

INDIAN TERRITORY is now I. T., and Oklahoma Territory is O. T. Next January both will be IT.

"EASY MONEY" Pollard will be nominated by the Auburn convention today. But will the voters endorse the salary grabber at the polls?

If the Des Moines convention was serenely harmonious, and its platform strictly orthodox, what in the name of brotherly love is the sense in all this talk of bolting among the Iowa stand-patters?

"EASY MONEY" POLLARD was also an easy winner at the Auburn convention last evening. Evidently the ruling element of the republican conventions in the first district believes in salary grabbing.

In Iowa a single victory over the bosses and gangsters has been won within the republican party. Ex-Governor Yates's onslaught upon the Federal machine failed in Illinois mainly because it lacked the force, honesty and sincerity of a genuine reform movement.

THEY are now saying that the Cummins men in control of the Des Moines convention did not even give Secretary Shaw a ticket to the audience benches. But he would have been well satisfied to go without the ticket, if he could have gotten some other things he wanted badly.

LANCASTER county democrats will vote Geo. W. Berge for governor in the convention next Wednesday, notwithstanding reports to the contrary. The delegation is not instructed from Mr. Berge, but we have it from an excellent source that the democrats of Lancaster favor his nomination.

A REPUBLICAN farmer was discussing the Pollard salary grab with a well known attorney of this city the other day, when the sole argument of the attorney in favor of the same was that it was "an established precedent." The old farmer replied: "D— the precedent; I will not vote for a man who talks of precedents to cover up his wrong doing."

"HE who laughs last laughs best." Edgar Howard now has the laugh on Ross Hammond—he who is of the chief flegmen in the "Buster" Brown bandwagon. Howard failed to have Platte county carried against George Berge and Hammond made all manner of fun over the result. At the republican primaries in Fremont this week the great Brown boomer didn't even carry his own ward.

THE Nebraska City News says that Oteo county will present the name of George W. Tompkin to the democratic convention, which meets in Lincoln next Wednesday for the nomination for congress. The Journal believes a candidate can be nominated at this convention who can defeat Pollard and his name is Judge William H. Kelligar of Auburn, and popularly known as "Billy Kelligar." He is the man that can make "Easy Money" hunt his hole and draw the hole in after him.

THAT the Iowa convention did more is evidenced by the following paragraph in its platform, which has not yet seen the light of day in the columns of many stand-pat organs: "Wise and unselfish tariff laws, maintained in the interest of the general welfare, equally opposed to foreign control and DOMESTIC MONOPOLY, are essential to our commercial and industrial prosperity." Will the republican congressional convention at Auburn dare to incorporate such a plank in its platform? We know that the republican state convention dare not do so.

A Republican Mess.

The Washington Post declares that the German ambassador has delivered an ultimatum to the state department on the tariff issue and threatens if Germans are not given reciprocal tariff privileges to annul the "favored nation" tariff treatment to this country. That would place exports from United States on the maximum basis which is virtually prohibitive and would shut out our products from the German market.

"Standing pat" and "leaving well enough alone" evidently has its drawbacks yet the republican leaders and President Roosevelt have decided to "stand pat." The news of that Oyster Bay conference has evidently aroused the German government to retaliate. Who will back down? Emperor Bill or President Teddy?

The Farmers and the Tariff.

The farmers can hardly approve the republican standpat program, when they find the price of wheat, oats, corn and cotton declining and the cost of all they buy rapidly advancing. Where does the boasted protection to agriculture come in under the present protective tariff and how are farmers protected, although the tariff law provides that 25 cents a bushel on wheat and 15 cents a bushel on oats be collected on imports? The price of what is now lower than it has been for ten years or since the present tariff law was enacted in August, 1899.

Those farmers, who are republicans should demand of their "stand-pat" leaders a fair deal, and if the agricultural machinery trust, the barbed wire combine, the lumber association and the clothing trusts, are still to be protected by the tariff in charging exorbitant prices for their products, that some method of raising the price cereals and keeping them stable should offset trust high prices.

The fact is, however, that no tariff can protect the farmer on his products, of which the surplus must be sold abroad, as the price paid by the foreigners for that surplus fixes the price here. The only relief the farmer can receive is to be able to buy in the cheapest market and this he can never do as long as the trusts, that control all he buys, are protected by the tariff from competition. It is plain therefore that the farmer who votes for a republican, congressman and for republican candidates for the legislature, who in turn will elect republican senators, is voting to continue the protection to the trusts and for high prices, with no protection to help the price of his own products.

IT is now the field against "Buster" Brown for senator, with all the odds in favor of the field.

THAT speech by Secretary Shaw at Springfield, Mo., Saturday reads more like defiance to Cummins than a defense of high tariff.

SPEAKER CANNON dislikes to be an issue and a candidate at the same time. Yes, it's bad enough to have to stand for the things that are said about one as a candidate.

IT is said that Don Despain's pass was taken up the other day by a conductor on the Burlington. He had previously been reporting that he carried no pass. Served him right.

IF President Roosevelt does not expend all the \$25,000 congress appropriated for traveling expenses, will he turn the balance into the conscience fund, or leave the unexpended balance in the treasury?

CUMMINS in the cunning tower of that strange republican craft "Tariff Reform," Roosevelt rosters routed, "Stand Pat" hustled from the gang plank to the oysters, Shaw hissed in a high mosquito C that must have irritated Sagamore Hill, polished political stiletto thrusts in the dark, pandemonium unleashed in the clash between the people and the pirates of protection, such was the discordant harmony set jangling on the ears of the American nation at Des Moines Iowa, a week ago.

in the policies imposed upon the country by that party and make the passage of restrictive laws an imperative necessity."

IT is to be hoped that in singing the praises of the Dingley tariff in his keynote of the congressional campaign Speaker Cannon will not pitch it so high that his republican brethren in Iowa cannot follow the time.

WOULDN'T it be well to inquire whether there is an unlawful agreement between the ice trust and the coffin trust by which the latter gives the former some of its enormous profits resulting from the scarcity and high prices of ice?

SECRETARY TAFT's idea seems to be that the southern republicans are a bad lot fighting for spoils, but still the democrats of the south should vote the republican ticket. The republicans will have to offer a greater inducement than a chance for the democrats to reform the republican party in the southern states, or it will be a long time before they accept Taft's advice.

SOME people are disposed to believe that there is a tie-up with "Buster" Brown and Senator Sheldon. While the instructions of several counties would indicate that much the Journal does not believe that Sheldon can afford to tie-up with "a wolf in sheep's clothing." If such should prove true, it means the downfall of Senator Sheldon in the state convention.

THE Nebraska City Tribune (Rep.) of yesterday concludes an article on Pollard as follows: "Thank Heaven it hasn't happened yet whatever the day may bring forth. There is 'Just One Issue' in the Auburn convention that meets tonight—an issue that if not decided right brands the republican party of the first district as untrue to its claims and its professions; brands it as calling for the 'square deal and at the same time supporting a salary grabber who before he ever entered the halls of congress drew pay for months prior to his election and covering a period of time during the most of which he did not even dream of becoming a member of congress." The convention has "gone," did and done it," now we want to see what the Tribune is going to do about it.

The Slander Disproved.

Senator Millard has performed a public service in helping exposing essential dishonesty and insincerity of the Norris Brown "fake reformers," says the World Herald.

When it was proved that Congressman Pollard drew \$1,900 salary he had not earned, since it was for a period covering four months before he was elected, the Brown organs rushed to his defense. They urged that he had done no more than other eminent Nebraskans had done. Pollard himself, before the Nemaha county convention, cited the late Senator Hayward as a precedent. And the Lincoln News and Journal charged that Senator Allen and Senator Millard had done just as Pollard did.

And these charges are all slanders, manufactured out of whole cloth.

First it was shown that Senator Hayward had drawn pay only from the date of his election.

And now it is shown by Senator Millard that he, too, instead of drawing pay from the date the vacancy began, and prior to his election, as the "fake reform" organs charged, was paid only from the date he was elected senator. Senator Millard further shows that the law specifically provides that senators elected to fill a vacancy, subsequent to the commencement of a term, shall be paid only for the time actually served. And this, of course, proves conclusively that, in their zeal to defend Pollard, the Journal and News lied about Senator Allen just as they did about Senators Millard and Hayward.

The result is that Pollard's case is left standing glaringly alone, as that of a solitary salary-grabber who, when exposed, maliciously sought to save himself by defaming honorable men.

Mr. Pollard and His Defenses.

Mr. Pollard has been renominated from this district for congress. He congratulated himself on the "splendid vindication" the republicans of the district have given him by re-nominating him in the face of the charges made against him celebrating his induction into office by grabbing \$1,900 of the peoples money simply because he found it "laying around loose." We also congratulate Mr. Pollard for his precocity; his thriftiness and the ease and deftness with which he "raked down the persimmons." Mr. Pollard will make a very thrifty and swift congressman as the representative of a party that endorses such practices. Let us examine his excuses for the grab. First, when caught the young man "put up" some very smooth excuses—all based on "precedent," the veay thing Roosevelt and company says they are eliminating from our body politic. Second, he cited as cases coming within his rule of precedence, the salary taking by Senators Hayward and Millard. These citations, alas! have "gone back" on the young man. Next he cited Section 51, of the federal statute. Eminent republicans and republican journals have called his attention to the weakness of this legal claim, pointing out to him that Section 51 does not help any. Next, his paid henchmen in this locality have been lying to the dear people, telling them that a certain case decided by the U. S. supreme court up holds the grab, and cite the case of Page vs the U. S. Reports. The Journal only desires to remark for the benefit of Mr. Pollard and his apologists that this "Page" case is directly in point, against Mr. Pollard. That was a case where one Page contested the seat of one William A. Pirce, of the Second congressional district of R. I. Pending the contest, Pirce held the seat from March 4, 1885, to January 25, 1887, when the house of representatives declared Pirce had no right to the office and gave it to Page, who held it until March 3, 1887. Under Section 51, cited by Mr. Pollard as his authority for the grab, Page claimed he had been elected to the 49th congress, and that Pirce was not elected; therefore, he (Page) had no predecessor and was entitled to the salary for that Congress, drawn by Pirce, viz: \$9,468.18, together with mileage.

The supreme court, by Mr. Justice Blatchford, said, in deciding the case: "The proper construction of Section 51 is, that the predecessor of the person elected to fill a vacancy must be a person who was the predecessor in the same Congress. If no such person is to be found because no such person was duly elected, Page had no predecessor in the sense of Section 51, and that section does not apply to this case." Then after holding that Pirce was the predecessor of Page the court further said: "Section 51 refers only to a vacancy occurring after the commencement of a particular congress; and, in the membership of the congress; and the reference is plainly intended to apply only to a predecessor in that congress. If there was any such predecessor of Page it was Pirce. If, there was no such predecessor of Page in that congress, Section 51 does not apply to the case."

Now that it has been shown that Senator Millard and Hayward did not draw unearned salary from Uncle Sam; that Section 51 of the Revised Statutes of the U. S. does not apply to Mr. Pollard's case and does not protect him; and, that Page vs. the U. S. is not a shield for his pernicious thrift, will Mr. Pollard make further evasive excuses; or, will he say, "I took it and my party must stand by me, because I am a Roosevelt republican."

THERE is no end to the extortion of the coal trust and the price has been regularly raised ten cents a ton each month since spring and yet the administration has made no serious effort to punish the trust magnates, who in combination with the railroads are plundering the people.

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The Tariff and the Cost of Living. It is impossible for the republicans to disguise the fact that the "trust era" is synchronous with the present tariff law, which so lavishly protects those special interests at the expense of the American people. No one ever heard of our manufacturers selling their products abroad cheaper than at home until the tariff was increased beyond the high rates of the McKinley bill, to purposely protect the manufacturers from foreign competition. There were some trusts before 1897, but they were feeble infants compared to those vast combines that now control our markets. There are now 168 trusts that enjoy direct tariff benefit, and there are 38 other trusts benefited by it, to some extent. To these giant corporations must be attributed the enormous increase in prices, through the protection granted them in the tariff law, so that the cost of living, according to Dunn's Index figures, which are published in the United States Statistical Abstract 1895, page 541, shows that in July, 1897, the necessary articles consumed on the average by each individual cost \$72.45; whereas, on January 1, 1905, those figures had increased to \$104.45 and are now \$106, or 47 per cent higher than in 1897. Thus it now takes \$1.47 to buy what cost \$1 in 1897. And yet President Roosevelt and the republican leaders stand pat and propose if they have a majority of the next congress to continue to "stand-pat." DEMOCRATS have an excellent show of carrying Nebraska this fall if they nominate the right man for governor tomorrow. Will they do it? WITH the price of ice at the present figures it will be somewhat costly for any one but Mr. Fairbanks to keep his presidential boom through the hot weather.

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