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Has the commercial club ever thought about a Fourth of July celebration this year? Or, do they want our people to go elsewhere to celebrate and spend their money?

The southeast portion of the state should receive some recognition in the next convention, when it comes to selecting candidates. The Democrats of this section will demand fair treatment.

Is the commercial club doing its duty in an effort to secure a correct enumeration of the city? In fact, not only they, but everyone with an interest to the welfare of the city should assist in getting every man, woman, child and baby enrolled.

In the next Democratic state convention a little coterie of the self-styled leaders are not going to have everything their own way. That convention will be run by the delegates whom the masses of the party send there to represent them.

Some of those Lincoln fellows want Billy Hayward to change his tactics and run for governor. But don't you believe Mr. Hayward will do anything of the kind. His show for the Republican nomination for congress is a great deal better than being elected governor of Nebraska this year, and Billy knows it.

"A NATION OF MIKES."

Omaha Examiner: Suppose that the mayor of Omaha had a brother who was a member of a firm of attorneys. Suppose that that firm of attorneys was recognized and admitted to be counsel for a sinful and avaricious corporation. Suppose then that a member of the firm of attorneys was made city attorney to prosecute a case against the sinful corporation for which another member of the firm was the regular counsel. Does anyone imagine that anyone would have any confidence in the good faith of such a prosecution? If any man did repose faith in it would he not be open to suspicion as to his sanity? Would not steps be justified calculated to restrain him from joining the Kikes' club?

Yet that is just the condition as it exists between the president of the United States, his brother Henry, Attorney General Wickersham, the sugar trust and the confiding Uncle Sam, or the people of the United States. The shame of it all is exasperating to some, humiliating to all.

The president's brother Henry, is a member of a New York firm of attorneys. That firm is regular counsel for the sugar trust. The president selects a member of that firm his attorney general. His attorney general is the people's attorney general. The sugar trust, whose counsel he is, is a self-confessed thief. It is an habitual and defiant violator of the anti-trust laws, all of them. It is an international exploiter of the people of this country. Its thefts and spoils are measured in millions.

The people have instituted suits against the sugar trusts to prevent its further robberies of them and restrain it from further lawlessness. This whilom member of the firm of counsels of the sugar trust, the firm of which the president's brother is a member, is given the sole charge of the prosecution of the people's cases. What a hideous travesty on honest government! What a pitiable reflection upon the popular intelligence! What a shameful disproof of official honor! What a despicable and arrogant manifestation of official disregard of the popular wish and national interests!

A Colorado congressman is making a name for himself among honest

citizens who prize the national honor by pounding at congress with protests against these conditions and demands for an investigation. He contends that the attorney general has paid the sugar trust for his preference by further plundering the people in its behalf by aiding that organization of commercial banditti to unlawfully possess itself of large tracts of the people's land in the Philippine Islands.

The shame of it all is that his protests and his demands are uttered in vain. Congress closes its eyes to the damnable conditions and its ears to his pleadings for a remedy. And the robberies of the people by the potential and ruthless sugar trust go merrily on.

What shall we say to those deaf and dumb congressmen when they come home? Shall we exalt them and confidently place our interests in their custody? What shall we say about the unholy alliance in and out of the cabinet? Shall we turn the other cheek? What shall we say of the supine permission given the sugar trust to select its own counsel to represent an outraged people in its own prosecution? Shall we all become particeps criminis and join the Mike's club, resorting to a fake lawsuit instead of a fake horse race? How can anyone answer?

WHERE CANDOR WILL FIT.

No man has any right to expect serious consideration by the voters of Nebraska who seeks to secure an election to congress without first having made it plain to them just where he stands upon the question of the tariff. The declarations that have thus far been made by aspirants for such honors have been so meaningless as to suggest that they have been formulated for popular deception. It is non-sensical to imagine that those who have made these declarations are not able to give the public a better conception of what may be expected of them should they be elected.

He who will have a right to expect an election to congress in this state must have first told just where he stands in the matter of the tariff schedules as they effect the necessities of life. Observation suggests that he must favor a reduction of the schedules. Especially must he do so with relation to duties on commodities controlled by the great trusts. There must be no more fattening up of the sugar trust at the expense of the masses.

It is not probable that another national campaign will be fought out on any such a flimsy declaration as the one preceding the last election on the question of the tariff, so flimsy that it left room for the current discussion as to whether or not the new tariff law fulfills the promise then made. The next party platform will in all probability, if it declares for revision at all, which it undoubtedly will, declare for revision downward. That is what the masses undoubtedly want. They are entitled to it if they want it. They have tried the other plan a long time.

If they really do want revision downward, there is but one way to get it. That is to elect men to congress who are willing to pledge themselves to vote for revision downward. To elect men who have resorted to vague and uncertain declarations on the tariff, which may subsequently be construed, either for or against reduction, is to confirm the reputed opinion of P. T. Barnum that the American people like to be humbugged.

In any Nebraska district in which no candidate has come out with a flat footed declaration of his advocacy of tariff revision downward, and of removing the duties from commod-

ities controlled by the trusts, there is a fine field for the achievement of congressional ambitions by men who are willing to speak unequivocally a promise to obey the popular wish of voting, if elected, to reduce the duties upon the necessities of life.

One hardly needs the results in New York and Massachusetts as proofs of this fact. It is in the air. One discerns it in the comments he hears and reads upon the weather-vane declarations of the candidates now in the field in this state. People have been unable to discover in them any evidence of sincerity or any desire to deal honestly with the voters. —Lincoln Star, Rep.

THE NEW JUSTICE.

For the time being, at least, the appointment of Governor Hughes to a place on the supreme bench will be a popular one—perhaps the most popular act of President Taft to date, if not, indeed, his only popular act—and this despite the caustic and well-grounded criticism which the appointment has evoked from Mr. Bryan. Despite his record in the matters mentioned by Mr. Bryan, despite even his powerful and deadly assault on the income tax, Governor Hughes is looked on, even by most intelligent and well informed people, as a man of the progressive and studiously honest and fearless type.

The revision may come later. The entire result of long years of effort to curb the trusts is now pending in the supreme court, and according as the court decides the anti-trust laws will have life and vitality or will become only so much waste paper. In the latter event everything that has been achieved—and it has been discouragingly little—will be lost, and the long hard fight will have to be fought all over again, from the very beginning.

How will Governor Hughes vote, as a supreme justice, in the great trust cases? The commonly accepted view is that the court is now so evenly divided that the vote of the new justice may, and probably will, constitute the balance of power. In that event the new justice would virtually make the decision which means life or death to the anti-trust laws. And it would then follow that President Taft, in the appointment made Monday, had turned the balance for or against the government.

If Governor Hughes helps give vitality and power to the anti-trust laws, his appointment will continue popular. But if, by his vote, the laws should be stricken down, then the public will of a sudden remember that the sympathies of Charles Evans Hughes were always pro-corporation, that he had been an eminent corporation lawyer before he became suddenly famous in politics, and it will be impressed with the thought that President Taft must have been aware of the fact, and of the bent of Mr. Hughes' mind, before the appointment was decided on. And then the appointment would cease to be a popular one, reflecting credit on the administration.

Most people will not have forgotten, in this connection, how violent were Hughes, in the last campaign on the anti-trust plank of the Democratic platform. That plank, more and more, is impressing itself on thoughtful people as offering the eventual solution of the trust evil problem. But Governor Hughes was able to see in it nothing but unmitigated evil, and in his campaign speeches spent the most of his time in denouncing and ridiculing it. —World-Herald.

If the Democratic party still persists in being a party of the people, the people have a right to follow the leadership of any man just so long as the leadership of that man suits them but no farther. They have a right guaranteed them under the constitution of the United States, and they have the privilege of refusing to be led by any one man when he chooses to lead them into something they do not want. A Democrat is a Democrat, but he will not support a Democrat when he attempts to lead them from the paths of what the masses of the party think right and just. And when that leader's views on public matters do not suit them they

are bound to rebel. In this land of the free, and with this God given right, they will exercise this privilege.

The Republican party in Nebraska seems to be more interested in the race between Governor Shallenberger and Mayor Dahlman than they are in their own candidates for governor. Why is this thus?

This paper is not looking for so much disaffection between the stand-patters and insurgents when the time comes around to vote. So if there are any Democrats in Nebraska who expect to be candidates on "a sure thing" idea we would advise them to wait until after congress adjourns. There may be a reaction on the part of the two Republican factions by that time.

The property owners and others interested in Lincoln are not treating the capital removal matter so much as a joke as they were several months since. The capital should go to the geographical center of the state, and those towns that strive for its location, should make up their minds to this effect. It will never be removed as long as they jar over the location. A scramble is all that Lincoln hopes for, to save its removal.

The Nebraska City Press is counting on Bill Hayward's nomination and election without any ifs and ands about it. But we want the Press to understand that if his favorite is nominated, he must go before the people on his past record on Joe Cannonism, the tariff and standpatism. His record previous to his candidacy for congress, was quite different than he is now trying to make it. The people of the First district would not have supported Pollard on his past record, and neither will they support Bill Hayward for the same reason. Billy saw "the handwriting on the wall," and he changed all of a sudden in trying to get right with the people.

THE TRIUMPHANT SPOILERS.

Kansas City Times, Rep: The men who had the courage to side with the people against the Morgan-Guggenheim interests that are trying to grab the natural resources of Alaska are fast being weeded out of the public service.

First, the lobbyists were boasting that they would "get" Secretary Garfield—and they did. Garfield has proved a great obstacle to the spoilers. Then Glavis, who saved the nation coal land valued by its prospective purchasers at \$25,000,000, was removed from office. The next to be sacrificed was Pinchot, the founder of the conservation movement in the United States. Saturday the president nominated a successor to Mr. H. M. Hoyt, the efficient attorney general of Porto Rico, whose offense consisted of joining with Glavis in an attempt to foil the looters of the public domain.

When Ballinger refused to pass on the Cunningham claims, on the ground that he had acted as attorney for the claimants, and turned them over to his subordinates, men with their "ears to the ground"—as was remarked by one of them—Glavis sought to save this valuable property by an appeal to the attorney general of the United States. In taking this rash step of insubordination the young land office agent felt the need of counsel and so appealed to Hoyt, who has been a great government prosecutor in the northwest under Roosevelt and had been promoted to the attorney generalship of Porto Rico. Hoyt realized so keenly the danger to the country and the administration that he went personally to Mr. Wickersham and obtained the ruling that saved the coal lands.

But because he refused to join with the administration in the whitewashing of Ballinger before the investigating committee and insisted on telling the truth, he is now out of the government service. Doubtless, the director of the reclamation service, Mr. Newell, and its chief engineer, Mr. Davis, will soon follow.

In these days of an "easy" president and unscrupulous and aggressive advisers, it takes nerve to stand against special privilege.

MIXED POETRY

January and February have passed through,
And the pleasant month of March too.
But April, with its dusty showers,
It's end so close can cut it by hours.
And May is coming soon,
Followed by the month of June.
Some do say that one day in May
We will all see a very discouraging day.
We hope that all prophets fail
In saying we'll be dashed with Halley's comet's tail.
It certainly is our earnest desire
That our end shall not be in a monstrous fire.
But we will leave it as it is
And will say something that may not come amiss.
'Tis very true, we all know
That in a city they have much to show.
When you go to the city, go only for pleasure.
Trade at home to benefit your own treasure.
In a town there is always a throng,
But divided; some for right and some for wrong.
Try and exterminate the obnoxious weed
And thereby "See Plattsmouth Succeed."
A few words more and we are through
'Tis for the benefit for you, you and you.
We have Furniture, Carpets and Rugs, galore
Please remember you are all welcome at our store.

Michael Hild Plattsmouth, Nebraska

UNION Ledger

James Banning and wife of Nehawka, are the proud parents of a big boy, born Sunday evening. Congratulations, Jim.

Word comes from St. Aubert, Mo., that H. R. Lessel and wife are the parents of a fine new daughter which registered at their home April 23d.

Chas. Ratliff is nursing his right for on account of having cut it last week while trimming up posts. He says it is no fun to be a cripple.

Mrs. W. H. Mark was in Nehawka Monday and Tuesday to visit with Mrs. Charles Ebmisten, who has been dangerously ill, but is somewhat improved.

L. R. Russell, the insurance man, of Nebraska City, and R. F. Westhoff, of Lincoln, were in town last Saturday evening, having been to Kenosha to settle with A. J. McNatt for his loss in the recent fire.

Dr. R. L. Newell has branched out considerably of late in his dental business, and on Tuesday he made a trip to Murray, and today he is at Nehawka, which towns he is to visit regularly.

Mrs. John Miller and family of Elmwood were in this village last Sunday visiting D. B. Lake and wife. They were returning home with the remains of M. Miller who died in a hospital in Omaha Saturday evening.

James McClurg of Denver, Colo., and Miss Bessie Scaggs, of Omaha, visited several days last week in this village with their cousin, Mrs. W. A. Taylor. They will be remembered as Jim and Bessie McClurg, and their many friends were glad to see them.

Cards were received here the first of the week announcing the marriage of Miss Luella Taylor to Isaac Woodruff, the event taking place at Colling, California, April 9th. The bride is a daughter of Mrs. Barbara Taylor, and is well known here, and has a host of friends who extend congratulations.

Don't Forget the Date.

The Jolly Six Dancing club will give its fifth ball on next Saturday night, May 7th, at Coates' hall. The public is invited to attend and enjoy a fine social evening. Since the inauguration of these dances by this hustling young club, there has been a number of mighty nice dances given and all have been thoroughly enjoyed by the public. The club aims to please and amuse and it has succeeded excellently in the past. It always has good music, the M. W. A. orchestra being secured whenever practicable and that being a guarantee of just the right kind of music for dancing. The officials of the club are popular young men who have had much experience in handling dances and understand the details of such affairs. They always want to give the public a satisfactory time and have invariably succeeded in the past which is a pretty sure sign that they will succeed in the future. Don't fail to attend this dance if you want a good time and a pleasant evening. Remember the time, Saturday, May 7th, and the place—Coates' hall.

Waterman Promoted.

The many friends of J. H. Waterman at present storekeeper for the Burlington at Lincoln, and for many years a resident of this city, will be glad to learn that he has just been appointed as superintendent of timber preservation for that road with headquarters at Galesburg, Ill. J. H. Ellis storekeeper at Havelock is make storekeeper at Lincoln. Mr. Waterman is an old employe of the Burlington, having been connected with the store department of the road for many years and he is one of its most faithful employes.

Light Brahma Eggs for Sale

Light Brahma eggs for setting at 50c per setting. Also large Toulouse geese eggs. Leave orders at Dovey's store or call Mrs. Wm. Gilmore.



The above cut represents an exhibition of the test applied to a C. B. S. Buggy and Wagon Pole, on February 12, 1910, at Gothenburg, Neb.

The men shown in the cut are: (1) C. B. Schleicher, President and General Manager of the C. B. S. Pole Company; (2) E. A. Calling, a wealthy stockman of Gothenburg; (3) John Ralston, the well known commission man of South Omaha; (4) T. T. Marcott, Vice-President of the company and retired stockman of Brady, Neb.; (5) G. Shostrom, member of Shostrom & Blix, implement and wagon dealers, Gothenburg, Neb. The combined weight of these men was in excess of 600 pounds.

Just as the lion is the king of beasts, the eagle the king of birds, so is the C. B. S. pole and neckyoke the king of all poles and neckyokes.

The neckyokes are on sale in Plattsmouth by all implement dealers and the buggy and wagon pole is for sale by E. Manspeker. Call on them.