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DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION.

A delegate convention of the democrats of the state of Nebraska is hereby called to meet in Lincoln on Wednesday, April 22, 1896, at 2 p. m., for the purpose of selecting sixteen delegates to the national democratic convention, which will meet in Chicago on the 7th day of July, 1896, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before it.

We invite all democratic citizens of the state, without respect to past political associations or differences, to unite in sending delegates to this convention.

The basis of representation is one delegate for each 100 votes, or major fraction thereof, cast for Hon. W. J. Bryan for United States senator at the general election of 1894, each county, however, have at least one delegate.

(Here follows the list of the counties with their number of delegates. On this basis Cass county is entitled to twenty-one delegates, and the whole number of delegates to the convention is 513.)

By order of the democratic state central committee.

C. J. SMYTH, Chairman.

LEE HERDMAN, Secretary.

This town has had enough of Newell, the weak-kneed, in the office of mayor. Let us have a man of vigor and courage once.

MARCH has thus far dealt kindly with the people of Nebraska. Four snow storms have covered and the snow has melted and most of it has gone into the earth—thus putting the soil into splendid condition for the reception of seed for the coming crops.

THE supreme court has decided that witnesses before the inter-state commerce commission cannot avoid answering questions by asserting that to do so would or might incriminate them. This decision gives new life to the commission and makes of it a valid force.

EX-SENATOR MANDERSON is a bimetalist, but only on such conditions as make it impossible of attainment. He is frightened to death at the spectre of a silver basis, and imagines that that would be the end of all things. If hard times continue, however, there are hosts of people in this country who will soon conclude that they would prefer a silver basis to a gold basis by far, if they must have one or the other. Men like Manderon make one tired.

OUR jumping-jack mayor, who favors McKinley in Weeping Water one day, is red hot for Manderon next day in Plattsmouth, and then when the McKinley club meets eats humble pie again for McKinley, all because he wants to be re-elected mayor, or because he don't know his own mind, it must be conceded, is in a bad fix. He seems to have lost much of his self-respect, and is willing to be anything or nothing for the sake of a little office in which he cuts a sorry figure.

THE University of Chicago Weekly, one of the finest college papers in America, pays the highest compliment possible to Hon. W. J. Bryan in its last week's edition, in recounting the particulars of the recent college debate between students of Illinois and the Chicago universities, at which Mr. Bryan presided. A handsome full-page picture of Mr. Bryan adorns the frontispiece, and many compliments are paid him besides making liberal quotations from his two addresses on "Bimetallism" and the "Tariff." It was a compliment which Nebraskans can appreciate.

THE esteemed News tries to make a point in favor of McKinleyism by assuming that the Wilson bill has operated to encourage the buying excessively of goods abroad. Not so fast, neighbor. Look up the figures of imports and you will find that they have decreased since the Wilson bill was passed. In 1892, under the full operation of the McKinley act, the imports of merchandise to the United States from abroad were, \$27,000,000 in round numbers; in 1893, they were over \$86,000,000, while in 1895 they were more than \$100,000,000 less than in either of those years. So the contention of the high tariffites is not born out by the facts.

THE PRIMARIES.

The democratic voters were out in force to the primaries Thursday and showed their good sense by putting up strong nominees in the several wards for councilmen. In the first ward Mike Mauzy, one of the best men in the ward, was put up. He has been a resident of the ward for nearly twenty years, is an intelligent, level-headed mechanic who has risen to the foremanship of the B. & M. blacksmith shop force, and has a mind and judgment of his own. He is like the Irishman's fighting cock—"all he can't trip him up" at the coming election.

The second ward democrats did equally well in their selection. If either of the others who were talked of had been nominated somebody else would have been dissatisfied, but all agree that in George Heisel they have a candidate against whom nobody can say a word. He is a quiet, modest, hard-working young man of business, and is known, like his father, Conrad Heisel, for his sterling honesty and good common sense. He was nominated by acclamation as the right man for the place. He was born, reared and educated in this city and all his interests are here.

The democrats of the third ward were out in large numbers to their primary, which was no cut and dried affair, and they did well to place on their ticket a young, energetic man in the person of Dr. Ed. Cummins, who was nominated after a brisk contest over Johnny Whalen. Whoever the republicans may nominate they will find that Mr. Cummins is "no dead-head in the enterprise." If elected he will be an honest, clear-headed, zealous fighter for the city's interests.

The fourth and fifth wards have re-nominated their present representatives in the council, Messrs. John Sattler and William Slater—both of whom by faithful service well deserved the distinction.

The general impression this morning is that these nominations will sweep the several wards, but democrats must remember that the battle is not always to the strong, and they must go to work to insure a victory. It is bad policy to set up a cheer before one gets out of the woods. The consciousness of having a splendid ticket should give nerve and strength to the democratic arm, so that its election will be the certain result at the end of the fight.

JOHN A. GUTSCHE who was nominated for mayor by the democrats Saturday evening is typical democratic citizen. He believes in the rule of the masses, and that public affairs should be conducted in their interest and in the most economic manner possible. His record as a member of the council shows that on every question he has acted in the interest of the city, subordinating private interests to that of the public. Unlike his opponent, Mr. Gutsche is always outspoken and the public knows just where to find him on every question. All citizens who have the city's interests at heart can support him with a full confidence that their affairs will be managed with an eye single to their best welfare. He is a man of character who at all times acts up to his best impulses and never wavers in his allegiance to what he believes to be right. As mayor of the city the public will know that there is a strong man at the helm of affairs, whose sole aim will be to promote the public's welfare and protect the city's treasury, without fear or favor. His administration, in comparison with the dribbling, equivocating weakness of his predecessor will stand out in strong contrast and will make all the people proud not only of their mayor but of the city in which they live. He will be elected hands down.

It is a matter of common knowledge that, as president of the council, Mayor Newell has equivocated and lacked the nerve to do anything which he could get along without, on any question requiring firmness and the executive quality. If he has any convictions he lacks the courage to enforce them. It was this same lack of firmness that led him into his unfortunate predicament on the Manderon-McKinley matter. There is not a public question on which positive action was required, in the interest of the city, that he has acted with any firmness or decision. In other words, he has no back-bone. Such a mayor is a positive injury to the city. Through his shilly-shally action the city is at the mercy of every grasping combination. He must be beaten.

It is noticed that since the News pointed out the fact that Mayor Newell had been a McKinley man at Weeping Water and a Manderon man in Plattsmouth, Mr. Newell's personal organ has closed its mouth like an oyster. It hasn't a word to say on the subject, although it started out by viciously denouncing THE JOURNAL and denying the truth of its statement.

SELLING COTTON TIES IN BOMBAY.

The Wilson bill is daily vindicating itself by letting down the bars so that our American manufacturers are getting into foreign markets with their goods. Under the McKinley act cotton ties were taxed at 102 per cent, and only such quantities were made as would supply the American market. By the Wilson bill cotton ties were placed on the free list. Instead of the American market being flooded with foreign-made iron ties, there has been a growing demand for this product from all parts of the world. The Cleveland World of March 18, inst., of which Robert Porter, the very high priest of protection, and late superintendent of the census, is editor, contains the following item, which tells of the wonders accomplished in this line:

"MADE IN THE UNITED STATES"—AN IMMENSE ORDER FOR IRON BEING SHIPPED FROM YOUNGSTOWN TO BOMBAY.

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO, March 17. The Union Iron and Steel Company is running on one of the largest orders of finished iron ever shipped from this valley. The order is from Bombay, India, and shipments have already been begun. An immense amount of cotton ties have already been shipped, but this will form but a small part of the order. Every package sent out will be marked, "Made in the United States."

Here it is shown that American manufacturers are supplying the world with cotton ties, an article that is absolutely on the free list. Could any thing be more conclusive?

Customs Duties

Are taxes on the import of commodities and have to be paid by the consumer of the commodities. The foreign producer will not sell them at less than they cost and the importing merchant will not bring them in unless he obtains this cost, his own fair profit and the import duty over and above the cost and his profit. An import duty is a tax that the consumer may pay heavily or lightly as they choose, but if the commodity be one of domestic as well as foreign supply, the effect of the customs duties is to raise the price of the domestic supply in some proportion to the duty.

If the commodity is a necessity to him, he has no choice; he has to pay the price knowing that it goes to no public purpose, but only into the pockets of his own private neighbor. If the home manufacturer would be satisfied with a fair profit, and give to the laborer the amount that the duty enhances the price of his product, then it would be beneficial to the laboring class to that extent; but past experience has proven to us that it is not the rule to do so. Look back a few years and see manufacturers importing slaves to take the place of our own men, so that they could increase their own gains under the guise of protection. H. B.

A Bid For Votes.

How's this for a corrupt bid for votes? It is copied from the Tribune of last evening:

"Dave Miller says that, 'all those who vote for him as police judge can rely upon his memory.' He stands in with the city jailor and can throw in a wisp of straw to any of his friends who get cinched."

If Dave is really authority for that he is a worse man than we took him for.

MR. STRODE and other Nebraska congressmen are making an effort to procure a pension of \$100 a month for Gen. John M. Thayer, who is described as in needy circumstances. If Gen. Thayer had been less a partizan and more a patriot, if he had stood up for honesty and not for public plunder at all times while in power, he might have the active sympathy and support of every man in Nebraska in his present effort; but the people cannot forget how he has perverted justice, robbed them of their rights, aided jobbery and done all manner of things an honest man and patriot would not do, and he will get little positive aid now when it is conceded that he is down at the heel and needs help.

THE Omaha Bee publishes a letter from some one at Lincoln, signed "J. C. G.," which attacks the fairness of the bicycle prize contest now going on in the Lincoln Journal, and says it was a put up job from the start—that Miss Mutton withdrew because Ed. Bignell disclosed the fact that he had in reserve the money for 8,000 votes, which were to be cast on the last day of the contest for the Bignell favorite, and it was settled before hand who should win. The letter bears the impress of truth.

IS HIS honor, Mayor Newell, in the conspiracy that has been hatched to rob RATIO Dovey of the honor of being a delegate to the national republican convention? Let him speak out, and not try to ride two horses at once. We learn that some of his friends are in the deal; is he?

Farmers desiring brick-laying, plastering or stone masonry can have such work done by applying to Wm. Mostin of Plattsmouth, who can be addressed through THE JOURNAL.

Democratic County Convention.

The members of the democratic central committee for Cass county, are hereby called to meet at the city hall in Plattsmouth at 1:30 o'clock on Saturday, March 28, 1896, to make arrangements for calling a county convention to select delegates to the state and congressional conventions, and other business. H. D. TRAVIS, Chairman Dem. Central Committee.

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, said 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	Otoe	29
Johnson	18	Pawnee	8
Lancaster	46	Richmond	30
Nebraska	10		
Total		158	

Justice (?) at Council Bluffs.

The following from the Council Bluffs department of the Omaha Bee gives a fair idea of the manner in which justice is meted out in that city: "William Blackburn and Carrie Wright were arraigned before Justice Vien yesterday to plead to the charge of adultery. By agreement the case against Blackburn was continued for six months. The defendant was released on his own recognizance. The Wright woman waived preliminary hearing and was sent to jail in default of \$200 bonds to await the action of the grand jury."

Taken to the "Pen."

Sheriff Holloway departed for Lincoln last Friday with George Finley and George Dean, the two young men who were sentenced by Judge Ramsey to one year's imprisonment in the state penitentiary, for burglary.

May Be An Old "Bird."

Sheriff Holloway returned last Friday from Lincoln, having taken Finley and Dean to the penitentiary. He reports that when the prisoners were told to "fall in," Finley promptly assumed the correct position, without any instructions, and executed the "lock-step" like an old-timer. Sheriff Holloway says that it takes experience to go through this performance, and it is believed now that Finley has served at least one term in some penitentiary.

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