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**THE CAMPAIGN IN IOWA.**

In the impending Iowa state campaign republican success is a foregone conclusion. Now, as of yore, nomination by a republican state convention will be equal to an election. In Iowa, as in every state west of the Mississippi, the railway contingent is a potential force in conventions. It is a compact force directed by shrewd and unscrupulous leaders, who are in position to make deals for patronage or plunder to attain their ends.

Twenty years ago, when Iowa could be counted on to roll up from 40,000 to 60,000 republican majority, and the current of anti-monopoly sentiment was too powerful to be stemmed, the railroad managers sought to rule by division and diversion. Prohibition furnished the wedge by which the granger vote was split and the paramount issue sidetracked. So long as the voters could be kept distracted by prohibition the railroad contingent could play the farmers, merchants and wage-workers against each other. When Larrabee became governor, in spite of party dissension, the railroad managers changed their tactics. The migration of thousands of republicans to the states and territories west of the Missouri and the defeat of the foreign-born vote by reason of the constant prohibition agitation had thinned the republican ranks and reduced its majorities. By shifting the railroad contingent from one side to the other, the state was given over to Horace Boies and democracy for four years. It is notorious that the railway employes association, organized ostensibly for mutual protection, was used as a political machine to defeat the republican candidates for governor.

The only reason for this cut-throat policy was the fact that the republicans were committed to uphold and enforce existing railway legislation and regulation. Two years ago the railroad politicians nominated their man for governor on the republican ticket and thereupon the railway employes' votes was once more thrown against the democrats. From the strict party standpoint this was very satisfactory. From the standpoint of good citizenship and good government by the people and for the people, it was most deplorable.

The republican party aims to be above all things a party loyal to the right of self-government and devoted to the preservation of free institutions. It had nothing in common with human slavery in the south, and can have nothing in common with monopoly domination in the north. While it is pledged to sacredly protect vested rights and interests, it cannot uphold the subversion of the rights of individuals or communities against oppressive exactions and discriminations by public carriers. In the interest of the republican party and good government it is to be hoped that the coming convention will not betray the trust reposed in it by the people whom it represents. The convention should not only nominate representative republicans, free from all corporate entanglements, but it should take no step backward in its platform declarations. It should abhor all party expediencies, legislative as well as executive, against all attempts to repeal or nullify the laws enacted for the protection of producers and shippers and the rate schedules established by the railway commission and upheld by the courts as just and reasonable.

**REORGANIZING THE POLICE.**

If the police department of Omaha as good as settles trouble within its own organization as patrolmen are at settling trouble on the streets, the long standing difficulty over the question as to who shall be chief would have been at an end months ago. It was thought last Tuesday that this problem had been solved in the consideration of the bill by the legislature. It is still in doubt, but it now appears that the end is still in the saccharine future. Some attorney has unearthed a statute providing that it shall be unlawful for any person, persons, association, company or corporation to bring or import into this state any person or persons for the purpose of discharging the duties devolving upon police officers, and it argued that this law covers the case in question, although it is a well known fact that the bill was aimed at the Pinkerton detective agencies, which hire out thugs to corporations for the purpose of shooting down workmen. The question in all probability will be carried to the supreme court, and while legal opinion is divided as to the application of this law, the people are liable to have to screw their patience up another notch or two and hope that everything comes to them who wait.

Mr. White is said to be a good man, and the members of the board who favored his appointment are of the opinion that it will require an outside man who is free from the intuences and prejudices of local factions to put the force in proper order. However, it is hoped that the legal question raised will be settled as speedily as possible, and that the department will get down to business.

There is nothing to carry to the supreme court or any other court. The anti-Pinkerton law has no more to do with the appointment of the chief of police than it has with the appointment of the chief of the fire department or the superintendent of the public schools. The law simply prohibits the importation of mercenaries by private corporations or individuals to private police powers as deputy sheriffs or deputy marshals. It has no bearing whatever upon men who come to the state to accept permanent employment in positions for which they have special training.

The city charter expressly makes exception to the general rule that policemen shall be chosen from among the electors. The language of the charter is "whenever practicable." The police commission has reached the conclusion that no member of the present police force is competent to fill the place of chief, and, furthermore, that the demoralized condition of the force makes it imperative that a man be appointed who has taken no part in the factional and sectarian contention that has created discord and destroyed discipline in the force. Inasmuch as nobody in Omaha has had the requisite qualifications for reorganizing and superintending the police, it is not likely that such a man can be found in any other Nebraska town. The action of the police commission is, therefore, not only legal, but also in accordance with the demands of the hour.

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**BRITISH SELFISHNESS.**

The fact that Sir Julian Pauncefote, the British ambassador to the United States, went to England on the New American steamship St. Louis has caused something of a commotion over there, both in business and in parliamentary circles. The attention of the House of Commons was called to the circumstance, or more particularly to the fact that Sir Julian signed the resolution adopted by his fellow passengers commending the sailing qualities of the St. Louis. A member of the house, who is probably financially interested in British steamships, demanded that the government request the ambassador either to substantiate the assertions he had endorsed or withdraw his name from the document containing them. In response the parliamentary secretary for foreign affairs stated that Sir Julian Pauncefote signed the resolution in his private and not in his official capacity and the secretary said they did not reflect upon the British companies in the least. So strong is the feeling that it is said in the event of the ambassador returning to the United States on an American steamship an effort will be made to reduce his salary.

This is the most extraordinary exhibition of British selfishness that has been seen for a very long time. We do not know what motive Sir Julian Pauncefote had in selecting the St. Louis on which to return to England, but it is entirely safe to say that he had no desire to promote the welfare of the American steamship line to the detriment of the shipping interest of his own country. Sir Julian is most loyal to British interests, which he represents with ability and good judgment, and it undoubtedly never occurred to him that in going to his native land in an American vessel and in uniting with his fellow passengers in expressing an honest opinion of that vessel's merits, he was making a damaging discrimination against the vessels of his own country. But that is the view which some Englishmen take of it. The probability is that Sir Julian Pauncefote will come back to the United States in a British steamship, but it would be a proper rebuke of his narrow-minded countrymen if he were to return on an American vessel, the same one on which he went to England preferred.

**FRENCH HATRED OF GERMAN.**

The deep-seated hatred of Germany by the French people has been strongly manifested in connection with the Kiel celebration, and in a way not at all creditable to that people. The report regarding the incivility shown by the French naval officers at Kiel seems almost incredible, and it is to be hoped, for the sake of the good name of France and for the sake of the good name of the Frenchmen for politeness and courtesy, that it is not true. The French naval representatives at Kiel were treated with the utmost consideration by the Germans. When the first French vessel steamed through the canal the German bands along the route of the naval procession played the Marseillaise and the French colors. The "most generous good will" was manifested toward the French visitors, and if, as reported, the latter repaid this treatment by conduct which was in the nature of an insult, the circumstance ought to make every sensible Frenchman blush for his country.

It required the constant vigilance of the police to prevent anti-German demonstrations in Paris, and the tone of the French press has been distinctly hostile and of a nature to incite popular manifestations of unfriendly feeling. The evidently sincere expressions of the German emperor in favor of maintaining peace were sneeringly commented upon by the French newspapers, and an effort made to discredit their sincerity. At the same time there has been made the broadest possible display of friendly feeling for Russia, as if intended to give offense to Germany. All this is very much in contrast to the way the Germans have conducted themselves toward the French, their behavior as hosts being altogether creditable to their manliness and good sense. Having accepted the invitation to participate in the Kiel celebration, even though simply as a concession to international courtesy, the French representatives were under the strongest obligation to conduct themselves with propriety and to meet the good treatment accorded them in a way to at least outwardly show that it was appreciated. That they failed to do this is certainly not creditable to them.

It is not to be expected, of course, that Frenchmen can have a kindly feeling toward Germany. Remembrance of their overwhelming defeat in the war of 1870-71, and the loss of territory resulting therefrom is full of bitterness to the French people, and it appears not to grow less bitter with the lapse of time. But if Frenchmen wish to nurse their hatred of Germany they should find occasion to manifest their feeling when they can do so without discrediting their character and good sense. It is unquestionably a misfortune for France, and perhaps for all Europe, that this animosity exists, since it is one potent reason for the maintenance of the burdensome military establishments of the two countries.

The Tabor college settlement has camped upon the river bottoms, among the squatted haunts of wretched poverty. These young women must have fortitude and patience or they could not endure the rough life which they are temporarily facing in the slums of Omaha. They are to the inhabitants of these dark spots what the missionary is to the heathen Chinese. The difference is that they realize the great truth that Christian charity begins at home. Whether or not this college settlement

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