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PLATFORM PRECEDENT.

While politicians and press are discussing the platform written by William Jennings Bryan for Nebraska's democratic state convention...

As a matter of fact, Colonel Bryan's connection with the authorship of the Chicago platform of 1896 was in a large measure similar, although by no means so predetermined or exclusive.

Everyone will concede that it would be bad to have candidate and platform in wide divergence, but whether the nominee should abdicate in favor of the nominee its privilege and duty to define the issues which it wishes to join with its opponents is a serious question.

So far as the republicans are concerned, the time-honored practice is more likely to be continued by which the platform is built by the best exponents of the party's principles, and the candidate pledged without reference to his individual views to pursue the policy outlined for him insofar as ever changing conditions will permit.

It is impossible to say how much credence is to be given to the report from Durban saying that the Boers are hoping for intervention, but in any event there can be no doubt that the Transvaal forces are not absolutely united as to the future and that the conditions are such that the advantages are decidedly on the side of the British.

These are the considerations that have to be borne in mind all the time in considering the possibilities of the conflict in South Africa. It is, after all, a question of numbers and of power, and it must be apparent to everybody that if Great Britain and the South African republics are left to fight it out between themselves, the inevitable result must be the destruction of the two republics and their absorption into the British empire.

The latest advices say that the Boers are still seeking peace and that they are hoping for assistance from the nations. If it be true that they have any hope of intervention they are building on a weak foundation.

Vermont farm. With the railroad building and the influx of settlers, both into the territory they opened up and into portions already partly settled, the west is witnessing the most substantial as well as the greatest growth in years.

Major Moore's second term. The entrance of Frank E. Moore upon his second term as mayor of Omaha merits more than passing notice.

For the present the absorbing function is the selection of the municipal cabinet and subordinate officers who are to assist him in the conduct of the various branches of the city government.

Whatever differences of opinion may have existed among citizens of Omaha before the re-election of Mayor Moore, all are now interested in promoting the welfare of the city through a businesslike management of its affairs.

The popocratic papers throughout the state which announced some time ago that no deputy now serving in any of the state offices should have a nomination to succeed his chief have suddenly become silent on the subject.

The tax shifter is a problem in Cuba, as elsewhere. Under the present system valuable estates do not pay a cent of tax, while their owners live in luxury in Europe.

It is announced that the Potawatomi Indians, claimants of Chicago, have finally accepted a cash offer of \$45,000 to relinquish title. An expensive precedent may be established by this action.

Mortality in the Philippine Army. A few days ago the alarming statement was published that General Otis' losses by sickness amounted to a regiment a month and a call for more troops would be necessary in a very short time.

Sanctified Sacrilege. An astonishing specimen of a sanctified advertisement. Rev. Mr. Sheldon, who has been running a newspaper for some time, has written a column in the paper, headed "Sanctified Sacrilege."

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BRIEF BITS OF FUSION POLITICS.

Plattsmouth Journal (dem.). In casting about for a man to occupy the position of public printer, the people of Nebraska should not forget Samuel Patterson, who is now deputy under Mr. Meserve.

Grand Island Independent (rep.). There are evidences that the plutocrats are breaking into fusion ranks, John O. Yeiser, endorsed by the populists of Douglas county for governor, wears a walk tie.

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ECHOES OF OUR WAR.

Captain Joseph B. Coghlan of Manila bay and "Hoch der Kaiser" fame, reiterates in public print the claim that the Raleigh fired the first and last shots in the battle that gave Uncle Sam a foothold in the Philippines.

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OPINIONS OF NEBRASKA PRESS.

Keamey Hub: Omaha people are desirous of increasing the population for the next census by taking to South Omaha. But the latter is not anxious. But as a matter of fact the two incorporations ought to be merged into one, for more reasons than are necessary to mention.

Bloomington Echo: Uncle Sam should adjourn his congress to the Bloomington post-office and let them remain there during the time the morning mail is being distributed and they would learn how to solve the Porto Rico and Philippine questions. We are blessed with more statesmen to the square inch than any other place on earth. One redeeming feature is that they are all harmonious.

Bloomington Echo: When Governor Foynter resurrected the old fire and police commission of Omaha and appointed five politicians from the state of Douglas to fill it, he must have had a tip from the fusion supreme court that that august body would reverse their decision when the case came to them.

Wayne Herald: That the farmers of the country are prospering is clearly evidenced by the large sales of farm machinery of the latest and best manufacture and the best adapted to tilling the soil.

Hastings Tribune: The Tribune cannot help but wonder at the presence of so many ladies at a court trial at which, during the examination of witnesses, language and terms are used at which any lady would blush if uttered in her own drawing room in the presence of her gentlemen and lady friends.

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Chicago News: Dorothy-Pa. I do wish we were rich. Dorothy's Pa-how rich would you like to be? "Dorothy-Oh, awfully rich; rich enough to send people and still be called a beggar."

Detroit Free Press: "Katherine is so high tempered that she never reads a novel." "Pray, tell me, what her temper has to do with her novel reading?" "Why, she gets mad at it some character in the book and throws it in the fire."

Washington Star: "When you see a man with a mighty haughty air, an overbearing air," said Uncle Eben, "you kin take 'em. He's either tryin' to make up for his 'mount o' hovin' an' scarpin' he haster do hisse', somehow."

Philadelphia North American: "As I recall things, you never had a future before you," said the old friend. "Yes," replied the late-tossed man, "but to see, I lived so fast that I got ahead of it."

Cleveland Plain Dealer: "The age of superperstition is rapidly passing," said the professor. "Yes," replied the doctor, "spooks no longer have even a ghost of a chance."

Baltimore American: "Still they come," wrote the reporter, who in his secret heart called himself a "journalist." "But no, he mused, "that is hardly appropriate for the headline of the preliminary account of the woman's rights convention." And he carefully crossed out the word "still."

Advertisement for "Bargain Hunters" by Browning King & Co. featuring Scott's Emulsion. Text describes the benefits of the emulsion for lung health and consumption.

