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DON'T forget the Labor Day celebration. Monday, September 2.

THE Labor Day celebration promises to be one of the largest gatherings of people that ever assembled in Plattsmouth. Are you going to swell the crowd?

MANY farmers express themselves as being very much dissatisfied with the primary law, and for the reason that they do not fully understand it, is one reason why a small vote is expected in the rural voting places.

THE Pittsburgh Dispatch divides republicans into two classes, "trust-busters and trust-boomers." But what difference can it make in the end when they openly resolve to become unanimous before they permit results of any kind?

WITH the wheat, corn and oats crops estimated to aggregate four billions of bushels there will be no lack of something to eat in this country during the year, and somebody will have work to do in hauling it to the mouths into which it will disappear.

THE primary election is not far away. Republican candidates for county judge are putting in their best legs. From present appearances it will be a close race between the four candidates. The race for district clerk also promises to be quite interesting.

THE demand made by Texas in its suit against the Harvester Trust is for the modest sum of \$1,000,000. But a million in the hand may be worth more than \$29,400,000 expected to remain in the bush until after a final decision that may not be rendered until everything else is over, including the shouting.

THE democratic county central committee does not want to forget that a meeting in accordance with the primary election law, will be held in this city on Saturday, September 7, and that it is desirable that every member be present. An entire new committee is to be named and a new chairman and secretary elected by the new committee.

WHEN we consider that the clerk of the supreme court gets more clear money out of the job than the combined salaries of the judges of that court, the motive for the fight which Chairman Rose is making is apparent. Lee Herdman retired from that position rich, and purchased several business blocks in Omaha. Harry Lindsay has not held the job so long, but is getting very comfortably fixed.

THE Journal agrees with the Beatrice Sun in the following expressions: "Too much is being said about anti-railroad men in connection with the selection of supreme judges. The man who proclaims himself opposed to any great business interest is too narrow for a judge of the highest court in the state. The people demand fairness. We have echoed the demand made for a square deal, and that is all that we want. The man who has to run for a judicial position upon any hobby and especially prejudice, is not the man we want."

THE Old Settlers' Reunion at Union was a big success in every way. Saturday an enormous crowd was present. Many who were present say that it was the largest that ever attended these annual reunions. Everything passed off pleasantly, and good feeling reigned supreme throughout the day. Owing to pressing business matters and the printing of the primary election ballots the Journal was unable to have a representative present for the first time since assuming management of this paper. We are sorry but it could not be helped this time.

THE tenth amendment to the constitution of the United States would trouble President Roosevelt a good deal if he felt any solicitude regard for legal limitations of governmental power. However, it must worry a jurist like Judge Taft when he is confronted with plans for a compulsory national incorporation law. "The powers not delegated to the United States by the constitution nor prohibited by it to the states are reserved to the states respectively or to the people." That is the language of the amendment and that is the true spirit of political wisdom.

MR. TAFT, as the mirror and mouthpiece of an administration which would break down State lines and substitute Federal for State control of local institutions, is the last man in the republican party, except President Roosevelt himself, who could persuasively appeal to the south to relax its adherence to democracy and all that democracy stands for in defense of the right of every State to control its local and domestic affairs in its own way.

GOVERNOR SHELTON will be here to speak Labor Day. This announcement should be sufficient to draw a large crowd.

A VERY light vote is predicted at the primary September 3.

CONFIDENCE in Wall street is badly shaken, but the belief in the corn crop remains intact.

THE gentle consumer ought to find some guarantee for purity in the price he is required to pay for food.

EVERY citizen should boost the Labor Day celebration, and make it a big day for Plattsmouth. Let there be no kicking.

DANIEL'S comet, visible in the northeastern sky, travels at the rate of 50,000 miles a second. No speed regulations hold against celestial motors.

WALL STREET may conclude, after all, not to have a panic this year. It learns that the panic would not affect the West in the least, and would hurt only New York.

THE Chicago reformer who would make criminals be good by colonizing them in a garden to grow peaches and roses seems to forget that all our troubles began in a garden.

It seems that there are times when, instead of speaking even softly, a strenuous President may merely nod to his private secretary to say nothing and let someone saw the wood.

THE telegraphers' strike must soon end one way or another. The demand for telegraphic service is so great that it must be met. Either an agreement must be reached soon or the places of the strikers must be filled. This is not a strike that can hang fire indefinitely.

THE republican gang of office-seekers and office-holders around the capital are never satisfied, it would seem. They wanted the primary election law, and got it. It don't just exactly suit them, and now they don't want it. Well, really, it is a poor excuse of a law, containing a conglomeration of stuff that a Philadelphia lawyer can't figure out, let alone cheap-screws around Lincoln.

THE "trust magnates" who are said to be worrying because Attorney General Bonaparte continues to talk of sending several of them to jail for the sake of the example must be easily worried. Perhaps it would soothe them to read over the correspondence with "Dear Harriman" when he was showing his worth as well as his dearness by frying out monopoly fat to grease the wheels of republican reform.

THE country can rest assured that it can expect no help in tariff revision from the crowd which will likely control the next Republican convention. They are already organizing against any candidate, prospective or listed, who shows any sign of leaning toward honesty in dealing with the people. As that crowd furnishes the money to insure the purchase of the voters in the close states it is reasonably certain that no revisionist will be nominated by that party and that the democrats and republican revisionists will carry the next election if united in a sincere desire to relieve the oppression wrought by the indefensible tariff schedules of the Dingley law.

JUST how to keep the tariff at its present high water mark of piratical brigandage and at the same time fool the man who is being robbed daily into believing relief is in sight, will occupy the time of the platform jugglers of the Republican party for the next ten months. The cry for radical revision from heretofore staunch and loyal republicans in tariff schedules has caused more than one former platform maker for the "Grand Old Party" to sit up and take notice of a ghost that will not be laid by mere indefinite promises of future relief. It is impossible to longer appease victims of outrageously high prices for life's necessities by the hollow promise of a "revision of the tariff by friends of the tariff." This, the victim knows, is no relief for him and is made to quiet him during a campaign and catch his vote on election day. After that he will see he has been duped again, and again he must wait to have the disease cured by those interested in spreading it.

WILLIAM H. TAFT has delivered him self of the carefully prepared speech promised by his managers before he starts upon his tour around the globe. In it he speaks for all the world like a genuine reformer, and had it been delivered by a northern democrat at some political gathering it would have passed muster as a conservative democratic speech in many vital particulars. Taft is an abler man than his enemies wish to concede, and he thinks upon broader lines than his party is willing to admit. His spoken desire for imprisoning trust offenders, the income tax and tariff revision is most commendable, and if they had place or were even likely to have place in any republican platform he would be formidable as a candidate or nominee. But he reckons without his host if he imagines the American people will take him seriously as being representative of the officeholders who will compose the next republican convention and write the next republican national platform.

EVIDENTLY the primary election law is the worst bungled up law that was ever enacted by any legislature in any state in the union.

MR. TAFT upholds the policy of the national administration and also declares in favor of tariff reform. This is playing both ends of the political game with a vengeance.

HAVE you noticed lately that all speakers at public gatherings denounce the railroads and the trusts? Under what party did the trusts get their life and under what party are they fed by tariff tariff?

REPUBLICAN papers continue to prate of the cry for harvest hands from western states in order to bolster up the delusion that everybody is prosperous. This, notwithstanding the harvest has been over for some time.

AN Iowa woman has been granted a divorce from her husband because he requested his lady stenographer to change the buttons in his vest while he put on his collar. It doesn't take much sometimes to break the matrimonial hitch strap.

BELOW the hollow reverberation of the heavy guns of alleged Rooseveltian reform as Secretary Taft is unlimbered at various danger points along the front, there is a still, small echo from Illinois, where Speaker Cannon is standing just as pat as usual.

THE pure food inspectors are still after the grocers and others who violate the law. Pure food is necessary to health and all should strive to see that the law is properly enforced. How many of our grocers keep pure food as the law requires?

IF, as Foraker asserts, the Hepburn bill has greatly benefited the railroads by knocking out both passes and rebates, why in the name of common sense is he sounding his fire alarm again? Heretofore it has been supposed he would be perfectly satisfied if just that result were accomplished.

WHEN Senator Foraker says that he is in the Ohio fight to the finish, he defines his principle as opposition to humbug in reform. But then he hastens to add that if the republican party must have it he will show himself as good a republican as ever, by loyal acquiescence in all possible republican humbugs.

THE United States are now manufacturing and using paper at the rate of \$188,000,000 a year, an increase, according to late official estimates of about 50 per cent since 1900. It is an enormous industry, created chiefly by the increasing demand for newspapers and growing with it, as evidence of the increasing spread of public intelligence.

A DINGLEY organ explains with some verbosity the expedition with which the Dingley act was but through the special session of congress ten years ago. The real explanation is that the Dingley license to rob was paid for in advance with contributions to the republican slush fund, and the schedules were already written by the contributors before the session was called.

GOVERNOR SHELTON has wisely declined to appoint delegates to the convention called by the West End Business Men's association of St. Louis for the ostensible purpose of proposing amendments to the state and federal constitutions to bring into harmony the jurisdiction of the state and federal courts on certain questions. The governor thinks he scents a railroad scheme in the proposed convention, and the Journal thinks he is right about it, too.

IF what republican papers say of Judge Sedgwick is true, and if what Judge Pound says of Norris Brown is true, and if what the Lincoln Journal says of Judge Resse is true, then it is truly proper for the people of this state to rise up in a solid body and annihilate the whole hydra-headed bunch of republican court corruption. If what is charged and counter-charged is true, the whole bunch has been in collusion to defraud justice and have been making our courts a plaything and the people should look for relief in some other candidate for supreme judge.

WHEN President Roosevelt in Massachusetts assaulted "Laissez Faire" the day that Secretary Taft had assaulted it in Ohio, the fact that both used almost the same indignant language is a coincidence, suggesting that both failed contemporaneously to consult a reliable French dictionary and a reliable French history. Had they done so, they might have learned that in French and out of French "Laissez Faire, Laissez Passer" means not "Let it alone" if it is wrong, but stop doing it when there is no question that it is wrong. In French or English, it means: let us do our work, let us go about our business, stop holding us up on the highway, take your grip from our collars and your hands out of our pockets. And that makes a difference in French or English, in Ohio or Massachusetts, which is also the difference between reform in fact and promise to do something in the way of reform if it cannot be avoided.

A NEW paper trust has been organized. If it can be any more grasping than the old one it must have claws like a hayrake.

THE trouble with the plea which Leslie M. Shaw and statesmen of his stripe make in behalf of "sanity" is that by sanity they mean the Dingley tariff.

A WASHINGTON dispatch discusses the likelihood of putting lawless trust magnates in jail. Did the late Jules Verne ever conceive of anything more fanciful and grotesque than this?

THE joint speech of Roosevelt and Taft, delivered by Taft, is coming in for much comment, favorable and unfavorable. Indeed some of the New York papers intimate that it was nothing but a declamation.

THE Burlington railroad has been fined for working its telegraph operators overtime. In the meantime the telegraph companies are overworked because the operators will not work any of the time, and the patience of the public is, of course, overworked more than anything else.

COUNTY CLERK ROSENCRANS wishes to notify those concerned that all election boards throughout the county serving at the last general election will serve as election officers at the primary election to be held Tuesday, September 3, and they are expected to be at the polling places at the hours named to take charge of the same, without further notice.

AN editor by the name of Moores, down at Mound City, Mo., has "skipped by the light of the moon" with a handsome female typo of 22 summers, who worked in his office. He is nearly fifty years of age, and leaves behind him a wife and several children. We knew Moores, but never thought he was a man who would do such a guilty act. He should be apprehended and given a life sentence in the penitentiary.

Triumphant Democracy

There is patriotism, as well as altruism, in the wish expressed by William J. Bryan recently, that President Roosevelt would bite still bigger mouthfuls out of the democratic platform.

The republican party has substituted itself in power during the greater part of the last ten years by the nourishing diet of democratic policies. If it had not resorted to that inexhaustible source of life and strength it would have stumbled and fallen in the very first election after the passage of the outrageous Dingley tariff law. But before the next election came on the republicans took up the democratic policy of freeing Cuba, and diverted attention from the republican conspiracy to in-trench monopoly to a patriotic war.

Opportunity was thus given the republicans to modify their traditional but losing policy of treating the south as if it was not really an integral part of the United States. President McKinley greatly strengthened his party by adopting the democratic view that the south is as much entitled to consideration as any other part of the country. President Roosevelt, one of the shrewdest politicians in the country, has gone further on this line even than President McKinley did. By his courting of southern support, his frequent visits to the south and by acquiring a country home there he has acted upon democratic inspiration and put to sleep for the moment an issue which for thirty years conspicuously divided parties. But his sinister threat of obliterating state lines is never out of sight.

President Roosevelt's personal popularity as chief executive is wholly to those policies in which he has been guided by the Jeffersonian principle of equal rights to all, special privileges to none. Follow republican precedents he would today be sprawling in a quagmire of in-nocuous desuetude. By pressing measures long demanded by democrats he has become a vital force in the politics of the time.

But Mr. Bryan's desire to rebuild the government of this country in accordance with the plans of Thomas Jefferson can never be gratified by means of such an agent as President Roosevelt. The president's democracy is sporadic. It is resorted to only when necessary to carry him through a course on which he has resolved.

Like the old barn burners of the Van Buren democracy in New York, he would destroy the well-adjusted fabric of our government in order to rid it of nuisances and abuses that can be done away with by less heroic remedies. The democratic party makes acknowledgments to President Roosevelt for doing some of its work. But democracy can never be triumphant in this country, as it was under Jefferson, until it is led to victory by a real democrat like William Jennings Bryan.

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THE tariff should not be revised by either its friends or its enemies. It should be revised by the friends of the people of the United States.

HON. GEORGE L. LOOMIS, of Fremont, will speak in Plattsmouth on Labor Day. Mr. Loomis is a candidate for the democratic nomination for supreme judge, and one of the most brilliant men in Nebraska.

THE American Protective Tariff League has declared its opposition to the presidential candidacy of Secretary Taft. The tariff league is at least consistent when it objects to a republican running for president on the democratic platform.

THE strike of the telegraph operators shows but very slight change. Both sides are standing firm and neither has shown any sign of yielding.

EVIDENCES multiply that it is not a primrose path to nomination that lies before Mr. Secretary Taft, but a steep and rocky road picketed by bush-whackers.

It is not only a fight to the finish with the friends of Reese and Sedgwick in Lancaster county, but the party is all broke up, candidates for district judge and several other offices. The g. o. p. is simply split wide open in Lancaster county this year. And the Journal of Lincoln is to blame for the whole business, if reports are true.

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