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DENVER, which received only four votes for the republican national convention, is left to wonder whether advertising really pays.

JAPAN has agreed verbally to the restriction of immigration to America, but declines to put the agreement in writing. Japan's word is doubtless as good as its bond, although both are at present quoted slightly below par.

A YOUNG man appeared at the paying teller's window at one of Plattsmouth banks the other day and wanted to cash a check. "I would like to get \$10 of it in gold," he said. "Say, can you get me one of those new gold pieces with the 'God Bless Our Home' left off."

SENATOR JEFFERSON DAVIS announces that after returning from his Arkansas holidays to Washington he will be "for the under dog in every dog fight." In connection with policies calculated to minimize dog fights both Arkansas and Washington, this will do for the holidays and after.

We would judge that now the officeholders will keep quiet on the third-term proposition. Their enthusiasm for Roosevelt, in the first place, only reached so far as the hope of a continuation in office in the event that Roosevelt would be elected to a third term. Now they will have to take chances with some other republican aspirant for the presidency.

In the remaining days of this week better selections of Christmas goods can be made and with better comfort than later. Bear this in mind for your own good, even if you have in you not enough of the Christmas spirit to relieve the clerks and salespeople of fatigue and worry in the day or two immediately preceding the holidays.

FOLLOWING the renewed renunciation of the third term from Washington, Governor Albert A. Cummins is announced from Iowa as a "full-fledged candidate." As a gubernatorial third-term, who is still making his record as the Diaz of Iowa, Governor Cummins has had liberal opportunities for becoming full-fledged in the readiness to take place of any other third-term, who renounces the Mexican idea.

ON deciding that they have no further trouble to expect from the third term, Governor Hughes and Speaker Cannon will still have their share of trouble mutually before they reach an understanding of which ought to stand first when they "stand pat" together. The still more serious question in Ohio is, who is to be telescoped when there is no possibility of both "favorite sons" keeping the right of way on a single track?

THE statement that Mr. Taft may leave the cabinet on his return may be "just a plain lie," as Mr. Cortelyou describes the report that he is about to retire because of sensitiveness. But if Mr. Taft is to spend his time stumping the country and lining up the federal officeholders in an attempt to dictate the presidential succession, he will convince those who are sensitive to the demands of political decency that he ought to retire.

THE enemies of Wm. J. Bryan are still knocking. They are composed of fellows who went over to the republicans in '96, and under the guise of democrats, cheered on by leading republicans, are kicking hard against Bryan. Show us one of these fellows, and we'll show you democrats only in name, who have voted the republican ticket since 1896, and assisted in perpetrating the fraud that cheated Mr. Bryan out of the presidency.

We can't understand why some of the rural democratic papers are "knocking" against Mayor Dahlman of Omaha. He is as loyal democrat as there is in Nebraska, and has done nothing to cause such slurs. We have enough to do in fighting republicans, instead of making campaign matter to be thrown into our teeth next fall. We are for Dahlman for governor, and don't care who knows it, and believe he is the man who can capture enough votes to elect him.

In addressing a recent meeting of farmers Senator Gore of Oklahoma employed the following gem of oratory and good sense. "I am in favor of placing farming implements on the free list, so that the American farmer can buy his implements as cheaply as the German peasant along the Rhine, the Russian serf along the Danube and the Mexican greaser along the Rio Grande. In my opinion the humblest American is as royal as a king and is entitled to more consideration at the hands of his government than all the strangers across the deep; than all the crowned heads that ever oppressed and plundered mankind." The Harvester trust has recently decided that the farmer were big money and could stand a moral advance in agricultural

implements. This may open the eyes of the western republican farmers, who have been voting blindly for tariff protection and paying more for the same farm machinery than Europeans do. Its so nice and patriotic to help the trust along in that way, you know.

AFTER meeting, organizing and discussing the situation, congress will adjourn and go home for the holidays, leaving a sensible country to relieve itself from republican depression by given itself holiday presents and in other ways, which require no confidence in republican relief.

THE unprecedented total of 1,298,000 immigrants in the year 1907 is used by the general commissioners of immigration as an advertisement for the "full dinner pail." The report, as now published, must have been held long in type. But, regardless of the delusive expectation that republican politics will fill dinner pails, the county still has room in it to allow millions more to be filled by those who undertake to fill them with the results of their own energies instead of republican promises.

WHEN at the age of 81 one of the active reformers of Indiana marries her husband, aged 80, for divorce, she states that he used a profane epithet in her presence. The unprintable word seems to be the one Vice President Fairbanks, who is not yet 80, has thus far refrained from using to relieve his feeling as they have been locally and nationally affected by the feminine Indiana uplift.

PERHAPS the Nebraska City News has it in for Mayor Dahlman because that gentleman has repeatedly remarked in public places that he detested a mit extended in the rear. And they do say that a \$10 or \$20 bill placed in the rear mit of the editor of the News makes a big difference with him in his actions toward the person placing it there. Maybe the editor of the News thinks he is a personage of great consequence, and a failure on the part of Mayor Dahlman to "recognize" him in his accustomed way has caused this aversion toward the Omaha Mayor. Jim Dahlman is able to stand all such, without any note.

AT Monongah, W. Va., last Friday, 400 men lost their lives by an explosion in a mine. Had a tornado swept any section of the country with such appalling results, the whole world would have stood aghast. The widest publicity would have been given every detail of the disaster. But the Monongah incident received scant notice except in the immediate locality of the wrecked mine. The country has become accustomed to reports of this kind, especially from West Virginia. The announcement that the death list of Friday's accident numbers 400 appears not to have created more than momentary interest. But the frequency with which there mine disasters occur in America should have the effect of awakening public concern rather than to occasion laxity of interest. The loss of nearly half a thousand lives in a single accident, following a series of similar disasters during the year, should at least prompt inquiry as to the culpability of mine owners, and an investigation as to whether the laws of the various states afford proper protection to the army of underground workmen. If the laws are ample for the provision of every safeguard to the miners, are the laws enforced? A national indifference to the useless sacrifice of life is not to be excused on the ground that the people have become accustomed to it.

AT EMANUEL HOSPITAL IN OMAHA

John A. Donelan, Formerly of Weeping Water, Undergoes Operation Today.

John A. Donelan, formerly of Weeping Water, where he has lived and been identified with the business interests of that thriving city, and where he has been in the banking business for a number of years, where he but a short time since disposed of his interests, moving to Lincoln, has been having trouble with appendicitis, from which he has been endeavoring to obtain relief, through medical treatment, without success, has at last decided to submit to an operation.

Under the advice of his physician, Dr. Rickard of Lincoln, who is a brother of Dr. Rickard of Weeping Water, the old family physician of the Donelans, Mr. Donelan went to Omaha where today he will have an operation performed for relief from the troubles which beset him in this direction. Mrs. A. W. White, Mrs. Donelan's mother, was a passenger to Omaha this morning where she goes to assist her daughter in the ordeal which comes, with more or less uncertainty as to the outcome of such an event. It is hoped that in this case Mr. Donelan will stand the operation well and that his recovery may be rapid and complete.

Basket Ball, Omaha vs. Plattsmouth Saturday.

PICKS DENVER AND ACCEPTS \$100,000

DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE VOTES TO TAKE ALL OF FUND THAT IS OFFERED.

Discussion is Lively—Several Members Look on Sum Offered as a Bribe—July 7 Selected as National Convention Date.

Washington, Dec. 13.—After deciding to hold the next Democratic national convention at Denver, Col., and fixing the date of the meeting for July 7, 1908, the Democratic national committee late Thursday entered upon a spirited debate on the propriety of accepting more of the \$100,000 offered by Denver for the convention than actually needed to pay the convention expenses in that city.

The opposition to the acceptance of the contribution took the form of a resolution by Representative Clayton of Alabama, declining money not actually needed for convention purposes, but after a long debate the resolution was laid on the table by a vote of 31 to 14.

Mr. Clayton, Representative John Sharp Williams of Mississippi and Gov. Hoke Smith of Georgia all spoke in favor of the passage of the resolution. Mr. Smith was especially emphatic in saying that the \$100,000 which had been offered to secure the Republican convention and refused by the Republican national committee had been offered to and was about to be accepted by the Democratic committee. He said the Republicans had turned down the offer because it was regarded as in the nature of a bribe and that Democrats, in view of that circumstance, could not afford to accept it. Mr. Williams spoke in similar vein, also did Mr. Clayton.

Taggart Says Money is Needed. Mr. Taggart advocated the acceptance of the \$100,000, saying it would be needed now even worse than money was needed in 1904, and that at that time it would have been practically impossible to have opened headquarters for Judge Parker if they had not had the extra money secured from St. Louis, where the convention was held.

Senator Stone of Missouri made a long speech in which he favored the acceptance of the money.

Mr. Clayton declared that the acceptance of this money would be in line with the very practices in campaign contributions that had been condemned by the committee.

In selecting the convention city on first ballot, Denver received 22 votes as against 17 for Louisville, five for Chicago and one for St. Paul. July 7 was selected after a very brief discussion.

The committee held two sessions during the day and adjourned finally at six o'clock.

Rejoicing in Denver. Denver, Col., Dec. 13.—C. M. Day, president of the Denver Convention league, held an impromptu reception in his office when the news of the selection of Denver as the convention city became public.

"It will be the greatest thing that ever happened for the west," he said. "People thought we were crazy when we went after the national conventions, but this news shows we knew our business. The city auditorium will be completed and ready for use by the end of April and the delegates to the convention and all visitors will be given a royal time."

Bryan is Well Pleased. Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 13.—When told of the date of the Democratic national convention, Mr. Bryan expressed his satisfaction, and said he believed the committee was wise in selecting a date following the Republican convention. He said that while he had taken no part in the canvas for the convention city, he was sure the delegates would find Denver a delightful place to meet in on the date decided upon.

WOMAN CALLED A FIREBUG. Ohio Temperance and Church Leader is Arrested.

Norwalk, O., Dec. 14.—Mrs. Martha A. Campbell, president of the Women's Christian Temperance union, superintendent of the Congregational Sunday school at Steubenville, and wife of a wealthy Greenfield township farmer, was arrested Friday in Sandusky on a secret indictment charging incendiarism.

The indictment charges that Mrs. Campbell burned a dwelling owned by Miss Loa Mather, a neighbor, in October. Miss Mather also has been indicted.

The fire insurance company asserts the women framed a plot by which Miss Mather was to take the insurance money to pay off the mortgage on her home, and on that condition Mrs. Campbell would buy the place. Both women are on bonds.

Murderer Sane But Saved from Death. St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 14.—Martin Paulsgrove, who murdered his sweetheart, Miss Mary Newman, because she would not consent to an immediate marriage, who was sentenced to hang and then committed to the insane asylum here, on order of Gov. Holt, has been declared sane by hospital authorities and Gov. Folk has granted his sentence to life imprisonment. He will be removed at once to the State Penitentiary at Jefferson City.

Special Blanket Sale

AT

Coates Dry Goods Co.

200 Pairs of Manufacturer's Blanket Samples

on sale at wholesale cost and less. We have just received from one of the largest wholesale dealers their complete line of Blanket Samples from the the lowest priced cotton to the highest priced all-wool from 50c a pair to \$1.00 a pair. We place them on sale without reservation at from 33 1-3 to 50 per cent discount from the regular retail price. If you are interested in Blankets to guard against the cold winter nights to come, this is your opportunity. Also two dozen

Home-Made Silkoline Comforts at Less than Cost

of the materials—only \$1.98. Made in Plattsmouth by the ladies of the Methodist and Christian churches. Best grade Silkoline, full rize, filled with nice, clean cotton—well made. If you don't believe it, ask the ladies.

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The Time and the Place!



A Holiday stock that is first in variety and quality and fairest in price. Our beautiful display of gifts meets all requirements from first to last. Every department is filled with fresh goods.



For gifts that are decidedly popular and pleasing see our line of Watches, Clocks, Rings, Chains, Fobs, Stick Pins, Cuff Buttons, Brooches, Cut Glass, Souvenir Spoons, Thimbles, Fountain Pen, Silverware and Novelties and many charming and appropriate gifts that cannot be here enumerated. A hearty welcome no matter whether you come to see or buy.



John W. Crabill,

C., B. & Q. Watch Inspector. Watchmaker and Jeweler.