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Democratic Convention Call.

The democratic county convention is hereby called to meet in Plattsmouth, Neb., on

SATURDAY, JULY 14, 1906.

at 1:30 p. m., for the purpose of electing 19 delegates to the democratic state convention to be held in Lincoln, Neb., on Wednesday, August 15, 1906.

Primary meetings are called to meet at the usual places on Friday, July 13, at 7:30 p. m., and each precinct is entitled to the number of delegates as follows, based upon one delegate for each ten votes cast for Hon. William G. Hastings for supreme judge in November, 1905:

Tipton	1	Liberty	1
Greenwood	2	Rock Bluffs	2
South Creek	3	Rock Bluffs	3
Shive Creek	3	WEEPING WATER CITY	1
Union	3	First ward	1
South Bend	3	Second ward	1
Weeping Water	3	Third ward	1
Centre	3	PLATTSMOUTH CITY	1
Louisville	3	First ward	1
Avon	3	Second ward	1
St. Pleasant	3	Third ward	1
Eight Mile Grove	3	Fourth ward	1
Nehawka	3	Fifth ward	1

HENRY B. GERING, Chairman.

M. A. BATES, Secretary.
Plattsmouth, July 3, 1906.

THE men who are out fighting the railroads at this time, including Norris Brown and "Tige" Harrison, have all been railroad lobbyists and railroad janizaries of the most offensive type. It is this spirit of reform that has come over their dreams that has filed the public with a suspicion of their sincerity.

HON. H. M. Bushnell of Lincoln is mentioned as a candidate for the office of railroad commissioner, should the amendment be adopted creating that office. Mr. Bushnell is qualified. That is more than can be said of a great many men who aspire to office. Mr. Bushnell is a Cass county boy, and there is nothing too good for one of them.

Most republican congressmen consider their greatest achievement of this session to be the "pure pork bill" which makes some republican constituencies believe they are "doing things." The democrats point with pride that they forced the republican majority to vote for a rate bill, a pure food bill, and other remedial legislation that have for years been the principal planks in democratic platforms.

As will be seen at the top of this column, Henry R. Gering, chairman, has called a convention of the democrats of Cass County to meet in Plattsmouth on Saturday, July 14. This convention is simply for the purpose of selecting nineteen delegates to the democratic state convention, which meets in Lincoln on the 15th day of August. It is to be hoped that every precinct will be represented, as it is the intention to have every section of the county represented on delegation to Lincoln. Don't fail to attend your primaries.

Over in Iowa.

The anti-Dingley republicans of Iowa, having won a clean victory over the Shaw-Perkins machine, are not going to be fooled, frightened nor cheated by the fake contest which the machine bosses are preparing to bring against certain of the Cummins delegations in the coming state convention.

A clear majority of the delegates, honestly elected, are for the renomination of Cummins on an anti-trust, tariff-revision platform, and he is too good a politician to accept the Perkins proposal to submit the contest to arbitration by the national republican committee or by any other body than the convention itself.

In the preliminaries of the convention, the old republican machine of Iowa has been flagrantly guilty of federal interference in state politics which ex-Governor Yates has so eloquently denounced, and of the political bossism against which the whole country is raising in revolt.

With the approval of the president, the secretary of the treasury quitted his duties in Washington and broke an engagement in the east to lend his influence, and that

of his great office, to aid Perkins in a critical county contest in Iowa. And now that the Perkins crowd is beaten they resort to the old gangster expedient of trying to muddle the verdict in order to escape merited defeat.

If the yoke of the standpatters is so firmly fixed on the necks of the Perkins people that they prefer to stampede from the convention rather than bow to the Iowa Idea, which the late David B. Henderson rejected to his political ruin, we shall see some mighty interesting politics in the Hawkeye state this summer and fall.

It's very handy for a presidential candidate to have official duties requiring his presence in various parts of the country. Secretary Taft has discovered that the army posts in the west are sadly in need of his personal attention.

DEMOCRATS should not forget their precinct and ward primaries Friday evening for the purpose of selecting delegates to the county convention on the Saturday afternoon following. This convention is to select 19 delegates to the state convention at Lincoln on Wednesday, August 15.

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 trust and corporations are willing to pay rather than have publicity.

THE Journal desires to register its voice in favor of the renomination of Congressman Pollard by the republicans of the First district. He has done more for his constituency at large in the short space of time he has been congress than man that has represented the district in several years, and this of course includes the "Great I Am." Senator Burkett. Mr. Pollard deserves a renomination, and the Journal always favors the deserving.

THE conditions under which the two parties enter the congressional campaign of 1906 are more nearly like those of 1874 than of any other recent period. In that year the disastrous Greeley campaign has brought the democratic membership of the house to a lower ebb than it has since stood at. There were only ninety-two democrats to 194 republicans, a republican majority of 102 in a membership much smaller than which the house now has.

A Presidential "Proxybility."

"Acting President Taft is holding down the White House lid," says a news item from Washington.

When the president was with a "catch-em-alive" party in Colorado a year ago he left his ponderous secretary of war sitting on the safety valve with three hundred pounds of avoirdupois. This time the safety of the country is menaced by a light-weight Taft of only 225 pounds.

Why is it blazoned from the capital that the hefty Mr. Taft is at the helm? Taft of the Philippines, Taft of Panama, Taft of Washington, Taft the omnipresent living picture of presidential "proxybility," projected upon the national canvas by the White House calcium light.

With the spectacular specialties of the strenuous regime, from the Booker Washington dinner to the muck-rake pungency, a subtle, intangible, nonsalaried, unprecedented office has risen, acting president.

Hence the picture upon the canvas for the nation to see. Hence the beating of tomtoms to the tune of Taft.

Dream on, Master of the Muck Rakers, in your idyllic idleness at Oyster Bay! Weave from the future the phantom hope that Crown Prince Taft will tread the big-stick-beaten path to the presidency!

Already the great American people are preparing to throw upon the mansion curtain, not a "proxybility," nor a possibility, but a probability—Nebraska's favorite son, William Jennings Bryan.

Roosevelt's Preceptor.

It is really too bad that President Roosevelt declined the invitation extended to him by the Commercial Travelers' Anti-trust League to preside at the homecoming reception to Mr. Bryan.

By accepting it the president would have strikingly reaffirmed his adherence to those fundamental democratic doctrines enunciated by the great commoner, in the execution of which doctrines Mr. Roosevelt has earned from the American people the major part of that acclaim which has been his.

As the letter of invitation naively says, the president is regarded as "being as much opposed to the trusts as is Mr. Bryan," and with the president among those who greet the returned traveler the reception would assume the character of a great rally of those who have opposed wrongful monopolies by teaching and by official acts.

And the president would put himself in the way of further profiting by the meeting. He has done well whenever he has adhered strictly to the teachings of his preceptor, as, for instance, in the case of the railroad rate bill. He might have done better had his course been patterned unerringly upon the precepts of the man who furnished him the most powerful munitions of his administration.

Republicans Help Beef Trust.

The western republican senators understand perfectly well the meaning of the hocus pocus meat inspection bill. Just before the measure was adopted on Friday night, June 29th, Senator Nelson declared that the bill had been shaped in the interest of the packers and the range-cattle men.

"When," he said, "we come here and ask that their goods be correctly labeled, these packers get up on their hind legs and say 'you can't have it. To me, in the absence of that label, it seems a legislative abortion, and we submit like licked dogs and accept their meat, not knowing whether it be fresh or as old as Methuselah. I, for one, do not feel like submitting, and I should not do so if the provision had not been attached to an appropriation bill."

Those who know Roosevelt's peculiar methods of reaching an end by pretending to attack the big interests intended to be benefited, have declared from the beginning that the whole scheme was a trick to help the big packers and the big cattle-range thieves who have been fencing up the public lands contrary to law. If you want favors from the republican bosses you must become a criminal of some sort. No honest man need apply.

WHILE all the others are dropping out, it might as well be made unanimous by Bryan.

CANDIDATES for legislative honors should not be backward in coming forward. Good men are in real demand for those positions, and if you think you measure up to the situation, announce yourself to the world.

HAMLET, in answering old Polonius, probably had in mind the Fifty-ninth congress. With a total of 20,000,000 words in the record for the session just ended, its epitaph might be written: "Words, words, words."

ACCORDING to present plans, it seems, the republican congressional campaign committee is going to wage its battle mainly upon President Roosevelt's record, which, in so far as it is available for campaign thunder, is wholly democratic. Most of the good he has accomplished has been by the aid of democratic votes, and the people are aware of the fact. The one great democratic reform he has rejected is tariff revision, and the democrats will be tolerably well able to take care of that for themselves on the hustings. Tariff, political bossism and machine rule in politics are the prime issues of the year. As the democrats are on the right, and the republicans on the wrong, side of these momentous questions they are in position to win a sweeping victory.

The Hidden Hand.

Silence reigns at the White House, and silence has spun its cobwebs over the sullen summer tent of Achilles at Oyster Bay. The halls of congress no longer reverberate with the thunder voice that was wont to shatter the atmosphere of the western hemisphere. Gone are the republican ears in the house that heard, but heeded not. Vanished are the senatorial tympanums that were jarred by the jangle of a Vesuvian vocabulary. No longer do the nerveracked leaders of the majority lay awake o' nights to catch a first faint glimmer of a boreal eruption of Webster's dictionary.

Back to the people has gone the old republican guard with its rate bill, its meat bill and its pure food bill—all emasculated by the powerful hand of the trust at the hurry-up conference committee in the dying hours of congress.

When Cannon had volleyed and thundered his last, when the zigzag lightnings from the White House had spluttered out in the cold-storage conference committee, the "Hidden Hand" of the moneyed oligarchy stretched out and left just enough anti-trust law to give the republican spellbinders' campaign skyrockets and not enough to protect the people.

"Broad court review! No anti-injunction clause!" cried the great railroad trust. It won.

"Let the people pay the inspection costs. No dates on labels!" was the shibboleth of the beef trust. It won.

"No government standards! The right to use harmless coloring and flavoring extracts!" was the war cry against the pure-food bill. It won.

These were the crucial points of the battle ground, and on this field the interest of the great American people perished.

Yet, these men, who surrendered the people to the trusts, will go forth in the next campaign and point with pride to their flagless rate bill, their dehorned-beef bill and their harmless pure-food bill. They will rekindle the verbal aurora borealis which the president set a-shimmer about these measures. In the awesome glow many will be dazzled into indifference unless they hark back to that hurry-up conference and remember the "Hidden Hand" that gave the trusts all the vital things they asked—nay, demanded.

Oh! For a tongue to curse the knave,
Whose treason, like a deadly blight,
Comes o'er the councils of the brave,
And blast them in their hour of might.

THE Weeping Water Herald comes right square out for Edward Rosewater for senator.

When you see the brand "S. O." on a fellows face, does it mean "sold out," or "Standard Oil?"

ROOSEVELT'S record on the rate bill and the meat bill, and almost every other measure which he has pretended to advocate, is a record of insincerity that would make Machiaveli mad with envy.

ROSEWATER wins out in Omaha and Douglas county with votes to spare. Notwithstanding every effort was put forth to "down him" in Douglas county, Mr. Rosewater was too much for the "bunch" and "got there with both feet."

Constitutional Amendment.

The following in reference to the constitutional amendment will no doubt be of interest to the Journal readers.

Section 1. That at the general election for state and legislative officers to be held on the Tuesday, succeeding the first Monday in November 1906, the following provision be proposed and submitted to the electors of the state as an amendment to the constitution.

Section 2. There shall be a state railway commission consisting of three members who shall be first elected at the general election in 1906, whose terms of office, except those chosen at the first election under this provision shall be six years, and whose compensation shall be fixed by the legislature. Of the three commissioners first elected, the one receiving the highest number of votes, shall hold his office for six years, the next four years and the lowest two years. The powers and duties of such commission shall include the regulation of rates, service and general control of common carriers as the legislature may provide by law.

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But in the absence of specific legislation, the commission shall exercise the powers and perform the duties enumerated in this provision.

Section 3. That at said general election in the year 1906, on the ballot of each elector voting thereat, there shall be printed or written the words: "For constitutional amendment with reference to state railway commission," and "Against constitutional amendment, with reference to the railway commission." And if, a majority of all voters, at said election shall be for such amendment, the same shall be deemed to be adopted.

An Important Decision.

A case was recently decided in Kansas that if sustained in the supreme court, may be an eye opener to telephone users. The facts are as follows: One telephone company being in a fight with another company put a phone in for a man and agreed not to charge him anything for it. He had it in three years. They then wanted him to pay and he refused and had the phone taken out.

The company then sued him for three years' use of the phone at \$1.50 per month, to-wit: \$54. The court re-

fused to allow him to prove the agreement for free use of the phone, unless he could show that the board of directors at a regular meeting passed a resolution granting him the use of the phone for three years free. Of course he couldn't show any such fact and they took judgment against him for \$54. The theory of the court was that the fixing of the rate per month for the use of a telephone was the premise of the board of directors, and when a regular rate had been established no one except the board of directors could grant special privileges, so as to bind the company.

Twenty Year Battle.

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