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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 22, 1906, 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 B. Letton, 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 thus taken 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 odd 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 committees and perfected the local organization for the campaign of 1906, 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 of 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.

WM. P. WARNER, Chairman.
A. B. ALLEN, Secretary.
Dated at Lincoln, Neb., May 5, 1906.

A SERIOUS QUESTION.

Students of American politics are beginning to raise a warning voice against the tendency toward the enlargement of federal political power, at the expense of the states. And indeed, there is some cause for serious consideration of this subject.

Congress is reaching out in its control of interstate commerce, and thro' its control of interstate commerce it is looking toward the control of private corporations, such as insurance companies. The government supervises national banks and owns the post offices. It soon will control railroad rates and in the course of time will come into possession of many railroads. Where will the expansive tendency stop? Is it wise to apply the brakes? If so, where and how? The national government has not extended its authority where there was no need for extension. Is there any other means of meeting the exigencies of changing conditions except through the extension of federal power?

Happily, history offers a partial answer. The most of our state constitutions have been adopted since that period of internal improvement at state expense, when so many states went bankrupt, and the framers of these constitutions attempted to safeguard the new states from a similar calamity by limiting their power to borrow money and by restricting them from buying stock in private or corporate enterprises.

Upon the failure of the states in their program of internal improvements, private coaporations developed to do the work which was required by a growing country. And the new states, like Nebraska, in providing protection from themselves in their constitutions, at the same time cut themselves off from protection from the private corporations which they had brought into life. Therefore, the constitutional limitations of the states have forced the regulations of private corporations upon the hands of congress. If the states would regain this power they must amend their constitutions.

Indeed, the only safeguard against an increasing extension of the powers of the central government must be sought in the amendment of the state constitutions to enable states to borrow money and incur debts, to sue and be sued, and like other corporations to buy and sell property or stock.

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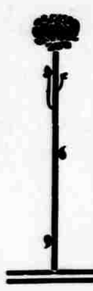

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SIGNS OF LIFE.

W. A. McAllister, president of the Commercial club has called a meeting of that organization for Tuesday night May 29. The nominal purpose of the meeting is to fill vacancies in the directorate, but the real purpose is to re-organize on lines that will make this organization a real factor in the commercial life of this city.

The Journal, voicing the sentiments of Columbus mayors, and individual business men, time and again has urged the necessity of such a reorganization, and it is believed that President McAllister will have the hearty co-operation of Columbus business men in his endeavor to start the Columbus Commercial club out on a new era of life.

Columbus is growing. Its business houses, its streets, its sidewalks, its residences will bear favorable comparison with those of any city in Nebraska twice its size. All it lacks to make its future the brightest of any inland city in the state, the organized support of an active, wide-awake Commercial club.

Let every business man in Columbus be on hand Tuesday night to help.

It is necessary sometimes for the newspaper to recite scandal and to call attention to scandalous conditions in a community, calling things by their right name when those conditions exist in fact. But it is never justifiable to give dignity to a scandal based not upon fact but upon false and malicious gssip. This is the Journal's reason for refusing to record the disgusting details of the story which has disturbed the calm of this city during the past week.

To the credit of the men of this city must be said that the results of this malicious scandal gives the lie to those charges sometimes heard, that the morality of Columbus men is low. For never has there been heard on the streets of Columbus such universal expression of indignation at those who by means of a malicious affidavit attempted to besmirch the characters of innocent people.

The Journal believes that the sentiment of the men of Columbus on the subject of malicious gossip was voiced in the following statement from a high city official: "The man who will stand on the streets and use the name of any woman, whatever may be her reputation, in a manner tending to besmirch or degrade her name, is a coward and a cur.

The fact that this gossip is indulged thoughtlessly, at times, does not prevent its criminal results. And when it sacrifices the names of innocent women it is time to brand it as criminal and punish the offenders in proportion to the enormity of the offense."

It sometimes requires a small-sized moral earth-quake to solidify the moral sentiment of a community. If the little earthquake in Columbus last week will stop the tongue of gossip even in a small degree it will prove to have been a good thing.

The convention plan of nominating United States senators is not perfect, but it is the nearest approach possible under our present constitution, to the election of senators by direct vote. It is to be hoped, therefore, that no attempt will be made in the next convention to sidetrack the nomination of senator to the legislature.

If the local lumber dealers of Nebraska are all criminals for belonging to an association which has as one of its objects the maintenance of prices, what are the implement men, the grocers, the farmers, the dairymen, the doctors, the dentists, the bankers, the newspaper men, the school teachers, the lawyers, the laborers, and all the rest of society who have their organizations, which organizations exist in part at least for the purpose of promoting the financial welfare of their members? Another question. If it is legitimate for merchants and implement dealers and others to combine in a crusade against the catalog house, is it not legitimate for the lumber dealers to combine against the irresponsible "scalper" who sells lumber to Smith or Jones or Brown? This is not argument in defense of the lumber dealers nor criticism of the suit that is being brought against them in this state. If they are violating the Nebraska anti-trust law, they should be prosecuted and the prosecution can do them no harm if they are innocent. But is it not true that there are the same tendencies toward business combination and for the same purposes, in other lines of industry as those complained of in the case of the lumber men? And is it fair to demand the enforcement of the criminal statutes against a particular class of business men who are in reality pursuing the same general policy that we all are pursuing in order to escape the disasters that follow in the wake of the cut-throat competitive system?

The democratic press bureau has divorced Berge for governor and married itself to an affinity in the person of Dr. Hall of Lincoln. Is it not strange that these friends of the "dear common people" can find their political affinities only in candidates with fat bank accounts? But then, it takes money to run press bureaus, and incidentally, Hall pleases the railroads as well as did Silas of old when the railroads elected him on an anti-railroad platform.

OTHER EDITORS.

Omaha Bee:—The decision of the United States supreme court that states can bar foreign coporations from their borders should make the enforcement of maximum rate laws and laws for the collection of taxes more easily enforcible.

Genoa Leader:—W. A. McAllister of Columbus has announced himself as a candidate for the nomination on the republican ticket for railroad commissioner. From the Leader's standpoint there isn't a man in the entire state better qualified in every respect for the position than Mr. McAllister, and here goes our hat for Mac.

Central City Non-pareil:—Columbus people have heard a rumor that the Union Pacific shops are to be moved from Grand Island to that town. They are so busy building air-castles and other things they haven't heard the rumor was all a mistake and that the shops will stop at Central City, meeting the new Stromsburg connection here. You have our heartfelt sympathy, Columbus.

Omaha Bee:—The decision of all the Missouri railroads to issue no free passes to delegates to the democratic and republican state convention soon to be held shows which way the wind is blowing. No statute federal or state, forbids passes and it has been customary time out of mind for the Missouri roads to carry free practically the hole body of delegates, as well as a vast throng of candidates, their managers and workers. The action of the roads is simply a recognition of universal public sentiment and of and of their own interest in view of it. The railroads have at the same time agreed to make an excursion rate on account of the convention probably about one-half regular fare, which will insure a profitable return, amounting according to a prominent official to a saving of at least $75,000. This action of the Missouri carriers undoubtedly foreshadows the stringent prohibition of free passes by the next legislature, in line with the general movement which will control the legislature of other states as well as fast as they have opportunity to act.

Lincoln Star:—The Omaha World-Herald proposes that Nedraska return to John D. Rockefeller the sixty-six thousand dollars received from him to build the temple at the university. Here is how that paper puts it. "The university, having accepted the gifts brought by the treacherous Greeks, will find them converted into manacles to bind the hand and gag to stop the mouth. When the Rockefeller temple shall have been completed, what professor or lecturer standing under a roof provided by Rockefeller, on a platform built with Rockefeller's money, surrounded by the evidences of the close and friendly relations existing between him and the school, would be so boorish, so churlish, so unmannerly and ungrateful, as to say anything in any way offensive or injuries to the host? But it is not yet too late to return Mr. Rockefeller his money. Let it be returned to him and allow the university of Nebraska to stand forth clean and pure as she was before the corroding hand of John D. Rockefeller was laid upon her." The above is foolishness. Neither the university nor any one connected with it, now or hereafter is under any obligation to respect Mr. Rockefeller's views, politic, civic, economic or religious. "Tainted money" it may be that comes through Rockefeller, but if he took it wrongfully from the people as the World-Herald doubtless would argue, then no one has a better right to receive the money than the people for their universities or other public institutions. The fact is the World-Herald for political reasons is always plugging at the state university and it would no doubt be glad to embarrass the board of regents in this or any other matter. Such a work is not patriotic but what will some people do for party ends?

PERSONAL and PERTINENT

There isn't going to be any more curvature of the spine in Greater New York. William H. Maxwell, city superintendent of schools, has looked after that and has straightened 372 miles of tender, pliable spines with a stroke of his pen. The stroke was made on March 27 last, but the glad news has just leaked out. Here it is, just as it comes from Superintendent Maxwell's office as an official bulletin to all the schools: "The Carrying of Books—Pupils should be required to carry their books on the right side on the even days of the month and on the left side on the odd days. This applies to the changing of class rooms and the carrying home of books. This is done to avoid one cause of spinal curvature. The number of books carried should be reduced to a minimum. By order of the Board of Superintendents.

William H. Maxwell,
City Superintent of Schools.

The odd-and-even order was about the first thing that came out of Mr. Maxwell's office after he threw out that hint about being on the verge.

Developments of the plan are expected. Chewing gum must be munched on opposite sides on alternate days, but to get the most symmetrical formed product of the public school system the gum should be chewed first on the right side on odd days to offset the weight of Mr. Maxwell's own best text books on the other side. Hair must be parted in the middle all the time or the side must be changed daily.

Little girls must wear round garters or else have the up-and-down-the-side kind mended every night, or have both sides broken on the same day, or change the broken one from left to right or vice versa every school day. Considerable intitude will be allowed in this matter, for Draco could not insist that a little girl have both sides whole every day. No little girl ever did, and the constant grabbing at the same knee every school day to pull up something is bad for the spine.

If boys are allowed to go barefooted on Saturdays it is requested that they get splinters and stone bruises on their left feet one week and on their right feet the next, as every little helps in this crowded and rushing age that makes for the even and symetrical development of the child.

Mr. Maxwell does not pretend to regulate the activities of the pupils away from school, but the sports indulged in at the recreation centers and on the school grounds must be modified on behalf of the spines. At base ball the boy chosen for pitcher must deliver the ball first with the right, then with the left hand, expectorating in the same before tossing first from the left and then from the right side of the mouth, or not at all. This is imperative. To prevent dizziness and a lopsided formation, each player must run around the bases from left to right as often as from right to left, and the girls must observe the same rule of alternating at bean bag.

The most serious phase of the problem yet to be tackled is that of the pocket loads of boys in the primary and grammar grades. Every careful parent with the spine of her child really at heart should sew two Plimsoll marks to the seat of his trousers, one on the right side and one on the left, to indicate any difference there may be in the sag, so that difference may be corrected and the pocket load distributed with reference to the outside weight carried in text books.—New York Sun.

The Carnegie Hero Commission met the other day in Pennsylvania and announced its discovery of twenty-one heroes in the United States. Ten of these were located in Pennsylvania and none were found west of the Mississippi. This commission should be perpetually enjoined from doing business on the ground of incompetency. Nebraska has as many heroes as Platte county has candidates, not to mention W. J. Bryan the hero of free silver and imperialism.

When Homer Robinson and Ed. Chambers see anything new in dress, you can gamble on the certainty of their getting it if it is on the market. But Columbus men will be surprised to learn that this pair of Apollos made a trip to Omaha the other day to buy hats like one they saw worn by an evangelist in this city. A Columbus society lady vouches for the truth of this story and closes wiih this pertinent remark: "Imagine Homer Robinson or Ed. Chambers in a Lyon hat.

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