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Cass county will be entitled to 20 delegates to the democratic state convention on Wednesday, September 20.

HERE is a tip for Roosevelt. Put the peace plenipotentiaries on shredded hay biscuit and graino creek water until they come to terms. This will hasten the appearance of the white winged messenger of peace.

SOME of the wisecracks of the republican press, previous to the democratic call, were wondering if the state convention would be made up on the basis of the vote cast for Parker last fall. And the democrats are wondering just as hard why the republican convention was not made up on the vote cast for John H. Mickey.

SAYS the Central City Record: "There is such a strong feeling in the state against public officials being the recipients of railway passes that many of the republican papers are demanding that the next candidate for supreme judge be a lawyer who does not ride on a pass. If the convention should stick for that kind of a candidate it will more than likely find itself compelled to leave the place vacant."

IT has just begun to dawn on the thinking farmers that the crop reports issued by the agricultural department at Washington never have and probably never will do them any good. The fact that crops are in a certain condition does not help the farmer any, while reports may be a great convenience to brokers and speculators. In view of this fact, then, why not let the exchanges and commercial agencies prepare their own crop statistics? As a matter of fact, government statistics never increased a crop by one pound. They are used mostly to promote gambling in cotton, wheat and corn.

THE heaviest blow dealt the standpatters in the Chicago reciprocity convention is the revolt of Illinois. Joseph G. Cannon, who was the Speaker of the Fifty-eighth Congress and wants to be Speaker of the Fifty-ninth, was not there, to be sure, but Senator Shelby M. Cullom, who has been claimed as a prince of standpatters, was, and his remarks give a severe snock to the standpatters. He not only declared himself in favor of reciprocity as a means of holding and extending our foreign markets, but if reciprocity treaties cannot be ratified he has another makeshift which he calls maximum and minimum tariff. He even uses the words "revising where necessary the tariff;" words above all others hateful to standpatters, and positively treasonable to Dingleyism.

THE farming and cattle-raising interests of the west, as well as many manufacturing and commercial interests elsewhere, are pretty solidly behind the demand for better foreign markets, which the reciprocity convention was organized to obtain. There seems little prospect that the republican party will give them what they ask for, just and reasonable as are their demands. But the country is full of people, millions of them republicans, who want more in the way of tariff reformation. Their wishes were voiced by the Iowa republicans in the demand that tariff protection be denied to monopoly, and the demand, though hushed for the time by clever manipulation, is not quieted for long. Reasonable tariff revision which shall lift the heaviest of the Dingley burdens, without exposing American industries to hostile foreign reprisals, is what the country seems now to want. The republicans in the Fifty-ninth congress will do nothing. But the Sixtieth congress is to be elected in the autumn of next year.

THINK of it! Two hundred and fifty thousand pounds of Nebraska butter shipped to England in a lot. Evidently the English have learned where to get good butter.

THE county clerk of Lancaster county has refused to file the certificate of nomination for county commissioner and recorder nominated at the recent republican convention. According to Attorney General Brown the county commissioner will hold over another year.

SECRETARY TAFT promises the Filipinos that we will take care of them until they acquire the capacity for self-government and are able to take care of themselves. Let us hope that this doesn't mean that we are to keep ten thousand American soldiers in the archipelago until the day after Gabriel blows his trumpet.

GOV. MICKLEY is quoted as saying that all newspaper reporters are liars. Solomon is also quoted as saying that all men are liars. In this Solomon didn't seem to discriminate between newspaper reporters and governors. But Solomon lived a good many years ago, and Solomon was never governor of Nebraska.

ROOSEVELT is getting still closer to the democratic nomination in 1908, and still further from republican chances. When he said that all corporations engaged in interstate commerce should be under the supervision of the National Government he announces one of the great planks of the next democratic platform.

THE territories on the south are not delighted with the sort of political driftwood that is sent them from Nebraska in the shape of federal judges. Ben Baker went to New Mexico, and after a brief investigation he was vindicated and resigned. Tucker, who was sent to Arizona is now under investigation, and will probably resign to escape scandal.

W. J. BRYAN has returned to his home for a short rest from his lecture tour which will last two weeks longer. He was accompanied from Chicago by his son William who has almost recovered from an ailment which necessitated hospital treatment. Mr. Bryan will leave in September for the Pacific coast to sail for the Orient instead of going to Europe as has been reported. —Lincoln Journal.

EXCEPT of cotton, which by reduced acreage promises only an average yield, the indications everywhere are for uncommonly bountiful crops. We shall have lots of things to sell and shall want markets in which to sell them. The republican party will surely hear something drop if Dingleyism is allowed to shut us out of foreign countries that want to buy from us.

REPUBLICAN organs are beginning to renege with pious words that their party will never oppose a policy of law enforcement. Possibly not—in the open. But their bosses are right now whispering with the lid-lifter, the contract-fixers, the professional bondsmen and the lobbyists. Nor have yet the organs upheld the principle of law enforcement. All the straws show that the republican machine in Nebraska will be as close to the law-dodgers as the national g. o. p. is to the tariff trusts.

THE Tribunal at Tecumseh will pass into new hands next week. A young man from Exeria, Iowa, becomes proprietor. C. W. Pool, who has had charge of the paper for a number of years, is compelled to retire on account of ill health. The young man will have an upgrade pull to make a success of it with two other well established papers representing the great political parties. The Tribunal is an independent paper and such a paper will stand a poor show of success in county politics. An independent paper is two much for "bleeding" candidates, to gain any respect from the people at large.

## MR. ROOSEVELT AND RECIPROCITY.

(New York Herald.)  
The standpatters are infinitely pleased at the attitude of Mr. Roosevelt toward the Chicago convention for the furtherance of reciprocal trade relations between this and other governments. Mr. Roosevelt politely refuses to take notice of the great trade gathering. —St. Louis Republic.

At the outset Mr. Roosevelt seemed earnestly to advocate the policy proclaimed by Mr. McKinley in his last public address. Mr. Roosevelt's discovery that "the tariff question is one of expediency and not of principle" and his dropping of the subject have given satisfaction to all the trusts that profit by existing tariff conditions.

### THE TARIFF AND THE FARMERS.

In delivering the opening address at the reciprocity conference at Chicago, E. N. Foss, the Boston manufacturer, hit the nail on the head when he said:

Has there ever been a time in the past fifty years, if in the history of the United States, when the American farmer could afford to sacrifice his foreign outlet? Yet that is what his pretended friends among the standpatters of the country are asking him to do. They have asked him for their sakes, to submit to high tariff on everything he buys, and he has done this cheerfully. Now, made hold by monopoly, they ask him to withdraw from the markets of the world.

Here is stated, succinctly, the tariff problem as it affects the farmer. Under the Dingley law the protective tariff has become a shield of monopoly at home, and the dangerous enemy of the American farmer abroad. It operates not alone to permit the trusts to overcharge consumers at home, but to build up the foreign markets for trust controlled articles at the expense of the farmer's market. It is the grossest class legislation ever placed on a statute book.

Avowing himself a protectionist, Mr. Foss frankly admitted that the "Dingley tariff contains the element of monopoly, the element of graft." It is threatening to exclude the American farmers from the markets of the world in order that American manufacturers may monopolize the home market, and, by reason of the exorbitant profits made at home, be able to exploit the foreign markets.

When he attacked the tariff on coal and lumber and iron ore and wood pulp. Mr. Foss spoke for the people of the west as much as he did for the people of the east. When he confessed that, with the duty removed from these articles, he would need no tariff at all to "protect" his business—the manufacture of machinery—he demolished the whole theory of protection as it applies to present-day conditions in the United States.

The Dingley tariff is shielding the trusts while it imposes heavy burdens on consumers; it is stifling competition on manufactured wares at home while it threatens our farmers with the loss of their markets abroad; it is helping to concentrate the wealth of the country in the possession of an arrogant and corrupt plutocracy while it fails to produce revenue sufficient to meet the running expenses of the government, even with the assistance of the internal revenue taxes.

The west, which produces the foodstuffs that should feed the world, is interested in securing a tariff that will not close the outlet to its product.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT declines another hot potato. He has about concluded that an extra session of congress is not necessary, so the mill will not begin until the first Monday in December. Fact is the republican majority in the Fifty-ninth congress is so unwieldy and represents so many diverging views that there is no telling how many factions it may split into when it gets together in Washington. If only it could be done, the republican bosses would give something handsome to skip the coming session.

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## Keep Your Shirt On.

Bryan is to make a tour of the world. He will probably time himself so as to get back in time for the next national democratic convention. When he returns he would no doubt be pleased to hear the band play "See the Conquering Hero Comes." —Cherokee Orient.

There is no more demand for such contemptible slurs as the above concerning Mr. Bryan than there is concerning President Roosevelt or any of the other great men of the country, and it makes us weary to see such statements, even though they emanate from that class of rattlebrains who have nothing else to write about. W. J. Bryan is one among the brainiest men of the age, and even though he was twice defeated for the presidency through the influence of centralized wealth, it does not follow that he is not just as sincere and just as great as any man in the republican party. —Renfrow (Oklahoma) Tribune.

We are somewhat surprised to read the above in the Tribune, as that paper is owned and edited by Tom Williams, a former well known republican of Cass county. Evidently Mr. Williams, like a good many other honest and conscientious republicans is getting his eyes open as to the maneuvers of the pirate pilots of the republican party, who have almost steered the national government upon the rock of destruction. The Journal is pleased to note that Mr. Williams has deserted the rotten old hulk before the general crash comes—for come it must if this government is saved.

### The Taxes of 1905.

(Friend, Neb. Telegraph, Rep.)  
The present indications point to the fact that the tax levy of 1905 will simply be a dandy and for its burdensomeness will be all that the Telegraph has promised for it. After the local assessor had valued your personal property for all they could conscientiously place upon it the state board of equalization has raised it 40 per cent, or nearly one half. There are cattle listed for taxation in Saline county with more value placed upon them than they would bring in the market at the time of listing for taxation. Threshing machines have been another item greatly valued in the eyes of the state board of equalization and until the time arrives when the collector shall call upon you the next time you will not know whether you have been assessed or simply held up and robbed of a great majority of your belongings called personal property.

A GREAT many people wonder what will become of the country when they die. They forget that other people have lived and died and the country has survived the shock. If a man is rich when he dies, he is remembered as long as his heirs keep his name before the public in contesting his will. If he is poor, his wife mourns his loss until she finds a better man. If he dies young, a few people speculate as to what he might have accomplished had he lived longer. If he lives to be old, his friends give a sigh of relief as they suggest that he has lived the allotted time, and had reached the point where he was not enjoying life, and was really in the way of the enjoyment of others. We live, some of us pay taxes, and all of us die and the world moves on.

SO FAR as words are concerned, says the Milwaukee News, the president has not abated in the least from his stand in favor of giving to the interstate commerce commission the power to pass upon freight rates and remedy abuses, but his decision not to call an extra session is a surrender of the advantage which he had gained through the agitation of the issue before the last congress. He had the railways on the run, but he has permitted them to reorganize their lines and without a special session of congress there is little likelihood that any effective legislation will be enacted next winter. Deeds continue to wait upon words.

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