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The steel hammer is certainly an improvement on the steam roller.

Bet you $1,000 is more than Mr. Bryan gave to the Parker campaign.

The story of the second Battle of Grand Island reads differently than the first.

What's that? Charges of offficial graft in South Omaha? Impossible! Perish the thought!

It seems that Kansas City's base ball team went up in one of those balloons at the big competition.

If the weather man will now do his duty, Nebraska will top all records with its crop figures this year.

"I am not insane," persists Harry Thaw. "Oh, yes you are, get back in your cell," retorts two or three alienists.

Unbiased judges now declare that no one knows how Pennsylvania is going in November. Is Boss Flinn losing his horns?

Coupling the demand for a short ballot with a demand for making more offices elective must strike one as a trifle inconsistent.

It was Smith day at Sea Girt when senators of that unfamiliar name from Arizona and South Carolina called on the governor.

Hazel Yeast and Chester K. Yeast of Good Hope, Ill., have recetly married. Anything more auspicious for the rising generation?

To the Missourian who asks to be shown the quickest way of increasing his rotundity we would suggest dried apples and water.

That witness asked by a cross-examining Omaha lawyer to explain what he meant by the game of poker had a right to take it as a personal affront.

Circumstances altering cases—the most that a democratic paper in Texas has to do is to urge that the candidate's majority be made impressive.

It is plain that there are no exclusive patent rights on steam rollers else two of them could not be operating simultaneously at Grand Island and Lincoln.

News of a stage coach robbery in California suggests that progressive government has not entirely uprooted the old traditional and time-honored institutions.

The endorsement of the course of Mr. Bryan at Baltimore is substantial condemnation of the course of Nebraska's democratic senator at Baltimore. Let it go at that.

The proletariat must not be blamed if he gets swelled up with an exaggerated idea of its own wisdom, for politicians playing to the gallery have given it ample cause.

Nebraska republicans should not judge Governor Aldrich too hastily. He may soon turn another of his famous political somersaults, and be as regular as any of us before election.

Every visitor to Omaha remarks upon the unusual building activity everywhere observable. Seeing convinces all of Omaha's assured future growth and makes boosters out of knockers.

Deacon Hemphill reports to the New York Times that "everything of a political sort is dreadfully mussed up in Pennsylvania." Yes. Will the deacon kindly direct our attention to a state or community where that is not the case just now?

The Numerous Conventions.

Our primary election law provides that all political parties entitled to places on the official ballot in Nebraska shall hold their state platform conventions on the same day. These conventions have now been held by all the parties with the exception of the socialists, who promulgated an advance platform several months ago.

Of the two conventions, each claiming to be republican, one in reality represents the forthcoming bull moose party, and will, we have no doubt, eventually be absorbed temporarily into the new third party. As a matter of fact if we are to have various presidential tickets on the official ballot, there is no reason why the supporters of these different candidates should not be accorded full and free opportunity to vote for their preferred choice and be protected against deception by false labels. That is all the supporters of the republican standard-bearers have been demanding, and that is what the advocates of the third party ticket will themselves shortly be seeking.

The democratic covention at Grand Island turns out to be a lovefeast for Mr. Bryan in violent contrast to the convention held there two years ago, which excoriated and humiliated that distinguished democrat, who now again rises supreme in the control of his party.

The so-called populist convention at Aurora proves simply a repetition of the fake form kept up by democratic masqueraders for trading purposes only.

The prohibition convention proclaims fanatical devotion to a principle that is theoretical only.

New York's Police Scandal.

Every good influence in New York should be invoked in the ferreting out of the facts in the Rosenthal murder case, to the end that the human jackals, who, if half that is alleged be true, prey upon life for their living, may be brought to justice and the city redeemed from what appears to be the most astounding system of graft and rapacity ever revealed in this country.

New York is confronted by a solemn duty. It must get to the bottom and clean out this frightful abyss of crime. It should make such an example of the culprits as to deal an effective blow to similar attempts at organized graft there or elsewhere in the land. This is not a local atrocity; it is a crime in which every city and every decent public servant, must feel a separate concern.

Time to Check Orozco.

Promptly and vigorously the administration has met the audacity and defiance of the Mexican rebel leader with a warning which he will do well to consider. Orozco seems to have ventured a challenge of our patience and self-respect in his ultimatum that from now on Americans who remain in Mexico do so at the peril of their lives, for which he promises not to be careful. Orozco, beaten at every turn by the federal forces, may still be able to harass and defy the Madero government with his guerilla warfare, but if he is half as shrewd as the leader of banditti should be, he will not carry out his threat of deliberate menace to Americans.

The time has come to put an end to this border war and repress Orozco. Washington has served notice on Madero that it expects him to perform the task. If he cannot and American citizens continue to suffer at the hands of Mexico's outlaws, then, of course, the American government will be compelled to act upon the aggressive. It has displayed a forbearance from the first that leaves nothing to be asked by our neighboring country. It cannot afford to persist in this forbearance indefinitely.

Duty Well Done.

The regular republican state convention adopted a resolution of thanks to Hon. John L. Kennedy, retiring chairman of the state committee for faithful and efficient performance of the duties devolving upon him in that capacity.

In taking the management of the state campaign a year ago, Mr. Kennedy was confronted with a difficult task. It was for him to keep together and unite for the republican ticket the votes of the factions then already showing tendencies to diverge. Mr. Kennedy succeeded so well in this direction that the republican state ticket was victorious by an average majority of 10,000. For his efforts directed toward holding the party intact and in line with the national organization, Mr. Kennedy is entitled to credit as well as thanks.

The only wonder is that our democratic senator from Nebraska did not pull out that "broadaxe for monopoly" at the Baltimore convention and have it inserted in the democraic national platform. Perhaps he feared to submit it to the platform makers lest it should be prejudiced by its authorship with Mr. Bryan, who wrote the platform.

Not a day passes without reports of auto accidents in and about Omaha with more or less serious casualties resulting. In nine cases out of ten the cause is either reckless or incompetent driving. Prevention is better than cure.

REAL BREAK IN COST OF LIVING

Deep Significance Behind Late Downward Trend.

New York Financial World.

At last there has been a real break in the cost of living burdens which have borne so heavily on the American people for so many years. The first signs come from the west, where there has been a veritable panic smash in the cost of all vegetables. This is due largely to the vastly larger crops of potatoes, and garden stuff of all sorts, including small fruits. Sugar is down from 1½ to 2 cents per pound below the season's high price, butter is 5 to 8 cents per pound cheaper, flour is off 50 to 75 cents per barrel, potatoes have crashed from $2 per bushel to 75 cents, and a Chicago dispatch says that consuming interests are buying very sparingly of packing house products because of the brighter prospects for much lower prices for live stock the balance of the year. The bright outlook for corn is another factor making for eagerness on the part of shippers to get rid of their holdings before the expected break comes. The fact is not to be lost sight of also that steel products show no great activity at the slightly risen prices and that the artificial rise in copper and tin have resulted in burning the fingers of many speculators. The reaction from the high prices evil is in full swing.

The rapid exhaustion of th buying power of the great masses of the public has been quite as much of a factor in bringing down prices as have the larger crops. Syndicates may warehouse food supplies, keeping them for a certain length of time in cold storage and force the public to pay exorbitant prices, but the time inevitably arrives when the people, exploited to the limit, through sheer necessity, and exhaustion of ability to buy freely, cut down their buying orders and the cold storage people begin to do the worrying. Then they commence to sell for what they can get, irrespective of whether further supplies are great or small. If, as seems to be the case at present, the supplies outside syndicate control are becoming larger and larger, so much the worse for the food cornerers.

DEFECTION FROM BULL MOOSE HERD

Early Manifestations of the Sober Se cond Thought.

Springfield (Mass.) Republican.

These defections of bull moosers from the colonel, after watching him for a solid month since "fraud" triumphed at Chicago, are simply the last word in treason to Teddy and the moral law.

No one has been more valued as a supporter of the progressive cause in all of its Rooseveltian manifestations than Edwin O. Sims of Chicago, who helped to start the Roosevelt primary campaign in Illinois, and who until yesterday had served as the secretary of the national provisional committee of the third party. Mr. Sims is out of it. He condemns the moose performance of running a state ticket against Governor Deneen of Illinois. "Why should we back good men in an effort to clean up Illinois state and then 'throw' them? Governor Deneen and his administration have been efficient and progressive. I intend to stay regular as regards the state and county tickets."

And there is the pathetic case of Walter Batchelder of Vermont. Quite as villainous is his treason to the cause as Mr. Sims', still the element of personal tragedy in the case of Mr. Batchelder arouses some degree of sympathy for his sad fate. The break between him and his colonel, for the Vermonter was a member of "my regiment" in the darkest days of the war known as "Alone in Cuba," came when Mr. Batchelder received from Oyster Bay a dispatch saying: "We cannot indorse any candidates of either party who will not support Roosevelt electors in the coming election."

The terrible truth came as in a blinding flash. T. R. was working for T. R. No candidate for the humblest office in this broad land, however excellent might be his qualifications, could be indorsed unless he would work for the colonel's third term. Lackaday! Mr. Batchelder replied:

"I was a member of your regiment in 1898. For fourteen years I have felt more affection for you than for any other person on earth except the members of my own immediate family. It is a terrible wrench, colonel, but I cannot fool myself and I must be straightforward and frank with you as you know I always have been. With grief, the depth of which you cannot know, I have decided, after one of the hardest fights I have ever been forced to put up, that I cannot longer support you for president of the United States."

The colonel will say that these men lack "the burning zeal of the crusader." They are "soft" in fiber. They have no "sand." Yet the truth seems to be that they have at last discovered the real colonel. He sacrifices a good republican governor like Deneen in order to lure democrats into supporting him for president. He sanctions any arrangement that will get him electoral votes. It is an awful revelation, yet the lost bull mooser in Vermont has learned, never to forget, that the new party is for Theodore Roosevelt only.

COMPETITION IN ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Monopoly of Rockefeller, Carnegie and Company in Danger.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Thomas W. Phillips, an independent oil refiner of Pennsylvania, has left $25,000 to Oklahoma Christian university with the stipulation that, if it is accepted, the institution shall never solicit or accept funds from John D. Rockefeller or any funds established or endowed by him. If, after the acceptance of the Phillips bequest, this condition is evaded in any way, the money is to be recovered by action at law. Several similar bequests are made in the Phillips will, which was filed for probate at Newcastle the other day.

This is a new form of competition in a field of which Mr. Rockefeller, Mr. Carnegie and a few other men of great wealth have long been thought to hold a monopoly. It has been a monopoly which the independent competitors have made smaller effort to end than they have to end the Oil trust, the Steel trust, or any of the other trusts out of which Rockefeller, Carnegie and the other few men in the monopoly have been drawing their funds for donations. And now competition from the independent competitors comes in a way making it impossible for all who deal with the opposition to have any dealings with the Rockefeller funds. It is possible that this form of competition may not really give Mr. Rockefeller as much trouble as the court decision is giving, or can be made to give him. If such wills should become at all the vogue, they may in fact give Mr. Rockefeller increased opportunities for getting rid of his surplus funds. The directors of institutions getting these bequests with strings attached, may call the attention of Mr. Rockefeller to their difficulties and advise him, in delicate ways, that they are being made objects of restraint in trade and commerce. Such an appeal to such a man could not fail to bring him forward with a bequest so much larger than the other that the directors would see their way clear. The endowment and donation monopoly is not yet broken.

POLITICAL SNAPSHOTS.

Indianapolis News: Well, well, and now they say they've caught the Detroit aldermen taking bribes. Really, detectives are becoming so active that a legislator, municipal, state or national, is hardly safe in making any kind of negotiations in the interest of personal prosperity.

Brooklyn Eagle: After all La Follette is the original progressive. But he is hopelessly old fashioned in believing that party house-cleaning can be carried on from the inside without smashing the windows, splitting up the furniture and generally wrecking the premises.

Baltimore American: Party lines promise to be badly split in the November election. Radical republicans and democrats will have to choose between Roosevelt and Wilson; conservatives and all those who believe in policies to promote the prosperity of the country have no alternative to voting for Taft. It would not be surprising, therefore, were President Taft to receive a larger popular vote than at the last election.

Springfield (Mass) Republican: The subject of a minimum wage for women and minors in industry, which Mr. Roosevelt now proposes to include in his program, is nothing startling for "conservative" Massachusetts to consider. We have been in advance of the colonel in this matter, while under the rule also of the republican party which he denounces as an impossible agent and vehicle of reform. A Massachusetts state commission reported favorably on the minimum wage last year and the legislature at its last session had it under serious consideration. But how can the colonel make such a question a national issue? It is a state issue. He is running for the presidency and a third term. Does he propose, if elected president again, to blot out the states entirely?

MOVE IN RIGHT DIRECTION.

Legal Checks for Business of Fake Promoters.

Des Moines Register and Leader.

The insurance commissioners of the various states at their national conference agreed to draw up for each state a law similar to that in Kansas, which will put the seller of "blue sky" out of business. While the insurance commissioners are primarily interested in putting an end to the selling of worthless insurance stock, they agreed that the "blue sky" law should extend to all sorts of corporations which offer stock to the public. This is a step in the right direction. While people are wont to poke fun at many of the satutes in the law books of Kansas, the "blue sky" law, which is designed to put an end to the shyster who buncoes the innocent into buying bogus stock, is worthy of emulation in every state in the union.

The legislature should waste no time in passing a measure of this sort.

GOODNESS OF UN-WED SISTER.

The Old Maid a Useful Feature of Modern Life.

New York Sun.

The answer to the silly sermon of a Colorado preacher against "old maids," to which some one forged the signature of Miss Helen Gould, is sound and sensible. Even if the published letter is a forgery or a literary exercise, its sentiments are correct and of a kind that needs to be expressed for the confusion of the foolish.

How much of the sum of generosity, unselfishness, the noblest and most beneficent virtues and services comes from women by choice or fate unmarried? They lavish their hearts and lives upon their relatives, their friends, the public, upon a thousand works of charity, education, religion, humanity.

Many of them, a large modern class, don't want to marry, or fail to find the predestined he; many have to work for themselves; no doubt, many of them have to lead lonely and narrow lives, but they brighten them and those of others with good deeds and words.

What liar at once and slave invented the idea or name of "sour old maids"? They are among the most charming, the most sympathetic and the wittiest of women. Watching or reading of so many domestic brabblings and battlings some folks may cynically assert that perhaps these attaching unattached are also among the wisest.

IOWA'S SILLY "SECOND IDEA."

Snorts of the Bull Moosers for Federal Pie.

Chicago Record-Herald.

Several years ago the country rang with "the Iowa idea" as to tariff rates and their relation to trust abuses. Now the Iowa ex-republican "progressives" have broached a new idea—the popular election of postmasters.

This is the Iowa third party contribution to the bull moose platform. It excited great enthusiasm in the convention, and met with no opposition. The reports do not even say, in brackets, "laughter."

Well, the opposition will not be long in coming. Mr. Roosevelt is a short-ballot advocate, and unless the Iowa platform changes his own ideas the Iowa idea will have a very short run. It is, of course, childish and absurd. The really progressive idea is extension of the merit principle to the postmasters of every class save the first, perhaps, and the appointment of first-class postmasters by an efficient, independent head of the department without reference to any consideration save fitness. Popular election would make for inefficiency, spoils, "local independence" and demoralization. It would be "profoundly reactionary." Are spoilsmen and reactionaries already invading the third party?

Looking Backward This Day in Omaha

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Thirty Years Ago—

At the city council meeting The Bee was again made the official newspaper for city printing for the coming year.

Fire Chief Butler announces that citizens have subscribed $505 toward the erection of a hose house between Farnam and Douglas on the site of the old Pioneer hose house, and the council is asked to appropriate $1,000, which will enable the department to build a two-story brick house.

Hon. William F. Cody, who, as "Buffalo Bill" is more familiar to the public on a postage stamp, arrived from Denver on his way to Fort Lander, where he is on his way to secure the services of Sitting Bull for his troupe this coming season.

The St. George's society picnic at Hanscom park was a grand success. W. H. Carlton, the president, delivered an address. Messrs. Johnson, Langer and Taylor made short talks and entertainment, musical and otherwise, was furnished by the Misses Stevens, Mr. W. Stevens, Mr. Tremain, Mr. Ed J Hadrill, Messrs Rothwell, J. Bonner, Dove and Lidsey, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. James Latey, W. O. Sanders, Mr. W. J. Broadbent, Messrs. Ballinger, Midgley and Powell and the Misses Etta Bonner and Nellie Stevens.

Secretary of War Lincoln and General Phil Sheridan are expected tomorrow en route to the Yellowstone.

L. C. Enewold, the Thirteenth street dry goods man, has commenced grading his lot on St. Mary's avenue for the erection of a store building two stories high.

George Redman, living out on Sherman avenue sold his fine dapple gray horse, "Lion," to the Cole Bros.' circus for $200, which is a remarkable price for a workhorse. A dapple gray stallion was also purchased by the circus people and both paid for entirely in silver dollars and half dollars.

Twenty Years Ago—

Lorenzo Crounse was the unanimous choice of the Douglas county republican convention for gubernatorial nominee. The convention was called to order by County Chairman Dave Mercer and Secretary Jenkins read the call. On motion of Ben S. Baker, William G. Whitmore of Valley was made temporary chairman, and on motion of Charley Unitt, Dan H. Wheeler was made temporary secretary. It was a lively convention. The first ballot for a choice for governor resulted: Crounse 71, Noyes 58, Broatch 15, Dr. S. D. Mercer 10, MacColl 2, Whitmore 2, Majors 2. Noyes and Broatch withdrew and Ben Baker proposed to make Crounse's selection unaimous, and B. H. Robison of the Broatch ward said he would second such a motion, whereat Charley Unitt took the floor against the proposition and was jojined by Judge Eller, so after E. M. Bartlett had set forth the good qualities of Crounse once more, another ballot was taken with Crounse having 100 and Chairman Whitmore called Baker to the chair and made the motion that selected Crounse unanimously.

Omaha's mean temperature for July was reported at 73

Hugh Murphy appeared before the Board of Public Works with his bond signed for repaving Leavenworth street from Sixteenth to Park avenue with vitrified brick at $1.43 a square yard.

Ed. Phelan began on the paving of Douglas street from Sixteenth to Twentieth and said he would complete it in sixty days.

Governor McKinley of Ohio passed through Omaha to Beatrice, where he was billed to speak. He was looking well and feeling confident of republican success in the fall.

Ten Years Ago—

The Union Pacific promised to give the Omaha Field club four carloads of Sherman gravel for its walks and drives. President Sunderland and one or two others of the club went to ask President Burt of the railroad for some favorable rates on the gravel and Mr. Burt simply told them he would make a donation of that much gravel to the club.

The Union Pacific created the position of general boiler inspector in its shops and gave it to Charles Hemple of Havelock.

News was received of the death in Hammond, Ind., of Mrs. C. A. L. K. White, for eighteen years a resident of Omaha. The body was to be brought here for burial in Walnut Hill cemetery.

As a result of the day's contests, the tennis championship rested between C. H. Young, R. E. Sunderland, C. G. Sherwood and F. J. Hill, who were to play it off the next day, all being tied.

D. Risley, president of the Omaha Automobile club, said the club would petition the Park board to rescind its order excluding autos from parks and boulevards, as the members considered the order unjust.

Henry T. Oxnard, the beet sugar man, visited General Manderson on his passage through the city and expressed himself as stoutly opposed to the policy of reciprocity.

B. J. Horton, who was practicing law in Porto Rico, was visiting his brother, R. S. Horton of Omaha.

People Talked About

The Chicago assessor who cut in two the taxes of the father of twenty-one children has earned a high place in the list of sympathetic patriots.

British physicians solemnly refuse to conserve health unless the government lifts the price to $2.12 for medical attendance upon each of the 12,000,000 persons enrolled in the nation's insurance scheme.

Brought into court in a civil action in California, John Kelly, the octogenarian gardener employed on the Leland Stanford estate at $40 a month, astounded the court by revealing a fortune of nearly $300,000. Prospective heirs now esteem the old man as a marvel of fore-handed thrift.

To reward those who befriended him nearly a quarter of a century ago, when he toured Indiana on a bicycle, E. Nicholas Churchill of Joliet, Ill., who is said by attorneys to be a multimillionaire, the city of Peru and its citizens will be made beneficiaries of her bounty to the extent of more than $50,000.

Healthy and sound and lithe of limb, Harris L. Gibson of Wakefield, Mass., at 85 years, may well be said to be a remarkably active man for his years, but his chief claim to distinction lies in the fact that in the past decade and a half, since he was 70 years old, he has ridden his bicycle nearly 82,000 miles.

SMILING REMARKS.

Scott—Jones says that he cleared between five and six hundred on that stock deal of his. I wonder of it's so?

Mott—Oh, yes, he made between $5 and $600. The exact amount, I believe, was $8.75.—Boston Transcript.

Magistrate—Why was this man arrested.

Officer—As a suspicious character, your honor. I found him in company with a felon.

Magistrate—But the evidence is that he was alone. How could he be in company with a felon?

Officer—It was a bone felon, your honor.—Baltimore American.

"Think Peleg Wombat has got any chance to be elected poundmaster of Plunkville?"

"Dunno. Nobody has accused him of stealing his nomination. 'Fraid he's hoeplessly out of style this year."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Sarcastic Diner: "Waiter, what on earth is the matter with this establishment? This steak is burnt black."

Sorrowful-looking Waiter: "Yessir, mark of respect, sir. Our chef died yesterday."—Pearson's Weekly.

"She is very liberal in her charities," said one woman.

"Yes," answered the other; "liberal, but not alway practical. For instance, she wanted to send alarm clocks to Africa to aid sufferers from the sleeping sickness."—McCall's Magazine.

"How do you tell the difference between a yacht and a sailboat?" said the girl with the inquiring mind.

"By lookin' into the pantry," replied Captain Cleet. "If she carries plenty of refreshments and seegars, she's a yacht. It it's mostly plain victuals, she's a sailboat."—Detroit Free Press.

Ella. What a dreamer she is!

Sella. I should say so! When I told her about an accident in which a poor fellow lost both of his legs she said that was too bad, as he would not be able to leave any footprints on the sands of time.—Judge.

"Shakespeare ought to have made Hamlet give that speech about rather being a dog and baying the moon."

"Why should Hamlet have said it?"

"Wasn't he a great Dane?"—Baltimore American.

THE SODA CLERK.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Whenever I am anxious to behold a chap at work
I stand and watch the movements of the soda water clerk,
Especially in summer, when the temperature is high
And people swarm up to him and impetuously cry:
"Gimme a choc'lit sody—draw me a lemon lime—
Gee, but this dump is crowded—been here an awful time—
Couple o' sassperillas—strob'ry collig ice—
Say, on the level, Lizzie, isn't verniller nice—
Got enny maple walnut—here you are, over here—
No. I don't want no banana, told you I said root beer—
Whadd'ly have, try coffee—say, this ain't orangeade,
Don't talk to me, young feller—I know how the drink is made."
And thus they keep on coming, with insistent, brisk demand.
The soda clerk keeps moving, as he works with either hand.
He's fast enough in winter, but the summer makes makes him fly.
It's then he demonstrates the hand is faster than the eye.