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"POINTING with pride" will be the chief occupation of Republican statesmen in the next three months. The democrats will have a few instructive pointers in the campaign, too.

SENATOR SHELDON will enter the republican state convention with the solid delegations from the First congressional district and a large scattering support from all over the state.

THE position of the standpat republicans illustrates the old story of the three men who met to start a new church, with but two planks in its platform: "First, the meek shall inherit the earth; Second, we are the meek."

THE Missouri river threatens to expatriate Senator Gamble, of South Dakota, by changing its channel and putting his legal habitat in Nebraska. Now if something of the sort would happen to Governor Cummins, of Iowa, how glad Mr. Roosevelt would be.

SO JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER is not to go to jail, or even to be prosecuted criminally by the federal authorities, but if the administration can screw up its courage, he may be fined and the farce of prosecuting the Standard Oil trust will be another nine days wonder.

THE democratic congressional convention for the First district will be held in Lincoln, on Wednesday, August 15, at 11 a. m. This is also the date of the democratic state convention. The county convention to select delegates to this convention will be held Saturday, August 11.

THE New York Post is authority for the statement that the republican tariff revisionists are reading "Let him that thinketh he standeth pat, take heed lest he fall into minority." And Mr. Foss, the principal advocate of reciprocity is running for the republican nomination for Lieutenant-Governor against the standpatter, Gen. Draper, to discover if the people will make the above come true.

THE president's experience in detailing Taft to make the North Carolina republicans "get together" having proved such a dismal failure, he is rather at a loss to know who to send to Iowa on a similar errand. If President Roosevelt would keep the discredited Shaw out of the state and speak a good word for Gov. Cummins who is fighting the rotten republican machine and the railroads, the Iowa factional fight would settle itself to the satisfaction of honest men.

THE express companies have such a complicated tangle of tariffs under which they have been plundering the public, that they have requested of the Interstate Commerce Commission an extension of time in which to prepare rate schedules for publication under the new law. As the express companies have been charging "all the traffic will bear" in most cases and a little more than it would bear in many transactions, you now have an opportunity to obtain more just charges by appealing to the commission.

A BOSTON paper which supported McKinley for the presidency in 1896, says that Roosevelt's most prominent characteristics are "brag, bluster, conceit, lawlessness, egotism, deceitfulness, impudence, treachery and heartlessness." The same paper says that "Senator Lodge orders the suppression of every reference to reciprocity with Canada and is obeyed without question, whether in convention or legislature." It likens Lodge to Quay and Platte, and asks: "Is it not time for self-respecting republicans to look elsewhere?"

THERE will be great political doings in the First congressional district ere the smoke of battle clears away in November.

A WOMAN in Washington is to be examined the second time for evidence of insanity because she believes that \$25,000 recently appropriated for the President's personal expenses was to be used for her entertainment. Lots of politicians believe that nearly all appropriations are intended for their entertainment and they are not made subjects of any inquiry as to their sanity.

EDWARD ROSEWATER seems to be holding his own on the instruction business in the senatorial contest.

If anything, he has the best of it so far. The "Buster" Brown boom is slightly on the wane just now, and the people are rapidly finding out that the attorney-general is not so much of a "trust-buster" as he pretends to be. The people never did like "a wolf in sheep's clothing," anyhow.

SINCE the Nemaha county republicans instructed for Pollard, one or two of the latter's most ardent supporters do not now even concede Otoe county to Judge Jessen. But then the "ardent" don't always know as much as they would like the people to think they know.

It would be a hard blow to Jessen for Otoe county to go back on him, and the Journal don't believe it will.

THE report comes out of Washington that President Roosevelt is so disgusted at the failure of his Philippines tariff bill that he is ready to recommend abandonment of the Islands unless congress does something for the Filipinos next winter. Probably Mr. Roosevelt has read Bryan's plan for unloading the Philippine dead weight, and is getting ready to steal some more democratic thunder.

THE administration of Galusha as secretary of state has been one continual round of mistakes. He came within an ace of not getting the constitutional amendment published within the time specified by law, and then was compelled to insist on special editions being issued from the offices favored with its publication. Now it is a question whether such publication are legal.

IT seems to be no doubt that Mr. Pollard will receive the republican nomination without any more trouble. The Journal is glad of it. If the independent and democratic voters of the district cannot defeat Pollard with the stigma of "Salary-grabber" attached to his name, and with an honorable, able and clean-cut democrat for his opponent, the signs of the times will prove a failure. The common people despise a salary-grabber, either in county or state officials, and much more so in members of the national house of representatives.

AS YET the republican editors haven't quite caught any uniform note except that of alarm and apprehension. They are calling frantically to the republican cohorts to stand firm, demanding that republicans shall be united and unwavering. They are sounding the old caution against that division which would inevitably mean ruin and graphically picturing business panic and manufacturing depression, but apart from these lines of harmony the republican editors seem to have no views in common. One section of the republican press, letting the wish father the thought, has united in emphatically predicting that Bryan will never dare press the tariff issue, but another section of the republican press is equally positive and emphatic in the declaration that Bryan is sure to demand that the next presidential campaign be fought out on the issue of the tariff and the trusts. These surface differences among our republicans are entirely superficial however, and few readers of the republican newspapers will escape the conviction that the protective tariff and all its evil offspring, the oppressive trusts, are already the dominating issue in American politics.

### Governor Cummins Rules, the Roast.

The situation in Iowa, done up in a nutshell is about as follows: Shaw, the right-hand man to President Roosevelt is discredited; Doliver and the federal officeholders of the state, through J. W. Blythe, of the Burlington rail road company, who managed the campaign against Cummins, generally repudiated, and the republican national committee gone into hiding. Neither one or the other could bring about the pressure to win. The renomination of Governor Cummins for the third term means also the repudiation of the national republican policy of tariff protection by one of the most solid republican states in the solid north.

IT is an opportunity for the great mass of republicans in the United States who have long wanted to break away from machine domination on political issues to come from under cover and declare their real sentiment. It is worth more than passing mention that the men who backed Perkins in Iowa were of the office-holding crowd. Perkins, himself, has served twenty-one terms as a county, state and congressional office-holder. His cry of third term with which he sought to defeat Cummins acted as a boomerang.

The convention may have had, to some, the semblance of peace, but to a close observer it means the disruption of the republican party in Iowa and the embarrassment of the organization nationally. It is the beginning, in the ranks of the opposition, of the triumph of the great principles advocated by W. J. Bryan, and Iowa's action, so far as the state is concerned, means that Nebraska's favorite son is to win in 1908.

So Iowa is an illustration of the solid g. o. p.! Cummins, Perkins, Shaw, Doliver and Hepburn, with their political scalping knives ready for business, give us a picture of republican harmony. This sort of harmony means that republicans who get their tariff inspiration from Oyster Bay will continue to "stand pat" on the tariff, while those who follow the flag of Cummins will go on demanding that "all inequalities in tariff schedules, which inevitably arise from changing commercial and industrial conditions, should be adjusted from time to time."

Under this chameleon policy a republican may be a "standpatter" in a "standpat" state, and a tariff reformer in an "Iowa-idea" state. As a trap to catch votes the scheme is worthy of the sinuous and subtle Machiavelli. But mediaeval night of trickery and double-dealing has been dispelled by the sunlight of publicity.

In the siren lure which Iowa sets ringing in the ears of the rural voters, the press-warned ear detects the swish-swash of the waves on the "standpat" reefs, hears the death chant for its industrial interests moaning among the corals, and then hearkens to the open sea, a salvation sail on the unbridled main—Tariff Reform Democracy!

### Plenty of Good Material.

In reviewing the political situation at the present time in the First congressional district, the Omaha World-Herald says:

"What is now required is for the democrats of the district to exercise wisdom and good judgment in choosing a candidate to pit against Easy Money Pollard; an able man, of honor and the strictest integrity. Then let them present that candidate to the voters on the issue of common, ordinary honesty.

"There are numerous good democats available to make this fight.

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any mere partisan question—the issue whether graft shall be indorsed or repudiated in a district that Mr. Bryan once represented in congress."

AS CONGRESSMAN POLLARD has won out in Nemaha county by a hair, it would indicate that he had a sure thing now, so far as the nomination is concerned. But there is an old saying staring him in the face: "There's many a slip betwixt the cup and the lip."

IN Cass county the Weeping Water Republican and Herald and the Elmwood Leader-Echo are given the job of printing the constitutional amendment. Three papers on the west side of the county. Why two papers in one town and none on the east side, it is hard to understand. Maybe this is done by Galusha to even up matters political in Cass county in his favor for a re-nomination.

CUMMINS wins out in Iowa by a big majority, with plenty of votes to spare. The standpatters wasn't in it a little bit when it came to a show down. The governor gets everything he demanded, even to his tariff revision platform. No compromise on any question, although the standpatters with a great flourish of trumpets entered Des Moines with the avowed determination of capturing the whole business. The Cummins faction is in the saddle, and Roosevelt's secretary of the treasury's little presidential bloom has gone glimmering among the things that were.

THE prohibitionists of Nebraska met in convention at Lincoln this week and nominated the following ticket: Governor, H. T. Sutton, Bethany; lieutenant governor, J. D. Forsythe, Peru; railways committee, Dr. J. D. McCleary, Beatrice, E. A. Gerard, Monroe, and Samuel Lichy, Falls City; secretary of state, J. M. Bell, York; auditor, W. E. Nichol, Minden; treasurer, W. H. Maddox, Falls City; superintendent of public instruction, Bert Wilson, Humboldt; attorney general, J. D. Graves, Peru; commissioner public lands and buildings, Oscar Kent, Kenesaw. The state central committee will nominate a United States senator.

THE dredge strains from the Iowa convention are still awing. The mellifluous note struck by Editor David Brant, who has tuned the Iowa City Daily Republican to a "standpat" pitch against the republican nominee, will no doubt be as melodious when it reaches the Auburn convention next Thursday as soft music mellowed by the kiss of waves. No matter that this same Brant bolt is phonographed in magnetotype in Perkins's own paper; the rising discord will still sound soft and sweet in the nothing-but-harmony ear in the republican congressional convention on the 9th.

SENATOR LAFOLLETT says that the United States senate at its late session was more representative of the people than the house of representatives. It must be admitted that the facts show this and the reason is plain that the house chiefly represents the views and wishes of the speaker and his clique, who are extreme standpatters, friendly to the railroads and trust corporations and forced the house to vote to make the people pay for beef inspection, while the senate voted that the cost of inspection should be paid by the beef trust. To re-elect a republican congress means to continue this ring rule.

WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN, having been dined and interviewed by almost every man of prominence in the British Isles, has stepped across the channel and is continuing his remarkable tour of the continent. Germany, not to be outdone by England in the matter of showing all honor to the great American, whose popularity abroad grows as rapidly as it did at home when he first went among the people, has accorded to Bryan such a reception as has been given to no American since the memorable visit of General Grant. Mr. Bryan will visit

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### Republican Imbecility.

"Standing pat" on the tariff and other economic issues is absurd. Conditions change with time and what may be for the advantage of the people one year, is to their disadvantage hereafter. To "stand pat" on the tariff as the law is to day, when it has proven to be plundering the people for the benefit of the protected monopolists is not statesmanship, but bourgeoisie. The fact is the republican party has become atrophied by standing pat and lost its virility by being fed by the pampered trusts and special interest it has itself created. It stands

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