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The convention season is now on in full blast in Nebraska.

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GEO. B. TZSCHUCK,

If all the other populist candidates for governor step out of the way, the populists may take up with Yeiser yet.

If he will turn the faucets only half way, the efforts of the weather man will be more gratefully appreciated.

It should be remembered that nomiporation managers are not always redeemed at the polls by the voters.

ticket is open to competition.

ing the limit on coronation week guests. They must have gotten tips from American hotel men who have had experience with our inaugurations, national conventions and expositions.

Congressman Stark says he knows when he has had enough and will therefore retire after completing his present third term. But the non-resident congressman from the First Nebraska district is asking for a sixth term.

Discussion of the anti-anarchist bills in congress develops the fact that radical legislation proposed under high pressure of popular clamor will not withstand the deliberate judgment of the lawmaker after he has calmed down.

With strikes among all classes of mechanics in the building trades there is some consolation that at least one set of tradesmen will not quit work on any provocation during the building season. Reference is made to the platform builders.

Wall street reports have it that an English brokerage firm has invested \$700,000 in American railway securities for a member of the royal family. Royalty apparently wants to get even for the invasion of Lombard street by American money kings.

If the assessment just made by the State Board of Equalization of all the Nebraska railroads at \$26,000,000 includes the value of their franchises, pray what would the assessment be if the franchises were excluded and only the tangible property taken into con-

The railroad attorneys and tax commissioners have to make a fight for tax evasion to demonstrate to their respective corporate employers that they are earning their money. The railroads furthermore prefer to maintain their costly tax (shirking) departments to standing for their just shares of the burden of government.

Cuba is a very rich country, and so are Brazil and the Argentine Republic. If we are to have an air line from Omaha to Havana, why stop there? Why not extend the road to Buenos Avres and Rio Janeiro and establish an Omaha steamship air line up the Amagon and Orinoco rivers, where our merchants could go to swap mosquito netting and breechclouts with the natives for bananas, india rubber and parrots?

In calling on Richard Olney, a Massachusetts goldbug, to enter the lists as their favorite for the democratic nomination for the presidency in 1904, those Tennessee democrats are hardly showwho has gallantly placed Senator Carmack of Tennessee among his list of presidential possibilities. As a prophet, Senator Carmack is evidently more predited abroad than at home.

WHO PAYS THE TAXES!

Bulletin No. 2, compiled expressly for by their authority, embodies much in-Taking as its basis the grand assesswhich aggregated \$171,747,593, great stress is laid upon the fact that the railroads pay 15.4 per cent of the taxes estimate of the percentage of the taxes paid by railroads relates solely to state is due. axes and not to county and city taxes.

Assuming, however, that the figures bulletins, 45.4 per cent of the taxes unit of the United States." levied in Nebraska in 1900 were paid by the owners of farming lands; 15.7 per cent of the taxes were paid by the other classes of personal property, and

railroad property, \$26,442,294; all other to the general public. classes of personal property, including | The house committee propose to drop farms, aggregating \$94,822,488.

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 31st day of May, A. D. 1901. (Seal.)

M. B. HUNGATE, Notary Public. lots in Nebraska are worth more than department with cabinet rank. all the railroads in Nebraska, with their The house committee will provide for

erty, which is assessed at \$33,148,405? claimed to have made a very careful

ernment and maintenance of state inrights, pay \$250,000 and the same pro- private secretary. portion of county and city taxes.

WEST POINT CENTENNIAL. The West Point Military academy was founded by act of congress in 1802 and the centennial of that institution will be celebrated this week. It will be an exceedingly interesting celebration, in which many distingushed persons will participate and which will make the American people better acquainted with the history and the worth of this great military school, aptly termed "the cradle of heroes." The conception of a military academy in this country dates back to 1776, when the lack of competent officers for the army led to the appointment of a committee by the continental congress to prepare and bring in a plan of a military academy, but no further action was taken. In 1793 Washington invited the attention of congress to the matter and in 1796 recommended the institution of a military academy. Six years later congress passed the necessary legislation and the institution created thereby has been gradually developed into one of the best of the world's military schools, where have

imperishable fame. The American people are justly proud of the West Point academy, which is associated with our heroic periods since the date of its foundation, and the cele bration of its hundredth anniversary

been educated soldiers who achieved

will command general interest. AN OBJECTIONABLE FEATURE.

The most objectionable feature of the Philippine bill passed by the senate is that relating to the coinage of silver and it is very probable that this provision will be changed in the house The New York Journal of Commerce thinks it incomprehensible that the sen ate should have provided for establish ing the silver standard in the islands and at the same time authorized the issue of bonds for the acquisition of the friars' lands and for local improve ments payable in gold. While the silver currency is necessary enough, re marks that paper, it is in no respect inconsistent with the gold standard. The two co-exist in India, in Japan, as to our silver dollars in the United States also, and as to subsidiary silver in most of the commercial world."

The report of the house committee on insular affairs presented a strong argument for a Philippine currency based on gold. It urged that "the adoption of an American silver coin of the same weight and fineness as the Mexican, or of a similar weight and benefit to Omaha? fineness, coined on private account with-

the railroads of Nebraska and published caused so much embarrassment to them down to Kansas City? trade." The financial situation in the structive and suggestive information. Philippines is such as to have led the ways been loyal to the west. Will you ment roll of the state for the year 1906, time since to appeal to President Roose- beet sugar interests and against the senate's bill does not do this, but on question was up a few weeks ago? in Nebraska. As a matter of fact, this the contrary would perpetuate the con-

made a grave mistake in this matter, of the railroad tax bureau were abso- which the house should and doubtless lutely correct, what proof do they afford | will correct. What is needed for the to justify the claim of the railroad at- Philippines, as pointed out in the retorneys that the rallroad corporations port of the house committee, is "a coinare assessed as high, according to the age system which does not seriously disrelative value of their property, as are turb the customs of the Filipino people, the owners of all other properties? Ac- but which gives them a unit of curcording to the estimate of the railroad | rency easily convertible into the gold

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE. The creation of a Department of Comowners of improved town lots; 3.6 per merce at the present session of concent were levied on unimproved town gress appears probable. The bill for lots, and 9.8 per cent were assessed this purpose passed the senate in Januagainst the owners of horses and live ary and is now being considered by the stock; 10.1 per cent represent telegraph | house committee on interstate and forcompanies, banks, manufacturing inter- eign commerce, which will make a numests, merchandise, stocks, bonds and all ber of changes in the measure. It is stated that most of the members of the committee regard the senate bill as too Expressed in dollars and cents the va- wide in its scope, providing too many rious taxable properties in the state bureaus for the new department at the for the year 1900 are as follows: Farm- start. There is also a feeling that the ing lands, total, \$78,044,155; improved senate failed to make provision for certown lots, \$27,034,478; unimproved town | tain lines of inquiry and work which lots, \$6,113,918; live stock, \$16,778,333; would prove of much benefit and value

manufacturing materials, machinery, out of the bill some of the bureaus merchandise, money and credits, stocks which the senate bill provides shall be and bonds, and personal property gen- embraced in the new department and to erally, \$17,333,606. These figures are give the president authority to transdecidedly suggestive. They show that fer to the department from time to 55 per cent of the taxes paid in Ne- time, such bureaus of other departments braska are levied upon the owners of as he may consider properly belonging farming lands and live stock on the to the Department of Commerce. This will permit the gradual expansion of The improved town lots in the cities, the scope of the department in the futowns and villages of Nebraska are ture and make it possible for special assessed at \$27,034,457 while, all the attention to be given to certain lines railroads in Nebraska, with their vast of work which might otherwise remain properties, representing as they do more undeveloped. The bureau of labor is than \$300,000,000 of interest earning one of those to be dropped from the capital, are assessed at only \$26,442,294. bill by the house committee, it being Will any impartial and well informed thought that at some future time this man contend that the improved town bureau will be made an independent

valuable terminals and equipments? the creation of at least two distinctly Would the owners of the Nebraska rail- new bureaus, both of which will be atroads be willing to trade even for the tached to the Department of Commerce. improved and unimproved town prop- One of these proposed is a bureau of insurance, intended to gather informa-At the meeting of the state board tion of a general and detailed character nations guaranteed and indorsed by cor- two weeks ago Governor Savage, who regarding the operations of insurance companies and to publish the facts thus computation of the property values in obtained much as is now done in relathe state, declared that the true value ton to manufacturing statistics. It is From the number of candidates in the of taxable property in Nebraska, includ- deemed important that the general pub field for the republican nomination for ing the railroads, would aggregate not lic should be made acquainted with state treasurer, it seems to be pretty less than \$1,200,000,000 at a very low certain phases of the operations of inwell understood that that place on the estimate. It is an open secret that \$300,- surance companies. It is possible that 000,000 represents a very low estimate the material changes made in the senate of the actual value of Nebraska rail- bill by the house committee may cause roads, or one-fourth of the total taxable | final action on it to be deferred to the Instead of paying 15.4 per cent, as is creation of the proposed department is to prevent the court from requiring the claimed by the railroad tax bureau, the so general in the senate that perhaps assessment of franchise values, the railjust proportion of assessment of rail- the amendments to its measure will be road attorneys insist that the franchises road property in the state should be 25 accepted. At all events, the creation per cent. Instead of paying \$150,000 a of a Department of Commerce is asyear toward the expenses of state gov- sured and it is said to be probable that tricks that are vain the heathen Chinee the first head of the new department stitutions, the railroads should, by will be Mr. Cortelyou, the president's

OUESTIONS STILL UNANSWERED.

The very pertinent questions propounded to the champion of David H. Mercer in the recent debate still remain unanswered. These answers touch the vital points upon which the republicans is entitled to a renomination. Lest we forget what these questions were, they are herewith repeated in concise form, together with the evasive answers made from the stage before an intelligent audience of Mercer's constituents:

Question-Will Mr. Mercer live in Omaha if he is not re-elected or will he locate permanently in Washington and resume his old business as a professional lobbyist?

Answer-I am not a mind reader, but I feel sure Mercer will keep the army headquarters in the old postoffice building, unless they are moved into the new postoffice building.

Question-Is it true that Mercer is villing to live in Omaha two months out of every two years if he can keep his seat in congress for a sixth term, a seventh term and as many more terms as he is willing to serve?

Answer-The people of this district need Mercer more than Mercer needs them. Mercer needs them only two months out of every two years, and they ought to be satisfied.

Question-Is it true that Mercer pockets the allowance of \$100 a month for clerk hire instead of giving some Nebraska boy or girl a chance to earn the salary, while the secretary of the public buildings committee is forced to do the extra work which the government pays

Answer-Ask me something easier. I told you that all the opposition to Mercer comes because the army beadquarters were removed from The Bee build-

Question-Why does Mercer make political deals for West Point and Annapolis eadetships, while other congressmen leave these appointments open for competitive examination, so that every boy who aspires to such an education can have an equal chance?

Answer-Do you expect Mercer to give away patronage to Tom, Dick and Harry? Was there anything wrong in being a deliberative body, the senate is sending Tom Blackburn's bright boy to not obliged to indulge in that sort of bun-Annapolis? Should Mercer go back on combe. Plackburn just to please you?

Question-Why did Mercer pocket the quartermaster's supply bill two years ago after it had passed the senate, when he knew that it would be of immense

out limit, would perpetuate the fluctua- passage of that bill would have lost the tions in gold exchange which have army headquarters to Omaha and taken

Question-You say that Mercer has al-Chamber of Commerce of Manila a short | explain why Mercer voted against the

ditions to which the existing situation the Philippine question? Consistency It seems obvious that the senate has thou art a jewel long ago sent to the no lack of enterprise, but it is always half mile east of Atkinson, makes more

Question-Why did Mercer displace who hailed from Minnesota?

Answer-You ought to be ashamed of silly questions ought to wear wooden livery barns, two blacksmith shops, two ing country ever blessed by rain and sunto the woods for the balance of his life.

The chairman of the county board has That estimate may be correct, but the frame buildings built in an early day. increase in the county assessment corporations. There should be a gention of South Omaha property, where great improvements have been made portion with tangible property.

By a decision just rendered by the to be a combination in abridgement of make money for numerous market gardencompetition and against public policy. The court upholds the right of the legislature to fix penalties for the perpetration of unlawful agreement, although one of the judges dissents on the ground that it seeks to make criminal the ordinary transactions of everyday business life. It is intimated that pass upon the validity of the statute before the litigation is ended.

John J. Hanberg, the republican nominee for treasurer of Cook county, Illinois, which comprises the city of Chicago, has pledged himself to turn over to the public all interest on public moneys in his custody if he is elected to office. The republican candidate for state treasurer of Nebraska will not only have to pledge himself to turn in every dollar of interest he collects on public funds, but also to desist from using public funds for speculative bond or warrant purchases.

To prevent the State Board of Equalization from raising the railroad assessment, the railroad attorneys assured the members that they had no legal author next session, though the desire for the ity to include the franchise value. Now, were assessed along with the tangible is not the only one that is peculiar.

Treasurer Stuefer desires it to be understood that he did not understand what the railroad lawyers wanted when they induced him to swear to an amended petition which contradicted the sworn petition he had signed a week before. A man who does not understand what he is signing is a very dangerous man to occupy the responsible position of railroad assessor, which involves the taxation of more than \$300,-000,000 worth of property.

Congressman Mercer predicts in an interview that republicans will gain four seats in congress from Nebraska at this year's election. If Congressman Mercer had supported the republican candidates for congress in Nebraska through the national congressional committee two years ago instead of throwing cold water on them, Nebraska would have had at least five republican members in the present congress instead

Some Kicking by the Runners.

Washington Post, The peace arrangements were made by the Boers who did the fighting. Therefore the grumbling on the part of the envoys who did the running about will not make much

of an impression. Mighty Few in the Hill.

Boston Transcript. We are glad to notice that there were only four northern men among the fortysix fool democrats who voted against the resolution of thanks to Secretary Hay for his McKinley oration.

Baltimore American. The cost of the Boer war has indeed staggered humanity, but the saddest part of it all is that humanity has gained nothing to compensate for this cost in money, suffering and life. There is no gain to offset the loss.

The Tax will Stay Awhile

Philadelphia Ledger. The Boer war is over, but the tax on grain remains in the British budget. The desired property in South Africa has been acquired, but there is a heavy mortgage on it, which must be paid off before Britain can resume her pristine condition.

Washington Post.

It is quite likely that the senate will save the members of the house from the inconvenience of going outside the capitol for their liquid refreshments. In addition to

Title Rightly Bestowed.

"Dector" Mark Twain doesn't sound so ncongruous when we remember what excellent physic is in a good laugh and how often "Doctor" Twain has administered his favorite prescription to English-speaking Answer-Don't you know that the peoples.

Live Nebraska Towns

ATKINSON-Active and Prosperous.

velt to induce congress to provide a west, and for the sugar refiners and Eikhorn valley, and at present numbers bring prices of \$75 to \$100 an acre, which remedy. The currency feature of the Sugar trust, and for the east, when that a trifle more than 1,000 inhabitants, is a fact that would probably have to be The town is more remarkable, perhaps, heard of this country as the Great Ameri-Answer-Didn't The Omaha Bee for its steady growth and development can Desert. Another fact which might change front on the beef trust and on than anything else, all efforts to start a stun him is that Mr. James Brook, living "boom" having happily failed. There is on a ten-acre patch of this \$100 land a directed in the way of conservative business than a comfortable living every year simply effort rather than temporary "schemes." by picking strawberries in the summer The business of the town at present is time. He ships them in immense quantities two Nebraska Grand Army veterans conducted by two banks, seven general and people in Omaha and other cities buy who were employed in the capitol build- stores, one clothing and shoe store, two them and think they come from somewhere ing and substitute for them two men drug stores, one newspaper and printery, in the vicinity of the Gulf or Mexico. two hardware stores, one furniture store, Atkinson is really on the dividing linetwo lumber yards, one flour and feed store, west of us lies the range country, with one large implement establishment, three its thousands of cattle, while east and yourself. A man who would ask such botels, one restaurant and bakery, two south are leagues of the most fertile farmshoes, clothe himself in rags and retire millinery stores, two barber shops, two shine. Land values are steadily increasmeat markets, and numberless small enter- ing, which reminds me that we probably prises. Among the more notable institu- have more real estate men here than in tions are a large flouring mill run by the any other town of the same size in the never failing water power of the Eikhorn, state, and they all seem to keep busy as figured out an increase in the assessed a brewery, and a creamery. Until the immigration is coming this way very rapidly. valuation of Douglas county of nearly hard times of the '90s a brick yard was in Just at present Atkinson is prominent in \$1,200,000 by reason of the recent su- operation, and will probably resume opera- the minds of travelers as the nearest preme court decision relative to the as- tions again soon, as there is great demand railroad point to the Indian reservation for its product for the erection of new soon to be opened in South Dakota. It has sessment of the franchised corporations. for its product for the erection of hew been necessary to establish a special stage business blocks to take the place of old been necessary to establish a special stage Atkinson has an excellent system of accommodate the traffic. Altogether Atkin-

should not stop with the franchised water works and a local fire company, son has excellent transportation facilities, Nearly all the foremost fraternities have present and prospective. We are on the eral leveling up where favoritism or bodies, the Methodist Episcopal, Presby-souri Valley, and when the Atkinson Northdiscrimination on the part of assessors terian and Catholic, have excellent church ern builds to the north country and the is patent. There doubtless will be a buildings. The public school building Burlington comes up from the south we marked increase in the assessed valua- stands on the brow of a plateau in the will have connections in four directions. north part of town, from which locality a We have two local telephone companies most beautiful view is obtained of the doing business, and are also connected fertile Eikhorn valley stretching to the with the Nebraska Telephone company during the last few years, and where east and south, dotted with the houses of long distance wire, the assessment has been out of all pro- prosperous farmers, and covered with If there is anything that Atkinson needs well dotted with artificial groves. The more capital, more tradesmen, more mesoil is not excelled in Nebraska for "rais- chanics, more laborers, and more farmers supreme court of Kansas, the anti-trust ing" qualities. In this connection it may on the fine land in the valleys which can law of that state has been upheld in be interesting to note that the land adja- be bought for \$10 to \$25 an acre. All these its application to the Kansas Grain cent to town is rapidly becoming cut up will help to make Atkinson the city she Dealers' association, which is adjudged into small tracts of five to ten acres which seems destined to become

Atkinson is located at the head of the ers. These lands, when changing hands, proven to a "backeaster," who has always | deal.

line from here to the coveted section to

fields of small grain and corn. This may have it is more of the same kind she already been a prairie country once, but it is now has. More people, more business men

Bryan for Governor

St. Louis Globe-Democrat (rep.).

bination of Nebraska for governor shows his friends insist on it. the federal courts may be invoked to that his friends intend to keep him at Undoubtedly Bryan's candidacy would the front at least until after the election make the election in Nebraska this year ing his disposition and avarictousness. It he says he does not want it, and will re- governor of his state in 1902 he would or who has been in any way connected with fuse it if it is tendered to him. His friends have an excellent chance to sweep the na- the Joe Bartley deal. To place a caudithink he can carry the state, and, there- tional convention of his party two years date at a disadvantage means an injury to fore, they are working to get him the hence. This is a contingency which makes the whole ticket. The opposition will take

candidacy. injure his prestige in the race for the

The effort which is being made to in- presidency, as it did. He was drafted, duce William J. Bryan to accept the nom- however, and Bryan will be compelled to ination of the democratic-populist com- accept the governorship candidacy now if

before and did not want it then, would throwing Bryan outside the breastworks.

AMONG THE FUSIONISTS.

Sherman County Times-Independent: W. J. Bryan announces that he will not accept the nomination at the hands of the fusion property. For ways that are dark and forces for the office of governor. Bryan has always been level-headed. The nominee must be a populist.

Holdrege Citizen: The fusion forces are talking again of nominating Bryan for governor. There are many who seem to think it will take some one like Bryan to keep the fusion forces in line, and even then there is liable to be trouble. Stanton Register: We are still firmly of

the opinion that John C. Sprecher should be he fusion nominee for governor. With a clean, honest, able man like Sprecher on the ticket we can go into the fight with vigor and win or lose knowing we have done our best.

Greeley Leader-Independent: As Dr. Coffin's candidacy for governor becomes more widely known his chances for the nomination become brighter. Let Greeley and Valley counties be neighborly and support candidates from central Nebraska, Coffin and Barry.

Ainsworth Star-Journal: Mike Harrington positively refuses to be a fusion candidate for governor. He is busily engaged in trying to keep the wolf from the door, but intimates that some years later, when he gets a few dollars ahead, he will go into politics just for the fun of the thing.

Crete Democrat: The Grand Island Democrat has been a very irregular visitor at this office for some time, but we notice in boost for auditor. It is our opinion that the fusionists have had enough of this individual already, without taking another

Bloomington Advocate: The fusionists of the state are fast coming to the conclusion that they cannot win in the race for governor this coming fall except by using the name of W. J. Bryan for that position. The Lincoln gentleman claims he is not a candidate, but that he would accept it if tendered to him unanimously.

Rushville 'Standard: The latest populist gubernatorial timber is Dr. C. E. Coffin of Valley county. He is said to be all wool, a yard wide, clean of character, smart as a whip, and has escaped the smell of fire him an injustice in insisting upon him acon his garments. Nothing strange about cepting the nomination for governor of that; there are scores of pops with like records. Hoorah for Sprecher.

Emerson Enterprise: healthy boom has been developed during the past ten days for W. J. Bryan for governor. Bryan is undoubtedly the strongest man the fusionists can put up, but Nebraska is pretty safely republican and if the convention at Lincoln, June 18, names good clean candidates even the eloquence of Mr. Bryan will not save the fusionists. Sherman County Times-Independent: The following named gentlemen have been mentioned as possible candidates before the fusion congressional convention for the nomination to the office of congressman from the "Big" Sixth: M. F. Harrington of O'Neil, Judge Westover of Rushville, General Barry of Greeley, Judge Sullivan of Broken Bow, Representative Taylor of Custer county and former State Senator Stewart of Scotts Bluff county.

Chadronian: As the time draws near for rington seems to be taking the lead. He is a brilliant and a thoroughly reliable man for the place. It is devoutly to be hoped that he can be induced to make the that Judge Westover will consent to make the polls if a democrat heads the ticket. the race, if nominated. In this instance gine the fusion forces are fortunate, for facts that it will be wise to heed.

those who know have conceded that Judge Westover will run "head and shoulders" the state its just dues. above anyone that the republicans can nominate in this judicial district.

Superior Journal: Hon. W. G. Hastings is talked of by the fusionists of the Fourth district as a candidate for congress. He was, several years ago, judge of this (the Seventh) judicial district, and is now a member of the supreme court commission. The fusionists of the Fourth district have the idea that their present congressman, Stark, will be the nominee for governor. and they are looking about for a man to take his place on the congressional ticket

Geneva Gazette: Hon. W. G. Hastings of Wilber, ex-judge of this judicial discourt commission, is being mentioned as a candidate for congress in the Fourth disbut in the event of his nomination for gov- | paper offices of the Lone Star state. ernor, which is not an improbability, many of them would no doubt be strong sup- souvenir in the form of a machete preporters of Mr. Hastings.

Grand Island Independent: The suggestion of Hon. W. H. Thompson of this city and a single gold star on one side and the for the fusion nomination for governor general's initials on the other in gold. seems to be growing in favor among the members of that party over the state While ex-Senator Allen has recently come out strongly in favor of Bryan for gov ernor, there are other fusionists, and quite a number of them, of equal prominence and perhaps greater influence, who favor Smyth or Thompson, and as between these two there can be but little doubt that the aggressive little Grand Islander, if he once gets fighting clothing on, will win.

Rushville Standard: The Madison Mail of last week devoted considerable space in advising the reform elements of the state to throw all other possible candidates for governor over the transom and unite on W. J. Bryan, believing that by doing so it would mean success for the reformers. The editor of this paper makes no pre tense of being as well informed on politics as the editor of the Mail, who is no other than ex-Senator Allen, but we believe the Mail has errored in advocating such a mercial traveler."

Detroit Free Press: "Those boys were alike as two peas and I hear they're much the same now."

"What business are they in?"

"One's a hypnotist and t'other's a commercial traveler." course. We have nothing to say against Mr. Bryan, but believe it would be doing good politics. Mr. Bryan's name has hardly been connected with the position, which is proof positive that proof positive that he has not been considered a candidate nor considered himself a candidate. In our opinion his candidacy will not be seriously considered.

Wahoo New Era: Some of our democratic exchanges, Brother Howard of the Columbus Telegram the most insistent, are urg ing upon the delegates selected to the next democratic state convention to stand pat in insisting upon a democrat to head the ticket. Such nonsensical talk is good grist into the republican hopper. A year ago gentlemen, you had your way, a democrat headed the ticket and defeat to the entire ticket was the result. If the opposition to the republican party honestly intend to get together, and they really are after success a populist must head the ticket unless i be Bryan. Individually we not only could but would be glad to support and vote for the state and other conventions the senti- such a true and honest reformer as "th ment for the various candidates seems to little glant" of Grand Island-W. H. be crystallizing. For governor, M. F. Har- Thompson-because we have faith in his political sincerity, and is the peer of any populist in his loyalty to the principles advocated by the populist party, but there are thousands of populist voters in this state race. For congress, it has been conceded that have made up their minds not to go to

CANDIDACY OF STATE TREASURER

Tekamah Journal: Those who would make it appear that to Treasurer Stuefer's manipulations of state school funds is due the credit for the large school apportionments, should take, for instance, his deal in Burt county bonds and figure out where the school fund's profit comes in on that

Callaway Courier: The republicans of Furnas county, in their convention, passed resolutions condemning State Treasurer Stuefer for his manipulation of school funds. This action might well be imitated by other counties. The republican party cannot afford to burden itself with men against whom even the appearance of official crookedness can be urged.

Wausa Gazette: We believe the proper thing for Treasurer Stuefer would be to get out of the race. His record is not above criticism and as a candidate this fall he would be sure to be a dead weight to the state ticket. To make sure of victory this fall it behooves Nebraska republicans to place a ticket in the field for which there is no need making excusesmen who have in the least proven unworthy of public trust should be relegated to the rear and new, clean timber brought forward. By placing the stamp of disapproval on all questionable actions of their public men the party will gain strength and respect; by attempting to make excuses for such, but suspicion and loss of

The Enterprise believes that David Mercer has served the Second district long enough, for many reasons, which we will give from time to time in these columns, Mr. Mercer seems to have lost all interest in this district, except just when he wants our vote. He has even ceased to reside in Nebraska. He has no business interest here, and if he is not continued on Nebraska's pay roll he will no doubt quit the state. The Second district has many bright and competent young men who have grown into prominence among us. They are clean, able and progressive. Give them a show. Among those who have been prominently mentioned for congress are Judge Baxter, E. J. Cornish, N. C. Pratt and Attorney

North Nebraska Eagle: The press of the

state continues in no modest way to criticise State Treasurer Stuefer and his very indiscreet acts, and to an alarming extent the propriety of his candidacy for a renomination at the coming republican state convention. The general feeling seems to be that if he is on the ticket it means an attitude of defense, and it is a well known fact that in a redhot campaign constant explanations do not explain. While some of the bond deals, as exposed by The Omaha Bee, made a bad showing for Mr. Stuefer, the Eagle will only say that he acted very unwise and indiscreet. Many questioned his honesty and integrity, knowof 1904. If there were any chance of his of interest to the whole country. Bryan is well to view things as they are. The success in the canvass for governor there himself has said that he has ceased to coming campaign will be an exceedingly would be an obvious reason for compelling be an aspirant for the presidential nom- warm one. No man should be placed on him to accept the candidacy, even though ination in 1904, but if he should be elected the ticket whose record contains any spots, the canvass in Nebraska of great interest advantage of all the mistakes that are lis-Many prominent men have been con- to the country. All the gold democrats, of ble to be made. For Mr. Stuefer to make strained to accept nominations which they course, are against Bryan, but not many a defensive campaign would be somewhat did not want and which they declared they of that sort of democrats can be found in humiliating, and it would be even far more would decline. Senator Hill positively for- Nebraska even now. If Bryan should give humiliating to him if he were defeated. bade his friends to name him for governor the word he would be nominated for gov- It would seem as a good, conscientious of New York in 1894, but they went right ernor by acclamation. There is a chance republican Stuefer would not want the balahead and put him up, and he was forced that he will be nominated whether he ance of the ticket to lose votes on account to accept the candidacy. Bryan will be in gives the word or not, and, if nominated, of himself being placed on the same. a similar position. Hill at that time was a he will be compelled to accept. This is Again, as a business proposition, can he presidential aspirant, as he is still, and something which will give a great deal of afford to take the office for the paltry he knew that a defeat for the governor- concern to the men who are attempting salary, especially when he knows the salary ship, even though he had held that office to reorganize the democratic party by will hardly cover the expenses? It will be far more vindication for Mr. Stuefer to withdraw from the race and step aside to make room for a new man, after having filled the office for one term with a pretty fair record and being able to turn over to

PERSONAL NOTES.

The way the Texas oil men fight the oc topus is by organizing a trust of their own. A portrait of Captain Clark, the Oregon's commander, is being painted to be placed

in the Vermont capitol. Dr. N. C. Morse, president of the Iowa Association of Railway Surgeons, is the heaviest physician in America, weighing 325 pounds.

A Pennsylvania professor is trying to frighten Hudson river people by telling them that Anthony's Nose was once an actrict, and now a member of the supreme tive volcano and that he is liable at any time to blow it. Prof. Robert T. Hill, the geologist whose

trict on the fusion ticket and some of investigations at the scene of the Martinique his friends have started a boom for him. horror have attracted wide-spread attention, Congressman Stark has a large number of was a printer in his youth. He is a Texan supporters for a fourth term in Fillmore, and worked at his trade in several news-Governor Wood brought from Cuba a

sented to him by veterans of the Cuban war. The hilt has the Cuban coat of arms

SMILING REMARKS.

Philadelphia Press: "Of course," said the church trustee, "we realize that you are a good preacher, but—"
"But," interrupted the minister who was "But," interrupted the minister who was unable to collect his salary, "I appear to be doomed to be good for nothing."

Washington Star: "Have you made any important discoveries with reference to volcanoes?"
"I have," answered the scientist with ponderous emphasis. "Volcanoes are extremely dangerous to life and property."

Chicago Tribune: "I haven't seen a good short story for months. What has become of all the writers of fiction?" "Don't you know? They are all at work writing attractive little pamphlets for the proprietors of summer resort hotels. Detroit Free Press:

Philadelphia Press: "Phoxy has opened 'musical conservatory for beginners' in his house." He doesn't know anything

proverb-monger, "that the burnt child avoids the fire."

"Yes," answered the sneerer, "but the burnt child has the satisfaction of proving to the world that its family is still able to buy coal."

A SECRET.

New York Tribune. A sweet robin sang from the old apple tree,
"I've a secret so sacred I'll tell only thee,
And thou must remember 'tis 'twixt me
and thee.

'Come under the branches and blossoms so That cluster in fragrance quite close to my feet.

And I'll tell thee a secret thou must not re-

There is in the branches high over my A round little nest that's as soft as thy And over it hovers the sweet wife I've wed. "And what do you spose is tucked under her wings?"—But four very wonderful, beautiful things, For which the sweet mother bird grate-

"They are four dainty eggs which we're guarding with care. In each egg there's a baby bird hiding! So there. Gentlemen, we are only stating stubborn Do you wender I'm giad, with a secret so facts that it will be wise to head.