

MEIKLEJOHN bulldozed the legislature but he can't bulldoze the voters of the third congressional district. They are onto him.

JUDGE NORRIS, the what-is-it of the Third district has been sat down on again. He is in the wrong pew, and he knows it, but he hasn't the political manhood to get out of it.

THE difficulty in getting a chairman for the republican national committee was in finding a man who could play the Reid organ successfully. It's a big task.

"ONE weak spot in the record of a candidate, under the existing conditions, might easily cause defeat." So says the Evening News. The old ship is leaking badly.

ANENT the attempt of the republicans to stir up war prejudice against Gen. Fields, the Beaver City Times calls attention to twenty-one ex-rebel soldiers that have been appointed to prominent positions by republican administrations.

IN its account of the late republican convention the State Journal said that at every shout which was sent up one could see the steam rise. Of course one could see the steam rise. There was a B. & M. engine present to railroad through the deal and of course steam had to be one of the features.

ROSWELL G. HERR is making votes for the independent party wherever he goes. There are a thousand old farmers in Nebraska today who can reason him blind on the public questions of the day, and there are one hundred thousand voters who see through his shallow political sophistries. Let him bowl. His speeches only serve to show the dearth of republican argument.

WHILE the editor of the Call is chairman of the republican county central committee, his paper takes up the defense of Senator Paddock, notwithstanding a resolution of commendation was voted down by an overwhelming majority of the county convention. Why was the gentleman made county chairman? For the same reason that Rosewater was made national committeeman. It would have been unsafe to do otherwise. The old ship is leaking.

E. M. CORRELL of the Hebron Journal kicks hard on the early convention. He says:

"The action of the state republican committee in calling the state convention as early as August 4th, is simply monumental foolishness, and bare, bleak, bald-headed lack of political good sense." And then he goes on to show the weakness of the party, and the need of waiting until the opposing parties had put up their tickets, so that they could not then take advantage of mistakes made by the republicans. Verily, the g. o. p. is in the toils.

PASTE this where you can look at it several times before election day: A cashier of one of our Lincoln banks was on Wall street at the time the silver bill was pending in the house, and he states that immediately upon its defeat the interest quotations which had ranged from 1 1/2 to 2 1/2 were advanced to 4 1/2; and that Wall street was the scene of such rejoicing and revelry as had not been witnessed for years. As long as the west and the south furnish good music and refreshments, the lords of Wall street may be depended upon to have been growing out of the mouths of government—in other words

ORGANIZED LABOR.

Mr. Kent is right when he says that the only thing that has kept up wages in this country is organization among laboring men. The contest now on between Carnegie & Co. and their employes is not so much over the scale of wages, as it is over the destruction or perpetuation of the amalgamated association, one of the leading labor unions of the country. The capitalists have determined on a war to the death against this organization. The laborers will resist this warfare with all their power. It is not a matter of mere sentiment with them. They realize that their only protection against the tyranny of capital lies in their union. Once this is broken up, the capitalist will only have the individual laborers to deal with. He can then use the laborers to beat down their own wages through competition for employment.

Carnegie & Co. have offered to take back all their old employes, except the leaders, provided they renounce their union, and accept employment as individuals. This the laboring men have refused, although they know that defeat in their contest will ruin them financially. This shows how deeply in earnest they are.

The real contest has only just begun. The organized laborers of the whole country are likely to co-operate with the locked out employees at Homestead, to make this a final test battle between organized labor and organized capital on the old lines.

It is to be hoped that this contest will set the laboring men of the country to thinking more deeply, and cause them to see that they can never achieve a permanent victory while they play into the hands of their oppressors by voting for the old political parties. The only true solution of the labor question is to be reached through the ballot box. All labor organizations must be merged into one grand political organization, before industrial freedom can be secured.

AS AN elderly, motherly woman from North Buff precinct sat on the steps of the First National bank, a pained expression came into her face again and again as she saw the young bank clerks and business men passing, dressed in their loose summer shirts and broad black belts. The old lady gave her husband a poke with the umbrella as she remarked, "I say Ben, isn't it singular how many young men has weak stomachs in these degenerate times? Who ever seed a young man bound up in that way in our young day? D'you s'pose I'd ever er married you if you'd er kum er courtin' round me with your vitals all bandaged up like that? No, sir! None o' your weak stomached striplings fer me, Ben, not much," and she rose up energetically and started toward the public square saying more to herself than to her husband who followed, "Them horses is done eatin' by this time and I'm goin' home. I always did think that town folks was degenerate in heart and now that they're all runnin' down physic'ly I don't want to look at 'em."

"MISTHER - Meiklejohn-yez-kin-hevanny-thing-ye've-a-moind-to-ask-fer" has been nominated for congress by the republicans of the new third district. Youth and beauty are his most prominent qualifications for the office. Incidentally it may be remarked that he has been "very friendly to the road, meaning the Union Pacific Road and its

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