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EVERY democrat should attend the primaries. Don't forget the date—Saturday, September 16, between the hours of 6 and 8 o'clock p. m.

DON'T forget to attend your precinct primary Saturday, Sept. 16. Be on hand and assist in selecting a full delegation to the Elmwood convention.

If Secretary Shaw expects to beat Governor Cummings in Iowa, he must hand back something equal to "coddling in convention and crucifixion in congress," and do it promptly, too.

WEST VIRGINIA negroes are threatening to desert the republican party in the next campaign. It would seem to be about time for the standpatters to remove the duty on "razors."

ROOSEVELT is getting more democratic every time he says anything about the trusts. His last utterance was to declare that "all corporations engaged in interstate commerce should be under the supervision of the national government."

HONORS evidently come easy to renegade democrats. It is intimated that a former democrat of this city is "fishing" for the honor of presiding over the Weeping Water convention, and it is said he will be chosen as such.

WE hear a great deal of anti-pass talk just now, and wonder just how many republicans will pay their fare to the Weeping Water convention next Saturday. Also, whether or not an anti-pass resolution will be adopted by the republicans of Cass county.

WHILE Senator Long of Kansas is promising free trade to the Filipinos it would be very much to the point if he should drop a few remarks indicating some relief to Kansas farmers from the oppressive burdens of the Dingley robber tariff.

THERE seems to be a rumpus among the republicans of Iowa, and Cummings and Shaw are shooting at each other at long range. If Secretary Shaw had one-half the brains of Governor Cummings he would leave the latter alone.

IN Iowa's loss of population, if Mr. Shaw and the other standpatters cannot prove and locate a great census error, it may be confidentially predicted that their policy will go to smash in short order. This sort of standpatism cannot be made popular anywhere.

THE Plattsmouth republican ring have not yet quite finished their selection of a ticket. They have the slate almost filled out. It is marbles to chalk that it has to be at Polk, Farley & Co.'s dictation. When a fellow is almost out of meat it becomes a groundhog case.

THE dark recesses of hallways is now where the ring meets nightly to formulate their plans to defeat the will of the rank and file of the republican party at Weeping Water. Farley wants the candidates to pledge him their support. When they do Farley will "play fair."

FARLEY is at his pastime as self-constituted and chief dispenser of the republican ring of Plattsmouth. His selfishness is seen in it all. How do the anti-ring people like this? If we cannot have democratic victory give us the rank and file rather than the ring coterie of the opposition.

CAPTAIN HOBSON gets at the pith of the matter when he declares that the peace terms accepted by the Japs should be such that are acceptable to the United States. Without the allied support of Great Britain and the moral support of the United States the Japs could never have waged war to a successful issue.

ACCORDING to the decision of Judge Redick of Omaha, a county commissioner must be elected this fall.

SHERIFF McBRIDE certainly a very popular official. There are two or three papers in the county of which you can't find an issue in which they do not mention the name of our efficient sheriff. While not of a complimentary nature, yet it comes from a class of grouchy sorchheads whose opposition to the sheriff has done him a vast amount of good. Keep it up, boys, and you will not only effect his re-nomination, but his re-election, also.

SENATOR JOE BAILEY explains that he was misquoted as speaking of Senator Shelby Cullom as a "nice old woman who compares with Stephen A. Douglass as a glow worm compares with the sun." What he did say, Senator Bailey avows, was that Senator Cullom is "as well behaved as a woman and no more like Douglass than a song bird is like an eagle." Let us hope that this explanation is entirely satisfactory to Senator Cullom.

THE assertion that congress in its coming session will refuse to admit Oklahoma and Indian Territory as separate states is premature and without authority. It could do no more proper and patriotic act. Though the majority is largely republican it is by no means certain that it will stand solidly together in the commission of injustice. The said republican majority is entitled to the presumption of innocence until it proves itself guilty.

Now, lying "may be good 'politics' but it is not good for anything else," and when you see anything in the Journal you can bet it is the proper caper. The Journal is not a "boss," does not intend to be "bossed" by any "bosses" but remain content in doing the greatest good to greatest number of democrats. Now, if Farley would pursue such a course in the republican ranks, instead of setting himself as a self-constituted boss, he would perhaps fare better. He's too light in the upper-story for a commander.

THE editor of the News says that Mr. Gamble is not a candidate for county superintendent. Perhaps he was not until the editor of the News recently found out that he himself, was not qualified for the position. He then commenced operations in the direction of the Plattsmouth postoffice. It will be a sorry old day for the people of this city when such a change is made and Chet Smith steps down and out. But as there "is many a slip 'twixt cup and the lip," and the appointment will not take place for a year, the republicans may wisely conclude to let well enough alone.

"THERE is nothing startling in the census bureau's discovery, that there has been a 'persistent decline' in the birth rate that is apt to accompany increasing density of population. The struggle for existence becomes harder and the opportunities of the average individual grow less and the masses increase. As long as Uncle Sam was rich enough to give us all a farm and there was more than work enough for every able bodied man the children might come as fast as they pleased. With deminishing opportunities and narrower means of supporting them, they are not so welcome.

MANY republican county conventions have been held and most of them have declared against the pass system. How astounding it would be if it could possibly be ascertained how many delegates to the republican state convention pay their fares to and from Lincoln, on this occasion. The republicans of Nebraska usually declare against an evil, but it is hard work for them to break off using the same when convenient to do so, as in case of state conventions, etc. We would like to gaze upon the gentleman from Cass county republican delegates who goes to Lincoln and pays his own fare.

## The Republican Primaries.

The republican primaries held in the several wards Saturday evening were attended with but very little interest. In fact the names of those whom the ring wanted to go as delegates were printed upon the ticket and those tickets were voted by the few who attended the primaries, and that was all there was to it. The following are the delegates as placed upon the ticket by the guidance of Farley and a few of the chief ringsters, who have everything "cocked and primed" for their work at the Weeping Water convention next Saturday:

FIRST WARD—A. J. Beeson, T. L. Murphy, Charles Guthman, J. H. Halderman, Will Robertson, J. C. Lindeman, C. H. Smith.

SECOND WARD—William Weber, J. L. Root, C. S. Polk, W. J. Streight, E. E. Hilton, L. Ottuatt, T. Fry, T. H. Pollock.

THIRD WARD—S. M. Chapman, J. G. Richey, T. H. Steimke, J. H. Becker, J. L. Barton, F. W. Richey, J. H. Hall, Byron Clark, E. K. Parmele, M. E. Manspaker, Wesley Grassman.

FOURTH WARD—Wash Smith, J. W. Sage, J. R. Denson, H. S. Barthold, G. L. Farley, F. R. Balance, W. L. Pickett.

FIFTH WARD—A. N. Despain, Sol Adams, E. S. Barker, Glen Piebus, George Mapes.

## More Trouble For Standpatters.

The exchange of compliments between Governor Cummins of Iowa and Secretary Shaw, who is going back to Iowa soon with a presidential bee in his bonnet, explains some of the difficulties of getting reciprocity treaties confirmed, and it indicates, besides, that Shaw, too, is infected with the Iowa Idea. This leaves Cannon of Illinois the only republican of prominence who adheres to the standpat idea.

Incidentally confirming what Senator Cullom said about practical difficulties of reciprocity, it is easily seen that Mr. Shaw cannot please Iowa republicans without proposing more certain measures of tariff relief. He may glide for a time in Cullom's "maximum and minimum" boat, but he must get at last to the principle that the Dingley schedules need lifting wherever they shelter a monopoly.

As the head of the Treasury Mr. Shaw is supposed to be familiar with the workings of the tariff and to approve the strong interview published by his tariff expert, Mr. Harold Boice, in which the stagnation of our export of manufactured goods is exposed. It is reasonable to expect that Mr. Shaw will suggest a tariff remedy when his presidential bee begins to buzz freely in Iowa.

Senator Cullom told the Reciprocity Convention that Eastern Senators are unanimously opposed to reciprocity, while Western Senators are solidly for it. Every echo of that convention confirms the impression that Republican voters of the West solidly favor some very decided modifications of Dingley's robber tariff.

THE old saying "prod a jackass in a tender spot and he will kick every time," was verified in Saturday evening's News. There appeared two articles denying the Journal's accusations, one written by Farley and the other by his chief assistant, who is also a member of the republican ring and also a prominent candidate for office. There is not a particle of use for Farley or his assistant to attempt to deny the allegation. The Journal candidly believes that the News editor has been maneuvering to secure candidates secretly pledged to give him the printing patronage of the different offices. And when he so emphatically denies the charge it shows that the Journal was right. Farley has for years tried to have elections engineered in his sole behalf, and if the other republican papers of the county don't watch out he and his Plattsmouth cohorts will get in their work to a finish at the Weeping Water convention next Saturday.

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## Dingleyism Breaking Down.

Secretary Taft's tourists in the Philippines seem convinced that free trade would be a good thing for the Filipinos; and are promising them free trade with the United States or, at least, sharp reductions of the Dingley prohibitive schedules. At the same time, standpat robber tariff republicans here at home vehemently denounce the reciprocity convention and reject all demands of western producers of meats and other foodstuffs for such modifications of the tariff as will give them better access to the Western countries of Continental Europe.

Putting together, then, the policy of the Taft tourists with that of the standpatters, the republican position seems to be something like this: Open markets for agricultural products being a good thing, we will benevolently open the markets of the United States to the Filipinos; but, since the opening of our markets to manufactured goods would be a bad thing for the Dingley trusts, we will not touch the Dingley schedules, directly nor indirectly not even to open foreign markets to American Agriculture products.

We have here an issue that is sure to make music in Congress next winter and in the congressional election of next year, if the standpatters continue to stand pat, which most of them will probably conclude to do. The Dingley robberies were well enough for a few years, while the attention of the country was diverted by foreign wars, get-rich-quick prosperity and games of that sort. Their very excesses are now proving them detrimental to settled business prosperity, even from the radical protectionist's sort of view. That they are unbearably burdensome to all who were not in the getting-rich-quick swim is daily becoming more manifest.

The high prices of living they have made in the United States and the reprisals they have provoked in foreign countries are restricting our export of factory goods as well as of farm products. "Our exports of manufacture to Europe, which, in spite of the jubilant talk of the American invasion, have never been large, have been declining by millions for the past five years" is the statement of Treasury Expert Boice, and it is the more significant from the probability that it was not made without the knowledge and approval of his chief.

Mr. Boice's conclusion that changes in existing tariff relations are necessary to establish an export trade in factory goods on a sound footing and to advance our faltering trade abroad in finished products is directly in line with the teachings of political economy, theoretical and practical. Apart from the hostility it incites and the reprisals it provokes in other markets, prohibitive tariff encourages bad work and increases the cost of production to such an extent that the goods who manufacture is thus protected compete with difficulty in the world's open markets. Prohibitive tariff has always proved fatal to foreign markets as well as in imports.

What are the standpatters going to do about it? There pet measure has restricted the foreign trade in farm products and is now shown to be dwarfing our export of factory products. It is odious to the great masses of the people whom it taxes out of all reason, beyond the limit of tolerance. It has no earthly reason for longer existence.

THE Plattsmouth republican ring change their base of operations nightly. The hallways of business blocks seem to be the most secluded spots for planning against the rank and file. Occasionally one or two of the gang are absent—but Farley, never. If he can but succeed in getting nominated candidates pledged to give him the patronage of the offices, in case they are successful at the polls, he will be happy. That's just what he is after, and if he fails in this he won't play with the boys. In his selfishness he wants the whole hog or none.

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