

The Norfolk News

The "middle-of-the-road" to prosperity is via the republican line.

Bryan proposes to support no trust this campaign—that is no trust but the silver trust.

The fusionists have been unable to discover any weak points in the platform adopted at the republican state convention, which, by the way, is a document above reproach.

The democrats would be more consistent in their campaign against trusts had they made an effort in congress to improve on the trust law passed by a republican congress.

The Utah mine horror in which 350 men lost their lives, is a horror almost unparalleled and the people of the country heartily sympathize with the bereaved wives and children.

At least one trust magnate has been shut out of congress—Senator Clark of Montana—and, as it happens he represents the trust that is the particular friend and supporter of W. J. Bryan.

What has happened to the free silver issue? It is hardly ever mentioned except by Colonel Bryan, who is compelled by his past record on the subject to constantly reiterate that he has not dropped the subject.

Mr. Bryan has renewed his reiterated statement of 1896 that the "democratic party is sure to win this year." Mr. Bryan seems to take considerable pains in adding to his record as a false prophet.

If Aguinaldo is dead, as reported, there should be mourning worn for a period of at least 30 days by his American allies, who must at once be on the lookout for someone else at whom they can throw their botquets.

It is suggested that the fusionists hope to disgruntle Senator Thurston to the extent that he will forsake the republican party upon the expiration of his term of office and join them in their opposition to republicanism.

The fusionists are jealous of the Cincinnati convention—that is evident. They will endeavor to slander and misrepresent that convention and its delegates from this time on without regard to the fact that it is the biggest end of the populist movement.

The people will hardly be convinced that times can be improved by the election of William Jennings Bryan to the presidency. The past few years have been record breakers along business lines and a majority of the voters will undoubtedly be pleased to let well enough alone.

The influx of Japanese coolies to this country is to be investigated by the treasury department. The suspicion has been excited that they are contract laborers and steps will be taken to find out the truth of the matter. Uncle Sam does not propose that cheap labor shall be allowed to come in and take the positions of Americans if it can be prevented.

People are not generally in search of work and it is more often that jobs are hunting men. Thirty positions as census enumerators are going begging in Omaha. The Bee truthfully says that in 1896, during democratic times, if such an announcement had been made it would have required the services of the police to keep the sidewalk clear in front of the supervisor's office.

The nomination of John R. Hays as republican candidate to congress appears to have met with general approval. He is universally respected where he is known, stands in close touch with the people, is an able man and a good campaigner. Personally the writer is pleased with his nomination and will take pleasure in doing all in our power for his election.—Stanton Pickett.

It is about time for the fusionists to raise the cry of 8-cent oats and 10-cent corn in case McKinley is elected. Undoubtedly many votes were influenced by this method of campaigning in 1896 and the calamities should not let a good thing like that drop simply because it is untrue. They are not usually daunted by truth and facts and shouldn't go back on precedent in this campaign.

An exchange speaks of one promise being carried out by the democratic party under Cleveland and that was to reduce the surplus in the United States treasury. While they were doing this they were also reducing the surplus of every individual citizen of the country. The democratic party is great at reducing surpluses, but there appears to be no very large demand for this sort of action from the people this year.

In 1892 this congressional district gave Geo. D. Meiklejohn, republican, 12,841 votes; G. F. Keiper, democrat, 8,959; W. A. Poynter, populist, 8,904. While Meiklejohn had a plurality of nearly 4,000 votes there was a majority against the republican candidate of more than 5,000 votes. Last year Robinson, fusion, defeated Norris, republican, by less

than 1,500 votes. This shows how republican opposition in the Third has declined and it is liable to a much greater reduction this year.

The fusionists are spending considerable time and working their gray matter overmuch in an endeavor to satisfactorily explain to themselves how the republicans could name their state ticket with such unanimity of purpose, scarcely a contest and no clash. Harmony is such an unknown quantity in fusion state conventions that they are unable to account for the genuine article when they behold it. There will be no need of surmises concerning the same quantity when the fusion conventions meet.

The fusionists are steering clear of any controversy in regard to prosperity, except semi-occasionally, when some editor or orator inadvertently puts his foot into it and is immediately placed in a most awkward predicament by endeavoring to wriggle out. The fact is true, in spite of trusts, imperialism, gold standard and other deplorable features of the country, that the people are very generally prosperous. Labor is in demand and farmers have been accumulating wealth more rapidly than they ever did before.

That the fusionists are hard up for campaign material in Nebraska is evidenced by the fact that the only action of the republican state convention they can object to is the election of John M. Thurston as delegate at large to the national convention. Even from this they can extract little consolation as he has been served notice that he can expect nothing more at the hands of the republican party and they are only objecting to a man who already has both feet in his political grave. They should present a live issue or cease disturbing the atmosphere with their caterwauls.

A band of 400 Filipinos recently attacked a church garrisoned with 30 American soldiers. Twenty of the Americans were killed while it is thought that nearly 200 Filipinos bit the dust. The besieging force was driven away by a lieutenant and eight soldiers and the ten surviving members of the garrison were relieved. This is a record of bravery on the part of a handful of Americans seldom equalled and indicates in a striking manner the broad difference in civilization enjoyed by the two races—one American being the equal of about 13 Filipinos in fighting strength.

The World-Herald, under a display head, quotes Senator Butler, of the fusion populist party as saying that W. J. Bryan would be nominated for president by the Sioux Falls convention by acclamation. Well, isn't that surprising! How could the senator dare risk such an assertion? With all the middle-of-the-road populists going to Cincinnati, and in fact nearly all the populists delegates of the country, it seems strange that harmony should prevail to such an alarming extent in the handful of fusionists Butler and Allen have influenced to go to Sioux Falls and fuse on Bryan, or at least take action that means the naming of Bryan.

The World-Herald used its best endeavors to have John M. Thurston elected as delegate-at-large to the national convention and immediately its object had been attained turned about and slapped those it may have influenced to support him with the announcement in glaring headlines "Oil Trust Attorney is Chosen Delegate." The World-Herald thinks it is very smooth people but its cheap method of political warfare is becoming more and more transparent to the people every day and the steady decline of the fusion power is due in a large measure to its campaign tactics and the republicans should ask nothing better than for it to proceed on the lines laid down by its precedent.

The following which originated in the Plainview News, a populist newspaper, and has been quoted by and has the endorsement of many papers of the opposition, is about as warm a compliment to Mr. Hays as could be asked. A gentleman who is worthy of this sort of comment from the opposition is certainly worthy to represent the Third district in congress. He will do to tie to John R. Hays of Norfolk, who was placed in nomination for congress by the republicans at their convention at Norfolk last week, is a man against whom nothing can be said personally. He is a pleasant gentleman and honorable in all his dealings."

The sentiment has been frequently expressed that the United States army is composed of the offscourings of society; that the soldiers are vicious and depraved and that in fact the army is a disgrace to the country. These defamers of the army should read the following which is contained in the report of the adjutant general: Chaplain Charles C. Pierce states, as the result of his experience that "the moral of our army has greatly improved in the thirteen years I have been permitted to judge of it by personal contact with its soldiers, and it gives me pleasure to refer to Bishop Potter, of New York, who was my guest for six days prior to my departure from Manila, and to the surprise manifested by him at the groundlessness

of many of the charges and criticisms which had been voiced in America by many persons, in connection with this subject. I think he will join me in saying that our army is composed of men of quite as high a type as the ranks in civil life from which they were recruited, and that they are men worthy of a nation's honor."

The majority opposed to the republican party in Nebraska has been steadily declining ever since fusion was accomplished and it is undoubtedly in the minds of many that it will be utterly dissipated this fall. Before fusion was effected the populist party lacked but a few thousand votes of being as strong as the republican party, while the democratic party was not far behind the populist in strength. The republican party cast but little more than one-third of the votes, while at the last election under fusion it cast nearly one-half of the votes of the state. It will finally be in the majority and the middle-of-the-road populists show much wisdom in getting "out from under."

The house of representatives on Wednesday passed the Nicaraguan bill by a vote of 225 to 35, action by that body which has scarcely been equalled for unanimity. The events leading up to the vote, however, were very exciting and the lie was passed once or twice. This action means that, if the senate gives its assent, the president will be empowered to acquire a right of way and build a canal through the neck of land joining North with South America of sufficient capacity to pass vessels between the two oceans. It is an enterprise, the stupendousness of which has not often been exceeded in the world's history and its value to commerce and movements of war vessels in time of war is inestimable. If successfully constructed the trip "round the Horn" will be a thing of the past with its danger and the time consumed. The sum of \$10,000,000 has been appropriated for the immediate needs of carrying on the work. This is but another necessary step in the progress of this nation's interests toward the far east—or perhaps more correctly, west—and it means further advantages toward the development of the oriental trade and possessions. It is a great step forward.

There has been some criticism of the republican state convention because it elected Senator John M. Thurston as a delegate-at-large to the national convention. In view of what John M. Thurston has been, however, it would appear that this is but an easy way of letting him down. In 1896 he was chairman of the republican national convention and has since served his state in the United States senate. To decline to give him any kind of recognition would be a slap that would not only embitter him but those who yet cling to him as a model statesman. He realizes as well as anyone that his race as a politician is about run and this will undoubtedly be the last mark of recognition he will ask at the hands of the party in this state. When it is remembered that he received the smallest vote of any of the four delegates elected, it will be seen that he was not even allowed the privilege of going to Philadelphia without considerable misgivings on the part of the convention. And yet, it was as little as the party could do for its senator on the eve of his retirement to private life.

"Hon. John R. Hays, who was nominated last Wednesday as the republican candidate for congressman from the Norfolk (Nebraska) district, was formerly and for a number of years a citizen of Nevada, and one of the active republican workers of Iowa, as indicated by the fact that the Story county republicans sent him as a delegate to the party state conventions nearly every year while he was a resident of that county. He is of the Iowa kind of republicans, he will be helpful to his state and nation in the next congress, and he will at all times be more than ready to aid in keeping the world's greatest seat of empire—the upper Mississippi valley—at the front. The Register congratulates the republicans of the Norfolk district on their congressional nominee." This announcement in the Iowa State Register will be read with much interest by the older citizens and in early Cornell circles, remembering Mr. Hays as one of that body of young students who left the walls of the college to scale the battle heights which lead to practical success. As a congressman Mr. Hays will be as gallant and effective in all good works as he has ever been as a loyal republican and representative citizen. The Hawk-Eye could tender no more sincere congratulations than it does in this particular instance.—Mount Vernon, Iowa, Hawk-Eye.

C. H. Deitrich, the republican nominee for governor, presents a striking personality—well and compactly built, with a bright, clear eye, clean cut, decisive language and movements. His face is built on lines of firmness, determination, push and vigor—nothing weak or vacillating about him. He is a man who makes friends quickly and never forgets them. Not a college man, yet he has learned widely in the school of life. His conversation is perfect grammatically and pleasing to the ear—nothing harsh or gruff enters therein. He makes no pretense to being an orator but is a man who will not be stilled by any condition presented by

his environments. He makes no pretense to aristocracy and appears as common and genial with all classes as the most precise might desire. In fact he is a man who will take with the people and the more people he meets the more friends he will make. He came to Norfolk unannounced and unheralded. Instead of taking rooms and inviting friends to call he went around and personally saw all he could of them, although after the fact became known that he was here many went to the hotel to see him. His personal appearance leads one to think of Emperor William of Germany and a comparison of the pictures of the two men will show quite a resemblance. Judging from a passing acquaintance Mr. Deitrich will make a governor who will be an honor to the state.

The ticket nominated by the republican state convention at Lincoln on Wednesday is one of the strongest ever placed before the voters of Nebraska. Many of the names which it contains are new to the mass of voters, because they have not heretofore been classed as politicians, it being the intent of the republican party as far as possible to take up good, clean men outside the ranks of the politicians who have brought such disaster upon the party in this state. That this has been done may be seen from the names which appear upon the state ticket, and although new to most of us each one is vouched for by the community in which he lives.

Charles H. Deitrich, the next governor of Nebraska, is a resident of Hastings, where he is president of the German National bank. Mr. Deitrich was born at Aurora, Ill., but his father came to this country from Germany. The gubernatorial nominee has been a citizen of the west nearly all his life. At an early age he was a pioneer in the Black Hills, where he was unusually successful, accumulating a small fortune, which enabled him to go to Hastings in 1879 and engage in the banking business. He has always taken an active part in local politics, but this is the first time he has sought an office for himself.

Col. E. P. Savage, candidate for lieutenant governor, is a prominent cattle man of Custer county, a staunch republican and a man who makes friends quickly wherever he goes.

William Steuffer, on the ticket as candidate for state treasurer, is a German, a banker of West Point, and well known throughout this section of the state. He has heretofore proven himself a good campaigner, when he was elected as state senator in a district largely democratic.

Charles Weston, candidate for auditor of state, is the only one on the ticket who has ever before been a candidate for state honors. He was elected and served satisfactorily as one of the regents of the state university. At present he is engaged in the insurance and cattle business at Hay Springs.

Through the nomination of Geo. W. Marsh of Falls City as secretary of state, the Nebraska press has at last been given a recognition at the hands of the republican party. Mr. Marsh is widely known throughout the southern part of the state as the editor of the Falls City Journal.

G. D. Folmer of Nuckolls county, candidate for commissioner of public lands and buildings, is a lumber dealer of Oak, and one of the strong men of that section of the state.

Frank N. Prout, for attorney general, comes from Gage, the banner republican county of the state, which he ably represented in the last legislature as state senator. He is a good attorney and will bring dignity to the attorney general's office.

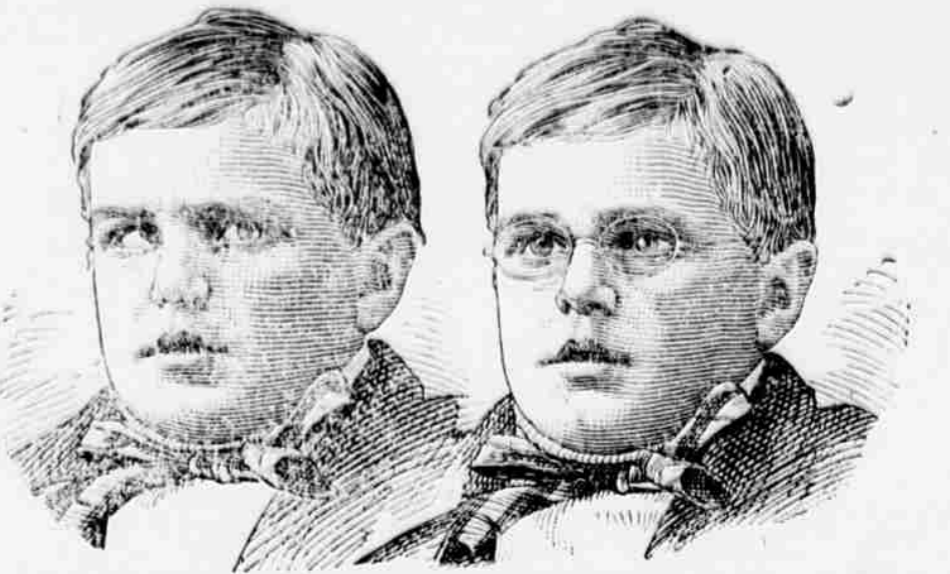
W. K. Fowler, the candidate for superintendent of schools, has been identified with educational interests in this state for the last 25 years, during the past six of which he has been serving as superintendent of the Blair city schools. He is said to be thoroughly awake to school work, and will make an efficient superintendent.

It is wondered if the Times-Tribune will, in fairness, give the same currency to the following from the South Sioux City Record as it did to a previous statement made in that paper which the Norfolk contemporary termed a deliberate lie: "The Dixon Tribune says that John R. Hays, the republican candidate for congress is 'frantically shaking his empty sleeve' for the soldier vote. It is true that some papers, among them The Record, were in error when they stated that Mr. Hays was an old soldier, but The Norfolk News, Mr. Hays' home paper, corrected the statement before the pops had time to take it up. The next thing for the fusion press to do is to say that he purposely threw himself in front of a mower so he would not have to defend his country. The Record thinks it is safe to say that Mr. Hays would have served his country if he had been given the opportunity, and not flunked out like some political colonels."

Senator Teller of Colorado, while supporting the Boer cause in the South African war, unwittingly perhaps, supports imperialism of the most pronounced type and implies that there is no longer such a thing in England. Speaking of the Boer-British war he says: "I believe that if the great and noble woman who presides over England had had her way there would have been no war."

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