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It was a "cordial" welcome that Kentucky extended to her homecoming sons.

The young German nobleman who is to marry Miss Krupp seems destined to become a big gun.

PERHAPS it is only nature that Mr. Rockefeller should choose to rest beside a lake stocked with gold fish.

KING EDWARD, having sat by her side at a banquet, will henceforth be a keen rival of Ben Bolt in remembering sweet Alice.

THE foolish season is a bit late in arriving this season, but it is here. Indian girl put her name in a crate of cantaloupes. Pittsburg man found it. Engagement announced.

WHEN Francis Ball and Dockery drive the "band wagon" and warmly indorse Folk's administration and whoop it up for Bryan for 1908, it shows that the democrats are all pulling together, and there'll be "something" in Missouri in November.

AND now the sword of Damocles has been suspended over the beef packers; but it will not be allowed to strike the heads of those worthies unless they fail to contribute to the corruption fund next fall. The big stick and the policeman's billy are the instruments that bring results in the race for boodle.

SMOOT's seat is safe until next winter. The senate committee on privileges and elections has postponed further action until after the fall elections. What a fine thing it is to be a polygamist and a republican senator at the same time. Senator Burton of Kansas should get a few more wives, and have them on hand when the supreme court takes up his application for a rehearing.

THE beef trust investigation will bring disaster to the western cattle breeders. It is a step in the right direction, but as is usual, the innocent will suffer. In the end it will be a blessing in disguise. The beef trust hides behind a tariff tax on cattle and hides. The average farmer can't see it in that light now, but the time is coming when he will be able to see it in the darkest midnight hour of life.

WHEN Judge Parker charged that the insurance companies and other big corporations were contributing money to Roosevelt's election that gentleman denied it and characterized the author as a liar. But now the insurance companies are admitting under oath that what Parker said was true to the letter. But you don't hear from Teddy. He has been treed. How can the people have respect for a man who characterizes everyone as a liar who differs with him and is in turn proven a prevaricator himself? Be honest and answer.

THE secretary of the treasury is noted for the looseness of his statements and when he declared that: "The democratic party in the coming election will not demand free trade. It will simply echo the Cummings cry for revision;" he, as usual, put his foot in it. The democrats welcomed all recruits to its tariff revision standard, especially such notable ones as Gov. Cummins, La Follette, Gov. Hoch and Congressman McCall and others, who are for free hides, free coal, and reciprocity with Canada and such as are willing to help revise the tariff, so that the trusts will be compelled to sell as cheap to our own people as to foreigners. But "free trade" is a republican myth which politicians of the Shaw caliber used to deceive their followers as to the real virtue of democratic tariff reform.

HAVING informed us all about "The Destiny of the Race" the sweet girl graduate will now look around for a young man upon whom to hinge her own.

DEMOCRATS of Nebraska can quietly observed with great satisfaction, the rapidly changing sentiment in the east in favor of Bryan, ten years after they made the fight for him in the Chicago convention. Let the east do the shouting now.

BEATRICE SUN: We see by some of the state papers that there is likely to be friction between Hichcock and Bryan. However, we see this mostly in the partisan press which is opposed to both. We have seen nothing in Mr. Hichcock's paper to indicate such a condition.

THE mint crop is blooming in the Blue Grass country, a statue of the author of "My Old Kentucky Home" awaits unveiling at Louisville, and as the Kentucky exiles take up their pilgrimage, the comforting thought goes with them that there will be no denaturing of Kentucky's favorite product before next year.

CONGRESS cut the \$25,000 item out of the appropriation bill to pay railroad fair for the president. Mr. Roosevelt immediately sent a message to congress that it ought to provide traveling expenses for him. Congress has just discovered that it has no constitutional right to appropriate public funds for the president's pleasure.

DID it ever occur to you that all the republicans who are so popular today have become so by advocating democratic principles? Roosevelt's popularity is due solely to his stand against corporations, likewise La Follette, Hadley and others, and let it be remembered that it was a democrat, General Nelson A. Miles, who first exposed the embalmed beef scandal.

DISPATCHES say that the government at St. Petersburg is helpless. It always has been. There has been no government in Russia except the government of fear. So long as the government could overawe the populace he kept in submission. No government can long stand in this enlightened age of the world, that is not based upon the greatest good to the greatest number.

BROOKLYN CITIZEN (DEM.): Of all the leaders in the democratic party, there is none who is closer to the people than Bryan. In many respects he is the typical American. Not profound, not scholarly, a brilliant talker and a thorough believer in democratic equality. He is much the same type of man as President Roosevelt, and the extraordinary popularity of both is due to the fact that they are typical Americans.

NEW YORK WORLD (DEM.): Mr. Bryan was never more securely established in the leadership of the democracy than he has been during his absence from the country. It would be an extraordinary event in national politics if the return of the man who helped divide the democratic party ten years ago should be the occasion for the reunion of its warring elements but nothing is so strange that it may not happen in politics.

THE advice of Senator Allison that his home county of Dubuque be divided equally between Cummins and Perkins in the contest for governor of Iowa is something of a flattener on Secretary Shaw's standpoint boomlet for the presidency. If it is correctly interpreted to mean that the Washington delegation from Iowa has abandoned its fight on Cummins, Mr. Shaw might as well make up his mind to remain in the Treasury until relieved by a democrat shortly after March 4, 1909.

FOR an organization that is only fifty years old this month the republican party shows extraordinary symptoms of premature senile decay.

TOMORROW is flag day. It might be well to get the old banner out and familiarize yourself with the flag of your country.

### Republican Inconsistency.

The republicans of the present day have forgotten what the founders of their party declared in 1860, when they were seeking the approval of the American people. At that time they did not attribute the growth and prosperity of the nation to protectionism as they now do, but to the true causes of both—that is, to the union of the states and the consequent freedom of trade among them. They declared: "That to the union of the states this nation owes its unprecedented increase in population, its surprising development of material resources, its rapid augmentation of wealth, its happiness at home and its honor abroad."

This wise declaration has been studiously avoided in all its recent platforms, and the exact contrary asserted. In 1892, the party said: "We maintain that the prosperous condition of our country is due to the wise revenue legislation of the last republican congress."

For a generation or more the advocates of protectionism who control that party and plunder people of all parties, have ascribed the continuance of prosperity to its own legislation; thus giving the lie direct to the republicans of 1860. What infringes and falsifies the republican bosses are!

### IF—

If the state government of Nebraska is as corrupt as Senator Sheldon says it is—

If the last Nebraska legislature was the railroad legislature which Senator Sheldon says it was—

If it be true that the railroads, and not the people, have been electing senators and congressmen, as Senator Sheldon says they have—

If the combinations of capital have been dictating prices paid to Nebraska farmers for their products as Senator Sheldon says they have—

If these horrible conditions have prevailed in Nebraska, then where lies the fault? Surely the republican party must be to blame, because every state office has for years been occupied by a republican, and seven out of ten members of the last legislature were republicans.

If Senator Sheldon tells the truth about the manner in which republican officials have been permitting the railroads to manage the affairs of Nebraska, then The Herald suggests that it is about time to turn the rascals out.—Fremont Herald.

FRIEND TELEGRAPH (REP.): It is rumored that the old machine will attempt to run the caucuses and conventions in the interest of the corporations. Should this be the case, there is a probability that the whole state may go democratic. It is by far better to have a little care and consideration now than a whole chapter of lamentations later on. Remember that there is a whole brigade of republicans holding office in this state for whom the people have no use, and if the state should per chance go democratic, the whole lot will be turned out in the cold right in the very midst of a cold Nebraska winter. Have a warning, gentlemen; the people are not in a state to be juggled with this fall.

EVEN conservative people have come to the democratic contention that fining corporations for breaking the law of the land has but little effect and that nothing short of imprisonment of the officials will compel obedience to the law. The enforcement of law, says the New York Evening Post, is becoming a hobby of executive officers and district attorneys. The news of the day is full of specific instances. Certain officials of the Department of Justice at Washington are predicting that there will soon be "wholesale suits" against the Standard Oil company.

THE republican leaders of the house of representatives are deeply stirred by grave constitutional doubts about these senate amendments to the railroad rate bill applying to express companies, private car lines, sleeping cars and Standard Oil pipe lines. The gray-haired guards of the house must now curb the headstrong reforming gray wolves of the senate. It's a great game these republican reformers are playing.

The packing-house uproar is producing a lot of canned jokes.

### Senators by Direct Vote

PROBABLY the nearest approach yet made to the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people was the choice by the voters of Oregon of Bourne for senator in the general election of Monday last. In the Southern states the custom is well established of nominating the party candidate for senator in party primaries. Oregon is the first state in which the candidate for senator is nominated in the general election by the same vote which elects state officers and members of the legislature.

Barring questions of extraordinary personal fitness or unfitness in the candidates, the Oregon plan makes the popular vote for senator as direct as the popular vote for presidential electors in any state is direct for the presidential candidate for whom the successful electoral candidates are bound by unwritten law to give their ballots.

In Oregon the same vote which has elected a republican majority in the legislature has named the senatorial candidate for whom every republican member of either house is bound to cast his ballot when the next regular session is convened in January next.

The Oregon plan, therefore, comes near meeting the demands of Nebraska democrats and an amendment to the constitution of the United States making senators elective by direct vote in every state. And as the constitution of the United States is not likely to be amended, except as an incident of some great crisis in our national affairs, the Oregon plan is likely in time to be adopted in Nebraska and other states in which there is a fixed purpose to place the election of senators above and beyond the selfish intrigues, bargaining and corruption which sway too many weak members of our state legislatures.

By direct primaries, binding upon every democratic member of the legislatures to be chosen this year, the democrats of Tennessee have recently nominated ex-Governor Robert Taylor to be the next senator from Tennessee, while the democrats of Arkansas in their convention at Hot Springs have confirmed the primary nomination of Governor Jeff Davis for senator from Arkansas.

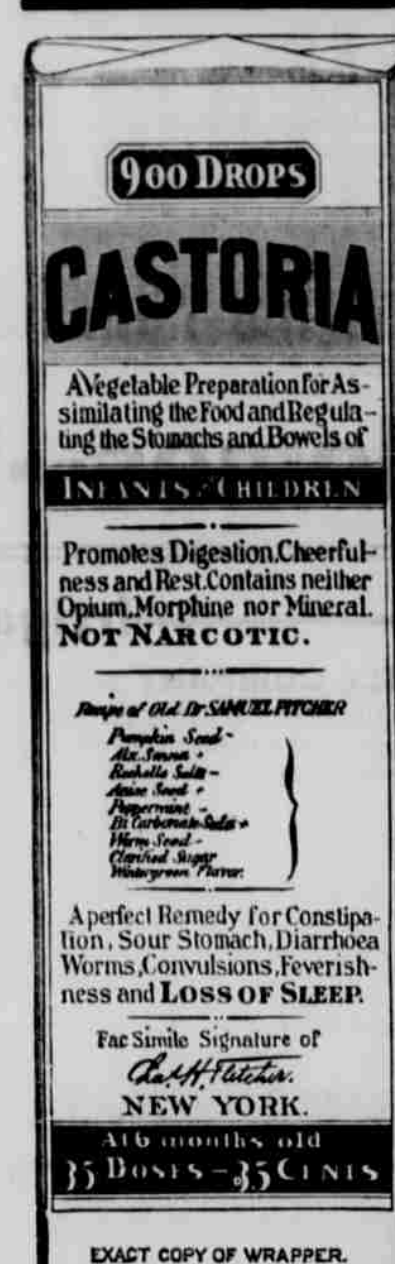
In each case the nomination is as good as election. In Illinois, however, where the primary nomination of candidates for senator will be only advisory, though binding, the senatorship will not be declined until the contest between parties is fought out at the election of the legislature in November.

Illinois is, therefore, still behind the other states named in its progress toward the election of senators by direct vote. In the other states the national question is already practically decided and the people are free to choose the legislature mainly with reference to question of states policy and administration. In Illinois the senatorship is likely to be a dominant issue in the November state election, for, no matter whom the republicans may nominate in their primaries, the democrats will not let the senatorship go by default.

THE republicans "cut their melon" when they forced through the house of representatives the largest sundry civil bill ever passed. Of course, the districts represented by republicans got the lion's share of the appropriations for rivers and harbors.

If you are going picnicking and are going to take canned meats, better change your mind and take a herring and something to quench the thirst that it produces. The contents of this prescription has not been so recently demonstrated.

THE beef barons are very insistent that their packing houses are perfectly clean and that no unwholesome meat is sold to the public. At the same time we hear that a desperate effort is being made "to clean up and renovate" the packing establishments. Why not abolish the tariff on beef and cattle and so give the people competition with the trusts and thus reduce the price to a reasonable basis?



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Those who think the republicans will not be able to collect campaign funds this fall from the railroads and trusts should remember that the administration is keeping secret most of the reports on investigations that have been made, and that the trusts and corporations are willing to pay, rather than have publicity.

Almost everything is being investigated by a republican congress and almost everything is being found rotten to the core, even to the beef trust. Reader, what party has been in power in the past ten years? What party has indorsed a high protective tariff under which the conditions of the people complain have arisen? Are you so politically blind that you cannot see at whose door these untoward conditions must be laid? Are you so politically blind that you will not agree to lend your aid in the effort to correct the wrongs that bring disaster to your own door? Are you a slave to party? Let party go to thunder and work for your own interests. Party name never did you a cent's worth of good and no one knows it better than yourself.

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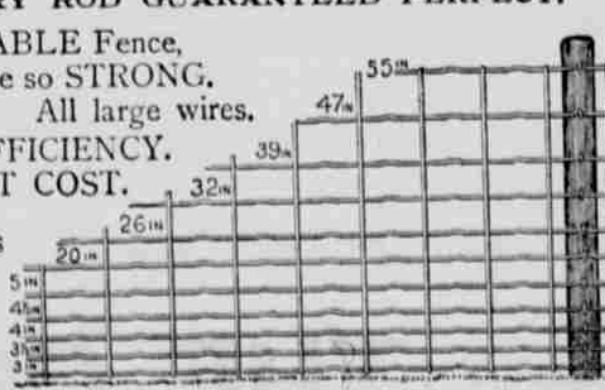
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