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Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 21st day of July, 1902.

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## AS TO COMPULSORY ARBITRATION.

The question of compulsory arbitration in labor troubles has been raised in Canada by the introduction of a bill in Parliament providing for such arbitration. While of a general character the measure applies especially to railway strikes and lockouts and provides for provincial arbitration boards, whose awards shall be final, or subject to change only by the same arbitrators. The bill proposes to establish a tribunal which is to use conciliating influences when strikes are threatened and, failing to bring the parties to an understanding by these means, the tribunal is clothed with powers to undertake arbitration and enforce its findings upon the railway corporations and railway employees. The American consul at Montreal says that in the public discussion of the proposition two things stand out pretty plainly: First, it is generally admitted that the application of the compulsory method of settling disputes between capital and labor is inevitable, and second, that the introduction of this principle will tend to harmonize the relations of capital and labor and promote a better understanding of those matters as to which the interests of each are identical.

There are very earnest advocates in this country of compulsory arbitration, who urge that in no other way is it possible to preserve industrial peace, but all discussions of the subject by the representatives of both labor and capital have shown an overwhelming sentiment against compulsory arbitration. The experiment of New Zealand with this policy, which has admittedly been successful, exerts little influence here, for the reason that conditions in that country and this are very different. The New Zealand system of compulsory arbitration was fully considered at the Chicago conference of representatives of employers and organized labor two years ago and the decision was that it could not be made applicable in the United States. We believe that none of the men who compose the Civic Federation are in favor of compulsory arbitration and it can confidently be assumed that the time is very remote when that policy will be adopted in this country, if it ever shall.

The only thing to labor for seems to be that which Senator Hanna says the Civic Federation is trying to accomplish, establishing a condition of absolute confidence between employer and employee. It is a difficult task, calling for great patience, perseverance and earnest endeavor, but it seems to be the only plan having any promise of a satisfactory result.

## NEBRASKA IMMIGRATION.

All agree that what Nebraska needs most is more people to till its soil and develop its natural resources, and at the same time to furnish a home market for the products of Nebraska industries. The noticeable improvement during the last year or two in the demand for farm lands not only from investors, but from actual settlers bent upon making their homes in this state, proves conclusively that Nebraska offers advantages equal, if not greater, than any other western state.

This is more forcibly emphasized when we remember that for years Nebraska has gone without any organized work to attract immigration, but has been content to take its share of the natural westward movement of incoming settlers. The strong efforts, however, that are being made by Canada and by some of our own states to turn the stream of immigration into channels leading in their direction, suggests the necessity of Nebraska exerting itself in some systematic way to draw new people to its fertile fields and extensive ranges.

By consolidated effort Nebraska can without question add 100,000 inhabitants to its population within the next two years. Some of this population increment is bound to come of its own accord, but we cannot get the full benefit that belongs to us unless we do something to bring the unexampled opportunities offered by this state to the attention of those who may be induced to join our citizenship. This question should be fully discussed now so that plans may be worked out for putting into motion a vigorous immigration campaign during the coming winter.

## PACIFIC CABLE CONDITIONS.

If the conditions framed by Attorney General Knox and approved by the president for the construction of a cable to Hawaii and the Philippines shall be accepted by any private company able to fulfill them, it is very probable that there will be no serious objection in congress or on the part of the public. It has been conclusively shown that a majority in congress are not in favor of the government laying a Pacific cable. The question was very thoroughly considered and fully discussed, with the result that the bill providing for a government cable was defeated. It is safe to say that a renewal of the proposition would meet with a similar fate.

The importance of having a cable between the United States and its Oriental possessions is generally recognized and it is desirable that this connection shall be established as soon as possible. The essential thing is that the cable shall be at all times and in all circumstances available to the government at a reasonable charge for the service and this is provided for in the conditions approved by the president. All interests of the government are carefully safeguarded. The company contracting to lay and operate a cable must be free from any combination or association that would interfere with any other American company laying cable from the United States to Chinese territory, or by which rates would be regulated. Thus a monopoly cannot be created, the field being left open to competition. No other line American territory shall be touched by the cable on the way from the United States to China. Rates for commercial service must be reasonable. Govern-

ment messages shall have priority over all other business at rates to be fixed annually by the postmaster general. The United States is to have the right at all times to purchase the cable at an appraised value and may assume full control of it in time of war or when war is threatened. Other conditions relate to the operation of the cable and require prompt and efficient service.

The president and attorney general seem to have left nothing to be desired in order to fully protect the interests of the government in connection with the projected cable. The government is to fix the rates it shall pay, shall have priority in service, is authorized to take full control of the cable in case of war and shall at all times have the right to purchase the lines, property and effects. It is not easy to see how greater security could be given than is provided in these conditions.

## PEOPLE HAVE A RIGHT TO KNOW.

After an absence of two years David H. Mercer has returned to Omaha to present himself as a candidate for a sixth-term nomination to congress. Before the republican party of this district commits itself to his support it is only right and proper that he should give an account of his stewardship and enlighten his constituents upon his future intentions.

First and foremost, the people of this district want to know whether Mr. Mercer proposes to resume his residence in Omaha and identify himself permanently with its citizenship in case he fails to secure re-nomination or a re-election. His very rare visits to this city during the past six years and his established residence in the District of Columbia, where he is regarded as a permanent acquisition, have naturally created the impression that he has no other use for the people of this district except to furnish him a \$5,000 seat in congress with perquisites and opportunities for a lucrative life.

In the next place, the republicans of this district have a right to ask whether Mr. Mercer proposes in the future, as in the past, to pursue the supremely selfish policy of letting others pay his campaign expenses and letting others fight his battles without ever returning a favor by helping any candidate except Mercer.

Incidentally, the people of this district would like to have answers to questions which Mr. Mercer's champion in debate dodged or sought to parry by personalities.

Will Mr. Mercer, for example, explain why he has distributed West Point and Annapolis cadetships to personal favorites instead of giving all the eligible young men of this district the opportunity to compete for the positions on an equal footing?

Will Mr. Mercer explain why he caused the dismissal of two Nebraska Grand Army veterans who were employed at the national capitol and substituted for them residents of Minnesota, whose only claim for employment was their family relation to him?

Will Mr. Mercer explain why he pocketed the Thurston bill, establishing a general quartermasters' depot station at Omaha, after it had passed the senate two years ago, when by merely reporting the bill it had every chance for passage and would have given Omaha a purchasing supply station instead of a quartermasters' storage building?

Will Mr. Mercer inform his admirers what disposition he made of the \$200 draft given to him for promoting the Greater America exposition and why he had that draft pass through the hands of a middleman instead of cashing it himself? Is it customary for congressmen in Washington to have middlemen as receiving and disbursing agents?

Latest and most immediately interesting, will Mr. Mercer explain why he made a defensive and offensive alliance with its population within the next two years. Some of this population increment is bound to come of its own accord, but we cannot get the full benefit that belongs to us unless we do something to bring the unexampled opportunities offered by this state to the attention of those who may be induced to join our citizenship. This question should be fully discussed now so that plans may be worked out for putting into motion a vigorous immigration campaign during the coming winter.

## AN INSULT TO WORKINGMEN.

Governor Savage has a right to resent any imputation upon his integrity in connection with the appointment of a police commission, although it is a matter of public notoriety that he allowed a railroad attorney and a corporation congressman to dictate who should or should not be appointed by him.

But Governor Savage has no right to insult the workmen of Omaha in an open letter excusing his breach of faith with them on the ground of fear that any representative of organized labor might have selected would be bought up by the criminal classes.

Coming from the man who paroled Bartley under pretense that a large portion, if not all, of the money embezzled from the state would be paid back and then gave him an unconditional pardon without a dollar's restitution, such a charge is audacious and only exhibits the depths of degradation to which the office of governor of this state has been dragged.

Who has put the idea into the governor's head that every workman in Omaha is in the market to be bought and sold? Was it Congressman Mercer, who dared not trust a workman on the commission? How often has Mr. Mercer come in contact with the workmen of Omaha? Does he gauge all the workmen by the class of ward he has been accustomed to hire?

Why should Governor Savage rail at walking delegates and why charge all workmen indiscriminately with being anarchists and socialists? Is this also an echo of the arguments by which Mercer kept workmen from being recognized in the making of the commission?

If Governor Savage had any decency in him, the least he could do would be to apologize to the workmen, whom

he has stigmatized as venal, corrupt and lawless.

According to the World-Herald, which is the recognized mouthpiece of Congressman Mercer, "the republican congressional primary will be held at the same time. The anti has made up their minds that the machine can be properly skinned in that way, and that it will be good to do a double-barreled job while they are at it." Who are the anti and who is the machine? Haven't the anti captured the machine and are they not now in command of the Union Pacific constabulary, swinging the police club right and left to line up the Third ward for Mercer?

Republicans throughout the state, starting in on a second round of legislative nominations, cannot be admonished too often of the necessity of selecting men who command public confidence because of tried integrity and known ability. The chances are that the principal work of the coming legislature will involve issues between the railroads and the people, and the people will insist on having representatives who can be depended on to uphold the interest of the public when it comes in conflict with the interest of the corporations.

## EMPEROR WILLIAM IS BECOMING ALTOGETHER TOO LAVISH WITH HIS GENEROSITY.

He has just distributed with a free hand another bunch of Red Eagles to a lot of Russian officers who happen to have been detailed by the czar to look after the comfort of his imperial guests. Luckily there is nothing to stop the German emperor from decreeing free and unlimited cologne of Red Eagles.

In introducing the new police captain to the force Chief Donahue is quoted as saying, "This is Captain Henry P. Haze. He needs little introduction to most of you. His past record as a police officer will, no doubt, be repeated." Whether this assurance caused an audible smile all along the line of brass buttons is not reported. A repetition of that record will make even Head Axman Broatch put his handkerchief to his nose.

Second district democrats will choose their candidate for congress next week. Last time the nomination went a-begging, but this year the list of possible entries counts up into two figures. The congressional situation as viewed through democratic spectacles must have changed in the interval.

From my boyhood, I have been a laborer. My credentials were not a card, but calloused and blistered hands—sure P. Savage to the workmen of Omaha.

The governor may be right, it was not a single card but the whole poker deck, and those blisters were doubtless produced by handling chips of three colors.

## AFTER THE LAND GRABBERS.

Fender, New Era.

Mr. Rosewater has his warrant on good and thick, concerning the agency and land deals.

## STILL HAS ITS STRING.

Beatrice Sun.

The gentlemen who have been poking sticks into the hive will find that the Bee has not lost its sting.

## Don't Worry Him.

Chicago Record-Herald.

Now that a train robber has been killed and Tracy is no more, perhaps Mr. Pat Crowe will have the kindness to rest a trifle worried.

## The Revised Three R's.

Boston Transcript.

President Schurman's re-adaptation of "the three R's" to the political situation was certainly felicitous, whether it sums up all the points or not.

## Prepares to Pay the Piper.

Baltimore American.

When the cat strike is over and the mines resume work then the poor, dear public will be kindly allowed to play the leading part as far as the performance known as paying the piper is concerned.

## Too Much of a Good Thing.

Cincinnati Enquirer (dem.).

It may be the duty of a great party to lose on principle occasionally, but after it has been licked fifteen or twenty times some of the members naturally think it is time to get up a set of principles and candidates with which and whom there is a chance to win.

## Assurances of a Check.

St. Paul Pioneer Press.

Senator Stewart says that the elimination of the silver question will make Nevada strongly republican. His return and that of Jones to the republican fold indicate as much, but it is so well to have explicit assurances from the gentleman who owns the state.

## No Occasion for Disruption.

Kearney Hub.

Senator Millard's remark to a Washington interviewer that it will take a great deal more than Cuban sugar to cause a disruption in Nebraska is right to the point and is quite the truth. No matter what differences of opinion there may be as to details of the Cuban agreement, the Hub believes with Senator Millard that the proposed treaty is submitted and adopted there will not be any republican divisions because of it.

## Stands on Shoe Leather.

Boston Journal.

Massachusetts may well be proud of the record of the federal census bulletin which deals with the boot and shoe manufacture, for here is an industry where, in spite of intensifying competition, the Bay State still stands clearly pre-eminent. Out of a total product valued at \$281,028,000 in the year 1900, no less than \$117,115,543 came from Massachusetts factories, and as we are far and away first in this business, as we were in 1890 and 1880, is the census enumerations of those years.

## Science Getting in Its Work.

Philadelphia Ledger.

In the line of applied science, the news of the day contains few items more aggressively interesting than that of the appointment of the governor for police commissioners of Omaha appeared in yesterday's Times. The appointments have stirred up a fever of excitement in some quarters of that city. It is an anti-Rosewater deal. Congressman Mercer and his associates have conspired to bring about the appointment of the new police board for the city of Omaha, and of course, Dave Mercer is at the bottom of it all. The new board consists of W. J. Broatch, Carl C. Wright, Lee Sprague, and C. C. Wright and Lee Sprague, democrats, who now have possession of the office and are recognized as O. K. by the chiefs of police and fire department. In his day Rosey has swallowed a good many bitter pills and while these go pretty hard against his stomach, he will survive the shock and bob up again in some other quarter as full of fight as ever.

# St. Louis and Omaha

St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

A writer in an obscure Omaha paper asserts that Missouri did nothing for the Omaha exposition of a few years ago. All the rest of the states and the territories were, he says, represented, but Missouri did not participate. As Nebraska is about to elect a legislature which that person believes will pass an appropriation next winter for Nebraska's representation at the St. Louis world's fair of 1904, he presents this charge with an intimation of defeating such a purpose if possible.

There is no foundation for this accusation. Missouri was represented in the Omaha exposition. It leased 6,774 square feet of floor space in the exposition at the outset, for which it paid \$2,851. Afterward additional space was obtained and paid for. Missouri paid more to the Omaha exposition for space than did any other state. It had a finer exhibit than did any other state which was represented. The long list of premiums awarded to it will show that this state was represented in a decidedly conspicuous and effective way at Omaha. It was said at the time that Missouri carried off not only more prizes from Omaha than any other state except Nebraska, but more than any other four states.

Examination of the records of the Omaha fair will show that Missouri was its part toward making that enterprise a success. Ignorant, thoughtless or malicious persons may charge, as the particular individual referred to does, that Missouri was indifferent to that exposition, but the records are there to confound such assertions. Nebraska knew that they got a good deal of help, financial and other, from that state at that time. Nebraska will reciprocate at the approaching world's fair. The legislature of that state will do as those of most of the western states and territories have done or will do in the coming winter and pass a good-sized appropriation for the representation of the state here. The St. Louis world's fair will be greater than any exposition of any sort ever held in the world thus far, and Nebraska will be proud that she was adequately represented at it.

## OMAHA FIRE AND POLICE BOARD.

Humphrey Leader: Now that Governor Savage has finally named the Omaha Police and Fire commissioners that city will have a breathing spell.

Austin Sun: The appointment of the Omaha Fire and Police commissioners has caused Rosewater to select a new bunch of war implements.

Friend Telegraph: In appointing the new board of police commissioners at Omaha there has been left some very sore spots in the metropolis of the state.

Herald Journal: Governor Savage has appointed the Omaha Fire and Police board. It is said the appointment was given to anti-Rosewaterites. And now we may expect to see them "the old man" again (7).

Beatrice Sun: Governor Savage has selected the new Omaha police commission. In doing so he gave Mr. Rosewater a very severe jab in the ribs by appointing four warm political friends of Congressman Mercer.

Hastings Tribune: Governor Savage has appointed William J. Broatch, Joseph W. Thomas, Carl C. Wright and Lee Sprague police commissioners of Omaha. This is an anti-Rosewater police commission. It is too bad that republicans in the metropolis keep up this useless quarrel.

Leigh World: Governor Savage has appointed a new fire and police commission for the city of Omaha. The first thing the new board does was to rush into the city hall and call all the appointees on the carpet and compel them to take allegiance to the new commission.

Fender Times: The supreme court has turned around again and handed down another decision in the Omaha police matter. This time Rosewater is turned down hard, and Dave Mercer is suu put. The angry crowd are very much pleased, and don't be surprised if Hantise don't claim that "Willie did it."

Scraper News: Governor Savage has appointed a new fire and police commission for Omaha. The rival claims of different factions are evidence that the new board is much outnumbered with politics as the old one, and in addition to this has the disadvantage of existing contrary to the principle of home rule.

Stanton Register: Governor Savage has appointed a new police board in Omaha and says that is decidedly anti-Rosewater. The governor has certainly got even with the Blue editor for once, and certainly has prevailing Savage from getting another term in his office. Revenge is sweet and Savage certainly secured a large chunk of saccharine matter.

Fairbury Enterprise: The governor visited Omaha Monday afternoon and while there handed commissions to W. J. Broatch, Joseph W. Thomas, Carl C. Wright and Lee Sprague as fire and police commissioners for the city of Omaha. The supreme court ordered the governor to make the appointments and he did so. The matter may now be dropped and then it may be it will go back into the courts and certainly the people will be kept in a state of suspense.

Stanton Pickett: Governor Savage has appointed a new Fire and Police commission for Omaha in accordance with the dictations of Dave Mercer and without respect to the feelings of Edward Rosewater. This is exactly as was expected. In politics as in all other matters the man who does not stand by his friends and avers his enemies does not retain many friends long, while his enemies increase and multiply.

Wood River Interests: Governor Savage has again extinguished himself in the matter of appointing the police commission for the city of Omaha. The law, at best, giving the governor power to interfere with the city government of Omaha is a fool one and where, as in the present case, the arts of legerdemain are utilized in the matter of appointment and inducing the appointees into office, it creates a tremendous uproar, which in this particular case is a hurt to the republican party.

Ord Quilt: Governor Savage has appointed the new police board in obedience to the mandates from the supreme court that he proceed to perform that duty. The governor was coy about calling in the names of the metropolis, and the real author for doing so under the law being somewhat in dispute. But a mandate from the supreme court was sufficient to make him go ahead and he was not long in making his selections from the long list of names handed him to choose from. It is needless to say that he appointed men whom Rosewater would not want to be in that place.

Kearney Hub: If W. J. Broatch enjoys an artistic role he ought to be nearly tickled to death with his personal part in the St. Louis world's fair. It is no large as life and twice as natural. The wonder is, indeed, that the thought of putting Broatch into the position of republicanism promises could be thought of for a moment, but it is not surprising that it should be done by an executive who had the sublime hardihood to pardon Bartley. Fortunately the republican party is not being held responsible for the acts of Governor Savage. If it were there would be more to answer for than several election days.

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