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THE PARKER PLATFORM
There is necessarily general interest in the platform put out by the Empire state democratic convention, because it is believed to express the opinions of the man who is likely to be nominated at St. Louis and will be the model of the platform to be adopted by the national convention.

congressional convention must, therefore, be issued and published on or before April 30. Mr. Blackburn strongly declares that "the congressional committee will not call a convention to meet this week, or next week, or week after next."

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Having paid a fine of \$25,000 to the state of Missouri, the Beef trust will have a hard time to prove that it does not exist. With all of its lawlessness Missouri has a way of getting at some combinations, for it is the only western state which ever succeeded in collecting fines from insurance companies which violated anti-combination laws.

OTHER LANDS THAN OURS.
Curious have been the results of the recent elections for the second Parliament of the Australian commonwealth. In the first Parliament there were three parties—protectionist, free trade and labor, the last named, however, was negligible because of the large government or protection majority. The late election has changed this, as a writer notes in the current North American Review. In the Senate the government has but eight members, while the opposition and the labor party have each fourteen. In the House of Representatives the free traders have twenty-seven seats, the government twenty-six and the labor party twenty-three. In accordance with British precedent, the present government should resign, inasmuch as it cannot command a majority. But if it should do so, which of the other parties could form a ministry? Not the free traders alone; not the labor party alone. If there is any compromise, it is more likely to be between the protectionists and the labor men, then between the free traders and either of the other parties. The government, therefore, retains power, supported by its opponents.

THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR ROYAL BAKING POWDER Absolutely Pure IT IS A MATTER OF HEALTH

STATEMENT OF CIRCULATION.
State of Nebraska, Douglas County, ss.
George B. Tschuck, secretary of the Bee Publishing Company, being duly sworn, says that the actual number of full and complete copies of the Daily Morning Edition and Sunday Edition printed during the month of March, 1904, was as follows:

What will the American people think of a man who stands upon that platform, assuming that it will be the model of the national platform? What does it present to the nation that should encourage any citizen to vote for the democracy? The Parker platform, as given out by the democracy of the Empire state, is supposed to be very conservative, but as a matter of fact it is utterly insane and insipid. It does not appeal in the least degree to the old spirit of democracy, but on the contrary suggests a conservatism that the great majority of democrats will regard as a complete surrender of the late aggressive attitude of the party.

THE BUREAU AT WORK.
The average citizen is not aware of the fact that the bureau of corporations of the Department of Commerce is today actively employed in carrying out its work, as prescribed by the law, but such is the fact. There is not at this time in any department of the government a more active and energetic section than that which is engaged in looking after the corporations that are alleged to be violating the laws of the land in any direction.

BEWARE OF THE FICKLE DAME.
Baltimore American.
All the circumstantial evidence points to its being sprung, but it will not do to act without caution in the matter.

CHARACTERISTIC EXPLANATIONS.
New York Tribune.
Admiral Togo ascribes the recent Japanese successes as due to the emperor's virtue and "the help of heaven," while the Russians attribute their misfortunes to "blind fate." The explanations are of a novel kind in modern warfare, but each is specially characteristic.

LAUGHING GAS.
"Is the new man a good speller?"
"I should say he is. Why, he used to edit the unclaimed letter list in a Russian village."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.
"Sometimes," said Uncle Eben, "you'll find a man that thinks he has proved his patriotism when he holds out for three drinks of liquor inside of a one in exchange for his vote."—Washington Star.

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Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 1st day of April, A. D. 1904.
Notary Public

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INSPIRING LEADERSHIP OF HILL.
New York Tribune.
The doctor who the democratic party have been told that what their party chiefly needed was inspiring leadership, but instead of that it has been compelled to swallow a large and nauseous dose of David B. Hill. A wider contrast between prescription and treatment has seldom been seen.

LOOKING BACKWARD.
Minneapolis Journal.
New York is not only for Roosevelt, but has "directed" the delegates to do all they can to secure his nomination. They will not find the job a very hard one, but it is interesting to find Tom Platt and Chauncey Depew, two of those most active in trying to shove Roosevelt in 1900, going to Chicago under instructions of this character.

AN IDEA UNDER A CLOUD.
Philadelphia Press.
What is known as the Iowa "idea" in tariff reform appears to be under a cloud. Governor Cummins has been the exponent of that idea, conceding that the majority of the republican state convention in Iowa will be opposed to the adoption of a plank embodying his recommendations on this subject. The probabilities are that the Iowa delegates will not carry the convention. The governor wants to be a delegate-at-large to the Chicago convention and that may be conceded to him.

STICK TO IT.
Nixon Waterman, in Success.
O'prim little postage stamp, "holding your own"
In a manner so winning and gentle,
That you're "stuck on your task,"—(It that was "stuck" you're "stuck" on your task.)
And yet, you're not two-cent-mental,
I have got you with you that through thick and thin,
You cling to a thing till you do it,
And, whatever your aim, you are certain to win.
Because you seem bound to stick to it,
Sometimes when I feel just like shirking a task
Or "chickening" the work I'm pursuing,
I recall your stick-to-it-iveness and I ask
"Would a postage stamp do as I'm doing?"
Then turn to whatever my hands are about
And with fortified purpose persevere it,
And you'll see me, like you, stick to it.

It's a cold day in midsummer when the courts of Douglas county do not have an election contest case pending on the docket.
Ruspan soldiers will not be expected to adopt a watchword like, "Remember the Maine," for there are already too many boats to be remembered.

BLACKBURN'S IDEAL THREAT.
In a personal letter addressed to the editor of the Bee, delivered to him Thursday afternoon and published Friday morning in the World-Herald, T. W. Blackburn indulges in the following screed:
I am advised that at a recent meeting of the eighteen aspiring patriots in the auditorium of the Millard hotel you took occasion to criticize me very severely for not calling the congressional committee together for the purpose of determining when a congressional convention should be held in the Second congressional district.

PARKEE AS A COMPROMISE.
Chicago Chronicle (dem.).
The attempt at a compromise has been a failure, as the Chronicle has all along said it would be. There can be no compromise between democrats and populists. One or the other must rule. The populists have ruled for eight years. If the democrats intend to rule this time, they may as well nominate their strongest man, whose name is Grover Cleveland, for, whether they nominate one democrat or another, they are certain to be confronted by a bolt on the part of Bryan and Hearst.

SHORT OF A MAN THE AMERICAN PEOPLE LOVE TO HONOR.
Roelle's Weekly.
President Roosevelt is criticized in some quarters for his action in the pension matter; the summary way in which he cut the Gordian knot in the "treasury" tangle in the Wood case offended some persons, and his promptness in dealing with a critical Panama issue called out loud protests from a few timid and ultra conservative individuals. All these people would be excited if they knew history a little better.

As to the interior condition of Morocco, that appears to be growing worse continually. A French newspaper publishes a letter written by Dr. Gleure, a Frenchman, who is said to be high in the confidence of the Moorish pretender at Fez. Dr. Gleure writes that the Sultan's army, which is the festival of the Sultan's army, in the direction of Fez and Oudja. The column will be commanded by one of Bu Hamara's sons. The pretender will then move, at the head of troops recruited among the Ghilates, the Rifis, the Gilaas and the Beni Gula, to the Sultan's army. He hopes to take with him the Sultan's army, and to take with him the Sultan's army, and to take with him the Sultan's army.

POLITICAL DRIFT.
Judge Parker looms up 6 feet 2 and will be 62 years of age on May 14.
The first bet of \$5,000, even money, on the election of President Roosevelt has been recorded in Wall Street.
The encouragement given Judge Parker for his persistent silence is eloquent evidence of the fear rooted into the systems of democrats by the big wind of 1896.

From the evidence of some of the witnesses in the Smoot case the Mormon church seems to have been the pioneer in the way of injecting the church into politics.
With the unit rule silencing so many Henrat delegates, there is real danger in the St. Louis convention for the majority of the followers of the "yellow peril" are long on talk.

THE "YELLOW PERIL," WHICH HAS SO GREATLY AGGRAVATED THE MIND OF SENATOR PATRIGNON OF COLORADO, MAY BE THE HEART BOOM MARCHING TO THE ROCKIES rather than a coming influx of Asiatics.
If those mines which are floating in the China sea destroy neutral vessels Admiral Togo may be sorry that he made public his action on the night before the disaster to Makaroff's flagship.

THE INDIAN BUREAU HAS ORDERED ALL MEN of mixed blood who claim allotments on the Omaha reservation to pull up stakes. With this order rigidly enforced blood-mixing will not be a paying investment hereafter.
Tom Hoctor has filed his contest papers against Mayor Koutsky of South Omaha. The gist of Hoctor's complaint is that he fell shy of votes at the recent election, but thinks he ought to be given the office anyway.

AS A SEQUENCE OF THE DESTRUCTIVE conflagration that has swept the business district of Toronto the architect of that city will recommend that hereafter no building higher than four stories shall be constructed unless absolutely fire-proof, and that no building of any kind shall be erected at a greater height than seven stories, or about 100 feet, and the Toronto municipal council and mayor will doubtless carry out his recommendation. Toronto is one of the best governed cities on the continent and the prompt steps it has taken to avert future calamities by fire are not only commendable but should be emulated by every large American city.

GOVERNOR MICKY AND OTHER STATE OFFICERS are said to be wrestling with the question as to where they should make return of their personal property for assessment. That ought to be an easy one—personal property is assessable at the legal residence of the owner. If Governor Mickey expects to go back to Polk county to vote he will have to go back there to pay his personal taxes.

THE ART OF DRESSING IS NOT RESTRICTED HERE TO GENIUSES.
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R. S. WILCOX, Mgr.

THE FACTS REGARDING THE DESTRUCTION OF THE Petropavlovsk are gradually coming to light. At this time one eye-witness says there were four explosions, while another says there was none. An ear-witness would seem to be more valuable in such a case than a number of eye-witnesses.

THE ELEVENTH IOWA DISTRICT campaign for congressional nomination presents so many complications that the oldest residents of the district are guessing. There is but one thing certain about it and that is all but one of the aspirants will be disappointed, and that one has no sure thing.

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