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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, as provided in the constitution of the state, and one for each one hundred twenty-five votes or the major fraction thereof cast at the last election for Judge, Charles B. Lutton, republican nominee for head 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 effect 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 of the delegates to said convention, and that the name of each delegate, his post office address, and -residence 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. R. ALLEN, Secretary.
Dated at Lincoln, Neb., May 5, 1906.

JIM HILL'S POLICIES.

The most notable speeches made in this country for many a day were those made last week in Canada by James J. Hill. That great master of industry who has done more than any other man to teach the world to honor busy, productive wealth, while condemning the idle rich; the man whose tremendous energies and large capital have commingled with the industry of the poor settler along the great northern railroad systems of the United States to convert buffalo pastures into fruitful farms pointed out the factors which promise to solve present annoying economic and political problems and to insure the prosperity and happiness of the American people.

Mr. Hill's most emphatic message was to the farmers. It was an appeal for the preservation of the fertility of the soil and for the maintenance of agricultural experiment stations as a means of increasing the possibilities of production. On this subject he said:

Now the fertility of your soil is your greatest asset, worth many times all the others put together. For the farm produces more wealth and the nation of farmers is always, always has been, and always will be, the rich nation.

Now, you young men have what we didn't have when I was a boy, a northwestern empire, susceptible of carrying a population of 10 to 15 millions, and you won't crowd it. Only take care of it, take care of the fertility of the soil. In some places south of the international boundary line, the farmers do well, in others they do not. I think there are many places where they are cultivating five acres to get what one acre yielded 20 to 25 years ago. It may be a little presumption to suggest to Canadian farmers how to handle their land, but do not forget to take care of the fertility of your province; do not wear the land out. "In closing, let me say again, take care of your public domain. Don't be afraid to let it go to the man who wants to cultivate it; but don't give it away to anybody else. (Applause.) In your education you have done a great deal; remember

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that what builds up your city and every town and hamlet and dots the hillside with school houses and churches is the cultivation of the soil. The merchant, the doctor, the banker, everybody, depends upon the growth of the country, and that depends upon the cultivation of the soil. In the little island of Jersey, farmers make more over \$200 per acre per annum, that is intensive farming; you cannot do that. But you can help by scientific investigation, by a school that would take up all these questions and settle them by experiments, what an individual cannot afford to do, but the province can do.

Passing to the railroad question, Mr. Hill delivered a shoulder blow to the speculative element in railroads and told how in the next few years transportation rates could be cut in two. His words are worthy careful consideration. He said speaking of the relation of the railroad to the public:

"I want to tell you that the first railroad had to be built with public credit—the public credit had to be invoked; but after you have got a railway be a little patient, hold on to what you have got; for if a railway cannot live on the business developed from it, it will die, no matter what subsidy you give. Nobody, no animal, boy, man, woman or child is worth raising that has to be fed with a spoon from youth to old age.

"We don't expect to come in here and run away with your business; we expect to help to build it up. We hope to be able to enjoy your prosperity with you; because if the people of the country along the line of railway served by the railway are not prosperous, depend upon it the railway will be poor.

Taking up the question of lower rates he said:

"I want to tell you, that the great consideration in connection with railway transportation now is the grades. With proper grades and satisfactory roadbeds we can almost out the cost of transportation in two for it costs no more for a train crew and for almost every other item of cost in operation, to run a heavy engine and huge train of cars carrying double the quantity that is now transported on roads where the grades are high."

In the following language Mr. Hill promised to eliminate "water" from his Canadian railway and gave a stunning rebuke to the system of subsidies:

"In Canada we do not propose to bond our roads for a dollar. We shall just issue stock representing the actual cash outlay and as we have never figured on receiving more from the people than an average of seven per cent on our outlay, you will see that the burden upon the people will be light. Our policy will enable us to set a new pace in the matter of rates, and I think you can mark it down that as a result of our advent into your splendid territory an effective period will be put to the bonusing or subsidy system. I should scarcely think that public men would care to propose subsidies, and that companies would have the hardihood to ask them in the face of the facts."

Another noteworthy statement that fell from Mr. Hill's lips was the prediction that the tariff wall between the United States and Canada would be removed.

The creditable manner in which C. N. McElfresh substituting for County Attorney Latham, conducted the court business at the last session of the district court, suggests that he would make a most desirable successor to L. R. Latham as county attorney. The taxpayers of Platte county have had several impressive object lessons of the folly of entrusting their business to the representatives of a single political party and many a good democrat in this county has said to the editor of this paper: "Put up only your best men and we will help to elect them. The county business will be more economically transacted if we have representatives of both parties in the court house to watch each other." If this sentiment prevails C. N. McElfresh could be elected county attorney next November,

hands-down. He is clean and honest and one of the best educated young attorneys in Nebraska. This is the day of young men. We appeal to the young republicans of Platte county to come to the front under the banner of Theodore Roosevelt, and help next fall, by the nomination of such young men as C. N. McElfresh to land Platte county safe in the republican fold.

OTHER EDITORS.

Fremont Tribune.—The barbers of Columbus have petitioned the city council to enact an ordinance prohibiting them from keeping open shop on Sunday. They assume that they need protection against each other, but there is reason to believe the man who conscientiously closes his place of business on Sunday will lose nothing by it in the long run. Perhaps a few stragglers will go to competitors who keep open lest they lose a few nickels, but the bulk of patronage comes from people who respect a man's honest opinions. A San Francisco restauranter, a good old Quaker, carried his Sunday closing so far as to compel all his patrons to go elsewhere for their meals on that day. There are those who said it was financial suicide. He allowed he would risk it. The result was that he was soon able to open a second restaurant near by to care for his tremendous patronage. In Fremont, a man ignoring the custom of all competitors in keeping open on the Lord's day, has closed up regularly and that not only without detriment to his business but with an actual increase in it. There are a great many business cowards, and other cowards, in the world. Most men can compel success if they would. They can bring the public to their way of thinking, to their methods of business, if they but make intelligent and diplomatic effort.

Pete Barron in World Herald:—Madame Bernhardt is one foreigner who appreciates us and our money, but mostly us. She observes in a magazine article, that since her first visit to America our younger generation have all learned to speak French and German, and all know by heart the literature of France, Germany and Norway. This unsolicited testimonial reminds the New York Post that an English writer a few years ago remarked that all American boys could repeat, on demand, the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States. This is just as true and just as creditable to us as the accomplishment which Madame Bernhardt mentions. And in addition to these difficult and valuable feats of memory, most of our youths could give you a hand the standing of all the National, American and Western League teams. These are matters that do not consider of great importance, and it would never have occurred to us to mention them if the English gentleman and the French lady had not called public attention to them. But we are not so ultra-modest as to attempt to deny any of it. That's one thing that you will always notice about us: when we are caught with the goods we all stand right up and plead guilty.

Return of... Sherlock Holmes

"Your ladyship places me in a very delicate position. I beg that you will sit down and tell me what you desire, but I fear that I cannot make any unconditional promise."

She swept across the room and seated herself with her back to the window. It was a queenly presence—tall, graceful and intensely womanly.

"Mr. Holmes," she said, and her white gloved hands clasped and unclasped as she spoke. "I will speak frankly to you in the hopes that it may induce you to speak frankly in return. There is complete confidence between my husband and me on all matters save one. That one is politics. On this his lips are sealed. He tells me nothing. Now, I am aware that there was a most deplorable occurrence in our house last night. I know that a paper has disappeared. But because the matter is political my husband refuses to take me into his complete confidence. Now it is essential—essential, I say—that I should thoroughly understand it. You are the only other person, save only these politicians, who knows the true facts. I beg you then, Mr. Holmes, to tell exactly what has happened and what it will lead to. Tell me all, Mr. Holmes. Let me regard you as your client's interests help you silent, for I assure you that his interests, if he would only see it, would be best served

by taking her into his complete confidence. What was this paper which was stolen?"
"Madam, what you ask me is really impossible."
She ground and smelt her face in her hands.
"You must see that this is so, madam. If your husband thinks it to keep you in the dark over this matter, is it for me, who have only learned the true facts under the pledge of professional secrecy, to tell what he has withheld? It is not fair to ask it. It is him whom you must ask."
"I have asked him. I come to you as a last resource. But without your telling me anything definite, Mr. Holmes, you may do a great service if you would enlighten me on one point."
"What is it, madam?"
"Is my husband's political career likely to suffer through this incident?"
"Well, madam, unless it is set right it may certainly have a very unfortunate effect."
"Ah!" She drew in her breath sharply, as one whose doubts are resolved.
"One more question, Mr. Holmes. From an expression which my husband dropped in the first shock of this disclosure I understood that terrible public consequences might arise from the loss of this document."
"If he said so I certainly cannot deny it."
"Of what nature are they?"
"Nay, madam; there again you ask me more than I can possibly answer."
"Then I will take up no more of your time. I cannot blame you, Mr. Holmes, for having refused to speak more freely, and you on your side will not, I am sure, think the worse of me because I desire, even against his will, to share my husband's anxieties. Once more I beg that you will say nothing of my visit."
She looked back at us from the door, and I had a last impression of that beautiful, haunted face, the startled eyes and the drawn mouth. Then she was gone.
"Now, Watson, the fair sex is your department," said Holmes, with a smile, when the dwindling troupe of skirts had ended in the slam of the front door. "What was the fair lady's game? What did she really want?"
"Surely her own statement is clear and her anxiety very natural."
"Hum! Think of her appearance. Watson—her manner, her suppressed excitement, her restlessness, her tenacity in asking questions. Remember that she comes of a caste who do not lightly show emotion."
"Remember also the curious earnestness with which she assured us that it was best for her husband that she should know all. What did she mean by that? And you must have observed, Watson, how she maneuvered to have the light at her back. She did not wish us to read her expression."
"Yes, she chose the one chair in the room."
"And yet the motives of women are so inscrutable. You remember the woman at Margate whom I suspected for the same reason. No powder on her nose—that proved to be the correct solution. How can you build on such a quicksand? Their most trivial action may mean volumes, or their most extraordinary conduct may depend upon a hairpin or a curling tong. Good morning, Watson."
"You are off?"
"Yes, I will while away the morning at Godolphin street with our friends of the regular establishment. With Eduardo Lucas lies the solution of our problem, though I must admit that I have not an inkling as to what form it may take. It is a capital mistake to theorize in advance of the facts. Do you stay on guard, my good Watson, and receive my fresh visitors. I'll join you at lunch if I am able."
All that day and the next and next Holmes was in a mood which his friends would call taciturn and others morose. He ran out and ran in, smoked incessantly, played snatches on his violin, sank into reveries, devoured sandwiches at irregular hours and hardly answered the casual questions which I put to him. It was evident to me that things were not going well with him or his quest. He would say nothing of the case, and it was from the papers that I learned the particulars of the inquest and the arrest, with the subsequent release, of John Milton, the valet of the deceased. The coroner's jury brought in the obvious "willful murder," but the parties remained as unknown as ever. No motive was suggested. The room was full of articles of value, but none had been taken. The dead man's papers had not been tampered with. They were carefully examined and showed that he was a keen student of international politics, an indefatigable gossip, a remarkable linguist and an untiring letter writer. He had been on intimate terms with the leading politicians of several countries, but nothing sensational was discovered among the documents which filled his drawers. As to his relations with women, they appeared to have been promiscuous, but unperfidious. He had many acquaintances among them, but few friends, and no one whom he loved. His habits were regular, his conduct inoffensive. His death was an absolute mystery and likely to remain so.

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