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PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT has a right to run again if he can get a nomination, and the voters have a right to rebuke him for breaking his promises not to.

THE nastiness that is being exposed by the beef investigation will no doubt induce farmers to kill more of their own hogs and cattle for home consumption.

THERE is going to be more politics to the square mile in Oklahoma this summer than anywhere else in the United States, and more than half of it good democratic politics, too.

CHANCELLOR ANDREWS says Folk is a good man, but not so broad as Bryan. He believes that if Roosevelt and Bryan were the nominees the latter would have an equal chance.

DOWN in Texas last week a negro was sentenced to the penitentiary for a term of 999 years for committing criminal assault on a white woman. Evidently the negro's name was Methuselah.

THE death of Governor Patterson robs the Ohio democrats of a hard-won victory, but it does not rub out the significance of the Ohio vote which elected him in protest against boss rule and machine methods in politics.

"WHITEWASHING with a muck-brush," remarks the Washington Star, "is not altogether satisfactory in its results to anybody concerned." These slaps at the President from such republican sources are on the verge of lesse majestie.

THE man in the White House thinks that the only man who can beat Bryan for president is Secretary Taft. It is to be hoped by all democrats that the republicans will think so long enough to nominate him for their standard-bearer in 1908.

IF Governor Cummins wins in the August convention in Iowa, it means that he will succeed Mr. Dooliver in the United States senate, and there will be one forceful republican in the upper house of congress to deny in debate and on roll call that it is necessary to rob one-half of the American industries in order to afford adequate and just protection to the other.

THE New York Sun declares that President Roosevelt is the only man that can make the Panama Canal an actuality. As it is estimated it will take ten years to complete the job with the president making the "dirt fly," but at the rate the work is now progressing it will probably take twenty years. It will be necessary to hire President Roosevelt to complete the job after his term expires, if the Sun persists that he is the only man that can do it.

THE house of representatives, on June 5th, adopted a resolution looking to the establishment by the government of an armor-plate plant. The extortionate prices charged by the armor-plate trusts for its products have made the ownership and operation of such a plant by the government a necessity. To allow private corporations to hold a monopoly of things indispensable to the government, and thereby to fleece the public as the armor plate trust, the powder trust, the beef trusts, the coal trust, the steel trust, and others have done, is an unpardonable sin and shame. If the tariff rates on trust products were reduced or abolished there would be competition which would break down the monopoly that these trusts now enjoy. But the republican politicians refuse to revise the tariff and seem quite willing to vote appropriations for trust products at monopoly prices.

WITH \$25,000 annually for carfare President Roosevelt will not be under the necessity of joining the strap-hanger's union.

T. R.'s stick wasn't hefty enough to knock out from the meat-inspection bill the imposition of placing the cost of inspection upon the public.

THE farmers feel good, the merchants feel good, and the man who has goods to sell and advertises them in the paper that has a circulation, will feel good when the season is over.

THIS discovery of oil in Lincoln is no new thing. They used to run a regular oil room in the capital every winter before the days of the reformation. Since then they have run two.

CONGRESSMAN WILLIAMS says "tariff is not only the mother of trusts but the mother of graft." It has helped to transfer a large portion of the wealth of the country to the hands of a few.

DON'T think the beef trust barons have no friends as the republican members of the committee on agriculture of the house of representatives headed by chairman Wadsworth are evidently trying to modify harsh legislation.

TEXAS is a big state and truly imperial. It comes as no surprise to a westerner to hear that in a recent storm in that state hailstones averaged the size of hen's eggs and pieces of icicles eight inches long were picked up after the storm.

GOVERNOR MICKEY and Secretary of State Galusha have been exchanging broadsides for sometime on the railroad assessment. Let the war go on, as it is only when such fellows fall out that the hard-toiling yeomenry of Nebraska will secure justice.

THE retail druggists have memorialized the president and allege that they have not been given a square deal, but President Roosevelt declares he will not interfere, but leave the drug trust matter in the hands of the department of justice.

THEY say that Norris Brown, the attorney general who wants to be U. S. senator is visiting all the republican county conventions this year to prevent the machine from "doing" the people. He also wants to be handy in case the people are looking for a man about his size.

THE Chicago Inter-Ocean can't help seeing that the present session of congress has weakened the republican party perilously near to the breaking point, and is convinced that it will be necessary to do something in order to save the congressional elections that are coming on apace.

THERE are several democratic papers in Nebraska that are not doing the party much good by "jabbing" George W. Berge in the "short ribs" every time an opportunity is afforded. Mr. Berge may have been a populist in the past, but every principle he has advocated is now good democratic doctrine, and so far as manhood is concerned his record on that score will perhaps go for a great deal more than some of those fellows who are continually barking at his heels.

IN the hearing before the house committee on agriculture, June 7th, respecting the Roosevelt charges against the packing house, Dr. Melvin, chief of the bureau of animal industry, was asked incidentally to state the number of government inspectors in Chicago. He answered 77 veterinarian, 59 stock examiners and 55 taggers, making 181 in all. In the whole service, he said, there are 783. What have these 783 federal officers been doing for the past seven years? Have they all, or any of them, been in the play of the packers? Have they been concealing the truth for the sake of graft? If so, are they any worse than the bulk of federal employees under Roosevelt's "merit system"?

Farmers Will Suffer.

As the price of cattle and corn decreases, in consequence of publishing to the world the depravity of the packers, the farmers will have good cause of complaint against the administration. The people have been taxed for years to pay for a cattle and beef inspection bureau that has evidently shirked its work and the republican politicians who have had charge of it are either incompetent or have been induced by the beef trust to overlook their depravity. There should be an amendment adopted to the meat inspection law, that all those found guilty of lax inspection, or those convicted of packing diseased meat, or in filthy condition, should be imprisoned with a diet of embalmed beef and their cells kept in the same condition as they allowed the packing houses to be in.

The public who are compelled to use the packing-house products, care but little or nothing about the intemperate controversy between Congressman Wadsworth and his committee on agriculture and the president. What the people want is "safe and sane" inspection that they have been taxed to pay for, but that evidently the agriculture department has not provided, although having a regiment of experts and inspectors on its pay rolls for that purpose for years past. Gen. Miles warned the executive departments during the Spanish war that our beef inspection was a farce, but the packers and the agricultural department were whitewashed and Gen. Miles was virtually punished for doing his duty.

There can be no excuse, by those in authority, for this scandal, which has about ruined our export meat business and will fall heavily on the stock-growers and farmers, by decreased demand for corn and cattle and its accompanying fall in prices. Unfortunately, democratic farmers who have voted to turn the rascals out must suffer with republican farmers who have voted to keep the rascals in and to perpetuate the standpat policy that has been the chief cause of this republican era of scandals.

Lax Execution of the Laws.

The Secretary of Agriculture is obviously not entirely in sympathy with his "mock-raking" political boss for the passage of more stringent inspection of the meat industry. For in reply to a suggestion from Mayor Dunne, that a commission of pathologist be appointed to look into the present methods of beef inspection, Secretary Wilson says that the laws of this country are more stringent than in any foreign country. If the laws are so stringent, it is evident that the execution has been lax and therein Mr. Wilson and the president are to blame, for if Secretary Wilson is not capable of enforcing the law President Roosevelt could at once remove him and appoint some one who is a more competent executive officer. There are nearly 1,000 highly paid experts whose duty it is to inspect cattle and meat, and incidentally, of course, to report on the general cleanliness of the methods employed. Not one of these experts has reported that anything was wrong in their department, or if they did report anything unfavorable, it has been pigteethed by the higher officials.

BISHOP POTTER calls a mock rake a hammer, and his admonition is, "hammer; hammer! Hammering well kept up, will surely bring results. It will even compel the president of the United States to see that the laws are faithfully executed. Let the press of the country hammer, and keep it up until all the rottenness is hammered out of the republican party of trusts and grafters. All the exposures of rottenness and grafting have been brought to the notice of the public by non-officials which shows that the republican political machine will never cleanse itself and that the execution of the law is lax, although we are supposed to be governed by a strenuous administration. Therefore the voters must hammer the derelict republican party into political oblivion.

THE "sudden squall" that struck the boat of the beef-packers had a mighty wind in it, but it soon became a zephyr. It was a common Teddy squall.

NORRIS BROWN has taken the stump in his own defence. He is endeavoring to offset the embarrassment of having been boomed by a line of syndicate papers.

EDWARD ROSEWATER has started home from his European trip, and his appearance in Nebraska means a hot time in the republican ranks. "Rosey" will make some of them walk the chalk line, and don't you forget it.

THE republican party leaders will have to be very careful in their maneuvering against Edward Rosewater in his senatorial aspirations. Mr. Rosewater is a power in Nebraska and the republican party have never yet been able to carry the state with out his assistance.

THE Sears-Roebuck company paid the secretary of state in New York, \$20,000 in fees for filing articles of incorporation for a \$0 million dollar company. The great "Cat" house of Chicago proposes to do business on a larger scale than ever. The growth of their business is solely due to advertising.

DON'T eat canned meat, advise your neighbor to refrain from the same. Deaths in the city from packing house products are reported daily, and it seems the packers are trying to unload this stuff on the rural merchant, where the people do not read the papers as closely as those in towns and cities.

THAT was a dramatic event in the democratic state convention of Missouri when David R. Francis and William Wallace announced William J. Bryan as their choice for president. Since then the democrats throughout the state have been singing:

All hail the power of Francis' name,
Let goldens' great rate fall,
Bring forth the peerless Bryan's fame,
It is the best of all.

SECRETARY SHAW and the president and the Iowa delegation in Congress have failed to control the Republican situation in the Hawkeye State, and the victory of Governor Cummins, with his ideas of tariff reform, is regarded as of excessive importance in national politics. The machine in Iowa has even declared that the Governor is advocating Democratic doctrine—and a bolt in the state convention is a probability.

IN reference to the rate bill passed recently by congress an observing congressman has said that the railroads can run a freight train through it and touch it nowhere. This is the result of the president surrendering to the railroad magnates at the last hour. It is no wonder that the conservative people of the entire country are becoming distrustful of the president's sincerity on the many public questions in which he makes grand stand plays.

A SPECIAL from Lincoln says that "Congressman Pollard has sent word to his friends to call a primary unless all opposition is withdrawn. Judge E. P. Holmes is a candidate for congress and he probably will get the Lancaster delegation. It is said that three meetings have been held during the last few days and the nomination is to go to Judge Field of Lincoln or Judge Hayward of Nebraska City. It is also said that Pollard's committee cannot muster enough votes to call a primary."

IN view of the President's course on the rate bill, and his compromise last week on the meat bill, it appears as if the policy of the White House is to make great demands, and then, if they cannot be secured, take a compromise, knowing that the compromise will guarantee to the people some measure of necessary reform. The court-review clause of the meat bill was stricken out, but the taxpayers are compelled, according to the new arrangement, to pay \$3,000,000 for inspection. Both sides claim victory—the public thinks it's a dogfall.

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IS THE President getting ready for another surrender? He is preparing to tackle the great Oil Trust.

THE sundry civil appropriation contains an item of \$25,000 for the traveling expenses of the president, his attendants and invited guest, so the railroads will not have to furnish free transportation in future, as in the past.

A CHICAGO man spoke for the first time in twenty-one years the other day, and the words he uttered were: "Is it hot enough for you?" If he addressed one of the beef packers his answer probably was: "None of your d— business."

GOVERNMENT ownership of railroad, telegraph and telephone lines is demanded in a resolution adopted

at the late democratic state convention held at Yankton, S. D. Who ever heard of a republican convention demanding any rights for the people?

As the Fourth of July is drawing near, it is in order to make a statement of the damages done by the use of explosives in the United States on the great natal day last year. There were 1531 persons injured, 43 killed, and property to the extent of \$350,000 destroyed by the careless use of fireworks.

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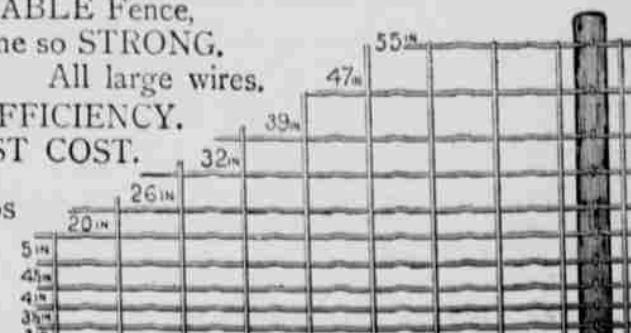
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