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REPUBLICAN tariff reform is as a peek through a pee-a-boo waist; now you see it and again you don't.

In the coming political campaign for congress the republicans will have one Cannon and a number of squirt guns.

GEORGE D. PERKINGS, the defeated republican candidate for governor of Iowa, is trying to ease his pent up feelings, by telling a few things in his newspaper, but no one is paying much attention to what he says.

THERE would never have been any trust magnates, if republican laws had not fostered them. Therefore change the laws instead of standing pat as the republicans declare is their intention. The issue is so plain that "way-faring man, though a fool cannot err therein."

AS THE republican leaders are only asking for a dollar from their active supporters for campaign purposes, they must have determined to reduce the price for votes in the close districts to about the same figure. Rather a come down from the usual price. But then the insurance companies are not "putting up" this time.

THE Journal prints today the declaration of principles adopted by the democrats in convention assembled at Lincoln, and we want every reader to understand exactly where the peoples' party stands upon the issues now confronting the people of Nebraska. Don't fail to read the same section by section, that you may get yourself posted on matters upon which every voter is interested.

SENATOR SHELDON leads the van in the gubernatorial race, and indications point to his nomination. Had a vote been taken in the democratic convention last Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock George W. Berge would now be the democratic candidate. But "there is many a slip betwixt the cup and the lip," in all convention transactions.

THE democratic state platform is a good document, and appeals to the voters of the state in a manner that will attract all the citizens. Notwithstanding the "stop thief" cry of a few little one horse papers, the people understand why it is done. They talk to the voters of Nebraska as though they were ignorant of such matters and did not have sense enough to understand the English language. But "stop thief" is an old cry of the republicans.

In reading over the list of delegates from Cass county to the republican state convention next Wednesday we fail to see the name of R. B. Windham among the chosen. Why is this thus? Has it leaked out that he is fiercest Senator Sheldon? It has that appearance. Evidently the party managers were so sure of his being a delegate that away in advance they chose him as a member on the platform committee. A queer maneuver, that.

THE editor of this paper has been invited to accompany the "Bryan-Home-Coming" committee to New York and to extend the gladland of welcome to the most conspicuous citizen in the world today. The train leaves Omaha August 24, arriving in New York on the evening of the 26th. It will be a special Pullman, the finest train on wheels, and the tickets admit of five days' stay in New York. Those who attend will be more than repaid; and we only wish we could stand the price.

THE Englishman who was fined \$25 for uncorking a hiss when an American flag was displayed in a New Jersey theater will feel that he got his.

RURAL mail carriers who have served one year or more are now allowed fifteen days vacation each year, with full pay. Heretofore they were not allowed day if they took a vacation.

THE effort now being made by a few dampfools to brand the democrats as the corporation party is too silly for sensible people to take any stock in. It is simply the old gag of crying "stop thief" to attract attention away from themselves.

A GOOD many men who voted for Mr. Roosevelt have not yet paid their \$1 assessment, or the campaign fund would have over \$6,000,000, which is just about what the trusts and insurance companies put up in 1894, for the Roosevelt campaign.

WHEN Mr. Gompers and the other labor leaders presented the bill of grievances against the republican party to President Roosevelt, the latter asserted with considerable heat that the eight hour law had been rigidly enforced. It is somewhat disconcerting to now be informed by Mr. Roosevelt that from this day on the law is to be enforced. Somebody has blundered, but of course it can't be the President.

THE few little editorial squibs that appeared in the News last evening are indicative of the fact that the editor was away from home, and that the incubus hanging around thought to display some of his smartness in his absence. Ignorant as a new born babe on matters political the incubus at the News office is to be pitied when the boys over there apply the word "lazy" in speaking his name. A lie serves his purpose better than the truth any old time.

T. J. DOYLE, the democratic candidate for congress, was reared on a farm, worked his way through school and college, and is an excellent type of the self-made man. He is a good lawyer, a close student of politics and public questions, and honorable citizen of unimpeachable reputation. His campaigning abilities are well known, and it is certain that he will lead an aggressive, determined fight to save the district from the disgrace of indorsing Easy Money Pollard with a re-election.

THE nomination of T. J. Doyle by the democrats of the First congressional district, is one of which the democracy can feel proud. Mr. Doyle is a well-known attorney in the state capital, and did not dream of being a candidate for congress up to the night previous to the convention. He is highly spoken of in Lincoln, and his ability as a lawyer and speaker is first-class. Republicans and democrats alike speak in the highest terms of the democratic candidate, and soon after his nomination many republicans signified their intention of supporting Mr. Doyle in preference to "Salary Grabber" Pollard.

THERE is not a public man in the state of Nebraska with a cleaner record than Hon. A. C. Shallenberger, the democratic candidate for governor. The best evidence of this fact is that a few days previous to the state convention the Lincoln Journal came out with several charges against Mr. Shallenberger, in the hope solely of defeating his nomination. There was not a semblance of truth in the publication, and instead of hurting the democratic candidate, it simply done him good. The well known career of Mr. Shallenberger among those who have known him for years made such charges look insignificant in the eyes of all honest people. The Journal this time made a complete failure in its object to defeat the nomination of the next governor of Nebraska—Hon. A. C. Shallenberger.

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WHEAT is ten cents a bushel lower in price than last year, although it is still protected by the tariff rate of 25 cents a bushel. The price of all the farmers are buying is however at the top notch, and, in fact, the price of all trust products protected by the tariff is higher this year than last. Puzzel—why do some farmers support the republican tariff-trust policy that plunders them?

ACCORDING to the statisticians the democrats are certain to win in 37 congressional districts that are now represented by republicans and have more than an even chance of capturing the 20 other districts necessary for a majority. If those independent and republican voters, who want the trust fostering tariff revised, vote as they talk, the stand-patters will hardly have a leg to stand on.

THE public is very wise "keeping out of Wall Street," but the republican campaign fund collectors are making many pilgrimages to the headquarters of the trusts, the tariff beneficiaries and the banking magnates. The Life Insurance companies are barred, this year, as the policy holders are watching the officials to prevent the funds being squandered, as they were by the subscriptions made to the Roosevelt campaign fund in 1904.

THE democratic state convention made no mistake in re-electing Thomas S. Allen, chairman of the central committee, and we were pleased to note the great enthusiasm manifested in his behalf. Tom Allen has been an incessant worker in behalf of the democratic party of Nebraska, and his unanimous re-election is simply a recognition of his true worth in the position he has so ably filled for the past four years.

THE deposits in the National Banks, upon which they pay no interest, amounted on July 23 to \$83,790,681 and Secretary Shaw has promised the banks to let them have most of the \$30,000,000 which will be forthcoming from the sale of Panama bonds on the same terms. This is a soft snap for the banks, they subscribe for the bonds and still keep the money, but draw the interest which the bonds call for. It's great financing for the banks but rather expensive for the taxpayers.

WHY did the republican congress defeat the Tillman bill which provided for exposing and punishing contributions by corporations to party campaign funds? Well, let us see. If the sugar trust should produce its sweet donation, or the steel trust some of its tariff plunder, or the coal trust, through Baer or some other God-entrusted coal baron, should "come down with the dust," it might be awkward to publish such things to the vulgar world, or to punish such "benefactors" of the G. O. P. As Pharaoh said about the Hebrews, so the republican party said about the trusts: "Let us deal wisely with them."

A Typical Machine Politician.

The hide bound partisan spirit that some politicians display, should show the people how useless they are for any practical service. Here is Senator Frye pleading the republican state convention in Maine that he was for the G. O. P. "right or wrong." As the republican machine in Maine has been notoriously corrupt and wrong, very wrong, very wrong, for a number of years, the members of the convention must have felt their heart worm to Frye for his pledge to stand by them. It is only necessary to mention that Frye was the champion of ship-subsidy in the senate to show how faithfully he stands by the G. O. P. when it is radically wrong. The voters of Maine should clear the decks by defeating the republican ring and then dispose of Frye and his ilk when their time comes. If you look up Frye's record he will be found voting for all the corrupt legislation that the republican party has been responsible for.

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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.

GOV. LA FOLLETTE has accomplished results in Wisconsin, through his persistent determination that railroad rates shall be regulated with fairness to both railroads and shippers. The state railroad commission has reduced grain rates one cent a bushel. The reduction is not so great, but it shows that they can be reduced when unreasonable.

WHILE in Lincoln last Wednesday, the writer had the pleasure of meeting Charles W. Pool, former editor of the Tribune, at Tecumseh, which position he was compelled to relinquish on account of ill health, and take a tour in the west to recuperate. At the recent county convention of the democrats of Johnson county, Mr. Pool was nominated for representative, and the Journal hopes he will be elected. He is an able man, honest in sentiment and dealings, and would hold down the position of member of the legislature, not only with credit to himself but also with credit to his supporters. Here's hoping, Charley.

REALIZING the fact that Hon. A. C. Shallenberger, the democratic candidate for governor is one of the most popular men in the state, the State Journal, and its "echo," the Lincoln Evening News, is now engaged in its dirty work of trying to get up a dissension among the populists and Mr. Berge's democratic friends, by telling a few white lies that wont wash. George W. Berge had no stronger friend in the late convention than the writer, and now that Mr. Shallenberger has been fairly nominated, this paper is just as warm in its support of that gentleman as it was for Mr. Berge previous to the convention. Knowing full well that Mr. Shallenberger's chances of an election are most excellent, and realizing also that in the event he is elected, the graft which it has enjoyed for years is gone the poor old Journal howls like the old-fashioned hound in a wolf chase.

Express Companies and Railroads.

There will have to be a shake-up in the management of express companies under the new law. As it is now the officials of railroads are officials of express companies and vice versa, which would indicate a conspiracy in restraint of trade, especially as there is no competition between express companies at joint points. What the people are bound to have before they get done legislating about corporations is competition, or where competition is not possible such just rates as the situation demands. If the new law is found not sufficient to insure that, the law will be further amended by Congress. Congress hereafter will be in the hands of the people instead of being, as heretofore, a corporation annex.

SENATOR DUBOIS's prediction that Albert B. Cummins will be the next republican candidate for the presidency is based upon the supposition that Cummins will win in the Iowa election this year. But his success is more than doubtful. Success would make him so formidable as a republican presidential candidate that Senator Dubois's suggestion is only another inducement for the stand-patters to knife him.

THE democratic congressional conventions in Illinois gave further evidence of democratic disapproval of Roger Sullivan. But the loss of 175,000 democratic votes in the presidential election of 1904 and the defeat of Stringer by 300,000 remain the strongest proofs that the democrats of Illinois have never been satisfied with the Sullivan-Hopkins leadership.

Make a Uniform Salary.

There is a scarcity of teachers in nearly every county in the state, due mainly to low salaries paid teachers. Nearly every kind of work pays better. The next legislature should pass a minimum salary law. No teacher should be paid less than \$40 per month for eight months. No district should receive any of the public moneys unless it levied 65c on \$100 assessed valuation or maintained an eight months' school and paid \$40 per month to the teacher. Pay the proper salary and you will find plenty teachers. In fact a teacher should have a better salary than can possibly be paid in any other profession.

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