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Burkett is among the forty-five senators who have entered into an iron-clad agreement to "sink or swim" with Aldrich, and bubbles are already marking the spot where he went under.

A joke's a joke, but when Mr. Taft publicly introduces his wife to an audience as "the real president of the United States," Senator Aldrich has a right to feel that the fun is being carried to far.

That Scranton, Pa., man who professes to be able to transmute base metals into silver and gold might try and see if he can turn Republican platform pledges into accomplished facts. One would be as marvelous as the other.

Plattsmouth was the poorest decorated yesterday ever before in the history of the town. In fact, there were but one or two business houses that even made the attempt at decorating. It devoted a lack of interest for what the day is intended. Shame!

There is talk of doing away with Decoration Day proper and converting Sunday (Memorial day) and Decoration day into one, using the forenoon for decorating the graves and the afternoon for Memorial services. This is to be done to keep down the desecrations of the event. It is a good move.

Champ Clark, Democratic leader of the house, puts a fair challenge squarely up to President Taft. In his speeches the president has admitted that the tariff on woolen goods should be reduced, but pleads that such a reform cannot be undertaken without opening up the whole question of tariff revision again. The minority leader answers this specious plea by telling the president to send a special message to congress demanding a reduction in the woolen schedule, and if Chairman Payne will report the bill the Democrats will offer no amendments. If Mr. Taft sincerely desires to give the American people cheaper clothing at once, here is his opportunity. Will he take advantage of it?

The cause for the coldness of the county optionists towards the Aldrich gubernatorial boom is not far to seek. While Aldrich was in the senate he was depended upon by the opponents of county option to hinder the measure, and he did so. He also voted against it. Another ground of opposition is that Aldrich is the preferred candidate of the Poulson anti-saloon league. There is no love lost between the county optionists and the so-called anti-saloon league. So far as any one has been able to discover the activities of the anti-saloon league are confined to taking up collections for the payment of official salaries. Poulson, the head of the organization, was imported from Ohio and this does not set well with the temperance leaders of the state. And since he came here a few months ago the only meeting of the anti-saloon league held was the one which confined its work to increasing the Poulson salary from \$1,800 to \$2,500 a year.

The G. O. P. organs are always talking about the governor's many trips out into the state. The governor, however, goes merely because he is invited by his constituents, and always on what he deems business of public importance. He acts on the presumption that as governor the people are entitled to his services and to his presence on occasions of public interest. The G. O. P. organs, however, are very careful never to mention some of the trips of the other state officials. Recently Secretary of State Junkin spent an

entire week on his farm in Gosper county looking after private matters. While there he spent an hour or two at the request of Commissioner Cowles, looking up the appraisal on a certain piece of state school land not far from his own farm. Returning to Lincoln he then charged up the expenses of the entire trip to the state. This fact has not been mentioned by either the Bee or the State Journal.

CAST OF AN APPROPRIATION.

A wholesale grocer at Lincoln recently paid 72 cents a hundred for the freight bill on a carload of rope from San Francisco, says the Sioux City Tribune:

The railroad explained that 60 cents of that was the rate to Council Bluffs and the other 12 cents was the rate from Council Bluffs to Lincoln.

"But," said the Lincoln jobber, "you didn't haul the car to Council Bluffs at all. You hauled it direct to Lincoln, which is sixty miles by rail west of Council Bluffs. You are charging me at a high rate for 120 miles of haul that you didn't make." But the argument was useless. The Lincoln jobber paid the 72 cents per 100 pounds over while that same car, if ordered from Chicago, would have gone there from the Pacific coast at the Council Bluffs rate, 60.

Sixty cents from the Pacific coast to Chicago and 72 cents to Lincoln, which is 550 miles west of Chicago.

While this Lincoln jobber was paying this larger cost for this shorter haul, Senator Burkett was evading the question and refusing to promise his vote at Washington for the long and short haul clause in the railroad bill. The promise was finally twisted out of the senator, but not until many of his Lincoln supporters had turned away in disgust. "It was like twisting a rabbit out of a hollow log," said Secretary Whitten of the Lincoln Commercial club, "but we finally got him."

The senator will probably stand hatched on this long and short haul clause, but he must make up with Aldrich and the interests in some other way in order to get the \$425,000 appropriation which Aldrich has promised him for an addition to the new Lincoln postoffice building.

"WHAT INSURGENTS WANT?"

The Des Moines Capital, standpatter, propounds a few questions to the insurgents. It wants to know why they keep the tariff issue "stirred up," and elaborates its desire for information as follows:

"Do they want to paralyze business?"

"Do they want to affect the amount of money deposited in the banks?"

"Do they want to increase the rate of interest?"

"Do they want to fix it so that a man cannot borrow the necessary money with which to carry on his business?"

"Do they want to demoralize the prices of stocks, bonds, and all the various kinds of securities?"

"Do they want to depreciate real estate?"

"What purpose have the men in mind who are agitating the tariff?"

Venturing to interpret the insurgents' frame of mind—and it is not difficult, since it is the frame of mind of most of the rest of us—we would answer they do not want to do any of those things which the Capital suggests.

They simply and merely want to secure a revision of the tariff downward.

And they deny to reduce the tariff downward will "paralyze business" or do any of those dreadful things

which the Capital declares by rhetorical questioning, that it will do.

They deny, at least, that tariff reduction would naturally and logically produce any such consequences. If the consequences indicated should follow, it would be for one reason only.

It would be because the trusts and monopolies which have been made enormously wealthy by high tariff have grown so all-powerful, and are so unscrupulous and wicked in the use of their power, that they would deliberately proceed to punish the people by precipitating an artificial panic, if the people should have the temerity to protect their own interests by compelling a reduction of the tariff.

And if "the system" has this power and has this disposition thus to abuse it, the "insurgents," we make bold to say, are ready to join with the Democrats and the populists and good citizens of all parties to assert that they have too much power, and that, at any cost, it should be taken from them.

If the American people are never to have the liberty to revise the tariff downward, but most always revise it upward, if at all, under penalty of a "panic" precipitated by "the system," then the government might as well be frankly and finally surrendered to that same "system," to deal with us all with such mercy and generosity as it sees fit.

IN NEBRASKA.

As it appears now, the Republican party of Nebraska is about all in. We don't believe anything on earth can prevent the election of a Democratic United States senator and governor this year; and the chances are largely in favor of the election of a complete Democratic state ticket and most of the congressmen.

The reason is easy. All around us in the states of the middle west, in Kansas, Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Indiana, there are leaders of the Republican party who stand for something and are not afraid to say so. Whether it is because of honesty or merely because of political good sense, such men as LaFollette, of Wisconsin; Dolliver and Cummins, of Iowa; Beveridge, of Indiana; Bristow, of Kansas, and the others, stand for the things that the people of their states stand for. Not one man in ten, in these western states where intelligence and political understanding are more universal than in other sections of the country, believes any longer in the boss system. And not one Republican in five in these states believes that the party machine now in control at Washington is acting in the public interest. Believing thus, the voters are undoubtedly going to make a cleaning. In Iowa, Indiana, Wisconsin, and other states of the middle west, the men who are asking for high office through Republican votes are standing for the new order that everybody can see coming. There the voters of the old party have Beveridge and LaFollette and Cummins to lead them—men who are not afraid to be on one side of a question and to say so both at home and in Washington.

In Nebraska we have nobody but Norris, of all the crew that will be asking for votes this fall, who can prove by his record that he stands for anything. Senator Burkett and Congressman Kinkaid, who are both up for re-election, are the two most expert straddlers in the state and are on both sides of every issue. Both of them owe their political place to railroad influence, and they talk insurgency at home and vote railroad at Washington. Hayward, running for congress in the First district, is a machine man of the Ballinger type. And so on through the list. With the single exception of Norris we are goosed.

That's the reason we are shot to pieces in Nebraska. And the carnage promises to be fierce.—Pete Barron in Scotts Bluffs Star, (Rep.)

County court is being occupied this afternoon with hearing claims in the Andrew H. eterson estate on Union. There are several claims to be heard and a large number of witnesses. Messrs. Clark & Robertson appear for the claimants and J. E. Douglas represents the estate.

Handkerchief Shower.

The cozy home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Thompson on Vine street was the scene of a very pretty handkerchief shower Saturday evening which was given in honor of Miss Mollie Selvers and Mr. Ernest Tvey by Miss Lillian Thompson and to whom the members of the bridal party and a few friends had been invited, making twenty in all. Everyone expects a delightful time when invited to the Thompson home and expectations were fully realized in the entertainment of Saturday evening.

Music and social chat were thoroughly enjoyed and the delicious refreshments from the prettily decorated table in the dining room was not the least appreciated of the many delightful things provided by the thoughtful hostess for the entertainment of her guests. Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Frank Rennie of Madrid, Neb., assisted in serving. Miss Jennie Tvey furnished several instrumental selections which were most highly appreciated by the guests. Miss Tvey is quite a pianist and by her capable manner she made a distinct impression with each number. One of the delightful features of the evening was a mock wedding and which provoked much laughter in which Miss Lillian Thompson was ring bearer, Mrs. Bertha Todd and Miss Alice Tvey ribbon bearers, Zelma Tvey and Jennie Tvey bridesmaids, Jennings Selvers, clergyman and Miss Etha Crabill played the wedding march. Miss Selvers and Mr. Tvey were the bride and groom.

Prior to the close of this most enjoyable entertainment the bride and groom were showered with many beautiful handkerchiefs which will remind them of this pleasant occasion at the Thompson home.

A Fine Jack at Public Sale.

Have you noticed the big bills announcing the public sale of Sam G. Smith, if so you have surely noticed that at this sale he offers his celebrated Jack, Bob Hill, Jr., for sale to the highest bidder. This is one of the finest animals to be found in the county as he has many fine specimens to show. John Gorder has a three year old mule that will weigh 1200 pounds which advanced growth has been attained simply on grass and stalk feed; Henry Born has a two year old that will weigh 1110 pounds and William Rakes is the possessor of a suckling colt that measures 41 inches, all from the celebrated Jack, Bob Hill, and this is simply but a few of the many. Remember this animal will be sold to the highest bidder on Saturday, June 11. He may go at a figure that will pay you to attend and make a bid.

Still in Poor Health.

Councilman D. O. Dwyer accompanied by A. B. Todd of Denver, Col., were passengers this morning for Omaha where they will look after business matters during the day. Mr. Todd is suffering greatly with his old ailment and his health is in very bad shape. He made the trip from Denver to this city arriving Sunday morning and the long journey quite exhausted him. He rested up all day Sunday and was able to be about yesterday to some extent but is still far from feeling well. It is the sincere hope of his many good friends in this city that he will rapidly improve and that he will soon be back in the good health he has enjoyed for several years past.

Wedding This Morning.

A large number of friends gathered this morning at the Holy Rosary church in the western part of the city to attend the marriage of Mr. Joseph Sabatka and Miss Antonia Kovalak which was solemnized at that edifice by Father Hincchek. The wedding was a very pretty one and united the two young people in the most holy of bonds. The church was handsomely decorated for the occasion. A sister of the groom acted as bridesmaid, while the groomsmen was a friend of the groom from Omaha. A wedding reception was had at the home of the bride's parents this afternoon and evening. The congratulations and best wishes of many friends is extended to the happy couple.

Judge H. D. Travis departed Monday morning for Elmwood, where he delivered the Memorial day address, and later went to Nebraska City, where he holds court this week.

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Sheriff Quinton Departs For Nebraska City to Secure Grant Blunt.

From Wednesday's Daily. Another step was taken in the freight car robbery case which Special Agent Kendrick of the Missouri Pacific has been working on when County Attorney Ramsey last evening filed a complaint before Justice Archer charging Grant Blunt, as the young man's real name is, with grand larceny. Sheriff Quinton departed this morning for Nebraska City where he will take Blunt into custody, the officers at that point having arrested him several days since. The story of the confession of Samp. Karnes was told in yesterday's Journal. Owing to the difficulty in proving where the car was broken into it was thought best to make the charge one of grand larceny than burglary.

It is said that other and more serious crimes are being looked up against Blunt, Karnes having dropped some intimations to the officers while they were grilling him, which may lead them to look into matters along another line. It is believed that possibly he knows something of the recent burglaries which took place in this city. Chief Rainey thinks from what Karnes said that an investigation of Blunt in this respect may yield valuable results and it is the plan of the officers to take him before the parties who had their buildings entered and see if they can identify him. Karnes did not positively say that Blunt was guilty of these crimes but he came very near making that statement. The dress which Blunt had on when he left this city corresponds very closely with that worn by the party whom Miss Gorder saw in her home the night it was burglarized and the general description is of the same character.

The authorities do not have any doubt that Blunt will be convicted of grand larceny in connection with the Missouri Pacific case, Karnes giving away all the details of that affair, and they are quite hopeful that his arrest will clear up the burglaries which have been happening at intervals here. It is expected that Sheriff Quinton will bring him back this evening.

From Wednesday's Daily. There was a large delegation of Union citizens in the city today looking after business at the court house, among them being Attorney Charley Graves, H. W. Lloyd and wife, A. N. Chedister, M. Lynde, Charles Wolfe, F. W. Young, F. A. Finkle. The party came up on the morning M. P. train and returned at 10:45. While here several of the party paid the Journal office a pleasant call, and Chas. Wolfe renewed his subscription to the paper for another year. The Journal is proud of the many good friends it has in Union and vicinity and they are always assured of a glad hand at this office.

Make Trip by Auto.

Ed. Barker and R. Glen Bub Rawls were two Plattsmouth gentlemen to make a trip down the road to Nebraska City yesterday, bringing back with them a big black Mercer touring car for the Duff Garage here. The boys had a pleasant trip, although they found the roads rather rough in this immediate vicinity. They improved the farther south they went and near Union the roads were like a speedway for several miles over which they made fast time. The rain of Saturday night extended south to within about three or four miles of Union and seemed to the travelers to be heaviest in the neighborhood of Murray and just south of this city. The car which Mr. Barker brought back is one of the handsomest ever shown in this city, being black body with yellow wheels, the contrast being very marked and effective.

J. C. Coleman Moves.

The Journal is in receipt of a post card from J. C. Coleman formerly of this city, asking that the address of his paper be changed to Rockland, Idaho, near which place Mr. Coleman and his daughter have taken up homesteads. Their many Plattsmouth friends will be glad to note their acquisition of real estate and trust that they will find their new home both happy and prosperous. Mr. Coleman writes that he thinks that country a fine one and that the land in that locality appears to be very good. Rockland is located in the southern part of Idaho on a creek near the headwaters of the Snake river and is quite a distance from a railroad, the railroad station being American Falls.

Got Them Some Fish.

A. O. Moore, third trick operator at the Burlington station, and Robert Newell spent yesterday afternoon at the Newell ponds at Cedar Creek, making a fishing expedition. They had very good success and returned home last evening with a right nice string of croppies to show for their day's work. The young men report the fishing as excellent and state they had a most enjoyable time during their stay there.

Miss Verna Leonard, Mrs. John A. Donelan and Miss Margaret Donelan departed this afternoon for Colorado Springs, Col., where they will spend the summer. During their stay in the mountain state they expect to put in some time visiting with relatives at Fort Morgan, and also in Denver, Manitou and other points.

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