or has a higher reputation.—State Journal.

REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION.

The republican electors of the state of Nebraska are requested to send delegates from their respective counties to meet in convention in the city of Lincoln, on Wednesday, August 10, 1898, at ten o'clock a. m., for the purpose of placing in nomination candidates for the following offices:

1. Governor.
2. Lieuteranat governor.
3. Secretary of state.
4. Auditor of public accounts.
5. Treasurer.
6. Superintendent of public instruction.
7. Attorney-general.
8. Commissioner of public land and buildings.

And to transact such other business as may properly come before the convention.

The several counties are entitled to representation as follows: The apportionment being based upon the vote cast for Hon. Albert J. Burnham, for presidential elector in 1896, giving each county one delegate at large and one for each 125 votes and a major fraction thereof:

COUNTIES.	DEL.	COUNTIES.	DEL.
Adams	15	Johnson	12
Antelope	9	Kimball	3
Banner	2	Knox	15
Blaine	2	Kearney	9
Boone	10	Keith	3
Box Butte	5	Keya Paha	5
Boyd	5	Lancaster	53
Brown	4	Lincoln	10
Buffalo	16	Logan	2
Burt	14	Loup	2
Butler	11	Madison	16
Cass	22	McPherson	1
Cedar	9	Merrick	8
Chase	3	Nance	7
Cherry	6	Nemaha	13
Cheyenne	5	Nuckolls	10
Clay	15	Otoe	21
Colfax	8	Pawnee	15
Cuming	11	Phelps	9
Custer	13	Perkins	2
Dakota	6	Pierce	6
Dawes	8	Platte	18
Dawson	10	Polk	9
Deuel	3	Red Willow	9
Dixon	8	Richardson	19
Dodge	21	Rock	4
Douglas	100	Sarpy	6
Dundy	3	Saline	18
Fillmore	14	Saunders	18
Franklin	8	Scott's Bluff	3
Frontier	7	Seward	13
Furnas	10	Sheridan	5
Gage	35	Sherman	4
Garfield	2	Sioux	2
Gosper	4	Stanton	6
Grant	2	Thayer	13
Greeley	7	Thomas	1
Hall	16	Thurston	5
Hamilton	12	Valley	7
Harlan	8	Washington	11
Hayes	3	Wayne	9
Hitchcock	4	Webster	10
Holt	8	Wheeler	2
Hooker	1	York	16
Howard	7		
Jefferson	14	Total	915

It is recommended that no proxies be admitted to the convention and that the delegation present be authorized to cast the entire vote of the delegation of the county which they represent.

It is requested that the county convention select their committeeman and perfect their county organization at the first convention counties in which two conventions are held.

DAVID H. MERCER,
Chairman.

ED. R. SIZER,
Secretary.

A Long Celebration.

They tell a good joke on R. B. Windham that, though a little old is worth repeating. On the Fourth of July he took four of his children and visited the exposition. He expected to return home on the M. P. at 9:30 in the evening, and went to the depot at the north entrance to the grounds for that purpose. An M. P. train soon came along headed south, and, thinking it must be the Plattsmouth train he got on with the little folks, only to find half an hour later that his train was bound for Louisville and Weeping Water. He disembarked at Louisville, stayed all night at a hotel, and came to Plattsmouth the next morning on the B. & M. at 10:45, with the biggest Fourth of July to his credit he had ever experienced. As R. B. never drinks anything stronger than butter milk he had no headache after such an extended celebration, and he kept the secret to himself very guardedly, hoping to keep it out of the papers. But it finally leaked out.

A Bad Fall.

Mrs. D. K. Barr met with an accident Saturday evening, which, by arousing heart complications, came very near proving fatal. She was standing on a chair in the house, when the chair tipped over and she fell, the back of the chair striking her over the heart. She suffered intense pain and heart palpitation. The calling of a physician for medical treatment probably saved her life. Today she was much better, and will no doubt soon be well again.

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STORY OF THE BATTLE

Commander of the Iowa Describes Destruction of Spanish Fleet.

FIRST TO SIGHT THE ENEMY.

Pronounces the Great Run of the Spaniards as a Feat Without Parallel. Evans Tries to Ram One of Cervera's Ships.

OFF SANTIAGO DE CUBA, July 7. (Per dispatch boat, via Port Antonio) July 9.—The battleship Iowa was the first ship to see the Spanish fleet coming out of the harbor.

Somebody on the bridge shouted: "What's that black thing coming out of the harbor?"

A moment later the Iowa was at general quarters and the signal was hoisted that the enemy's ships were coming out. A gun was fired to attract the attention of the fleet.

"Fighting Bob" Evans, commander of the Iowa, was sitting in his cabin talking to his son, a cadet on the Massachusetts, who luckily had been left behind in a picket launch when the Massachusetts went to Guantanamo to coal at dawn. Captain Evans' account of the battle, as told in the cabin of the Iowa to a correspondent of the Associated Press, is intensely interesting. He said:

"At the time 'general quarters' were sounded, the engine bell rang 'full speed ahead,' and I put the helm to starboard the Iowa and crossed the bows of the Infanta Maria Teresa, the first ship out. The Spanish ship swung to the westward, the 12-inch shells from the forward turret of the Iowa seemed to strike him in the bow and the fight was a spectacle. The squadron came out in column, the ships beautifully spaced as to distance and gradually increasing their speed to 13 knots. It was superb. The Iowa from this moment kept up a steady fire from her heavy guns, heading all the time to keep the Infanta Maria Teresa on her starboard bow and hoping to ram one of the ships. The Oregon, Indiana, Brooklyn and Texas were doing excellent work with their guns.

"In a very short space of time the enemy's ships were all clear of the harbor mouth and it became evidently impossible for the Iowa to ram either the first or the second ship on account of their speed. The range at this time was 2,000 yards. The Iowa's helm was immediately put hard to the starboard and the entire starboard broadside was poured into the Infanta Maria Teresa. The helm was then quickly shifted to port and the ship went across the stern of the Teresa in an effort to head off the Oquendo. All the time the engines were driving at full speed ahead. A perfect torrent of shells from the enemy passed over the smokestacks and superstructure of the ship, but none struck her.

Colon Hits the Iowa.

"The Cristobal Colon being much faster than the rest of the Spanish ships passed rapidly to the front in an effort to escape. In passing the Iowa the Colon placed two six-inch shells fairly on our starboard bow. One passed through the coffer dam and dispensary, wrecking the latter and burst on the berth deck. The other passed through the side at the water line within the coffer dam, where it still remains. As it was now obviously impossible to ram any of the Spanish ships on account of their superior speed, the Iowa's helm was put to starboard and she ran on a course parallel with the enemy. Being then abreast of the Oquendo, at a distance of 1,100 yards, the Iowa's entire battery, including the rapid fire guns, was opened on the Oquendo. The punishment was terrific. Many 12 and 8-inch shells were seen to explode inside of her, and smoke came out through her hatches. Two 12-inch shells from the Iowa pierced the Almirante Oquendo at the same moment, one forward and the other aft. The Oquendo seemed to stop her engines for a moment, she immediately started and gradually drew ahead of the Iowa, and came under the terrific fire of the Oregon and Texas.

Torpedo Boat Alarm.

"At this moment the alarm of 'torpedo boats' was sounded and two torpedo boat destroyers were discovered in the starboard quarters at a distance of 4,000 yards. Fire was opened on them with the after battery and a 12-inch shell cut the stern of one destroyer squarely off. As the shell struck she fired back at us, sending a shell close to my head. I said to Executive Officer Rogers, "That little chap has got a lot of cheek.' Rogers shouted back, 'She shoots very well, all the same.' Well up among the advancing cruisers, spitting shots at one and then another, was the little Gloucester, shooting first at a cruiser and then at a torpedo boat and hitting a head wherever she saw it. The marvel was that she was not destroyed by the rain of shells. In the meantime the Vizcaya was slowly drawing abeam of the Iowa and for the space of 15 minutes it was give and take between the two. The Vizcaya fired rapidly but wildly, not one shot taking effect on the Iowa, while the shells from the Iowa were tearing great rents in the sides of the Vizcaya. As the latter passed ahead of the Iowa she came under the murderous fire of the Oregon.

Headed For the Beach.

"At this time the Infanta Maria Teresa and the Almirante Oquendo leading the enemy's column were seen to be heading for the beach and in flames. The Texas, Oregon and Iowa pounded them unmercifully. They ceased to reply, and in a few minutes the Spanish cruisers were a mass of flames and on the rocks with their colors down, the Teresa flying a white flag at the fore. The crews of the enemy's ships stripped themselves and began jumping overboard, and some of the smaller magazines began to explode.

"Meantime the Brooklyn and the Cristobal Colon were exchanging compliments in lively fashion at apparently long range, and the Oregon, with her locomotive speed, was hanging well on the Colon, also paying attention to the Vizcaya. The Teresa and the Oquendo were in flames on the beach just 20 minutes after the first shot was fired. Fifty minutes after the first shot was fired, the Vizcaya put her helm to port, with a great burst of flame from the after part of the ship and headed slowly for the rocks, where she found her last resting place.

"As it was apparent that the Iowa could not catch the Cristobal Colon and that the Oregon and Blooklyn undoubtedly would, and as the fast New York was on her trail, I decided that the calls of humanity should be answered and attention given to the 1,200 or 1,500 Spanish officers and men who had struck their colors. I therefore headed for the wreck of the Vizcaya, now burning furiously fore and aft. When I was in as far as the depth of water would admit, I lowered all my boats and sent them to the assistance of the unfortunate men who were being drowned by dozens or roasted on deck. I soon discovered that insurgent Cubans were shooting on the men who had surrendered to us. I immediately put a stop to this, but I could not put a stop to the mutilation of many bodies by the sharks inside the reef. These creatures had become excited by the blood from the wounded mixing in the water.

"My boats crews worked manfully and succeeded in saving many of the wounded. One man who will be recommended for promotion clambered up the Vizcaya and saved three men. The smaller magazines of the Vizcaya were exploding with magnificient cloud effects. The boats were coming alongside in a steady stream, and willing hands were helping the lacerated Spanish officers and men on to the Iowa's quarter deck. Some of the Spaniards had no clothes. Some had their legs torn off by fragments of shell. Others were mutilated in every conceivable way.

"I took Admiral Cervera aboard the Iowa, from the Gloucester, and received him with a full admiral's guard. The crew of the Iowa crowded, aft, black with powder, and half naked as Cervera stepped over the side bare headed. Over the undersuit he wore a thin wool undersuit borrowed from Lieutenant Commander Wainwright. Cervera is every inch an admiral even if he had no hat. He submitted to the fortunes of war with a grace, that proclaimed him a thoroughbred."

Examples of Heroism.

"The bottoms of the boats held two or three inches of blood. In many cases dead men were lying in the blood. Five poor chaps died on the way to the ship. They were afterward buried with military honors from the Iowa. Some examples of heroism, or more properly devotion to discipline and duty, could never be surpassed. One man on the Vizcaya had his left arm almost shot off just below the shoulder. The fragments were hanging by a small piece of skin. But he climbed unassisted over the side and saluted as if on a visit of ceremony. Immediately after him a strong-hearted sailor whose left leg was shot off below the knee, was hoisted aboard the Iowa with a tackle, but never a whimper from him."

Captain Evans is intensely proud of his ship and his men, The Iowa fired 31 12-inch, 41 8-inch, 210 4-inch, 1,060 6-pound and 120 1-pound shots. The officers of the Vizcaya said they could not hold their crews at the guns, on account of the rapid fire poured on them. The decks were flooded with water from the fire hose, and blood from the wounded made this a dark red. Every instant the crack of exploding shells told of new havoc. Two 12-inch shells from the Iowa exploded a torpedo in the Vizcaya's bow.

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