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## The Evening Journal.

Next Monday will appear the first issue of the Evening Journal for nearly two years. In starting the daily two years ago we were so at a time when we were the least prepared so to do, as compared with the present hour. Since that time we have placed in our office a new Cottrell newspaper press, invested several hundred dollars in new material of various kinds, removed our office to larger and more comfortable quarters, and today we can boast of the finest newspaper and job office plant in Cass county. That is one reason for again starting the daily. Then, again, there seems to be a great demand for the daily Journal, because during the short time we did publish it, our patrons claim that it gave better satisfaction than any daily that has been printed in Plattsmouth for many years. We have made all arrangements to start Monday, and our local reporter, Mr. Groh, is now here getting acquainted with the people previous to starting out upon a tour of news-seeking. He fully understands the business, comes to our city well recommended as a hustler for what the people demand—the news. Give us your aid and we will endeavor to give you the best in the shop. Mr. Groh will be on the streets at all hours, and if anything of note escapes him it will be no fault of his, but for a short time we ask our friends to give him their assistance in this respect.

The stand-patters know that Mr. R. has crawled into his hole and pulled the hole in after him.

In the light of subsequent events France's little careless disregard of the neutrality laws will be overlooked.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT has been known to remain an ardent tariff revisionist for at least twenty-four hours.

WHEN you are tempted to eat a green apple just remember that it is two to one you will be operated on for appendicitis.

ROJESTVEN-SKY didn't send the usual "I regret to report" message, but it was only because there was nothing left to report.

ACCORDING to Dr. Parkhurst, Philadelphia is the worst city in the union and New York makes a good second. Where does Chicago come in?

MR. POLLARD is now spending most of his time in Lincoln. We presume he has to in order to pacify the several factions with "promises."

In 1904 the number killed in celebrating the Fourth of July was 4,449. There is an effort in some cities to prevent the usual insane celebration this year.

The Philadelphia councilmen have merely been trying to demonstrate the truth of Governor Pingree's oft repeated remark that "all boodlers are cowards."

It is too bad we cannot all get the Panama commission to do our purchasing for us. Then we might have some show against the "protected hogs" who have "their feet in the trough."

The president might just as well recognize that the "protected hog" is bound to get "his feet in the trough." It is the nature of the beast, and the removal of the protection is the only cure.

PAENS of joy are going up from the stand-patters over the president's agreement not to convene the special session before November 13. They read November 13, to mean December 4th.

The democratic congressional convention is in session today. If the proper man is nominated, the usual republican majority will be reduced, not only throughout the district, but in Cass county, also.

To the everlasting credit of the Omaha Commercial club it is said that it denounced the city officials who went to Red Oak and testified to the good character of Tom Dennison, the boss gambler. Dennison was acquitted of the crime charge at that trial, but very few people seem pleased with the acquittal.

WHEN a paper asserts that the nomination of Pollard is satisfactory to the republicans of the district, the editor thereof takes it for granted the people do not read. He is not what the convention wanted, and unless the factions are greatly harmonized before election day, look out for the scalp of one Ernest Pollard.

No one can blame a Russian officer who surrendered from refusing a parole. He knows that he is better off in Japan than at home.

In its account of the republican congressional convention the Falls City News says: "When an attempt was made to make Pollard's nomination unanimous by a rising vote, most of the delegates from Johnson, Otoe and Nemaha, and all of the delegates of Pawnee remained in their seats and refused to stand up."

The News says: "But Mr. Pollard was born and reared in the county, and it will take some other than a recent arrival from Missouri to destroy the confidence the First district reposes in him." We never before thought that it was a crime to come from Missouri, but, of course, it may seem so to such nincompoops as the News editor. The only thing that we rely upon to reduce the majority of Pollard in this county is the fact that he is too well known. Then, again, we have lived here long enough to build up a business such as no other newspaper plant has ever enjoyed in Plattsmouth, which is enough to convince any reasonable man that the Journal enjoys a greater confidence of the people of Cass county than the editor of the News, who was also "reared in the county."

If President Roosevelt can promote peace between Russia and Japan no one will begrudge him the credit he will gain by helping to stop the terrific human slaughter which has characterized the Russo-Japanese war. There are many diplomats who believe all the president's efforts, however well intended, will come to naught, however. Count Cassini has outlined the position of Russia to a few chosen friends. He maintains that Russia has nothing more to lose. If she were to make peace now she would have to yield the neutrality of Manchuria, acknowledge Japan's suzerainty of Korea, grant the neutrality of Vladivostok, and pay an enormous indemnity besides. If Russia continues to fight, Japan may in the course of time drive her from Manchuria, capture Vladivostok, and be in a position to insist on her suzerainty of Korea, but by the time all this has been accomplished by brute force Japan's financial resources will have been exhausted and she will have to quit fighting without any indemnity whatever. Of course the humanitarian side of the argument has no force with Russia. Her moujiks, or peasants, are cheap, and a few hundred thousand more or less are of no moment to the czar and the war party which dominates his actions. Count Cassini, for obvious reasons, does not state that Russia is afraid to quit fighting or to accept peace at the humiliating terms which Japan would prescribe. Russia, that is, her grand dukes, fear the officers who would return from Manchuria and Siberia, and, perhaps the men. They have learned too much of the oligarchy which has furnished them cheap ammunition, worthless guns, rotten food, etc., and has grown rich by the transactions, and the grand dukes appreciate that the coming home of the troops means their own doom.

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President Roosevelt's altogether sensible determination to retire at the end of his present term, caused grateful emotions to stir in the breasts of all of the foregoing men, and even made the Hon. Joe Cannon perk up. It seems to be considered as very probable that he will put his lightning rod in condition to attract the nomination his way. And there are yet others who will get their names before the country in an experimental way at least. But in the whole list the most relentless pursuer of the elusive honor of a doubtful nomination will be the Vice-President. He is not going to saw wood for nothing if he can help it.

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### Railroads Plan Postponement.

President Roosevelt has given in to the element of his party that train with the railroads by postponing the time to call congress together to consider the railroad rate question. Before congress adjourned last spring, when the president found he could not get the republican leaders of the senate to consider the rate fixing bill, he was strenuously talking of an extra session forthwith, but the railroad influence prevailed and the calling of the extra session was postponed to the early fall. Before the president started on his bear hunting trip it was given out that October 16 had been settled upon as the date for congress to meet. But again the railroad influence prevailed, the republican leaders in congress having again persuaded the president that it might be disastrous to the party in some of the states holding elections this year, for congress to meet before the elections were held. Another postponement followed and the date is now set for November 14. It is now quite uncertain if any extraordinary session will be called, for the railroad influence is still working for delay, backed by the advice of Speaker Cannon and the stand-patters. This shilly-shally policy hardly comports with the expressed determination that has been attributed to President Roosevelt to relieve the people from railroad extortion at the earliest possible moment.

Of course all these excuses for delay have been hatched up by the sharp railroad attorneys and lobbyists, and have been impressed on the president by the republican leaders who are the willing tools of the corporations. It is pleasant to record that the democratic congressmen have kept clear of these entanglements, and as far as heard from have declared their willingness to meet when called upon and their determination to vote to control the despotic acts of the railroads by giving the interstate commerce commission power to fix maximum rates.

### A Few of the Ambitious.

To the Journal, which is a newspaper that consistently advocates the principles of the Democratic party, and has done and means to do its full share toward their successful application to government affairs, the possible Presidential nominee of the Republican party in 1908 is only of casual interest. It will be all of three years before the great parties meet to name their candidates and adopt the platforms on which they will appeal to the voters of the country. When the time arrives the people will, as usual, settle down to the real business of the campaign and fight out the issues presented.

Certain Republican aspirants, however, seem to think that three years—a matter of only eleven hundred days—will slip by before they are ready if they fail to be up and doing. Now there is Secretary Shaw. He has gone a-campaigning whenever he could get away for a few days from the companionship of that disagreeable deficit. It is true that in Des Moines a short time ago he stated that "no one is authorized to say that I will be a candidate for the Presidency," and added that "it is a subject which I do not care to discuss," but he takes good care not to say that he will not be a candidate.

Vice-President Fairbanks has not said in so many words that he will be a candidate and yet everybody knows that he is one at this very minute. He already has begun to shake every bush that gives the least indication that it may conceal a delegate. He watches every party tree and closely scrutinizes every political fence corner hoping that some friendly and influential personage will step forth and say "howdy." He also is on the alert for the fellow who might say "boo," or perchance whisper the name of Beveridge.

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Which is obviously right. It is not only right; it is prudent. All kinds and conditions of candidates even those who ran on their war records, have been careful to like farming and to say so. In looking over the utterances of President and candidates we find this to be characteristic. Mr. Fairbanks has struck a major fundamental, so to speak.

Unfortunately at the very moment when he is committing this splendid stroke of presidential prudence a criticism comes of his conduct at the Portland Exposition, where, jealous persons observe, he was escorted in the opening exercises by two full companies of gayly and fashionably accoutered troops; and the charge is that it amounted to bold and ostentatious imperialism.

Nothing could be meaner than that construction. Everybody must be convinced that this plain man of the plain people would have dispensed with the pretense and parade if possible. He would, if he could, have marched out to the inaugural ceremonies in a straw hat and jeans overalls, with a hoe over his shoulder, a wisp of sweet hay between his lips, and a "howdy" for every man he met.

Mr. Fairbanks should rout his critics with a good old-fashioned backslapping campaign. By vigorous "mixing" he can offset and overcome any prejudice excited by his militaristic and imperialistic acts. Let him talk in plain language now and then, after the style of Uncle Joe Cannon, and even "borry" a bit of home-grown twist from a rustic bystander in a confidential manner, implying a distrust of "store terbacker." Mr. Fairbanks could be really very democratic if he would only let it come out.

### Public Opinion.

There is less than a month in which Nebraska cigarette fiends may drive nails into their coffins, but some of them are undoubtedly working overtime to achieve success.—Norfolk News.

The Pawnee county delegation was nicely "gold-bricked" at the republican congressional convention, held in Falls City last week. In attempting to "get in out of the wet" they "jumped from the frying pan into the fire."—Pawnee Chief.

Pollard did the other counties a dirty trick when he made the jug-handle combine with Lancaster, after pledging to the other counties against Holmes. If the other counties have any spunk they will defeat him for his perfidy.—Crete Democrat.

When political conventions, made up of prominent politicians, nine-tenths of whom rode to the place of meeting on a pass, pass resolutions against the acceptance of a pass by a public officer, it is a sign that there is a strong sentiment among the people in favor of the action taken by the convention. Turn in the passes and no public official will be under obligation to a railroad, and no railroad will be under obligation to a public official.—Beatrice Express.

The Herald has no candidate for United States senator to succeed Senator Millard, but it hopes the press of the state will not be too hasty in pushing the booms of fellow who are anxious for the place. The question of corporation control is and will continue to be the leading question before the American public until settled right and Nebraska's representatives in the senate should be in full accord with the sentiment of the party on this issue. Let us find out where the aspirants stand before we are hitched to their band wagon.—Wayne Herald.

The republicans of the First district at the Falls City convention named E. M. Pollard, of Cass county for the Burkett succession. The platform puts up a grand anti-monop talk, and is only dangerous because it protests too much. But Mr. Pollard has been instructed to support the president in all things. This sublime trust in Teddy is something fierce. Both the corporation and anti-corporation republicans are singing his praises. At the Falls City convention, the Lancaster county delegation accepted any kind of a platform providing they could name the candidate and they did, by one vote. The platform is made to catch votes while the candidate is made to serve the railroad interests.—Hastings Democrat.

The special congressional election in the First Nebraska district may give the people of that district opportunity to say by their ballots whether or not they really desire to aid President Roosevelt in his efforts to secure railroad regulation by law. The republican nominee is Ernest Pollard, a young man who gained a state reputation two years ago by drawing a revenue bill in harmony with the wishes of the railroad attorneys of the state. He has promised to stand by the president in the matter of railroad legislation, but that promise might just as well have been made by any railroad stock holder, and it will be worth about as much.—Columbus Telegram.

Why should it be harder to assess the railroads than to assess individuals? When the assessor calls upon the private citizen who has nothing to conceal, and little to show, he reads over the list of things upon which a tax is to be levied, taking everything from the cook stove to the dog and they are put in at about what they would bring if sold at a force sale. The minions of the law then view the premises and fix a value upon them, and there is no appeal that counts for much from their decision. But it appears to be different with the railroad. The people are taxed by way of freight so that every dollar of watered stock and genuine; real and imaginary, yields a dividend. There is altogether too much favoritism shown the big moneyed corporations, in this matter of taxation. It is this favoritism that incubates revolution.—Beatrice Sun.

### Then, Why?

The jury's verdict that the News should pay Cass county's sheriff \$10 for alleged damages has been affirmed by the supreme court. While it was hardly expected that the decision would be against us, it will not be so hard to pay as the amount originally sued for. Ten dollars will come a whole lot easier than \$10,000.—News.

Then, what are you kicking about? The stamp of "liar and libeler" upon the brow of the editor of the News, in debly placed there by the supreme court of the state, is what hurts. And this is all Sheriff McBride wanted. But hypocrites always get it in the neck, sooner or later.

An exchange asks, "Will the president back down on his Panama open market policy?" No, but he will smile while congress does.

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