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A SIGNIFICANT CHANGE. A significant feature of the present convention campaign is the progress throughout Nebraska as to be found in the numerous declarations of different county conventions in favor of a direct primary law.

It will be remembered that in the past when bills were proposed in the legislature providing for nomination by direct vote the chief opposition has come from the rural districts, whose spokesmen urged that such legislation was against their interests and in favor of the cities and towns where a large vote would be made, while the people on the ranches and farms would be unable to make their wishes count.

From the declarations referred to, demanding the enactment of a direct primary law by the next legislature, it would seem either that those who pretended to speak for the rural districts heretofore were not voicing the real sentiments of those they claimed to represent or that a tremendous change of public sentiment on this subject has been brought about by the agitation of the direct nomination idea in conjunction with the revolution against the boss-led delegations accustomed to name candidates on all party tickets agreeable to special interests.

Those vigilant Epworth leaguers when in session at Lincoln overlooked one dreadful demonstration of the liquor power right under their own eyes, when the excise board of the Capital City officially decreed that people thirsting for strong drink may satisfy their appetites during state fair week up to 12:30 midnight, whereas the limit at other times is fixed at 11:30 o'clock. In other words, while the inhabitants of the good city must finish the cup that cheers in time to get home on the last car, the strangers within their gates from thriving no-license towns throughout the state will have an extra hour added to pass their money over the Lincoln bars.

COMPULSORY FARE "CONCESSION." That the Pennsylvania's reduction of fares is an act of generosity or even that it is altogether voluntary is hardly warranted by the facts, which indicate that external pressure both of competition and of legislation is the real moving cause. It is noteworthy that the reduction of the maximum from 3 1/2 to 2 1/2 cents a mile, as well as the flat 2-cent, 1,000 mile rate, is limited to the lines east of Pittsburgh.

When the Eastern summer resorts are suffering from killing heat, our people who have stayed at home are managing to get through the summer reasonably comfortable.

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NEBRASKA SENATORIAL CAMPAIGN. A Record That Counts. What are you doing, you republicans? Letting professional politicians do your planning and thinking? What is the past record of Edward Rosewater, a man who for years has been associated with the powerful leaders of his party? Did he always work for them or against them, when he believed they were in the wrong? Has he even halfheartedly battled against the monopoly leaders that have legislated the Armour and Rockefeller into their plunder of the public purse? If so, give him a chance in spite of enemies made by opposing bad measures and bad men in his own party.

Why They Oppose Instructions. The railroads are up against it so far as a senator is concerned, for they want neither Rosewater nor Brown and either Rosewater or Brown it is sure to be. The railroads are not asleep, however, nor are they without hope. Their plan now is to work for unopposed delegates and thus hope by judicious trading to get enough votes to get their man, Millard. They are really opposed to nominating at the state convention, preferring to take their chances in the legislature while senators are ready made.

Those Fake Reformers. The sometimes republican and always big game Lincoln News is just now engaged in "pointing out" in circus poster headlines that "central of legislature is essential to success of reform programs", etc. The biathetike might take the statement to heart and note the legislative title of the bill now before the count in exchange for a bunch of bun-folio endorsements of Tom, Dick and Harry for some prospective office. It might also note that its benches in that convention failed to make a serious effort to hand out even a milk-and-water endorsement to George Sheldon, one of the smartest and soundest men whose name was mentioned above a whisper in that convention. The Lincoln News brand of "reform" needs a powerful disinfectant.

Always Dependable. One of the things to be said of Edward Rosewater that stands out in bold relief is that in his long career as an employer his employees have always received their salaries in full on pay day and at the hour set. No excuses, parleying on check books where no money was on deposit.

Plea for Fair Campaigns. In the interests of his own candidacy Mr. Brown should put a muzzle on his newspaper supporters who are exhibiting an insane infidelity to Mr. Rosewater. We believe both candidates want to conduct a fair and honorable campaign, but some of the Brown supporters are getting pretty rank. The supporters of Mr. Rosewater have quite enough to do in electing a man who will treat Mr. Brown's candidacy with respect, but some of his supporters show a malicious antipathy to Rosewater that looks suspicious.

SRPLUS INSTEAD OF DEFICIT. The fact that government expenditures exceeded receipts by \$18,500,000 during July, the first month of the fiscal year, by no means sustains current predictions, many of them as usual inspired by partisan considerations, of a large deficit for the whole fiscal year. It should be familiarly known that in the ordinary course of affairs treasury receipts, relative to disbursements, are small during that month, importations and other revenues nearly always falling off. This is what has happened, along with several extraordinary deductions, like the annual payment of the Central Pacific note for \$2,760,000 on August 1, whereas last year it was paid July 31. Nevertheless, the July deficit appears \$300,000 less than it was a year ago, and in fact really is \$3,000,000 less. Yet there was a surplus of nearly \$25,000,000 for the last fiscal year.

TRUST IN AMERICAN HONOR. Confidence Abroad that Might Reasonably Be Shared at Home. There is a stringing rebuke to some people in the United States in remarks made before a House of Lords committee in London recently by Sir William Mather, chairman of Mather & Platt, owners of the Salford Iron works and a high authority on technical education. Mr. Mather said he was firmly opposed to making any exceptional arrangements for British policyholders in American life insurance companies.

ROUND ABOUT NEW YORK. Some of the Events of the Day in the United States and its Dependencies. Tenants on the block of West One Hundred and Fifty-first street between Amsterdam and Broadway became indignant when a sign put up in front of the five-story apartment house at 525 West One Hundred and Fifty-first street reading: "Choice four and five-room apartments for let for colored tenants." The house has been leased for a term of years by the Afro-American Realty company, and it was rumored in the neighborhood that Hannah Elias was interested in the deal.

PROSECUTION THAT COUNTS. Effect of the Activity of Federal Officers on the Corporations. If good citizens feel that there is little evidence of progress in cases which the federal government is prosecuting against corporations accused of granting and obtaining illegal traffic advantages, they take a small view of existing conditions. If the feelings of the highest officials of the railroads and other powerful corporations directly concerned could be ascertained, there would be no such doubts that the proceedings were worth while.

CZAR SENTENCED TO DEATH. One Discouraging Aspect of Revolt in Russia. Russia remains in a state of suspension, verging upon terrorism through revolution or reaction. So much has happened during a fortnight that it is only natural events should march a bit more slowly for a few days. At the pace of the past week the empire would in another ten days be in a condition of absolute anarchy. The czar, General Troppoff and former Procurator General Pobiedonostoff are marked for assassination by the terrorists. Troppoff was already on the black list. The retired chief executive of the holy synod was not formally proclaimed as an enemy of the people, but he was a palaces are filled with spies of the terrorists, and the Russian nihilists plot with diabolical cunning and patience. It will be a horrible crime if this sovereign, who has been burdened with the most gigantic task of centuries, is punished for his failure to accomplish the apparently impossible feat of reconciling the autonomy of Russia and the barely enlightened people.

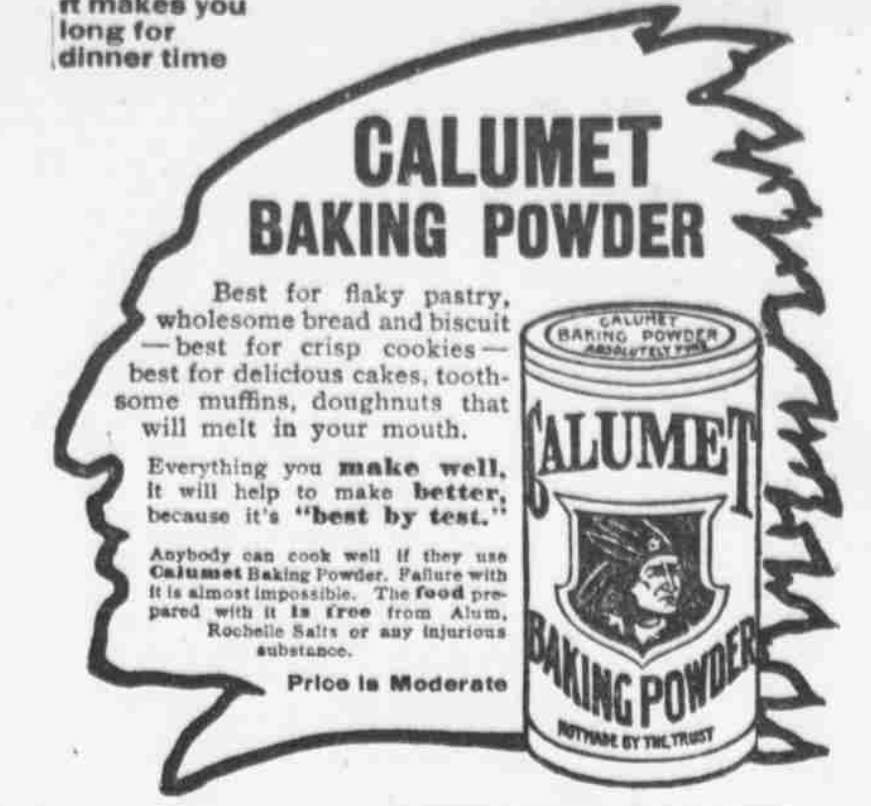
Duckling on Duty. Boston Transcript. White wingers have been introduced into an Omaha packing house.

One Worry Doth Crowd Another. It is rather hard amid all this uncertainty about ice to have the Coal trust serve notice that now is the time to lay in the winter's supply of fuel.

Looking Differently at Things. Kansas City Star. A critic of our system of national defense expresses surprise that so small a regular army as only 70,000 men should be maintained "for the defense of eighty millions of people." An yet another way of looking at it would be that perhaps eighty million people would need less defense than eight million.

Cruel Question of Precedence. Who shall ride in the carriage with Mr. Bryan when he comes to this town? Mighty Jeffersonian minds are pondering this question. To be sure, the Wanderer might ride by himself and with himself, but himself can be his parallel. Still, when the time comes, "Wandering William will probably insist upon showing his sympathy with 'the producing classes' by taking the reins himself."

It makes you long for dinner time. CALUMET BAKING POWDER. Best for flaky pastry, wholesome bread and biscuit—best for crisp cookies—best for delicious cakes, toothsome muffins, doughnuts that will melt in your mouth. Everything you make well, it will help to make better, because it's "best by test."



PERSONAL NOTES. Mrs. Catt has been received abroad by royalty. She had, of course, the proverbial right to look at a king.

PASSING PLEASANTIES. "I like to see men put themselves into their work." "So do I. Let's see yours a builder of jails, aren't you?"—Baltimore American.

Those Iowa Democrats who were such friends of Governor Cummins a month ago will now undertake to prove him wrong in his ideas, regardless of how they stultify their own records.

"What's the matter, are you cold?" the policeman asked, wiping his perspiring face. "Oh, no, we're just wearing them to be sure we'll be saved," the woman said.

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"We were on that steamboat Patten that was run into down the bay and we put these things on." "Well, there is no danger now and you will be much cooler if you take them off," the policeman suggested.

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SACRIFICE AT THE SPELLING BEE. J. W. Foley in New York Times. He had no spell for down but when there was a spell down but his arm and hand are so small.

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PIANOS--PHONE. They May Be Ordered Over the Wires as Safely as in Person. If it were not for the operation of the Hospe Piano which insures safety in Piano buying, would have ventured to order a Piano by telephone or telegraph?

OUR BUSINESS MEN AND PROPERTY OWNERS should themselves regularly to the point of taking an active interest in the making and revision of the assessment roll, but when the fixing of the tax levy is in hand they seem to lapse into a state of absolute indifference.

EXTRAORDINARY BARGAINS IN BEAUTIFUL PIANO PLAYERS. Never before have we had as fine a line of perfectly cared for, well conditioned, splendid values in Piano Players. A Beautiful \$250 Angelus for \$175. A Beautiful \$350 Player, in fine condition, for \$350.

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