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MICKY for senator! Wouldn't that cork you? Do the republicans want another Dietrich?

REPUBLICANS announce that they will use Tennessee as a wedge with which to split the solid south. But since when do they own the wedge?

"UNCLE JOE" CANNON is not ready to launch his boom, it is announced. He's right; it is somewhat early to deprive the feeble thing of a father's care.

AN Indiana millionaire promises to give his nephew \$50,000 if he abstains from cigarettes. Why not let him smoke them and give the money to his widow?

MR. BRYAN is receiving more attention abroad than was ever shown any private citizen. To his credit be it said that he is making good upon all occasions.

COL. JOHN S. HARPER, of Leroy, Ill., is the founder of 156 country newspapers in eight states. What a tremendous lot of cordwood, squash and hard cider he must have received in his day.

It turns out that every precinct in the county would have been represented in the democratic convention Saturday afternoon, had the same been held one-half hour later. The delegates were here, and the session so short that they failed to show up until after adjournment.

SECRETARY TAFT intimates that the "specter of things past" has held southern democrats to their present political allegiance. It's the specter of things not passed—conspicuously a law to prevent the solicitation of corrupt slush funds—that has won loyalty to the republican party in some quarters.

The state house ring is directing all its shot and shell in the direction of Edward Rosewater. Just as well save your ammunition, gentlemen. "Rosey" is a splendid general. He has put to sleep many prominent republicans in Nebraska, and your turn is liable to come next. That man, Mickey, needs ventilating.

They have two candidates over in Cass county, one for congress and one for governor, and the other counties in the district are of the opinion that they should be contented with one office. Over in Jefferson we have a member of the supreme court, a congressman and a candidate for governor, with some of the back precincts to hear from.—Beatrice Sun.

The republican theory that the higher the taxes the more prosperity, proves that President Roosevelt is a thorough republican, for he heartily endorses the spending mania and extravagance of his party. For instance, how readily he gave way to the Wadsworth-Cannon plan of making the people pay for the meat inspection, instead of the packers being made to pay. Can you remember any recommendation of Mr. Roosevelt for economy in expenditures?

The democrats of Wisconsin in their platform remind the country that the republican national committee has not made restitution of the large sums received from the life insurance corporations filched from the funds that should have been sacred to the widows and orphans of policy holders. The plank condemns the republican party for the acceptance of the policy holders' money and demands that the same be restored. President Roosevelt having now five months holiday before him, could take up the matter with Chairman Cortelyou and order that restitution of these tainted funds be made to their rightful owners.

BRYAN says his clothes won't fit Roosevelt. That makes no difference to Teddy; he only wants to masquerade in them, anyway.

A PENNSYLVANIA man has been sentenced to twenty years imprisonment for a murder which he confessed. He says the confession was only a joke. Now for the fellow who rocks the boat!

A ST. LOUIS woman has testified in court that she made love to her divorced husband "for revenge." In view of the troubles she related, her revenge must not have been of the sweet variety.

REMEMBERING the Mrs. Morris incident at the White House, those ladies who speak above a whisper are giving the postoffice at Washington City a wide berth. Barnes has been installed as postmaster.

THE republican central committee met at Louisville yesterday and decided upon Tuesday, July 24, as the date for holding the county convention to select delegates to the state convention. The convention will be held in Plattsmouth.

JUDGE BREWER is rather previous in giving Secretary Taft credit "for guiding the country safely through the intricacies of the Philippine situation." The Philippine tariff bill and other proposed laws for the islands are still in the pigeon-holes of the senate and house committees in spite of all the efforts of Taft and the president. Perhaps Judge Brewer is a standpatter and believes in letting things drift.

IF we assume that a family consists on the average of five persons, it will cost every family in the United States \$55.10 to pay the debts contracted by congress. Congress appropriated a sum equal to \$11.02 per capita on the 80,000,000 people in this country. It was not a property tax, but an indirect, insidious, dishonest tariff and internal revenue tax, equivalent in its operation and effect to a poll of about \$33 on every adult in the country.

IF EDWARD ROSEWATER was elected to the senate he would need no introduction to those with whom he would be associated. He would not have to stand around for six years, as Brown would, to get acquainted. He is known and knows. He would drop right into the bringing about the measures that he has advocated for years, while Brown would be hanging about the committee rooms trying to get appointments for some of his friends. If the next Senator is to be a republican, these are reasons why the Journal wants to see Edward Rosewater elected.

SECRETARY WILSON has started on a tour of the packing houses at Chicago, Kansas City and elsewhere. He will have to look out or he will be lost in the "jungle" that he now knows exists in those cities, but never suspected until some one published the fact. The secretary of agriculture never looks for trouble until he is forced to. He would not believe any of the scandals that existed in his department until someone else exposed them. It's a good thing his duties do not call him to New York, for the "green goods men" would be very likely to gobble him.

MR. BRYAN'S letter to former Senator Jones, of Arkansas, is in full accord with the London utterances in which he declined to make formal announcement of his candidacy at the present time. He will do nothing to obtain another nomination, but will accept it if, when the time comes, the party desires him to serve in another candidacy. It is not necessary for Mr. Bryan to make any announcement whatever. The party seems to have made up its mind that he must serve and the nomination will in all probability, go to him without the asking. The conservatism of the east and of all parts of the country seem now to look upon him as the most available man, and the democratic voters of the west and south welcome with enthusiasm his reappearance in the presidential field.

THE North Carolina federal office holders have cooked a programme of nigger and "Taffy" for 1908.

THE hot weather and the congress got on the presidential nerves, but the democrats were quite cool and comfortable, thank you.

TRUST products are costly to the citizens and cheap to the foreigners. Why not revise the tariff that protects the trusts and even things up?

THE beef trust and the railroads are pointing with pride to the record of congress and the president agrees with them, so everyone should be satisfied.

SENATOR ELKINS says Americans do not know how to distribute wealth, but after the campaign is over in West Virginia this fall, he will discover he has done his share of distribution.

THE idea of federal regulation of business has been advanced farther than ever before; but the people have gained nothing, while the state governments have lost immensely. The republic of Roosevelt is an empire very different from the "Union;" and the states are degenerating into mere provinces.

AS THE administration never discovered the filthy condition of the beef trust establishments, although the taxpayers were paying for nearly a thousand inspectors, what guaranty have we that with more money and more men the agricultural department will get busy and keep the packing houses in wholesome condition.

EDWARD ROSEWATER is right. But for him the republican party leaders never would have dreamed of tackling the railroad abuses in the state of Nebraska. And he should have the credit for inaugurating the first movement in this direction, and not "Buster" Brown, who is endeavoring to steal Mr. Rosewater's platform.

WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN is the greatest statesman of the hundred years, the mightiest mind since Gladstone, the most far-seeing patriot since Lincoln—he has the character of Washington, the brain of Jefferson and the courage of Andrew Jackson. Speed the day when he will be elected to the White House to sweep the place clean of royal show and bring it back to true American manners of simplicity. With Mr. Bryan, "dooks" are not half as good as the plain farmer from his plow or a minor from his pick. With the coming of Mr. Bryan the under-dog will have a hearing, and justice will be the watch word and merit the measure.

Sleepy Watch Dog of the Treasury.
"It is my duty to safeguard the treasury," said Speaker Cannon in a recent interview. Conceding, for the argument, that it is necessary to give the speaker autocratic power in order that he may protect the public funds against looting, it must be admitted that he proved a sleepy "Watch Dog of the Treasury" during the recent session.

The appropriations, by far the largest in the history of the government, are considerably in excess of the entire revenue from customs, internal taxes and postoffice receipts, and in addition, Secretary Shaw is selling bonds to raise more money for the Panama Canal.

As a treasury watch dog, "Uncle Joe" seems hardly worth his keep. But there is nothing in the constitution or statutes of the United States which makes the speaker of the house the custodian of the treasury. That responsibility rests upon the entire membership of congress, and on the floor of each house there are members just as patriotic and just as vigilant as the gentleman who happens to sit in the chair of the house.

It is not at all necessary to gag and bind the house in order to keep it from robbing the treasury. If the house tried to do it, the senate wouldn't let it. Republican speakers under Reed rules have, of late, manifested an inclination to take themselves entirely too seriously.

THE New York Sun says "the next president will be a democrat." There are some points on which the people can agree even with the Sun.

THE president's summer sojourn at Oyster Bay has commenced on quite a strenuous plan. One of the corps of detectives and body-guards knocked down and blacked an eye of an innocent photographer, who was authorized to take a snap shot of the president. Thus is greatness guarded by ruffians.

The Tariff-Made Trusts.

Driven into a corner by the victory of the Iowa idea in the state of its origin, the Dingley standpatters are trying to fight their way out on the line of pretense that the Dingley tariff does not shelter a single important trust or monopoly. They are trying to make it appear that the Iowa demand that every tariff schedule "which shelters a monopoly" be cut out of the protective system is an empty sham.

"If the profits of all lines of protected goods are such as free-traders represent them," asks the St. Louis organ of robber tariff, "why is it that capital independent of the trusts is not invested in manufacturing plants for competition in the home market?"

Capital outside of the trust is all the time going into independent plants, but it has a hard fight to remain independent when it becomes troublesome to the great combinations. The smaller independent concerns get the benefit of the monopoly prices which the trusts create. When they grow to a point at which they threaten troublesome competition, the trust know mighty well how to deal with them.

The troublesome independent is either forced out of business by selling below cost in its particular field for a sufficient time, or it is forced into the trust by threats of bankruptcy to be accomplished by persistence in that manner of attack. The story of Standard Oil warfare upon independent companies is the story of all the trusts in dealing with troublesome independent competition.

It has been the law of all trade, since the first trader appeared upon the earth, that competition is not welcome to a man who wants to sell or to buy anything. Two men anxious to buy the same object ran up the price, while two anxious to sell, run the price down if the buyer knows his business.

When an industrial trust is once formed its first business is to fight off independent competition, and as the individual independent is weaker than the combined monopoly, it fights always at a fatal disadvantage.

This law of competition add the methods of the tariff trusts under it are so well known that the standpatter's question belongs to the kindergarten school of amateur economics.

THE position of Gov. Cummins on the tariff issue occupied the attention of the house of representatives a few days before adjournment and the republicans were worked up to fighting pitch by the questions of Camp Clark. "If Gov. Cummins had not carried Iowa on a tariff revision issue?" Lacey of Iowa declared that Gov. Cummins had said nothing in regard to the tariff this year. Camp Clark retorted that last November the governor said: "All the robberies committed by all the life insurance companies in all time did not equal one-fifth of the robberies inflicted by the Dingley bill in one year." That was too much for the equilibrium of even that seasoned old debator, Grosvenor, who lost his balance and made the following indiscreet attack upon Gov. Cummins by declaring: "Any man who will say that is unworthy of the confidence of one American citizen, let alone the majority of the states. Such a man as that is a false libeler of every decent aspiration of American citizenship." As Grosvenor is the mouth organ of the protective tariff league which thrives upon contributions from the tariff protected trusts, it is evident that if Gov. Cummins is nominated on a tariff revision platform

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the stand-patters will try and defeat him. The democrats in congress have had lots of fun sprinkling salt on the raw hides of the republican stand-patters.

Democratic Unity.
W. J. Bryan's latest utterances in London breathe the spirit of democratic harmony, which is daily becoming the most conspicuous fact in the politics of the congressional year preceding the presidential election.
No element of the democratic or any other sane party will dissent from his statement that the principles of Jeffersonian democracy constitute the most vital force of conservatism in the American system of politics and government.
Property rights, the rights of property lawfully acquired and lawfully held, have had in no country, and in no era of the world, a more stalwart and uncompromising defender than the democracy to which Bryan is devoted.
This is now realized by most of those who in the party mistook his conservatism for precipitate radicalism. Mr. Bryan, on the other hand, concedes that one of the ends for which he earnestly strove in the past has been attained by means other than those which he proposed.
Time and events have removed all cause for division within the party, and all elements of it, seeing the fact, are joining hands for a united effort to re-establish the principles which alone assure safety and stability in this country.
Twenty Year Battle.
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