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ALL is not serene in the republican congressional committee by long odds. They are considerably divided on manner of selecting a candidate.

Now that Plattsmouth is to have a postoffice building, don't let us get up a wrangle on the location. There are plenty of them. We want the building as soon as possible, and a wrangle over the location is liable to delay the matter.

In a letter to friends in Lincoln received last Saturday, Hon. W. J. Bryan signified his intention of returning home about the middle of September. This will be welcome news to his hosts of friends.

It is reported that Japan is preparing for a war to gain possession of the Philippines. What's the use? Wait until Taft turns his back and take 'em along. You can take the fraud General Wood along, too.

THE saloon tax in Ohio has been raised to \$1,000 a year and the result will be that 15,000 bartenders will be thrown out of work. The Journal is glad to inform them that farm hands are in great demand in Nebraska, if that will do them any good.

ONE thing favorable to locating the democratic state convention in Omaha is hotel rates. Lincoln hotels always take advantage of such gatherings to "hog" the people. To the credit of Omaha hotels they won't do this, and we are informed that several of them have agreed to give special rates on this occasion.

AN exchange wants to know "who will be the guide and teacher to Norris Brown if he goes to the United States Senate?" This seems like borrowing trouble. In the first place, he is not likely to go to the senate, and if he should, Uncle Rube Schneider and Bidwell will be there as sponsors, and will see that he treats the roads fairly.—Beatrice Sun.

THIS paper is for G. M. Hitchcock for United States Senator because he would reflect credit upon the state of Nebraska. We are for Hitchcock because he is a gentleman who is in every way the best qualified democrat in the state for the position. If this is not enough there are a thousand other good reasons why he should receive the nomination for senator.

THE present republican congress will pass into history, not for what it has done, but for what it has not done. The congress has refused a revision of the tariff, as was demanded by thousands of republicans as well as by all democrats, it has killed the rate bill, it has refused to admit four southwestern territories as states—afraid of eight prospective U. S. Senators. In fact, the present congress will be regarded as a blank page in the history of the United States. Bear in mind also, that this is a republican congress, by a large majority.

ACCORDING to a special from Lincoln to the Omaha Bee, the congressional committee of the First district met and adjourned last night without calling a convention or a primary to meet again at the call of the chairman. Friends and opponents of Pollard waged a fierce fight all afternoon for and against the primary with the result the committee was unable to come to an agreement. In executive session the matter was thrashed over, but no vote was taken. During the afternoon Pollard had about concluded to accept a convention, but later he became suspicious of the manifestations of friendship on the part of the opponents of the primary and his friends on the committee held for a nomination by direct vote.

THIS paper favors Omaha as the place for holding the democratic state convention, and we hope the state committee will thus decide.

AUGUST 22, is the date fixed for the republican state convention, and Lincoln the place, of course. Cass county is entitled to eighteen delegates.

OMAHA expects to experience a hot municipal election. If the liberal element of the metropolis understand its business it will elect Jim Dahlman mayor.

A DIRECT primary resolution was voted down by the republican state committee yesterday, but the nomination of a candidate for United States Senator is included in the convention call.

THE Kansas republicans have adopted the shortest platform on record. It reads: "Resolved, That we let well enough alone." The spellbinders will be kept busy during the entire campaign explaining what is meant by "well enough."

"My friends, the enemy, insist on an immediate revision of the tariff. If a majority of the people demand immediate general revision they will elect a majority of the members of this house in favor of immediate general revision."—Czar Cannon.

AN Iowa hardware merchant ordered a steel range from Sears, Roebuck & Co., which cost him \$30.00. He marked it down to \$25.00, and while he has had it in the store for over a year he has never found a customer willing to take it at the price. That's nothing strange.

PROHIBITION, if we are to take the returns from the municipal elections held in Nebraska last Tuesday, got a black eye in many towns. Towns that have not had a saloon for years, have declared for license. Cranks get too "foxy" sometimes for the cause of prohibition, and a reaction follows.

THE tariff mask is off. Czar Cannon has issued a statement bluntly announcing that tariff revision may not be expected of republicans in congress, and that revisionists, if they want results, must get them by electing a majority of the house of representatives next fall. "Congress reflects the will of the people," says Speaker Cannon, "and the house of representatives is chosen every two years. There will be a general election next November. Our friends, the enemy, insist on immediate tariff revision. If a majority of the people demand immediate general revision they will elect a majority of this house in favor of immediate general revision." Thus saith the great dictator, and we hope he will stick to his text until after the next election. You will then note the finish of Old Joe Cannon, as well as that of many other western congressmen who have so badly misrepresented western interests.

SENATOR TILLMAN sounds the voice of warning as follows: "The demand of the people for relief from the oppression and wrongs they now endure may be thwarted by the great influence of the railroad corporations. The influence has hitherto been important and its representatives in the two houses may feel that it is safe to redress the grievances and to continue the policy of non-interference. Such action on their part will, in my judgment, be very unwise and will only dam up the water. The issue will be made the paramount one in the next election and those who are responsible for delay or inadequate legislation will find that when at last the flood gates of popular wrath and indignation are hoisted there will be some fine grinding done. If those most interested in these properties will not consent to wise legislation to relieve the distress of the people there is dangers of more radical policies and leaders coming to the front with the result that legislation, far more drastic and dangerous than anything proposed in this bill and the amendments to be offered, will be enacted."

M. BERRY for city clerk, is the only man saved on the democratic ticket in Nebraska City.

WONDERS never cease. Tuesday the democratic candidates for mayor and city clerk in Ashland were elected.

"It was the scums of the city that elected Gering," remarked a would-be-to-be important young man the other day. Such a remark, coming from the source it did is not to be wondered at. Wise people don't talk that way.

ALL the consolation to poor old sleepy News gets out of the election returns is in telling how it was done and how the republicans carried the First ward, "which is democratic." Consolation is cheap, and the News is entitled to all it wants of it in that way.

"It is like taking candy from a baby" said one of Mayor Gering's opponents, when he made a bet with a certain man that that gentleman would not be elected. Now, the winner has enough of the loser's money to supply all the children in town with all the candy they want.

NOTWITHSTANDING the republicans in their national platforms have promised statehood to Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Indian Territory, every congressman from Nebraska, at the behest of their boss, Speaker Cannon, helped to defeat statehood for these territories. Their records on this question are not in harmony with the sentiment of the people of Nebraska.

THAT William Jennings Bryan will be the logical candidate for the Democratic Presidential nomination in 1908, is the belief that is finding hearty expression among prominent members of the Democratic Club of New York. To discover sentiment throughout the country and fortify their party against what they describe as "dangerous Socialistic movements," they have decided to make their organization a national one, whose chief aim for the present will be to unite all branches of the party in preparation for the next Presidential campaign.

In the Nebraska Politician is an article which discusses the launching of the boom of Senator George Sheldon for governor, and intimates that it means the retirement of Burkett as senator four years hence. The writer is of the opinion that Sheldon is very ambitious and if he proves acceptable as governor that he will be in a position to succeed Burkett. In this connection it might be asked, where does Jessen come in? Paul kindly sidestepped in order to give Sheldon a chance for governor, and surely Paul is as ambitious as Sheldon. Jessen will not be content to remain as district judge, even if he had the opportunity. The Politician is right when it suspects Sheldon's motives.—Nebraska City News.

THE Brooklyn (N. Y.) Citizen, a democratic paper formerly hostile to Hon. W. J. Bryan, makes the following comment: "The impression once held that Mr. Bryan was an 'accident' has long since been abandoned by thinking persons. It is now seen that back of his meteoric appearance in the national convention of 1896 was a popular sentiment as deep and enduring as the crisis which precipitated the civil war. As in all popular movements of this kind, the followers frequently leave the leaders behind, and with the passing of years the radicals of 1896 are in closer fellowship with LaSalle and Karl Marx than with Mr. Bryan, whose intense Americanism has balked at the specter of socialism, an exotic in a free democracy. To correct the abuses of privilege, without sacrificing the fundamental basis of society, the right of property, is the whole of the Bryan creed, and with the awakening of privilege to this need as a check to a rising socialistic spirit, the bridge is formed upon which conservatives and radicals of the Bryan class can march together in the campaign of 1908."

THE republican leader of the house, Mr. Payne, says the tariff must not be disturbed during this administration, and Speaker Cannon says the same. The trust breeding tariff will have to go in spite of the republicans, though.

THE fighting governor of Iowa is Governor Cummins. He has nobody back of him but the people of the state, poor man! Dolliver, Elkins and the whole republican machine of Iowa, extending to Washington, are after the governor's scalp. The governor strikes sledge hammer blows for a revision of the tariff schedules. It is the "stand patters" against the "grandstand patters" in Iowa.

IS IT any wonder that the people of Nebraska are beginning to get their eyes open to the condition of affairs around the state house in Lincoln. Graft is in the air. Graft seems to be in almost everything. It seems like republican times in Nebraska then and now, before and since the populists got control of the affairs of the state and ousted the grafters from the state house. Things are getting as bad now as they were in the early nineties, but yet under cover. Taxes are being increased by jumps and still the state goes farther into debt each year. It will take another clearing out of the grafters within a few years or our state warrants will again go below par.

IN HIS letter to the Ohio potters, Speaker Cannon said: "It goes without saying that the desire for a change which exists in the common mind will drive the republican party, if continued in power to a tariff revision. I do not want it, but it will come in the not distant future." In a statement given out from Washington on the day after the above utterance was published. Mr. Cannon says, "I do not believe a majority of the people, at this time desire to interfere with the present conditions, which are the most prosperous," and so forth. If Mr. Cannon can make these two statements jump together he will do better than his readers can. In the first he indicates that the desire for revision exists so strongly in the common mind that it will in the near future drive the republican party to action in spite of all its holding back.

## Nebraska Democrats.

Democratic prospects in Nebraska for the next election appear good and nominations for the various positions to be filled will be in demand, says the Scribner News. While none of the prospective candidates have announced themselves, enough has developed to indicate that there will be a rivalry between the followers of ex-Congressman A. C. Shallenbarger and George W. Berge for the gubernatorial nomination. Democrats throughout the state feel that an old-line democrat should once more head the ticket, and this, coupled with their natural admiration for Mr. Shallenbarger, gives him a big prestige in the race. At the same time democrats realize that Mr. Berge's splendid fight for good government two years ago, and the excellent showing he made in the race, has put the democracy of the state under certain obligation to him. The Journal believes the Fremont Herald some time ago took the correct position when it suggested that Mr. Berge be given some place on the ticket besides the governorship. Why not nominate him for attorney general? In the house cleaning process which Nebraska must at no distant day undergo, the position of attorney general will be as important, if not more so, than that of governor. Mr. Berge's standing as a clean, conscientious and incorruptible man, combined with his fine legal ability, would make him an ideal candidate for the place. On the other hand, Mr. Shallenbarger's high standing as a business man, and his brilliant attainments in all matters which pertain to public life, make him the strongest kind of timber for chief executive of the state. Such a combination would add inestimably to the strength of the democratic ticket.

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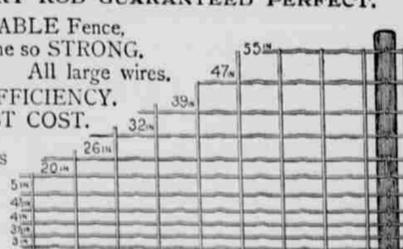
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