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This is no longer a free country when men are arrested and fined "for being social."

Not even the most ardent supporters of Judge Reese denies his nepotism record. But republicans nowadays don't let little things like that bother them.

KANSAS has scored again. She boasts of the first snow in this latitude, with Trego county as the storm center.

OKLAHOMA is coming into the Union under the flag and also under the constitution, Big Stick or no Big Stick.

It is music to hear the busy workman's busy hammer. But 'tis discord when the knocker plies his nefarious trade.

The "anti-treat law" is being enforced in this city with a "vengeance." But it seems "vengeance" got knocked out in the "first round."

WITH compulsory voting introduced in Cuba and compulsory extraction of hookworms in Porto Rico, the next step in the progress of the compulsory idea may extend to the collection of \$29,240,000 fines—perhaps.

OKLAHOMA remains in the thoroughbred class, despite the national administration and the carpet-bag contingent. Fatty Taft didn't work wonders with that sarcastic smile of his while down in that country.

The official report of its vote to enter the Union, Oklahoma will send to Washington, will not be sent from Asia or Spanish America. This is the most important geographical point likely to develop in the history of the Roosevelt administration.

The returns show that Oklahoma is a democratic state, just as safely so as Kansas is a republican state, and no influence can permanently change the political complexion of either of them. Local issues may sway parties, but they will remain the same in the end.

SECRETARY TAFT will accumulate a considerable mileage bill before he gets back. In the interest of economy, it does seem that if they must have more of the spirit of Asiatic despotism than they have already in Washington, they might find cheaper ways of importing it.

The Nebraska City News says: "The Missouri Pacific railroad has got around to that point that they are in a swapping humor for transportation for advertising. It took them a long time to make up their minds to do this when other roads are paying cash therefor all of these months."

WHEN the returns from Oklahoma are all in there will be a three-fourths majority against the attempt of federal office-holders to prevent the expansion of the United States by applying the Philippine plan to the west. When American voters get an issue of this kind squared they will know what to do with their votes. Anyone who doubts it has only to count them.

The Weeping Water Herald and Republican will be consolidated and issued as one paper after October 1. The Herald name will be dropped and the old name Republican retained. F. E. Bricks is also retained as business manager, while the names of J. K. Keithley and George H. Olive will appear as proprietors. This is the making of a good, strong paper, and the only one in Weeping Water.

It may suit the campaign purposes of the republican national machine managers to prevent the issuance of the proclamation which announces the action of Oklahoma in lawfully entering the union. But no such action will "veto" the lawful and constitutional authority of the new state, as it has lawfully proclaimed its entrance to the union at the ballot box.

WE are in receipt of a pamphlet "From The Directors of the Standard Oil Company to its employees and Stockholders." In it the statement is made that "Not one paper in twenty will print the defense of the oil company." Measurably that is true. If Rockefeller will put down the price of oil so that the newspapers can have more light they might be able to see some virtue in the defense the oil companies are putting up. "And God said, let there be light, and there was light," but John D. is furnishing it at 20 cents per gallon, whereas it has been proven that it could be furnished at half that price and still make fortunes for the producers. John D. must reduce the price of oil before newspapers can see to print his defense.

A Political Forecast

It does not command the ability of a prophet to forecast the leading features of the next democratic national platform. It will begin with the declaration of Isador Raynor, that "there is no unwritten constitution of the republic." It will indict the Roosevelt administration for usurping powers which do not belong to the presidential office, and for interfering in the duties of the other two coordinate branches of the government.

It will contain a declaration for a tariff for revenue only. It will demand that the tariff be revised, not by its friends nor by its enemies, but by the friends of the people of this country.

Upon the question of dealing with the trusts, it will declare in no uncertain terms for their extermination.

It will declare for the old-fashioned doctrine of states' rights and rotation in office.

Honest and equitable regulation of the railroads and all public service corporations will be demanded. When upon investigation it is ascertained that freight rates are too high, it will demand that they be lowered. When upon investigation it is found that passenger fares are exorbitant, it will demand that they be regulated and made just and reasonable.

The democratic national platform will inveigh in no uncertain term against the extravagance of the republican administration in public affairs. It will demand a return to old-fashioned democratic efficiency and economy in every branch of the national government.

The democratic national convention, representative of the best thought and sentiment of the democratic party, will declare for a just measure of protection for both capital and labor. The democratic party is not an enemy of the non-accumulation of capital, and it is the friend and champion of the honest endeavors and purposes of labor.

The platform will denounce in unmeasured terms the policies of Theodore Roosevelt in attempting to control the politics of the country through a federal office-holding machine; it will indict William H. Taft as the federal office-holders' nominee, and pledge itself to the American people to restore the great office of the presidency to its old-time glory and dignity.

And the democratic national platform will not contain a declaration in favor of the government ownership of railroads, or of the government ownership of any other public service institution. The democratic party is not going to be drawn over to Socialism, which is as contrary to democratic principles as anarchy is on the one hand and republicanism on the other.

The democratic platform will not declare for the initiative and referendum and the imperative mandate; it has provided in the constitution of this republic for all of the initiative and referendum that is necessary.

The democratic national platform will be written as a conservative appeal for democratic votes, and for the votes of all those who believe in a conservative, honest, efficient and economical representative government. As it will oppose republicanism, so it will be free from Socialism. It will bear the stamp of the charter upon which the party was founded and mark the return to the era of sanity and commonsense. It will not be the work of either a demagogue or a selfish politician, but will represent the sentiment of the party which has always been strong in the hearts of the American people.

Upon that platform William Jennings Bryan will be nominated. Johnson of Minnesota, Harris of Kansas, Smith of Georgia, Culbertson of Texas, Chanler of New York, or some other strong democrat will be nominated for vice president. Mr. Bryan will recognize the platform as a command for his party. He will take it into the very heart of the enemy's country and pledge himself to the execution of every line and letter of it and from Maine to the Golden Gate, from the lakes to the Gulf of Mexico, there will be aroused in the hearts of the rank and file an enthusiasm for success which the office-holding brigade of the republican party will not be able to defeat. Political sanity and democracy will ride hand in hand to the greatest victory ever won for the constitution, for principle, for right and justice.

FOLLOWING we quote the historic words of President Grant, first given utterance July 25, 1875. They are as verile today as they were thirty-two years ago: "Let no guilty man escape if it can be avoided. Be especially vigilant, or instruct those engaged in the prosecutions to be, against those who insinuate that they have high influence to protect, or to protect them. No personal consideration should stand in the way of performing a public duty." How is it with the present "reform" chief executive? Evidently, to the contrary, he favors "Letting every guilty man escape," if he is a corporation or trust magnate.

WITH a million and a half people who have adopted a constitution establishing democratic institutions under a republican form of government, Oklahoma has voted itself into the union and run up the flag of the union to float forever over its rights as an American state. "Who will pull it down?"

THE strenuous rough rider butted into the Oklahoma contest and got butted out the first round.

KING Corn has Jack Frost bested this year again.

THE democratic ticket is one of the cleanest and best that was ever placed before the voters of Cass county.

WELLMAN has again postponed his trip to the north pole. The pole will probably remain right where it is until Wellman arrives.

THE candidate who will deliberately tell a lie about his opponent in order to gain a vote, is not worthy of the suffrages of the voters of Cass county.

If Oklahoma is shut out now democrats in the coming session of congress will certainly insist, in season and out of season, that the country know the reason why.

THE Oklahoma majority of 25,000 is still going higher and higher as the back districts continue to give their official opinions of the proper answer to the Big Stick as a political argument.

STARTLING headlines in the daily papers give nervous people awful shocks sometimes. Recently a metropolitan daily had this: "Refuses to Marry a Millionaire," and the shock it caused was only relieved when it was found to be a preacher and not a woman who had refused.

OMAHA public schools have tobogganed writing and pupils will now practice the only sensible method of writing plainly and rapidly, that has yet been tried. The slanting Spencerian plate for learners is the most elegant style and should never be put aside for other forms so long as people write with pen and pencil.

WHEN a candidate goes around over the county lying about his opponent, he should bear in mind that he may have an opportunity to prove his base falsehoods in the courts. He should have sense enough to know that his baseness would come to the ears of his opponent. It is poor business to electioneer by telling bare-faced lies.

THE Taft propaganda is still polling postmasters and other federal office-holders as to their fear of espousing any other man for the republican nomination for the presidency next year. With one accord they all declare for Taft, and that with an eye single to a reappointment in case he should happen to become chief executive.

JOHN C. SPRECHER, editor of the "Schuyler Free Lance," says he served in the legislature with Judge Loomis and "knows" he is a railroad tool. This is a bit of recklessness which Judge Loomis should give Sprecher a chance to prove. Although not of this paper's political faith, the Fremont candidate is too good a man to be talked about in this way.—Lincoln (Rep.) Star.

OMAHA BEE: "The Omaha Electric Light and Power company is making a special effort to give Omaha the best illuminations ever shown anywhere in the west," said F. A. Nash, president of the company. We are amply prepared to take care of an occasion like this and we want the people to know it. This company has recently increased the capacity of its plant in Omaha by the expenditure of \$265,000 and we are able to deliver plenty of light and cheap power and we are going to advertise that fact by showing people who visit what we can do. The new turbine engine of the power house is working in fine shape and will be able to carry the extra load which the festival will demand." [This is the company that will submit a proposition at the next meeting of the city council of Plattsmouth to furnish lights and power for this city. From the foregoing it appears to us a good company to tie up with if we desire the proper service.—ED. JOURNAL.]

Mathematics of Public Plunder.

As the meaning of the Standard Oil "denominator" is explained by Wesley H. Tilford, treasurer of the Standard Oil company, on the witness stand in New York, it is a full explanation of the first half of "plutocracy," mathematically systemized and operating with mathematical precision as a system of public plunder.

The explanation as it applies to the Standard Oil company applies equally to other combinations organized on the same plan for the same purposes.

The original Standard Oil company of Ohio, in which John D. Rockefeller held 256,854 out of 871,500 shares of stock, having been declared a conspiracy by the courts, the Standard Oil company of New Jersey was organized to succeed it, and as treasurer, Mr. Tilford "issued to Mr. Rockefeller the shares of that company in the fractional proportion of 256,854—972,500." The same thing was done in the case of twenty "subsidiary companies" operating in Missouri, Kentucky, Illinois, Texas and other states, some of them as alleged rivals of the Standard Oil company of New Jersey.

This mathematical process is not really too difficult for the mind of any well-drilled boy in the public schools. Supposing that Mr. Rockefeller had an interest of one-fourth in the original conspiracy he would have "four" as the

denominator for twenty or more conspiracies incorporated to succeed it. He would thus have held his same interest in all the subsequent conspiracies as in the original one. This in fact he does. His associates in the original conspiracy have their share with him in all its successors on the basis of the original Rockefeller denominator and their own enumerators.

This is the first half of the mathematics of the system of public plunder made possible by republican abuses of federal law and the federal taxing power intended to close the American market against competition. In the second half of the operation the privileged beneficiaries of abuses take the figures of the census population of each state and in all the states. They find already calculated for them the annual rate of increase. They have already used this in fixing the total involved by the denominator as the alleged amount of their investment. They fix this total not on investment or with any relation to investment, but on what they politely call "earning capacity"—that is, the average paying capacity per head of population.

Such calculations require no great powers of mind. The schoolboy of 16 who cannot make them is not fit to enter the high school. All they require for success is systemized opportunity for plundering the public. Does the public hope for the reform of such a system from partisans of policies which created it and whose future successes depend on the perpetuation of its principles?

To Increase Pensions

A movement is on foot all over the country to have congress pass a law making each and every Union soldier in the United States, who attains the age of 65 years eligible to a pension of \$20 per month. Since death has decimated the ranks of late years this is meeting with general favor. It is stated the law is so regulated that there will be practically no increase in the pensions as a whole to the government. The following communication is sent out to commander of posts all over the country. The movement originated in Iowa, and is a just one:

TO MY COMRADES OF THE CIVIL WAR: I request every veteran to carefully read the Iowa resolutions in order that he may fully understand the movement in which the G. A. R. is now engaged, and his own interest on the numerical strength of the G. A. R. as an organization and the furtherment of this movement. One important fact which every veteran should understand is that the success of this movement depends to a large extent on the fact that every veteran who is interested in the movement, though not a member of the G. A. R., is permitting his comrades to bear all the burden, which he himself should help to bear. This attitude in any of the various relations or duties of life never recommends itself to our sense of civic righteousness. The organization needs you, now perhaps more than ever, for we have reached a time in the history of the organization, when it becomes the duty of every veteran to break loose from the lethargy he has permitted to settle around him, give his application for membership to the first comrade of the G. A. R. he meets and thus help to make the organization a tower of strength, capable of looking after the interest of the veterans as fully and completely as possible.

W. H. HITTLE, Commander.
A. B. Kearney Post, No. 15, G. A. R.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1st. That the commander of this Post appoint a committee of three who shall, as early as possible, confer with the member of congress from this district as to the advisability of congress making such an amendment and report to this post the attitude of said member as to whether he will or will not favor an amendment of this character.

2nd. That each and every Post of the Grand Army of the Republic throughout the whole nation be requested to take a similar action.

3rd. That the Commander of this, and every Post which shall adopt these resolutions, appoint a comrade to collect 10 cents each from all veterans, whether members of the Post or not, who shall report and pay the amount collected to the Adjutant, who shall, after making a record of the amount, remit same to Lee Daken, Logan, Iowa.

4th. That all money so collected shall constitute a fund to pay the necessary expenses involved in prosecuting this movement to a successful issue.

5th. That the foregoing resolutions shall be known as the Iowa resolutions.
J. C. MILLMAN,
LEE DAKEN,
W. N. PALMER,
Committee.

Taken to the Poor Farm

By an order of the chairman of the board of county commissioners, Waldemar Boeck was today taken to the county farm, where he will make his home. Prof. Boeck has been sick in his rooms in the Drew building for some time and not able to care for himself, or with the means of securing medical attendance or a nurse. It was therefore deemed the better plan to take him where he can have the proper attention that he may have an opportunity to recover.

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