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Why is a Republican platform?

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Mr. Parsons, of New York, says the Republican party must be "cleaned up." That is just what the Democrats intend to do with it.

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Senator Allds, of New York, has resigned under fire. Richard Achilees Ballinger and Uncle Joe Cannon should take the hint and make a regular A, B. C of it.

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We haven't seen Uncle Sam's official cook book, but we wish to say right here that it can't be worth much to Republican politicians if it doesn't tell how to serve up a dish of crow.

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A verdict by the congressional investigating committee whitewashing Ballinger would be another one of those misdirected efforts at "party solidarity" that has the opposition effect.

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Commander Peary explains that his work as an explorer is ended, and he will never again invade the Artic or the Antarctic circles. It took Mr. Peary almost a quarter of a century to find out that p-o-l-e spells trouble.

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Indiana Republicans are perplexed to find some way to indorse the tariff law and also indorse Senator Beveridge, who voted against it. It is feared the Indiana supply of glittering generalities is running very low.

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If we are to maintain our free institutions, if we are to preserve our liberties as a people, we must thresh out all public questions in the most effective way they can be threshed out, through the press, and stand by the man who is fearless and honest in his convictions, whether we agree with him or not.—Wallance's Farmer.

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One of the most important cases that has come before the supreme court since Chief Justice Tauney read the decision in the Dred Scot case, is that of the Standard Oil company. This gigantic concern took an appeal, it will be remembered, from the court which inflicted the $29,000,000 fine. Able lawyers on each side will represent the government and the oil magnates.

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The people of Lincoln may laugh now over the proposition to remove the capital. But "he who laughs last laughs best," and the citizens will wake up one of the fine mornings when they won't feel like laughing at all. They can't expect to retain the capital many years longer, anyway, and it would be just as well for the people to decide upon the location as near the center of the state as possible.

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It is really too bad that so good a man as Governor Harmon seems to be, judging from his record as chief executive of Ohio, should have the indorsement of two such political crooks as Charles F. Murphy and Roger Sullivan thrust upon him. With the memory of the Parker flasco as a horrible example of the fruits of the "friendship" of such factors, Governor Harmon may well pray to be delivered from his "friends."

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When you go to the polls tomorrow be sure that you vote for J. M. Roberts and Melchoir Soennichsen for members of the school board. They have served for two years, and have proved to be "the right men in the right place." They are really the only candidates for the school board, as Mesdames Thrasher and Chapman, who were nominated as Republican candidates, have both withdrawn, but their names appear on the ballot.

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The warm weather of March has thawed out the editor of the Plattsmouth Journal to such an extent that he is beginning to advocate the holding of a fourth of July celebration in his town. Nothing like keeping pace with the season.—Louisville Courier. Remember, Lee, that it is always best to begin in time when we desire a rip-roaring time like the people of Cass county enjoyed in Plattsmouth at the celebration two years ago. It takes time to prepare for such events.

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TAFT AND HIS FRIENDS.

President Taft has made up his mind that there is something in the old saying that one might as well be hanged for a sheep as a lamb. Therefore he has indorsed the candidacy of Senator Dick for re-election to the United States senate from Ohio.

Mr. Taft might strive for ages, and he could reveal himself no more truly and completely to the American people than he has in taking this public stand.

Mr. Taft is openly supporting Dick for reelection, and as openly opposing La Follette!

Volumes could say no more.

If there is a Republican in the country who is square and fearless, free from even the suspicion of taint, a sincere and earnest champion of good movement, an unrelenting foe of bad government, and of graft, and of oppression in all its forms, who is big of brain and big of heart, that Republican is Robert M. La Follette of Wisconsin.

And President Taft hates him and is doing his best to drive him from public life.

If there is a Republican in the country who is distinguished chiefly by his insignificance, his spinelessness, his sycophantic cringing to everything that is bad in politics and business, his utter lack of ideals and convictions; if there is a senator who rattles in his chair like a pea in a bushel basket, and who, by his inefficiency as much as by his faithlessness is a disgrace to his state and to his country—that Republican and that senator is Charles Dick of Ohio.

And President Taft is prostituting the dignity and power of his great office to plead for this man's re-election.

Think of it! The president of the United States taking Charles Dick under his wing!

The same president who scolds the newspapers and periodicals for unjustly criticising him, who complains that his motives are misunderstood and his actions distorted, and that he is "very, very discouraged!"

Mr. Taft is not the only man who is "evry, very discouraged." There are millions of others—and Mr. Taft is the cause of their discouragement.

There have been president and presidents. But never until now has there been a president who selected his enemies exclusively from among men like La Follette and Clapp and Bristow and Dolliver and Pinchot and Glavis, and who reserved all his eulogiums, all his powerful support, for friends like Aldrich and Cannon and Dick and Tawney and Ballinger and Apostle Smoot.—World-Herald.

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THE MAN WHO WAS BEATEN.

Messages from those who have undergone great tribulation, like the last words of the dying, usually carry weight. For this reason the man who was beaten in the Fourteenth Massachusetts congressional district is entitled to a sober hearing.

A change of 20,000 votes in sixteen months made such an impression upon him that he was filled with the zeal of a convert to bring others to repentance. "If the result shall serve to convince the Republican leaders at Washington," he says, "that something must be speedily accomplished in the way of lowering the cost of living I shall feel that my defeat has not been without value."

Not Republicans alone but Democrats also, and not the leaders at Washington exclusively, but the leaders at every seat of state and municipal government as well, should heed this remark by a man of experience. He has met the people recently. He knows some things of which other politicians are ignorant. The billows have rolled over him and he cries his warning from the depths.

The man who was beaten mentions only one thing as necessary to political salvation—a speedy reduction of the cost of living—but he was out of breath and the subject was too painful for him to enter into details. To amplify and apply his admonition is the duty and pleasure of the World.

If the cost of living is to be modified there must be retrenchment and reform in public expeditures; taxation must be reduced and equalized; monopolis, trust and combines must be broken up; justice must be made cheaper and speedier; privilege must be abolished; the crazy war spirit must be checked; the partnership between government and the money trust must come to an end; public officers must attend strictly to their duties and presidential shows and spectacles must be discontinued.

The man who was beaten has learned the lesson, but he applies it narrowly. It should be taken to heart by all political parties, by all who have ambition to lead and by all who are now under responsibility in the public service—New York World.

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John Bull heaved a great sigh of relief when the Back From Elba outfit pulled out of Cairo.

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Mr. Pinchot is in Copenhagen, but not for the purpose of submitting his proofs to the university.

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A New York fashion note says that crossover waists will be all the rage this season. And the men will continue to wear crossover suspenders.

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The packers are blaming the farmers for high prices. We know a few farmers around here who will be perfectly willing to trade their profits for the profits of the packers.

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The claim that the new tariff law is "the best ever put on the statute books," is a reminder that the statute book has had some exceedingly shabby jokes played on it in years gone by.

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Reports from Lincoln are to the effect that it is believed at headquarters that Mr. Pollard has about concluded that he is not "in it" for congress. But we would rather hear it from Ernest before we believe it.

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Clarence S. Darrow, the Chicago lawyer had an audience of about 4000 to hear him last Sunday in Lincoln. The W. C. T. U. tried to capture the meeting, but they lacked a good deal of doing it. Such actions on the part of the prohibition forces is not going to help their cause in the least. Darrow was not in the least mealy mouthed in what he said.

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The election in Lincoln next week will be the hottest one ever held in the capital city. Both "wets" and "drys" claim they will win and therefore some people are going to be badly fooled. The prohibitionists are working day and night for their cause while the "wets" are letting no grass grow under their feet. At a distance the result looks extremely doubtful.

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The late Justice David J. Brewer was "nearer the people" in at least one sense than any of his colleagues on the supreme bench. He frequently appeared in public and was outspoken in his comments on issues of the day. He chose to exercise his privilege as a citizen to express his views on matters of public interest and did not consider it at all incompatible with the dignity of his position to do so. And it may be said that most of Justice Brewer's views were such as to commend him to his countrymen. He was a strict constructionist of the constitution, and deplored all attempts to stretch it to fit the occasion. He preached the doctrine of individualism and was strongly opposed to paternalism and the imperialistic and military tendencies of recent administrations.

TALKATIVE TEDDY.

With keen chargrin the American people read the accounts of Mr. Roosevelt's ill-timed and indiscrete utterances at public gathering in honor of his nationality. It is true that Mr. Roosevelt speaks only as a private citizen of this country. But he has held he hghest official position within the gift of this nation, and naturally he would be regarded by foreigners as a typical representative of the American people. He had practically when talking to a Cairo audience in Egypt, no warrant to compromise his own country by officious assumption in criticising usages peculiar to the political conditions of that country, more than he would be if he had made the same comments as the diplomatic representative of the United States government.

It will be remembered that during the presidential campaign of 1888 the British ambassador then at Washington was so unfortunate as to have fastened upon him the writing of a private letter addressed to certain voting citizens of this country, in which communication he indicated a preference for the success of one of the leading candidates for the presidency. It is not unlikely that the writer expected the said letter would escape public notice. If so, he took unwarranted risk, and he deserved the disgrace which attached to him by the discovery. President Cleveland promptly dismissed him from the recognized diplomatic representatives at our seat of government, as persona non grata.

Mr. Roosevelt was a guest at Cairo, and every principle of propriety required him to hold his tongue from criticism of all public matters appertaining to that city. It would seem that all American visitors present ought to have felt a fever of shame burn the cheek while listening to the caustic strictures passed upon local institutions and usages by the representative American, in honor of whose nation the gathering was held.

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THE INSURGENT EAST.

The Chicago Tribune, the leading Republican newspaper of the middle west, which some months ago polled the Republican editors of the western states to ascertain their views on the Aldrich tariff law, has just made public the result of its more recent poll of eastern Republican editors on the same subject. The result shows that the eastern newspaper men of the Republican persuasion are, if anything, even more strongly opposed to the Aldrich tariff than their western brethren.

Seven hundred and seventy-one Republican editors in the states east of the Alleghenies answered the Tribune's questions. Of these 590 declared that they do not endorse the Aldrich law. Only 181 do endorse it. Six hundred and seventy assert that Cannon is not their choice for speaker, while 151 are willing to go on record in Uncle Joe's favor.

Perhaps the most astounding feature of the Tribune's poll is the fact that the opposition to the Aldrich tariff law is found to be stronger in "rock ribbed" New England than in any other section of the country. The west is no longer the seat of insurgency. The movement has spread to all the ponts of the compass. A very large percentage of Republican editors are against the tariff in New England than in the west. The Tribune's figures show 82.5 per cent of the New England Republican newspapers against the tariff as compared with 74 per cent in the middle states, 77.1 per cent in the west and 62.8 per cent in the south. The percentage for the country at large is 74.1 per cent, or practically three-fourths of the Republican press of the nation lined up against the policy of the administration in the matter of the tariff.

The press is a reflex of the people. It s not unreasonable to assume that the percentage of Republican newspapers recorded for and against the Aldrich tariff law is a fair representation of the attitude of the individual members of the Republican party on the same question. There is little reason to doubt that three-fourths of the Republican voters of the country are disgusted with the administration's tariff record. Recent events, such as the election in Massachusetts, where a Republican majority of 14,000 in a congressonal district has just been transformed into a Democratic majority of over 5,000, confirms this view.

And still, in the face of all these evidences of revolt, President Taft stubbornly continues to declare the Aldrich bill "the best tariff law ever made" and persists in lauding the men responsible for it Not until the November elections have made it too late, evidently, will the president and his advisers take heed of the great and growing dissatisfaction in their own party ranks, which has already been made so plain that he who runs may read.

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MORE OF THE OLD FRAUD.

It is a sad commentary on the outlook of the Republican party when its demoralized condition is attested by shameful relations of startling corruption in many prominent centers of the country, to which disgrace is added quarrels in the ranks of its leaders which threaten the disintegration of the party; when, to brace up the spirit of the despondent members, the chairman of the Republican national committee feels called upon to utter the assurances of hope ahead of the return of Roosevelt in these words: "Somewhere on the Nile there is a gentleman whose force throughout the country it is difficult to estimate and whose return to these shores will bring encouragement to all our hearts."

One man is supposed to possess the wonderful attributes, sufficient in power to cleanse the Republican party of its impurities, to heal dissensions, to restore harmony and revive confidence, so that the people will continue the party in control of the government. Despair not, ye anxious ones; Roosevelt will be your savior.

He must be a mighty man, who by the simple uplifting of his hand can expel the disorders which attach to the Republican party. And is Theodore Roosevelt such a wonderful prophet? There are not a few people who regard the confidence hitherto placed in the vaporings of Roosevelt as largely the cause of the really terrible conditions which exist today throughout the United States. They look upon him, as most responsible for fastening upon the country the vast monopolis known as trusts. He has preached more bogus sermons against the trusts than any other man, while at the very time he was personally and officially sanctioning the violation of solemn law in condensing and solidifying the trusts. Who but President Roosevelt gave his consent to the taking over of the vast property of the Tennessee Coal and Iron company by the United States Steel trust? Who chocked off his lawyer from prosecuting Paul Morton for officially paying rebates? Who is today in close touch with J. P. Morgan, the man who is heavily adding to his great fortune by creating new trusts and uniting old ones? These facts will be thrust in Roosevelt's face when he comes roaring to these shores with his old preachments.

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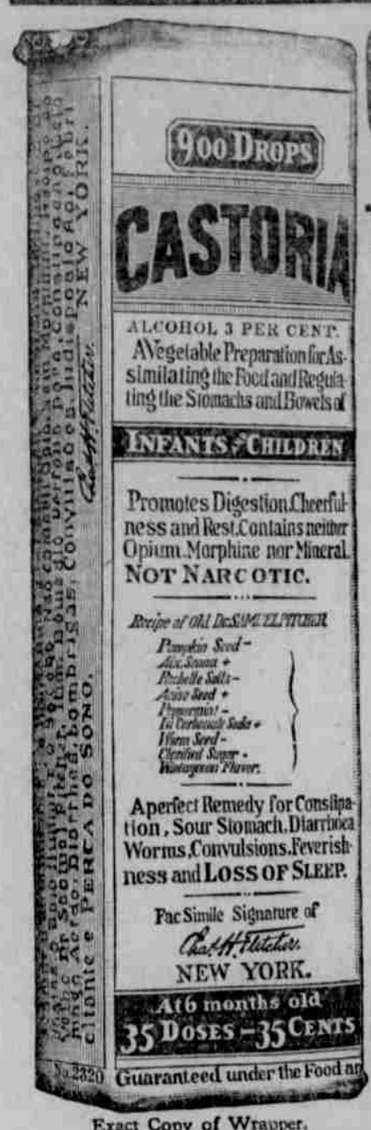

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From Tuesday's Daily.

The regular meeting of the board of county commissioners met at the court house today, a complete attendance being present, and the following business was transacted: A communication was received from the Plattsmouth Telephone company to the effect that the rates to be charged the county for their telephones would be raised in accordance with the new state law from $1.50 to $2.00 and a bill rendered accordingly. This bill was allowed on the understanding that the action of the commissioners would be subject to the decision in a similar test case in Gage county, wherein the telephone company refused to increase their rate

The recorder of deeds and the county sheriff both filed reports of the fees earned during the first quarter of the year 1910, and these were approved.

The bond of the Union State bank of Murdock for county deposits was filed and approved.

A communication was received from the city clerk, W. B. Elster, of the city of Plattsmouth to the effect that the city council had refused to pay for committments.

Notice was received of the road overseer for Dist. 10 serving notice on the Missouri Pacific's agent at Murray to repair the railroad crossing at that place.

The resignation of G. G. Meisinger from the office of deputy assessor was received and approved.

Upon petition a license was granted to Andrew Thomsen to run a saloon at Cedar Creek. The road district of Rock Bluffs precinct was slightly altered and the board adjourned till the next regular meeting on the 19th of this month.

Worse Than Bullets.

Bullets have often caused less suffering to soldiers than the eczema. L. W. Harriman, Burlington, Me., got in the army, and suffered with forty years. "Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured me when all else failed." he writes. Greatest healer for Sores, Ulcers, Boils, Burns, Cuts, Wounds, Bruises and Piles. 25 cents at F. G. Fricke & Co.

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H. W. Lloyd of Union is in the city today being registered at the Riley hotel.