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Subscribed in my private capacity before me this 18th day of August, A. D. 1904. M. B. HUNGATE, Notary Public.

If this thing keeps up Nebraska farmers will soon be praying for drought.

All is quiet at South Omaha. The United States marshal has run out of injunction blanks.

How many inner forts will the Japanese army have to capture before it gets inside of Port Arthur?

That sugar rate war will not seriously affect the quantity, quality or price of sugar in the coffee cup.

The Sarpy county congressional stalking horse has been requisitioned to report promptly to John N. Baldwin.

Exhibitors at the coming Omaha horse show are warned in time that their horses must appear in evening dress, with trappings to correspond.

An all-the-year-round hippodrome has been planned for Omaha by Skip Dundy—just as if Omaha had not already been favored with several all-the-year-round hippodromes.

Governor Mickey's decision to let the other fellow do the talking while he is devoting his time to the discharge of his official duties will meet the approval of all classes of citizens.

British cotton spinners who lost \$35,000,000 by the corner in cotton this year will have little use for combinations in which either Mr. Sully or the boll weevil are interested hereafter.

American insurance companies object to the new income tax law of Denmark. If they do not find a way of evading that law they will show that in at least one respect Europe is superior to America.

The latest advice from Atlantic City indicate that Senator Mercer and his North Carolina Nubian chair pusher may be expected to reach Omaha in time to take part in the republican primaries.

The claim is made for Tom Watson that he is the originator of rural free delivery, but although rural free delivery is a very popular institution it will not elect Tom Watson president of the United States.

The World-Herald cartoonist has prepared a series of pen pictures of John N. Baldwin and "my man Gurley," but they are not to be placed on exhibition until after Baldwin has carried the republican primaries.

Emigration or the workhouse is the best that Joseph Chamberlain can see for the English workman unless there is a revision of British tariff laws. Evidently Andrew Carnegie has failed to convert the distinguished British judge to the theory of Anglo-Saxon free trade.

Joseph LaMaster was once elected by Nebraska republicans as contingent congressman. This explains why Hugh LaMaster, his son, is ambitious to fill the seat which congress refused to concede to Nebraska upon any contingency. It goes without saying that Hugh's entrance into congress is contingent upon the number of republican votes he can muster in the first district.

The South Omaha merchants, we are told, are deploring the continuation of the strike because the strike breakers now employed at the packing houses are not privileged to patronize them. Most of the strike breakers have been working for good wages, but they spend all their money in Omaha. They do not even buy booze in South Omaha. We realize that this is deplorable, but what cannot be cured must be endured. No home-patronage campaign can have any effect on the average thirty strike breaker.

CHINESE NEUTRALITY MENACED.

That there is danger of a grave breach of the neutrality of China, which might lead to the most serious consequences, is obvious. The incident at Che Foo, which the Japanese government contends, with a good deal of plausibility, was justified by the circumstances and intimates may be repeated under like conditions, has served to point out the weakness of China and the probable inability of that government to single-handedly enforce observance of its neutrality. If the exigencies of war should drive either belligerent to a breach of neutrality on land, as is quite possible, it is to be feared that China could do little to protect her territory. It is said she has a considerable army near the point of danger, but Chinese troops are not very effective nor particularly trustworthy. It was stated in a late dispatch from Washington that it is not apprehended there that breaches of neutrality may extend to land operations, it being understood that our government has been assured by Japan and Russia that there will be no extension of the war field beyond Manchuria, and perhaps Corea, which constituted the original theater. Doubtless this is now the intention, but the progress of hostilities will produce new circumstances and no one can foresee where these will lead. Chinese impetuosity is the vital difficulty in the situation. Undoubtedly the government means well and is earnestly desirous to prevent any breach of neutrality, but its powers and its courage are not equal to its responsibilities. It is not independent in any real or broad sense, but is to a considerable extent subject to foreign influence and rather more to that of Russia than to the influence of any other nation. The course of the war has very likely weakened Russia at Peking, but she still receives attention there. The danger to Chinese neutrality is of course commanding the earnest attention of all the powers, because if China should become involved in the war it is conceivable that complications of far-reaching effect would result. To keep inviolate Chinese territory outside the present zone of hostilities is the earnest desire of all nations interested in affairs in the far east, but it is by no means certain that this will be done.

THEY WANT TO KNOW.

It is reported from Washington that many earnest friends there of Judge Parker's candidacy feel that there are three possible points upon which he could come out emphatically in his letter of acceptance. These are trades unionism in the public service, the rights of the negro as a citizen and before the law and civil service reform. The friends of the candidate at the national capital want to know how he stands on these questions and the correspondent of the New York Evening Post says that unless Judge Parker puts on a high plane his own position on these matters "it will be very embarrassing for many persons who have long been interested in these questions to cast a vote of condemnation against the present president of the United States." The position of Mr. Roosevelt on these questions is well understood. The government makes no discrimination between public union and nonunion labor in the public service and the position of the present administration is that all persons have an equal right to employment under the government. As to the rights of the negro as a citizen, Mr. Roosevelt has shown that he regards them as equal to those of the white citizen and should everywhere throughout the country be respected. The democratic party, as shown by its platform, does not hold this view and as the candidate of that party for the presidency pronounced the platform "admirable" it is to be inferred that he has no objection to the action of certain states and the contemplated action of others depriving the negro of his rights as a citizen. As to civil service reform, everybody knows that it is his most earnest and sincere friend and Theodore Roosevelt. It is also very generally known that the democratic party is not friendly to the reform, although its platform makes a claim that it is. The friends of the merit system will be much interested in learning how Judge Parker stands respecting it.

CARE OF INSULAR POSSESSIONS.

Congress at its next session will be called upon to give attention to the wants of some of the insular possessions, notably Hawaii and Porto Rico. The recently published statement of Governor Carter of Hawaii, regarding conditions there, shows the need of further legislation for the islands if they are to improve commercially. According to his statement annexation has proved a disadvantage rather than a benefit. He said that since Hawaii had become United States territory little progress has been made and explained that this is due to the fact that the laws governing the islands are not suited to the country. "Our climatic conditions," the governor said, "are entirely different from those found in most other American territory and for this reason some of the laws that we are governed by work a hardship upon us." He particularly referred to the land laws as having this effect. Other laws interfere with industries. Another thing complained of is that annexation has deprived the territorial government of all income from internal revenue, so that the government is hampered for necessary funds. Congress should have these complaints investigated and if they are found to be justified measures should be adopted to remedy the conditions. Porto Rico will also need attention, if reports regarding industrial and commercial conditions there are well founded. That island has been given good government, from a political point of view, and satisfactory progress is being made in promoting popular education, but it is said that the island is not making progress in a material way and that there is more or less discontent among the people. It is not

easy to determine what should be done to improve conditions, but an effort should be made to do this. Care for the insular possessions is a responsibility and duty that must not be neglected and cannot be without resulting to our disadvantage, as well as to our discredit.

THE CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATE.

It may as well be understood that if this congressional district is to be redeemed from the democrats at the coming election a strong candidate must be chosen. The republicans must choose a man of impressive and magnetic personality—an orator, a thinker and a vote getter. Congressman Hitchcock is a democrat and that is the only objection the republicans can urge against him. He is up to the standard in all other respects, and votes can be taken from him only by offering the voter a valid reason for it. The second district is by far the most important district in the state. It has large industrial and commercial interests to promote and subserve. It is of sufficient importance to command the best talent extant. Whether it shall continue to be represented by a democrat depends entirely upon the wisdom of republicans in making a choice.

Nature Evens Up.

If the wheat crop does not turn out as well as we could wish there is compensation in an unusually large corn yield, \$0.09,000,000 bushels better than the previous best. If we have to do without bread, there ought to be no dearth of johnnycake.

Taking a Tumble.

It looks as though American stock in the British peerage is taking a tumble with the duchess of Marlborough pitching off her horse and Mrs. Paget falling down an elevator. We had been led to believe our American pees were more secure of their footing in English society.

Well-to-Do Beggers.

Fair-minded investigators of the habits and ways of the street beggars of this city are convinced that nearly all of them are intoxicated with the fumes of Naples and Constantinople. When arrests of these mendicants are made it is often found that they have considerable sums in their clothes and bank books at home.

Hail to Old Hip!

The news from Buzzard's Bay that "Joseph Jefferson is better" will gladden his countrymen from one end of the land to the other wherever the report of his illness has penetrated. There are few, indeed, among the more noted men of his day and generation who have a warmer place in the hearts of their fellows.

Vain Aspirations.

Russia has offered an enormous sum of money to the chemist who can rob alcohol of its intoxicating virtue and preserve to it its domestic utility and virtues. The czar may as well strive to find a rose without a thorn or to teach the Japanese those manners that would conform to his pacific disposition. His majesty should know by this time that unmixt virtue or vice is an ideal.

Exploiting Thibet.

No time has been lost in England in organizing for a vigorous mining expedition in Thibet as soon as political and climatic conditions permit. In the London Financial Times of July 29 there is published a list of no fewer than nine limited liability companies that have been registered for the exploitation of the resources of Thibet. This is a result of the "hubert" expedition which we foresee several months ago. As in so many other movements of our time, it is the commercial motive that prompts to action and achievement.

Family Life.

Charles Watson the Fireside. I do not think the world can offer a more interesting sight than a fine family where the sons and daughters have loyally preserved the spirit of the relationship. As the children one after another gain in cultivation and power, the narrow horizon of their fathers expands. From his labor, from his studies, from his contact with those without, each is constantly bringing in new treasures, and together they share it all, carry on one another's education. The older ones become a rendezvous where the younger ones find a refuge from the bustle and noise of the great world outside.

THE NEW COMMANDER.

General Blackmar, the new commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, has an excellent record as a soldier. He enlisted in the Fifteenth Pennsylvania cavalry at the beginning of the civil war and served with that regiment in some of the severest battles of the war. His gallantry won him rapid promotion and when he became a second lieutenant he was transferred to the First West Virginia veteran cavalry, one of General Custer's famous regiments. Participating in upward of thirty battles, he remained at the front until Lee's surrender, being then provost marshal of the third division of Sheridan's famous cavalry corps.

General Blackmar resumed his studies after the war and was graduated from Harvard and the Harvard law school, having since attained marked distinction in professional and public life. He has for years been active in the councils of the Grand Army, so that he brings to his duties as commander a thorough acquaintance with the organization and a hearty sympathy with its views and aims. "In short," remarks the Springfield Republican, "he is a genuine soldier and so worthy of his present honor."

THIS AND THE LAST CAMPAIGN.

Sharp Contrasts in Political Contests.

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DEMO-FOP POT POURRI.

Howells Journal: The writer has no more use for fusion than he had prior to the meeting of the state convention, but nevertheless he will support the ticket, as a protest against republican misrule. We cannot say that we have any great faith in its election, but we do know if the people of Nebraska were blessed with a little common sense they would turn down Mickey and the rest of the gang.

Silver Creek Band: The democratic platform is very outspoken regarding lobbyists and proposes to show them the inside of the penitentiary if they don't cease their nefarious work. It also pledges all its officers not to ride on free railroad passes. That party is out in the cold, and the appropriateness of the following couplet is remarkable: "The devil was sick, the devil a monk would be." Judging from past experiences we are afraid that in case of the success of said party at the polls the following would also apply: "The devil was well, the devil a monk was he."

Howells Journal: This editor does not believe in the state ownership of railroads. It is the most foolish proposition ever advocated by any American statesman of prominence. Bryan is a bright man and advocates many measures that will result in great things, but when he once goes wrong he goes further at a single leap than any man living. When he made this last jump he seems to have burned all the bridges of safety when he made his leap in the dark. The people of Nebraska admire Bryan, perhaps it is not going too far to say that many of them love the man, but they will not endorse the almost insane idea of state ownership of railroads.

Schuyler Free Lance: If the Free Lance editor were a republican he would vote for Roosevelt for president, Berge for governor and the republican fusion ticket otherwise; if he were a Bryan democrat he would vote for Watson for president, Berge for governor and the fusion state ticket; if he were a Grover Cleveland democrat he would vote for Parker for president, Berge for governor and the fusion state ticket; if he were a populist he would vote for Watson for president, Berge for governor and the fusion state ticket, yet is very friendly to Mortenson for treasurer, at least, with McBrien for superintendent recognized good timber.

Schuyler Free Lance: In Nebraska the republican who in no other place in the union can consistently vote his ticket and the plutocratic democrat can vote for Parker, but the man who has claimed to be a follower of Bryan from principle in the past cannot follow him in his support of the fusion party and his claims to be a democrat. The true Bryan democrat will not vote for Parker and as Roosevelt does not need his vote in Nebraska he has but one place to put it and that is for Watson. The editor of the Free Lance is not a populist and has little use for the populist movement, but he is for Watson. The future campaign must take care of itself. What shall be developed we do not know, the present is as serious a problem as one can solve. There is a demand for a party and an alignment, but it cannot come now. The two old parties are one and the same as to issues and the populist movement has lost its standing necessary to build upon, so it means a new party of the people, but not till the campaign is over.

Editor Rosewater: If farmers believe that Editor Rosewater was right when he appeared before the State Board of Equalization and asked the members to reduce the assessment of Nebraska farm lands, claiming and submitting indisputable proof that the valuation of the railroads is 25 per cent lower than that of land, to all of which the board turned a deaf ear, then the next and only chance for redress is to send men to the legislature who cannot be influenced by a penny or a nickel and are needed to amend or repeal the revenue law. Whatever increase in revenue the law has made appears to have come largely from the farmers and the poorer class of people, while the capitalists, corporations and bankers have been getting away with the money. The law must be made to reach all classes—the rich as well as the poor—or it will be an expensive failure. It is generally conceded that the provision for county assessors is a waste of money, another useless burden placed upon the backs of the taxpayers. He should be established as a useless appendage and the township assessor never miss him.

David City Press: This fusion party in Nebraska is understood now as it never was before, by everybody, and, as a result of its cohesiveness, let us show what we mean when we say it brushed aside the froth: Every old moss-back, name-sworn democrat accepted Parker's nomination as an invitation for them to leave the republican party—come back to the fold and take charge of the democratic organization. About sixty of them rushed over from Omaha wearing a picture of James E. Boyd the size of a dinner plate. They wanted a straight ticket, with the exception to be made for the fusion party. Inside, informed us that every one of them rode on a free pass. Not being able to disturb the serenity of things at the Lindell they went over to the populist headquarters at the Capital hotel. There they found some middle-aged men who rode in from the west on free passes, and they were howling for a straight populist ticket. All the old best-sung lobbyists were on hand. The national executive committee were on hand, and all of them trying to lead the democrats and populists apart and destroy the associations and friendships that have grown up. Mr. Watson was there and made a pathetic plea for them to follow him in a mid-road course. A spirit of faction was nursed by a lot of democrats and populists whom the railroad lobby has always managed, but it availed nothing. All the kickers in the state were in Lincoln last week. All the would-be Mosses were there to lead the people into a land of unobtainable promised land. They were there to destroy the only organization in this state that has had any effectiveness—a nucleus for a national party that may soon materialize. The republican party and level-headed populists have been the victims of the railroad lobby for years. They were there to destroy the only organization in this state that has had any effectiveness—a nucleus for a national party that may soon materialize. The republican party and level-headed populists have been the victims of the railroad lobby for years. They were there to destroy the only organization in this state that has had any effectiveness—a nucleus for a national party that may soon materialize.

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