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All those who think the tariff question is settled say "Aye." The motion is lost.

Trusts have no souls. Hence they will never go to Hades and corner the coal there.

A baby was born in a Pullman car while it was being whisked through Kansas the other day. We shall expect to hear a lot more now about the wonderful productiveness of Kansas.

Alaska may not go to the Guggenheims after all. The discovery of new and fabulous gold deposits there may prompt either Mr. Rockefeller or J. P. Morgan to annex Alaska himself.

James Henry Stark of Boston, who has written a book setting forth that the tea party was a mob, that the signers of the Declaration of Independence were smugglers, that Franklin and Hancock were defaulters and Patrick Henry a ne'er-do-well, is just a wee bit too reactionary even for Massachusetts.

Parson Ludden, secretary of the state normal board must realize the fact that he is the most despised man in Nebraska today. And Treasurer Brian is at far behind him. The latter does not deny the fact that President Crabtree was asked to resign because he could not do the bidding of these intense Republicans.

The last issue of the "Nebraska Issue," the official journal of the prohibitionists, reaches the Journal desk this week with the front page surmounted with a half-tone of William J. Bryan. Shades of St. Jackson and all the departed Democratic saints! That the leader of the national Democracy should be paraded over the country as an apostle of prohibition.

If Hayward's nomination is down as part of the Burkett-Rosewater program (which is undoubtedly the case) Pollard had just as well hang up the riddle and bow, for they will never dance to his music. Hayward is also the administration candidate, and will have the united support of the Taft-Cannon-Aldrich crowd, let him in-surge to his heart's content. He will try to pull through by deceiving the voters.

All that is necessary for Democratic success next fall is a united party and the right kind of platform. The legislature last winter adopted the only measure that has been adopted in the way of temperance reform, now let the Republican party see if it can do anything in that direction. They had been in power for many years, previous to last year, and never advanced a step on any temperance legislation, always shunning the question.

Admiral Evans takes a pessimistic view of the future of the Panama canal. He sees but little revenue in prospect, and apparently he holds the view that, unless the canal be declared free to all navigation, it will succeed in attracting but a limited amount of shipping. He seems to be of the opinion that it cannot possibly charge a sufficient toll, at least during the early years of its operation, to pay the heavy fixing and operating charges.

Some men get the erroneous idea that the meaning of success is getting money and keeping it. But the man who gets even his millions and puts it out of circulation is not worth a copper to the world. Cities and towns were never built, orphanages established nor hospitals maintained by such an individual. The man that

is really and truly a success is he who can do the greatest service to mankind. A man without means, save a willing hand, a clear head and a kind heart is a distinct success in the highest sense.

## NOT FORGOTTEN.

Some of the Republican papers have undertaken to quote a few Democrats in this county stating they will support William Hayward if he makes the race for congress and are in great glee over the announcement. It might have been wise for them to add that some of the Democrats will support Mr. Hayward for personal reasons and some Republicans, but the rank and file of the Democrats will support Mr. McGuire and they will be joined by many Republicans, both in this and other counties in this district. Mr. Hayward is a very nice gentleman, but then the Democrats and the Republicans have not forgotten the little trick he attempted to turn into campaign thunder by the "attempted burning of a Republican banner at Lincoln" and charging it to the Democrats when it was shown that it was simply a Republican scheme to try and secure "thunder" for the campaign. Mr. Hayward should not put any dependence in the votes from Democrats in this district to ensure his election.—Nebraska City News.

## FACTS OVER WHICH TO PONDER.

The Record-Herald has had occasion to warn Republican leaders against indulging in futile and vaguely general defenses of the new tariff act, defenses that irritate and embitter without changing a single opinion. It has also reminded Washington of the wisdom of reckoning with facts and putting aside fictions and flattering unctious.

The revised discussion of the Payne-Aldrich style of tariff revision is eliciting some significant and candid comment which the administration and the congressional leaders cannot afford to dismiss lightly. Here, for example, is what a personal friend and strong supporter of Taft William R. Nelson, says about the accumulating evidence of "overwhelming opposition" to Cannonism and tariff boudonism in his thoroughly independent and influential paper, the Kansas City Star, a paper that reflects the sentiment of the intelligent and earnest citizenship of the southwest:

"Even those who have been best informed to public sentiment in the west—from the Alleghenies to the Pacific—would hardly have presumed that the Republican newspapers of this vast section would have been so decisively against the controlling order of things in the Republican party. When it is remembered in favor of Cannon and the new tariff law are influenced by federal appointments, the conclusion must be reached that, so far as newspaper reflect public sentiment, that sentiment is nearly unanimous.

"What is more, this feeling is not local nor sectional. It is nearly as strong in the east as in the west. In its broad application it means that the Republican party is suffering a revolt, from which there can be a recovery only through some striking alignment with the people.

"If a presidential election were to be held now there is probably only one Republican who could be elected, and he is out of the country and free from all responsibility for or connection with the tariff betrayal and the restriction of popular representation in congress."

These are the words of a trained and authoritative observer. They are impressive words of soberness and truth, and Washington needs nothing so much as the truth—the facts of the actual situation.

Let there be an end to ill-tempered and worse than unprofitable censuring of Republicans and independent who are dissatisfied with the tariff and with the house ways of doing—or not doing—business. The party of duty and wisdom is to face conditions as they are and devote Republican energies henceforth to the promotion of the policies which represent progress and embody constructive statesmanship. The "tide of revolt" cannot be stemmed by any other means; public sentiment cannot be changed in any other way.—Chicago Record-Herald.

## SINFUL CORPORATIONS.

It seems to take a long time for our lawmakers to understand that the proper method of dealing with a sinful corporation, a trust for example, that is violating law, is the same way that we deal with an individual: deprive them of the liberty which the law gives them. If a man violates the law, we put him in jail, deprive him of the liberty which he has as a citizen. If a corporation violates law, we undertake to fine it. The corporation resists the fine as long as it can, then pays it, charges it up to operating expenses, and in the end either the consumer of the goods sold by the corporation or the stockholders pay it. The proper thing to do—and it seems to take a long time for our solons to recognize it—is to put it in the hands of a receiver and run it in a legal way for the benefit of the whole people.

This, it is true, would deprive the stockholders of their profits, but it would wake them up to the necessity of putting honest men at the head. If the Standard Oil corporation be adjudged sinful by the supreme court of the United States, then the proper thing to do is to put it in the hands of a receiver and run it for the benefit of the whole people. The stockholders would then put honest men at the head. So with every sinful corporation. It is useless to fine them. They can't put the corporation in prison. All that is necessary to do is take away from it the rights and privileges which the law gave it in enacting the corporation law under which it is incorporated. If a railroad persists in sinfulness, deal with it as we do in the case of railroad bankruptcy: put it in the hands of a receiver. The stockholders will soon find honest men to manage it.—Wallace's Farmer.

The question of "help" is the great farming hindrance.

The Baltimore Sun thinks the express company trust carries things too far.

Man worries for fear he will not succeed, then fails because he worried.

According to Washington dispatches President Taft has lost a shirt. And he hasn't even that famous smile left.

Federal Judge Grosscup is going to take a trip to Africa. The moral atmosphere of the federal courts will be greatly improved if he stays there.

Senator Dolliver describes an insurgent as "a man who wants to hear the bill read before it is passed." Is it any wonder that official Washington frowns upon such fussy persons?

"The greater part of our prosperity depends on our protective tariff system," says Senator Smoot. This being so, the Nebraska farmers might as well cease worrying as to whether they have any crops or not.

Representative Martin of Colorado makes the charge that the government sale of 55,000 acres of fair lands in the Philippines was made to agents of the sugar trust, contrary to law. And the worst of this allegation is that it sounds plausible.

While we have always been a Republican, we can see no objection to the return of Congressman Maguire to Washington for another term. He has made a record that he need not be ashamed of, and several Republicans down here have intimated that

they may support him.—Peru Point-er.

While collecting Republican campaign funds in Ohio, Wade H. Ellis is still in possession of the retainers paid him by the government in the trust-busting cases from which he has been detached for political duty. The leaders of the party of great moral ideas cannot see any impropriety in hanging on to easy money like that.

Moses Kinkaid says he is not much worried regarding his re-election in the big Sixth district next fall. The Democrats will watch the counting of the votes in that district more closely next fall than they ever did before, and especially if the result is close on state officers as it was two years ago. Many are of the opinion that fraudulent counting of votes in that district was indulged in. It was several weeks before this district could be heard from, and the result on state candidates hinged on Kinkaid's district.

Bearing the head of George Washington, a new five-cent piece has been prepared at the United States mint in Philadelphia, and its adoption in place of the present five-cent piece is now being considered by the officials in Washington. During the lifetime of George Washington he refused to allow his likeness to appear upon a coin, declaring it to be a monarchical custom. If the new coin is adopted it will be the first in authorized circulation to bear the head of the father of his country.

Previous to his announcement as a candidate for congress, Will Hayward was a dyed-in-the-wool stand-patter—believed in Taft, Cannon, Aldrich and the whole standpat caboodle. As soon as he saw that it would be unpopular in Nebraska, he is advised by this triplet in Washington to change his course "for political effect." But will the voters be thus deceived? Not in the First district of Nebraska. Let him come out in the open—the people will not support a man who endeavors to deceive them.

The life of a newspaper man in Russia continues to be far from pleasant, according to a Moscow editor. The old censorship has been abolished, but the change has not been beneficial to newspaper proprietors. Matter which, under the old system, might be expunged by the czar before the paper was sold and without loss to the proprietor, may now be the means of forcing him to pay heavy fines or damages, and possibly causing his imprisonment. The newspapers in Russia are not very profitable, owing to the enormous proportion of the people who are illiterate. The largest paper in Moscow—a city of about 1 1/2 million population—does not have a circulation of much more than twenty thousand in the city and about as much more in the provinces.

Harper's Weekly has always been a staunch friend of the Republican party. But its gifted editor, George Harvey, who has been watching recent performances at Washington with eye and mind keen to grasp their significance, has reached the limit of patience and hope, and in a conspicuous place on the editorial page of a recent issue of his publication he prints the following: "The Republican party is busted. It hasn't a majority in the house and probably not in the senate. It cannot enact the Taft measures. Its fighting elements are irreconcilable. Both want to see the Democrats carry the next house and elect a lot of governors. Each proposes to really nominate its own candidate for president. This is official. Democrats, get wise—and busy." This is but another straw in advance of the forthcoming landslide.

Nebraska merchants are at last perfecting an organization which intends to work out plans to build up the smaller towns whose trade is urged constantly to go to the larger cities for their wants. It is known as the Federation of Nebraska Retailers and will hold its fourth meeting in Omaha March 8, 9 and 10, when some important steps are to be taken. Fred Diers of Madison is president and says without a doubt

the organization will be able to successfully counteract the influence of the cities to grab the trade and it will strengthen and build up the country towns through co-operation and legislation. Every merchant has been asked to mail questions to the secretary W. H. Avery of Tilden, Neb., and these will be opened at the Omaha meeting and answered by the experts on subjects referred to. Some men prominent in the movement in other states have been secured for the meeting and it is said from 1,500 to 2,000 Nebraska merchants will attend. This number demanding certain legislation or protesting against bills now and then framed to injure the country merchant, will be a power in the state, say the officers.

## THE TOADSTOOL TEST.

Mr. Hayward's declaration of his readiness to make the tariff conform to the pledges of the party "if" it does not do so now will afford a great deal of comfort to those who can be convinced that he can ever find out whether the bill is a fulfillment of the party promises.

If Mr. Hayward has in mind any definite plan for finding out whether the tariff does or does not fulfill the party pledge, he should have availed himself of it ere this. If he has no way of definitely determining this important question, his promise will remind one of the virtues of the recipe given for determining whether certain fungus some times gathered for food are mushrooms or toadstools. The recommendation is that the doubtful one shall eat it. If he lives it is a mushroom, but if he dies it is a toadstool.

It seems hardly possible that Mr. Hayward will ever be allowed to achieve a congressional nomination in this district without assuring the voters that the fungus which they are being invited by him to subsist upon is a mushroom and not a toadstool, and he must demonstrate that assurance by some method more comprehensible and satisfactory than mastication and digestion.—Lincoln Star.

## A PARTY ON TRIAL.

The Republican organization is on trial in New York state on charges of gross corruption. The revelations that have followed the accusations of bribery by one member of the state senate against another indicate that for years past the Republican majority in the legislature has been on the auction block, with legislation for sale to the highest bidder, and unblushing blackmail of corporations for the smothering of legislation, a profitable side line.

The investigation, which started as a personal matter between two members, Senators Allds and Conger, has developed into a state-wide scandal, involving men high in the councils of the party. Assemblyman Chanler, a Democrat, precipitated a panic by introducing a resolution providing for a thorough investigation of bribery charges and Governor Hughes has added fuel to the flame by appointing commissioners to uncover alleged wholesale grafting in the purchase and sale of the state forest preserves.

The Republican party, not alone in New York state but throughout the nation, is in a bad way. In the past few years so many of its leaders have been proven either corrupt or under the influence of interests inimical to the public welfare that the honest rank and file can have little confidence left in the organization. This is the natural result of years of unchecked power and of a theory of politics that bestows unwarranted and unfair advantages upon a few at the expense of the many. The house of cards is toppling. The reign of graft and plunder is nearly at an end and the people are about to come into their own.

## Took All His Money.

Often all a man earns goes to doctors or for medicines, to cure a Stomach, Liver or Kidney trouble that Dr. King's New Life Pills would quickly cure at slight cost. Best for Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Bilio-ness, Constipation, Jaundice, Malaria and Debility. 25c at F. G. Fricke & Co.

Charles Troop was a visitor yesterday afternoon in Omaha, going to that city on the afternoon train.

# LARAMIE & NORTH- WESTERN ROAD

## A Venture in Which Several Plattsmouth Citizens are Interested.

The following relates to a railroad in which a number of Plattsmouth people have stock and in which others are figuring on investing. The road has been represented here by William Nash of Denver, Col., who has been here for some months past working on the project. G. W. Robb of Denver was also here a few days since in connection with this project. Judge H. D. Travis recently returned from Denver where he looked into the condition of the road:

"John R. Kruse and Daniel Heitkotter of this city, have returned from Denver, where they attended the stockholders' meeting of the Denver, Laramie & Northwestern railroad. Both gentlemen are stockholders in this road and are very much interested in the progress being made. Mr. Kruse said last night:

"At the Denver meeting the capital stock authorized was increased to thirty million, a sum sufficient to build half way to Seattle, the objective point. Two hundred miles of road will be built this year, if possible, and this will take the rails into the Laramie plains country, and through, where those behind the road have ranch properties that are being improved by irrigation and which will be opened for settlement when the rails get that far.

"The road is now built as far as Greeley from Denver, fifty-six miles, and within a week or so regular train service will be operated between Denver and Greeley. The company now has eight locomotives and over 200 cars. The passenger traffic on the part of the road now being operated is paying operating expenses, and what freight is handled is profit. The company is going right along with the building. It has financial backing and assurances have been received that the bonds will be purchased just as rapidly as offered to the market. The two hundred miles to be constructed this year will place the end of track well north in Wyoming. The company has bought a considerable amount of right of way ahead of the construction and the building program will be carried on without delay."

But little has been said about this road in the past, it having begun actual construction without a great deal of preliminary advertising. It will provide Denver with a short line into the central and western Wyoming country, which that city does not have at present.

## A Perfect Cure.

Read the truth! Here is what the Plattsmouth News has to say for itself. Talk about startling promises to patrons! The News has every paper in Cass county certainly skinned to a frazzle when it comes to making claims. It's last night's issue contains the following startling and unusual statement:

## "READ THE DAILY NEWS

## PERFECT CURE. OF DRINK HABIT.

## IN THREE DAYS.

without hypodermic injections and a plain contract is given each patient." No other paper in Nebraska promises as much and probably no other paper in Nebraska will come as near delivering the goods. From what the patrons of the paper say, it will nearly cure you of anything. A three days treatment by the Daily News method according to testimonials will pretty near put one where he is cured of all the ills of life. Those out at Oak Hill have been cured of the drink and all other habits, also.

## Funeral of William Wohlfarth.

Despite the disagreeable weather of this morning there was quite a large number of friends of the late William Wohlfarth and his brother Christian and cousin William, assembled at the undertaking rooms of Michael Hild on south Sixth street to pay a last mark of respect to the departed.

No services were held at the undertaking rooms, the services being those of the St. Paul's Evangelical church at the cemetery. Rev. Steger delivering the address and administering the last service for the dead. There was a large number of good friends of deceased and his family following the remains to the grave. The pall bearers included Messrs. John Fight, John Bauer, H. M. Soenichsen, Henry Zuckeweller, Wm. Hassler and Jos. Fetzner.

An unfortunate error crept into the Journal account of the life of the late Mr. Wohlfarth yesterday when his age was given as 46 years when it should have been 56 years, the error being purely a typographical one.