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SENATOR LADD defines reciprocity as "an insult to the administration". He is evidently looking for a job in the new dictionary.

After admitting that he made a "bad guess" when he predicted a big surplus for the year, Secretary Shaw now predicts a deficit of \$23,000,000. Later on, perhaps he may guess again and double it.

SENATOR DEPUE says the country is "simply resting after its wild debauch of promotion and speculation". Is this Dr. Depue's diagnosis of what has been occultantly called prosperity?

PROGRESSIVE Republicans are viewing with great apprehension the sagging of business and they are terrified afraid that the end of "prosperity" will come before the end of the campaign does.

It is reported and is perhaps true that Dick Yates is almost sorry that he locked horns with Billy Mason in that Illinois mix-up. Perhaps he expected help because it was the successor state.

A LITTLE more is coming from the Democratic wilderness, imploring Senator Gorman to become the manager of the Democratic campaign. He is certainly one of the shrewdest political managers in the country of either party.

THE Chicago Inter Ocean administration frankly declares that when the president sends out his cabinet to plead for him, he had better keep Moody, Shaw, Hitchcock and Payne at home, for they can do no good in the west and are liable to do harm.

EX-SENATOR MERRON BUTLER of North Carolina says that in his judgment the strongest ticket Democrats could nominate would be Senator Teller of Colorado and Bird S. Coler of New York. That team certainly would combine some vigorous elements.

MAX O'REILLY's declaration that Yankees are the most mercenary people in the world, receives a new illustration in the agility with which Philander Knox steps up from an \$8,000 Cabinetship to a \$5,000 Senatorship. And how is our Cortelyou to be reimbursed for his sacrifice? Or, are there ways, perhaps?

The vice president of the Hanover National Bank of New York said at a banquet last week: "President Roosevelt has pledged himself to the bankers of the country to carry out whatever policy they determine on as best". It seems quite impossible that Mr. Roosevelt has said any such thing. If he has, he is not fit to be President.

The administration has set the clerks in two departments at work to twist figures and torture statistics so as to demonstrate that the wages of the average working man have increased faster than the average cost of clothing, provisions and rent, and the salaries of these clerks will not come out of the Republican campaign fund, either.

At the Lake Mohonk conference Commissioner MacFarland, virtually governor of the District of Columbia informed his audience that the chief hope of peace in the world was based on the re-election of President Roosevelt. This is a great hit. Gov. MacFarland is overworking his brain. And also his gratitude in devotion to his master who appointed him to office.

JAMES J. HILL, the great railroad builder, tells the Congressional Merchant Marine Committee, "If you will admit foreign-built ships free of duty you will get an American Merchant Marine quicker than any other way." He says that, since his disastrous experiment no American is likely to build a million dollar ship to compete with one costing two-thirds as much.

SECRETARY SHAW'S promise of a 14,000,000 surplus has gone glimmering, and in its place we have for June 30 a deficit of \$32,000,000! The government receipts continue to shrink, while the ordinary expenses of the citizen continue to expand. Since Theodore Roosevelt became acting executive he has succeeded in spending a thousand million dollars more than was spent during the administration of the last Democratic president. But the people seem to like it.

GENERAL MILES affirms that only a very short apprenticeship is required to qualify the Filipinos for independence. In a speech before the Massachusetts Reform Club he said of the refusal of the administration to commit itself, "The policy that is adopted to do nothing, say nothing, disclose nothing promise nothing, until after the next election, or any election, indicates to my mind a want of confidence in the wisdom and judgement of the American people." It does look that

THEY are not spelling enthusiasm with a big "E" in Chicago this week.

The presence of Mark Hanna is greatly missed in Chicago this week. Yes, and his presence in the campaign will be missed moreso.

SPEAKING of national committee-men—did you notice the make-up of that list selected at Chicago? The predominance of Federal office-holders is very perceptible.

The latest affair in the shape of a national convention that ever assembled is that one in Chicago this week. It is principally made up of Roosevelt's office-holders, United States Senators, congressmen and southern darlings.

The Nebraska City Tribune prints a long editorial from the Philadelphia Ledger in reference to Roosevelt's administration, as coming from a democratic source. Pray, tell us, when the Ledger became a democratic journal? We can't remember.

The new senator from Pennsylvania is Philander C. Knox, the man who has in four years spent \$25,000 of the \$500,000 appropriated by congress for that purpose, in destroying the "bad" trusts. The economical attorney general of the United States is thus rewarded.

COLUMBIAN TELEGRAM: Governor Macey issued a proclamation to the people to display flags last Tuesday, but he neglected to state whether it was in honor of the anniversary of the day when he joined the church, or the day when he made the oil deal with Brother Rockefeller.

From the tone of several of the leading rural republican papers, they do not seem to be very well pleased with the manner in which the railroads got in their work at the recent state convention. But they belong to the republican party and the republican party belongs to the railroads, so there you have it.

The man who is to defeat Senator Burkett has not been chosen yet, but Mr. Burkett does not feel so sure of his new job that he will withdraw from the congressional fight—Hastings Democrat. No, you bet he won't. The great wind-jammer believes in "keeping all you got, and get all you can," and let loose of nothing.

All that is necessary to send Midget Macey home after his present term expires is for the opposition to place before the voters of Nebraska a man for governor in whom the people have faith that he will be the governor of the people,—not as at present—the railroads the governors of the man who sits in the executive chair and simply goes through the motions as his bosses tell him.

"ERECTED by the people, for the people," is the legend inscribed on the corner stone of Omaha's new auditorium. This building, completed and dedicated but a few days since, is one of the finest and most capacious in the land, 264 feet long by 132 feet in width, with an arena 187 by 97, a stage larger than the largest hall in the city, and a seating capacity of 8000—all provided out of popular contributions, without a single dollar of expense to the organized municipality.

SECRETARY HAY has ordered all our representatives abroad to drop the name The United States and use the word America. It looks better and sounds more dignified, he says. Yes, the American Empire would be a harmonious blending of thoughts. You could not say, The United States Empire. It would convey a wrong idea. United States do not convey the idea of a strong government—it means a union of states, and whoever heard of an Empire being a union of anything but aristocrats as against the masses.

This is the kind of a government that Alexander Hamilton wanted in the infant days of this republic. And is the same kind a government that the republican party are gradually endeavoring to force upon the people of this country today, more than a century after the death of Hamilton. A few more years of republican power in the national government and the work of destroying the rights of the masses as against the classes, will be effectual.

In Chicago there is a convention plainly not of the people. Not one cheer comes therefrom. Reduced to Roosevelt, compelled to force a man to run beside him—unless one of the neutral willing candidates is accepted—having insulted the rank and file by the negro exploitation and offended and discouraged the workers by various rash and harsh action, the republican organization inaugurates the campaign under the very worst possible conditions. The quarrel over Cortelyou of itself is enough, were there not abundant other disastrous circumstances to dispel all semblance of harmony and enthusiasm. The machine rattles in all its joints. It has barely strength for the perfunctory task before it. The convention is sick in spirit and its groans fill the public ear. Its greatest, deepest groan will consist in the nomination of the "Great Trust Buster" by "acclamation"—and in that groan the whole country will join.

Whew!

In securing the removal of the state committee headquarters from Lincoln to Omaha, the Union Pacific, with more or less assistance from the North-western road has put the finish to its carefully conceived plan of disciplining Lancaster county. There are those who say this sort of discipline is injudicious, and perhaps may be injurious, and they are many.

The Star thinks the Union Pacific put the finishing touches to its plan when it removed the headquarters. Those plans were commenced by the Union Pacific two years ago when Mr. J. N. Baldwin discovered J. H. Mickey as the proper man to occupy the governor's chair, and now Lincoln people can better understand the power of the railroads in the republican party, if they ever, heretofore had any doubts on the subject.—Lincoln Star.

Very Candid.

Editor Ladd of the Albion News, one of the prominent rural republican papers in Nebraska, gives vent to his feelings with reference to the recent state convention, as follows: "We have been subjected to a great deal of guffing since the republican convention, and many want to know where we stand after the magnificent victory of the railroads. We are the same dashed old fool we have always been. We are for the ticket. If it is necessary to get a railroad ring in our nose, our nose yearns for the ring. If it is to hell with the people and hurrah for the lobby, we are at the front with hell and hurrah." Mr. Ladd is president of the Nebraska Press Association, and is very candid in his assertion, but what is the use of it when he goes right along whooping 'er up for Midget Mickey, Bowhard Burkett and the railroads?

Railroad Assessment \$46,000,000.

The railroad assessment in the state has at last been accomplished by placing it at \$46,000,000. Last year it was \$27,000,000, in round numbers, so the increase is about seventy per cent. The general opinion seemed to prevail that the raise would easily run up to about \$60,000,000, which would have a little more than doubled the assessment, and would thus be an equal increase with other property. Those who are familiar with the situation think that the railroad taxes this year will be less than last. While the assessment has been increased, the levy will be so much lower as to lower the taxes. If this is true, who is going to pay the increased taxes which the state requires to meet expenses and indebtedness?

Now and Then.

Fifty years ago there were less than a thousand white people in Nebraska territory, today more than a million. The total wealth then was probably not \$100,000, now between one and two billions. Then there was not a single cultivated farm—today there are 125,000, with crop worth \$162,000,000. Then not a factory or mill of railroad. Today 5,414 manufacturing establishments, with a product worth \$144,000,000 each year, 5,700 miles of railroad. Fifty years ago this summer a single newspaper, the Palladium, at Bellevue. Today 600 newspapers and magazines. Fifty years ago not a school in active operation. Today 10,000 common school and higher ones by the hundred.

It is reported that Paul Morton is going into Roosevelt's cabinet. Now, wouldn't that cork you?

The egotistical Burkett is the only congressman from Nebraska attending the Chicago convention. Wonder if he really thought that lightning would strike him even as a vice presidential possibility? Ha! ha! ha!

"Too ARM!" will now be the command of his High-Muck-a-Muck of Federal office-holders. Postmasters, in big and little towns, are expected to earn their salaries on the outside in whoopin' 'er up for "Teddy the Trust Buster!"

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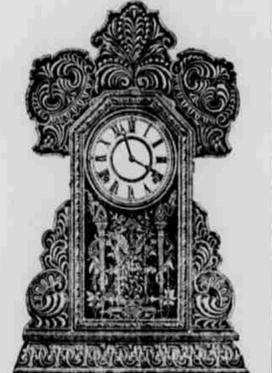
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