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DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

For President—
WOODROW WILSON
of New Jersey.

For Vice President—
THOS. R. MARSHALL
of Indiana.

For United States Senator—
A. C. SHALLENBERGER.

For Governor—
JOHN H. MOREHEAD.

For Lieutenant Governor—
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For State Superintendent—
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For Railroad Commissioner—
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For Congressman—
JOHN A. MAGUIRE.

For State Senator—
WILLIAM B. BANNING.

For Representative—
JOHN J. GUSTIN.

For Float Representative—
CHARLES H. BUSCH.

For County Assessor—
R. W. BRYAN.

For County Commissioner—
JULIUS PITZ.

Taft men got a taste of their own medicine at Lincoln.

All the democrats have to do now is hang together.

Life is a tragedy to the pessimist and a laughing comedy to the optimist.

There will be two republican tickets in Missouri, as well as in Nebraska and Illinois.

If Roosevelt bars the niggers in the southern states, where's he going to get any votes in that section?

From present indications there will not be a very large attendance at the bull moosers' convention in Chicago next week.

The populist state convention at Aurora endorsed Wilson and Marshall, John H. Morehead, Shalzenberger and the entire state democratic ticket.

The Taft followers resolved not to support the republican state ticket unless the candidates come out in support of Taft. That's the only way to do the business.

Governor Aldrich drove the steam roller last Tuesday, but on the Taft supporters will do the steam roller last Tuesday, but over the governor on the 5th day of next November.

The selection of Billy Thompson as chairman of the democratic state central committee was a very wise move. Mr. Thompson has been all along the line in politics, and in campaign work knows all the tricks it is done by.

A. P. Young of Nebraska City was chosen a member of the state committee for the Second senatorial district in place of Dr. J. S. Livingston. This is simply according to an understanding when Dr. Livingston was chosen a year ago.

John Byrnes showed his loyalty to the democratic party at Grand Island, and when he saw that he was defeated for state chairman he immediately moved to make W. H. Thompson's election unanimous. He proved a graceful loser.

In his letter of acceptance President Taft calls both Wilson and Roosevelt socialists.

Many a man who is rich in experience somehow always fails to raise the price of a square deal.

Another certainty concerning the bull moose convention in Chicago is that it will not be a quiet affair.

Senator La Follette calls upon all progressives to support the only real progressive candidate for the presidency—Woodrow Wilson.

Roosevelt announces that his platform will be "a contract with the people." But the people have no confidence with him. "He has been tried and found wanting."

Senator Elihu Root, in his speech notifying President Taft of his nomination, declared that his nomination "was as clear as the title of any candidate of any party since conventions began."

Judge Wray's bull moose convention at Lincoln yesterday was very slimly attended. However, there were enough present to select sixteen delegates to the Roosevelt convention at Chicago next Monday.

Colonel Roosevelt indignantly denies that the big trusts contributed to the republican national committee in 1904 and 1908. They merely contributed to republican state committees for the purpose of helping to elect the republican electors.

It is reported that Wall street is not for Taft. If the money sharks are not for Taft, who are they for? For their old friend, Roosevelt, of course. For seven years he proved faithful to their beck and call.

Aldrich stands out as the only candidate on the republican state ticket that is flat-footed for the bull moose candidate for president and explicitly against Taft. The other state candidates refuse to declare themselves for Teddy. And there you are.

A. L. Tidd was chosen a member of the Taft state committee, and Windham took part in the bull moose convention. As an old republican remarked yesterday, "You will always find Windham where there's the most wind."

Hon. John H. Morehead, candidate for governor, delivered an address before the Grand Island convention, and one of the delegates from Cass county says it greatly pleased the assembled democrats. His speech was right to the point, and our friend says it was a hummer.

Of all the deceitful presidential candidates we think Theodore Roosevelt is the worst. Seven years at the head of the administration, and during that period trusts increased more than double in number. That's the way the bull moose candidate done his reforming.

Not the least amusing spectacle in this remarkable campaign is that warring republicans explaining just what brand of republicanism they wear—bull moose, steam roller or stock ticker. Among the prominent "progressive" leaders are some of the men who were the most expert ma-

chine operators under the old order of things.

Much is being said about the famous "reform" legislature of 1907. This session did enact some good laws—the best of them not having been endorsed by the majority party, but endorsed by the minority party. And all of these reform laws were the direct result of the agitation and education of populists and democrats, in contrast with the opposition and indifference of republican managers.

The city of Plattsmouth will be filled with pretty Cass county schoolmarm's next week. So prepare to give them a cordial greeting. Wear a "smile that won't wear off," and show them that the county seat as it is and always will be—a city of cheerfulness, thrift and prosperity, with plenty of the right kind of hospitality to entertain its visitors.

The two wings of the republican party do not intend to delay their fight for many days. The bull moose aggregation, which captured the state convention in Lincoln Tuesday, and claims "it is the republican party," demands Chairman Kennedy to turn over all books, records and property of the retiring committee. Ain't that gall for you?

If the citizens of Nebraska desire a man of business at the head of the state administration of Nebraska they will elect Hon. John H. Morehead governor. He is not a political egotist, like the present governor, but a gentleman of sound judgment and reliable business qualities. And he will always be found at headquarters ready to perform the duties of the chief executive of the state.

Roosevelt says he does not want anything to do with the republican party—that his third party is independent of all the other parties—yet the bull moose followers in the state are demanding the surrender of all the books and papers in the hands of the chairman and secretary of the republican state central committee. Do the bull moosers of Nebraska really know where they are at?

The measure of devotion to the Aldrich candidacy is to be decided, evidently, by the amount of constitutional amendment pie he dishes out. The organs getting the big slices are unanimous in the opinion that Aldrich is the best ever. Those that get nothing apparently cannot find words whereby to express their opinion. The democrats should begin the work of organization. It is never too early to begin the work, and sometimes the sooner the better.

The prohibitionists claim to be the only progressives. We cannot see that they have progressed to any great extent. They stand just where they stood fifty years ago and have not progressed sufficiently to vote for the candidates they put up for office. They make a terrible hurrah in the start of the campaign, but cool down gradually as election day draws near, and then the most of them go to the polls and vote the straight republican ticket. It was ever thus.

All the conventions are now over, and the democrats are strengthened by harmony at Grand Island. While there are apparently but few sore spots, it is very probable that these will all be healed before the ides of November. There is no use of sulking this year, when the bright star of victory stands out so prominently. All loyal democrats can support the national ticket, and the state ticket, also, headed by that grand and good democrat and citizen, Hon. John H. Morehead, is one of the best—if not the very best men—ever nomi-

nated by the democrats of Nebraska.

"No matter what differences may arise during the deliberations of this convention," said Chairman John C. Byrnes in calling the representatives of Nebraska democracy to order at Grand Island Tuesday, "I am convinced that the democrats of Nebraska are big enough, broad minded enough and liberal enough to accept the work of this convention and stand as one man against the enemy." Spoken as only a loyal democrat could speak.

The republican papers were so in hopes that the democrats would have a big rumpus at Grand Island that they are really puzzled what to say. Now they are trying to bring the liquor question into the campaign, and they are very liable to get enough of that before the election. John H. Morehead's record on that question is very clear and is open to the voters. It is much clearer than that of the present governor, who was an out and out saloon man before he became a candidate for governor, and who even drew money as rent from a saloonkeeper.

The annex to the State Journal—what is termed the Evening News—is doing Hon. John H. Morehead a wonderful amount of good by its misrepresentations of that gentleman. The News tries to "pull the wool over the eyes of democrats by attempting to be independent until the campaign opens, and then you can see its cloven foot without any spectacles. It will be found now prevaricating, and its fabrications are now directed at J. H. Morehead and ex-Governor Shalzenberger especially. But everybody understands that what appears in the editorial columns of the News is simply an echo from the State Journal and therefore unworthy of any particular notice.

If rushing into print one day and denying the interview the next, or espousing one thing today and another tomorrow, or constantly fulminating against those who refuse to support him, or neglecting public duties to grandstand and pose at chautauquas—if it requires these things to make a man a "progressive," then John H. Morehead is not a progressive. But if to advocate and fight for the interests of the people, to espouse the reforms demanded by the people, to give of time and money and energy to advance the principles that the common people seek to enact into law, makes a man a "progressive," then John H. Morehead fills the bill.

According to a report just issued by the postmaster general of the United States, the "gold brick" business was exceedingly good during the past twelve months. Business in this line has always been fairly good, but with the improvement of financial conditions the desire to get rich quickly has increased with the increase of prosperity. There is an old saying that "a sucker is born every minute," and the facts prove that this birth rate has never shown any signs of diminution. The sucker crop never fails, and it is never cut short by drought or unseasonable weather. Suckers are like flies and potato bugs—enough born every year to supply the demand. The exact number of "gold brick" cases reported to the postoffice department during the past twelve months was 525,800. And there is no telling how many were never reported at all.

Of course the organs designated by Governor Aldrich to publish the proposed amendments will not undertake to explain the troubles arising at the state prison under the Aldrich administration. Neither will they explain the

troubles at the Soldiers' Home at Milford, nor the scandal at the Beatrice institute for the feeble minded, where a mulatto baby was born to a white girl committed to the tender mercies of the state; nor the reason why the per capita cost of maintaining state institutions has been fearfully increased; nor the mulcting of Aldrich appointees from \$2 to \$3 each to defray the expenses of the Aldrich campaign; nor why the state's finances have been so badly managed that under the Aldrich regime state warrants had to be registered for future payment, and for the first time in sixteen years; nor the reason for the purchase of so much liquor for use at the state prison—nor many other things that sadly need explanation. As a matter of fact, the distribution of constitutional amendment pie is well calculated to minimize all reference to these subjects in the columns of the designated organs.

DEMOCRATIC GOOD FEELING.

Out of the results of the convention at Grand Island has come less of bitterness than had been generally anticipated as the crisis approached. Whether the decided triumph at that meeting was due to superior organization, more diligent effort on the part of the immediate allies of Mr. Bryan, or an overwhelming popular sentiment, it matters not now. What is material is that the adjustment of differences in the summary manner disclosed has left no sore spots.

Two years ago the convention at Grand Island was against Bryan by about 600 to about 200. This year the sentiment of the convention was almost exactly reversed.

Those who were defeated were good losers and none of them is disposed to be fractious. All declared and will adhere to the utmost fealty to the ticket, state and national, and all expressed a determination to be as zealous in behalf of the party cause, which is the people's cause undeniably this year, as the victors in the convention.

With the widening split in the republican ranks, there is nothing seemingly so certain as the triumph of the democracy and their principles, local, state and national in Nebraska this year.

There was little bitterness shown, even in the discussion of these differences in the convention while the rivalry was at white heat. There was such moderation that it seemed studied in order that the differences might not survive the termination of the convention.

It will be an all-together pull with Nebraska democrats this year.—Lincoln Star.

If congress don't adjourn pretty soon those congressmen who are candidates for re-election won't have very much time to visit with the dear people. If they are all like John A. Maguire they would not need to worry. The voters of this district are nearly all for Congressman John, and especially the farmers, because they know he is a good man and has proved faithful to the trust reposed in him. Many republicans are outspoken for Maguire.

The governor has the appointment, either in person or by proxy of about 800 servants of the state. Governor Aldrich is asking each one of them for \$3 to assist in his campaign. Three times 800 is \$2,400. This, added to a \$50,000 constitutional pie fund, makes a sizeable campaign fund of \$52,400. But even that is not enough to cause the people to overlook the unbusiness record of the Aldrich administration.

The man who claims to be a democrat and fails to support the democratic ticket, national, state and county, is evidently sailing under false colors. Simply be-

cause you are mad at some leader in the party gives you no reasonable excuse whatever to desert your other democratic friends. Think of what any party would be if the members were all such fellows as you are. Don't think of deserting your party simply to get even with someone you do not like. It is too much like "cutting off your nose to spite your face."

There is as much difference between Aldrich and Morehead as there is between daylight and darkness. John H. Morehead says what he means and means what he says. Aldrich shoots off his mouth one day and the next day he is sorry that he said it. He is too notionate to have charge of the affairs of a great state like Nebraska. He has demonstrated to the people of the state that he is not a business man. Hon. John H. Morehead, on the other hand, has the evidence to show that he is a first-class business man and a gentleman of great ability, two great essentials that go hand-in-hand to make a successful chief executive. Which will you have? The man of brains and business or the man who has been tried and found wanting in administering the affairs of state as they should be administered?

The greatest reform ever secured in this state, and the one that is really the father of all the rest, was secured during the session of the first anti-republican legislature ever elected in Nebraska. That was the session of 1891, and the parent reform was the Australian ballot law. The only progressive liquor legislation enacted in a quarter of a century was enacted by a democratic legislature. The first tax reform measure in twenty years was enacted by a democratic legislature. The first legislation in twenty years favorable to the workers in mills and factories and upon public buildings was enacted by a democratic legislature. A democratic legislature gave us the initiative and referendum, the Oregon plan of electing United States senators and the first reduction in the state's indebtedness and tax rate. Compared with this record the record of the much vaunted session of 1907 sinks into insignificance.

No man can serve two masters. This truth is as old as mankind. It was announced by the best authorities in the world, and it stands. The republican party is one organization. The Roosevelt party is another. They are separate and distinct and have nothing in common. Men who affiliate with the Roosevelt party then and there cease to have membership in any other party. Roosevelt has said so, and it is about the only abiding truth he has so far announced. Republicans everywhere are realizing these facts, and it would take better reasoning than is possible at this time to make a real republican desert his party and join the boiters. How much stronger this applies to a candidate nominated on the republican ticket? When Governor Aldrich, Paul Clark and Norris bolted the regular nominee for president, can they expect any supporter of President Taft to vote for them on the 5th day of November? Roosevelt says he stands no longer with the republican party, Aldrich, Paul Clark and Norris were nominated at the regular republican primaries in April last, and having deserted the party that nominated them and gone solo and body over to Teddy's bull moose party, can any voter who supports Taft consistently support Aldrich, Paul Clark or any other state candidate who refuses to endorse Taft, the regularly nominated candidate for president?

Team of Mules for Sale!
Four years old and well broke; \$250 will take them. Enquire of Albert Wheeler, Murray.