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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 23, 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 R. Lutton, 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 committee 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 county chairmen be used for furnishing credentials of the delegates to said convention, and that the name of each delegate, his post office address, and if resident 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. P. WARNER, Chairman.  
A. B. ALLEN, Secretary.  
Dated at Lincoln, Neb., May 5, 1906.

**HOWARD'S TRUST-BUSTING.**

The editor of the Telegram after much beseeching from us, has at last been drawn into a discussion of local trusts, those trusts which are directed by home people and which reach directly into the pockets of Platte county tax-payers. We have always criticised our talented contemporary for doing all of his trust-busting at long range, insisting that trust-busting like charity should begin at home.

Editor Howard has uniformly insisted on "jailing" in advance of trial every corporation man in the state except his friend "Bob" Drake, president of the Bridge Trust, whose legislative victories he has honored by sending congratulatory telegrams and

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his friend Pat Crowe, the chivalrous lover of little ponies and gentle torturer of innocent children, whose great name he has perpetuated in several most beautiful prose-poems. It is not strange therefore, that the names of all the local lumber dealers in Nebraska should be placed on Editor Howard's "criminal" list without the ceremony of a court trial. It may be that the farmers of Platte county look upon the men who load their wagons with lumber as criminals, just because Editor Howard calls them criminals, just as they will look upon Bob Drake and Pat Crowe as heroes because he has extolled their virtues.

However, we are glad, as we have said before, to have the discussion of trusts brought home and we are glad for an opportunity to defend our statements which Editor Howard calls "the Rockefeller argument in behalf of the lumber trust."

In the article criticised by Editor Howard we said, referring to the lumber dealers: "If they are violating the Nebraska anti-trust law they should be prosecuted." The Telegram editor says this is Rockefeller argument. Perhaps he wishes in this compliment to repay Rockefeller for the 5 cent rebate which he received on his gasoline from John D. on an advertising contract last year.

Again we are criticised for asking this question: "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 etc., whose organizations exist in part at least for the purpose of promoting the financial welfare of their members?" We still want light on this question. Perhaps Editor Howard would classify the implement men with his friend Drake and the newspaper men with his friend Crowe.

However, pending an answer to this question we shall undertake to prove that there has been a newspaper man in Platte county who has operated a printing trust which is a more gross violation of the Nebraska anti-trust law than is the Retail Lumber Dealers Association, and whose profits were two hundred per cent greater. And in fairness we shall insist that Editor Howard demand the enforcement of the criminal law in both cases alike.

The plain truth about the lumber trust is this. Lumber in the United States is getting scarce and the demand for it in a period of Republican prosperity is keeping every mill in the country working over-time. The forests of the country partially through land frauds, have fallen into the hands of a few large companies which practically control the supply. These big supply companies enjoying rebates from the railroads and not the local dealers, constitute the real lumber trust, and some of the big retail line yards, holding interests in these supply companies and enjoying the same rebates, are a part of the trust while the local dealers and the public alike are victims of the system, which

can be reached only through the Interstate Commerce commission and the Federal Bureau of corporations whose arms have been strengthened by President Roosevelt. Norris Brown is doing his duty in enforcing the laws of Nebraska. But let us not blame him for failing to reach the source of the evils which is outside his jurisdiction. Nor should we brand as criminals without trial the local dealers who are victims of those evils.

**WEIGH THE EVIDENCE.**

No one political party can prove title to all the virtues of mankind. The masses of both great parties are equally honest in their motives and possess standards of virtue equally high both in private and political life. But a fair investigation of the records of the two parties both in Nebraska and Washington, forces the conclusion that the republican party has been more wise in its choice of leaders and that the accomplishments of republican administrations have come nearer to republican promises than have the accomplishments of democratic administrations come to measuring up to democratic promises. Fortunately the evidence is at hand to prove these statements, and the people of this great state will do well calmly and deliberately to weigh that evidence before they listen again to the voice of the demagogue and the sham who is always on hand at times of popular unrest like the present to pass himself off for a reformer and secure to himself the benefits of corruption and dishonesty which he condemns in others.

The farmers of Nebraska hardly need to be reminded of the ten cent corn and farm-mortgage foreclosures under the Cleveland administration, the last democratic administration at Washington. And yet the same democratic leaders who promised reform under Cleveland, today are promising reform under Bryan. They complain of railroad and other corporation evils and charge their existence to republican administrations, when all the evidence they have of these evils has been placed in their hands by the voluntary investigations of a courageous republican administration. They clamor for a more rigid enforcement of the federal anti-trust law, in face of the fact that this law was declared unconstitutional by Cleveland and a democratic attorney general was vitalized later by President Roosevelt and a majority of republican judges on the supreme bench, in spite of the dissenting opinion of all the democratic judges. The masses of the people were honest in their belief that Cleveland would fulfill the promises of the democratic prophets. Those prophets proved false then. Can they be trusted now?

Not only in Washington but in Lincoln have the people been betrayed by the same democratic prophets. The populist movement overspread the state in the nineties and the people were honest in their demand for higher railroad assessment and more economic state government. They sent to Lincoln the same people who today are loud in charging that the republican party in Nebraska is the "railroad party." And these people made the same charges then. What happened? Why the populist voters were betrayed. Their "reformers" lowered the Crouse (republican) railroad assessment to the lowest point it had ever reached; they accepted more favors from the railroads in the way of free passes than had ever been accepted; and they gave the state of Nebraska the most expensive administration, considering things actually accomplished that the state ever had.

In short the evidence shows that if there ever was such a thing in Nebraska as a "railroad party," that party was the fusion party, led then by the same men who assume leadership now. Can these same demagogues fool the people again? The Journal has faith in the honesty of the majority of the voters in all parties and that majority, if they weigh the evidence will never again turn over this state to the party which has always been long on promises but short on fulfillment.

The republican party of Nebraska has cause to congratulate itself on the high character of the candidates who have announced themselves for state offices and for the office of United States Senator. Without exception, the prominent candidates are men who will not only unite the party vote but who will invite large support from the other parties.

President Roosevelt's special message to congress reporting an uneasy condition of affairs in the Chicago packing houses has caused a sudden halt in the export trade of the United States in canned meats, and a consequent depression in the live stock markets of this country. The extent of the alarm which is felt by the stock growers of the country was made

manifest last week at the meeting of the Western Stock growers association at Alliance, which passed a resolution calling for thorough and immediate action in the matter. It is natural for people to take alarm at conditions which threaten the pocketbook. But in this case, it is more than likely that President Roosevelt's investigation will result in a very short while in purifying the packing houses of the country to a point which will increase our export trade in meats beyond all previous figures. Markets may be depressed for a few short months, but in the end, the stockmen will be the chief beneficiaries of President Roosevelt's action in the interests of health and cleanliness.

There is no such thing as a "railroad party" in Nebraska, never has been and never will be. It is true that under the fusion administration a "railroad" engineer held the throttle of the assessment engine. But it is an insult to the hundreds of honest democrats and fusionists to charge for that reason that the fusion party was a "railroad party." It is true that the railroads of Nebraska are in politics, as they ought to be and as everybody else ought to be, whether corporation or individual, in proportion to their interests. They are in one party the same as in another to protect and promote their interests. And as a matter of fact there is little difference of opinion among the rank and file of both parties on the railroad question. Most people are willing to give the railroad exact justice. All they want is a "square deal," in return and they will be satisfied they are getting a square deal when the new republican railroad commission gets busy and makes a just and equitable reduction of local freight rates in this state.

Charles Weston and George L. Sheldon appear to be the strongest candidates for the republican nomination for governor. Both are excellent men. The friends of the one are in general the friends of the other. The ability and integrity of both men are unquestioned. It should be simply a question of relative fitness to determine the contest. And applying this standard Mr. Weston has the advantage. He is older, and has had the experience in affairs, which is necessary to temper the judgment and give the gravity essential to the best performance of the functions of the chief executive of a great state. Mr. Weston is a university graduate and has had experience as a lawyer, ranchman, and banker. He served as reagent of the Nebraska University for six years and state auditor four years, thus adding to his education and his experience as a professional man and a man of affairs, a most intimate knowledge of our state government and state institutions. Indeed it is doubtful if there is a citizen of Nebraska better fitted by temperament, character, education, business experience and knowledge of the state's needs than is Mr. Weston. All this can be said of Mr. Weston without a word of disparagement of Mr. Sheldon whose honest and brilliant record in the state senate, coupled with an excellent character, and high educational qualifications place him in the first rank among the public young men of the state. Mr. Sheldon is peculiarly fitted for a leading place in the legislative councils, as Mr. Weston is for the executive chair. The state needs both men and we hope that places will be found for both in the public service.

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**NOTICE OF SALE.**  
In the District Court of Platte County, Nebraska.  
In the matter of the estate of Leonard McCone, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of an order of Hon. Conrad Hollenbeck, Judge of the District Court of Platte County, Nebraska, made on the 12th day of May, 1906, for the sale of the real estate hereinafter described, there will be sold at the front door of the Court House in Columbus, Platte County, Nebraska, on the 16th day of June, 1906, at 1 o'clock p. m., at public vendue, to the highest bidder for cash, the following described real estate, to-wit: Lots Thirteen, (13) Fourteen (14) and Fifteen (15) in Block B in the Village of Monroe, in Platte County, Nebraska, on which is situated a livery barn and a small warehouse. Said sale will remain open one hour.

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