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REPUBLICAN NATIONAL TICKET.

For President,
WILLIAM H. TAFT
of Ohio.

For Vice President,
JAMES S. SHERMAN
of New York.

TAFT and Foraker have shaken hands and now all is well on the Ohio.

THE average American citizen has more opportunities and privileges than he is entitled to, concluding from the poor and insufficient use he makes of the primary election.

THE total of votes received by Friend Hasty in McCook would indicate that his endorsers here expected and relied upon the other fellows to do the voting for him. Perhaps it was only what it was regarded by some,—a genial bluff.

Taft's Religion.

A lady subscriber at Newton writes us asking whether or not Taft is a church member. We are informed on what we presume is reliable authority that he is a member of the Unitarian church and a regular attendant at the services of that church.

However it occurs to us that the question as to whether he belongs to any church or not is not of so much importance as the fact that he has demonstrated that in the broad sense of the word he is a Christian gentleman. Some of the greatest presidents this country ever had were not members of any church but in the broad sense of the term they were Christian gentlemen.

Jefferson was even accused of being an infidel. That was probably not true but no matter what his religious views may have been he is acknowledged to have been one of the greatest statesmen and purest patriots who ever sat in the presidential chair. Bryan, a strict Presbyterian, never makes a political speech without lauding the name of Jefferson. Evidently his religion, or the lack of it, didn't hinder him from being a great president. Jackson joined the church before he died, but was anything else than a devout member of church while he was occupying the presidential chair. At the same time there is hardly any doubt that he was a believer in the underlying principles of the Christian religion.

Lincoln never joined any church but was really a religious man. His messages were remarkable for deep religious sentiment and probably contained more quotations from the Scriptures than the messages of any other president. It is certain that Christian people had no reason to complain because of the fact that Abraham Lincoln did not hold a membership in any church. Grant was not a member of any church but died professing belief in the principles of Christianity. There is no doubt that he had the belief long before he died and while he was president.

There is no occasion for Christian people to worry any about Taft. It may be that some of them object to the Unitarian church as not being sufficiently orthodox but our observation of Unitarian leads us to the conclusion that they will average up along with the people of other denominations.—Topeka Mail and Breeze.

THE ST. FRANCIS SCHEME A FAKE.

That South Fork Railroad and the St. Francis Sugar Factory Go Up in a Balloon.

The arrest of W. C. Murphy, alias M. K. Dunbar, in Kansas City, a few days since, will delay his projected \$1,000,000 sugar factory at St. Francis, Kansas, as well as tie up a proposed 100 miles of railroad from Beakelman up the South Fork to St. Francis, not to speak of three national banks contemplated in the fertile brain of the famous Murphy.

Just now Murphy is in the county jail at Clay Center, this state, awaiting trial on a charge of swindling John Bieck of Harvard, this state, out of \$3,200 on forged deeds of trust and abstracts of property near Mt. Vernon, Missouri.

Murphy seems to have been the most enterprising wind booster of recent years in this section, and there seems to have been absolutely nothing back of him, with his nerve and gall as his chief asset.

The State Nominees.

While official or complete returns are not available, it is practically conceded that the following are the Republican state nominees:

Governor—Geo. L. Sheldon, Nehawka. Lieutenant Governor—M. R. Hopewell, Tekamah.

Secretary of State—George C. Junkin, Smithfield.

Auditor—S. R. Barton, Grand Island. Treasurer—Lawson G. Brian, Albion. State Superintendent—E. C. Bishop, Lincoln.

Attorney General—W. T. Thompson, Central City. Land Commissioner—E. B. Cowles, Fairbury.

Railway Commissioner—J. A. Williams, Pierce.

The probable winners in the Democratic primaries are:

Governor—A. C. Shallenberger, Alma. Lieutenant Governor—E. O. Garrett, Fremont.

Treasurer—Clarence Mackey, Ansley. State Superintendent—N. C. Abbott, Tekamah.

Secretary of State—A. T. Gatewood, Arapahoe.

Auditor—E. H. Luikhardt. Attorney General—E. B. Quackenbush, Auburn.

Land Commissioner—W. B. Eastham. Railway Commissioner—W. H. Cowgill, Holdrege.

For Congressman, Fifth Nebraska district, there was no contest in either party. The nominees are:

G. W. Norris, Republican, McCook. Fred W. Ashton, Democrat, Grand Island.

K. of C. Picnic.

Wednesday, August 26, was a day long to be remembered by the K. of C. and families as it being their second annual picnic, which was held at Cambridge. A special train carrying the picnickers left McCook at ten o'clock and stops were made at Red Willow, Indianola and Bartley and reached Cambridge at 10:15. Quite a number from Orleans, Oxford, Arapahoe and Holbrook arrived a few minutes later, the crowd numbering about 350 proceeded to McKinley park where the merry making began. The amusement committee entertained the crowd 'til noontime when a basket dinner was spread to which all did justice.

The feature of the afternoon amusement was a ball game between the Longs and Shorts which resulted in a score of five to seven in favor of the Shorts. Some amusing plays were made, namely: Murphy's crawl to third and Rice's score on a strike-out. After the game the following races were run: 100 yard dash won by Pete Fosson, Indianola; cigar roll, Arthur Colfer, McCook; fifty-yard dash for married ladies, Mrs. J. W. Spencer, McCook; fifty-yard dash for single ladies, Miss Skalla, McCook; lemon race for boys, Tom McKillip, Cambridge; three-yard race, O'Conner and McKillip, Cambridge; tug-of-war between Cambridge and McCook resulted in a tie. Swinging, boat riding and fishing were also indulged in.

Ice cream, lemonade and cigars were served free all day. At seven-thirty all departed for their home expressing their appreciation to the K. of C. lodge for the enjoyable day spent.

COMMUNICATED.

Fort Sumter of the Revolution. At the mouth of the Piscataqua river, three miles below the historic town of Portsmouth, N. H., nestles the only sea-coast fort in the United States which includes within its confines a combination of all the styles of fortification from the colonial stone redoubt to the present barbet battery of concrete faced with earth. Moreover, Fort Constitution, as it is named, was the Fort Sumter of the Revolution.—Army and Navy Life.

There Are Others. "Some women are foolish. That convicted thug gets lots of flowers from women, I s'pose?" "Yes," answered the warden. "But the lady murderer on the next tier has had forty-seven offers of marriage to date."—St. Louis Republic.

See that your children be taught not only the labors of the earth, but the loveliness of it.—John Ruskin.

MOVEMENTS OF THE PEOPLE.

E. S. WOOD of Syracuse, Neb., is here on business.

MISS BESSIE PETERSON is among the visitors at the state fair.

POSTMASTER McLEAN is at the home in Wisconsin on vacation.

C. F. LEHN is seeking consolation at the state fair in Lincoln, this week.

J. E. KELLEY went into Lincoln, Monday morning, on matters of business.

SIDNEY VIERSEN and sister witnessed Tuesday's ball games at Cambridge.

H. A. GRAHAM of Danbury was at the county seat, Wednesday, on business.

MR. AND MRS. JOHN SCHLEICH left, Thursday morning, for Ohio, on a visit.

R. L. OKERSON went down to Hastings Sunday, accompanying the wife home, Tuesday night.

MISS MEDORA SANTEE spent Sunday in McCook on her way home to Orleans from Colorado.

MRS. F. W. BOSWORTH and Ralph are down from Denver, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gunn.

MRS. JAMES HATFIELD is in Kansas, this week, having accompanied her young nephew home.

MR. AND MRS. J. G. SCHOBEL returned home, Sunday night, from a visit of a few days in Denver.

J. J. BAKER visited the old home at Red Cloud, Sunday, to see his father who is in failing health.

W. P. HAWORTH and family took their departure, Wednesday, for Washington, Kansas, where he has a position.

MISS GRACE LANT of the teacher corps arrived home, close of last week, from a visit in Gladstone, Illinois.

HAROLD HECKMAN left, Tuesday, for Boulder, Colorado, to join his father who has decided to locate there in business.

MRS. JOHN FORBES, who has been visiting Mrs. C. A. Fisher, returned to her home in Concordia, Kas., Monday morning.

MRS. CLARA KNOWES, who has been visiting with her brothers in Grant, returned to her home in Pueblo, Colo., on No. 3, Sunday.

G. W. BURT and Frank Moore were up from Indianola, Wednesday, on business and to learn the result of the primary as far as possible.

MR. AND MRS. DAVID RITCHIE and daughter Mabel of North Bend, Nebraska, have been guests of their son C. D. Ritchie, this week.

MRS. JOHN DAVIS returned to her home in Laramie, Wyoming, last Sunday morning. Mrs. G. W. Snider to Ogalalla, end of last week.

F. W. ASHTON, fusion nominee for congress, 5th district, was in town, yesterday, mixing up a little campaign dope for his also-ran campaign.

REV. R. ALAN RUSSELL of New York City, formerly rector of St. Albans, expects to be in McCook, September 17th, while in the west on a visit.

MISS ETHEL PERKINS of Lincoln visited Mrs. C. D. Ritchie and Miss Edna Waite, Uni. and sorority chums, first of the week, returning home, Wednesday.

MR. AND MRS. E. A. TUCKER of Pender, this state, parents of Thomas Tucker, were his guests, Saturday-Sunday, on their homeward way from a Colorado trip.

MISS ELIZABETH THOMPSON of Omaha, formerly of our city and teacher corps, spent early days of the week in the city, visiting friends and admirers of former days.

MR. AND MRS. J. K. GORDON, who have been spending the summer in New York state, Illinois and Missouri, returned home, end of week past. They will reside in McCook, this winter.

MRS. T. B. CAMPBELL went down to Lincoln, Wednesday night, in response to news of the more serious illness of her grand daughter Baby Kates, who has been in precarious state for several weeks.

MRS. L. R. HILEMAN arrived in the city, Thursday morning, from Los Angeles, Calif., where she has been visiting her parents for several months. She is a guest of her daughter Mrs. C. A. Rogers.

BENJ. MEYERS of Turkey River, Iowa, arrived in the city, Wednesday night, and will be a guest of his brother-in-law Peter Foxen for a week or so, and will devote some of the time in looking over the country.

MRS. ELLA BENSON and Miss Essie Benson are visiting Mrs. Benson's sister Mrs. H. H. Berry. Mrs. Benson will be better remembered as Miss Ella Mitchell, who formerly lived here for some time with her sister.

MISS RUTH STENNETT of Kearney, Nebraska, who has been here for past two weeks on a visit to her parents Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Stennett, returned to Kearney, last Saturday, where she is making her home with her parents.

GEORGE W. HARTWELL, who has been visiting his mother and sister, departed on Wednesday evening for Lawrence, Kansas, where he will be assistant professor of mathematics in the state university of Kansas located in that city.

WALTER McCARTY went up to Wallace, Monday, to take in a drugstore proposition, and go into business on his own account. It didn't look as good to him as he expected and he returned here, later in the week, and resumed his position in McConnell's.

HIS PASSPORT NO GOOD.

Italy Holds That "Once an Italian Always an Italian."

When on my first visit to Italy after an absence of twenty-five years, furnished though I was with a passport from Washington with the great red seal of state and with my naturalization papers, I was amazed when I was arrested and put in a den of a prison reeking with filth and vermin because I had paid no attention to the Italian laws regarding the matter of military obligation. I was under the impression, as I am sure many Americans are, that when once I had sworn off my allegiance to the king of Italy and had become an American citizen I would be recognized as such and not be required to fulfill the obligations of an Italian citizen.

The experience was not amusing, and yet as I look back upon it there was a ridiculous side to it. When with great dignity and pride I pulled from my pocket my passport I expected to see the little Italian official gasp for breath and humbly beg my pardon. Imagine my feelings when, glancing at the American eagle on my papers and the signature of the secretary of state, I at the same time exclaiming, "Sono cittadino Americano" ("I am an American citizen"), he turned his back upon me and said most indifferently, "F niente; fa niente" ("That's nothing; that's nothing"). I was led away by two carabinieri and turned into a large room, where I found seven prisoners who were to be my companions for that day and night. The next day I was taken before the prefect of the province, and then it was learned that I was not obliged to serve the regular three years in the Italian army, not because I was an American citizen—that was not recognized—but because I was the only male in my family. The Italian theory is "once an Italian always an Italian." The government does not recognize the change of allegiance on the part of any of its subjects.—Antonio Mangano in "Charities and the Commons."

PAIN AND PLEASURE.

The Sensations That Come When a Person is Hanged.

This is the way Rev. J. T. Mann in Spare Moments describes the way it feels to be hanged:

At Fort Barrancas, Fla., on April 4, 1868, I was hanged as a Confederate spy. I spent four minutes physically and spiritually between earth and heaven. Then a Yankee sergeant, believing me to be the wrong man, cut me down.

My first sensation when the barrel was kicked from under my feet was that a steam boiler inside me was about to explode. Every vein and blood vessel to and from my heart seemed charged with an oppressive fullness that must find an avenue of escape. The nervous system throughout its length was tingling with a painful, prickling sensation the like of which I never felt before or since. Then followed the sense of an explosion, as if a volcano had erupted. This seemed to give me relief, and the pain gave way to a pleasurable feeling, one very desirable could it be secured without death. With this sensation a light broke in upon my sight, a light of milky whiteness, yet, strange to say, so transparent that it was easier to pierce with the eye than the light of day. Then came into my mouth a taste of sweetness the like of which I have never since known. And I felt myself moving on, with a consciousness of leaving everything behind. Then I heard the sweetest music, and it seemed that more than a thousand harps led in each part, accompanied by myriads of voices.

And the sensation of coming back to life after I had been cut down was just as painful as the first feeling of hanging. It was acute torture. Every nerve seemed to have a pain of its own. My nose and fingers were seats of the most excruciating agony. In half an hour the pain was all gone, but I would not go through the experience again for the wealth of the Indies.

Russian Marriages.

The celebration of a Russian marriage sometimes extends over three days. At the wedding festivities the bride is expected to dance with the men one after another until she drops with sheer fatigue. It is a matter of pride with her to keep going as long as possible, and it is not unusual to find a bride dancing gayly after three days and nights of vigorous frolic. When a girl is dancing with a man she always holds his pipe. It would be regarded as extremely rude if a man should continue to smoke his pipe in such circumstances.—London Tit-Bits.

Not So Bad.

Mr. Subbs (after engaging cook)—There's one other thing I suppose you should know, Miss Flannigan—my wife is a chronic invalid, confined to her room.

Miss Flannigan—That's fine! I was afraid she might be wan iv thim chronic kickers that ar-ree confined t' th' kitchen, begobos!—Puck.

She Hit Back.

"I told teacher, pop, that you said she taught you when you was a little boy."

"What did she say?" "That stupidity must run in the family."—Baltimore American.

And Some Hard Words.

"When a woman packs a trunk she puts her soul into the task."
"And when a man packs a trunk he puts his feet into it."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Ill founded enmities are ever the most obstinate.—Retz.

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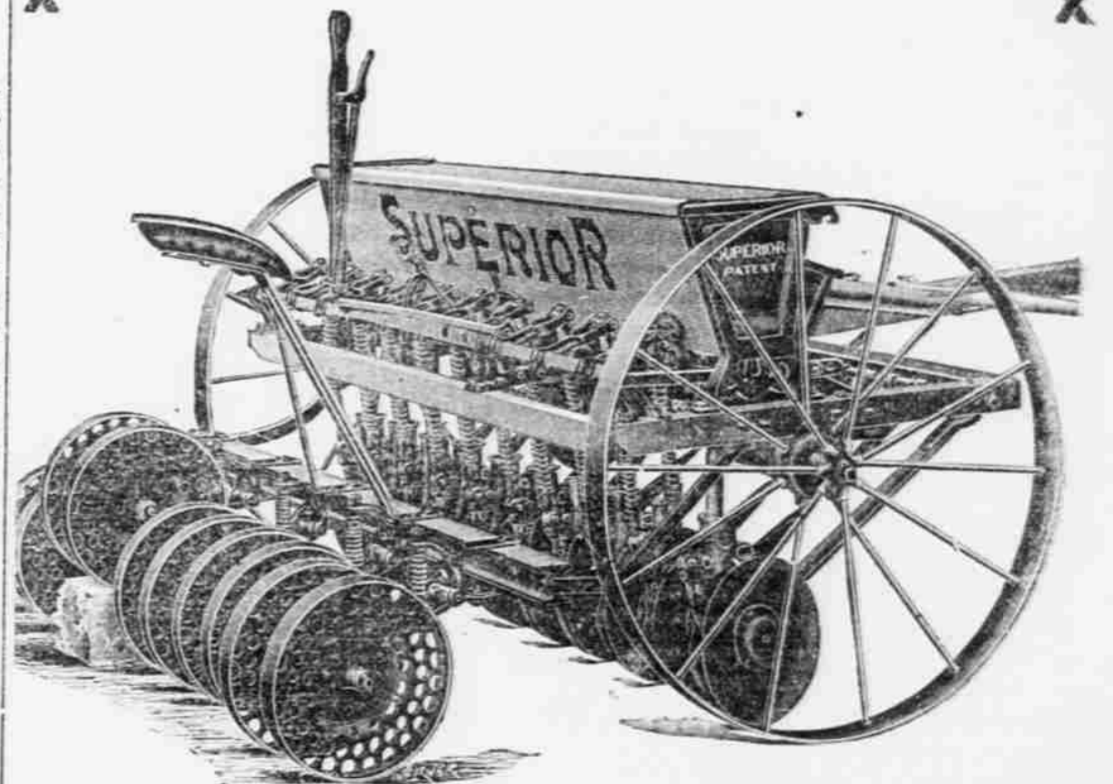
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