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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 ten 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.

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 at the last election for Hon. Charles R. Linton, 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 and against the endorsement of the constitutional amendment relating to the creation of a State Board of Railway Commissioners, to the end that the action 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 to the delegates to said convention, and that the name of each delegate, his post office address, and district 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. WARNER, Chairman.
A. B. ALLEN, Secretary.
Dated at Lincoln, Neb., May 5, 1906.

IT PAYS THE FARMER.

Iowa has largest agricultural college in the world. The plant includes 1200 acres of land and splendidly equipped buildings representing an investment running well up into the millions. To maintain this college the taxpayers of Iowa spend more money annually than the people of Nebraska spend on the whole University of Nebraska including the agricultural college and all other departments and affiliated schools with an enrollment twice as large as that of the Iowa school. And yet it has been proved that the Iowa school of agriculture, in one year, through its influence on the selection of good seed-corn alone, has made for the farmers of Iowa more than the entire cost of that state's magnificent plant. The Iowa problem was figured out by a professor in this simple way. He estimated that if in any corn field in Iowa, the farmers could secure a good stand of corn and get three stalks to growing in every hill, the total production of corn in the state would be increased 35 per cent. In order to get the even stand of three stalks in each hill, he taught the farmers how to sort their seed so that the planter would drop just three grains every time. Then he showed them an easy device for testing the fertility of the corn on every ear used for seed. Thousands of farmers were reached by the seed corn special, the farmers institute and the county experiment station established on the poor farm in many counties. The result is an increase of about 30 per cent in the corn production of the state. If the farmers of Nebraska would take out their pencils and figure out what such an increase in production would mean to this state, they would be aroused to the importance of asking the next state legislature for an additional appropriation for needed improvements on their farm at the state university.

Iowa has demonstrated that agricultural education pays purely as an investment. Nebraska is demonstrating the same fact, but it is in need of more money for demonstration purposes.

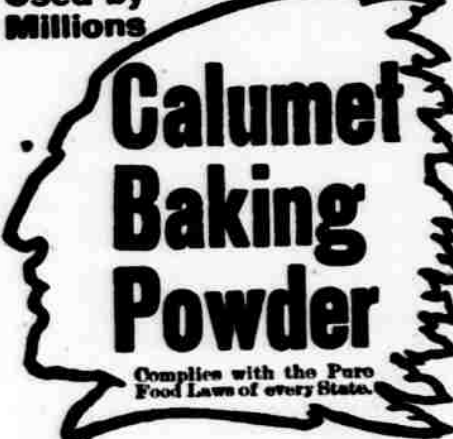
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GOOD ROADS.

The editor of this paper had occasion while in Ames, Iowa the other day to ride over several miles of clay roads kept in condition by the King drag. And the experience inspires another appeal to the merchants of Columbus to make an organized effort to improve the roads leading to Columbus.

Average Iowa roads are harder to keep in condition than average Nebraska roads owing to the heavier soil in Iowa. Yet the roads around Ames were as smooth as a pavement, and the people there say that the King drag treatment which is responsible for that condition is comparatively inexpensive.

Take the Meridian road leading to Columbus from the north for example. Although that road is well graded, its condition now makes it difficult to drive over it faster than a walk on account of the deep ruts. Other roads are in the same condition.

People insist on cheap rates and prompt service on the railroads. They seem to forget that a very large part of the produce of the country which constitutes the freight of the railroad, must first be hauled over country roads on wagons. Would it not be logical for the public to get their own roads in condition while they are demanding better service from the railroads?

Millions of dollars are spent in this country on roads every year, thousands of dollars in Platte county. Much of this money is wasted because of our hit-and-miss system of road repair.

It is time the supervisors should take up the King drag proposition, and in co-operation with business men and farmers try to place our road business on a careful and efficient basis. Let Columbus start the ball.

One of Theodore Roosevelt's greatest achievements has been to puncture the armor of senatorial dignity and get our hide-bound conscript-fathers to calling one another "dam liars". When men call each other liars they are usually ready to do things. Our senators have proved to be no exception to this rule.

It is a pleasure to call the attention of Journal advertisers to the fact that their offers will be read in a half-hundred more good Platte county homes on June 1st than on the first of the present month. The Journal is going to nearly five hundred more homes in Platte county than any other county publication and that number is increasing at the rate of three a day.

Omaha is forging to the front as a grain exchange. More favorable freight rates and a demand for a more direct shipment from the place of production to the large distributing centers have combined to cut down the grain business of Chicago and to build up that of Omaha. This is a condition which will benefit directly the farmers of Nebraska and will result in bringing into closer harmony Omaha and the inland towns of Nebraska. It is time for people to appreciate the fact that what helps Nebraska helps Omaha and what helps Omaha helps Nebraska.

The republicans of Platte county should hold an early convention this year. This should be done in the interest of the Platte county candidates for state office, and it should be done in the interest of the local cam-

aign. Republicanism is stronger in Platte county today than it has ever been. The campaign last fall demonstrated that a republican ticket can be elected if republicans will drop factionalism and work in harmony. With more careful organization and systematic work, a majority of the republican candidates can be elected next fall. Let us meet early and get to work.

"Every person who shall sell or give away and malt, spirituous or vinous liquors on the day of any general or special election or at any time during the first day of the week, commonly called Sunday, shall forfeit and pay for each such offense the sum of one hundred dollars." This is a section of the Nebraska statutes to which the Journal directs the attention of those people, democrats and republicans alike, who gave away booze within a stone's throw of the voting booths at the last city election in Columbus to influence votes for the democratic candidates. Take out your pencils and figure how much your vote-debauching would have cost you had the grand jury "got busy" and enforced the law against you.

The election in Oregon next week will be watched with interest by both political parties. A governor and two congressmen are to be elected, also a legislature which is to choose a successor to Senator J. H. Mitchell, deceased. Oregon two years ago elected a democratic governor by a small majority but gave President Roosevelt a majority of over 40,000. Senator Mitchell who was implicated in the notorious land frauds of Oregon was a republican. But he was punished by a republican Secretary of Interior. It would look as if the people of Oregon would be inclined to vote with the party which has had the courage to hunt down and punish fraud and corruption as President Roosevelt's administration has done impartially in every instance. But it remains to be seen whether they will reward the party which has been the instrument of justice in the Mitchell case or ungratefully punish that party for the misdeeds of one of its irresponsible members. If the people of Oregon choose the course of short sightedness and ingratitude toward the republican party what assurance is there that the people of other doubtful states will not assume the same ungrateful attitude toward the party of Roosevelt punishing the real avenger of their wrongs in their eagerness to get at the guilty parties?

The most serious factor in the railroad problem is and always has been the speculative element. As long as railroad earnings go to pay dividends on from 40 to 60 per cent of watered stock, rate regulation and all other public remedies will fall short of the mark. Happily, however, the forces are at work in several directions to squeeze the water out of over-capitalized stock, and strange as it may seem the chief force has been set in motion by the railroads themselves. Jim Hill, the Railroad King, is building a new railroad and stock will be issued covering the actual cost. If that is to be the rule of future railroad construction the public will soon have the data necessary to arrive at correct conclusions as to "reasonable values" and "reasonable rates". Government railroading in Panama, Alaska and the Philippines will also throw valuable light on the same question. Taking into consideration this future outlook, together with the fact that the United States already has the cheapest and most efficient railroad service in the world, we cannot complain much at our progress with the railroad problem.

OTHER EDITORS.

"The democratic spider in Nebraska is busily engaged in trying to coax the populist fly into the web-woven parlor which it has spent several years preparing for the expected guest. The local democratic organ openly declares that as an organization the populist party

has about reached the point of dissolution," and suggests a program for the democrats by which "the road may be made easy" for the former allies to travel in the democratic fold. This program includes a few sops to the populists in the democratic platform, a few tickets of admission to populists to occupy the rear seats in the convention and recognition on the ticket in the shape of one or two minor offices, which the democrats do not much care for. But why the populists of Nebraska, if they must lose their populist identity, should play fly to the democratic spider will still require explanation. The official head of the democratic party is still Judge Alton B. Parker, with Tom Taggart as engineer at the throttle of the machine. It is safe to say that here in Nebraska at the last election twice as many populists voted for Roosevelt as for Tom Watson, and if it comes to a choice of leaders they will prefer to continue to follow Roosevelt. The Roosevelt program of legislation is more attractive to populists than the program formulated by the opposite democrats in congress on which they are to appeal to the country. When it comes to state matters the republicans, although, perhaps not fully up to expectations, have accomplished more in the direction of reform in Nebraska since they resumed control than was accomplished in the whole period of fusion state government. The democratic spider is likely to find that it is sadly mistaken in addressing its welcome to populists as "the men who are already democrats in all but name."—Omaha Bee.

Fremont Tribune:—In the interests of harmony and a proper political entente cordiale it is hoped the democrats who have been declaring, evidently in preparation for the fall campaign, that the president had surrendered to the railroads on the rate bill will take counsel of wisdom and quit railing at him on this false charge. That they will do so is well assured by the fact that every democrat but four in both houses of congress has supported the measure for which the president has stood. It will be in very bad taste, as well as dangerous politics, for the democratic press to utter a wholesale condemnation of the democratic members of congress,

PERSONAL and PERTINENT

The editor of the Telegram has much to say editorially about the moral disaster which is sure to follow those universities which accept the tainted money of Rockefeller. There was a time when we were inclined to discredit those "tainted" editorials. But come to think of it we have been in the wrong. We had forgotten that our contemporary spoke from first-hand knowledge on this subject, that he himself had greased his boots with the hated oil direct from the Rockefeller oil pipes, and tainted his breath from the rebates received by him on Rockefeller oil. We really had forgotten that advertising contract made by the Telegram last year with the Standard Oil Company by which the former was to receive a rebate of five cents a gallon on gasoline in exchange for a little lump of advertising. If the Rockefeller rebate carries a taint to the morals of the recipient, no one knows that fact from experience better than our contemporary. And this leads us to suggest his name to the Interstate Commerce Commission as a witness qualified to tell how the Standard Oil Company subsidizes the press. Up-to-date they haven't found a witness competent to testify on that point. That he would be happy to take the stand and like Lawson, tell the story of the five-cent rebate when he was "one of 'em", nobody doubts, for we all know that his moral senses must have been shocked by the receipt of that tainted rebate as they were when he took from the taxpayers of Platte county \$15 a thousand for \$3.75 blanks and made a two years supply at that rate. His valuable testimony before the Interstate Commerce Commission just at this time when Standard Oil is under fire, certainly should entitle him to some high office. And we want to pause right here to suggest his name for Oil Inspector as the most appropriate and suitable recognition of his services.

Editor Phelps of the Howells Journal has the same kind of a fight on his hands that every editor has, who calls a spade a spade and refuses to use the white-wash brush on prosperous or popular law-breakers. Because he had the courage to insist on the Sunday closing of saloons, he has been threatened with all kinds of visitations. His enemies have threatened him with bodily injury, worked systematically to destroy his advertising and reduce his subscription list and they have even gone to the limit of starting another paper to run him out. But their plans will fail and Phelps will win out in the end as will every editor who stands up for the right thing and uses reasonable business economy. The enemies, who fight a man for being aggressive for law and order are always moral cowards and generally physical cowards. They will fight only in the dark and then only with the arms of the criminal. The editor who will permit himself to be frightened either by fear of bodily harm or by the dread of financial failure into submission to that element of the community deserves failure and Harry Phelps has shown that he is not built that way. When an editor is fortified by law and by the conviction that he is right every knock becomes a boost. For every sore-head who drops his paper, ten better men will add their names and for every inch of advertising space he loses two inches will be forth-coming. The day is past when country editors have to bend the knee to special interests in the community and in the end the editor who proves that he is no quitter and stands for law and the square deal as Editor Phelps is doing will win out. Here's to Harry Phelps. We don't know him but we like the way he fights.

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