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Republican State Convention.
 The republicans of the state of Nebraska are hereby called to meet in convention at the Auditorium in the city of Lincoln, on Wednesday, August 27, 1908, at two o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of placing in nomination candidates for the following offices, viz:
 One United States Senator,
 One Governor,
 One Lieutenant Governor,
 Three Railway Commissioners,
 One Secretary of State,
 One Auditor of Public Accounts,
 One Treasurer,
 One Superintendent of Public Instruction,
 One Attorney General,
 One Commissioner of Public Lands and Buildings.

And for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before it.
 The said convention shall be made up of delegates chosen by the republicans of the respective counties of the state, apportioned one delegate at large for each county and one for each one hundred twenty-five votes or the major fraction thereof cast at the last election for Hon. Charles R. Leffler, republican nominee for judge of the supreme court. Said apportionment entitles Platte county to 12 votes in said convention.
 It is also recommended that the delegates to said convention be instructed to vote for or against the endorsement of the constitutional amendment relating to the creation of a State Board of Railway Commissioners, to the end that the action thereon may determine the attitude of the party relative to said amendment and may be made a part of the ballot.
 It is further recommended that no proxies be allowed and that the delegates present from each of the respective counties be authorized to cast the full vote of their delegation.
 The various old numbered senatorial districts are also notified that they will at the same time by their delegates choose members to represent them on the state committee for a term of two years.
 It is also urged that the counties which have not already selected their county committee perfect the local organization for the campaign of 1908, do so at the first county convention held subsequent to the issuing of this call and report at once to the state committee.
 It is important that the uniform credential blanks which will be furnished by the state committee to each county chairman be used for furnishing credentials to the delegates to said convention, and that the name of each delegate, his post office address, and precinct in which he resides, be plainly written thereon. Credentials should be prepared immediately after adjournment of the different county conventions, duly certified by their officers and forwarded at once to State Headquarters, at Lincoln.
 By order of the state committee.
 W. F. WALKER, Chairman.
 A. B. ALLEN, Secretary.
 Dated at Lincoln, Neb., May 5, 1908.

THE FARMER AND THE GRAIN TRUST.
 It is asserted by those in close touch with the recent prosecution of the large grain dealers of Nebraska that the grain trust, so-called, can never become active again. "Many of these dealers" says one of the lawyers connected with the prosecution, "hold high places in the social and political life of the state and the danger of criminal prosecution which came so close to their doors, not only frightened them but filled them with shame. They would not feel a heavy pecuniary loss, but the publicity feature of the prosecution has stung them to the quick. And whether the courts decide to annul their charters or not, they will never again attempt to combine to control prices and demand rebates."
 The lawyer who made this statement may be over-optimistic. However, the most conservative estimate of the results of this suit must place it among the greatest achievements for the public good ever placed in the judicial records of the state. It has proved that the people of Nebraska have effective laws and that those laws are enforceable against the rich and the poor, the corporation and the individual. And this is a great moral victory in itself. Indeed the greatest menace to republican institutions has been the gradual accumulation of dead letters on our statute books.
 But the effect of this trial on the grain dealers association is only one side of the case. How will it affect the farmer? Will it result necessarily in higher prices for grain? Not any more than the prevention of the great railroad merger in the Northern Securities, case led to a reduction in freight rates on the railroads affected. But just as the publicity growing out of the Northern Securities litigation emphasized the necessity of placing rate regulation in the hands of the public, so has the grain trust litigation emphasized the necessity of legislation in this state which will reach the real, basic causes of the evils complained of.
 The recent litigation has made clear

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the following points: Grain dealers interested in the terminal elevators have virtually controlled the markets in which every local grain dealer must seek his sales. And they have been able to control these markets primarily because the railroads have placed the rebate club in their hands with which to pound unruly dealers to death. It is the story of Standard Oil repeated.

As a matter of fact the great majority of the members of the grain dealers association, like our local dealers in Columbus for instance, are more the victims of the pernicious system of rebates and terminal elevator monopoly than are the farmers, and we have no sympathy with those short-sighted demagogues who are just now very loud in their demands for the criminal prosecution of every local dealer who is a member of the "association." There is not a grain dealer in Columbus who has made unreasonable profits or who has suffered less than the farmer from this system.

The individual farmer has not been greatly robbed in this state at the worst, for great economies have developed in the method of handling grain. But a very small percentage of excess profit in a business so vast, makes a large aggregate that should be saved.
 How can it be saved? Not by criminal prosecution of Nebraska citizens, but by wresting the rebate club from the hands of the terminal elevators and by placing them under such public control as will open the markets of the world to all dealers in grain on grounds of equality.

The supreme court of Nebraska has simply removed the screen which has concealed the enemy. It remains yet for the people through an able railroad commission and a wide-awake legislature to execute the capture.
 The republican senatorial contest has been considerably enlivened by the entrance of Edward Rosewater the fighting editor of the Bee. The only avowed candidates now in the field seem to be Col. Carroll D. Evans of this city, Norris Brown, John L. Webster and Edward Rosewater. When the Douglas County Convention meets, either Webster or Rosewater will be eliminated and the state at large will then be free to decide whether it shall be a Douglas county candidate. Meanwhile the contest will continue actively but calmly for every candidate so far named bears the Roosevelt stamp of republicanism and whoever wins out in the convention will be entitled to the entire party vote. Whether the state at large will permit the honor to go to an Omaha man is one of the questions still to be weighed in the balance. It should be said to the credit of Omaha, however, that in naming John L. Webster she has named the greatest lawyer and the brainiest citizen in Nebraska and in naming Edward Rosewater she has named the ablest editor and the best informed citizen of the state. The Platte county candidate will appeal to those who want the state represented in Washington by a younger man.

It is now up to that great contortionist, the World-Herald, and its bunch of understudies to invent another calumny against President Roosevelt since the "railroad surrender" bubble has been burst. Their next stunt probably will be to charge that he has "surrendered" to the race-suicide theory.

The thing that is right from an ethical stand-point is nearly always sound from an economic stand-point. But Massachusetts has just furnished the world an apparent exception to this rule. An insurance company in that state which started out to pay benefits upon the birth of children in the hands of a receiver because President Roosevelt's anti-race suicide campaign has increased the birth-rate until the premiums were inadequate to keep up the beneficiary fund. The actuary of this insurance company, like several eastern republican senators, evidently failed to include in his estimates, Roosevelt's hold on the hearts of the common people.

Is it not strange that during all the criticism of the railroads for "not paying their taxes under protest like ordinary citizens," it has not occurred to some one that taxes paid under protest are not available for use pending the litigation and that the railroads will have to pay 10 per cent interest on their taxes from the date of their delinquency? Is it not strange that the railroads overlooked the saving in interest that would have resulted from payment under protest? Perhaps they expected better treatment from the hands of some democratic federal judges than they could hope for from the hands of the Nebraska republican judges, who according to some democratic papers, are owned by the railroads.

Hon. W. A. McAllister, whose name has been mentioned in several of the state papers in connection with the office of state railroad commissioner, made the following statement on the subject for publication in the Journal: "Yes, I have decided to announce my candidacy for the nomination and to ask for support at the next state convention." Mr. McAllister is one of the pioneers of Nebraska. He came to Nebraska in 1858 in territorial days and served during the civil war in the Second Nebraska Cavalry. He is thoroughly acquainted with the development of the state and during his whole life has been a republican. He enjoys the reputation of being a good lawyer, an honest man and a good citizen.

The letters of President Roosevelt and Attorney general Moody, as was expected, completely vindicate President Roosevelt on the Tillman-Bailey charge that he had "surrendered to the railroads." And Teddy Roosevelt stands out today stronger than ever, the greatest champion of the rights of the people who has ever occupied the President's chair. The young men of this country should rise and with one voice demand that he serve a third term.

OTHER EDITORS.
 State Journal:—The democratic senators who are talking so freely about their desire to make a radical rate bill cannot be blamed for a little playing to the galleries. They have no particular responsibility with respect to the bill, and are free to tell the country anything they please about the sort of measure they would pass if they had a majority in congress. In the meantime, the president stands where he did at the beginning in favor of the narrowest court review that will pass the constitutional gauntlet. He has carried his party with him to such an extent that the bill in its final form promises to be far better than could have been hoped for a few weeks ago. That is doing tolerably well for a "man of clay."
 Albion News:—Roosevelt is going to win out. He is not only going to get the railroad bill through practically as he wanted it, but he will get the free alcohol measure passed also. The latter will be a black eye for the Standard Oil Company, as it claimed alcohol is better for light and fuel than gasoline, and is also practical for engines of all kinds. This alcohol is made unfit for being used as a beverage, and can be made for ten cents per gallon. All kinds of grain and vegetables can be used, even the corn stalks. If the refuse of an agricultural country like this can be utilized for fuel and lights, it will add immensely to the value of every acre of

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PERSONAL and PERTINENT

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