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At the present time the manufacturing interests are organized to maintain the price of goods manufactured for farmers. In many instances, as was formerly the case with insurance, competition is entirely destroyed. Each farmer standing alone is entirely at their mercy. He must pay the price demanded and local freight in addition. A well organized association of the substantial farmers of this state for the purchase of their goods in larger quantities would be able to buy their goods and machinery at reasonable figures and by purchasing in large quantities would save the difference between local and car load rates.

Editor Independent: In reply to your article in last week's Independent in regard to establishing a farmers' supply house in Nebraska, will say I think such a house would be a grand affair for the farmers. For the last few years I have been sending away for a great deal of my goods. For the

last two years I have bought my implements direct of the manufacturer, but always compelled to pay local freight. I have consulted the railroad agent and I find carload rates are less than half the hundred pound rates. I buy my implements of the Hapgood Plow Co., of Alton, Ill. Most farm machinery takes second class freight, which is from Alton 88 cents per hundred. In carloads the freight would be between 40 and 44 cents per hundred. Some time ago the railroad agent told me first class freight from Chicago was \$1.30 per hundred local freight while carload rates were 55 cents per hundred. I buy of the Hapgood Plow Co. because I know of no plow company but their selling direct to the farmer. Let us have a farmers' supply house in Nebraska by all means, controlled by and in the interests of the farmers. Let us hear from others.

G. W. MOORE, Fullerton, Neb., June 16, 1900.

The Independent will gladly give space to other thoughtful communications upon this subject.

SOME GOOD ADVICE

The following very excellent advice appeared as a leading editorial in the Omaha Bee recently. It shows clearly that it is the intention of the republicans to retain the legislature if possible. It will be necessary for the fusionists to attend carefully to the character and quality of men chosen for the legislature in order to elect a majority. We commend the plan outlined in the Bee editorial for republicans to the careful consideration of the fusionists of Nebraska.

MUST NAME ITS BEST MEN The republicans of Nebraska have a fighting chance to elect a majority of the next legislature providing they exercise prudence and sagacity in making nominations. Up to this time one-fourth only of the 133 members of the two houses have been named. In other words there remain 100 legislative nominations to be made and those will doubtless determine the political complexion of the body.

To win out republicans must not merely rely upon the popularity of candidates in caucuses and conventions, but look to their ability to secure support at the polls. While party loyalty will insure for them the support of uncompromising partisans, the very large element of independent voters must not be overlooked.

The most essential qualification for legislative candidates must be their known integrity and their standing in their respective communities, whose

News of the Week

The eyes of the whole world have been centered on China during the week. The occurrences there have been of the most astonishing character. The anti-foreign movement has spread nearly all over the kingdom. Peking has been cut off from communication with the outside world. The Chinese ministers have been besieged in their legations. It is reported that the chancellor of the Japanese government and the German minister have both been murdered. There was a concerted movement on the part of all the nations to protect their citizens. Warships and soldiers have been hurried forward by every government, and immense navies now lie in the Chinese harbors. A relief force was started toward Peking under the command of a British admiral and it has not been heard from since except by rumor which states that it is holed up by hostile forces in a desert and that it was without food or water. The Chinese forts at Taku fired on the foreign warships and were first bombarded and then assaulted by a land force and taken. The administration has ordered the 9th infantry to proceed from the Philippines to China. The British are sending troops from India and even from South Africa. Russia and Japan have both landed large forces as well as France and Germany.

HARDY'S COLUMN

The Convention—Another Sun-Rise War—The Flag—Honest Enumeration—Tax Upon The Poor.

It is Tuesday morning before Mark Hanna's convention has met. To start with, we hope Teddy will not be nominated for president, for we can whip Bryan much easier. It is clear that the leaders of the party see the need of some strong candidate for vice president to help Billy out. His running mate must be able to pull harder and run faster or the whole cause is dough. Senator Tom wants to get rid of Roosevelt for as governor he runs things instead of letting Tom do it. So Senator Tom Pickens wants Teddy for vice president and another man for governor of New York. Then there are others who say that Teddy is the only man who can carry the state for governor and without him the state will surely go for Bryan. But the real reason why Teddy does not want to be vice president is because he wants to be president in 1904. He does not hanker for the vice presidential graveyard. But rather than blacken McKinley's eye he may consent to die for his party. Just offer him the presidency and see how quickly he would grab.

Another sun-rise war is on our hands. China must be conquered, split up and civilized. Twenty thousand soldiers and ten or more warships are to go there, raise the flag and never haul it down. A chunk the size of Texas will be sufficient to grow our own tea. McKinley knows what chunk he is to have by agreement with the powers. So it is very necessary that he should be re-elected or we may not get our share. It will not do to trust such matters in raw hands. Hip, hip for the Chinese war, a larger army and a stronger navy.

The flag, the flag. To hear some of the imperial republicans talk, one would think the old flag, stars and stripes was all there is to the republic of America. That we have only to fight for that. But the flag is no more than any dish rag without the declaration of independence and the constitution. How does it look stuck up on a pole in the Philippines and the declaration five thousand miles away? What is the use of a dog's tail without the dog? Dogs haul down their tails when caught—killing sheep or in any other mischief, but look to their tails when there is no support of the declaration but because those people want to be independent. The very thing our fathers fought for here, we are fighting against over there. Better pull down the flag and bring it away as any dog would his tail when caught killing sheep. If they would load their cannon with the declaration of independence, any patriot would touch it off, but to load them with gold standard, high tariff and trust no decent man would fire it at a skunk. That is the gold bug plan, to conquer every silver country on earth. China is next in the row.

How is it that Omaha and Lincoln are talking about a decrease in their census. It was a republican work then, it is a republican work now. The trouble is the stuffers have gone to Cuba. If they would bring Tom Cook back, Omaha could easily dig up three hundred thousand. It was stuffing that beat the prohibition amendment. But Roosevelt ought to be able to fill the place of all the leading republicans who have gone to Cuba. An honest count will bring the number in Lancaster county below 70,000, and that will save us several thousand dollars in county running expenses. The number of our county officers and their pay is founded on the supposition that we have seventy thousand. But they will stuff enough to keep all the republicans in office.

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That much seems reliable, but the Chinese have destroyed the land lines and cut the cables and much that is only rumor has been called by sending by ship to the nearest cable station. Hundreds of missionaries and thousands of Chinese converts have been in danger of their lives and in all probability some of them have been murdered. The New York Journal offered to get word at its own expense and send it to the friends and relatives of the missionaries in the country, but on account of the destruction of the lines it has been unable to get any news of them.

There is no doubt that the people of this country will stand by the president in any endeavor to protect the lives and property of missionaries and American citizens in China, but any appearance of collusion with the great powers to dismember China and partition it among the nations of the world or any foreign alliance whatever will be met with the severest denunciation.

The fighting in South Africa between Boers and British ended on the 17th drawn battle. The Boers retreated taking all their guns, ammunition and supplies with them a little farther to the east. Lord Roberts then opened communication with Gen. Botha in regard to a surrender. Botha asked for six days time to consider the matter and Lord Roberts granted five days, but before the end of the time specified, Gen. Botha sent word that the fight must go to the bitter end. England's entanglement in China will be taken advantage of by the Boers to the fullest extent. The African population in Cape Colony are protesting most vigorously against the destruction of the two republics and even in England the opposition to the Joe Chamberlain scheme are beginning to take on new life.

In regard to the situation in the Philippines, the Washington Post, a republican paper says: "We venture to say that the Filipino now operating in Luzon have been killing more and more and more respect and consideration than were the Cuban insurgents in February, 1898, when we went to war with a friendly nation on their account. The 'patriots' in Cuba are exactly what the Filipinos now are. The truth is, however, that the Cubans are infinitely more entitled to recognition as belligerents than the Cuban insurgents ever were, and that our authority in Luzon is not half so thoroughly established as Spain's was three years ago in Cuba." This is no doubt a fair statement of the case and it portends an almost unending war.

The latest dispatches are to the effect that Admiral Seymour of the British forces has arrived in Peking to the relief of the threatened legations. This report had not been confirmed by later advices but it is believed to be correct.

The republican national convention at Philadelphia had done nothing up to the hour of going to press. The dailies have been filled with columns of stuff for the last four or five days but they are filled up with surmises and guesses, and not one man in ten thousand reads it. At the present writing it seems probable that Roosevelt will be nominated for vice president. He has constantly asserted that he would not accept the nomination, but the situation seems to the bosses to be desperate, and he must take it. All agree that there is not a particle of enthusiasm and that all efforts to manufacture any have been failures. Many excuses—excuses that take up a great deal of space—have been made every day. The fact that no one takes any particular interest in the convention—not even the citizens of the city—is not denied. When the convention met there were large vacant spaces in all parts of the hall. Tickets of admission were selling for \$1.00 for the first convention—a thing that was never known at any past conventions of the party. The reason given for want of enthusiasm is that there is no contest for the nomination. But to a disinterested "by-stander" it would appear that there is nothing over which any man can enthuse in the whole performance. A lot of Negro delegates from the south who have no chance to sell their votes and a lot of white delegates from the north waiting for orders from Hanna is not a situation out of which to manufacture enthusiasm.

Which Shall it be? The political situation in the United States begins to look as if we should study the two problems and decide which we favor. If the people want a big standing army and an empire, vote for McKinley, for it will be McKinley and an empire or Bryan and a republic. The republicans will make a lie out of their platform. It will be for a self government for Cuba and for a reduction in the revenue. Then they will have a plank denouncing the trusts. When every man with a thumbful of sense knows that plank will be a lie just to catch votes. Why haven't they tried to stop the trusts if they are so bitter against them as they try to make people think they are? There are men in Au-

The populist delegation from Polk county will present the name of J. E. Peterson as a candidate for secretary of state. Mr. Peterson is a young man, was born in Sweden and is very popular with that nationality throughout the state. He has served two terms as county clerk to the entire satisfaction of

the people of Polk county. As a county Polk has a good record for electing populist officers and giving good majorities to the state ticket. The delegation will insist on recognition.

Theodore Griess, of Clay county, has announced his candidacy for the nomination for secretary of state. In 1894 he was selected as deputy county treasurer of Clay county, where he continued for four years. At the end of four years service as deputy, he was nominated and elected county treasurer and re-elected. He is serving as county treasurer at the present time and has many enthusiastic friends.

People's Independent Convention

The people's independent convention for Lancaster county, Nebraska, is called to meet at Bohannan's Hall, Lincoln, on Saturday, June 30, 1900, at 2:00 o'clock p. m., to nominate candidates for county attorney, county commissioner from first district, five members of the house of representatives and two senators. Said county convention will also transact any other business which may come before it. The basis of representation is fixed at one delegate for each 1500 votes or fraction thereof cast for Silas A. Holcomb for supreme judge in November, 1899, and one delegate at large for each city ward and county precinct, as follows:

Lincoln—First ward, 16; Second ward, 16; Third ward, 28; Fourth ward, 27; Fifth ward, 28; Sixth ward, 16; Seventh ward, 17; Buda, 9; Centerville, 7; Denton, 6; Elk, 5; Grant, 3; Garfield, 4; Highland, 4; Little Salt, 6; Middle Creek, 3; Mill, 7; Nemaha, 11; North Bluff, 7; Oak, 8; Olive Branch, 3; Panama, 8; Rock Creek, 7; Sallito, 8; South Park, 7; Stevens Creek, 7; Stockton, 6; Waverly, 7; West Oak, 6; West Lincoln, 5; Yankee Hill, 9. Total, 341.

It is recommended that precinct and ward primaries to select delegates to said convention be held at the usual polling places on Thursday, June 28, 1900, at 7:30 p. m., unless otherwise called by the precinct committee man.

A. E. SHELDON, Chairman, C. G. BULLOCK, Secretary.

DEMOCRATIC COUNTY CONVENTION

Will be held at the Auditorium, Lincoln, Saturday, June 30, at 2 p. m.

FREE SILVER REPUBLICANS

Will hold their convention in Lincoln, Saturday, June 30, at 2:00 p. m.

Headquarters National Committee

The headquarters of the National Committee of the People's party will be at Lyceum Hall in Kansas City. That will be the place of all meetings for the county officers, Chairman Butler, Vice-Chairman Edmisten and Secretary Edgerton, of the committee will be located at the Savoy Hotel, which is near the convention hall and also near the Lyceum hall. The national committee meets on the third of July.

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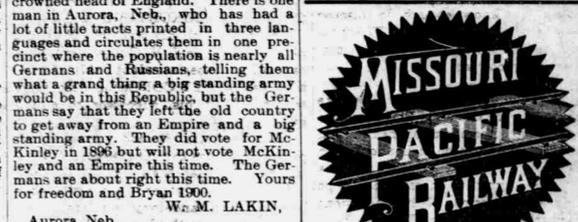
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