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The selection of Smythe of Omaha as chairman of the Grand Island convention by the state convention was a very wise move.

"Pinchot Takes the Stump" says a headline; and certainly the process of deforestation is working to Mr. Pinchot's advantage in this instance.

Perhaps the sagacious Mr. Loeb prefers not to take the nomination for governor of New York at this time, because he would rather wait for a Republican year.

Every member of congress who knowingly had anything to do with the outrageous rubber tariff scandal should be exposed to his constituents. The time is near at hand to bounce all rubber congressmen.

Mr. Bryan's meetings throughout the state have been quite liberally attended by Republicans and women. But old-time Democrats are very conspicuous by their absence.

A rubber trust is now being organized, with Senator Aldrich at the head of it. It was he who insisted on increasing the duty on rubber manufactures from 30 to 35 per cent. See!

The report that Mr. Bryan wants Chris Gunther for senator must be intended for a huge joke. But Chris says if he should go to Washington he wanted a committee sent with him to see that he did not blow out the gas.

Old Joe Cannon is going to help out the standpatters in Kansas by several speeches. Why don't the standpatters in Nebraska get him to help them out? Poor Old Joe, he has but few admirers anywhere. He is about all in.

If Mr. Bryan can glean any consolation from the counties that have already held their conventions he is welcome to it. The question is, what will Mr. Bryan do when the Grand Island convention fails to endorse county option?

Otoe county Democrats held their county convention on Tuesday and selected 16 delegates to the Grand Island convention. The delegates were instructed to vote against county option and it was done in no uncertain tone, too.

So far "Slippery Elmer" has not accepted Whedon's challenge for a joint debate on the senator's record in the senate. Burkett is a coward when it comes to a joint discussion of the Taft-Aldrich-Cannon tariff. He will sneak out of everything of this kind.

Ex-Secretary Garfield has instituted a war in Ohio to win the state to the Insurgents. And this is the son of the Martyred President Garfield, the soldier and statesman. Certainly the condition of things are changing in this once land of liberty and equal rights to all.

Mr. Bryan's tour of the state in behalf of county option is not attended with that outburst of enthusiasm that he expected. Many of his old friends refused even to attend his meetings. Mr. Bryan on local issues and Mr. Bryan on national issues is not the same by a long shot with the Democrats of Nebraska. His meetings are more numerous attended by Republicans than Democrats and they, of course, go through curiosity.

Wool is selling for less money than it did one year ago. Is this an evidence of prosperity? Figure it out for yourself. But the woolen goods you buy are higher than they were one year ago. Take a protected pencil and a piece of protected paper and figure this out too. You'll run

right into the high tariff before you figure two minutes.

It is with deep regret that we chronicle the death of Samuel C. Knott of Memphis, Mo., who passed away at his home in that city last week. The deceased had been a citizen of Memphis for over fifty years, and most of that time he served in numerous official capacities. We neighbored with him several years and always looked upon him as a conscientious, christian gentleman, honorable and upright in his every day walks. He was about 75 years of age and a brother of the well known J. Proctor Knott of Kentucky. Peace to his ashes.

## THOSE TAFT VICTORIES.

The most disgusting writing ever engaged in by any sort of men are the numerous editorials that have recently appeared in the standpat papers tellings of Taft's victory in securing reform legislation. The brazen affront in making such a claim reminds one of the pickpocket joining in the crowd and crying, "Stop that thief."

Every measure of whatever nature having a tendency toward reform was passed after overcoming the opposition of Taft and not with his assistance. The men who secured this legislation were Insurgents and Democrats and not Taft or his friends. The railroad bill that Wickersham sent to congress with Taft's indorsement was the most devilish piece of legislation ever submitted to congress. It provided for the repeal of the anti-trust law as far as it applied to the railroads a power over rates and classifications which they never had before, it limited the power of the commerce commission, it gave to the railroad magnates just what they wanted. That was the Taft proposal and it was defeated by Insurgents and Democrats and that defeat is now claimed as a great victory for Taft.

Taft took into his closest confidence Aldrich, Cannon, Smoot, Hale, Crane and every trust representative in both the house and senate and clung to them to the very last. The Insurgents attacked these men and drove Aldrich and Hale from the senate. Their fight defeated the nomination of Dalzell and he was only able to get a nomination by the assistance of the courts which stopped a recount of the ballots and which may yet end in his defeat for re-election in a district that has been the very hotbed of protection for forty years. That kind of work is proclaimed a "Taft victory."

Taft undertook to drive Cummins and Dolliver out of the Republican party, and the Republicans of Iowa at the recent primaries have indorsed those men. That is another Taft victory.

The truth is that everything that Taft advocated, except those things favored by both parties, like postal savings banks, was defeated, and defeated in spite of all that he and the regulars could do, by Democrats and Insurgents. Now every one of those defeats is proclaimed a victory. In all the history of politics there has never been anything quite so brazen as that. There never was a president whose recommendations were treated with such contempt as those of Taft. He has been repudiated by congress and nine-tenths of the people, and it has not been done through prejudice or any personal dislike for the man but because he has stood all the time for the "interests," while the people have been determined that the unjust accumulation of wealth in the hands of the few shall be stopped. It is the first time that a president defeated at every turn has been proclaimed a victor.

Mrs. Catherine Tevan is a visitor today in Omaha, going there on the early Burlington train for the day.

## RULE OR RUIN.

That William Jennings Bryan is an able and conscientious man no one will deny; that he is an able and fearless fighter all will admit. When Bryan was hardly known out of the ward in which he resided in Lincoln it was the pleasure of the editor of the Nems to form his acquaintance and since then we have followed his political fortunes through success and defeat. We have espoused his cause when we differed with him, preferring rather to go down in defeat for what we believed was the proper political move rather than injure his chances for success. We then believed that Mr. Bryan was willing that the majority should rule, and that no one man should control the Democratic party.

On this last surmise we may be right or we may be mistaken. A few weeks ago the Democratic skies never looked brighter in Nebraska, never were the chances of Democratic success better. The party was united; it was one happy family, all agreed and working for the same end. The indications were for the first time that the Democrats would elect every state candidate and we would have a Democratic United States senator and four if not five of the representatives.

Then came the change. Mr. Bryan demanded that a special session of the legislature be called and the initiative and referendum proposition be submitted to the people. The reason for this was according to Mr. Bryan, that the county option question would be taken out of politics. Here is where the party split. Governor Shallenberger said the laws governing the liquor question were all that were needed. He stood by the Slocumb law and endorsed the 8 o'clock closing law, which is one of the very best measures ever put on the statute book. Shallenberger believed in police control, and there he will receive the support of every citizen. But Mr. Bryan does not agree with Governor Shallenberger. He wanted the special session of the legislature and the submission of the constitutional amendment, and as he could not have those he now proposes to make such a fight as has never before been seen in Nebraska. Mr. Bryan said he would have that amendment if he would have to write the county option plank in the Democratic platform and would "cram" it down the throats of the Democrats.

Mr. Bryan is a man of his word and will carry out his threat. This is the first time that he has ever met with opposition in Nebraska. Whatever he asked for has been readily granted by the Democrats. His wish was law. But now it is a different question. More than eighty per cent of the Democrats of the state are opposed to putting a county option plank in the state platform, and Mr. Bryan says it must go there and to enforce his demands will devote the next nine weeks to making speeches in the different counties of the state and seeing that candidates favorable to his side of the question are placed in nomination.

In the history of the United States this is the first time a man who has been a candidate for president has ever attempted to "cram" down the throats of his party a measure that was obnoxious to them. A political party leader dictating to the rank and file of his followers what they shall or shall not do. By this we do not mean that Mr. Bryan has not a right to advance his own ideas. We grant him that same privilege, and we claim the same privilege. We give him credit for being honest in his views, and ask the same from him. Because we do not believe in county option is no reason that we are owned by the liquor dealers, corporations, or any other combination or trust. The News is as free from corporation control as any man, woman or child or any business in the state of Nebraska. But Mr. Bryan would have the people believe that every one opposed to his belief is controlled by the brewers, railroads, etc.

There is another view that is to be

taken in regard to the county option deal and that is the position in which it places the candidates for United States senator, representatives state officers and all other candidates. As before stated, we had a good chance of electing the entire state ticket with a United States senator. Now everything is to be sacrificed to save Mr. Bryan's county option measure. There is where we lose.

The fight is on and the enemy must be met. For the first time we are opposed to Bryan. He proposes to nominate only such men as will do his will. Those who are opposed to county option must organize and nominate men who will do their will. In this matter there should be no half-heartedness. Otoe county should send to the state convention a delegation that will not be won by the blandishment of Bryan; not captivated by his smile, nor lulled to sleep by his winning speech. They ought to be instructed and compelled to fulfill the duty for which they are sent.

And now a word in regard to Shallenberger. Mr. Bryan has severely criticized Governor Shallenberger, Mayor Dahlman and Congressman Hitchcock. He claims that if he had had the support of these three with the Omaha World-Herald, that the special session would have been called. Governor Shallenberger has explained his position satisfactorily, and we all know where Dahlman stands. As for Mr. Hitchcock, he has explained his position thoroughly. And all these are to be sacrificed because we did not get the initiative and referendum—a measure that all are in favor of—Governor Shallenberger should be renominated.

While we love Bryan we do not feel like condoning the mistake he is making.—Nebraska City News.

## MANLEY.

(Too Late for Thursday).

The Lincoln Stars played a very interesting and exciting game here last Sunday with the locals resulting in a score of 7 to 6 in favor of the Stars. It was anybody's game from start to finish and had it not been for the clouds of dust that rose in the scuffle for home plate in two different instances the game might have resulted victorious for the locals. It was a good game and a large crowd witnessed it. The score reads like this:

Lin. Stars . . . 1 4 0 0 0 0 2 0—7  
Manley . . . 3 0 0 1 0 1 1 0—6  
Battles, Lincoln Stars—Craig and Read; Manley—Keckler and O'Brien. Stars—Hits 6; Manley—Hits 12. Struck out by Craig 5; by Keckler 15. Umpire—Kelley.

The Missouri Pacific passenger train No. 138 south bound, was wrecked four miles north of Manley Wednesday evening, cause supposed to be spreading of rails. The engine and all coaches were derailed, the combination mail and smoker was badly tipped, almost turning over. The passengers and train crew were all badly shaken up but no one hurt. The passengers were taken back to Louisville until a relief train came and they were transferred and taken to their destination. The wrecker appeared upon the scene about 10 p. m., and by daylight the wreck was cleared up and traffic was resumed. Mr. A. N. Speer has sold his lumber business to the Yates Lumber & Coal Co., of Lincoln. Mr. Speer and family will go to California in the near future to make their home.

## Recuperating in Town.

Grover Ellege who was injured at Council Bluffs a few days since, is in the city recuperating at the home of his mother, Mrs. James Higley. Mr. Ellege was hurt while engaged in a friendly wrestling match with John Richardson of this city. The injury was purely accidental and one of the unfortunate kind which frequently occur during these friendly bouts. While the two were wrestling, Mr. Ellege had his right foot accidentally caught in such a manner as to tear loose the leaders. The injury is a very painful one and bids fair to keep him confined to the house for some time to come. It is considered by the surgeons as worse than a break and will require a long period of careful nursing and rest before it becomes well.

## Pasture.

For horses only. Good water and shade trees. Plenty of room. Apply C. Bengen, Mynard, Neb., phone line 3-A. 4t-30j

NOTICE—Prices for threshing this season will be three and five cents owing to the increased cost of labor and repairs. Robt. Propst, Mynard, Neb.

## HOW DO YOU LIKE THE DEAL?

### Republicans Try to Straddle the County Option Question

From Friday's Daily. If you woke up with a sour taste in your mouth this morning, it is a sign that you have been a delegate to the Republican county convention which met yesterday at Union. That convention did things which have made some good Republicans set up and take notice. It was called primarily to select delegates to the state convention which will pass upon the state platform but it went further and selected a ticket which the rest of the party will have to take or leave alone and there are indications of some of them leaving it alone.

The statemakers had everything well mapped out and when the convention was called to order R. B. Windham was introduced as chairman and he proceeded to outline the policy of the party. Mr. Windham delivered a strong address in favor of county option and demanded that the party inject such a plank into state platform. His address met with enthusiasm which plainly indicated where the convention stood. The anti-saloon league membership was much in evidence. E. O. Palmer and A. E. Quinn were chosen as secretaries.

The selection of delegates to the state convention was made and the following were named: Orlando Tefft, Peter Eveland, J. R. Bramblet, H. O. Palmer, A. F. Sturm, W. T. Adams, W. A. Robertson, M. L. Friedrich, F. M. Richey, M. E. Manspeaker, Ora Davis, D. S. Talcott, L. A. Tyson, Fred Muenchaw, C. E. Tefft and John Crozier. The delegation is favorable to county option in the state platform, although there are several anti on the list.

Resolutions were adopted by the convention endorsing Taft, Hayward and Burkett and condemning the direct primary law. All these had been carefully framed up for the occasion and the Burkett-Hayward-Standpat-Joe Cannon machine was much in evidence. The resolution favoring county option which was opportunely introduced to enable the convention to get on both sides of the question was defeated by a vote of 48 to 36, just as scheduled by the organization.

Then came the grand coup d'etat, so to speak. A county ticket was sprung full blown and ready for the harvest, upon the convention. And it went through with a whoop and a yell before the dazed and bewildered anti-county optionists could get to themselves. It was:

Charles E. Noyes of Louisville—state senator.  
Bucephalus Wolph, Nehawka—representative.  
E. H. Wescott of Plattsmouth—representative.  
F. L. Nutzman, Otoe county—float representative.  
C. H. Taylor of Union—county attorney.

But it was not enough to know among themselves where the candidates stood on the county option question. A wide open straightout declaration in favor of it was all which the machine would have and the candidates were called upon to show down and let the convention see what they had.

Noyes was called upon and he side-stepped to some extent although his past record prevented much of that work. He favored such legislation as the party wanted on the liquor question but he knew the party wanted county option or prohibition.

Wolph was for county option out and out and he wanted it known to the wide, wide world. He made no bones of his position.

Wescott likewise was for county option and proposed to do the Ajax defying the lightning stunt if necessary, or stand upon the burning deck, but what he would have county option or prohibition.

This satisfied the machine but it left a horror-truck bunch scattered about the delegations who wondered if the tail of the comet hadn't struck the earth for it surely was some hot or them. The convention at all times was under control and the men behind the guns had the delegates under cover and permitted no anti to escape.

Incidentally, Senator 'alf an 'alf Burkett took no chances on being beaten by C. O. Whedon or any other pure blood. Postmaster Schneider tortured between love and duty, deserted the pastmaster's convention at Lincoln, to be on the ground and direct the fight in Burkett's interests and also did not fail to look after the candidacy of the Hon. Bill Hayward who hopes to return the compliment some day.

All told it was some sensational gathering and the wonder of it is that some delegates returned home alive after what they had did to 'em.

The real surprise of the convention was the assembling of the Third district delegates to select a candidate for commissioner. The general opinion was that the nomination would go to Herman Dettman in a walk as he had been a candidate for several months and an active one. He was also considered a popular man and it was thought there would be no opposition to speak of. So carefully had the wires been laid that when the show down came Fred Muenchaw of Tipton was seen to have Dettman beaten by the narrow margin of five votes. This surprise did not worry the leaders who had framed the slate so that no anti should have a chance and who wanted the whole thing from top to bottom. Dettman was some rudely jarred by the blow to his hopes, but it is said he has seen the fine Machiavellian hand which turned the trick and knows the real personage who struck the figurative Billy Patterson. Likewise, he is some peeved over what happened to Herman.

## RAILROAD MEN HOLD MEETING

### Organization Is Perfected of Branch of Railroad Order.

There were quite a number of railroad men present last evening at the meeting called to establish a branch of the "American Railroad Employees and Investor's association" in this city and a great deal of interest was taken in the matter. The meeting had been talked over for some time and the object of the organization explained at great length to the railroad men who found it was in their interests, hence the number in attendance was quite flattering.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. J. D. Pennington, at one time in the Burlington train service out of Wymore, and now one of the official organizers of the organization. Mr. Pennington explained to the assemblage at some length the object of the organization which is to cultivate and maintain between its members a spirit of mutual interest and concern in the welfare and prosperity of the railroads so as to promote their successful operation for the benefit of the employees, the investors and the public. It is also aimed to encourage a friendly and cordial feeling on the part of the public to the railroads and that business and to obtain means of hearings before legislative bodies, commissions and the like who may enact rules, regulations and laws governing railroads, and to secure a fair return to labor and capital in the railroad business with regard to the safe and efficient operation of the roads. The association according to Mr. Pennington, was to be non-partisan in its make-up and was not to take any part in controversies between the railroad officials and their employees. Mr. Pennington's remarks were further elaborated upon by Mr. Geo. D. DeLong of this city.

George O. Brophy of Omaha, formerly in the employ of the Union Pacific railroad, then spoke to the meeting at some length and also explained the design of the organization and the gain which the railroads and employes alike might expect to make by close co-operation.

At the conclusion of the remarks of the several speakers a local organization was effected with officers as follows:

President—Robert B. Hayes.  
Vice President—Patrick Egan.  
Secretary—Guy B. Gould.  
Executive Committee—Wm. Balance, C. F. Gravelle, Henry Ofe, N. K. Peoples, C. P. Richards, J. A. Libershal, J. W. Barwick, S. L. Cotner, S. S. Gooding.  
Delegates to State Convention—G. D. DeLong. Alternate—Henry Ofe.  
The organization perfected the meeting then adjourned and steps will be speedily taken to augment the membership and insure a large attendance at future meetings.

### Body Found Near River.

Yesterday morning some people living above the mouth of the Platte river on the Sarpy county shore found the remains of a man who had been drowned in the waters of the Missouri. The body was so badly decomposed that no possibility of recognition remained and it will probably be buried today. The remains appeared to be those of a man about 50 years of age and the mouth contained but three teeth. The body was clad in an undershirt and the collar band of a shirt hung about the neck. The coroner of Sarpy county was notified and he at once notified the Omaha police. It was also decided not to hold the body any length of time and to bury the same if it was not claimed at once.

Adam Kaffenberger is one of the good citizens of the precinct spending today in the city on business, driving in this morning from his farm.