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TOWNS along the Missouri and Platte rivers are going wet without the aid of an election.

WHAT'S the matter? The high waters have not yet been attributed to "the enemies of Mr. Taft."

WHY does Burkett want to push Governor Sheldon to the front for vice president? We can guess. Can't you?

AND it will not be necessary to throw out a few hundred contesting delegates in order to nominate William J. Bryan.

VIRGINIA and Kentucky have jumped right into the Bryan bandwagon with both feet. The same with New Mexico and Utah. Come on, boys.

GOVERNOR JOHNSON, as a presidential candidate has about come to the conclusion that he is not in it this year, and talks of withdrawing. We told you so.

THE czar of Russia is now having trouble about getting four new battle-ships. In more ways than one, the czars of Russia and the United States are a great deal alike.

"Ah, there boys," wires Earnest Pollard, "the enemy cannot truthfully say that we did not do anything in congress this year. We put the old time honored motto back on the coins."

THE Taft-Roosevelt combine has ceased worrying about getting a majority in the national convention. The trouble now is to keep the remainder of the delegates from walking out.

Keep it before the people of Cass county that Plattsmouth will have one of the greatest, grandest and most elaborate celebrations in the history of the county. Come and see for yourself.

THE iron hand still has its grip on the delegates to the Chicago convention. The committee is still throwing out those who are not pleasing to that august body. Who ever heard of such a procedure?

THERE was a gentleman in Plattsmouth last evening that wanted to bet that Taft would not be nominated in Chicago next week. He claims that the sports are betting all over the country on this proposition.

THERE are some democrats who admire President Roosevelt and might support him if he were again nominated and there are a number of republicans who would not support him under any circumstances, and would support Bryan in preference.

THE old fashioned greenbacker who argued that every man should be permitted to issue asset currency on the strength of his property ought to be pleased to see the republican administration adopt their currency plan and apply it to the banks.

THE proceeds of the national republican committee at Chicago have demonstrated one thing—that in a fair and square contest with brute force and the "big stick" eliminated, William H. Taft would not be the nominee of the republican party.

Two bands, thirty-five floats and a fine program at the park will be the day attractions in Plattsmouth on the Fourth of July, with an abundance of fireworks at night. You will have plenty to amuse you this year in Plattsmouth on the day we celebrate.

It is to be hoped that the Chicago convention will adopt Roosevelt's platform word for word. All that the democratic party needs is the realization on the part of the people that the republican bosses have actually got gall enough to stand for Roosevelt.

THE tariff commission and the currency commission, both created by the last congress, expect to occupy from four to eight years in making investigations, and formulating plans with regard to tariff reform and currency reform. How easily these men seem to think that the people can be fooled?

It is now thought that W. J. Bryan will be nominated by acclamation at Denver.

UNCLE JOE don't intend to quit the Chicago convention without a struggle. The other opponents of the Ohio Booby feel the same way.

SPEAKER CANNON says he will stick as long as anyone votes for him for the presidential nomination, adding, ominously, "The end is not yet." But Cannon has long been an inveterate smoker.

THERE will be no trouble to get people to come to Plattsmouth this year to celebrate, when they know we are going to have one of the most extensive celebrations ever held in the county. Some other towns may attempt to celebrate, but they can't near "come it" with the county seat this year.

DO YOU remember last year about the little button, "Pollard put it back?" Will the democratic brethren please polish up the buttons, change the name and wear them again this summer?—Nebraska City Press. He put it back, didn't he? Well, that was all that was necessary, and that was all that was required. Now, go soak your pate.

A FEW weeks since a lot of university cadets were eager to find some suitable point to enjoy a week's outing, and Nebraska City insisted on having them come to that city. They went, and some of them behaved so badly that the Nebraska City papers have not quit talking about the depredations committed by the university youths during their stay, and say they do not want them again.

We have not seen a record of the vote of our congressmen on the currency bill, but we do notice that Senator Burkett voted for the bill and Senator Brown against, and strange to relate, a really conscientious republican will endorse both senators. You watch the endorsements, and if both senators are not endorsed by the republicans for doing diametrically the opposite to each other, we'll eat our old last year's hat.

THAT \$15,000 is a very small fund to be compared with that \$5,000,000 which Mark Hanna fried out of the corporations to elect McKinley. Such small amounts are easily forgotten by the republican papers who are ashamed to acknowledge their party leaders who are composed of the only grafters and pap-suckers in the land. They should sweep their own doorway of the piles of political rubbish, before complaining of the very small amount in their neighbor's door yard. It is just as easy to be honest about the matter.

ANOTHER railroad in the hands of a receiver, more strikes, more factories shut down; the "big stick" at Washington, the "big stick" at Chicago; stock market shaky, money market tight; prosperity clubs and more threats against organization of capital; a billion dollar congress, and a treasury deficit; tariff revision "after the election" and high tariff now disquisitions on nature faking, spelling reform, astronomy, the strenuous life and efforts to suspend the constitution; plans for a summer vacation, a hunting trip to Africa and hundreds of thousands of men getting hungrier every minute—all of which is a kaleidoscopic view of "my policies" and their happy results.

THE New York Globe, (Rep.) in speaking of the administration of Roosevelt, says: "The administration of President Roosevelt is the most expensive this country has ever known during a time of peace. In every department of the government there has been an increase relatively larger than our increase in wealth and population. The President has been an industrious writer of state papers. He has bombarded congress with messages general and messages special. He has touched on almost every subject of mundane concern. Yet one looks in vain through the volumes of his writing to discover any more than perfunctory advice to keep expenditures down. He has been an adviser of new appropriations all along the line. No president in our history has shown a smaller development of the economy sense. He has many times shown extreme impatience when it was suggested that while a particular thing might be good, perhaps the government could not afford it. He has enlarged on how mean it was for an opulent country to tighten its purse-strings."

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The Nebraska City band has been engaged for the great celebration here on the Fourth of July.

JUDGE TRAVIS will deliver the Firemen's Memorial Day address in Nebraska City next Sunday.

Two bands will be here on the Fourth of July. Music till you can't rest. Come to Plattsmouth to celebrate.

AGAIN there is talk of Governor Sheldon for vice president. The Governor says such talk is not worrying him as much as it is some other people. We would presume not.

A FEW weeks ago the supporters of Taft would have us believe that the Ohio Booby had enough votes to nominate him on the first ballot. Now it is reported that he lacks several of performing this feat.

WHY speculate about the national republican platform? Like its predecessors, it will claim everything and promise everything. The time is long past since republican platforms were made for any other purpose than getting votes.

THOSE St. Louis republicans who intend to start an "endless chain" letter scheme to force Roosevelt into a third term may spare themselves the pains. If Theodore the First, had seen any chance of election, there are a number of more experienced political fixers who could turn the trick better than the St. Louis amateurs.

THE Fourth of July in Plattsmouth is looked forward to with great interest, and, under the present management it cannot help but be a howling success. The committees deserve great credit for the interest manifested in making the celebration one of the biggest affairs ever before held in Cass county. Make your arrangements to come to the county seat to celebrate.

WHY don't the Lincoln Star and other republican papers quote correctly, and not try to palm a clipping from the New York Times off on its readers as coming from a democratic source? The Times has never been anything other than a republican paper, and well does the Star know this fact. Why don't you clip something from the Louisville Courier-Journal, the way you did a few months since? The Courier-Journal don't sing to suit their purpose at the present time.

OH, shame on these democratic papers! Can't a few good fellows get together to write a platform in order to save the republican convention trouble, without somebody having a fit? Four years hence, it will be unnecessary to hold any republican convention, the trust magistrates and Wall street manipulations will meet and decide on a candidate and expect the voters to support whom they decide upon for president. Such a procedure would please the office-holding gang, if no others.

It is not alone in the ranks of democratic and independent voters that there exists a deep and abiding fear of and repulsion to Theodore Roosevelt and Theodore Roosevelt's policies. At least eighteen of the most prominent Republicans in the country, among whom are four former cabinet officers, are the same way of thinking. These eighteen have signed a memorial to the resolutions committee of the national republican convention, asking that body to write into the forthcoming platform a plank strongly declaring against any infringement on the constitutional prerogatives of the courts. This is without doubt, considering the eminent source from which it comes, the severest rebuff any president of the United States has ever received at the hands of the foremost men of his own party.

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## E. G. DOVEY & SON

Every Man, Woman and Child are Talking About the  
**4th in Plattsmouth!**

We hear it by letter and by 'phone. We hear them talk about it in our store. That is right! We want them to come to Plattsmouth and have a good time. Every merchant is helping to make it a day of pleasure to any one who comes. You will see them out among you, for they are a jolly good lot. They want you to have a celebration you will remember with pleasure for a long time to come. Our Shoe Department is turning out 4th of July Shoes now, and we have them in Whites, Tans and Blacks, and once in a while you buy a pair and when you go to pay for them we refuse the money. Why? Pop the question.

## E. G. DOVEY & SON

Rough Rider and the leadership of the great Nebraskan to roll up the votes in Nebraska. Every democrat has a duty to perform this year if he expects victory to perch upon our banner, and he should be getting in shape to perform that duty. The campaign in Nebraska isn't going to be anybody's Sunday school picnic and it isn't going to be anybody's cinch either. The opposition to the republican party in this state is bigger than it ever was, and with the nomination of the Big Booby of Ohio, hundreds of republicans will flock to the support of Mr. Bryan.

### Bryan Has 869 Votes.

The New York Herald, in its Monday's estimate of the democratic situation, places Mr. Bryan's probable strength in the Denver convention at 869 votes. Of these it classes 567 delegates as already elected and instructed, 145 as uninstructed but classed for Bryan, and 157 yet to be elected, probably for Bryan.

The Herald gives Johnson 22 votes, Gray 35 votes, and 82 votes doubtful. Virginia which holds its convention today is classed in the doubtful list.

The significance of the Herald's estimate is enhanced by the fact that the sympathies and efforts of that newspaper are frankly anti-Bryan. In making these figures it has simply allowed its honest newspaper duty to rise superior to its partisanship and desires, and has given the facts, impartially, as nearly as it could get them.

It takes 672 votes to nominate, under the two-thirds rule. The Herald's figure, it will be noticed, give Bryan almost 200 votes more than two-thirds of the convention, and less than 150 against him all told.

This impartial statement of the real situation sheds light on the purpose of New York World and other plutocratic newspapers, claiming to be "democratic" that still continue their fight, with vitriolic bitterness, against Bryan's nomination. Since there is not the slightest hope of defeating him at Denver it is plain that their effort is directed solely to weakening him in the campaign. Knowledge of the fact will rob them of whatever influence they once possessed among democrats.—Omaha World Herald.

Some very nice pictures of the Kansas City floods, are on exhibition at the windows of the Leonard building, taken by Carl Leonard, of Kansas City, and forwarded here, showing the flooded condition of portions of that place.

### Notice to Cass County Farmer's

The secret of curing hams and bacon lies in the use of Wright's Liquid Smoke. It's quicker, safer and gives better results than the old style method of using a wood fire. Sold by

**F. G. FRICKE & CO.,**

Druggists, Plattsmouth, Neb.

### BUSINESS FAILURES INCREASE

#### Bradstreet's Review for the Week Ending June 11, So States.

Bradstreet's says: "Weather, crop and trade reports display irregularity. It has been too wet and cool in the southwest and northwest for best retail and trade and crop developments, but east of the Mississippi river conditions have been better and more favorable reports come from the latter sections. In wholesale lines evidence of improvement in fall buying are seen, but purchasers are generally cautious, while sales for immediate shipment are confined to strictly filling-in requirements. Political and crop uncertainties seem likely to influence distant purchases for some time to come, and trade is hardly better than quiet to fair the country over."

"Business failures in the United States for the week ending June 11, number 253, which compares with 225 last week, 161 in the like week of 1907, 170 in 1906, 175 in 1905 and 181 in 1904. In Canada there were thirty business failures as against twenty-seven last week and twenty-two in the same week in 1907. "Wheat including flour, exports from the United States and Canada for the week ending June 11 aggregate 3,064,547 bushels, against 4,366,204 last week, 3,376,962 this week, last year and 3,400,314 in 1902. For the fifty weeks of the fiscal year exports are 195,315,568 bushels, against 164,321,994 in 1906 and 1907 and 240,687,762, in 1901 and 1902. Corn exports for the week are 126,338 bushels against 266,433 last week and 783,455 in 1907. For the fiscal year to date exports were 51,518,519 bushels against 69,532,535 in 1906 and 1907."

#### Farewell Reception

The Entre Nous club gave a farewell reception to their president, Mrs. Lizzie Pollard and her husband at the elegant home of A. F. Sturm last Friday evening; the invited guests being the relatives.

The evening was pleasantly spent in social conversation and games and refreshments were served. There were general expressions of regret in losing them from our community, and best wishes for their future prosperity.

Dr. Pollard leaves for his new home today.—Nehawka Register.

#### Send in Their Names

It is the intention of the Journal to notice the arrival and departure of all comers and goers, but occasionally we miss some very important personages, simply because those with whom they are visiting feel a delicacy in reporting the same to us. Now, we don't want anyone to feel backward about giving us the names of friends visiting them. Telephone the names to us.

#### Burkett Will Present Sheldon.

A special from Washington under date of June 12, says: "Senator Burkett of Nebraska called at the White house prior to leaving for Chicago today and in glowing terms sounded the praises of Governor Sheldon of his state, who, he said, would make a splendid vice presidential candidate on the republican ticket. He said he might nominate him, but had not fully made up his mind how far he would press his candidacy."

#### Hard to Swallow

An Otoe county farmer tells a story that is hard to swallow. He said his wife kept missing her young chickens and could not account for their disappearance. The mystery was finally accounted for when some of the family found that the big green-headed frogs in their pond were in the habit of coming out on dry land and swallowing the chicks, feathers and all. Now what do you think about that?

### A VERY PLEASANT GATHERING

#### Thirty Couples Trip the Light Fantastic at John Kaffenberger, Sr.

Saturday evening at the home of John Kaffenberger, sr., six miles west of Plattsmouth, thirty couples joined the Kaffenberger family in dancing the hours away. Music was furnished by a mandolin, violin and guitar. At midnight one of the Kaffenberger's famous three-course luncheon was served, consisting of everything in the line of good things to eat. Notwithstanding that most of the couples were specked with mud, everyone had an enjoyable time, and danced until late in the morning. Those present to enjoy the happy event were:

Mary Kehne, Louise Kehne, Martha Steppat, Anna Steppat, Margaret Weber, Emma Hirz, Lizzie Hirz, Nettie Meisinger, Mary Meisinger, Helen Horn, Minnie Stohman, Clara Parkening, Josephine Vallery, Luella Kaffenberger, Mabel Kaffenberger, Johnnie Kaffenberger, Louie Meisinger, Albert Meisinger, Nick Baumgart, Fred Baumgart, Loie Baumgart, Ed Baumgart, George Horn, Harry Horn, Cecil Thomas, Clare Thomas, Charley Miller, Phillip Hirz, Will Hirz, Fred Hirz, Fritz Haf-fyke, Harve Harger, Mr. and Mrs. Sol Adamson, Katie Kaffenberger, Maggie Kaffenberger, Mary Kaffenberger, Lena Hirz, Bertha Nolting, Mrs. Nicholas Todd, Frank Steppat, August Kehne, Willie Kehne, Gustav Heidaman, Fritz Procht, Max Vallery, Fritz Vallery, Clyde Adamson, Will Krugar, Otto Parkening, John Parkening, George Kaffenberger, Emil Meisinger, Frank Peterer, Fred Kaffenberger, Henry Heil, Mike Fischer, Richard Wollstein, Henry Nolting, Arnold Stohman, Henry Eorn and family, Will Vallery and family, Adam Stoehr and family, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hirz, Mr. and Mrs. Coon Vallery, Herman Gansmer and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Kaffenberger, sr., Mr. and Mrs. John Kaffenberger, jr., John Meisinger.

#### A Pleasant Birthday Party.

A jolly crowd of sixteen young people gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Roman, two miles south of town Saturday evening and surprised their daughter, Miss Helen. The occasion was in honor of her twentieth birthday anniversary. Music and games were enjoyed throughout the evening, after which a delicious two-course luncheon was served. The crowd presented Miss Roman with a beautiful ring, as a remembrance of the occasion. In the wee small hours of the morning the guests departed, declaring they had enjoyed a most delightful evening, wishing they might return to many more such happy occasions.