

SOME STATE POLITICAL NOTES

When the democratic state convention meets in Grand Island next Tuesday the watchword will be "Wilson and Marshall and harmony!" Nobody is going to Grand Island to "get" anybody. The only issues are those enumerated in the Baltimore platform, and the only men whose personal welfare is to be considered are the candidates upon the ticket. Hopelessly divided among themselves, the republicans are seeking to get the democrats in similar shape by arousing prejudices and animosities that have been buried. Any democrat who has an idea of going to Grand Island for the purpose of "disciplining somebody," or "burying somebody," would do well to remain at home.

Governor Aldrich loves to denounce the Sanborn decision as an attempt to deprive states of the right to control and regulate their own internal affairs, yet he directs the manager of his press bureau to denounce John H. Morehead for opposing Senate File 128, which bill sought to deprive Nebraska municipalities of the right to regulate and control their own public service utilities. If consistency happened to be a complete suit of clothes and Governor Aldrich had nothing else, he couldn't appear on the streets without being arrested for indecent exposure.

State Auditor Barton, now a candidate for congress in the Fifth district, is telling the people that the "insurance combine" and the "insurance lobby" is grafting worse than ever. As Auditor Barton has been the insurance czar for four years he might, at least, tell us why he has done something to put a stop to the grafting.

Immediately after the state primary last April Governor Aldrich announced in a public interview that he purposed "putting that man Morehead on record" on certain questions. What has happened? Is it possible that the governor is too busy preparing a defense and an explanation for his own administration? Six murders growing out of incompetent and inefficient management of the state prison under the sole control of Governor Aldrich. Constant turmoil at the Soldier's Home at Milford through the incompetency and inefficiency of commandants appointed by Governor Aldrich. Illegitimate baby born to a half-witted ward of the state at Beatrice, said ward having been an inmate for years, and no effort made to punish the brute responsible for the demented girl's condition. After paying state warrants in spot cash for many years, it remained for Governor Aldrich's administration to so manage the financial affairs of the state that holders of warrants had to register them and discount them at bank. Cost of maintaining state institutions greater per capita than under any other state administration. We opine that Governor Aldrich will be so all-fired busy defending his administration's record that he will not have much time in which to comment upon the record of his opponent.

Much has been said in many of the republican organs about Senator Morehead's stand relative to certain "reform" insurance bills introduced at the last session. Those g. o. p. organs are howling loudly about the need of "insurance reform," yet every one of them is staunchly supporting Howard, the republican candidate for auditor. The auditor is the insurance commissioner, and Howard was backed for the nomination by every member of the insurance combine and by every lobbyist and agent therefor. The trouble with republican pretense is that about the time it gets well started it jabs its pilot into its caboose.

Herman Diers, the democratic candidate for lieutenant governor, is experienced in legislative matters, a man of mature judgment and well balanced mind. The lieutenant governor presides over the senate, and acts as governor in case of the death or absence from the state of the governor. The position is too important to trust in the hands of an immature youngster of no experience in public affairs and incapable of expressing an intelligent opinion on the chief questions of the day.

It is not necessary for a man to be eternally yawping and fulminating in order to be a "progressive." A progressive man, politically, is known by what he stands for and works for, and measured by this John Morehead is a progressive of progressives. Twenty years ago he was battling for the principles now so often pointed to as the "progressive principles" of today. While men now claiming to be "progressive" were demanding that we "let well enough alone" and standing solidly with the big interests represented by Mark Hanna, John Morehead was working for and voting for the very things that these men now claim a monopoly upon. There is not a single progressive principle enunciated in the platforms of the populist and democratic platforms of the last two decades that Morehead has not supported, and while doing it he was opposed and denounced by the men who now seek to secure place and power on the strength of their "progressiveness."

The Grand Island convention will frame a democratic state platform defining the state issues. It will elect a state central committee, and this committee will select its officers. The purpose of the convention will be to put a militant democracy in fighting trim for the campaign, not to put "water on the wheel" of any clique or faction; not to "discipline anybody;" not to "play even" for fancied slights." The triumph of democratic principles in state and nation is of vastly more moment than the "vindication" of any man or set of men.

It will be the purpose of this newspaper from time to time to compare the record of the Aldrich administration with that of his predecessor. And with the evidence at hand it is going to be easy to show that Governor Aldrich will have many things to explain between Chautauqua speeches and newspaper interviews.

Considering how often he claims to have been misquoted it is a wonder that the chief executive of Nebraska doesn't quit talking so much for publication.

THE ART OF EXPERIENCE.

There are some things that come only through experience; things that can not be learned from books or from correspondence schools. One of them is the art of plumbing. It takes actual contact with the work itself to make one proficient. For several years G. W. Cultra was business manager of Cooper & Cole Bros' establishment, and as such he came to know the plumbing business thoroughly, after having spent several years at the trade. Recently Mr. Cultra engaged in the plumbing business for himself, opening an establish-

ment at 116 North Thirteenth street. He understands the business thoroughly and is equipped to handle any sized contract in the plumbing line with satisfaction to all concerned. Mr. Cultra is entitled to the confidence of the public because of his skill and his knowledge. Any business entrusted to him will be attended to in a most satisfactory manner.

A NEW BUSINESS IDEA.

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Being wholly unprejudiced in this First congressional district fight we fell at liberty express entire confidence in Paul Clark's ability to take care of his own interests. Brer Clark is some pumpkins when it comes to knowledge of the political game.

Of course you are coming to the State Fair. The display this year, in all lines, will be bigger and better than ever.

HAPPENINGS IN THE CITIES

Sarsfield Aboo Heard Call of Wild



NEW YORK.—To the unspeakable amazement of James Ford, a veteran cab driver, his veteran horse, Sarsfield Aboo, nineteen years old, ran away the other afternoon. The amazement of Ford was shared by his fares, Mr. and Mrs. William Haynes and Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Jones of Slatinton, Pa., who had engaged Ford and his rig at the Liberty street ferry because of the demure appearance and deliberate gait of the aforesaid Sarsfield Aboo.

Incidental to the runaway the visitors from Slatinton, Pa., were the cynosure of all eyes and the assailants of all ears along Fifth avenue from Eighth street to Fourteenth street. At the latter point Policemen Delehanty and Herrington leaped upon Sarsfield Aboo and bore him to the pavement to the utter destruction of their new uniforms and the accumulation of bruises, sprains and contusions which gained them the unsolicited sick leave of a department surgeon.

James Ford was sitting on the box of his weatherbeaten cab at the Liberty street ferry when the Slatinton visitors approached him and evinced a desire to be transferred to the Grand Central station in time to catch a train for Millwood, N. Y. They specified in the contract that they were to be driven up Fifth avenue as far as the length of that thoroughfare served as a route to their destination.

"Clack-clack-clack," sounded the ample hoofs of Sarsfield Aboo on the wet and shiny pavements until Eighth street and Fifth avenue was reached. At that crossing Jehu Ford endeavored to urge Sarsfield Aboo across the

car tracks ahead of an automobile proceeding from east to west.

The automobile struck the rear right wheel of the cab and swung it about so violently that Ford was jarred from his seat and fell sprawling to the street. With a loud honk of the horn the automobile sped west and Sarsfield Aboo, elevating his head and tail, sped north.

Feeling the call of the wild or something, Sarsfield Aboo extended himself with every jump. By the time he reached Ninth street he was moving like Ballyhoo Bey coming down the stretch under whip and spur.

The Hayneses and the Joneses opened both doors of the cab with the idea of jumping out. But the ladies were afraid to jump and the men would not jump ahead of the ladies, so all four did the next best thing and emitted Pennsylvania cries of alarm that were heard for blocks.

With every yell from the cab Sarsfield Aboo put on more speed. Approaching Fourteenth street he was in his best stride and the cab was slipping to and fro over the pavement like the lash of a whip.

Delehanty and Herrington, giants in stature and cool of mind, saw the runaway coming. With businesslike nonchalance they placed themselves so Sarsfield Aboo and the trailing cab would have to come between them.

Delehanty grabbed the bridle and hung on. Herrington got the reins and hung on. The cops fell and were dragged across Fourteenth street, but the weight told on Sarsfield Aboo and as he essayed to turn and shake them off he got tangled up in his own feet and fell.

After a time Ford, the cabman, came limping along and rescued his property. Upon his assurance that Sarsfield Aboo was so tired he would not run away again if the Metropolitan tower fell down in front of his face, the Slatinton, Pa., quartet continued the trip to the Grand Central station in the Ford cab.

MISS IDE'S WEDDING GIFTS



Colonel and Mrs. Leslie there is a corsage ornament of diamonds and pearls. Mr. and Mrs. Cockran gave a string of large pearls.

Gifts from Sir John and Lady Constance Leslie are connecting links between the historic past and the present. Sir John gave an old diamond and ruby bracelet that had been given to Mrs. Fitzherbert by King George IV. of England. The gift from Lady Constance is a miniature by Cocway, which was also presented to Mrs. Fitzherbert by King George.

There also is a glamour of history about the present from the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, who are personal friends of Colonel and Mrs. Leslie. It is an inkstand that was used by King George II. of England. Several gifts also were received from Sir Maurice de Bunsen, British ambassador to Spain, and the members of the diplomatic corps at Madrid. The Countess of Kerry, a cousin of the bridegroom, gave a superb Chinese mat. Scores of other gifts were received, including chests of silver and beautiful jewels.

The bride is an unusually handsome young woman and for several years has been prominent in exclusive society in New York city and in several cities in Europe. Her husband is also almost as well known in London and Paris as he is in New York and notwithstanding his wealth and blue blood, is a typical unassuming young American.

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State Firemen's Tournament.

Norfolk, Neb.—The state volunteer firemen's tournament will be held at Norfolk July 23 to 25. Over \$3,500 worth of prizes will be given away and exciting contests have been arranged. Every fireman who will visit the tournament will be well taken care of and accommodations have been arranged to take care of every visitor. Many bands are to furnish abundant music, and one building has been purchased to burn up.



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