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THE PENITENTIARY HOLD-UP.

When the deal was consummated by which the Mosher convict labor contract was annulled and the state regained control of the penitentiary by paying Dorgan \$35,000 for his trumpery and junk the people were assured that a great saving would be effected in the cost of maintaining the prison. It was asserted that under the control and management of the state the convicts could be made self-sustaining. In other words, the cost of feeding, clothing and guarding the prisoners was to have been offset by the value of the labor they performed.

On this score there appeared to be no divergence of opinion between Governor Holcomb and the members of the Board of Public Lands and Buildings. The governor wanted this accomplished by making the warden the manager of the institution. The board, or, rather, Russell and Churchill, who dominate it, on the other hand, had a scheme of their own. They insisted on letting a new contract for the period of two years and until the legislature should provide differently. To carry out their scheme they advertised for bids.

Responsible parties, including ex-Warden Beemer, talked freely of cutting the expense of the state from 40 cents a convict per day to 20 cents a day. When the bids were opened, however, the Beemer bid at 40 cents a day was found to be the lowest. With such manifest collusion on the part of the bidders all proposals should have been rejected. In spite of this the contract was awarded by the board to Beemer under conditions that it construed to be a mere employment at \$3,000 a year for Beemer as superintendent and a subordinate as bookkeeper. The action of the board was pronounced illegal by Governor Holcomb and access to the prison has been constantly refused the alleged contractor.

And now Mr. Beemer has filed a bill with the board for the maintenance and care of the convicts at 40 cents per day for every day since his alleged contract was made. This affords conclusive proof that the contract, as Beemer understands it, was not an employment at \$250 a month, as the board pretended, but a renewal of the Mosher contract under conditions more unfavorable to the state than the original.

Mosher invested several thousand dollars for the plant that belonged to Stout, supplied all the clothing, food and paid the salaries of the warden and guards. Beemer claims the same allowance without furnishing anything, either in the shape of plant, subsistence or guards.

How can any public officer who pretends to have any regard for the responsibilities resting upon him make himself a party to such a barefaced imposition? Is there any plausible excuse for countenancing such an undignified treasury raid? From the very outset of the penitentiary job and through all its various stages The Bee has protested in behalf of the taxpayer and honest government. Although its remonstrances have been ignored it will continue to denounce the unbusinesslike methods pursued by the Russell-Churchill gang in connection with the penitentiary management.

FOR MEETING THE DEFICIENCY. It appears that a great many republican members of the Fifty-fourth congress do not concur in the view expressed by Senator Allison in a recent speech, that the tariff should not be touched by that congress, because any measure which the republican house of representatives would adopt would only be met by the veto of a democratic president and therefore any agitation of the subject would simply disturb business conditions. It is said that many of the republican members of the next congress believe that there is only one way for them, as republicans, to proceed to meet the deficiency, and that is by proposing special tariff bills intended to raise revenue if not to incidentally protect American interests.

According to the Washington correspondent of the Cincinnati Commercial-Gazette, if the democratic administration are calculating upon the republicans in the coming congress meeting the deficiency by any increase of internal taxes they are doomed to the most abrupt disappointment. The democrats will propose among other things to double the tax on beer. This measure, says the correspondent, will be pigeonholed in the house committee on ways and means, and in its stead will be proposed by republicans measures to raise revenue by imposing duties, like a duty on wool. Republican leaders say that if the democrats prefer to issue bonds rather than raise revenue on imports, simply because the latter will assist rather than retard American industries, or to issue bonds simply because republicans will not vacate their fundamental principles against heavy internal taxes in order that free trade may be established, well and good. The republicans will not adopt a democratic revenue policy even to prevent the issuing of more bonds.

Some prominent republicans have suggested that the proper course for the house of the next congress to pursue will be to pass the appropriation bills and adjourn. This would not be wise, however, whether regarded from the standpoint of duty or from that of the welfare of the republican party. It is obviously the duty of the majority party in congress to propose measures for supplying the government with needed revenue and it should do this in accord with its principles and entirely without reference to what the democrats in congress or the administration may do. Senator Allison suggested in his Marshalltown speech, which has received a great deal of attention, that revenues must be raised, if at all, by some composing of differences. But which of the parties should propose this? Certainly not the party which is entirely without responsibility for the existing conditions. The receipts of the government are running behind expenditures, the gold reserve is subjected to periodical attack, and the credit of the government is impaired, because of the blundering policy of the democratic party. It is manifestly absurd to ask the republican

party to provide a remedy for this state of affairs by a sacrifice of its principles and policy. The republicans of the Fifty-fourth congress will undoubtedly have a plan for providing the government with needed revenue. They should put in the form of law regardless of what the senate or the president may do with it. They will then have done their duty and the responsibility for continued deficits will rest elsewhere.

THE MASSACHUSETTS REPUBLICANS.

The republicans of Massachusetts on Saturday renominated Governor Greenhalge and the other state officials, notwithstanding the threats that had been made by the A. P. A. leaders to defeat the governor. This organization opened headquarters in Boston several days before the convention and began an earnest campaign against Greenhalge, but as the result proves without effect. Not only was he nominated on the first ballot by an overwhelming majority, the opposition showing little strength in the convention, but a plank in the platform distinctly condemns the policy of the A. P. A. It was made evident that the great majority of the republicans of the Bay state have no sympathy with the secret organization that introduces sectarianism in politics, and it will probably now go to pieces in Massachusetts, all the traditions of which are hostile to such an organization. The example thus set ought to have widespread influence. What the Massachusetts republicans have done to eliminate this element from politics can be done by republicans everywhere if they have the courage to act. It is only necessary for the real leaders of the party anywhere to fearlessly attack this oath-bound element in order to break it up. For it cannot maintain itself against an honest and manly exposure of its character and purpose.

The republicans of Massachusetts do not equivocate regarding national issues. The platform speaks out plainly in condemnation of the democratic tariff policy and says that while the republican party is not pledged to any schedule of protection as small equal differences in the price of labor, declaring that in the distribution of protection the farmer and the miner are entitled to consideration as well as the manufacturer. This is a sound position and is consistent with the policy embodied in the last republican tariff. A pungent declaration of the platform is that if republicans were liberal with appropriations they furnished revenue to meet their debt and steadily decreased the public debt, things which the democratic party failed to do. Of course the platform is at once straightforward and sound on the currency question, declaring that the government should maintain each dollar which it issues on a par with its standard gold dollar and should not permit the free coinage of silver at any rate not established by international agreement. A weak feature of the platform is the declaration in favor of the enactment of a restrictive immigration law, but this is to be expected in a state where the labor element is so large a proportion of the population as it is in Massachusetts. It is, therefore, one of those perfunctory platform utterances which do not carry much weight when the influences that prompt them are understood.

The contest in Massachusetts this year will, of course, be one sided, the democrats having no hope of carrying the state. According to the Boston Advertiser, the democratic candidate for governor has so pronounced himself in favor of the re-election of Greenhalge that it is the understanding that no special effort is to be made to defeat him. Last year Mr. Greenhalge was elected the second time by a plurality of over 65,000. He may not have so large a plurality this year, but his election is assured.

ANOTHER JUGGLE WITH FIGURES.

And now comes Cadet Taylor, chairman of the council finance committee and juggler extraordinary, with an array of figures to prove that the late defaulting treasurer did not divert as much money as was shown by the exhibit published in The Bee. Mr. Taylor vouches for the correctness of his counter-statement and takes occasion to assure the taxpayers through the medium of the city council that they have not been chiseled out of as much money as they had been led to believe by the disclosures made public in this paper. Coming from such a disinterested patriot as Cadet Taylor, whose bulb bank had been illegally borrowing both city and school money to keep itself on its legs, this assurance will be taken for what it is worth.

THE STATE FAIR RING.

Every day brings out new evidence of the crookedness of the political managers of the late state fair. Here is an illustration of how the gang does business: A citizen of Lincoln offered \$250 for the privilege of selling cards on the state fair grounds. The managers told him the privilege had been let to another man for \$500, but according to the report of Secretary Furnas the society received only \$27 for the privilege. The manager is urged to urge congress to adopt these recommendations as a sure means of preventing rings on the treasury to get gold for export or for piling up in private hoards at home.

FINANCIAL REMEDIES PROPOSED.

It is understood that in his next annual message President Cleveland will renew his recommendations for a revision of our financial system on a plan which will include the retirement of the greenbacks. He will ask congress to confer on the secretary of the treasury power to sell long-term, low-rate gold bonds to an amount sufficient to enable him to call in and retire all the outstanding paper that otherwise might be used to finance the treasury. It is reported that the president has received assurances that the bankers of the large cities and the commercial interests of the country will join in urging congress to adopt these recommendations as a sure means of preventing rings on the treasury to get gold for export or for piling up in private hoards at home.

to the speculations of the treasurer he could not have helped missing the interest which was supposed to have been accruing on the school balances.

Chairman Taylor should try to explain some of his own dubious relations with the late city treasurer. There is enough there to keep him busy, and he may have to call upon Comptroller Olsen to help him out.

Frank Johnson's name was presented to the citizens' convention, in which the democrats outnumbered the republicans. He was voted for and rejected by four-fifths of the delegates. That refusal of a vote of confidence would have led any other man to vacate the field. There was no possible chance for him to win without the citizens' endorsement. Mr. Johnson is intelligent enough to know this. It is decidedly fool, therefore, for his backers now to call upon Mr. Coe, the citizens' reform candidate for clerk of the district court, to withdraw in his favor. As a matter of fact Mr. Johnson's record is such that his name would be entirely out of place on any reform ticket.

President H. C. Akin of the Board of Education has decided that if he can't have the derwish nomination for clerk of the district court he might consent to take that for city treasurer. Does this mean that the machinery of the public schools is to be brought to bear again on the caucuses and primaries leading up to the republican city convention? Are the schools to be kept in a state of constant demoralization just to further the political ambitions of the successive presidents of the school board?

It will be hard work to make the democrats of Nebraska believe that their votes for Judge of the supreme court this fall can be tortured into either an endorsement of the financial policy of the Cleveland administration or the endorsement of the demand for the free and unlimited coinage of silver at 16 to 1. The supreme court of Nebraska will hardly be called upon to pass upon any case involving the question of free silver.

The Nebraska Jeffreys wants a vindication and for that purpose has sought and secured a renomination from his derwish friends in the name of the party he has disgraced. Scott is not the first man in disrepute who has tried to get the republican party to go into the vindicating business. In nearly every instance the task has resulted in disaster to both party and candidate.

The Northern Pacific has for the time receivers enough to equip several bankrupt railroads. The easiest solution of its receivership problem would be a sale in foreclosure and the discharge of all the receivers. But the road has not yet been milked dry enough for the interested parties to agree to this at the present stage of the game.

SHOTS AT THE ROOMS.

Cincinnati Tribune: We are pleased within a year Levi P. Morton will have a cause for breach of promise against Thomas C. Platt.

New York Press: The William R. Morrison presidential boom seems to be in a state of arrest on the charge of having no visible means of support.

Boston Standard: The wicked McKinley men are trying to cause Mr. Russell Harrison of Indiana to utter a few interviews during the next two or three months.

Minneapolis Times: The Robert Todd Lincoln presidential boom is in a condition to sympathize with the Cosh Davis boom. Todd is the attorney of the Chicago Gas trust.

Globe-Democrat: Some of the democratic papers are putting Bole in the list of presidential possibilities, but the papers published in Iowa are taking particular care to keep him out of that list.

New York Advertiser: Mr. Whitney is extremely slow in hurrying himself into the third term movement. If he is to cut much of a figure as a third termer he cannot afford to defer action much longer.

Chicago Times-Herald: Before proceeding to a selection of a republican presidential candidate Messrs. Quay and Platt should bear in mind the fact that the people may possibly desire to be heard on the subject.

Cleveland Plain Dealer: Senator Allison has sounded the keynote. Hon. John C. New has been interviewed again, and there is renewed activity among the friends of Congressman K. Davis. Eastern presidential candidates may as well be hustling.

Boston Globe: McKinley's former hotel landlord declares that the Ohio governor is "the noblest man on God's green earth." If this is really true, of course he should be nominated without opposition and elected unanimously. But Tom Reed and William E. Russell are pretty passable sort of men.

Philadelphia Record: The Allison boom for the presidential nomination is rapidly assuming proportions of a serious character. By many political observers it would be labeled "dangerous" and certainly by all other candidates it will be regarded as at least dignified. Iowa's affection for her favorite son is exceeded in history only by the devotion of Maine to the "Flumed Knight."

Chicago Record: It is an open field as yet for everybody, and Platt and Quay to the contrary notwithstanding—it is idle to attempt to eliminate Mr. Harrison from the race unless he voluntarily and pre-emptorily withdraws. Should the republicans in 1896 decide that they want a man of conservative views, not troubled with extreme opinions on the tariff, hailing from a central state and possessed of a record which at least has the confidence of Mr. Harrison would be a very strong candidate indeed.

THE PASSING SHOW.

Notwithstanding the provocation of friends, General Harrison continues dismembering the woodpile.

The defeat of Tommy Watson for congress renders superfluous the historic conundrum, "Where am I?"

The "American Society for the Improvement of Speech" has established headquarters in New York. A more inviting location could not be chosen.

Mr. and Mrs. Fitzsimmons ought to call party primaries in Chicago and settle their differences that way. There's room for a few more in the hospitals.

Dr. Mary Walker has purchased a farm in New York on which she proposes cultivating and developing the new woman. Two years ago Mary made the effort of her life in shouting and waving her arms when the name of David B. Hill was presented in the Chicago wigwam. But that hardened bachelor failed to reciprocate, and after a weary wait Mary bows to the inevitable.

LOCAL CAMPAIGN CHATTER.

Great Scott wanted to be the only Judge to be honored with a renomination by the derwish republicans. He held out against Keyser to the last, but finally condescended to let Keyser share the glory with him so long as he could turn down all the other republican judges.

Jacobson was nominated in order to catch the Danish vote; Helmrod was put up to catch the German vote, and Redfield was named to catch the dago vote. McDonald, it is said, will poll the Scotch vote, while Baxter is hot after the native American vote.

It is hardly fair for Broatch and Chaffee to put Vandervoort in the box as they have during this campaign. Broatch and Chaffee are both candidates for the derwish nomination for mayor. Vandervoort is under political obligations to both and will have to show his hand pretty soon. He can't afford to give Chaffee the Dodder heart, and he needs Broatch in his business. In halting between two duties he is apt to come out as a candidate for mayor himself.

A bright young girl approached Dorsey Houck at the court house and asked him to buy a few tickets to the fair that was being given for the benefit of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd. Dorsey is one of the ranker A. P. A. in town, but he's a member of the Episcopal church of the Good Shepherd and thought it would be only the decent thing to help the girl and the church out at the same time. He invested \$1 in tickets and then took charge of the girl and introduced her to every official in the county building and staid with her until she had sold all her tickets. After the little ticket seller had gone away Dorsey sat down, flushed with the happy consciousness of having done a good deed. He looked at his tickets and Holy Moses discovered he had bought four tickets for the Catholic fair at Creighton hall and had urged his A. P. A. friends to do the same thing. He felt as Scott did when he found he had signed a petition for a Catholic woman who was seeking a position from the library board. He tore up the tickets and sought to repair the injury he done his conscience by paying up his dues in the subcellular lodge.

Colonel H. C. Akin has announced himself as a candidate for the derwish nomination for city treasurer. F. B. Bryant is also a candidate. They assert that they did not get a fair run for their money in the county convention. Charley Unit is not a candidate for any office that is secured by votes of the citizens. He is quietly seeking the appointment as meat inspector, to succeed Frank He don't pretend to know anything about the meat business, but says he is as thoroughly qualified from a political standpoint as Frank was.

C. Raster Scott in his speech before the derwish judicial convention said: "Four years ago I said that the man who came before me with a patch on his trousers would have the sage consideration as the man who appeared in a broadcloth Prince Albert coat. I have kept that pledge." Indeed you have C. Raster, just like the old woman kept tavern.

Smith came before you with patched trousers along with Jardine in a Prince Albert coat. Both were charged with the same offense, a crime in which they were partners. Smith is serving a five years' term in the penitentiary and the self-confessed, equally guilty Jardine is wearing his broadcloth Prince Albert coat on the streets today, and he dares to thank you for outraging justice and the law for his benefit.

Plattmouth News (rep.): The state press is too flippancy with the name of Judge Maxwell as a candidate for the office of supreme judge of the state. The judge has a perfect right to turn up their noses because he is a candidate on another ticket. He knows just as much as he did when he was a republican judge and is equally as honest. But we don't like to see a man of Judge Maxwell's age and ability nominated for judge of the state. This is the first time in the state that a political organization has headed its ticket with a man who is irreparable. The republican party was glad to honor Judge Maxwell for eighteen years on the supreme bench, and he did when he was elected because of the support of the office of supreme judge of the state, and the point that he makes in his letter of acceptance, favoring a nonpartisan judiciary, is unanswerable. The republican party was glad to honor Judge Maxwell for eighteen years on the supreme bench, and he did when he was elected because of the support of the office of supreme judge of the state, and the point that he makes in his letter of acceptance, favoring a nonpartisan judiciary, is unanswerable. The republican party was glad to honor Judge Maxwell for eighteen years on the supreme bench, and he did when he was elected because of the support of the office of supreme judge of the state, and the point that he makes in his letter of acceptance, favoring a nonpartisan judiciary, is unanswerable.

THE DREAM SHIP.

When all the world is fast asleep, Along the midnight skies— As though it were a wandering cloud— The ghostly Dream-Ship flies. An angel stands at the prow, And in an angel stands at the stern— With a ruc-wreath on her brow, The other angels, silver crowned, Pilot and helmsman are. But the angel with the wreath of rue Tosseth the dreams afar. The dreams they fall on rich and poor, They fall on young and old; And some are dreams of poverty And some are dreams of gold. And some are dreams that thrill with joy, And some that melt to tears; Some are dreams of the dawn of love, And some of the old, dead years. On rich and poor alike they fall, Bringing to slumbering earth their joys And sorrows manifold. The friendless youth in them shall do The deeds of mighty men, And drooping age shall feel the grace Of buoyant youth again. The king shall be a beggarman, The pauper be a king. In that revenge of recompense The Dream-Ship dreams do bring. So ever downward float the dreams That are for all and me, And that are never an equal man Can solve that mystery. But ever onward in its course Along the haunted skies— As though it were a wandering cloud— The ghostly Dream-Ship flies. Two angels with their silver crowns Pilot and helmsman are, And the angel with the wreath of rue Tosseth the dreams afar.

MAXWELL'S CANDIDACY.

Pullerton News (rep.): Judge Maxwell deceives himself if he thinks he is going to receive any republican support by still declaring himself a republican. As a rule republicans are not to be found running for office under the populist ticket.

Hebron Journal (rep.): Samuel Maxwell, in accepting the nomination for supreme judge from the populist party, gives them to understand that he is not a populist, but a "nonpartisan." Nonpartisans in Nebraska are scarce, and the ballots for Maxwell will be equally scarce.

Schuyler Quill (pop.): With Judge Maxwell running for supreme judge this fall against Judge Norval we have a direct light between the corporations and the people. It is not a partisan fight as the populists have said, aside partisanship in behalf of clean courts and for a bench incorruptible.

Keosauqua Hub (rep.): A letter just received from Massachusetts by a prominent politician of this city contains a very warm endorsement of Samuel Maxwell for supreme judge. It says that he and Max were chums in the days of long ago, and he regrets exceedingly that he cannot vote at the Nebraska election for the purpose of giving his vote to Maxwell.

Aurora Sun (dem.): Judge Maxwell has accepted the nomination of the populists as a "nonpartisan." He does not state how he stands on the Omaha platform and does not renounce his republicanism. Now we have two republicans in the field and two democrats, only one of them favoring the free coinage of silver, and that is C. J. Phelan, Schuyler, the regular democratic nominee.

Wallace Herald (pop.): Judge Maxwell has written his formal acceptance of the populist nomination for supreme judge. He insists on accepting the nomination, not as a populist renouncing his former republicanism, but as a nonpartisan candidate. We insist if the judge would endorse the Omaha platform he would be elected by several thousand majority, otherwise his election is questionable.

York Democrat: The nomination of Judge Maxwell by the populist party is a candidate for supreme judge above partisan politics. No national issue will be discussed in the supreme court. We are for the straight line of state issues and on honesty, fair and impartial judiciary. His acceptance is tendered him by the populist party is no surprise, but we are glad to stir up a lot of old party tricksters and dishonest politicians.

Madison Reporter (pop.): When the populist state convention placed Samuel Maxwell in the supreme court, Judge Maxwell was once defeated for supreme judge because he would not become subservient to monopoly, but now the eyes of the people are opened and he will be elected because of a fact. Vote for Judge Maxwell and a nonpartisan supreme court.

Valentine Republican (rep.): Judge Maxwell has at last accepted the nomination as a candidate for the office of judge of the supreme court, tendered him by the populist party, accepting the nomination Judge Maxwell does so strictly as a nonpartisan, not as a populist. He has been a life-long republican and still professes to adhere to the old doctrine of the republicans. This is the first time in the state that a political organization has headed its ticket with a man who is irreparable.

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Cincinnati Enquirer: She couldn't change a dollar bill; But every dime we find, No matter what her poverty, She's quick to change her mind.

Though a woman may adopt coats, "vests" and "pants," And in a manish way raise a ruction, Yet she'll give you eight-and-twenty now By change, Because of certain faults of construction.

Full many a gown of purple ray serene The dark pawbrokers' shops of cities bear; While those who own them wonder much How long they'll keep them there.

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