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Ed. Amack, republican candidate for sheriff, is making hustling campaign and is receiving many promises of support in quarters where he had not hoped for it.

There is no reason why populists should support the alleged fusion ticket this fall. Every candidate on the ticket is either a gold democrat or a straight-out democrat. The populists—the real people's party advocates—were utterly ignored when the ticket was made up.

The only argument the opposition has been able to rake up against A. H. Keene, republican candidate for county judge, is his youthful appearance. Appearances are deceptive, and while Mr. Keene does look rather youthful, it is due more to careful living than to lack of years or experience.

The fusionists are making themselves ridiculous by circulating a report in the north part of the county to the effect that Richard Turner, republican candidate for county assessor, can neither read nor write. Such rot as this will neither make votes nor friends for the fusion ticket.

Miss Ada Skjelver, republican candidate for superintendent of public schools, is at present principal of the First ward school in this city. Miss Skjelver has been very successful in her school work here, and her extended acquaintance over the county should make her a popular candidate for the office of superintendent. Miss Skjelver is a daughter of Otto Skjelver of Catherton precinct, which precinct is also the home of her populist opponent for the office.

The new office of county assessor, created by the legislature last winter, is one of the most important to be filled by the voters at the November election. Richard Turner of Red Cloud precinct, republican candidate for this office, is a veteran of the civil war and has always been a republican. Mr. Turner has had plenty of experience in the line of work to be done by an assessor, and his books and reports to the county clerk, while assessor of his precinct, were in as good shape as

any turned into that office. He deserves the hearty support of his party.

W. R. Anderson, republican candidate for commissioner from the Second district, is a well known farmer of Glenwood precinct. Mr. Anderson has always taken a keen interest in the financial affairs of the county, and is a life long republican. Under the new law passed by the legislature last winter county commissioners, while nominated by their own districts, are to be voted for by the voters of the entire county. This will tend toward making the county board of the same political complexion as the majority of county officers and insure harmony in the transaction of county business. Mr. Anderson is perfectly competent to fill the office to which he has been nominated, and there is no reason why he should not receive the solid vote of the republicans of Webster county in this republican year.

Freedom of Contract.

The labor leaders who have interviewed the president say that he makes a clear distinction between an "open shop" in private business and an open shop in a government department. Of course he does. The constitution and laws of the country guarantee the utmost freedom of contract to the citizen. If employers and employees mutually agree that a shop shall be open to none but members of a labor union, it is a matter strictly between themselves. But with the government it is quite different. All government offices and employment are open for competition to all Americans who can prove their competency to perform the duties of such office or employment, and competition under the civil service laws for appointments must not be confined to any self-constituted organization of private citizens. Especially is it inconceivable that any private organization can usurp the constitutional authority of the executive in discharging men from the public service, as was attempted by the printing trades unions in Washington, when they demanded the discharge of Miller, the bindery foreman, on the ground that he was no longer a member of the union. The president is not a man who would interfere officially with the arrangements of private employers and employees or offer them gratuitous advice about open shops or closed shops. It has not been the habit of business or laboring men in this country to ask official advice as to their mutual contracts.

But it is a matter of record that when the anthracite arbitration board in settling the disputes between the operators and the miners decided that the mines should be open after preference had been given in the first instance to the old hands who were out on the strike, the operators and the unions agreed with the president's commission and accepted the settlement on those terms.

In New Zealand the law is against an open shop except in cases where the union cannot supply a demand for hands from their own ranks, but New Zealand by her labor laws has definitely abandoned the theory of freedom of private contract. That is a theory that was first enunciated by our forefathers when they framed the constitution of the United States. It is not likely that it will ever be overthrown in this country. When it is the beginning of the end of personal freedom in this country will have arrived. However suspicious the beginning of the departure may seem to the laboring man's contention, the end will be his undoing. Freedom of contract is a protection to labor that can not be surrendered with impunity.—State Journal.

The Blue and The Gray.

The granddaughter of General Grant is to marry the son of a rebel brigadier general who fought him on the battlefield of Shiloh.

Rosemary Sartoris, daughter of Nellie Grant Sartoris, is engaged to marry Lieutenant John Wright, U. S. A., son of Brigadier General Madeus J. Wright, C. S. A.

There's an American romance for you.

Forty-one years ago or more, that is to say, on Sunday afternoon, April 6, 1862, the confederate line at Shiloh wavered and fell back in retreat. Observing the desperate resistance of the slowly re-creating line, General Grant asked who was commanding the retreat. Somebody answered, "It's a Tennessee colonel. Wright is his name." Turning to his staff, General Grant said: "Some of you are likely to meet that fellow Wright in command of a brigade."

Some of them did meet Wright at Chickamauga, when he was in command of a brigade of Tennessee troops.

And the son of this gallant confederate fighter is worthy of his sire. Lieutenant Wright has made a brilliant record in Cuba and the Philippines and is to be made a captain. General Grant could not look down the vista of the years and foresee that his granddaughter should marry a son of the Tennessee colonel.

Were he living, would the president

man" object to the marriage? No!

The great commander who was kind to the hosts of rebellion at Appomattox would strike glad hands with the son of his ancient foe.

Who, then, shall forbid the bans? Not the American people. They will hail with pleasure the real reunion of the blue and the gray.

The blue and the gray? Who shall forbid the bans?

Nerved to The Effort.

Did you ever notice how a woman will always rise to the demand of an occasion under almost any circumstances?

Life and literature are rich in the recapitulation of the deeds of heroism performed by the supposedly weaker sex, but if we can take any stock in either truth or fiction, women can summon up to their aid an extraordinary amount of nerve—though it may be spasmodic—that is simply astonishing.

The latest necessity for a display of great and physical mental effort arose in a Colorado town very recently, where the entire staff of a local paper was arrested for displaying too much sympathy with striking miners.

The arrest was very innocently arranged to take place just about the time that the force were assembling for the dual round-up, and in spite of protests they were dragged from their desks and machines and the suspension of the paper seemed inevitable.

But the authorities reckoned without the wives of a couple of the men most interested.

The women first started out to wail and wring their hands and then they concluded that the time to weep had not yet come, so they turned in at the office, wrote up some "pieces," set the type themselves—they had learned the trade as girls—and the paper came out on time and the day was won.

Then they went home and had nervous prostration.

Of course, they could not have been real womanly had they not collapsed after the work was done.

But that's part of their make-up you know.—Kansas City World.

The Cuban Treaty.

It may be that a systematic effort will be made to defeat the consummation of the reciprocity treaty at the expected extra session. It is to be hoped that no such effort will be made, at least in any republican quarter.

No such effort can be made without the responsibility therefor being definitely fixed. The method, of course, will be delay, evasion, postponement. It will be clearly understood, nevertheless.

The extra session will prevent any chance of success for such tactics. No doubt that is the reason the president decided to call an extra session, although, of course, he cannot courtously say so, specifically.

The republican party will meet its responsibility as a party in this matter, and any republicans who are opposed to the treaty should meet the issue directly. They have a right to seek with proper ground to express their views upon the party, but they should do so openly.—Lincoln Star.

Atehison Globe-Sights.

So many people try to begin at the top, instead of the bottom.

A white vest and an empty pocket book are a poor combination.

A free ticket never improves a man's real opinion of a show—after it's over.

The trouble with swallowing a kick, is that you will have it to swallow again.

Some people don't feel that 25 cents amounts to anything if you have a dollar and a half.

If the rearrangement of the schedule of unreliable people, the tailor is to pass ahead of the dressmaker.

It is getting to be the case that a man can as easily afford a fast horse as he can a son-in-law.

The kind of people who tie a string on the finger are the kind who never remember why they tied it there.

When a child keeps its dress clean as long as a half day, a wise mother will look at its tongue, and feel its pulse.

If you are to have fried chicken, it is perfectly proper for your invitations to state that you will "entertain with a chicken."

When a man tells of what he has done for a friend, he usually concludes his story by saying: "He wouldn't do that much for me."

So many men are to be married in Topeka this fall who can't afford to keep a wife, that there is talk of getting out injunctions.

People are always running up to children and taking things out of their mouths. But how many things do you put in your mouth that should not be there?

A bargain counter scramble is a tame affair in comparison with what happened in Atehison one day last week. A strange girl came to town and wanted to work out. Being an entire stranger, she decided to put an advertisement in the paper for a place, hoping for results within a few weeks. Within ten minutes after the paper con-

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