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Bixby still insists that Mr. Porter should "put it back."

There is no reason why republicans should not vote the straight ticket this fall.

National issues will cut very little figure in the campaign in this county this fall.

Good roads and a fair assessment will be the main issues in the November election in this county.

Tom Madison bids fair to rival Pat Crowe in the game of "now you see it and now you don't see it."

Owing to the failure of Colombia to ratify it, the Panama canal treaty expired by limitation Tuesday.

The Omaha World-Herald magnanimously concedes to President Roosevelt the right to carry as many pistols as he wishes to—either in his right hip pocket or any other old pocket.

A. H. Keeneey of Cowles, republican nominee for county judge, is one of the most popular men on the ticket. Mr. Keeneey is in the prime of life, a lawyer of ability and a man of sound business judgment. He is well qualified to fill the office of county judge will undoubtedly be elected in November.

Ed Amack is gaining strength in his race for sheriff. His long residence in the county, his courage and his natural shrewdness in estimating the characters of men are qualities which go to make up an ideal sheriff, and he should receive the vote of every republican in the county at the coming election.

Now that the populists have named their ticket, it is time for the republican nominees to get on their war paint. Chairman E. J. Overing, Jr., and Secretary John W. Tulleys, of the republican county committee, are already "getting busy," and promise to keep the pot boiling from now until election day.

The words "union labor" are to the Lincoln Journal as a red rag shaken in the face of an enraged bull. Several years ago the Journal was entangled in a dispute with the union printers and the office was "rattled." The union printers afterward succeeded in re-establishing themselves in the office, and since that time the Journal has missed no opportunity to roast labor unions generally.

County Treasurer George McCracken renominated by the populists last Saturday. He has our sincere sympathy. Aside from his politics, George is all right, and personally we admire him. But this is a republican year, and W. H. Skelton, who is from McCracken's home precinct, will fill the treasurer's office for the next two years. Mr. Skelton has lived in Webster county for about seventeen years and is very popular among those who know him best.

Free Trade's Last Stand.

It is conceded by the friends, as well as the foes of British free trade that the policy will have to make the right of the people to split in the future. Our country is on the issue of the right in such a way that the question will have to be referred to

the people of the kingdom before many more months pass. Colonial Secretary Chamberlain, who has just stepped down out of the cabinet, wants a system of tariff duties which will give a preference to the products of England's colonies, though the compensation demanded is a preference on the part of the colonies to imports from England. Premier Balfour wants a tariff scheme whereby retaliatory duties can be imposed on goods from the countries which tax the imports of British commodities, which means virtually all the great countries of the world.

The difference between the Chamberlain and the Balfour ideas may not seem important to the world at large, for each contemplates the imposition of duties on some or many of the products of the rest of the great countries. It is important enough, however, in the opinion of Mr. Chamberlain, to prevent the two leaders from working in harmony together, and hence the colonial secretary retires. On one point both Balfour and Chamberlain are agreed. They believe the British people are not yet prepared to tax imports of food products. Moreover, they think that a campaign of education will be necessary to win them to the taxation side, even if they can be won at all.

In any case, the matter will have to go to the British electorate for a decision, and this will bring up the whole question of protection and free trade in a more direct way than at any time since the free-trade basis was reached, over half a century ago. The election will have a great interest for the people of the United States, as well as for the other countries. The adoption of a policy of protection would injure American exportation into England for a time at least. The fact, however, that it would make food dearer in England will be a strong argument against both the Balfour and Chamberlain plans. This is a point which will be urged with great force by the Liberal party, which in general, will take ground against the adoption of protection. There is a chance, indeed, for a return of the Liberals to power on this issue. In any case, an element of interest has been injected into British politics such as it has not felt since home rule for Ireland was defeated.

Our National Air.

The order of the secretary of the navy has established in that department of the government as our national air, the "Star Spangled Banner." Some people are aggrieved because it supersedes "America," which because of its better adaptation to the scale of the ordinary voice, is sung oftener than any other of our patriotic songs. But as America is identical with the British national air, it is embarrassing to the sailor men when participating in an international fête, where the representatives of each nation present are expected to render their national airs. For an American and a British delegation to repeat each other's strains is not flattering to our national pride. While only accomplished vocalists can sing the Star Spangled Banner with the best effect, it is wonderfully inspiring when rendered instrumentally, inferior to none of the national airs of the period, not even to the Marseillaise. Some critics say that it is not an original American composition. Neither is "God Save the King" an original English composition. Most of the immortal song compositions come from the sunny south, in Italy or France, the original fount of most popular music. Even "Yankee Doodle" has been traced to the remotest antiquity. "A Hot Time" may be among those airs indigenous to this country, but ragtime is not considered quite stately enough for national airs. The adoption of the Star Spangled Banner by the navy, always to be sung or played as our national air, will doubtless give it universal precedence and stamp it as the American song just as the "Marseillaise" is French, and the "Wacht am Rhein" the German and "God Save the King" the distinctive British tune. It is a good

thing to have the matter settled officially. It is the words that finally obtain exclusive possession of a popular air that ultimately give it its character and the words and music of the "Star Spangled Banner" have long been inseparable.

"The Chief" and Mail Order Houses.

When M. J. Farrell was calling upon the merchants in the interests of his "Foxy Grandpa" advertising scheme, one merchant refused to patronize the "graft" on the ground that THE CHIEF had attempted to extort advertising from his firm by threatening to run advertisements of mail order houses, and also stated that this paper had run such advertisements. Any reader of this paper knows that we do not run such advertisements, neither in the home printed columns nor those of the "patent inside." In fact, THE CHIEF is the only weekly paper printed in this section of Nebraska containing no advertisements whatever in the patent pages. Propositions are received frequently from the big department stores for advertising space, at much higher rates than home merchants are asked to pay, yet none are ever accepted. Some of the home merchants know and appreciate this fact, while others, like the one mentioned, if they ever do crawl out of their shells and advertise their business, want their advertising space for less money than the cost of setting the type, and grumble if the printer does not pay them ten dollars in trade for every dollar spent for advertising.

Old Settlers' Picnic.

The old settlers' picnic at the court house park in Red Cloud Wednesday was a decided success. While the sudden cold snap interfered considerably with the attendance, there was a very large crowd and all had an enjoyable time.

The ages of those present ranged all the way from 99 years to 5 weeks. Mrs. Naomi Warren, mother of J. W. Warren, was the oldest person present, having passed her 90th birthday last August. Mr. A. Walker, the oldest man present, is in his 87th year, and looks as though he might still be able to hold his own with many a younger man.

Considerable disappointment was felt at the absence of Lee S. Estelle, the first attorney, who arrived in 1872, and who was to have been the principal orator of the day.

R. B. Fulton called the meeting to order, and an election was held, Mr. Fulton being elected president; Mrs. G. W. Knight, vice president, and George F. M. Newhouse, secretary and treasurer.

Judge Edson delivered the address of welcome, after which committees were appointed and the prizes offered by the business men of Red Cloud were awarded as follows:

Largest family, one of whose parents was born in Webster county, glass set given by Miner Bros. Awarded to Mrs. Oscar Enick.

Largest family, both of whose parents were born in Webster county, half dozen photographs by Bradbrook & Schultz. Awarded to Mrs. Arthur Wolcott.

Best looking couple of pioneers, and dozen photographs by Bradbrook & Schultz. Awarded to Mr. and Mrs. James Harris of Guide Rock.

The oldest unmarried pair, one pair of tan blankets, by Bernard McNeny. Awarded to Mr. J. C. Holcomb and Miss Elizabeth Marker.

Biggest boy born in county, pair of shoes by Frank Smith. Awarded to Edmond Jones. Edmond is 16 years old, 6 feet 3 inches tall and weighs 160 pounds.

Prettiest girl born in county, sugar bowl, Albright & Rife. Awarded to Miss Rene Harwood.

Oldest boy born in the county, pocket knife, given by Ed Amack. Awarded to Robert McBride, born November 13, 1873.

Oldest girl whose parents were pioneers, one dollar, by O. C. Teel. Awarded Mrs. Geo. Zollister, age 32.

Smallest couple in the county, silver pepper and salts, by Ayers & Bailey. Awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Robert McBride.

Largest couple in the county, cake, by W. S. Bense. Awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hicks.

Best story teller of the old settlers, excluding preachers and lawyers, hat by Beckwith, Wescott & Storey. Awarded to George W. Baker of Lester.

The man who killed the last buffalo, ammunition by Morhart Bros. Awarded to D. L. Groat. Buffalo was killed in 1872.

Oldest democrat on the grounds, hat, by Cowden-Kaley Clothing Co. Awarded to A. Walker, age 86.

First populist, one year's subscription to CHIEF by J. P. Hale of the Nation. Awarded to Chas. Mungler, 81 years of age.

Oldest and straightest republican, one year's subscription to the Nation, by P. C. Phares of THE CHIEF. Awarded to Hiram Holdredge, who voted for Fremont for president.

Youngest grandparents on the grounds, handshake, by Harry Holdredge. Awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Will Bohrer, aged 40 and 36, respectively. After the awarding of the prizes the



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