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WITH the campaign oratory at its height, these are fine days for airships and hot-air balloons.

THE democrats of Nebraska favor a two-cent passenger rate, while the republicans are silent on the question. This shows who favors the railroads.

"BOSWELL" Brown didn't carry his own county, (Buffalo) and it is hinted by some who were present from Cass county that had it not been for the popularity of Senator Sheldon he would not have pulled through.

SUPPOSE the democrats nominate Mr. Bryan for president and ex-Governor Douglass of Massachusetts, for vice-president in 1908. What a ticket it would be—world beaters, sure enough. Winners too. The far east and the far west joined for reform.

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.

ONE of our republican exchanges notes the scarcity of dimes. We have noticed the scarcity of all denominations of money for some time. But now that our gold standard administration is buying large amounts debased silver for coinage purposes we may expect plenty of dimes in the near future. It will mean 16 to 1—sixteen dimes to one republican howl against silver. How swiftly times do change!

THE republican state convention ignored the committee on resolutions, headed by L. D. Richards of Dodge county and R. B. Windham of Cass, which had previously been appointed to prepare the platform. But their labored production was completely riddled beyond recognition when the convention committee got hold of it. Apparently both of these stalwarts are consigned to private citizenship.

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.

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 indication for the standpatners to knife him.

Mr. BEVERAGE of Indiana declares that the correction of immoral business practices is a real issue of the campaign. Has Mr. Roosevelt refused to be the whole issue?

THERE are a great many men who formerly believed that prosperity was only found in a high protective tariff, who are beginning to feel that rain and sunshine make the crops grow as well as tax.

"You, Mr. Speaker will be the next President," said Mr. Roosevelt to Mr. Cannon. The president is a pretty fair historian, but it appears that he is taking long chances with his reputation as a prophet.

Is a nutshell? If goods are sold cheaper abroad than they are in this country, the tariff is manifestly an injustice to the American consumer. If they are dearer abroad than they are at home, what is the need of protection afforded by the tariff?

BEFORE you send in your dollar to the congressional campaign fund committee be sure that your man stands right on the tariff. If he is a stand-patter let some one else's money elect him. You will need the dollar to pay the higher price on goods you buy of tariff-protected monopolies.

UNCLE SAM has decided to use biographic pictures of life on the ocean wave to induce young Americans to enlist in the navy. Recruits with courage to enter the service after beholding what happened to Admiral Rojestvensky's fleet when the Japanese were busiest would be valuable additions to our fighting strength.

It will make but little difference who the republicans nominate for governor today. While Senator Sheldon would be very strong in the eastern part of the state, Shallenberger will prove equally as popular in the western part. It would be Nip and Tuck between these two gentlemen, with the chances in favor of Nip this year.

GOVERNOR CUMMINS is to Iowa what Governor LaFollette is to Wisconsin—a thorn in the side of the standpat republicans. The election of Cummins as governor will send him to the United States senator where he will help revise the tariff—a thing the standpatners themselves admit should be done after the trusts have been satisfied with a surfeit of prosperity.

In his speech at the Wymore reunion Friday, Hon. A. C. Shallenberger truthfully remarked: "We have had long enough the spectacle of those in high places in our state government suddenly making a pretense, at the mandate of their party, of observing the law they have willfully violated for these many years, and at the same time having their employes traveling about the state, neglecting its business, begging for the political fortunes of their chiefs."

It seems the democrats of Illinois, in convention at Peoria yesterday, tabled the resolution demanding the resignation of National Committeeman Roger C. Sullivan, of Chicago. At the same time a resolution endorsing William Jennings Bryan for the presidency was adopted amid great enthusiasm. Queer complication of matters in Illinois. But they had just as well tabled this resolution, also. Bryan will not stand Sullivan on that committee.

"WITH Mr. Cannon as Speaker," says President Roosevelt, "the house has accomplished a literally phenomenal amount of good work." In other words the speaker gavelled through the house all the administration measures to the exclusion of others; which, as the "leaders" are now finding out, the people and the masses of the republican party deem of greater value. His claim that the house should continue under the speaker's gag in order that the Roosevelt policy may be worked out to the end, is the best reason why the house to be elected in November should be one that will not do its work under his dictation.

Hon. A. C. Shallenberger.

That rip-roaring newspaper the Kearney Democrat, which for years has been weak in its support of democratic candidates, and mores since fusion began, has the following to say regarding the democratic candidate for governor. For the first time since the democratic party in Nebraska went into partnership with the populist party on a division of office, platform a real democratic state convention was held at Lincoln last week and a democratic state ticket was named with one of the best, brightest and ablest men in the state as candidate for governor, Hon. A. C. Shallenberger, of Alma, Harlan county. Mr. Shallenberger was formerly the congressman from the fifth district, and he was one of the best congressmen the state has ever had. He is now mayor of that city. Mr. Shallenberger is a banker, and he is also a farmer, personally operating one of the finest farm ranches in Harlan county. He is also one of the ablest speakers in the state, always fair, and always forcible in debate. There is not a reform measure advocated and demanded by the people of this state at this time but what has been championed by Mr. Shallenberger for many years, both in and out of congress. He is not a sham reformer, neither is he a mushroom reformer. If the people of this state are in earnest in their demands for a "square deal" between the state government and themselves, they will lose no time or opportunity in announcing their determination to elect A. C. Shallenberger governor of Nebraska. The "web of corporation" is so firmly and securely woven about the political machinery of the republican party of this state that with even such a candidate as Mr. Sheldon no specific reforms could be brought about, and the only certain way of changing the order of things here is to disconnect the machine entirely and place the head of the state government in the hands of a man who is entirely independent of it and able enough within himself to manage the state's affairs in the interest of the people.

WHILE the republicans are looking around for suitable timber for senator and representatives on their ticket, it is just as well for the democrats to the same. The democrats possess equally, if not better men for these places than do the republicans and men who can be elected to represent Cass county as it should be represented. Let us be up and doing in this matter.

A. C. SHALLENBERGER, the democratic candidate for governor, is one of the greatest men in the state. He was elected to congress from the fifth district in this state, made a record that shines like a polished shield, and is one of the most brilliant men in the state, as courageous as a lion and a statesman, every inch of him.

An old republican of Cass county remarked in our hearing the other day: "If the republican party in Nebraska claims to be the anti-railroad party, why then did they not place a plank in their platform favoring a two-cent passenger rate?" The republican attorney to whom he directed these remarks, could not give any reason, only that they did not do so.



"BUSTER" BROWN will prove a drawback to the entire republican state ticket. His hypocrisy won't wash with the common voters like it does with the capital ringsters. The people never did like a man who attempts to carry water on both shoulders.

ROSEWATER, from the tone of the Bee since the convention last week, is not feeling any too well over his defeat for United States senator, and he isn't at all backward in letting his enemies know that he has "it in" for them.

In a letter to the editor of the Journal, Hon. A. C. Shallenberger, democratic candidate for governor, says he expects to visit Plattsmouth in a very short time. He will receive a most cordial greeting when he arrives here.

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A Worthy Champion.

In the first speech of his campaign for governor Mr. Shallenberger boldly tears the hypocritical mask from the face of "the republican railroad corporation press," the same press that Mr. Rosewater has so happily branded "fake reformers."

Mr. Shallenberger's speech is all the answer that is required to the preposterous charges that unscrupulous and mendacious republican newspapers have made against him.

Mr. Shallenberger stands for the direct primary, stands for an anti-pass law "with teeth in it," as he himself expresses it; he stands for a more equitable taxation of railroad property; he stands for lower freight rates and an elective railroad commission empowered with plenary authority; he stands for a two-cent passenger fare; above all, he stands for driving the corporations out of politics in Nebraska. In a word, he stands flat-footed on the democratic platform, a platform that even its opponents have not the temerity to criticize, and to which they are about to pay the sincerest homage that vice can pay to virtue—to wit, imitation. And, as is well known by the democrats who served on the resolutions committee, to Mr. Shallenberger's personal insistence is largely due to the fact that the platform has as many "teeth in it" as it has.

Himself a practical farmer and stockbreeder Mr. Shallenberger knows from experience the weight of the heavy hand which the railroads, under the protection of the republican party, are laying on the producers. He has a practical knowledge of the issues. More than that, he knows exactly where he stands, and he has the courage, the honesty and the independence to proclaim his position specifically and with exactness before the people of the state. Far from being a "conservative" democrat, as his opponents have asserted, he is a radical of radicals, as is shown particularly by his outspoken advocacy of the government ownership of railroads. Far from being a trimmer, seeking favor from both sides, he is an aggressive and uncompromising partisan who makes his appeal solely to the radical anti-monopoly sentiment of the state.

No democrat can read Mr. Shallenberger's opening address at Norfolk without feeling that his party

deserves to be congratulated on its champion. No true friend of reform, no earnest enemy of railroad rule, can read it, be he republican, populist or democrat, without a thrill of satisfaction that the banner of reform is in such resolute and worthy hands.—World Herald.

A Tariff Dilemma.

Iowa republicans will need to discriminate. In that state the republican factions are discussing the question whether the party has "cut loose from the president" by nominating Cummins who is not a stand pater. It does seem rather unfortunate for the Cummins faction to appear in that light, but they will have to lay the blame on President Roosevelt for deserting them, and now being on the wrong side of the tariff issue. But a much more important matter for the voters of Iowa to discover is how the republican candidates for congress stand on the tariff issue. Are they pledged to "stand pat" and refuse to revise the tariff—that is, carry out the agreement made between President Roosevelt and Cannon to a stand pat campaign? Or do any, or all, of those candidates for congress stand with Gov. Cummins, who has been for tariff revision? It would seem that the republican voters of Iowa, who believe that the tariff shelters trusts, will have to use great discrimination when they vote, and need to question their candidates for congress as to just where they stand on the tariff issue. To vote a straight republican ticket for congressman would be an endorsement of the "stand pat" agreement and be looked upon as a commander to put off tariff revision for an indefinite period.

The Republican Platform.

The Lincoln Star (rep.) objects to the republican platform and says that if it had been presented by mistake to the populist convention it would no doubt have been adopted. About the only thing in the platform which The Star approves is the tariff plank, and this is a plank which straddles the issue and says nothing. As one republican says of it, "The tariff plank is neither a standpat nor a revision plank." This straddle would indicate that the republican leaders are not quite sure of public sentiment on the tariff question, and like the fellow who prayed good

Lord and good devil, they have friends in both places, and were afraid to take a stand for fear they would guess wrong. On the issues on which they were certain as to public sentiment they swiped the democratic platform and have taken a stand. The plan of publishing the platform in advance of the convention was a sort of feeler to see if they dared adopt such a platform, and shows that the party leaders do not care what the platform is just so they can win on it. They have no principles and are willing to promise anything to win. On the other hand the democratic party stands for principle and has stood for it in defeat as well as victory. As long as the republican party is praying both to the Lord and the devil, how do we know which one they will turn us over to if they are elected. There is only one way to judge and that is by their past record, and this proves that they are certain to turn us over to the devil and the corporations.

Keep It Before the People.

Pollard, who was elected to fill the unexpired term of E. J. Burkett, who resigned, drew his salary from the date of the resignation, which was four months before the date of his election. He justifies his action by saying that the law allows it, and by the further statement that it has been the custom. Mr. Pollard was a little unfortunate. He found others had been guilty of a shady deal and he did the same thing, but he did it at the wrong time. He forgot that the public conscience is getting rather sensitive lately and is beginning to demand that actions of this kind be viewed from a standpoint of everyday honesty rather than by what "others have been doing." A little reflection would have shown Mr. Pollard that he was really no more entitled to that salary than Mr. Burkett was.

A NEGRO convention at Harper's Ferry, Va., recently inflicted upon the public some bothersome resolutions about complete social equality for the colored race. We should like to move that the minority of the colored people who hold such absurd ideas, and a few whites who encourage them, be placed on a desert island and given the privilege of solving the problem for themselves.