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SOME DEMOCRATIC HISTORY

By Mayor Dahlman of Omaha in The Chancellor.

After Mr. Cleveland's election in 1892, many democrats, especially the younger element, became dissatisfied with some of the policies advocated by him, and under Mr. Bryan's leadership the fight for control began. In 1893, at a state convention held at Lincoln, the Cleveland and Bryan forces clashed, which resulted in Mr. Bryan's defeat, the fight being over the wording of the platform. In 1894 the fight was renewed and fought out at the primaries and county conventions that elected delegates to a state convention held at Omaha, which resulted in Bryan forces controlling the convention by a large majority.

The Cleveland forces, about one hundred in number, bolted the convention and held a rump convention. They put a ticket of their own in the field, but Gov. Holcomb, nominated by the Bryan forces, was elected after one of the hardest fought battles in the history of the state. The rumps repeated this in 1895, and in 1896 did the same thing. The Bryan forces, however, had and held control of the regular organization. So, in 1896, the rumps elected sixteen delegates to the democratic national convention. The Bryan forces challenged them early in the year to fight it out with them at the primaries, county and state, and whichever side had a majority of the state convention, the other was to abide by the result. They ignored the challenge, so the Bryan forces held a convention, elected sixteen delegates, and both delegations went to Chicago, contesting for a seat in the convention.

The national committee at that time was controlled by the old crowd. After hearing both sides, they had the supreme nerve to seat the

rump convention. All of our tickets and badges were delivered to these gentlemen, and they boldly took our seats in the convention. The Bryan forces then appealed to the convention, which resulted in those fellows walking out and our walking in. This was the time that Mr. Bryan made the famous speech that nominated him. Think of what he has done since, and how he has carried the banner of leadership through all these years! Everything points now to a victory he is so honestly entitled to.

I can remember well some 400 of us Bryan men, during the time the contest was being heard in Chicago. We had no tickets and no chance to get any, so we walked the streets, gazing at the buildings, while the other fellows were housed in the convention hall. Well we got tired of this, so we organized, at the Clifton hotel some 400 strong. I remember well Charles Jones of Lincoln who weighs about 250 pounds, was our leader. We hired a couple of fellows with a drum and fife, and marched up to the convention hall, pushed aside doorkeepers and sergeants-at-arms, and walked in. We wanted at least to look on the inside, and we did. After Mr. Bryan's speech all we needed was a Nebraska badge or button, and when we were all supplied with these, they proved to be better than a ticket. How fast things will change! This factional fight lasted for several years, but you seldom hear of it now. Many of these men are fighting under the Bryan banner, others have joined the republican party, and at the present time, after sixteen years of factional strife the party is once more united.

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The Cody Cow Boy has probably seen the "hand writing on the wall" and realizes that he can't "switch" fast enough to keep on the popular side, so wants to sell his republican paper now to some one who hasn't "switched" politics so many times. Who will relieve him, we cannot say, but we believe Bro. Heath's conscience hurts him more than the demand of his farm for his able services in that line. But if some one doesn't help him to let loose at Cody, we believe he could make one more "switch" without wincing more than twice.

Democrats Hold Convention.

The democratic county convention was held last Saturday and a good crowd was there. The meeting was presided over by R. H. Watson, and J. F. Young of Cody was secretary.

A committee on resolutions, consisting of L. C. Sparks, James H. Quigley and O. W. Hahn, was appointed and their resolutions were soon reported to the convention, indorsing Hon. W. J. Bryan for president and Hon. A. C. Shallenberger for governor.

A. M. Morrissey was endorsed as a delegate to the national convention and suggested that he be allowed to select the delegates to the state convention.

Hon. A. H. Metzger was commended for his faithful and able service as representative from this district, and resolved that he be requested to allow us to use his name as a candidate to succeed himself.

The resolutions were unanimously adopted, and also an additional rising vote on the choice of Mr. Shallenberger for governor which proved the unanimous choice of the people here.

Mr. Morrissey chose the following delegates: L. C. Sparks, O. W. Hahn, W. A. Parker, R. Andersen, J. F. Young and I. M. Rice and they are now in Omaha, as also are J. H. Quigley, A. H. Metzger, Sheriff Rosseter, R. M. Faddis and others.

Almost A Real "Stampede."

At the close of the opera play Monday night the wild and excited cries of fire! FIRE!! FIRE!!! rang out on the night air as the people descended the steps, which almost caused a real "stampede" of the people. Fortunately, most of them were out of the house before they heard the cry of fire and they hurried down the stairway and off in the direction of the fire.

The smoke was coming from the house where John Tucker lives and soon the fire department and hose cart was there. Helping hands engaged themselves carrying out the furniture and putting out the fire.

The fire seems to have started from a stove in a bed room and was confined, mostly, to that room, though the three rooms back of that were badly scorched and blackened with smoke and heat.

Mr. Carter of Cody owns the building, which was covered fully by insurance in the German Mutual of Omaha. We understand Mr. Tucker's household goods were covered by insurance so that the loss will be fully compensated.

It was a close call for M. V. Nicholson's fine house, south, and Mr. Carter's other big house on the north.

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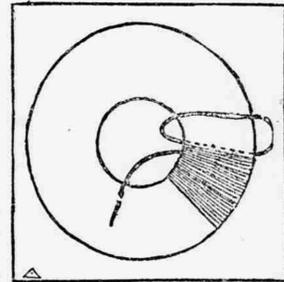
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CHILD'S TOY BALL.

A Safe Plaything For a Very Young Child.

A woolen ball like the one illustrated is easy to make at home and is an excellent toy for a small child because it is soft. If made of many colors, it is most attractive. If you want the ball you wish to be very pretty, you should obtain some tinsel thread from a fancy shop and use that with the wool, but you will not wish to get much of this, as it is rather expensive.

The very first thing to do is to find some stiff cardboard. An old box will do. You will want to cut two pieces of card exactly alike. If you can, use a



HOW TO BEGIN THE BALL.

pair of compasses to mark the circles before cutting. If this is impossible, you must find two round things of different sizes—say a small Japanese saucer and a pudding basin—and mark round them with pencil. If you make the middle opening two inches across and the large circle six inches across, that will complete a beautiful ball. In any case your ball when finished will always be exactly the same size as the large circle. You must not make the center opening too large, because, you see, it has to be filled quite tightly by winding wool round and round the card, as shown in the picture. Nor must you wind your wool into very large balls or you will not be able to pass them through the center of the card. In fact, quite at the end you will have to thread the wool into a bodkin to get it through.

When the hole is filled, you must next take a pair of scissors and cut between the outer edges of the card so that you can pull the two pieces of card a little apart. Then the same strong but fine string tightly round the middle of the ball, pull the cards off, and your ball will be finished.

TO KEEP BRASS CLEAN.

Cover the Exterior With Coat of Metal Lacquer.

An excellent way to keep brass candlesticks and other ornaments and mountings bright in the house is to give them a thoroughly good polish in the beginning and then cover the exterior with a thin coat of metal lacquer, which comes in small tin cans ready to use. The lacquer is colorless and does not show after it is dry. Silverware is often treated in this way to keep it from tarnishing and to preserve the high polish which shows finger marks so quickly. The lacquer is put on with a flat, wide brush having soft bristles. After a coat has been used all that is necessary to clean the brass is to wipe it with a soft cloth.

Mirrors should never be placed where the light strikes them directly. A bright light on them will very soon cause spots and blurs to appear and eventually ruin the best looking glass. To preserve the clearness of a mirror hang it where it will get light from the sides. This is the most satisfactory way to see oneself as well as being the best for the mirror.

Flowers are kept fresh by covering them with florists' paper overnight and by placing them in a cool part of the room.

To protect one's gowns from dust while they are not being worn line the walls of the wardrobe or closet with a linen or cotton sheet which is long enough to cover the floor as well. If there is a shelf the full size of the closet, under which the dress hooks and poles are hung, then the place may be made almost dust proof by having the sheet large enough to come over the front just inside the doors, where it may be fastened all the way down with hooks or tapes. A great deal of dust will collect in a closet, and for this reason it should be cleaned as often as the room.

Cruel.

"I'm developing quite a passion for motoring," said Miss Hoamley. "I wonder if it's harmful."
"Quite the contrary," replied Miss Cutting. "I should think it would be very becoming to you."
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