

Republican State Convention

A great crowd came to attend the republican state convention, so great that more than a double force of bartenders had to be on at nearly all the saloons, and at the bars of the leading hotels the bartenders were quadrupled.

Two old pops were standing in front of the Lindell hotel looking at the crowd for anything anywhere if there the republicans always get such a crowd? "That is a simple matter," said the other. "You could get a big crowd for anything anywhere if there was free transportation. Nearly all of these men came on passes and many of them have their hotel bills paid besides."

One of the crowd of republicans tackled the editor of The Independent and asked: "What do you think of that crowd of mullet heads? Pretty respectable looking body, ain't they?" "They are not mullet heads," he replied. "Glad to see that you have come to your senses at last. I suppose that we will see no more about the mullet heads in The Independent hereafter," said the republican. The editor took another look at the crowd and then said, speaking slowly, "No, these are not mullet heads. The mullet heads are at home planting corn. These are the men who hold the offices and ride on passes. There are some of the sharpest intellects in the state among them."

That republican was disgusted with the answer, turned on his heel and went away.

When it came to the convention, Burkett was immediately nominated for senator and Mickey for governor by acclamation. The railroad domination reached a point at this convention that astonished even the old-timers in the republican party. Wherever three delegates were caught talking together, it would be found that two of them were bitter opponents of Mickey. Yet when the convention was called to order, Mickey was nominated without a dissenting vote. The Douglas delegation had 87 members. It was frequently and publicly announced that of the 87, 77 would not vote for Mickey. One of them told a member of the populist state committee that if the populists would put up a good candidate, they would guarantee that Douglas county would give the populist candidate 5,000 majority. Yet this delegation went into the convention and cast its solid vote for the nomination of Mickey. The members of the Douglas delegation were elected in one of the hottest contests ever experienced in Omaha, where the fight was against Tom Dennison, Rosewater and the police board appointed by Mickey—it was really a fight against Mickey. Yet that delegation came to Lincoln and cast its vote for Mickey. Why? Go and ask John N. Baldwin.

Last week the Lincoln News said: "If the republican state convention, which meets in this city Wednesday, does not by resolution instruct its representatives in the executive department of the state government to assess the railroads upon the basis of the market value of their stocks and bonds, the doom of the party in the state election will be sounded."

The convention did nothing of the sort, but instead adopted as miserable a makeshift as any party ever disgraced itself with. Here it is:

"In response to a public necessity and the party's pledge, the legislature has enacted a new revenue law. It was framed to distribute the public burden with exact and even justice. We pledge the party to a correction of such inequalities as may be disclosed and to the assessment of all property, corporate and private, at its full value according to law, so that all property shall have its equal share of taxation. We favor the raising only of such revenue as is needed to meet current expenses of the state govern-

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The committee on resolutions saw to it that that resolution never got before the convention.

The ticket nominated by the convention was as follows:

United States Senator, Elmer J. Burkett, Lincoln.
 Governor, John H. Mickey, Osceola.
 Lieut. Governor, E. G. McGilton, Omaha.
 Secretary of State, A. Galusha, Red Cloud.
 Auditor, E. M. Searle, Jr., Ogalalla.
 Treasurer, Peter Mortensen, Ord.
 Commissioner of Public Lands and Buildings, H. M. Eaton, Fremont.
 Attorney General, Norris Brown, Kearney.
 Superintendent of Public Instruction, J. L. McBrien, Geneva.

The Japanese loan of \$25,000,000 was subscribed for in New York in less than two hours after the books were opened. The same amount was subscribed for twenty times over in a few hours in London. In an interview a Japanese said that the object of floating a foreign loan at this time was to get the financial interests of America and Europe interested in the future welfare of Japan. The Russian loan was taken in France and Germany.

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The May shipments of gold from New York up to last Saturday were \$25,000,000. The Associated press says that "the current outgo is to meet other requirements than the Panama canal payments." When the truth about that Panama canal scheme is made known, it will produce a greater scandal than the French affair concerning the same subject. Some of the French rascals got prison sen-

tences, but that will hardly be the case in this country. The gold going out of this country is in payment of Japanese and Russian loans. Much of it will soon be returned in payment of war supplies. Japan has already sent to this country nearly \$30,000,000 in gold.

The republican literary bureau at Washington, which sends out a political statement each day, is just as careful in its words as the Christian scientist is when he quotes from Mrs. Eddy. The scientist always says: "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, by Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy." At Washington they say: "Statistics compiled by the department of commerce and labor, through its bureau of statistics."