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THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 1896.

Call for Congressional Convention.

The democratic convention for the First district of Nebraska is hereby called to meet at Lincoln, Nebraska, on the 22d day of April, 1896, at eleven o'clock a. m., for the purpose of nominating two delegates to the democratic national convention to be held in Chicago on the 7th day of July, and nominations to be ratified by the democratic state convention to be held in Lincoln on the 22d day of April, 1896, at two o'clock p. m. The basis of representation shall be one delegate for every 100 votes, or major fraction thereof, cast for Hon. W. J. Bryan for United States senator in 1895. The several counties shall be entitled to representation as follows:

Cass	21
Johnson	23
Lancaster	46
Nemaha	10
Total	100

Won't it be fun to see Col. Ruffner and his crowd holding primaries in Cass county?

EARNEST as well as honest men and measures in politics is the great need of the hour.

SAY, you fellows that were going to down the agile Mr. Polk don't want to let the grass grow in your tracks.

THE western states are now talking of sending missionaries to New York. Collis P. Huntington has kept several in Washington on full pay for a number of years.—EX.

It is now reported that Carlisle will stand as a candidate before the Chicago convention for president. Just wait and see how completely the old Judas is snowed under.

FOR the truth of the statement of THE JOURNAL that Mayor Newell has been posing alternately as a McKinley and Manderson man the esteemed Tribune is referred to the Weeping Water Republican and the esteemed News. See!

NOTHING that has happened in politics in years will tend to disrupt the democratic party so much as the refusal of the five democrats in the Kentucky legislature to stand by the caucus nominee for senator. These men are preventing the election of a democrat to succeed Senator Blackburn.—Hastings Democrat.

THE decision of the supreme court in the case of ex-State Treasurer Hill says in effect that a state treasurer can make settlements with hay instead of money, provided his successor will take the hay. The decision is so manifestly unfair to the state and the people who pay the taxes that one dare not discuss it if he desires avoiding arrest for contempt of court.—Papillon Times.

THERE doesn't seem to be any let-up in the hard times which Cleveland and his godbug national bank friends inaugurated in 1893. And, although they promised a boom as soon as the purchase clause of the Sherman act was repealed, it hasn't come yet, and not even has the crying poverty of the people been relieved. O, for an Elijah to treat these false prophets as he did the prophets of Baal at the brook Kishon!

MARTIAL law was Sunday proclaimed by Gov. Bradley at Frankfort, Kentucky, to prevent the democrats from capturing the senatorship. Four companies of soldiers have been called in and have taken charge of the Capitol building, on account of a rumor that three desperate democrats had been sworn in as deputy sergeants-at-arms. The governor seems to be unduly alarmed.

A DISPATCH from Brussels says: "In the chamber of deputies, Deputy Boregrave made a minute and searching statement of the evils of the depreciation of silver. M. Desmet Denayer, minister of finance, in replying, recognized the gravity of the evils, though he thought it was not incumbent on Belgium to call a monetary conference. But the government would co-operate in any measures in this direction of fixing a ratio between gold and silver."

A TWO-SIDED PLATFORM.

The platform adopted by the Ohio republican convention the other day is said to have been written by Mr. McKinley himself, and therefore probably presages the declarations of the coming national convention. It makes an unequivocal, straight-out, clean-cut declaration on the tariff question, in favor of protection, attributing all the evils of these gold standard times to the Wilson bill and its democratic environments. But on the money question it falls down, equivocates, shuffles and straddles, like a boy that is afraid of a mad bull on one side of the fence and of a butting goat on the other. It is for bimetalism with a BUT, or if not an OR, just like most of the goldbugs. In other words it is hypocritical, just as the Minneapolis platform was. It permits the bankers of New York to dictate the party's policy, just as they have in the past. Here it is, in all its seductive hypocrisy; read, it and then tell, if you can, what it means:

"We contend for honest money; for a currency of gold, silver and paper; favor bimetalism and demand the use of both gold and silver as standard money, either in accordance with a ratio fixed by international agreement, or under restrictions and provisions to be determined by such legislation as will secure the parity of the value of the two metals, so that the purchasing and debt-paying power of the dollar, gold, silver or paper, shall be at all times equal."

Can any man who favors genuine bimetalism have only confidence in that platform? No genuine bimetalist believes that silver would have to be bolstered up with any "restrictions" or "provisions" to "secure" its parity. It is patent that the man who made that plank is a political hypocrite—who acts upon the theory that "platforms are made to get in on, not to stand on." Why didn't McKinley come out squarely for the gold standard, and then his opponents would have some respect for him, like the American Bankers' Association, whose platform and purposes were expressed thus: "Resolved, That the executive council of the American Bankers' association, assembled at the meeting in New York City, desire unequivocally in favor of the maintenance of the existing gold standard of value, and recommend to all bankers and to the customers of all banks the exercise of all their influence as citizens in their various states to select delegates to the political conventions of both the great parties who will declare unequivocally in favor of the maintenance of the existing standard of value."

It is significant that those fellows don't care who the candidate is; they have no hesitancy about supporting Mr. McKinley, on their kind of a platform or on his, for that matter, because they are sure of their man, whenever he equivocates and puts in an if.

COL. PETER EDWARD RUFFNER, who holds down the position of chairman of a committee of bolters from the regular democratic party in Cass county, gives it out cold that he don't propose to hold primaries to elect delegates to the county convention of his little coterie of bolters in this county. "No, sir; you don't catch me on that pinkook," says the long-headed Peter. "We're too smart for that. Why, if we did, it would be just like you regulars to come in and capture the primaries, and the first thing I'd know I would be legislated out of office," says he, or words to that effect. That's right; the way to manage a bolt is to appoint the delegates yourself, and then you know who to depend on. Say, Peter, in all the years ago your chief pride has been that you were a democrat, and stood in line with your party in this county; how does it seem to cast yourself away in a gang of papsucking assistant republicans, eh! Come back to the fold and be once more a democrat in fact—one of the people.

THE JOURNAL ventures to suggest to Euclid Martin and Tobias Castor, who together have the authority to dole out the government pie in this state that they haven't anything in their official larder in the form of an office that is too good to pay our own Peter E. Ruffner for the work he is doing and the sacrifice he is making in behalf of the Pie-Biter's Brigade. "Unaided and alone he is holding up their banner in this county and preventing their organization from being unrepresented in Cass. True there is Hon. F. E. White and one or two others who are already feeding from their table of fat things, but the honorable duties of their offices makes them too busy to look after the details of so important an object as is the keeping up of a skeleton of their organization in this county. Give the Col. an office, by all means."

"The decay of civilization," says Stewart, "follows the increase in the purchasing power of money, as surely as night follows day." The truth of this is proven by the unquestioned increase of crime and immorality throughout the country.

STAND UP FOR NEBRASKA.

Time was, and not so far back but what all can remember, when the republican party in this state adopted a war cry that resounded throughout the state and in the east. It was "Stand up for Nebraska." This was the cry that echoed from hill to hill and sounded over field and glade. Under its stirring tones the republicans were rallied around Tom Majors and a mighty effort to retain the grasp upon the state house was inaugurated. Where is that cry now? Does anyone hear it ringing in the clear March ozone with thunder notes? If he does, let him speak up or hold his peace. In these degenerate latter days, when C. F. Manderson would toy with the fickle goddess of fortune in the republican camp, do we hear this slogan of victory? Well, rather not. Nebraska republicans are standing up for Nebraska by being McKinley men. Alas and alack! the wave of patriotism that swept our republican brethren last fall seems to have been relegated to the rear, and McKinley "fat" has done all this to the purest band of patriots that ever breathed the breath of heaven and trod the green earth. Can man fall so low as to forget his state pride? Well, they surely have.

"Stand Up For Nebraska."

"DRIFT WITH THE CROWD."

A certain New England capitalist, who has been lending some money on Cass county lands, recently wrote a letter to a friend of his here which contains some suggestions by way of advice that are so characteristic of capital in general that they deserve to be read of all men. Among other things, he alludes to the recent charges made by Senator Tillman against Wall street and the trusts, and says:

"There is to my personal knowledge truth in many of his charges. The coal combine, and sugar trust are literal facts and no exaggeration whatever. Corn in Nebraska would be worth five to eight cents more per bushel if roads were capitalized at cost and freight charges were made to yield interest on bonded debt and say six to eight per cent. on stock."

"Friend ——— it will do either one of us HARM if we kick too much over public wrongs. When we are 'with the Romans we must do as Romans do.'"

"People don't like reformers and it hurts their families with the general public, and no one will stand up for them. Your way and mine is to DRIFT WITH THE CROWD, with an eye to the main chance. It's not right, morally, to do so, but it's much EASIER and better for one's family." * * *

Now, isn't that a choice bit of advice, coming from a rich man to a poor man? What would become of free institutions if everybody followed that idea? Some one of old, whose heart throbbled in unison with humanity, said "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty," but there is no vigilance in this man's philosophy.

THE latest declaration of Mr. McKinley on the finance question stamps him as a "Slippery Sam"—a double-dealer, and a mountebank on that subject. No man can tell what he means, because he does not say whether he is for free coinage or not. While he uses the phraseology of the goldbug his language might be construed to mean free silver. In fact he studiously avoids saying just what he does mean. This is contemptible in any public man, and ought to defeat him for the nomination or for the election if he is nominated. A man who dares not express himself on the leading issue before the people in clear, unmistakable language is not fit to be the head of a great nation.

MAYOR NEWELL is said to be a McKinley man in Weeping Water and a hot Manderson man in Plattsmouth. It takes a pretty slick fellow to ride two such horses at the same time, but those who imagine that Mayor Newell isn't slick don't know how to manipulate stone quarries.

MR. WINDHAM last evening gave the McKinley shouters a little practical example in "standing up for Nebraska" that sent the cold chills to racing up and down their backs and put them into the dumps, albeit it was the best speech of the evening.

WHILE the government of the United States is borrowing money at interest varying from 3 1/2 to 4 per cent, it is refreshing to know that the city of Atlanta gets what it needs on a straight 3 per cent basis.—Atlanta Constitution.

THE Kentucky legislature adjourned yesterday by limitation of law without electing a senator in place of Senator J. S. Blackburn.

W. W. Hamilton and sister, Mamie, of Manhattan, Kas., are visiting in this county with Miles Stand and family, near Murray.

HE STOLE A HORSE

Sheriff Holloway Captures a Man Wanted in Oregon.

HE WAS HEADED FOR MISSOURI

Landed in the Cass County Jail to Await the Arrival of An Officer From the Coast—Other Local Happenings in This Vicinity.

Arrested An Oregon Horse Thief. A few days ago Sheriff Holloway received a letter from Sheriff Harrington of Hepler, Morrow county, Oregon, enclosing a description of Samuel Sperry, wanted there for horse stealing. A warrant for his arrest was also enclosed in the letter, and Sheriff Holloway succeeded in locating Sperry at Dunbar, Otoe county, on Tuesday and placed him under arrest. He was brought to this city Tuesday and placed in jail, awaiting the arrival of the sheriff from Oregon.

Sperry said he would accompany Sheriff Harrington to the coast without a requisition from the governor of Oregon, as he thought that was about the easiest way to get there. Sperry committed the offense for which he is wanted about a year and a half ago, but has successfully eluded the officers since then. He has been in Weeping Water some time and his whereabouts was first made known to Sheriff Holloway at that place. Sperry, however, was given a "tip" by some friends, and left Weeping Water last night in a covered wagon, enroute for Missouri.

Sheriff Harrington, who agreed to pay all expenses of the capture of Sperry, will arrive in a few days for his prisoner.

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