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PARTIES LEAVING FOR SUMMER

Parties leaving the city for the summer may have The Bee sent to them regularly by notifying The Bee Business Office, in person or by mail

Nebraska's corn crop is just now engaged in carrying out a vigorous policy of expansion

The votes are piling up in The Bee's popular girl vacation contest. Have you voted? If not, why not?

Thieves broke into a Fort Dodge ice house and stole a large quantity of ice—a decidedly cool piece of work for a hot day

The prohibitionist platform can reasonably be expected to take high grounds. Too much water is often disastrous to those who dwell in the valleys

Admiral Seymour was given a pass to first, stole second, was advanced to third on a hit, but will be forced to make a great slide if he reaches home

Other national conventions have been held on July 4 and put in nomination candidates who never had a chance to shoot frecklers off the White House porch

Five New York men aspire to the democratic nomination for the vice presidency. When Boss Croker has spoken there will be not more than one, and perhaps none

Trust the Kansas City people to see to it that the Fourth of July convention is drawn out long enough to destroy the train robbery business on outgoing passenger coaches

According to good Jacksonian authority Colonel Moore has the wrong pointer if he expects to get his delegation recognized in the democratic state convention. This is a straight tip

Colonel Bryan's complaint against the republican platform is that it does not include enough. From this we take it the Kansas City convention will practice platform expansion

Kansas started the boom that landed Roosevelt in the republican national convention and now Arkansas wants to start a similar movement for David B. Hill in the democratic national convention

Mayor Harrison of Chicago refuses to take the democratic nomination for the governorship. The mayor is wise in deciding that it is better to be mayor of Chicago than to be a defeated aspirant for the Illinois governorship

Now just watch all the candidates for fusion nominations who are objectionable to the corporations sea-sawed out of the game by conference committees appointed to apportion the places among the different rings of the allied triple circus

The railroads insist upon cars being unloaded within forty-eight hours after being received. In these times of brisk business the railroads have trouble finding cars to handle their business without first furnishing them for storage warehouses

Candidates who have been favorably mentioned for nominations on the fusion state ticket are already beginning to issue letters of withdrawal. Evidently they do not believe the nominations would be an insurance policy payable on election

Veterinarians are exerting themselves to check the hordes of pinkie among the horses in this section. As soon as they succeed the veterinarians will be in demand to head off political pinkie which is taking hold of many of our popocratic neighbors

Bryan announces that the same old platform will be for another campaign, but acknowledges that a few new prigs and some planks put in around the edges will be necessary. The platform is doubtless strong enough to hold all the people who will want to stand on it

MR. BRYAN'S LATEST DELIVERANCE

Mr. Bryan's latest deliverance regarding the character of the Kansas City platform is sufficiently guarded not to appear dictatorial, yet plainly indicating what he wishes done. A large majority of the delegates being supporters of the Chicago platform, Mr. Bryan thinks it is safe to assume that that declaration of principles will be reaffirmed at Kansas City and that the new platform will contain nothing which can be construed as a surrender or modification of the platform on the old issues.

Not only will that platform be reaffirmed, but Mr. Bryan has given notice that no man will be nominated for vice president who is not in full accord with it. The democrats who are talking of David Bennett Hill for second place on the ticket may therefore abandon all thought of him unless he shall unequivocally declare that he was mistaken in denouncing the platform of 1896 and now accepts it as sound democratic doctrine. As it is not probable that he will thus stultify himself the Kansas City convention, if it shall be deemed necessary or expedient to name for second place a New York man, may have its choice confined to Sulzer, Hearst and O. H. P. Belmont, who are the most prominent exponents there of unadulterated Bryanism.

After Mr. Bryan there is perhaps no more authoritative leader of the party than former Governor Altgeld. He is passionately fond of the Chicago platform, which he helped to frame. Asked if he expected 16 to 1 to be made the dominant issue in the Kansas City platform, he said: "I shall expect the party's position on that issue to be fully and clearly set forth. There must be no equivocation. The party must not recede to any extent from the Chicago platform." Altgeld is perhaps as much in the confidence of Mr. Bryan as any man in the country. Surely these utterances ought to dispel the delusion of the sound money democrats that something may be done at Kansas City in regard to silver that will render the financial utterance of the platform less repugnant to them than that of the Chicago platform. We have repeatedly pointed out to them that the hope of this is vain—that it is simply impossible with Mr. Bryan controlling the party. That platform, with its invitation to public and private repudiation and its socialistic and anarchic principles, is the embodiment of Bryanism and any departure from it would result in the dissolution of that extraordinary political combination.

THE INVASION OF CHINA

The refusal of the president to accede to the request of the Chinese minister at Washington that our government would not send troops to China, pending the arrival of Li Hung Chang at Peking, evidences the determination of the administration to omit no effort to protect American officials and citizens in the disturbed districts. However anxious the president may be to avoid a conflict with China, the situation is such that inaction would be a distinct disregard of duty. The assurances given by the viceroys that they can maintain order in their various provinces without the aid of foreign troops and that the presence of such troops would act as an incentive to destroy order cannot safely be relied on in such an exigency. The fact is that those officials have not shown that they are able to maintain order or to stay the progress of the disturbance and the idea that the presence of foreign troops would aggravate the trouble is possibly a mistaken one.

At all events, the president is proceeding in strict accord with his duty and we do not doubt that his action will be approved by the intelligent judgment of the country. We do not want war with China, but our government must do all it can to safeguard the life and property of its officials and citizens.

ADDRESS OF THE ENVOYS

The Boer envoys have issued an address to the American people in which they review the relations of the republics of South Africa with Great Britain, with particular reference to the Transvaal, pointing out the circumstances which led on to the present war. Much of what they present is familiar history, but none the less it will be read with great interest by the people of this country and will doubtless serve to strengthen popular sympathy here with the Boers, already general and earnest. The envoys appear to be entirely satisfied with the experience they have had in the United States. As intelligent men they came here not expecting that our government would take any step that might involve it in the South African conflict, but simply to appeal to American sympathy by a straightforward statement of the case of the two republics. Knowing little or nothing of our politics there was danger that they would be used for a partisan purpose and this was attempted, but it is very greatly to their credit that they refused to be made the catspaws of the opponents of the national administration. They do not ask the intervention of this government, but they do desire a continuance of public sympathy and support and of this they should feel fully assured.

Regarding the future, the address says the Boers may be defeated by overwhelming numbers and compelled to surrender, but they will never be conquered. The history of the intrepid Dutchmen of South Africa gives warrant for this belief in their unconquerable spirit and it is a belief that should

IMPRESS UPON THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT

The regions of Lord Roberts will undoubtedly give the greatest support to the cause of the Boers, but it is accompanied the floor level of liberty and independence will still remain and the Boers will not be so easily won as they are being represented by the press to be. It is to be hoped that the British government will be impressed upon the British government.

GOVERNMENT BY OMBUDSMAN

For a number of years past the idea seems to have prevailed in the Omaha school board that the only way the business of that body can be prosecuted effectively is by means of a commission made up of a bare majority of the membership.

The deplorable results of government by commission in our school system have been exposed over and over, but the lesson does not appear to have been thoroughly learned. No good reason exists why the action of the board should be precluded by a combination scheme and responsibility lifted from every member who is not included in the commission. Instead of having individual responsibility we have the commission governing and controlling the votes of the members often contrary to their own better judgment, and without the aid of rolling and trading are discouraged by which one job is put through another on to the coatsails of another.

As long as government by commission holds sway constant criticism is invited of the school board work and the efficiency of the public schools is materially impaired.

NO CONFLICT NECESSARY

There is no need of conflict between the various committees in charge of the proposed Ak-Sar-Ben carnival and of the autumn months. On the contrary the two organizations ought to be found operating with one another, because the two enterprises, if successfully carried through, cannot but help one another in many ways.

What these different committees should keep in mind is that they represent one and the same set of interests, namely, the expansion of the business of Omaha merchants by furnishing them with attractions to draw out-of-town trade which may be induced to consume business with pleasure on an excursion to this city. If these points are kept in mind we feel sure that the threatened friction will be avoided and that every one will be found working in harmony for the common good.

The war with Spain is reputed to be a stimulus to the study of Spanish among those who expect to engage in lines of business opened up by driving Spain out of its old colonies. Whether the troubles in China will have a similar effect is extremely doubtful, though it is certain that a knowledge of the language would greatly facilitate American enterprise in the Orient. The difficulty arises that a person who wanted to learn Chinese in the United States would have to hunt for some one able to teach it. At the same time it would not be surprising to find before long our various schools of language advertising a course in Chinese among their attractions for students.

It is to be noted that the state treasurer of South Dakota has just made an allotment of school funds which overtops any previous distribution in that state. The brag and bluster of the popocrats about the school fund apportionment in Nebraska loses its edge when we see that the operation of general prosperity under a republican national administration is producing the same results in other states in which the popocrats can claim no credit for the management of the school finances.

Commissioner Wolfe says he does not generally deny newspaper charges made against him, as he does not have the time. The average popocratic officer, it is true, would not have much time to devote to his official duties if he were an effort to contradict all the stories of incompetency and mismanagement made against them. It is easier to get the governor to write a whitewashing report.

"There is sometimes a joint debate," remarks Colonel Bryan, "between candidates on opposing tickets, but not between candidates on the same ticket." Wonder what he called the argumentative discussion between Mr. Sewall and Mr. Watson four years ago while flying as tails to the same popocratic kite!

Both on the Run

These are the days when it is more pleasant to be the hound than the missionary.

Lively Old Girl

China's dowager empress is three score years old and incidentally shows that what a woman wants to she can get like stay as well as a man.

Cause and Effect

No country in the world except the United States can borrow money at less than 2 per cent, and the credit for the fact is distinctly due republican administration.

The Full Dinner Pail

This talk about the "full dinner pail" is overdone. The laboring man's throat-of-meat is not the dominator of his vote. The condescending treatment of men who work by men who write, but who err when they think they know, does in any case for which it is put forth more harm than good.

Future of Porto Rico

In industrial or commercial undertakings on the island of Porto Rico one impressive fact must be kept in mind. There are 82,243 persons living there, according to the census of October last. This gives a population of 264 in the square mile. That is enough. To feed and clothe these people and keep them profitably employed is a task requiring administrative genius. The surplus population from year to year should be sent abroad with other surplus productions.

INTEREST FROM IOWA

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