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THE chances are ten to one that if the occasion offers Mrs. Cleveland will refuse to speak to David Bennett Hill.

IF OMAHA can secure a car wheel factory by a loan of \$3,000, or the purchase of stock to that amount, then by all means let the aid be extended.

VENEZUELA and Colombia will discover in a few months that they made a great mistake in refusing to negotiate reciprocity treaties with the United States.

OFFICIAL rottenness is not confined to Omaha. In fact, Omaha is as elastic as the driven snow after the fires in the factories have been kindled in comparison with Chicago.

"VOTE the democratic ticket and you will be happy," says David Bennett Hill. Mr. Hill gives evidence of sufficient ability to run a red-hot weekly democratic paper in a cross-roads village.

GENERAL ALGER's Diamond Match Company has increased its capital stock from \$1,500,000 to \$7,500,000, but the general has not yet set the country on fire for him as a candidate for the presidency.

"YOUNG republicans" who go to the mugwump organ to air their anonymous grievances, are usually cappers for ambitious democrats or associates of political bums who have no standing with either political party.

A KANSAS alliance paper proposes to abolish mortgages by making them illegal. Perhaps the alliance paper prefers the Kansas City short cut, which is a trust deed and does away with the necessity, expense and delay of foreclosure.

The national competitive drill in June is an assured success. Already twenty-five military organizations have notified Secretary Althouse that they will participate, and there is every reason to believe the drill will bring 25,000 strangers to the city.

OF COURSE we are all glad to know that J. S. Clarkson is on the high road to a complete recovery, but our joy is a trifle restricted by the thought that he will renew his frequent and garrulous assaults upon the ears of the press correspondents.

THESE tariff talkers who pronounce a protective policy unconstitutional should be referred to the first congress, when the makers of the constitution were representatives and senators. That first congress enacted the first protective tariff law.

ABOUT 800 persons are said to be locked up in Germany for writing or talking against the emperor, and more are yet to be arrested. The next thing the emperor will probably organize a corps of mind readers, whose duty it will be to point out the men who think disrespectfully of his majesty.

OMAHA bids fair to be a pearl button center if a little attention be given to the beginnings already made in this industry. One factory started a few months ago with six men in a back room on Thirteenth street. It now employs thirty people. The business is profitable and the factory cannot meet the demand for its goods.

The eastern press has been kind to Congressman Bryan in commenting upon his tariff speech in the house the other day. It was the first opportunity Bryan had secured to work off his campaign chestnuts. To Nebraskans his arguments were stale and unprofitable. It was the same old song he had sung up and down the district and at Fourth of July celebrations. The real test of Bryan's calibre will come when he shall attempt to give us something new.

MR. MCKEIGHAN's bill for a fractional postal currency may not be the best sort of a measure for the purpose of enabling people to obtain small sums of paper money for transmission in the mails, but there should be a less expensive system devised than that now represented by postal notes. The people of the country need a fractional currency for use in sending small sums by mail which shall be free from the present cost and restrictions of the postal note.

THE IOWA REPUBLICANS. The spirit that dominated the Iowa republican state convention and the action taken afford no encouragement to those who thought that wisdom had wholly departed from the councils of the party and that it was helplessly drifting to destruction. In its enthusiasm, in the character of its utterances and in the good judgment which controlled it this convention showed that the republicans of Iowa are fully alive to the importance of the contest that is before them and that they have lost none of their devotion to the policy and principles of the great political organization of which they are a part and to which in the past they have given glorious support.

The addresses of the temporary and permanent chairmen of the convention were earnest, able and patriotic. The resolutions adopted are wise and sufficient. These declare that the republicans of Iowa have confidence that the national convention of the party will nominate a ticket and make a platform in harmony with the party and that the only test of fealty to the national republican party is adherence to its principles as enunciated in its national platform. The administration of President Harrison is endorsed as a worthy successor to the series of republican administrations begun by Lincoln. There is an earnest appeal to republicans in all parts of the state to disregard local differences and uniting in support of the republican policies of protection, reciprocity and a sound currency, "every dollar of which shall be the equal of every other dollar," restore the party in Iowa to its old political rank. Local issues were judiciously ignored, and with equally sound judgment no effort was made to instruct the delegation to the national convention. It is believed that a large majority of the district delegates to Minneapolis favor the nomination of Harrison, but they will go to the national convention untrammelled.

Republicans everywhere will be well satisfied with the action of the Iowa convention, and it ought to exert a stimulating and invigorating influence upon the republicans of that state. With thorough organization of the party there can be no reasonable doubt as to what the verdict of Iowa will be next November.

THE LIGHTING FIXTURES. The mere fact that the council may have at its disposal \$50,000 over and above the estimates for the completion of the city hall does not warrant reckless extravagance in the purchase of any class of fixtures. To expend \$18,000 for chandeliers, new ornaments and wall brackets, would be an inexcusable waste of money. Ten thousand dollars is more than ample for a palatial display of electrical bric-a-brac.

Two thousand dollars, honestly expended, will buy a superb set of chandeliers for the council chamber. Board of Education hall and new fixtures for the rotunda. Chandeliers costing \$250 each are good enough for any public hall unless it be a metropolitan opera house. New fixtures at from \$75 to \$150 each are as elegant as any city of half a million boasts of in its municipal buildings. There cannot possibly be more than 600 brackets distributed in the city hall building. An average of \$10 each will make \$6,000, and \$2,000 ought to buy all the small four to six lamp chandeliers that may be hung up in the principal offices. A palatial office building of the dimensions of the city hall can be furnished with chandeliers of the most approved pattern and style for not to exceed \$8,000.

If the council has any surplus of money which it feels bound to expend, it can make a better impression by devoting \$8,000 for a marble wainscot in all the corridors from floor to ceiling, or what would be still more desirable, or what would be still more desirable, in a skylight over the court. The skylight that now overhangs the central court is certainly not in keeping with the ornamental finish which it is proposed to give to that part of the building. It will look very much like a 25 cent straw hat on the head of a man in full evening dress.

CANDIDATES FOR STATEHOOD. The press association of New Mexico has made an appeal to the newspapers of the country to lend the weight of their influence to the demand that territory for statehood. The democratic central committee of New Mexico has also declared in favor of its admission as a state. There are bills for this purpose in both branches of congress. The resolutions passed by the press association assert that on every consideration, whether it be of population, wealth, loyalty of her citizens, intelligence and progress, notable devotion to law and order, or of treaty rights, New Mexico is entitled as well as worthy of elevation to the dignities and benefits of full membership in the great sisterhood of states. This is testimony from an intelligent source worthy of respectful consideration. There can be no question that so far as the number of its people is concerned New Mexico has a good claim to statehood. The census of 1890 gives her a population of 158,076, and doubtless it is now considerably larger. But objection has been made to the character of a considerable part of this population as not being fitted for American citizenship. There is a large fraction of the people of the territory who are believed not to be in sympathy with our institutions, and who therefore would not make good and acceptable citizens. It is quite possible that there may be less ground for this objection than formerly, and it is also probable that excluding this class there would still remain a sufficient number of unobjectionable persons to entitle New Mexico to statehood. The territory is making progress and doubtless is abundantly able now to support a state government. It is to be remembered that the people themselves are very largely to blame for the fact that they are not now enjoying statehood, having by a large majority defeated the constitution submitted to them in 1890.

The other real candidates for statehood are Arizona and Oklahoma, but it is hardly probable that either will attain its desire. The former had by the last census a little less than 60,000 population, and in his last annual report the acting governor claimed 70,000. The taxable

property is valued at \$28,000,000, which is undoubtedly very much below the actual value. The territory is growing, but progress is not rapid, and as nearly all of the public lands are arid the growth must continue to be slow. Oklahoma was given a population by the last census of a little over 41,000, which it was estimated by the governor had increased in 1891 to 80,000, and it may reach that number now. On the score of population, therefore, Oklahoma has a better title to statehood than Arizona, and the conditions are more favorable to the growth of the former. It is a good agricultural country, and its progress ought to be sure and permanent. But there is a well-founded opposition to creating states with no more population than these territories possess. Of course political considerations will have some influence on the question of admitting these territories, and this will probably prevent final action at the present session of congress on the bills for this purpose.

All American authorities agree that the seal industry will be in danger of destruction if the indiscriminate killing of the animals is not prevented during the coming season. Mr. J. Stanley Brown, who was secretary of the commission which investigated the seal situation in Alaska last summer, says that after more than four months' opportunity for observation no man who has visited the Pribylov islands during the past two years and given the most intelligent attention to the subject can honestly state that the seals have not reached, if indeed they are not well within, the danger line of depletion. The destruction of seal life, Mr. Brown says, has been enormous, and the most serious part of the matter is that 85 per cent of the seals taken in the northern Pacific are females, the unborn of which perish in the death of the mother. The remedy is to stop open sea sealing or employ time or geographic restrictions, and it is the first of these which our government now asks the British government to unite with it in applying. It is an entirely reasonable demand, fully warranted by the conditions as reported by trustworthy commissioners on the part of the United States, and the administration has pursued the proper course in insisting upon a renewal of the modus vivendi.

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impetus to the development of interior Africa and to the civilization of the continent. The British government has undertaken the preliminary work of surveying, partly on the ground that the railroad will help destroy the slave trade in that region; but it might also be desired as promoting other kinds of trade. The project seems likely to have a better fate than the strategic railroad from Suakin to Berber proposed during the war with the Mahdi.

It is now a little more than 100 years since the French revolution burst suddenly upon startled Europe. Then, as now, there were abundant warnings and predictions of the approaching storm. Although the political and social conditions have greatly changed, they are now no less favorable to revolution. Making every allowance for sensational exaggerations in reports that reach us from time to time by cable and in the newspapers, there has never been a period in this century in which so much material of political ferment has accumulated in Europe. Wherever the eye may turn, from Russia to the Spanish peninsula, it discovers signs of popular agitation. The people of continental Europe have grown weary of bad government and are intently watching their opportunity for deliverance. They chafe under intolerable taxes extorted from them to maintain dynastic interests and preserve the "balance of power." If this "balance of power" were a reality, instead of being in large degree a diplomatic fiction, it would afford nothing of happiness and hope to the European masses, whose chief concern, when not struggling for bread, is to secure for themselves a greater share in the management of their political affairs. Nothing is more natural than that the political agitators of every country should avail themselves of the prevalent distress to foment popular discontent with government. The contrast between the condition of the hungry masses and the oppressive policy of European governments in keeping vast standing armies in idleness to devour the earnings of toil afford too potent an argument against the existing order of things to be neglected by its enemies.

IOWA'S UNITED REPUBLICANS. Des Moines Leader: J. S. Clarkson received the smallest vote of any of the four gentlemen named as delegates at large to the national convention of the republican party. It was even much smaller than that of Mack, and no one regards Mack as a political "general."

Des Moines Register: The great fact that was emphasized was that all were republicans. Men who had differed on local issues in past years came together to pledge themselves to the great consummation of the republican party against the democratic party, of protection against free trade, of a sound currency against an inflated circulating medium, of an honest coin against fraud, intimidation and ballot box burglaries in the south.

Sioux City Journal: The extraordinary proposition sprung from the extraordinary manner upon the party a short time since, to instruct the delegation for Blaine, who has forbidden the use of his name, was not so much a raised in the convention. The resolutions are a splendid and a deserved tribute to General Harrison. They are a true expression of the confidence of Iowa republicans in him, and they imply a declaration of their preference for him.

Sioux City Times: Now let the republicans of Iowa remember the motto: "We are in line with time. Let their conventions show equal enthusiasm and equal regard for the good of the party at large. Iowa refused to be put into the attitude of antagonizing General Harrison. The republican masses are for General Harrison. They feel that they can only win by the record which he has made in the past. They know that the party cannot reject the president in convention and plausibly ask the country to approve his record in the election. Iowa is for Harrison. Let the whole world join in the chorus. The masses have joined in the chorus and no state convention should be misled to a vote of dissent.

THE FANDERHILL SUCKLING. Washington Post: Colonel Shepard now spells democrat with a small "d." It was the colonel's father-in-law who at one time referred to him as a "big, big D."

Bloomington Bulletin: Colonel Elliott F. Shepard is mentioned as minister to France. He would never do. The people might not recognize that he is a joke. It taken seriously he would be a terrible nuisance.

Detroit Free Press: Eider Shepard now spells republican with a capital "R" and democrat with a small "d." He is also content to use a small "d" when he has occasion to speak of confederates. Alas, Shepard! We say it with grief, and not in anger. He honestly does not know enough to be so contemptible.

Providence Journal: Colonel Elliott F. Shepard, whose fidelity to republican principles and ardent loyalty to Mr. Harrison were well known to all who have seen him, seems to have turned at last, for his Thursday text at the top of the editorial page of the Mail and Express declares "The bed is too short for a man who has such a mass on it, and the covering narrower than he can wrap himself in it."

The Gospel of Discontent. Chicago Graphic. The motto of the great popular movement known as the Farmers' alliance, which started about three years ago, was "Equal rights to all and special privileges to none." This sentiment concisely expresses the principle of good government. There was much in its first enunciation which, though unloved by the glamor of socialism, appealed to the popular sense of justice. The alliance had real grievances to redress and genuine reforms to accomplish. So long as the control of the organization remained in the hands of its projectors it exerted a powerful influence on public policy. When it fell into the hands of fanatics and visionary politicians—demagogues who fill the deplorable offices and draw liberal salaries from the industrial organizations of the country—a complete change of management and policy succeeded. The pure purpose and principles of the original farmers' alliance have been swallowed up in the new machinery, and the form of a third party movement engineered by the Weavers and Danellys, the Powderlys, Simpsons and Peppers, to be welded as a balance of power between the contending political forces in the presidential contest. The adoption of a platform like that of the St. Louis convention shows that every faction had its "finger." The motto of "equal rights to all and special privileges to none" was exchanged for "If you don't see what you want, ask for it." Only prohibition and woman suffrage were side tracked, the advocates of these reforms being assured that no party advocating the peace, order and prosperity of society could neglect such issues.

The comparative bill in East African affairs since Stanley was engaged in rescuing Emin and Wissmann in fighting the Zambiar tribes now promises to give way to activity. The new khedive is credited with the desire to signalize his accession by reconquering the Sudan, and the efforts of the successor of the Mahdi and his rival, the British project more feasible, while England is said to approve, at least as to the reconquest of Nubia. Then we have railroad enterprises further south which are likely to prove of great importance. The most ambitious of them appears to be the one to build a road from the coast at Monrovia back to the region of the Niger, and thence to the coast by rail for the caravan route give an east-

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