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## OBSERVATIONS

General Manderson passed through Chicago last Friday. He was interviewed by the Times-Herald, and that paper on Sunday in a editorial on the interview said: "It may be set down as a certainty that General Manderson's candidacy means a solid McKinley delegation in Nebraska, which would be for the distinguished ex-senator, if any unforeseen event should prevent Governor McKinley's nomination."

Which goes to show that even Chicago newspapers are not infallible

The Times-Herald is an honest friend of Major McKinley, and Mr. Kohlsaat has a warm personal regard for General Manderson. The editor is trying trying to please both his friends. But the editorial is unnecessarily absurd.

The Courier has always given General Manderson credit for sincerity and honesty in his candidacy, and I am not yet prepared to doubt him, but this credit does not extend to all those who are foremost in pushing him as a candidate. In many instances they are not sincere. They are not only not for McKinley, after the "favorite son" has been disposed of, but are opposed to him all along the line. Whatever General Manderson may think of his candidacy himself, it is being prosecuted solely in the interest of Senator Allison, and there is no possibility that a Manderson delegation would vote for McKinley and the Manderson people are against him. A Manderson delegation would in all probability mean a solid Allison delegation. Under these circumstances every vote for Manderson support in this state is a vote against McKinley.

Practical politicians know the absolute impossibility of one delegation's

being for two candidates for the same office at the same time. The delegation from Nebraska will be either a McKinley delegation or a Manderson delegation. There isn't any use indulging in any fanciful theories of impossible harmony.

Senator Thurston, however, submits a proposition that is eminently fair. Under it General Manderson would receive fair and proper treatment. But as the only compromise the Manderson people want is one that will take Nebraska away from McKinley, it is doubt-

been received with enthusiasm by the press and people of Nebraska." Noah Webster says enthusiasm is "violent passion or excitement of the mind, in pursuit of some object, inspiring extravagant hope and confidence of success."

In the Wyoming legislature are some clever men. Some of them have prepared a memorial to congress which will recall pleasant memories to many people in Lincoln and other parts of the state who have eaten canned tomatoes and fried bacon in the bracing atmosphere

to the World-Herald of the mineral wealth hidden in the soil of Nebraska. This old prospector has the imagination of a Bob McReynolds, and the graceful diction of a J. D. Calhoun. Says he:

"A glance at the map of Nebraska will show her rivers pointing, like the outstretched fingers of an unerring hand, to the elevations from which countless ages of upheaval, erosion, glaciation, cataclysm, tropic heat (fig leaves, palms and the magnolias are common fossils in the rocks of Colorado-Wyoming and Montana) and Spitzbergian cold, howling tornadoes and stormy winds fulfilling the word and accomplishing the creative work of the most high, have torn, wrenched and crevassed, disintegrated, washed and swept this material from its primal environment over the vast slopes of the transmissouri country on its way toward the sea, and while the lighter portions have largely been carried by the glacial floods to settle in the quiet ancient seas of the Mississippi valley, the great plains of Nebraska have served as a mighty blanket in a gold-washer's sluice, to receive and entangle the passing gold."

There are several columns of this. If "An Old Prospector" could only dig up Nebraska earth with the same effectiveness that he prospects on paper, he would be a great man. He would be almost great enough to run for water commissioner in the city of Lincoln.

Congressman Hailer will have serious opposition at the Fourth district nominating convention. If the opposition does not jeopardise his prospects for re-nomination it will be because it is split up in the advocacy of a number of "favorite sons." Mr. Hailer has made one or two foolish mistakes recently, and it is right that he should be disciplined; but it would be a cause for genuine regret if the republicans of the Fourth district should not send him back to Washington. He has ability of a high order and ranks with the most efficient of those who have represented Nebraska in congress.

The majority of the people of Nebraska are republicans. An overwhelming majority of the republicans of this state are for Major McKinley for president. Is the man who stands in the way of this sentiment of the overwhelming majority of the dominant political party in this state, "standing up for Nebraska?"

The trial of the new system of voting at last Friday's municipal primaries of the republican party was much more satisfactory than many persons supposed it would be. There are valid objections to some features of the new system, but on the whole it is better than the old way. The fact that slips of paper containing the names of the candidates agreed upon by what was known as the corporation combine, were found in some of the booths, and other significant manifestations, showed clearly that this influence sought to control the nominations, and it was not wholly unsuccessful. Still the city ticket chosen is just as good, if not better, than would



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ful if anything will come of it. The senator's proposition is: That the delegates to the national convention should vote for Hon. Charles F. Manderson on any and all ballots when in their judgment such votes so cast will not in any wise tend to defeat the nomination of William McKinley or lessen his chances for nomination, but that they should vote for William McKinley on any and all ballots when in their judgment such votes would promote his interests or contribute to his nomination.

Certainly this is fair. If the Manderson movers were sincere they would undoubtedly accept it.

General Manderson said to a Times-Herald reporter: "My candidacy has

of the Big Horn mountains, "whose majestic and inaccessible heights," they fondly swept with a telescope or seized with a kodak. The memorial says of the mountain region of Wyoming: "It is the Switzerland of America, in which the Matterhorn finds a worthy counterpart in the grand Teton, whose majestic and inaccessible heights are reflected in the clear depths, and whose rugged grandeur is in marvellous contrast to the placid beauty of the mountain lakes which lie at its base." It may be added that the people of Wyoming want this region converted into a national park under state ownership.

An interesting resident of North Loup, who hides his identity under the signature, "An Old Prospector," writes