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quested.

Do not be a bull moocher. Get

your own delegates and let the other

fellow's alone.

Mail for T. R. may still be ad-

dressed to Armageddon, where he is

spending the summer.

Now that J. Ham Lewis has be-

come president of a law school he

will need his pink 'uns.

Just because a man asks a woman

for her honest opinion of him is no

excuse for her giving it.

Boy scouts, we understand, are

cleaning New York's streets. Who is

working on the sewers?

Colonel Watterson may not be a

man without a party, but he is peril-

ously near being without a nominee.

It is a safe bet that the man who

lost out at the former Chicago con-

vention will be nominated at the next

one.

"Keep your eye on Luke Lea,"

says Mr. Bryan. Luke ain't done

nothin', is he? as they would say in

Texas.

Of course, August could, if it tried,

be an awful fool month by attempt-

ing to break every crazy record set

before it.

It is amusing to note how far away

from praising the democratic national

standard-bearer the Houston Post can

come these days.

It seems that along with the old

emperor died Japan's case against the

Korean converts. And it is a good

case for Japan to let die.

Mrs. Belmont says she would

scrub floors to help the suffragette

cause. Well, there is nothing dis-

graceful in scrubbing floors.

The colonel's only explanation for

repudiating the man he recommended

for president is that Mr. Taft insisted

on being president, himself.

Those petty Detroit crooks hardly

got on the front page till they were

slammed viciously into the want ads

by the real grafters in New York.

Nevertheless and notwithstanding,

a decent regard for the fitness of

things would have given "Mike"

Harrington a place on the bull moose

delegation to Chicago.

Dr. Elliot calls over from Japan

that the Japanese war scare is ab-

surd. The good doctor evidently

finds oriental manners agreeable to

his emeritus existence.

A new order at the postoffice re-

quires women getting mail at the

general delivery window to give their

right names. Well, just so long as

they do not have to give their right

ages.

With all these new houses going

up in Omaha there is still no pros-

pect of a downward revision of the

rent item in the high cost of living,

and there will not be so long as the

demand exceeds supply.

Eighty-five self-called attendants on

a mass meeting named sixteen dele-

gates to the Chicago bull moose con-

vention to represent 46,000 Nebraska

voters who expressed their preference

for Roosevelt in the primary. Let the

people rule.

The Lincoln Journal intimates

that the campaign committee created

by the Aldrich-Yeiser state conven-

tion will do nothing for or against

either Taft or Roosevelt. We can

see what the colonel will do to any

committee made up of his professed

supporters that adopts such a pro-

gram.

## New Party—Same Old Methods.

Despite its idol's fierce denunciation of the old parties, the projected new party is employing the very same methods, and the very same machinery.

Here we see the new third party convention being organized by a national committee made up of one member from each state, this national committee being absolutely self-constituted without even pretense of a popular commission.

Here we see this committee claiming to typify reform and emancipation starting out with closed doors and secret sessions to avoid the publicity accorded by the old parties.

Here we see contesting delegations coming up from southern states whose electoral votes are already foreclosed.

Here we see the negro question again rising as a perpetual puzzle inescapable by any party promising equal rights to all.

Here we see this self-constituted national committee relieving the convention of the necessity of selecting its temporary chairman and other officers.

And above all, we see the convention made up of delegates chosen, not by direct primary, but hand-picked, and often in direct violation of the primary laws of the states they are supposed to represent.

In a nutshell we see a convention built on excommunication of the bosses, yet with its own program prearranged and its action in every detail fore-ordained without leaving delegates the slightest freedom of choice.

Down with the old boss-ridden parties! Up with the new party of the people!

## Baiting the Negro.

It is rather astonishing that anyone should venture to attack the republican party for not giving the black man a square deal. No well informed person can be ignorant of the falsity and baselessness of such a charge. All that has been done for the negro race in this country, from the emancipation to this day of his splendid advancement, has had its inception and the fostering aid in the republican party, and never more than during the last three and a half years. To feign a different view is an imputation on the good sense and intelligence of the colored people.

The same, self-respecting negro does not need to have self-seeking politicians tell him when he has a square deal. He knows that were it not for the republican party and the opportunities it has brought he would still be little advanced from the depths of the slavery from which it freed his race in this country.

## The Steel Committee's Report.

It does not appear from the majority report of the Stanley steel investigation committee that the United States Steel corporation's acquisition of the Tennessee Coal and Iron company in any way militated against the rounding out and perfection of this most gigantic combine. Twilight or midnight mergers are not among the recommendations for curbing its rapacity or limiting its scope of legitimate power with competitors, if there are any competitors left in existence.

The committee has spent about a year at its work and finds after all, what was all along obvious, that about the most effective remedy to apply to the trust aggression is adequate publicity. One thing is quite certain, that the potency of publicity thoroughly and consistently applied will not conduce to the hatching of evil schemes in dark places in steel or anything else. No one now pretends to say that Messrs. Morgan, Gary and Frick would have been able to put their Tennessee coal and iron deal across if the public had been taken into confidence in the negotiations.

The committee's work and recommendations are not likely to prove a panacea, but some things in them are worthy of favorable considerations. Politics, of course, is not one of these. President Taft's action in starting prosecution under the Sherman law, in the meantime, is what counts.

Gifford Pinchot, Dr. Wiley and Mr. Bryan spoke at the same cha-tauqua on the same day in Kansas. A leading western newspaper that sits as the moral monitor on the Missouri-Kansas border in chronicling the meeting quotes Pinchot's speech at length, tells in a few lines what Wiley said and adds: "W. J. Bryan also spoke." Give three guesses as to the paper's politics.

Mr. Bryan knew what he was doing when he put the limit of campaign contributions authorized by law in Nebraska at \$1,000. Wonder, however, if he has filled with the clerk of the county in which he resides a statement of his donation as the law requires.

Nebraska's nomination of ex-Senator Beveridge for vice president seems to have landed him as candidate for governor in the head place on the bull moose ticket in Indiana. This ought to clear the track for the vice presidential aspirations of our own Colonel John O. Yeiser.

It will be admitted that Clarence Darrow is giving them a run for their money.

Looking Backward  
This Day in Omaha  
COMPILED FROM BEE FILES  
AUGUST 5.

## Thirty Years Ago—

Word comes from Evanston, Wyo., of the arrival of the Omaha Board of Trade excursion there, whose members all took a free dinner with Kitchen brothers.

Company K. Ninth Infantry, of Fort Omaha gave a farewell hop to their friends prior to departure from Omaha.

Mayor Boyd being absent from the city and Acting Mayor Herman, taking a little skip over into Iowa, City Clerk Jewett was paralyzed by suddenly finding himself elevated to the mayoralty.

At a meeting of the Omaha Social Art club it was decided to make an exhibit at the state fair.

The match game between the Union Pacific and the B. &amp; O. had to be called off on account of rain after three innings.

A very handsome piece of waxwork fruit, made by Mrs. Young, is to be raffled off in a few days.

The contract for laying the water main to the state fair grounds was let to J. C. Elliott.

The matinee advertised for Boyd's by J. K. Emmett in "Fritz in Ireland" was declared off, the reason not stated.

Ex-Senator Hippie Miller of Oregon was a westbound passenger through Omaha.

Tommy Granville, electotype molder, and T. D. Coles, assistant pressman for the Herald, who have been on an extended trip east for their health, have returned greatly improved.

## Twenty Years Ago—

The opening gun of the national campaign in Omaha was fired by Governor McKinley of Ohio at night on the high school grounds, where thousands of people gave a tremendous ovation to the distinguished speaker and listened to all he had to say with close attention. Accompanying the governor to the grounds were Charles J. Greene, Mayor George P. Bemis, Edward Rosewater, W. J. Connell, Andrew Rosewater, Judge C. R. Scott, Thomas Swobe, P. L. Perrine, Ralph W. Breckenridge, Rev. J. G. Tate or Hastings, republican candidate for lieutenant governor, was recognized in the crowd and escorted to the platform.

Charles J. Greene, as chairman, introduced Major McKinley. Mr. Greene said simply: "Fellow citizens, I have the honor of introducing to you Ohio's distinguished statesman and governor, William McKinley."

Rev. T. E. Cramblet, pastor of First Christian church, returned from his summer vacation.

W. H. Green, formerly a well known real estate man, came up from Houston, Tex., where he was manager for the Omaha and South Omaha Land company, which had some 17,000 acres of land near Houston. O. M. Carter and C. S. Montgomery of this city were owners in this company.

After leaving the high school grounds, where he spoke, Governor McKinley paid a visit to The Bee office, going through all departments with Edward Rosewater.

## Ten Years Ago—

The new Board of Fire and Police Commissioners appointed by Governor Savage, consisting of W. J. Broatch, Carl C. Wright, Joseph W. Thomas and Lee W. Sparten, went to the city hall in a body and took possession of the office, books and records. Trouble was contemplated, but averted when Clerk Kierstead calmly and without resistance turned over everything to Broatch, saying he had been served with a writ of mandamus and now proposed to obey the writ. The new board then organized and got down to business.

Mrs. W. S. Heller and sons returned from a visit to Muskegon, Mich.

Judge W. W. Keyser was in Blair to adjourn district court for the term.

The Musicians' union adopted a resolution calling on the friends of labor to oppose Dave Mercer in his race for reelection to congress.

Charles J. Kiesel, brother of Henry F. Kiesel, 329 South Sixteenth street, died at 4:30 p. m.

General Fitzhugh Lee of Virginia arrived in Omaha on his way to Lincoln to address a gathering of the Epworth league.

## People Talked About

Married in a ballroom, honeymooned in a ballroom, landed in a pigsty, tersely summarizes the romance of a Kansas City couple. Though slightly different in surroundings, it has nothing on the average tie-up. All honeymooners return to earth with something of a jolt.

For the fifth year in succession Nellie Stockwell, 13 years old, has won the sports championship of the London county schools in South London, England, though her competitors have numbered more than 1,700 each time. She has captured thirty-one prizes of different kinds.

Johnny S. Lyle, a New Jersey twenty-millionaire dead at the age of 84, started in life as an office boy in New York three-quarters of a century ago, but his savings into real estate and was so busy swelling his pile that he didn't have time to raise a family to enjoy it.

The Harriman, Astor, Straus and Guggenheim estates are expected on final settlement to contribute a total of \$3,000,000 to the New York state treasury. The Astor estate is valued at \$125,000,000, Harriman about \$70,000,000, Guggenheims, \$5,000,000 and Straus' \$3,000,000. Each pays inheritance and transfer taxes.

Blind almost since infancy, Many Copeland, 44 years old, is today considered one of the most capable oil well pumpers in Forest county, Pa. Copeland not only assists in drilling the wells, but keeps the gas engine in perfect running order. He can take them completely apart and put them together again without assistance.

Senator Stephenson of Wisconsin, 33 years old, for many years has taken a pill with aloe in it, and he has never suffered from indigestion. His theory is that aloe is good for man because they are good for a horse. It is on this theory also that many healthy people eat baled hay when it is offered as a breakfast food.

The long, lean years suffered by the poets are drawing to a glorious close. Joy looms ahead. As soon as Chicago disposes of its latest political convention a magazine of poetry will be started in that center of soul music and Pegasus will rise through the smoke of the lake-side to heights of poetic fancy hitherto undreamt of.

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## REPUBLICAN MIX-UP IN NEBRASKA

## A Neighborly Review of a Destructive Situation.

Sioux City Journal (rep.).

It is impossible to evolve anything consistent or coherent from the republican chaos now existing in Nebraska. As a result of Tuesday's twin conventions two political parties are growing where one grew before, each claiming to be the republican party. According to present indications each will have a full set of presidential electors and a full state ticket in the field at the November election. The question as to which of the two tickets will be accorded the name "republican" on the ballot probably can and will be decided in the courts. The fact that one of the republican divisions is committed to Roosevelt would seem to remove all necessity for another Roosevelt party ticket in Nebraska.

Governor Aldrich, leader of the Roosevelt faction in Nebraska, must shoulder responsibility for the republican split, and a natural corollary is that he will have to reap some of the consequences. Governor Aldrich announced some time ago that he would not join the Roosevelt third party. Long before the date of the republican state convention Governor Aldrich's plan became apparent. He was not going to join the Roosevelt party, but he was going to lead the Roosevelt party into line behind the Roosevelt standard, transforming the old party into the new in everything but name. This was the program Governor Aldrich had to offer in the Lincoln convention. It was opposed by a large and aggressive minority of regular republicans—a minority that might have been a majority had the regular majority of the state committee cared to utilize steam roller methods. The Taft regulars exhausted every effort to attain a compromise that would avoid a split. The irreducible minimum of their demands was that the presidential electors on the republican ticket must be men who would support the nominees of the republican national convention. There are now on the republican electoral ticket candidates, of whom five have announced their intention to support Roosevelt. It was insisted that these five Roosevelt electors resign from the republican ticket and run with three other Roosevelt electors on an independent progressive ticket. Their places on the republican ticket would be filled with five Taft electors. Under this arrangement Taft republicans could vote a straight republican ticket, while republicans who wished to vote for Roosevelt could vote, for the independent Roosevelt electors. Governor Aldrich and his followers refused to approve this com-

promise. They persisted not only in refusing to endorse the national ticket and platform, but in running on the republican ticket five electors who intended to vote for the third party candidates. By this persistence republicans who wanted a chance to vote for Taft were forced into a course that would enable them to do so on a third ticket. Forced to flock by themselves and fight, the natural inclination is to fight all along the line. A new state committee has been organized and the announcement is that a complete state ticket will accompany the Taft electors. This in all normal probability will mean the defeat of both republican tickets and the election of Wilson electors and a complete democratic state ticket.

Which ticket will be entitled to the republican place on the ballot? The question will have to be decided by the courts. The Nebraska primary law provides that in case of a split the secretary of state, in making up the official ballot, "shall give the preference to the convention held at the time and place designated in the call of the regular constituted party authorities." This of itself would give the preference to the Aldrich faction. But the same law provides that "the action of the preceding national convention of such party, regularly called, shall determine the action of the secretary of state." This seems to make loyalty to the Chicago convention the supreme test of republicanism in Nebraska. On that test the republican designation belongs of right to the Rosewater faction.

As a matter of morals, apart from law, there is no question that the Taft electors and the candidates who are supporting them are entitled to appear as the candidates of the republican party. Although they do not admit it, Governor Aldrich and all the candidates who are co-operating with him have gone over to the Roosevelt progressive party. By all rules of honest straightforwardness the candidates who are acting for and with the third party should appeal to the voters under the name of that party. However the official ballot may be made up, the advantage on election day will be strongly with the democrats. While the republicans were dividing into two parties the democrats were fighting out the question of factional control in such a way that the losing faction could acquiesce in the outcome. Nebraska is not strongly republican enough to defeat a united democracy with a divided republican army.

## WHY THEY DO NOT DISARM

## Fever of Preparedness Grips Eastern Nations.

Boston Transcript.

Dr. Elliot in an interview at Honolulu discussing disarmament is reported as saying that disarmament would be impossible for Japan because of its insular position which renders it necessary for it to be able to protect its routes of ocean commerce. A similar explanation which the ex-president of Harvard has advanced for Japan can be applied to many nations. They have reasons of their own for maintaining powerful ships and armies to protect their interests, either on land or sea. These reasons seem good to them and are not to be derided at any time in advance of the assured advent of the epoch of converting spears into pruning hooks and swords into plowshares. The world is not altruistic as yet, the powers are jealous of one another and while giving cordial reception to invitations to peace conferences and while lamenting the growing cost of armament they are all accumulating good stores of powder and see that it is kept dry. "It is true, it is pity, and pity 'tis it is true." The great military powers are steadily becoming greater. Germany is planning an increase of its army contemporaneously with a large and rapid expansion of its fleet. Great Britain answers with a naval program of startling magnitude and will before this year

is out have nearly 150,000 men under its pennant.

Where and when the race for "preparedness" will end no one can foresee. Nations are entering it which a decade ago were content with following a policy of replacement and repair. France is about to build a dreadnought to cost \$14,000,000, which is a record figure in that line of construction. Even Greece has got together the means for paying for a battleship which is to be just below dreadnought dimensions. Spain is providing itself with a modern fleet and the Portuguese project of construction is halted only until the royalist agitation is extinguished beyond possibility of revival. Turkey has a dreadnought impounded by the neutrality laws of England. If ever there was a time when the peace advocates were justified in their efforts to convert the hearts of nations to the love of peace now is that time. They will have to work on the heart, for the heads of statesmen are already sympathetic with those who would expostulate against the tremendous cost of armaments. Not alone do individuals need conversion. National prejudices and national passions must be dealt with before an era hopeful to a scheme of reduction of armaments rather than absolute disarmament will dawn.

## POLITICAL SNAPSHOTS.

Cleveland Plain Dealer: "Thou shalt not steel," says the new party platform. But, of course, the prohibition shall not be construed as having any reference to electoral college votes.

New York World: Roosevelt's continuous declaration that no honest man can support Taft is getting to be as monotonous as his former assertions that most all his acquaintances are liars.

Sioux City Journal: As temporary chairman of the Lincoln convention, Governor Aldrich handled the steam roller with an easy grace that must have aroused the admiration of Victor Rosewater.

Philadelphia Bulletin: A riot in which professional prize fighters and wrestlers took part, marked a third party convention at Omaha. Perhaps those 329 seats at the Chicago gathering are going to be worth the money, after all.

Baltimore American: What a lot of animal lore the campaign is teaching us! The elephant is a patient, powerful and a faithful beast; the donkey stubborn, irascible and untrustworthy; and the bull moose a cumbersome creature, capable of great destruction once it plunges from the beaten trail in temper or terror. One cannot but admire the inspiration that applied them to the parties they represent.

Hartford Courant: New York newspaper reporters on duty at Oyster Bay report contentiously that Colonel Roosevelt seemed tickled to death by the news that in half a dozen western and far western states his supporters mean to hang on to the republican organization and name, using them in his interest for all they are worth. If Flinn can fix up a flimflam game of that sort in Pennsylvania, Colonel Roosevelt is ready to profit by it; the announcement is that it isn't for him to "dictate" to his friends what they shall do or refrain from doing. Yet he's the man who has made the welkin ring and the printing presses sweat with his discourses about morality in politics.

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