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SENATOR STEVE ELKINS as a reformer of corrupt railroad practices would make a splash.

It was probably "enlightened self-interest" which made the protected hogs put "their feet in the trough."

SCANEIDER and Tidd came very nearly "doing" Pollard at Falls City, through ignorance or otherwise, in voting for Neal of Nemaha.

Cass county will not have the credit of a congressman if the democrats are wise in their selection of a candidate one week from today.

WITH the engagement of a few more lawyers that Equitable surplus will cease to be large enough to make even a respectable "bone of contention."

MACHEN has been sentenced to two years more in the penitentiary. That is good as far as it goes, but why don't Beavers and ex-State Senator Green get theirs?

ERNEST POLLARD may make a good congressman if he has the opportunity, but we don't believe he will ever have the opportunity—he is not the proper man for the place.

MANY things that Ernest Pollard never dreamed of being published are "in soak." A man becomes a public target when he runs for such a responsible position as congressman.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT has declared the people should have a square deal against the trusts in buying supplies for the Panama canal. Will congress dare to revoke the president's order?

MAYOR BROWN is being strongly boomed for congress. He is an excellent man, one who commands the respect and confidence of the business men of Lincoln, as well as that of the laboring element.

IF poor old Captain Kid, the pirate king, had lived in these days of private car companies, rebates, holding companies, gas franchises, "protected hogs" and differentials, the good old soul might have been canonized.

THE opportunity for democrats in the First district has arrived. And with the proper man pitted against Pollard, if that candidate carries Cass county it will be only by the "skin of his teeth." You can bet on that.

IT MAY have been a wise move for the president to take Paul Morton into the cabinet to learn from him how to run the railroads, but it is hoped that when Mr. Morton goes out he won't teach the railroads how to run the government.

NEAL of Nemaha, at one time was nominated, but as soon as Lancaster county switched to Pollard, the Cass county delegates who went off on a "wild goose chase," changed back to him, thus securing his nomination by barely one vote—103 to 102.

SECRETARY SHAW's statement that "we are not worrying about the deficit," which, by the way, only amounted to \$22,000,000, seems to warrant his statement that he is not a candidate for president. If Mr. Shaw were of presidential size he would be worrying.

EVEN slow-going Philadelphia has awakened to the fact that it does not pay to vote the republican ticket straight. The city of brotherly love only awoke to that fact, however, after present and future generations have been robbed to the limit by a rotten gas franchise.

THE Cass county delegates returned with colors flying. It has been years since the county cut any in either state or district conventions, and they have cause to feel pleased. Well, let them feel good while they can, for after the election the successful man will not be Pollard.

How Theodore Roosevelt's old personal friend and political opponent, Henry George, would have rejoiced to see the day when Roosevelt discovered that the railroads were public highways, and how doubly he would have rejoiced at the president's frank announcement of his discovery from the pinnacle of the presidency.

NOW it is in order for republican newspapers to make suggestions as to who the democrats should nominate for congress. Well, they needn't worry about that; a man will be pitted against Mr. Pollard that will make him don that sickly grin of his many times during the campaign, which will result in bringing him to tears after his defeat.

SO MANY were surprised when they learned that Pollard had been nominated that the general remark was: "Well, what do you think of that?"

DEMOCRATIC candidates are springing up all over the district since the nomination of that "weak sister," Ernest Pollard. The democrats do not want to get too confident because they have a fine opportunity to elect a man in this district. The right kind of man—a man who has the confidence of the people at home and abroad—is the one that can consign Ernest Pollard to his political grave. Such a man can and should be nominated at Lincoln next Thursday. "Wisdom in the selection of a candidate," should be inscribed on the banner of every delegation that goes to Lincoln. We must have a vote-winner—a man who can command the respect of all.

THE paper trust has refused to exhibit its books or accounts to the federal court at Milwaukee in the case brought by the government against the General Paper company. The trust is defiant and says if the company is dissolved another company will be organized. If the administration would have these defiant trust officers indicted under the section of the law that provides for the imprisonment of those found guilty of conspiring in restraint of trade, they would come off their high horse and sing a more complacent song. A few trust officials in stripes would bring results in the control of trusts that evidently cannot be accomplished otherwise under the present law. For some unexplained reason President Roosevelt does not seem to really want to punish the trusts, but only to play with them. A criminal prosecution, Mr. President, would soon produce good results, and the newspaper men would then embody you in their columns as the great "Trust Buster," and forever call you blessed.

THE democrats have long accused the republican party of being the representative of vested interests, of monopolies and trusts. Now the republicans have an excellent opportunity to prove the charges false—if they are not true. A republican president has called attention to the fact that the tariff schedules must be lowered to secure a "square deal to all American citizens," because the present high rates are being used by the trusts—"the hogs with their feet in the trough," as the president terms them—to rob American consumers while foreigners are reaping the benefit of the self-denial practiced by the American people to build up their "infant industries." A republican president has pointed out that the highways of the nation are the railroads, and that justice cannot be insured to all equally as long as these public highways are dominated by a few individuals or corporations. A republican president has demanded a statute which shall compel the managers of political campaigns to make public the list of the contributors to their campaign funds, so the people may know who supports the respective candidates and to whom they are obligated. These, remember, are the demands of a republican president. If the republican party is not all that the democrats have charged the way is open for the party to prove it by responding to the demands of its own president. Will the republican party dare to do it?

Lost Opportunities. What an egregious set of incompoops the Cass county politicians are. For a quarter of a century this county has stood where, with united action, it could have had such men as Judge Chapman, Orlando Tefft, Byron Clark and a half dozen others who could mention to represent this district in congress. It threw all these opportunities to the dogs, and picked up the very smallest specimen of a representative it had in the whole county, and nominated him for this high office. Chairman Schneider, like the man we read of, marched up the hill in the Falls City convention, and then he had to march right down again. The chairman has been repeatedly warned by the Journal, and coached. Then why make these blunders? It is now up to Lancaster county to give this big, rich district an up-to-date congressman. Give us a first-class man for congressman on the opposition ticket—a man with broad views, liberal towards all interests. If this policy is adopted the Journal will guarantee his election. And the electors of the First congressional district of Nebraska will still be represented at Washington.

It is apparent that the democrats have more than a fighting chance to win out. If they can't do it with Pollard as the republican standard-bearer, there will never again be any use of making an attempt to beat anyone. Pollard is not a man even of ordinary ability with the common run of men who have had the opportunity of educational advantages. All that he has to commend him is that he served several terms in the Nebraska legislature and was at the head of the Nebraska department at the St. Louis fair. He was born with a silver spoon in his mouth, and has been a chronic office-

seeker ever since he went out of his teens. He is egotistical, big-headed, and his general characteristics are such as to render him very unpopular with the common people. He is just such a man as can be defeated if the democrats put forth the proper person next Thursday, notwithstanding the 3500 majority we have to overcome.

Public Opinion. The wheat looks well, but don't make any promissory notes on the strength of your wheat crop.—Beatrice Express.

There is no occasion for calling the Nebraska legislature together again. We know when we have got enough.—Fairbury News.

Perhaps there are other men in the state who would be willing to go to Washington on courtesy tickets to testify that they have "no kick a-coming" about the way the railroads tear them.—Ord Journal.

The next Nebraska legislature will be elected upon an anti-pass platform. Any one having designs upon that United States senatorship might as well take that fact into consideration.—Pender Republic.

Professor Thomas has accepted the \$2,500 principalship of the Kearney normal declined by Professor Fowler. Now if he will chloroform the members of the normal board who are over sixty he may be able to conduct the school harmoniously.—Fremont Tribune.

Senator Millard's chances seem to depend entirely upon how he will line up in the railroad regulation matter. And so will the chances of other candidates depend largely upon how they will pledge themselves upon this question, if it has not been satisfactorily settled by that time.—Grand Island Independent.

Judge Julius S. Cooley of Omaha has fearlessly placed himself on record as favoring Edward Rosewater as the man to succeed J. H. Millard in the United States senate. Mr. Rosewater himself has seconded the motion, and now if the people instruct their delegates to the next republican state convention to express the preference of the party for him, there need be no reason for looking farther.—Lincoln Journal.

Judge Holmes takes a philosophical view of the situation, and well says that one who cannot take what comes to him has no business to go into politics. It is largely a game of chance at the best, in which it often happens that the good man falls by the wayside while the evil one is exalted.—Lincoln Journal.

The question of taxing the property of the fraternal societies of the state is one that is causing the state taxing board considerable annoyance, as both sides argue the case. Under the old law fraternal companies were exempt from taxation, but the new law changes all this and if the board decide that they are to be assessed it is very likely the societies will ask the supreme court to pass on the case.—Hastings Democrat.

The republican of Nebraska must divorce their party from the railroads if they expect to stay in power. There is a growing sentiment to this effect among the rank and file of the party that must be heeded or there will be another political revolution in this state. Men who are nominated by railroad influences will be looked upon with suspicion by the men who case the ballots, and in politics generally suspicion is enough to cause defeat. Will party leaders heed the warning?—Norfolk Press.

Republicans the Party of Negation. The faction of the Republicans who call themselves "stand patters" have but little to be proud of in that term. When the late Senator Hanna issued his orders to the party to "stand pat" and prevent revision of the tariff that fosters the trusts, it was an acknowledgment that the republican party was in league with the corporations. As far as the tariff is concerned the republicans still stand pat and the greater faction of the party declares the tariff must not be disturbed. While the administration faction all declare they are ardent protectionists. Between the stand patters and the protectionist there is no great gulf fixed, so far they have both been united; there is a plainly marked path from one faction to the other and at each end the guide board has the legend taken from the Republican national platform which reads:

"Protection which guards and develops our industries is a cardinal policy of the republican party. The measure of protection should always at least equal the difference in the cost of production at home and abroad." To stand pat therefore means to stand in the way of progress. Protection means the same and those who declare for it are the incarnation of negation. They decline to take from the trusts and corporations even part of the power they gave them to plunder the people.

Hon. E. M. Pollard—Ahem! The Journal at last has a candidate for congress. We didn't intend it. The Journal is honest. "We cast our bread upon the waters," and lo! it returned immediately. The people—republican people—mistook us. We only intended to warn our republican constituents (and we have lots of them) to give the cider statesman a fair deal—that was all. We gave him Cass county, and the "push" was so accelerated it lands him right on the G. O. P. truck wagon. The Journal was right and it was wrong in its diagnosis of Mr. Pollard's strength in the Falls City convention. We said he would not have personal strength to land a vote outside of his county delegation; we were correct. The Journal, however, is not responsible for the "acts of God and the common enemy." Our candidate got there just the same, and what is the use in trying to explain what the ordinary politician can't understand, anyway. Pollard, as we predicted, had no following outside of the Cass county delegation. And here comes the act of God! It was not an unexpected sight to see Oteo, Nemaha, Pawnee, Richardson and Johnson, all voting for local candidates outside of Pollard. Old Cass, like Balaam's ass, stood right there in the middle of the road, braying and refusing any nourishment. Twenty-six votes for Pollard! "D—Cass county!" was the universal comment of the other five anti-Lancaster counties.

Finally, when the chairman of the Cass county delegation and the leader of the Pollard forces deserted our candidate for a second-rate local lawyer of Nemaha county, Lancaster turned around and gave old Cass a candidate, with a cider chrono. And right in the middle of the road stood Cass county, like the Balaam mule. The Lord was right there, but our Pollard followers could not see him, until the big delegation from Lancaster turned loose. So the Journal was correct when it told its republican friends that their candidate, which we helped them to, had no following or strength as a candidate.

Who says the Journal has no candidate? Yes, we have, and we are glad of it for many reasons, which we will give in the issues of the Journal that appear between this and the day of the election. Be it known, however, as you go along, that the Journal will leave no stones unturned to bring about his defeat. Why? Simply because he is of too light weight to represent the people of the First congressional district in the halls of congress.

The Voters Must Decide. When you vote for congressmen at the coming special election there is but one important matter to settle before deciding who you will vote for. You are not voting for men but for the measures that the two parties stand for. You must therefore decide what measure or policy you desire and vote for the candidate who will carry it out.

The republican party is pledged in all its platforms to the policy of protection which through the enormously high tariff rates has so fostered trusts that every trust product has been vastly increased in price. The republican party also stands committed to extravagant appropriations, so that there is already a deficiency of \$96,000,000 for this fiscal year, and the amount per capita of expenditures has increased from \$9.18 in 1890 to \$8.74, in 1904, or an average for each family of five persons of \$43.70 as the average tax which the head of the family indirectly pays to the national government. Under the republican system of fostering trusts these taxes paid to the general government are more than doubled in the increased profits the trusts extort, so that the average each family pays is over \$100, more than half of which goes to the trusts as the result of tariff protection.

And to add to the taxpayer's exasperations, he knows the trusts are selling their products cheaper abroad than here, so that the administration has just ordered all supplies for the Panama Canal to be purchased in the cheapest market, and all of the vast sum expended for supplies for that great undertaking will probably be expended in foreign countries for foreign workmen and foreign producers will get the benefit instead of our own people who pays the bill.

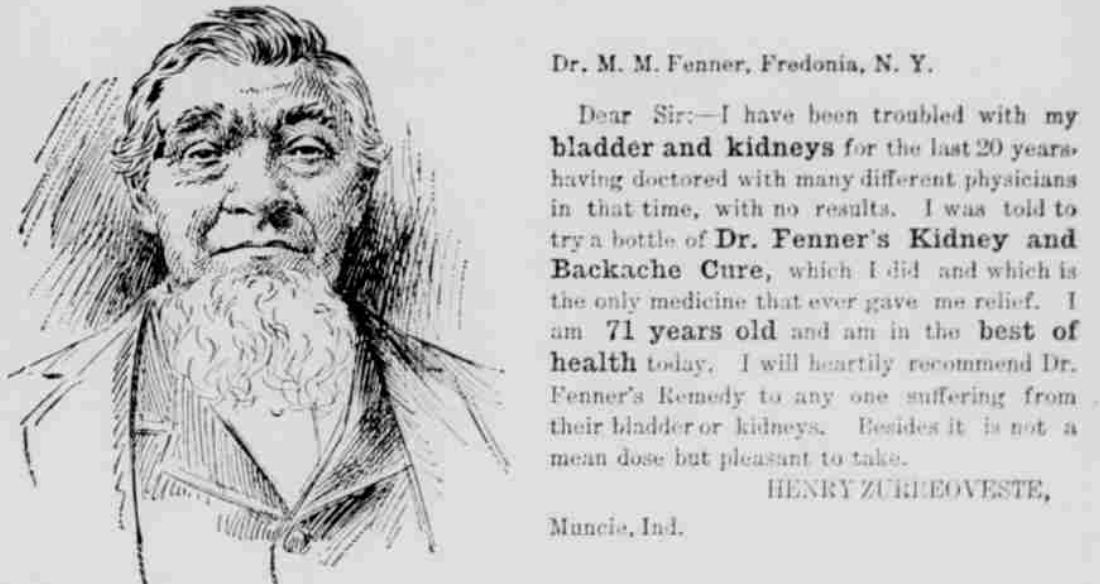
If you want to continue this system of so-called protection, which was styled in the democratic national platform as robbery, vote for the republican candidate for congress. If you are such a hide-bound partisan that you will not vote for the democratic candidate who stands for retrenchment and reform, take to the woods on election day and thus help, in a half-hearted way, to save yourself and neighbors from exorbitant tariff taxes and extravagance.

ALL the democrats have to do now is to nominate a good man—the people will do the rest.

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