

WHICH IS RIGHT?
The state of Iowa enacted an anti-pass law last winter and last week re-nominated Cummins for a third term as governor because he had been the chief advocate of that and other similar legislation.

E. H. Chambers who opposed the introduction of anti-pass resolutions in the Platte county republican convention, says the anti-pass talk is "buncombe".

Which is right, Cummins or Chambers?

Indiana and Wisconsin have enacted anti-pass laws and La Follette has won out in Wisconsin because he made a fight against the pass.

But Mr. Chambers insists that the anti-pass sentiment is "buncombe" and Edwin Hoare who helped Mr. Chambers make the anti-pass slate for the convention declares that to raise the pass issue in Platte county would defeat the republican ticket.

Did anti-pass "buncombe" defeat La Follette in Wisconsin? Did it defeat Cummins in Iowa? Would it defeat an honest republican program in Platte county?

An anti-pass law was written on the statute books by the last republican congress under the direction of President Roosevelt.

And under that law, if Mr. Chambers and Mr. Hoare attempt to ride on the passes they hold into another state after January 1, 1907, they can be fined and imprisoned under a law which they declare is "buncombe" and detrimental to Platte County republicanism.

Mr. Chambers and Mr. Hoare were members of the state convention last fall which declared in favor of the direct primary and an anti-pass law and they voted for that platform.

If anti-pass resolutions were right then, why is anti-pass sentiment "buncombe" and unrepugnant now?

Republicans of Platte county, do you want to stand for the Hoare-Chambers doctrine and let men who refer to honest republican principles as "buncombe", continue their work into the representative and senatorial conventions of this county naming candidates who will rise to insult the principles which have brought fame and honor to La Follette and Cummins and Roosevelt and the republican party?

If it be party treason to oppose republican candidates who subscribe to the practices of the last convention as controlled by these two leaders, make the most of it.

The Journal wants harmony in the republican party in Platte county and will do everything honorable to work hand in hand with the organization. But it refuses to follow leaders who insist on taking the party with them against every principle which gives the party life and vigor.

Republicans if you agree with the Journal, take off your caps and help to elect those candidates who like C. N. McElfresh have had the courage to make for themselves a republican platform which the leaders prevented the delegates from making for them and with equal energy oppose those candidates who refuse to stand with the republican party.

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The Platte county republican resolutions which did not pass because the leaders did not want them and which are printed in another column of the Journal, contained an anti-pass plank including editorial mileage and every form of service contract not on a cash basis. Republicans, do you see anything contrary to good republicanism in these resolutions?

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Col. Garroll D. Evans, Platte County's Candidate for United States Senator.

Col. Carroll D. Evans of Columbus, Surgeon General of Nebraska, who was endorsed as a candidate for United States Senator by the republican county convention on August 2, was born in Tarentum, Pennsylvania, a suburb of Pittsburgh, in 1856. Col. Evans boasts an American ancestry that dates back to 1632, every generation of which has been prominently represented in political and military life. He is descended from Col. Jesse Evans who was the first governor of Pennsylvania and is a cousin of Clay Evans, who is a candidate for governor of Tennessee. Some member of the family has been prominently connected with the military service from the time of the continental army down to the present day. Col. Evans received his common school and academic education in the city of his birth and decided to enter the medical profession. He graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Baltimore and has since taken lecture courses in Johns Hopkins University and the Polytechnic of New York and Chicago. In 1882 he came to Columbus and took up the practice of his profession. For twenty-four years he has been surgeon to St. Mary's Hospital in this city and has been United States examining surgeon for twenty-two years. Dr. Evans has always been deeply interested in military affairs and has been connected with the National Guard since 1877. He has never sought political preferment and has not been an active party man, however, he was honored by the appointment of Surgeon General on Governor Dietrich's staff in 1900, which position he still holds. He was married in 1886 to Miss Rose North, daughter of Hon. and Mrs. J. E. North, one of the most charming and attractive young women in Columbus. Dr. and Mrs. Evans have four bright children, the oldest Miss Nell Evans, who will enter National Park Seminary near Washington, D. C. next fall; North Evans who will enter Culver Military Academy, at Culver, Indiana next September; Carroll, fourteen years old and Lorena, age eight.

THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT

We print below from the Monroe Republican which was selected by Secretary of State Galusha as the official organ for Platte county, the essential provisions of the proposed amendment to the constitution, providing for a Railroad commission.

Whether or not Mr. Galusha had it published in the proper manner and in proper time to save it from defeat on constitutional grounds the Journal does not pretend to say. The Monroe Republican got out a special edition on Saturday August 6th, thereby getting within the requirement of three calendar months. As to whether Mr. Galusha delayed the publication for the purpose of giving the railroads an excuse to hold up the commission in the courts, those who know Mr. Galusha will have to decide for themselves. We prefer to give him the benefit of the doubt.

At all events the people of Nebraska should become familiar with the proposed amendment and vote for it. Then they should elect a legislature pledged to give the commission power to regulate freight and passenger rates. The amendment follows:

Be it enacted by the legislature of the state of Nebraska:

Section 1. That at the general election for state and legislative officers to be held on the Tuesday succeeding the first Monday in November, 1906, the following provision be proposed and submitted to the electors of the state amendment to the constitution.

Section 2. There shall be a state railway commission, consisting of three members who shall be first elected at the federal election in 1906, whose terms of office, except those chosen at the first election under this provision, shall be six years, and whose composition shall be fixed by the legislature.

Of the three commissioners first elected, the one receiving the highest number of votes shall hold his office for six years, the next highest four years and the lowest two years. The power and duties of such commission shall include the regulation of rates, service and general control of common carriers as the legislature may provide by law. But in the absence of specific legislation, the commission shall exercise the powers and perform the duties enumerated in this provision.

Section 3. That at said election in the year 1906, on the ballot of each elector voting thereon, there shall be printed or written the words: "For Constitutional Amendment, with Reference to State Railway Commission," and "Against Constitutional Amendment, with Reference to State Railway Commission." And if a majority of all votes cast at such election shall be for such amendment, the same shall be deemed to be adopted.

SHOULD THE CONVENTION NOMINATE?

Should the republican state convention nominate a candidate for United States Senator?

That depends first on whether expediency or principle should control in the councils of the republican party. And if expediency is to be the rule it might depend on what the democratic convention does.

If the democratic convention fails to nominate, those against convention nominations, will argue that with the field full of democratic aspirants and with only one republican aspirant in the field, it will be difficult to elect a republican legislator.

If there really anything in this argument, granting the right of the convention to over-rule one of the most important things it is elected by the people to do.

If the democratic convention fails to nominate a senator, will it not prove the dishonesty of the democratic party in claiming that it wants to bring the election of United States Senators closer to the people? And if the democrats fail to respond to the wishes of the masses of the people on this question, will not the masses of the democrats turn to the support of the republican candidate to punish the democratic party for its apparent insincerity?

But even though the democrats might gain an advantage by the abandonment of a principle, can the republican delegates who were elected to accomplish, among other things, the nomination of a United States Senator, afford to insult the republicans who elected them, by refusing to do what they were elected to do?

A senatorial dead lock in the convention is the only thing that will excuse a failure of the convention to nominate.

OTHER EDITORS.

From the Tribune:—The fact that Platte county republicans are reported as ready to instruct for McCarthy for congress does not make it appear that they are sure because he got an appropriation to buy a postoffice site at Columbus. Attempts of the Norfolk News to that end have, greatly to the surprise of the public, been un- effective.

Boone County Advance:—It is as safe guess that had President Roosevelt or President McKinley called with European royalty to the extent indulged by our own William Jennings Bryan, that the fusion crew would have having seven kinds of spades over the imperiousistic ten den class of the republican party.

Omaha Bee:—The disposition manifested by the American commission headed by John W. Yerkes, commissioner of internal revenue, which is studying the denaturated alcohol systems in force in Europe, to magnify the peril of fraud on the revenue will naturally excite apprehension less our revenue regulations may be drawn so as to prevent manufacture of alcohol under the new law in distilleries in the neighborhoods where the grain and other raw materials are produced. The west especially has entertained the hope that tax exemption of alcohol for fuel and the arts might be the basis of a widely diffused system of local manufacture, as it has proved to be in several European countries, and particularly in Germany. But if the treasury regulations are drawn with an exaggerated fear of revenue frauds if there be a large number of small local distilleries, manufacturers will be arbitrarily concentrated in a few mammoth establishments. It is expected by the American commissioners after investigation in Germany that frauds are practically unknown there, notwithstanding the regulations are such that denaturated alcohol, is produced by a great number of small local distilleries but they express serious doubt whether similar rules could be similarly enforced in this country. To the ordinary mind this looks like forcing theory in the face of fact, whereas the reasonable inference from experience abroad should be that substantially the same satisfactory revenue results could be produced here.

Extreme multiplication of petty distilleries beyond the point of safe economical revenue collections is largely foreclosed by competitive advantages of large establishments at central points. But on the other hand the west will not be satisfied with a scheme of regulations which banish manufacture from communities which are at once extensive producers of the raw material and consumers of the alcohol, and will insist that presumption as to revenue frauds fairly stand on experience abroad until they shall be negated by actual experience here.

P. J. Barron in World-Herald:—In the matter of the suppression of vice in the wicked city of New York State vs. young woman bookkeeper of the Art Students' League, an information of Anthony Comstock, complaining witness. It appears in the premises that the Art Students' League is a band of desperate characters who follow the murderous occupation of drawing, painting, molding or otherwise creating counterfeit presentations of the handiwork of the Creator. To their own native depravity they frequently add inspiration drawn from the nefarious practices of one Raphael, one Titian, one Michael Angelo, and other notorious sennas of the middle ages. The product is sold to J. P. Morgan, sometimes. It appears that this league issues a monthly periodical or catalogue containing photographic reproductions of their pictured designs and chiseled images. This catalogue is sent for general circulation but is sent only to follow cheap, alien

artists. In the latest number of this publication two pages contained illustrations of the pages contained illustrations of the human form divine, clad according to the fashion formerly prevailing in the garden of Eden. It appears that the defendant young woman is engaged by the said league as bookkeeper, and in this capacity she addresses and puts in the mail the above described catalogue. She engages in this lawless enterprise for gain, devoting the proceeds thereof to the purchase of food, raiment and lodging for herself. She was apprehended and haled into police court, along with the other criminal rabble of New York city, and charged with distributing "a certain obscene, lewd, indecent, and disgusting book."

This is the evidence. That the case looks dark for the prisoner cannot be denied. According to the press reports, the judgment of Mr. Anthony Comstock as to the nature of the illustrations was supplemented by that of one of the policemen who effected the capture of the woman. Before putting the shackles on her he looked at one of the catalogue looked long and gravely, in a purely judicial spirit, upon the wicked pictures and sadly announced: "Them ain't art." And maybe they ain't. Who knows? We take it, from this incident, that morality in the city of New York is now entered upon a golden and purified age. The fact that the Society for the Suppression of Vice is giving its attention to such cases as this, where possibly the immorality might be denied by some people, certainly indicates that all the hideous and flagrant vice, about which there is no dispute, has now been entirely suppressed. Which surely is good news.

The annual meeting of the Platte county Rural Letter Carriers association was held in Columbus last Sunday afternoon at the residence of carrier W. D. Benson. The meeting was held in the yard under the shade of the old apple tree. Besides the Columbus carriers there was a very good attendance of carriers and substitutes from Humphrey, Platte Center and Monroe. After the meeting was called to order Postmaster Kramer made a nice little talk welcoming the carriers to Columbus. Mr. Drake of Humphrey, who was present also made a few fitting remarks. City carriers Lee Rollins and Tim Hogan were present as invited guests. After the remarks by the visitors an intermission was taken in which refreshments in the way of ice cream and cake, lemonade and oranges were served. While this was going on a man appeared with a picture taking machine, all were arranged in a nice group with Postmaster Kramer in the center making as nice a picture of Uncle Sam's people as you ever saw. The meeting then resumed its regular form of business. One of the principal matters was the election of two delegates to the state convention at Hastings, Neb., on Sept. 3, the two members selected were, Mrs. Ruth A. Kenyon of Monroe, and Mr. G. C. Epton of Humphrey, Carriers Hall of Columbus, and Fred Rippe of Platte Center, as alternates. Officers for the ensuing year were then chosen as follows: President, H. B. Reed; vice president, Fred Rippe; secretary, Mrs. Ruth A. Kenyon; treasurer, W. D. Benson. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Humphrey. BY ONE OF THEM.

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