

The Norfolk News

The World-Herald is just now devoting more attention to republican politics than it is to that of the fusion brand.

The Omaha police have made a raid on the opium dives of that city and taken in a lot of individuals who were guilty of "hitting the pipe."

The congressman who will supersede Mr. Robinson of the fusion trust has been named and it now but remains to make a fact of a practical certainty.

Matthew Stanley Quay is now entitled to take his seat in the circle of past patriots with Clark and Roberts. The circle will soon be of sufficient importance to allow of the organization of an association.

The Daily News ventures to suggest a presidential ticket comprising those eminent western statesmen, Clark of Montana and Roberts of Utah. Any old place to sit would do for a platform. —Omaha Daily News.

The railroads will spend \$50,000,000 in improvements and extensions this year—a large percentage of the sum going to labor. This is an unheard of amount to spend in improvements, even in prosperous (?) democratic years.

Nebraska republicans have not felt as confident of victory for years as they do this campaign. The foundation for success should be carefully laid during the next few months and then, with an united effort, the wheels of state should be drawn from the ruts of populism.

Many of the small fry, carb stone politicians never concede their ignorance on any subject no matter how new or deep it may be. They put up a line of argument that sounds well and may seem plausible to the uninformed, but when it is dissected and the matter given careful consideration it falls flat.

The Seward Reporter has been increased in size from a six-column folio to a six-column quarto with four pages of home matter. The paper is well filled with entertaining home reading matter and is taking a foremost place in the ranks of Nebraska weekly publications.

The bountiful rains of the past few weeks give encouragement to agriculturists and all humanity, who see bountiful crops in sight. On top of this is the firm conviction that William McKinley will be re-elected as president of the United States and that prosperous business conditions will be maintained. There seems to be no cause for gloomy forebodings and everybody—even Bryan—should be happy.

It may transpire that Alaska is a huge chunk of gold. The recent discoveries on the Koyukuk river indicate that not half of that country's hidden wealth has yet been unfolded to the gaze of man. Because of the gold becoming apparently more plentiful the farther north investigation is made it would not be surprising if some daring explorer finally discovered that the north pole is solid gold set with diamonds.

Lovers of the luscious strawberry will be pleased to learn that there is a magnificent crop of that fruit being harvested in southern Texas. The berries are unusually large and are being shipped north at the rate of a car load a day from many small towns. It is said that every man, woman and child in the coast country is busy picking, but cannot gather the fruit as fast as it ripens. A spring vacation in southern Texas would be most acceptable.

The democratic editor, with keen avidity, seizes his shears and clips out a failure or the closing down of a mill now and then. In the view of what past democratic administrations have accomplished he is working to the end, that more of this entertaining class of news may come to hand. If this is the class of literature really desired by him he should never rest until another administration of the Grover Cleveland quality is inaugurated.

The Sioux City Tribune, formerly a staunch democratic paper, evidently believes that Mr. Bryan's journey toward the white house is over a somewhat rocky road and that he will scarcely get in sight of the outer gate. It says: "Mr. Bryan's anxiety to appear personally at each state convention as it is held evidences a little uneasiness on his part. He is evidently looking for treachery even before the convention, and if he has to meet it before the convention what is likely to happen afterwards?"

It is said that a Kansas City hotel has quoted a rate of \$10 for a bath during the democratic convention on the Fourth. What a nice sense of propriety mine host has in Kansas City. He knew that there would be no demand for baths at that time and if a delegate should happen to be so far gone with enthusiasm as to forget time honored customers the mention of the price of water would at once bring him to his senses. The price will also start any young and uninformed delegate on the right path. A wash on the inside

would be different, and if the price of rock and rye had been seriously transferred with there would be trouble galore.

For some reason there has been very little heard of W. J. Bryan since the Dewey boom was sprung. He is talking some place—that is a foregone conclusion—but his speeches and the crowds in attendance are not heralded through three or four columns of press reports. He is evidently hidden by the Dewey storm—at least for the time being. Have good cheer, Mr. Bryan—Dewey's battle was of short duration—all accomplished in a few hours—while yours has consumed years. Surely you are the greatest hero yet.

Jefferson precinct paid a nice tribute to young republicanism recently. Her representatives to the republican county convention held here Saturday were all under 30 years of age and but one or two of them had before been representatives to an important convention. They well sustained that precinct's tact and progressiveness and were an honor to the body in which they held seats. It is not to be wondered at that Jefferson precinct is one of the republican strongholds of the county. They honor the rising generations.

It will be a matter of much moment to the democrats to create an issue that will induce the people to turn down the splendid business administration which they have been enjoying for the past four years. They have given up the task of denying a business improvement and now seek only to dodge the issue. It presents—a feat which they can scarcely accomplish. Republicans were confident of an era of prosperity if McKinley was elected in '96 and they are now just as confident of a continuance of this prosperity if he is re-elected.

The claim of the United States against Turkey is again engaging public attention and Uncle Sam proposes to make renewed efforts to collect from the Turk. That government stands its European neighbors off with promises to pay for indefinite periods but Uncle Sam is heartily tired of this sort of payment and will try to develop something that will pass for better collateral than promises. Turkey is already being reminded of what happened to Spain, with the insinuation that she will receive no sympathy or aid from Europe should the United States endeavor to enforce collection.

Complaint comes from all over the country of a scarcity of brick with which to begin building operations. The reason is not readily apparent, as there is plenty of raw material and the labor can undoubtedly be procured. It is probable however, that the price of brick has not kept pace with the advance of other building material and there is no great profit in making them. Then the building boom of last year being so much in advance over that of the past few years also had something to do with it as nearly all of last summer's product was disposed of before the season closed.

The democrats express a fear that the mid-road populists do not know that they cannot elect their candidate for president this fall and take pains to advise them to that effect, when the real fear is on their side, where they notice the weakening of their forces. The mid-roads, it is presumed, do not hope to elect their candidate this fall, but they do hope to build up a party with a basis of some principle on which it can grow until it becomes a power in the political field. The fact is becoming more and more evident that a confusion of parties with no stable policy cannot live and will soon pass into history as a very poor makeshift from which no one but a few politicians and pass-grabbers derived a benefit.

The withdrawal of the middle-of-the-road populists from the fusion crowd is no small or insignificant movement. The mid-roads are of the belief that the Cincinnati convention will be a much more important affair than the Sioux Falls side show of the democratic circus. D. Clem Deaver has been cast in the interests of the cause and is authority for the statement that all the New England states with the exception of Massachusetts will be represented at Cincinnati. The southern states will also be represented and the convention will probably contain 1,000 delegates from all parts of the country. The fusionists may make sport of the movement but the mid-roads' opportunity for a laugh is coming.

In spite of the withdrawal of the middle-of-the-road populists from the fusion trust, there yet remains enough of the party to make a disturbing element and the partition of offices will yet result in anything but an approved brand of harmony. The following from the democratic Fremont Herald gives a key to the situation being assumed: "Now it will be in order to nominate a populist running mate for Bryan at Sioux Falls. Then on condition that he be withdrawn at Kansas City, the state ticket can be fixed up with a liberal sprinkling, about as it is now. Of course, if you fellows are to have the national ticket, we ought to have all the state offices." And plenty of 'you fellows' are just about the same size, without

compensation of any benefit to themselves or party."

Evidences of renewed fighting are reported from the Philippines which leads one to the belief that the Tagals have received a cue from their democratic allies that now is the time to make a stroke that will be of much benefit to Mr. Bryan and his party. If the American advisors of the Tagals desired to do them a real and lasting service they would have used their efforts in getting them to lay down their arms. They well know that this government has never yet come into control of a territory or country to its undoing, but they don't choose to have the Tagals believe that. The political significance of their warfare is just now invaluable, regardless of the lives they lose and take.

The democrats make a fine play of the phrase "no taxation without representation," as used in revolutionary times, in connection with the Porto Rican question. In the first place the Porto Ricans are subjected to no taxation in the above sense. They are given very favorable laws as regards tariff when compared with foreign countries and every dollar so collected is refunded for the maintenance and support of the island and its government. The United States hopes and desires no revenue from the island and when their government is duly organized they will be accorded representation with no other expense attached than their just share of the running cost of the government. The democrats make a fine play on the face of it but their arguments will not stand thought and analysis.

It is a great scheme of the fusionists to assert that every move made by the republican party is in favor of the trusts. According to every popular meaning of the word "trust," no law can be passed but that some combination can take advantage of it. Free trade with Porto Rico would mean that the great sugar refining trust, the tobacco trust and other combinations with large interests on the island would be favored. A tariff will inure to the advantage of "trusts" on the main land. The beet sugar trust, the cane sugar trust, the tobacco trust, the cotton trust and many other trusts will be protected from the competition of this island and at the same time the thousands of producers and American laborers and mechanics employed by these trusts will be protected from the cheap labor and production of the other trusts. If the democrats have grounds for arraignment of the republican party on this score the republicans can certainly reciprocate in like coin.

The Omaha News of Saturday gives a comparative statement which indicates prosperity in the state metropolis. It concerns the erection of new buildings. The following are given for the past four years and up to date this year as the amount of money placed in new buildings: 1896, \$291,153; 1897, \$1,298,007; 1898, \$1,830,832; 1899, \$1,005,634; and up to the present time in 1900, \$400,000. It will be remembered that during 1897, 1898 and 1899 the Transmississippi and Greater American expositions were an incentive to increased prosperity in the building line but this year it was somewhat anticipated that there would be a retrograde movement and that the amount concerned would be even less than in 1896, but scarcely one-third of the year has passed and almost one-third of the amount in 1898, the banner year, has been accomplished in the building line almost twice as much during four months as the entire year of 1896. This indicates improved business conditions which it will be fruitless for calamity-ites to deny.

The fusionists are at present making a great fuss about the constitution—that ancient and honored instrument of our forefathers—and yet they are earnest advocates of a radical departure from the provisions of that document, believing that present day requirements are different from the needs of those days. The republicans are not opposed to such a change and a republican house of representatives has voted to submit a proposition to the people to amend the constitution so that United States senators may be elected by direct vote of the people instead of by the legislatures of the various states, as provided by Father Washington and his compatriots. If it is possible to make this change from the constitutional requirements it certainly should be possible to make other changes and the said parties should not be so inconsistent as to oppose a change in one particular and support one in another, and still it can hardly be said that consistency is a component part of fusionism.

The position taken by the Madison county republican convention in regard to the national committee membership embargo is honorable and just and it is noticeable that other conventions and many of the leading politicians are taking the same stand. It but emphasizes the old fable in which two dogs got to fighting over a bone and a third dog slipped up and appropriated the "bone of contention." If the party leaders so far disregard party harmony and their honor as to engage in a disgraceful, disrupting quarrel they should be made to step aside and relinquish their honors to a sentiment that has the party wel-

fare uppermost. The politicians should be given to understand that party success and party honor are as far removed from personal ambition as day is from night. The rank and file cannot, probably, prevent dissent among party leaders but it can prevent the dissenters from attaining their ends without regard to the consequences. Madison, and all other counties going to a convention with a purpose to uphold party honor and harmony first, last and all time will receive the homage and respect of all factions and will have a result beneficial to all.

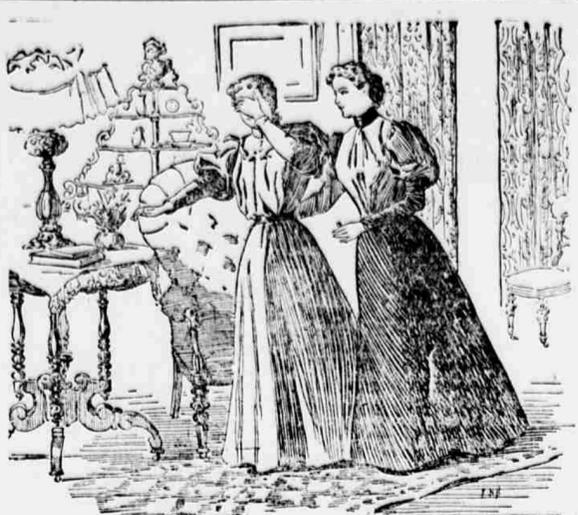
The silver issue is gradually and surely disappearing. At a recent meeting of the Mohawk Silver Club of Detroit, Mich., the word "silver" was stricken from the club name without a dissenting vote. The fellows who howled and fought for free silver as the only redemption of the country in 1896 are not coming out openly, and boldly and courageously admitting that they were in the wrong, but they do so tacitly. They sneak away in the night and quietly deposit the once very live thing in the garbage heap; they conceal it in the waste basket and choose a quiet opportunity to throw it in the furnace; they smuggle it through their thoughts and let it drop into oblivion. It is really too bad that the democrats cannot secure an issue that will not be a frayed and frizzled before the opening of the succeeding campaign. In 1896 they dared scarcely mention free trade and tariff and in 1900 it will be dangerous for them to refer to the "free and unlimited" coinage of silver, without the aid or consent of any nation on earth." Their vagaries go up in smoke before the onslaught of sound business judgment, and they are left in a pitiable plight with no character and very little party—nothing but candidates.

There it goes again—another mento of the important "free-and-unlimited-coinage-of-silver-at-the-ratio-of-16-to-1-without-the-aid-or-consent-of-any-nation-on-earth" issue is being hidden under the bushel. An announcement has been made that the free silver republicans will no longer be known by that name but that they will henceforth be known as representatives of the only simon-pure, all-wool-and-a-yard-wide Abraham Lincoln republicanism for ever more, or anyway during this year's campaign. In perhaps eight to 16 years they will be entitled to wear the toga as the only William McKinley republicans in existence. It seems to be imperative that this class of politicians should come as near to being republicans in name as possible and yet be a distinct and avowed assistant of democracy. It is feared this announcement would cause Mr. Lincoln to shed bitter tears were he alive, because those who honored him had dwelled down to such a small handful in the first place, and even they were using every means in their power to elevate the very men he fought against and who coveted his life. It is a strange situation, but anything is better than to be compelled to support free silver through another campaign.

The World-Herald, conceiving that there is discord in the republican ranks, has inserted its hands in the wound and is exerting its strength to tear it apart. The World-Herald is the open and avowed enemy first of the republican party and Edward Rosewater second. It will use every means in its power to defeat either or both of them and the faction that will enlist its sympathies and co-operation is not laying the foundation for their own defeat. The News does not favor pre-convention arguments and discussions and for the sake of the party it had hoped that nothing of the sort would take place this year when there is so much at stake and would be very much pleased if the present impending conflict could be adjusted or toned down before the state convention meets. There is honor and places enough this year for all good and true party leaders and there should be no quarrel over them that will inure to the benefit of the opposition. The World-Herald apparently not only hates Mr. Rosewater and the Bee but it fears their influence. The Bee made a mistake which will probably not soon be forgiven by certain partisans. But Mr. Rosewater has signified his willingness to again do the right thing by the party and should be given some consideration. In the light of past events, however, he should be very modest in his demands and in them should receive the support of all republicans desiring party harmony and success.

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