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LET'S all join Mayor Gering in pulling for Plattsmouth. Unity of action can accomplish a great deal for the old town.

THERE are many measures that might be adopted that would prove beneficial to Plattsmouth. Then why not adopt some of them and "pull for Plattsmouth."

THE democrats of Nebraska, so far as heard from, seem to be decidedly in favor of nominating a candidate for United States senator at the regular state convention.

VESUVIUS, Dowie, Maxim Gorky and Mark Twain are spouting cheerfully, but Carrie Nation and Tom Lawson seem to have exhaused themselves,

A HUSTLING mayor assisted by a hustling people can do much for the business interests of Plattsmouth this season. The time has arrived when our people should begin to think of "What can we do to benefit the city?" Put your thinking caps on, gentlemen.

MILLARD is still a candidate for re-election. Senator Millard has not done bad for his party, and there is no reason why he should be dumped overboard for Rube Schneider's dupe, "Buster Brown," —the name applied to Attorney General Brown because of the many trusts he started out to "bust" but didn't. Millard is honest but unpretentious.

THE Lincoln Journal: From a source more or less unreliabe it is given out that the democracy of Nebraska will reverse its usual course this year and enter the political arena a few weeks in advance of the enemy. This is important, if true, as proof that the party of Jefferson in this state at least has attained a degree of boldness and independence that entitles it to the plaudits of bold and independent democrats wheresoever dispersed.

As the Journal stated previous to the election that Mayor Gering should be elected because he believed in improving the city as it should be improved, and at the same time carefully guard the interests of the tax payers. Mayor Gering had not fully completed his plans when the election occurred, and now that the people have endorsed his past acts in office they can depend upon his going ahead with the improvements of the streets and walks. His interests in Plattsmouth are the interests of every citizen.

THE democrats are no longer the only "calamity howlers." This epithet applies with equal force to most of the republicans now. In fact when one hears people denouncing trusts, grafters, political corruption, courts and government officials, it is a difficult matter to distinguish between republicans and democrats. The only time you can tell the difference is on election day, when the republicans march up to the polls and vote for the party which has been instrumental in bringing on these evils and which refuses or neglects to furnish any relief.

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And last, but not least—Republican Ruination in Nebraska.

TALK about your snaps, we are in receipt of a booklet that tells how to save your money. What we want is a booklet that tells how to get the money. We are not particularly anxious to save it, what we want is the stuff.

POLLARD's friends throughout the district do not seem to be very much alarmed. They believe that most of the opposition originates right in Lincoln, and that is the only section where a desperate effort will be made to sidetrack him.

IT REALLY looks as though the old lady and the new master, Voliva had conspired to wreck Dowie, the prophet. He says that the story started by his wife that he was favorable to polygamy, is false in every particular, in fact that one woman is more than he cares to live with in the person of the present Mrs. Dowie.

HAVE you noticed how low the republicans are singing since the most recent exposures of the manner and the source from which the g. o. p. obtained its enormous corruption funds? The white house, the cabinet and all the availables are silent as the tomb over the nauseating scandal. The sight of a newspaper almost gives them heart failure and the legs of their late campaign managers go through running motions every time they see a sheriff.

"AUTHOR of the Declaration of Independence, and of the Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom; Father of the University of Virginia." This epitaph, which Thomas Jefferson wrote for his own tomb, is too narrow and restricted a recital of the great achievements for which the American people must ever hold him in tender remembrance. He might have added that by establishing his principle of equal rights to all—SPECIAL PRIVILEGES TO NONE—he drew deep the line which differentiates American system from that of Old-World monarchies. If the republican party by the tariff and other legislation has subverted this principle, it only remains for the democratic party as soon as possible to re-establish it.

THE Omaha Examiner says: "Attorney General Brown has bombarded the supreme court to tell whether Reub Schneider and other grain trust magnates can be prosecuted criminally. Mr. Schneider and some of his colleagues have asked the court to do the same thing. Can this seeming accord have sprung from that Fremont meeting? Did you ever hear of the supreme court deciding a criminal case before it has been presented in the regular way through the regular channels of the inferior courts? Does it not occur to you that by the time the court hands down an opinion declining to entertain such a query Mr. Brown may have won or lost the prize he seeks and Reub Schneider's alleged offense may have been forgotten and forgiven."

Mr. Metcalfe's Letter.

We give space today for Mr. Metcalfe to say that he not only opposes the World-Herald's plan of allowing the voters to choose the democratic candidate for United States senator from names suggested by the convention, but that he also opposes a convention nomination.

This is the same as saying that he favors leaving it to the legislature—the worst thing in our opinion that could be done. The legislative election which Mr. Metcalfe favors is the very evil the people seek to escape.

We have already discussed the objections to the World-Herald plan which Mr. Metcalfe reiterates at such great length, and need not here consider them.

One thing we believe it safe to predict, and that is that the democrats of Nebraska will not after full discussion abandon the effort to get the matter before the people either according to the World-Herald plan or by convention nomination. While we believe the World-Herald plan the best, we are satisfied that the convention nomination is much better than no effort at all.—World-Herald.

The Journal looks at Mr. Metcalfe's views upon the matter as simply the expression of one democrat—and it should be taken for merely what it is worth—no more or no less. We agree with the World-Herald in the fact that it is more in accord with democratic sentiment and the principle has been advocated and favored by democratic conventions in every state in the union almost unanimously. And for Nebraska democrats to go back now on a principle they have advocated for years, simply because the republicans have at the last hour adopted the same plan, would indeed display cowardice of deepest hue.

Mr. Metcalfe is an able writer, but when it comes to adopting ways and means to carry on a successful campaign, we don't believe Metcalfe knows any more about it than a great many others. This was partially demonstrated a year ago in the special congression election, of which he had full management of the democratic end.

"Old Joe" in His Dotage.

With Old Joe Cannon saying that the pay of senators and representatives should be increased to $15,000 a year, and a house committee reporting in favor of a constitutional amendment making the terms of congressmen four years instead of two, there seems to be a disposition on the part of Old Joe and his prodders to wrench the government rather violently from its ancient moorings.

Neither proposition is likely to carry with the voters. There is no foundation in fact for the assertion in the report that "the people are tired of this continuous drama and are inclined to the primaries and the conventions." On the contrary, the people repeatedly give the strongest proof that they take an interest in their biennial congressional elections only less in degree than that which they feel in the four-year presidential election.

Democrats are keen this year to reverse the sad blunders of two years ago. This year on account of dotage and "flighty spells" the people of Old Joe's district are liable to lay him on the shelf for a younger man, and one that is not continually being fed "trust gruel" in order to keep him alive to trust interests. Nebraska is misrepresented by six republicans, who pay all attention to the behests of Old Joe, and not much to anything else.

By favors and promises Old Joe Cannon, who has proved himself the worst enemy of the common people that ever presided over that body, has reduced the present house to complete subjection to his arbitrary policies. If there were to be no new election in the fall it would be more subservient during the last half of its term than during the first. And from such a calamity may the American people deliver us by rejecting all proposed changes of this kind in our fundamental lsw.

The house committee's report in favor of an amendment for the election of senators by direct vote has much to commend it, but it is not likely to be accepted by the senate. Practically the same end has already been reached in a number of states through the nomination of senitorial candidates in primaries or state conventions of the respective parties.

There is so little probability that senators whose political systems are based on election and re-election by legislature will vote for the change that the senate clause in the report seems mainly intended as a makeweight for the proposal to revolutionize the house.

Old Joe's committee, selected at the suggestion of his trust managers, is simply jollying the members of the house. Its report looks more than anything else like a tempting bait of fat pork to come out of the bar'l furnished Old Joe by the meat combine.

THE exchange of personal compliments that has been passing between President Roosevelt and Kaiser Wilhelm for some years may lead some over-scrupulous persons to inquire whether America belongs to the European system or whether it has a system of its own, apart from the European Kings and potentates.

Blue and Gray Memorial Day.

In his recommendation that members of the Grand Army of the Republic on the coming Memorial Day decorate the graves of any Confederate dead that may be near, Commander in Chief Tanner voices the spirit of reconciliation which is almost universal among veterans of both armies of the civil war.

In the forty-one years that have passed since the war ended, the respect in which brave men on both sides learned on the battlefield to hold their apponents has been strengthened by intermingling in the amenities of social and business life.

The tens of thousands of Union pensioners who have bettered their conditions by moving to the south quickly learned that the "rebel yell" did not come from the throats of Apache Indians, while the southerners have not been slow to find out that they were good fellows they shot at on Manassas field, at Shiloh and at Chickamauga.

Passion and prejudice cool with age, and soldiers who went into the war as boys are now men of 60 years. Death is fast thinning the ranks of those great armies—those of the Grand Army of the Republic, Commander Tanner says, at the rate of 60,000 a year. For the survivors and for the children of those who have gone before there is no richer heritage than the memories of American valor and fortitude displayed in that war and of American principle that was ready to face death for what it believed in.

The Spanish war did its part in effacing the Mason and Dixon's line of civil war sectionalism, but social, political and commercial intercourse during forty years have done more. The north has learned that the south is not and never was a region mainly of lazy, thriftlessness and fire-eating, while the south has learned that the north is not chiefly characterized by coldness and greed.

In truth our latter-day abundance of facilities for moving about, and the "travel habit" they have produced, have made all climates and altitudes within the United States the common heritage of the American people. As many northerners spend their winters in the south as southerners their summers in the north.

The constant movement between north and south of merchants, commercial travelers, manufacturers, railroad men, lawyers and men of callings has gone far to smoothe away local peculiarities and sectional prejudices.

Under the changed conditions civil war sectionalism is an anachronism. Corporal Tanner is to be congratulated for so gracefully asking his comrades of the Grand Army to lay it aside forever.

IT was feared that there would be a drouth in the capital, but thirty-two saloon licenses have been granted, and there will be others. No danger of a drouth in Lincoln.

AN early state convention will meet the approval of every democrat who has the interests of the party at heart. Let's take the lead in nominating a ticket this year "just for luck."

THERE never was a better time to plant trees than this spring. The ground is in excellent condition and the season being a little late makes it all the better for tree planting. Plant trees.

BECAUSE Tom Taggart, of Indiana, was chairman of the democratic national committee in 1904, is no reason why he is not right in his prediction of democratic victory in this year's congressional elections. The prediction may be made good by the all-pull-together campaign which he recommends.

OLD JOE CANNON'S job of quieting an unparliamentary uproar on the floor of the house, in which everybody was "out of order for forty minutes," was nothing to that which awaits him in trying to quiet the uproar rising in the west against his arbitrary delay of statehood for Oklahoma and the Indian Territory.

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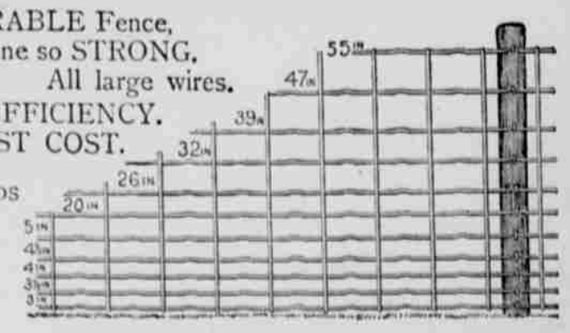

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