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DEMOCRATS, don't forget your ward primaries to-night to select delegates to the county convention next Wednesday.

Gov. CUMMINS, of Iowa, does not seem to be calling the sacred tariff schedules all sorts of robber baron names now, but is trying to conciliate the "stand-patters."

HENRY WATTESSON says that President Roosevelt is much too uncertain for any prudent man to gamble on. That's what the republican tariff revisionists now think.

SECRETARY SHAW says the democratic party has no principles. The trouble with that cold-blooded rooster is that his principles are so foolish that his own party won't stand for them.

THE Omaha News report that a man had died from eating a railroad ham sandwich. If there was such a thing as a man dying from a railroad handout, there wouldn't be a republican state official alive to tell the tale.

MR. BRYAN is well pleased with the nomination of Hearst for governor of New York. In an interview yesterday he said he wished Mr. Hearst success, and would do all in his power for the election of the great journalist.

THE republican railroad pill, with the Sheldon sugar-coating, may look good to those in the habit of taking medicine, but the after effect will be the same old griping when it comes to the assessment of the railroad property by the board of equalization.—Geneva Gazette.

THOSE delegates who went to Louisville yesterday with banners flying for Billy Weber for commissioner, returned with them trailing in the dust. He didn't suit the ring. The slate made by the ringsters in Plattsmouth was carried out this time to the very letter.

THE foreign trade of the United States in the twelve months ending with August amounted to \$3,013,817,633. The imports represented \$1,254,599,735, and the exports \$1,759,417,898. Both were the heaviest in the country's history. Uncle Sam is a great convenience both for those who want to buy and those who want to sell for cash.

THE Lincoln Star, the only daily paper at the state capital that pretends to tell the truth, complains about the supreme court adjourning without handing down a decision in some very important cases that have been hanging fire for some time. Among them the State Journal case in which the state and people are asking \$84,000 that rightly belongs somewhere among

DEMOCRACY stands for equal rights to all and special privileges to none. Its special mission is to enforce that doctrine. It has no quarrel with riches that are honestly earned, but it has, and ever will, if it is to live as a political party, frown upon corruption, enjoin grafting and make the corruptionists and grafters disgorge, if it is given the power and lives true to its fundamental principles.

ABOUT the strongest argument yet presented in support of a political revolution in Nebraska is found in the republican papers that are demanding reform. The republicans have been in control of affairs for the past six years and have suddenly arrived at the conclusion that the party needs reforming. The people believe the best way to bring about these reforms is through the democratic party, the only true reform party. Evidently there must be something very rotten on the inside when a party tries to reform itself.

our state funds. How can you expect a decision at this time with Norris Brown, the State Journal candidate for United States senator, as the attorney general for our state?

OVER in Indiana a teacher has been dismissed from his position for playing poker. Indiana doesn't seem to encourage a game which has furnished so many apt expressions for use in politics.

THOSE delegates who come to the convention Wednesday, and desire also to attend electrical parade in Omaha the same night, can leave Plattsmouth on a special train at 7 o'clock in the evening.

SENATOR W. A. CLARK, of Montana, couldn't attend his daughter's wedding in Des Moines, Iowa, so he telegraphed an order for \$10,000 as a nuptial gift. The bride was, therefore, delighted with his presents despite his absence.

DR. HALL was unable to down the Plattsmouth ring. They were too many for him this time and they downed him yesterday at the Louisville convention, of which they had full control. The ring was well organized against the doctor.

News from Hastings is to the effect that Ex-Senator Deitrich is sulking in his tent and will not give his active support to the republican ticket. Say, wouldn't that jar you? A ticket too bad for Deitrich ought to be as attractive as a limberger sandwich.

WHAT the people demand is common honesty in official place. Men who are not honest in their private affairs have no claim upon the public for political preferment. Men who attempt to deceive the people in order to get office, like the republican state candidates are doing, are not trustworthy when in office.

DOES it sound good to hear republicans howl reform and at the same time ask you to support such men as Searle, Eaton and Brien? What do the farmers of Cass county think of such fellows as Searle and Eaton who have been members of our state board of equalization? They have been railroad tools, as far as assessment has been concerned, and how can the people expect relief if this same outfit is elected again?

OVER in Iowa the railroads are fighting the re-election of Governor Cummins. You haven't heard of any railroad fight on George L. Sheldon, in Nebraska, have you? Nor the great pass distributor, "Buster" Brown, the republican candidate for United States senator? The railroads know when they have a good thing and they are letting well enough alone. Sheldon and Brown suit the railroads and they will pull every string possible to bring about their election. Norris Brown was raised on the railroad bottle since a suckling and he's not going to betray them now.

THE prohibition candidate for governor has challenged Mr. Shallenberger for a joint debate on the prohibition question. This is very likely a job put up on the democratic candidate by the republican schemers. It would probably be a very wise and proper thing for Mr. Shallenberger to accept the challenge, provided Mr. Sheldon be made a party to it and make it a three cornered discussion so that all parties may have a show. If the prohibitionist was honest in his challenge he would include Mr. Sheldon in it. Yet as Mr. Sheldon supported the county option bill in the last legislature and has often shown very strong prohibition inclinations, possibly the prohibitionists feel that they have him with them anyway and there is no need to have him further declare himself.

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Sheldon's Inheritance Tax.

Mr. Sheldon, republican candidate for governor, owes to himself to state his position on the inheritance tax law of Nebraska.

The report from his home county that the three hundred thousand-dollar estate, of which he is one the heirs, has thus far avoided paying the inheritance tax raises two questions:

Is he a tax-dodger?

Is he against the inheritance tax? If the facts reported from Cass county are correct this inheritance tax should have been paid over a year ago. The fact that it was not paid, and that Mr. Sheldon and his co-heirs have avoided probating the estate, raises the presumption that he and they are attempting to evade the law and avoid the payment.

Cass county is entitled to the payment, just as much as it is entitled to the payment of taxes which railroads are attempting to dodge.

Again, Mr. Sheldon should tell the people how he stands on the inheritance tax. It is one of the wisest and best laws ever put upon our statute books. It compels those who receive large inheritances to contribute a small fee to the common fund. The laws of civilized society make it possible for them to inherit and the same laws are justified in providing that a reasonable amount shall be paid to the government which makes inheritance possible.

It is certainly not too much to ask that the man who seeks to be governor of Nebraska should pay to Cass what he owes as his share of the inheritance tax on the great estate which, by act of law, was handed down from the father who had gathered it under the protection of law to the children who became the beneficiaries.

Mr. Sheldon's Promise.

In reply to the above from the Omaha World-Herald, Mr. Sheldon sends the following to the editor of that paper:

Nehawka, Neb., Sept. 26.—To the Editor of the World-Herald: My attention has been called to an article that appeared yesterday in the World-Herald, purporting to come from Plattsmouth, in which it is insinuated that the Sheldon heirs are endeavoring to evade the inheritance tax upon their father's estate.

It is absolutely false to assume that I do now, or ever have, desired to escape that tax. The senate journal for 1905, page 631, will show that I voted for the inheritance tax law, which passed the last legislature, and that, too, on March 3, two weeks after my father's death.

It has seemed undesirable to probate the estate up to the present time, on account of family reasons, but when it is probated the county will receive every cent it is entitled to under the law.

I hope and trust that you will give this the same prominence in your paper as you gave to the article above referred to. Very respectfully, GEO. L. SHELDON.

To which the World-Herald adds the following: "The above is rather late and not very satisfactory, but the promise will be welcome to the people of Cass county. In that the belief had evidently become general that the extraordinary delay in the probating of the Sheldon estate and in the payment of the inheritance tax could mean nothing but an attempt to dodge the tax. It is hard to imagine any family reasons why an estate should not be probated within two years. In fact, all family reasons would ordinarily hasten probation, but Mr. Sheldon's explanation is entitled to publicity."

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No Third Term.

It would divide and disintegrate the republican party, if President Roosevelt was nominated for a third term, for a majority of that party declared when the Conkling machine tried to nominate General Grant for a third term that to do so was to invite defeat. But laying aside the political results of overriding the unwritten law of the republic there is the personal matter of Mr. Roosevelt going back upon his expressed promise to the people not to be a candidate for a third term. It is well to remember just what he gave out to the public on the night of the election in 1904, when he said:

"I am deeply sensible of the honor done me by the American people in thus expressing their confidence in what I have done and have tried to do. I appreciate to the full the solemn responsibility this confidence imposes upon me, and I shall do all that in my power lies not to forfeit it. On the 4th day of March next I shall have served three and one-half years and this three and one-half years constitutes my first term. The wise custom which limits the president to two terms regards the substance, and not the form, and under no circumstances will I be a candidate for or accept another nomination."

This promise that "under no circumstances" would he be a candidate, was also a promise to the other ambitious men of the republican party that they could seek the nomination without his being in their way. Cannon, Taft, Fairbanks, Root, Cummins, took the president at his word and are more or less intent and trying to convince the republican voters that they would make the ideal candidate. It is impossible to believe that the president secretly cherishes the hope of a third term, and it is more impossible to imagine that he would commit such an act of perfidy as to throw his political associates overboard for the sake of his own ambition to accomplish what Washington refused and Grant was denied. A third term is therefore an issue that need not bother us at this time, but it is always well to remember that eternal vigilance on the part of the people is the price of liberty.

In their death struggle for more graft the State Journal and its echo, the Lincoln Evening News, continue their lying about Hon. A. C. Shallenberger, the democratic candidate for governor. The captain of the old hulk is grasping onto the guy ropes in the hopes of saving himself and his piratical crew. The rotten old shell has seen its best days feasting upon the peoples' grub, and its own party managers are viewing the Journal's grafting upon the taxpayers of Nebraska with alarm. Voters are getting tired of such acts as the Journal's \$85,000 graft, which that paper has been invited to return to the state treasury, where it properly belongs. The gang that has control of the State Journal have thrived so long upon graft furnished by the state officials without being discovered until recently, that they think they own the republican party, and state house thrown in. The democratic candidate for governor has a record which the Journal roustabouts have been unable to tarnish in the least, and they know that if he is elected governor their grafting will be cut off entirely in the future and that the \$85,000 they have already, will have to be returned to the state treasury, where it properly belongs. This is why the poor old Journal and its echo, the News, are just now engaged in lying so hard on Mr. Shallenberger.

Right in His Teeth.

The republican press of Nebraska has been painting George Sheldon as an angel with two harps, and at the same time trying to make it appear that A. C. Shallenberger is a railroad devil with two horns.

Mr. Shallenberger has been pictured as a professional railroad politician, and Sheldon as a professional fighter of railroads.

Well, the two candidates for governor got together on the same

platform the other day, down in Syracuse, in Otoe county. And something happened to Mr. Sheldon right then and there. Mr. Shallenberger called attention to the charge that he was a railroad man, and that Mr. Sheldon was a railroad fighter, and then he made the following open proposition to Sheldon:

I will agree to retire from the race for governor if I have used a railroad pass since Mr. Sheldon used one, provided he will agree to withdraw if it be shown that he has used a pass since I have.

Did Mr. Sheldon accept the challenge?

Not much.

He crawled, and did a poor job at it, too.

Here is a fair picture of the two men who are seeking the suffrages of the people in the present campaign. When nominated for governor, Mr. Shallenberger frankly admitted that he had used railroad passes in other years, but that some years ago he became convinced the pass business was a bad business, and that ever after he had refused to accept any such favors.

How different the conduct of Mr. Sheldon. Very recently he was a member of the Nebraska legislature, and he carried and used railroad passes during the session. Now he accepts a nomination for governor and permits the republican press to advertise him to the world as a man so clean that his pocket has never been polluted by a pass. He permitted his own party friends to shamefully lie about Mr. Shallenberger, hoping that he might receive benefit from the lying.

But he is cornered now. He must fish or cut bait. He must shoot or give up the gun. He must accept the challenge hurled in his teeth by Mr. Shallenberger or be branded as a fake reformer of the Norris Brown and Tige Harrison stripe.

The cowardly conduct of Mr. Sheldon is inspiring his own republican followers with disgust. The bold honesty of Mr. Shallenberger is filling his friends with new admiration for the man, and new hope for his success in the present campaign.

An excellent authority once said: "God hates a coward." The sage must have been thinking of Candidate Sheldon when he said it. Mr. Sheldon has played the part of a coward in this campaign. He has permitted his party friends to lie about Mr. Shallenberger, never raising a voice of protest. He has permitted his friends to brand Mr. Shallenberger as a "railroad tool," and, then, when face to face with his brave opponent, he dare not accept a challenge, the acceptance of which would compel his withdrawal from the gubernatorial contest in disgrace.—Fremont Herald.

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