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It will be comparatively easy for the republicans to get a candidate for vice president, willing or otherwise. Let's have an executive order!

It may be just as well for Judge Parker to say nothing most of the time as it would be for him to say identically the same thing all the time.

A MEMBER of the Panama commission frankly admits that he didn't do much on the Isthmus except draw his salary and his breath and \$15 a day for rations.

BURKETT'S speech, after he had received the nomination for senator, reads like that of an oration delivered by a fourteen-year-old lad on the last day of school.

TEDDY demands "a very short platform" at the Chicago convention. Why doesn't he issue a decree that the platform shall consist of a mention of what congress has done?

THE treasury surplus entirely disappeared a few days ago, and until after election the deficit will be increasing into the millions. If this is prosperity, what is adversity?

JAMES R. GARFIELD, of the department of commerce, says he has enough evidence to enable him to destroy the beef trust as soon as the "accidental" is elected. Why not before?

It is understood that Senator Smoot has received warning that if he wants "to read his title clear" next winter he had better be mighty careful and not let Utah and Idaho go democratic in November.

WILLIAM RANDOLPH HEARST denies the yarn that he is getting ready to bolt, and flatly declares that he will support the democratic nominee, whoever he is. He says that no politician can expect to always have his own way. Good for Hearst.

DAVE HENDERSON has posted back to Iowa with his crutches, reputation and rheumatism. His ambition for metropolitan methods has vanished. He says that all the time he was in New York, like Josh Whitcomb, he kept asking, "Where's the fire?"

CHAIRMAN COWHERD, of the democratic congressional committee, gives notice that the democrats expect to carry New York, Connecticut, New Jersey, Indiana and Illinois, besides those states which "Teddy, the Terror," concedes. All of them are warming up.

THE Nebraska republicans, in convention assembled, unanimously endorsed Bloward Burkett for United States Senator yesterday. Now will he withdraw from the congressional race? Or will he continue to run for both senator and congressman? We hope so.

RIGHT on the top wave of prosperity we exported to Great Britain last year only two-thirds as much wheat and flour as we did the year before, the deficiency being made up by a double export from Canada, Russia, India and Argentina. The question recurs, under prosperity who prospers?

THE democratic platform will demand self-government for the Filipinos, whoever heads the ticket. General Miles in his speech before the Iroquois Club, Chicago, remarked incidentally that "about two hundred days would be long enough to effect the transition from a satrapy to a republic."

In a speech made by "Teddy, the Terror," at the Wool Exchange in New York City in October, 1896, he said "Mr. Bryan and his adherents have appealed to the basest set in the land—the farmer." This man who so viciously traduced the character of the best type of American citizenship, now asks their votes for president.

In his last stump speech in congress General Grosvenor declared "the hysterical cry of imperialism has been laughed out of court by the people as unworthy of consideration." Has the fact been laughed out of sight that imperialism has thus far cost the people about \$800,000,000, with no dividend either on republican preferred stock or "steal common?"

THE Mattson Glove Works, capitalized at \$50,000, has just been removed west from Chicago, and the J. J. Hatz Pickle company, with \$15,000 capital, has also gone west, but did not stop in Plattsmouth. What are the officers of the real estate exchange doing? Why do they not accomplish something? Are they holding the offices simply for honor.

THE News editor, or the "man who was never known to express an opinion of his own" on such matters, makes a pretended effort of publishing what he terms "Echoes From the Street Carnival." He claims to have interviewed a number of business men in regard to the good or bad effects of the street fair held here last week. Like the coward that he is, he desires to stab some one in the back over some one else's shoulder. Then, again, he fails to quote several as the same was given to him, and "doctored" up some of the interviews to suit himself. Why did the News speak in glowing terms of the carnival the week before the company arrived here, if he thought its coming would have a demoralizing effect? Not only did the News publish notices of its own manufacture favorable to the enterprise, but it copied an article from the Auburn Granger highly commending the company. Now, after the carnival is over, and perhaps having a grievance of his own, which he is too cowardly to display, the thought emanated from his narrow cranium that he could best crack his whip over the shoulders of the business men of Plattsmouth and hit the parties he desired to strike. But he has evidently hit wide the mark, as he usually does in his hypocritical maneuvering.

DEMOCRATIC opportunity was never plainer. The conditions which the party has to meet are clearly defined. The times are with democracy, and the people are behind it. Potentially democracy is greater than at any time since its beginning. The situation which it has to meet is now laid bare to view. The republican party is running against the tendencies of Americanism and the tide of popular favor. The conditions are totally unfavorable to that party. It presents an aspect repulsive to the American spirit. Its doom, by all reference to natural cause and probability, appears to be at hand. Its success can come only through narrowness, weakness and blunders on the part of the opposition. The dominant voice of the people would doom the republican party, and only the usurpation of unworthy politicians can prolong its power. The Journal has faith in the wisdom of the St. Louis convention. The men who will there represent the masses of the democrat party, fully understand the demands of the country, and if loyal to the party they have the honor to represent, they will act accordingly. The man whom that convention selects as the democratic standard-bearer will be elected.

A TRUE democratic editor thinks more of his party than he does of the success of any one man. It does not seem necessary for an editor to sacrifice his personal opinions to get on the band wagon. The only question is, whether he is going to "pit" his judgment against the overwhelming sentiment of his party. Riding on the band-wagon has no particular charms for the editor of the Journal but a majority opinion must be respected, if we expect to maintain democratic principles in this country. The editor who holds out that his idea must prevail although a majority of his party has spoken against him is a very poor instrument to further the cause of his party. His should be called a personal organ, representing the idea of a single man, and not a party newspaper representing the great and fundamental principles of his party. One of the cardinal principles of the democratic party is, "the majority shall rule," and to this the editor of the Journal has strictly adhered to for forty-five years, will continue to do so as long as life lasts.

THE Hastings Democrat says that ex-Secretary of State Porter, that peerless son of reform, known to fame as the man "who wouldn't pay it back," is now devoting his energies introducing as smooth a skin game as ever dazzled the eye of a sucker. The game originates in Bloomington, Illinois, in which city all business is done. The sucker pays \$1,500; this is divided between the originator and Porter, while the sucker gets the blessed privilege of returning home and working other suckers to get even, in certain territory. But Porter is not restricted as to territory; the world is open to him. If ever a game demanded the immediate attention of the authorities, or in other words, a grand jury, this one does. It is reported that those actively engaged are making barrels of money. It was tried in this city, but found no suckers.

A CONCLAVE of railroad bosses met in Lincoln Wednesday, and as soon as they cracked their whips the henchmen fell right into line to follow their masters' bidding; and as was expected, renominated Midget Johnny for governor and E. G. McGillon for lieutenant-governor. These two were nominated by acclamation. The balance of the ticket nominated is as follows: A. Galusha, secretary of state; E. M. Searle, jr., auditor; J. L. O'Brien, superintendent of schools; Norris Brown, attorney-general, and H. M. Eaton, land commissioner. John L. Webster was endorsed for vice president, but that, like Byron Clark's brief boom for chairman of the state committee, is the full extent of his candidacy.

THE colored brethren are making extensive arrangements for holding a national convention in St. Louis in July. They expect to nominate candidates of their own race for president and vice president, and expect an attendance of two thousand delegates. Evidently they are getting tired of furnishing the votes that elects republican presidents and receiving no recognition in the affairs of government. "Good fellows as long as they vote the republican ticket," don't go with them any longer, and they propose to organize a party of their own. They are right about it. If they are good enough to vote and act with a party they are good enough to be recognized by the president in the disposition of official patronage. Perhaps they think they can better their condition by acting independently of either party, and no doubt will.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN seems to have been very much opposed to "criminal aggression," for he said: "Those who deny freedom to others deserve it not for themselves, and, under a just God, cannot long retain it. All honor to Jefferson—the man who in the concrete pressure of the struggle for national independence by a single people had the coolness, forecast and sagacity to introduce into a merely revolutionary revolutionary document an abstract truth, applicable to all men and all times, and so to embalm it there that today and in all coming days it shall be a rebuke and stumbling block to the very harbingers of reappearing tyranny and oppression."

THE Plattsmouth Gas and Electric Light Plant will be sold under foreclosure of mortgage, at the court house, in this city, on Monday, June 6, 1904. The sale will be made by Geo. H. Thummel, special master in chancery of U. S. district court. A notice to this effect has appeared in several successive issues of the semi-weekly News, and no notice locally calling attention to same, appearing in that paper, some of those interested in the matter have requested the Journal to call attention to the date of sale. Perhaps it is intended that but few should know the date of sale, by its appearance in semi-weekly edition of the News.

Truly, nature is a great teacher, and the coming of spring in all its vernal beauty is the most forceful, most beautiful lesson. The clothing of the trees and fields with garments of leaves and grass and flowers is so wonderful; the rejoicing of all living things is so pronounced as life goes forth to build and sing and sport in the sunshine. We cannot look at a single flower of this springtime without finding in it skill beyond all our planning, beauty beyond all our giving. Truly, spring is queen of the seasons, and all life love and praise her.

THERE never was an entertainment, no matter what its merit, that ever visited Plattsmouth or any other town, for that matter, that pleased everybody. It couldn't be expected. Some people wouldn't acknowledge it if they were pleased. The same holds good with the street fair last week. If the farmers had rolled into town by the hundreds, spent their money freely, it would have been a great thing with some. "There's where the shoe pinches" the hardest. We all hanker for the almighty dollar too much to keep from sight our extreme selfishness.

THE administration has decided that a Porto Rican cannot be admitted to the bar, cannot be furnished with a passport to travel, and cannot work in the navy yards because he is not an American citizen; and that he cannot be naturalized because he is not a foreigner! O, what a tangled web we weave when the ancient landmarks leave!

THE railroads own the republican party and the republican party runs Nebraska. That's how Bloward Burkett got the nomination for senator. And the railroads generally know their man when they see him, and you bet they will not be mistaken in their selection of the greatest wind-bag that ever graced the halls of congress.

Two years ago "Teddy, the Terror," appointed a nigger named Dr. W. D. Crum, collector of customs at Charleston, S. C., and "swore by the pint of his knife" that he should be confirmed. But up to date he has not succeeded in doing so. Wonder if he won't call a special session to have this done before election?

In his "Ranch Life," (pp. 9 and 10) "Teddy, the Terror," wrote that the cow-boys were "brutally dissipated," but "they are much better fellows and pleasanter companions than small farmers or agricultural laborers; nor are the mechanics and workmen of the great city to be mentioned in the same breath."

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THE Washington clerks now required to sit at their desks seven hours a day simply yawn and look at the clock during the last half hour and grumble at the way they are oppressed. When they begin to receive yellow envelopes in rapid succession they will probably go to work, and perhaps will remember that they are supported by the American taxpayer.

THERE is anxiety in some quarters lest the democratic convention at St. Louis be stamped by a mere incidental mention of the name of Folk. The way he has knocked over the boodle-snatchers without regard to party is certainly calculated to attract attention and even admiration.

AFTER having fought with chairs for an hour or two the Herrick-Diek faction of republicans captured the Cleveland, Ohio, convention and drove out the Foraker faction with yells of "Filipinos!" "Insurgents!" "Traitors!" Now what have the Filipinos done to deserve this fresh insult?

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