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**Call for Republican County Convention**  
The republican electors of Platte county are hereby called to meet in delegates convention at Columbus, Nebraska, Tuesday, September 12, for the purpose of electing delegates to the Republican State convention at Lincoln, Nebraska, September 14, 1905, and for the further purpose of nominating candidates for the following county offices:

One candidate for county treasurer  
" " " " " clerk  
" " " " " sheriff  
" " " " " judge  
" " " " " snpt  
" " " " " coroner  
" " " " " surveyor

and to elect such other business as may properly come before the convention. The delegate representation at such convention shall be based upon the vote cast for Theodore Roosevelt for President in the various townships and wards at the general election in 1904 and each township and ward shall be entitled to one delegate for every 15 votes, or major fraction thereof, thus cast and one delegate at large as follows:

Columbus	9
First ward	2
Second	3
Third	4
Columbus	5
Bismark	6
Barrows	7
Butler	8
Creston	9
Grand Prairie	10
Granville	11
Humphrey	12
Joliet	13
Lost Creek	14
Loup	15
Monroe	16
Sherman	17
Shell Creek	18
St. Bernard	19
Walker	20
Woodville	21

Primaries will be held at the usual voting places for the purpose of electing delegates to said county convention on Saturday Sept. 23rd 1905 between the hours of 2 and 4 o'clock p. m.

Ed Hoare, Chairman.  
D. M. Newman, Secretary.

**ISSUE SETTLED.**  
The taxpayers of Platte county will take small interest in the legal quibbling that will be resorted to in order to determine whether or not Supervisors Ernst and Bender will have to "put back" that \$336 drawn illegally by them, or whether all the supervisors who voted to pay it to them will have to "put it back" for them.

The main issue has been settled in the minds of the people. Some of the men elected by them to administer the law have been the first to violate it in their own interest.

And the papers that are pleased to call themselves democratic newspapers have developed into "organs" whose function seem to be the defense of the violations of law which take money from the people's pockets.

The democratic "ring" which is standing with the newspapers in their defense of these open violations of law, is the same crowd that went out after August Boettcher's scalp and that is now after Diederich Becher. This "ring" proclaims through its "organs" that the "democrats of Platte county will roll up the old time majorities this fall."

Will they do it? It has cost the taxpayers of Platte county thousands of dollars to obey that command in the past. Democrats like August Boettcher, Diederich Becher, John Goetz and Frank Kiernan have refused to stand longer with the ring.

It is not a question this fall of democrat or republican. It is a question of clean government against ring rule, and every man will be asked to stand up and be counted. Which side will the majority stand with?

**THE EDITORIAL OPINION.**  
The editor of the Omaha Bee correctly observes that the things Prof. Ross of the Nebraska university has been saying against the evils of monopolies in his lectures in the Chicago university, are not so much a subject of wonder, as the fact that he is allowed to say them at all. Everybody knows that Chicago university is John Rockefeller's university, and when anybody speaks against "trusts" in the abstract, we all know he has in mind the mother of all modern trusts, Rockefeller's Standard Oil trust. It is indeed a subject of wonder that Prof. Ross whose position on the trust question is as widely known as his name as a sociologist, should be called to a university owned by Rockefeller, to instruct the students of that institution against the methods of Rockefeller. The incident proves at least that American educational institutions from our free secondary schools up, including even the privately endowed universities, are unhampered in their search for truth and that the teachers of America are not to be subjected as our legislators are, to the fire and crossfire of the professional corporation lobbyist. So long as truth can have free way in our schools, American democracy will live and be more than able to grapple with all its enemies whether they are clothed in the garb of organized wealth or organized labor.

**WIFE BEATING.**  
We are happy once more. Our good old friend, the Telegram, which has kept us in mourning these many moons by refusing to argue with us any of the local political questions which concern the taxpayers, including the Telegram's own little "printing graft," has dried our tears by taking issue with us on the great sociological subject of "wife beating."

Last week the Journal said that "a coat of tar and feathers was treatment much too mild for a wife beater." Now comes the Telegram with its usual clearness of logic and declares that such a statement proves us guilty of surrounding the head of a wife beater with "an halo of innocence," which is intended to mean in ordinary English that was favor and no doubt practice the art of wife beating.

And it is very natural for the Telegram to make such an inference from our statement.

Once upon a time we said that two Platte county supervisors drew more than their legal salaries. And from that statement the Telegram inferred that those two supervisors were honorable men and that the editor of the Journal was in the contempt of all the good people in Columbus. This is simply by way of illustration of the Telegram's wonderful logic. What we wanted to say principally is that we are glad to "mix" with the Telegram again in an affectionate and brotherly argument.

We don't want to discuss the details of the gossip which the Telegram published, the truth of which it denied with testimony from the only competent witnesses. We don't care to discuss the comparative abilities of Journal and Telegram reporters for that would compel us to admit that a Journal reporter heard the same gossip and went to the same house on the same mission that called the Telegram reporter there and that the Journal refused to lend its columns to the affair on the ground that it was mere gossip. Now if the Telegram is really afraid to face the music, as it always is, if it will inform us who those three witnesses are who have all that evidence we will enter into contract to sign a complaint within ten seconds to bring the so-called "wife beater" to justice. Let the Telegram bring on its witnesses. And then, since it has retained the habit of arguing, let it produce an argument to disprove the charge that Platte county has a "printing trust" more absolute than the "grain trust" and that the Telegram is "it."

**WHO WILL APPEAL?**  
"Why don't the taxpayers make an appeal if they find that the supervisors have allowed an illegal claim?" This question was put by one of the attorneys to the board of supervisors last week when the Ernst-Bender case was on. There is a good reason why the taxpayers never make an appeal. The law says an appeal must be made within ten days after the claim in question is allowed. And the official papers seldom print the proceedings of the board within two weeks. If the taxpayers don't know what claims have been allowed, how can they be expected to make appeal within the legal limit of time.

In order to give some taxpayer an opportunity to appeal from an illegal claim which has been allowed, we call attention to the allowance of five claims of \$184.37 each to the five official democratic newspapers for printing the recent delinquent tax notices.

The county in this one claim has thrown away contrary to law \$184.37.

At the same session the board cut down a bill of \$7 to \$1 which the Journal had filed for printing a treasurer's notice. Who will step forward and make an appeal and save the county \$184.37?

**LINDSAY**  
The Opinion.  
Chas. Charnquist has begun his new house which is to be 40x26 and one of the finest in town.  
Miss Belle Leggett is spending a few days this week in the country with the family of Rev. Benjamin.

The house known as William Smith's is being moved across the street and will be occupied by Hugh Williams and family.  
Albert Carton, Joe Ducey and several others went on a fishing trip to the Loup last Sunday night remaining over Sunday.

Frank Froeschman met with a serious accident last Sunday at Cornlea. He was pitching a good game for the Lindsay team until in the fifth inning when he threw the ball with such force and in such a manner as to break his arm two inches above the elbow. He is getting along as well as could be expected although suffering a great deal of pain.

The floors are now laid in the new Lanoda building and a number of young people took advantage of the fact Thursday evening by holding a dance there. A very pleasant time was enjoyed by all who attended.

August Westphal has just returned from a trip to South Dakota, where he has been looking over the country with a view to locating.

Fred Steiner, of Newman Grove is reported as being very low with typhoid fever and little hopes are entertained for his recovery.

Mrs. Froeschman with Leda, Marie and Frank, returned Saturday night from a three week's visit with relatives in Iowa.

A very pleasant party was given at the home of H. J. Finch last Friday evening.

John Hubner arrived from Falls City on Thursday evening last week for a visit with his son-in-law.

Last Friday Hugh Williams sold his restaurant to J. F. Ducey who took charge immediately. Mr. Williams and family will visit a few days in the country after which he will take up contracting again.

**Leigh**  
(From the World)  
During the electric storm last night lightning struck the Leigh hotel. The damage was not great. One chimney was knocked down and some plastering was displaced. Several occupants of the house were shocked but no one was seriously hurt. Excitement prevailed for a short time when it was thought that the building was on fire. The fire bell was sounded but it was soon learned that the building was not ignited.

Rev. J. F. Smith has resigned as pastor of the Congregational church. His resignation was read at the regular services last Sunday. This came as a surprise to the greater part of his congregation as many looked upon Rev. Smith as a fixture in the church. He asks to be relieved on the first of October, at which time he and his family will move to Olds, Iowa, where Mr. Smith has accepted a call as pastor of the Congregational church.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Conant, of Columbus spent from Friday until Sunday with relatives in Leigh.

John Busse left Tuesday noon for Iowa, where he will visit relatives and friends at different points. He will be absent about six weeks.

**St. Edward.**  
(From the Advance)  
C. L. Pory returned home Wednesday from California where he had been for the last three weeks proving up on some land.

**FOR SEPARATE STATEHOOD**  
CHIEFS IN CONTROL OF INDIAN TERRITORY CONVENTION.  
WILL ADOPT A CONSTITUTION

Representatives of the Five Civilized Tribes meet at Muskogee to lay plans for entrance into the Union. Pleasant Porter Selected Chairman.

Muskogee, I. T., Aug. 22.—The chief-taincy of the five civilized tribes met here in convention to declare for separate statehood for Indian territory, aided and abetted by white residents of the Indian territory who, for both business and sentimental reasons, are opposed to a union with Oklahoma. This is the first time the tribal citizens of the Indian territory ever assembled for the purpose of notifying that they are ready for statehood.

Leaders in this separate statehood convention say privately that while they would prefer separate statehood, yet they believe that only joint statehood will be given to the two territories. This convention was called to make and adopt a state constitution. It is probable that the actual work will be delegated to a committee authorized to submit the constitution to the people for ratification. The convention will declare for prohibition, which may be submitted as an issue separate from the constitution, but at the same time.

Pleasant Porter, chief of the Creeks, was selected permanent chairman, and will preside over all the sessions of the convention. The chiefs are in absolute control and as they are understood to be opposed to statehood at present it is predicted that the work of the convention will be of a negative, rather than an affirmative, character, by shaping a course directly opposite to the plans mapped out by the congressional leaders. Chief Porter's control of affairs was manifested in the report of the committee on order of business, which recommended a committee of fifty-one to draft a constitution, twenty-five to be appointed by the chairman. Every avenue appears well guarded against any outburst of popular expression for joint statehood.

**GENSURE FOR ENSIGN WADE**  
Bennington Board of Inquiry Recommends He Be Court-Martialed.  
Washington, Aug. 22.—Secretary Bonaparte made public the proceedings and findings of the court of inquiry which investigated the explosion on the gunboat Bennington at San Diego, Cal., on July 21. The findings were a complete surprise, for they at once set at rest the stories that had been circulated to the effect that the Bennington's boilers, and perhaps those of other naval vessels of the same age, were defective. As a matter of fact the court found the explosion resulted from the clogging of a valve which connected the exploded boiler with its steam gauge, so that the pressure on the boiler may have been several hundred pounds to the square inch when the accident occurred. The court is also of the opinion that D. N. Holland, a fireman on duty, had made the mistake of shutting off the valve. The court further finds that Ensign Charles D. Wade of the engineer department of the ship was at fault in failing to see that the steam valves and safety valves were overhauled at the proper time and kept in good order, having accepted the verbal statements of subordinates that this had been done in March. It is clear that he was negligent in the performance of his duty and should be brought before a court-martial. The navy department has not yet acted upon the proceedings and findings.

**PRESIDENT STILL AT WORK**  
Has Not Abandoned Hope of Successful Issue at Portsmouth.  
Oyster Bay, N. Y., Aug. 22.—President Roosevelt has not abandoned hope of a successful issue of the Washington peace conference. Neither has he relaxed his efforts to prevent a rupture between the conference when they reconvene this afternoon at Portsmouth. The president declines either to confirm or to deny any of the statements made about the proposition which he submitted to the Russian envoy through Baron Rosen. There is strong reason for the statement, however, that the proposition involved far more than a mere suggestion that the matters in difference between the envoys be submitted to the arbitration of an impartial tribunal. The statement heretofore made in those dispatches that powerful pressure, not alone from President Roosevelt, but from neutral powers of Europe, is being brought to bear upon the governments of Russia and Japan to insure a successful issue of the conference can be reiterated. Whether that influence takes the form of a suggestion of a modification of Japan's terms, of an insistence that Russia make the best bargain she can, or of an entirely new plan to bring about an agreement, cannot be ascertained.

**Gun Fight at Dubuque.**  
Dubuque, Aug. 22.—In a gun fight here between Mate J. H. Prinker and Julius Davis, a negro, on the steamer Quincy, both were shot and Davis will die. Charles Hanthorn, a deck hand, was hit by a stray bullet and cannot live.

**SULTAN OF SULU GETS MITTEN**  
Offers His Hand in Marriage to Miss Alice Roosevelt.

Jolo, Aug. 21.—Secretary Taft and party arrived here at noon and immediately proceeded to the parade ground to witness an elaborate program arranged for their entertainment. The sultan of Sulu and other Moro dignitaries occupied seats on the grand stand along with Secretary Taft and Miss Roosevelt. The latter were presented with many Moro presents by the sultan, who offered his hand in marriage to Miss Roosevelt and would make her sultana of the Sulu archipelago, saying that his people desired her to live among them.

**London Editors Not Very Hopeful.**  
London, Aug. 22.—The morning newspapers are not very hopeful of the result of today's peace conference at Portsmouth and rather place reliance on President Roosevelt's efforts to secure the prolongation of the negotiations than on a disposition of either side to concede something toward securing a peaceful settlement. It is felt here that unless the president of the United States is able to prevent a complete collapse of the negotiations, peace prospects are most remote, since, if the present conference fails, it will be very difficult to persuade the belligerents to send plenipotentiaries to another conference. Hopes are expressed that success may crown the president's efforts on which the fate of a million Russian and Japanese soldiers is depending.

**Protection for Veterans.**  
Provo, Utah, Aug. 22.—To afford protection to soldiers and sailors who acquired the right in the drawing just closed to locate homesteads on the Utah Indian reservation, Commissioner Richards of the general land office ruled that soldiers and sailors who registered by proxy are not compelled to make their filings through the agent who registered them, but that they may file for themselves or may employ another agent to file for them.

**FATAL TORNADO IN MINNESOTA**  
One Man Killed Near Pilot Mound and a Number of Persons Missing.  
LaCrosse, Wis., Aug. 22.—One man was killed, several reported missing at Lanesboro and Rushford, Minn., and crops have been destroyed by a tornado which swept southern Minnesota. All telephone connections have been cut off by the storm and details are lacking. Tosten Danielson was killed at Pilot Mound in the wrecking of a church. Five men have reported the entire destruction of their homes and the loss of members of their families to the authorities at Lanesboro, of whom they have asked assistance. James Till, a farmer, is missing. Search has been made, but this man and members of the family of C. Danielson, R. Hoc, A. Menus, W. Crocker and Frank Sanders have not been found. Thousands of dollars damage was done to buildings and crops.

**Would End Taggart Suit.**  
Woonsocket, O., Aug. 22.—When the Taggart divorce case opened Attorney Sterling, for the plaintiff, made an address to the court, in which he claimed that Mrs. Taggart, as a non-resident of Ohio, has no right in court here except in answer to her husband's petition and that she cannot under the laws of Ohio be granted a divorce, being here by right only to make a general denial to her husband's claim. Judge Eason refused to dismiss the cross petition.

**Fatal Feud in Tennessee.**  
Harriman, Tenn., Aug. 22.—A bloody feud battle has occurred near Alice station. Frederick Miller and his son, John Miller, aged twenty-three, and Fred Johnson were killed and Henry Miller, another son of Fred Miller, aged eighteen, was dangerously wounded. The men were en route to the station, where young Miller was to leave to join the army. When they were two miles from the depot they were fired upon by men from ambush.

**Nebraska Day at Portland.**  
Portland, Ore., Aug. 22.—Hundreds of Nebraskans, including Governor Mickey, were present to celebrate Nebraska day at the Lewis and Clark exposition. A feature of the exercises was the singing by the Nebraska Society quartette of the national hymn, in which the audience took part standing. At the conclusion of the set program, a reception was held in the Nebraska pavilion.

**V. W. C. A. in Session.**  
Waterloo, Ia., Aug. 22.—The mid-summer gathering of the middle western section of the National Young Women's Christian association is being held here. The meetings are being held at the camp grounds at Cedar park. The meeting will last ten days. Delegates are present from fourteen states of the middle west.

**Victims of Auto Wreck Buried.**  
Manchester, Vt., Aug. 22.—Harris Lindsay, deputy police commissioner of New York, and Miss Evelyn P. Willing of Chicago, who were killed by a train which struck their automobile at Bennington one week ago, were buried side by side in Dellwood cemetery here. The two were to have been married in a short time.

**Kentucky Bank Fails.**  
Washington, Aug. 22.—The doors of the Western National bank of Louisville, Ky., were closed by order of the controller of the currency.

**LAST PEACE CARD PLAYED**  
RESULT OF ROOSEVELT'S EFFORTS REMAINS IN SUSPENSE.  
READY FOR THE LAST WORD

No intimation that either side will concede anything—Witte in Accord With President—Conference May Be Prolonged.

Portsmouth, N. H., Aug. 22.—The result of President Roosevelt's effort to save the peace conference from failure remains in suspense. No direct reply to the president's proposition communicated by M. Witte has come from Emperor Nicholas, but other advices received from St. Petersburg indicate that the emperor and his councilors are unshaken in their determination neither to cede territory nor pay war tribute. What the president is doing on the Japanese side remains as deep a mystery as ever. Little light is shed upon the visits of Baron Kaneko to Oyster Bay. The Japanese do not even admit that he is their medium of communication with the president. They go no further than to reiterate that Mr. Roosevelt understands their position and that they have the fullest confidence in him. They show not the slightest indication that they have in any way changed their position or are prepared to yield more than they were last Friday, when the plenipotentiaries adjourned until this afternoon.

If M. Witte does not receive fresh instructions before 2 o'clock this afternoon, when the conference is resumed, the situation will be exactly what it was before the adjournment was taken on Friday. It will be safe to assume that in the absence of such a reply the conference will be prolonged after today, and every delay, in the opinion of the president's friends, means hope, faint though it be. Mr. Roosevelt's object was described as being to "prolong the negotiations."

There is warrant for the statement that M. Witte personally sympathizes with the president's proposition, no matter how it may be regarded by his imperial master and his advisers. It is a mistake to suppose that in considering such a proposition the emperor consults a regularly ordained council. Throughout the conference he has been calling in council such advisers as he deemed wise, some of his relatives, the grand dukes, members of the court and certain chosen ministers. The Grand Duke Nicholas Nicholasavitch, one of the most powerful of his advisers, is known to be absolutely opposed to yielding an iota beyond what M. Witte has already conceded. As an alternative he favors the continuation of the war. The spirit of all the advices received has been such as to almost preclude hope of an eleventh-hour change. The general belief here is that President Roosevelt, while he has the moral support of one of the neutral powers, has not received the active support he expected.

England's refusal to urge Japan has been disappointing, although that any attempts to do so might be misunderstood are fully appreciated.

Among the Japanese no note of hope is sounded. With genuine reluctance they seem almost resigned to the shipwreck of the conference. They declare that their position is unchanged and they speak of renewing their war with a snap of their black eyes, which speaks volumes for their confidence in the success of Oyama when the word is given to advance.

**Fatal Prank of Pair of Jokers.**  
Geneseo, Ill., Aug. 22.—Herman Melin of Melina and Ben Brooks of Oaso, camping at Rock river, were drowned. In company with two young women they went out rowing. Thinking the water shallow they threw the girls overboard. Scrambling back, the girls threatened to throw the young men out. The young men jumped into water fifteen feet deep and were drowned.

**No Cut Rates Yet.**  
Des Moines, Aug. 22.—Representatives of the various railroads in Iowa stated that thus far no instructions to cut rates on grain to the gulf to meet the competition of the Great Western have been issued, but expect such instructions in a short time if the Great Western keeps up the cut rates.

**Awarded \$15,000,000 Contract.**  
Pittsburg, Aug. 22.—Announcement was made that William Kennick & Co. has been awarded a \$15,000,000 contract by the Wabash Railroad company. The contract calls for the building of 600 miles of road between Salt Lake and San Francisco.

**Death of Eli Titus.**  
Kansas City, Aug. 22.—Eli Titus, for twelve years general live stock agent for the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe, died here of locomotor ataxia, aged 67 years. He was stricken with paralysis seven years ago and had not walked since.

**Three States Shaken.**  
Owensboro, Ky., Aug. 22.—Owensboro and Henderson, Ky., and Evansville, Ind., and Cairo, Ill., were visited by an earthquake at 11:05 o'clock last night. Two distinct shocks were felt. Citizens of Owensboro were greatly frightened. Many rushed from their homes. It lasted about one minute and shook the strongest buildings in Cairo. The shock was preceded by a loud rumbling noise.