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The Parker democrats and republicans are now out trying to beat the Tom-Tom, but they don't know how.

The July death rate in Lincoln was the lowest of any city of its size in the world, it being 6.93 per thousand.

The democrats are climbing the golden stairs, for at the top they see those holy saints, Belmont, Hill and Parker.

Bryan deserted the post of leader of the common people against Wall street and the people have chosen Watson in his place.

The populists of Kansas are finding that it is harder to fight democrats with Wall street behind them than it ever was to fight republicans.

The dailies talked a great deal about "safe and sane democracy." When the St. Louis convention adjourned that the samples of it they presented to the people represented silence and senility.

Bryan says as soon as the election is over he is going to reorganize the democratic party. He reorganized it once before, and after eight years it ended in Parker and the gold standard. No matter how many times it is reorganized, it is the same old thing.

The man whom we take into our hearts is the one who writes a letter sending his congratulations, giving advice or telling the conditions around him and closes it with these words: "Don't answer," or "no reply expected." There are a good many such noble souls as that in these United States.

The west has sent many brilliant young men to Washington — young men filled with love of country and a desire to do all they could to make the world better, but one by one Wall street gets them all. And now the greatest of them has surrendered. If such acts are condoned, we will never be able to get men who will not surrender.

This is the way they have evolved the present commercial and industrial condition. First the partnership, next the corporation, then the trust. At the starting was the independent farmer and the business man. Now we have the railroad and elevator ridden farmer, and the business man who is simply an agent selling goods on a commission for the trust.

WHEN DID YOU DO IT?

The republican spellbinders are already talking about the republican party having established the gold standard. When did they do it? Will some of them please give us the precise date? Was it when McKinley started the mints to coining silver night and day? The director of the mint in his report of that year says that the New Orleans mint was run night and day with double shifts coining silver. What that the time they established the gold standard? Or was it the time that they passed a law allowing the banks to increase their circulation eleven per cent by issuing money to them to the full amount of the bonds deposited, whereas before they only got back 90 per cent of the value of their bonds? Or was it when they passed another law allowing national banks to be established everywhere with only \$25,000 capital. Was that the date of the establishment of the gold standard? Come now. Tell us when you did it.

THOSE KANSAS BUFFONS

The Kansas City Star, in speaking of the so-called populist state convention of Kansas remarks: "There never was a more absurd convention." That is what the dailies of both old parties say of it everywhere.

Well it does look somewhat absurd to see a populist convention presided over by a man who was a democratic candidate for congress and its proceedings recorded by a democratic candidate for secretary of state. The whole thing was a disgrace from beginning to end. Never anything like it occurred in American politics before. There were whole county delegations there shouting for Parker. One negro made a speech and declared that "if a man of my color can support Parker it is time, for de white folks to be climbin' in de band wagon."

The whole thing an absurd performance? Of course. The performers are the laughing stock of the whole country. Parker democrats holding a populist state convention! It is enough to make a "wooden injun" smile. It won't be three months until the whole thing will be put on the stage by the managers of the negro minstrel shows. There have been some strange capers cut in Kansas politics before, but this caps the climax.

The populists of the whole nation as well as the populists of Kansas repudiate the thing. There will be a populist state convention in Kansas over which a democrat will not preside and the proceedings will not be recorded by a man who is a democratic candidate for a state office.

THAT KANSAS CONVENTION

The so-called populist convention of Kansas was a disgrace and a fraud, the dailies of the state of all parties ridicule it. The men who managed it are despised by all honest men. They made themselves the rightful subjects of jeers, sneers and mockery, and they are getting it from all sides. The Independent utterly repudiates it. Its product is fouler than any thing that could be fished from the sinkholes of Wall street. They called it a populist convention and the chairman was the regular nominee for congress of the democratic party. The secretary was made the regular nominee of the democratic party for secretary of state. And they called it a populist convention!

The Kansas City Star and the republican papers of the state announce with a great deal of satisfaction and much hilarity that "The end of the populist party came when the bolt of the night before flattened out."

The Independent announces with more satisfaction and greater hilarity that that was the end of fusion, but not the end of the populist party in Kansas. There will be a straight people's party national and state ticket put in the field in Kansas and it will poll twice as many votes as the mongrel and disgraceful aggregation will that captured a populist state convention by filling it with Parker Wall street democrats. Let not the populists of Kansas be discouraged. Their triumph will come in the near future. It will be overwhelming. No man who is on that Parker ticket will ever hold an office in Kansas by the vote of the people. If Parker is elected, a few may get some Wall street crumbs. But their disgrace is branded in their hides and can never be obliterated.

Kansas City has uncovered six dealers on its stock exchange who have been guilty of cheating cattle shippers. St. Louis recently found that a number of its grain buyers had systematically defrauded shippers. That is what cattle shippers and farmers

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have been charging for the last ten years. Now they have concluded to erect their own elevators and ship their own grain and cattle and have a man of the board of trade to sell them. But Schneider is a member of the executive committee of the republican party and a big man in the elevator trust. If he wins, he hopes to knock all the farmer elevators out.

Nebraska Prohibitionists

The prohibition party of Nebraska held its state convention at Lincoln, August 9, and nominated the following ticket:

Governor—Clarence F. Swander of Richardson county.

Lieutenant governor—Isaiah Lightner of Platte.

State treasurer—John P. Heald of Polk.

Secretary of state—Stanley Larson of Saline.

State auditor—S. T. Davies of Otoe.

Attorney general—Martin I Brower of Nance.

Commissioner of public lands and buildings—Andrew J. Thompson of Johnson.

Superintendent of public instruction—F. H. Carson of Dodge.

Presidential electors—Charles W. Day of Butler county, N. S. Wright of Pawnee county, J. F. Sheperd of Jefferson county, A. B. Huckins of Otoe county, D. A. Shaffer of Boone county, O. J. Wilcox of Gage county, Siegel Matson of Thayer county, Albert Fitch of Merriek county.

Congress—First district, Bert Wilson of Richardson county; Second district, Rev. R. M. Throckmorton of Cass county; Third district, Henry J. Hockenberger of Platte county; Fourth district, Rev. G. I. Wright of York county; Fifth district, John Tucker of Phelps county; Sixth district, J. J. Smith of Howard county.

The platform follows:

The prohibitionists of Nebraska, in convention assembled, do hereby ratify the national platform of our party, as adopted by the convention held at Indianapolis, June 29, 1904, and do affirm our allegiance to our standard bearers, Silas C. Swallow and George W. Carroll, and promise them our hearty support by voice and vote.

We declare the truth that the license method of dealing with the liquor traffic in Nebraska has proven powerless to remove its evils, tightened the grip of the traffic upon all other parts of

the state and that the money derived from the saloon system of Nebraska has blinded the people and seared the public conscience against a recognition of its iniquity; and we therefore favor the total abolition of the license system and the complete legal prohibition of the liquor traffic.

We hereby respectfully urge upon the next legislature of Nebraska its duty to submit to the voters of the state a proposed amendment to our state constitution prohibiting the importation, transportation, exportation, manufacture, sale or keeping for sale intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes.

Resolved, That the elective franchise should not depend upon sex.

Resolved, That we favor direct legislation through the principle of the initiative and referendum.

We most cordially and urgently invite all who believe in our principles to ally themselves with the only party advocating the outlawing of the saloon.

The following members of the state central committee were reported:

Adams—D. D. Norton, Kenesaw.

Antelope—Harry Corbin, Oakdale.

Boone—E. R. Leedon, Albion.

Butler—J. H. Helwig, Rising City.

Cass—Wilber Wade, Louisville.

Colfax—C. A. Arnolds, Schuyler.

Dixon—Samuel Roberts, Allen.

Douglas—Rev. P. F. Elmen, Omaha.

Gage—Horace Langdon, Beatrice.

Hamilton—F. A. Best, Aurora.

Holt—Bartley Blaine, Page.

Howard—Nelson Hold, Dannebrog.

Jefferson—E. A. Yonts, Fairbury.

Johnson—J. M. Dilworth, Crab Orchard.

Lancaster—A. G. Wolfenbarger, Lincoln.

Madison—William Havens, Meadow Grove.

Merrick—George Fitch, Central City.

Nemaha—J. D. Graves, Peru.

Otoe—S. T. Davies, Nebraska City.

Pawnee—J. D. Barr, Liberty.

Phelps—Rev. Mr. Beall, Holdrege.

Pierce—F. De Vol, Dawson.

Platte—Rev. E. J. Ulmer, Columbus.

Polk—A. T. Crozier, Osceola.

Red Willow—C. S. Quick, Indianola.

Richardson—Samuel Lichty, Falls City.

Saline—E. P. Clay, Crete.

Sarpy—Edward J. Smith, Springfield.

Saunders—Charles N. Folsom, Ashland.

Seward—E. M. Williams, Seward.

Thayer—J. G. Wagner, Chester.

York—Rev. John Suttor, McCool.