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In their chronological order, the great conflagrations of history are recorded as follows:

1212—London destroyed by fire and thousands burned.

1666—London again destroyed with similar loss of life.

1729—Conflagration in Constantinople burned 7000 persons.

1825—Forest fires in New Brunswick killed 160 persons.

1838—Scores burned at Charleston, S. C.

1842—Fire burned 100 persons at Hamburg, Germany.

1845—Forty-five killed by fire in business part of New York.

1845—Fire destroyed seventy in Quebec.

1850—Thirty lives lost in Philadelphia.

1851—Twenty-five hundred buildings burned at San Francisco, with scores of people killed.

1862—Troy, N. Y., destroyed with large loss of life.

1863—Two thousand persons perished by fire at Santiago, Chili.

1866—Portland, Me., partly destroyed with scores burned.

1871—One-fourth of Chicago burned \$168,000,000 worth of property destroyed and hundreds of lives lost.

1871—Forest fires in Wisconsin and Michigan killed 1000.

1872—Sixty-five acres of Boston buildings including business portion of city burned; loss \$75,000,000.

1881—Ring theater in Vienna burned and 875 lives were lost.

1881—Lehman's theater, St. Petersburg, burned, with 600 to 800 lives lost.

1882—Newhall house fire in Milwaukee; 140 killed.

1892—Six hundred buildings burned and 15,000 persons made homeless at St. John's N. F. loss \$20,000,000.

1897—Paris (France) charity bazaar, in a temporary building burned; 13 killed.

1900—Windsor hotel fire in New York burned 80 persons.

1900—Fire at Hoboken, N. J. killed 300.

1902—Twenty blocks of Paterson, N. J. burned; loss \$10,000,000.

1903—Six hundred and fifty-three lives lost in the Iroquois theater fire Chicago.

1904—Eighty blocks burned in Baltimore loss \$50,000,000.

Numerous cities in China have been destroyed by fire and thousands of lives lost from time to time, but statistics of the disaster as a rule, have not been kept.

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The Machine is Desperate

The leaders of the machine are growing more desperate from day to day as they watch the growing political tornado that will sweep them from power. They stand in the midst of a gang of men who support them for pelf and favors, but are powerless to stay the grand army that is gathering from the towns and the farms to take possession of the state government now plundered for the benefit of the corporations.

In evidence of the desperation of the gang, it has just been learned that the machine manipulators through their subservient tools made an effort to connect the name of Hon. Coe I. Crawford with some land filings, but the game was too rotten for even ordinary machine men to countenance. But the damnable purpose was none the less hatched and put in motion by the gang who are watching the uprising of the people with alarm. Anything would answer, from perjury down, to blacken the name and fame of the peoples champion, Hon. Coe I. Crawford.

Every act of Mr. Crawford's public and private life has been searched in vain for something on which the desperate gang could put their muck rakes into, but in the face of all this machine infamy, Mr. Crawford stands out before the people of the state spotless, beyond the reach of men who drove Chief Justice Kellam from the state, and betrayed Secretary of State Berg, and sent Ex-Governor Sheldon to an early grave.

The history of the conspiracy to ruin Chief Justice Kellam was related to the writer by Ex-Governor Sheldon, with tears in his eyes, as he told of the infamous combination, to destroy a judge who was beyond the reach of the bosses.

At the time of the Kellam conspiracy, Sheldon was governor, but he never dreamed at the time that men could lie as they did to him in order to ruin Kellam. Such is the history of machine bosses in every state. They hesitate at nothing to accomplish their ends.

The people of South Dakota must answer this infamy at the state convention and by the election of men to the legislature who will put the af-

airs of the state on a business basis and clean out every ringster and corporation tool who is now living off the people and working for the machine.

To accomplish this act of purification the people must turn out and elect Crawford delegates who will in turn nominate a reform ticket at the state convention, after which a legislature must be elected that will give the people a primary law, an anti-pass law, a law to regulate the assessment of all property, and provide for the construction of the state capital building out of South Dakota material, as good as any in the world.

The nomination of Mr. Crawford for governor is the first step in the program for clean honest government, and the election of men to the legislature must be in harmony with the demands of the people.

In view of the desperation of the machine gang to ruin Crawford, the Leader warns the people to be on their guard everywhere, because the machine will hesitate at nothing to win out at the caucuses. The people hold the remedy for good government in their own hands, because the machine is powerless if the people are alert and do their plain duty.

The sentiment among the people in every county in the state is two to one for an abrupt termination of machine power, and it remains to be seen whether the farmers and business men are going to neglect the most important duty they have ever been called upon to perform since statehood.

The attempted assault upon the fair name and character of Mr. Crawford should be ample warning that the machine will hesitate at nothing to keep the corporations in power in this state.

Every republican voter in the state who loves justice and a square deal and desires that the tax-robbing system shall cease, should attend the caucuses on May 15, and help elect men to the county convention who will in turn elect men to the state convention who are favorable to Mr. Crawford for governor. Do this and the voter will have performed one of the most meritorious acts of his citizenship.

What the Machine Wants

The machine wants the people to endorse its contempt for the constitution.

The machine wants the people to endorse its contempt for the right of petition.

The machine wants the people to endorse its contempt for a primary law.

The machine wants the people to endorse its robber system of taxation.

The machine wants the people to endorse its corporation system of state politics.

The machine wants the people to endorse Crane's burning of the books.

The machine wants the people to endorse its standard oil and insurance lobby.

The machine wants the people to endorse its hostility to the President.

The machine wants the people to endorse the Northwestern railroad's governor—Elrod by name.

The machine wants the people to

endorse its pledge to use Indiana stone in the construction of the state capital.

The machine wants the people to endorse its betrayal of Secretary of State Berg.

The machine wants the people to endorse Martin a railroad attorney for the United States Senate.

The machine wants the people to endorse its system of overtaking the people and undertaxing the corporations.

The machine wants the people to endorse its demand that Gamble get off the earth so as to make Kit's road smooth two years hence.

There are a few other things the machine would like endorsed, but it is safe to say the people will endorse nothing the machine wants this year.

The people want a new deal, a square deal, and an honest deal and they hold the cards and know how to play them. The game begins May 15.

robbed no longer. The machine must go. The corporation tools have robbed the tax payers long enough.

Hits Kit Hard.

Hurley Herald: The dreadful deed is done and Burnside, the Kittredge stand pat, candidate for Mayor of Sioux Falls is overwhelmingly defeated. It is a splendid victory right in the center of the machine power and we rejoice at it not so much because it is a triumph for cleaner government. And any other kind of an insurgent victory is not worth working for.

Machine Going to Pieces.

Wagner Leader: At the city election held in Sioux Falls last Tuesday the candidate for mayor on the independent ticket was quietly elected by an overwhelming majority over the machine candidate, supported by the Kittredge crowd and the state machine. That organization is going to pieces and it will be completely annihilated in the convention on June 5, at Sioux Falls. The people are aware that their interests and that of the railroads are not identical. They are going to support candidates who represent their interests.

Governor Elrod is trying to make the people believe the railroads are taxed as high as they are in other states. Sam, don't do it any more. The people can read.

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Edgan Express: The arguments put forth by one of our neighboring contemporaries are so inane, senseless, and void of any bearing upon the real issues of the campaign, that our vocabulary fails to command words that fully express our estimation of their worth. He exploits the idea, and tries to impress upon the minds of the voters of Moody county, that only those who are in line with the machine organization are true blue republicans. He boasts of the records of the men of which the machine is composed, asserting that their records are open to the severest test. What about the books which were burned, to cover up the disposition made of the last campaign fund? He insinuates that the followers of Coe I. Crawford are nothing but a band of disappointed and disgruntled office seekers, democrats and populists, and that the anti-machine organization is opposed to the Republican party. Such absurdity; viewed by anyone with intelligence, statements of this kind would be considered narrow. We would ask, is Hon. Geo. Rice a disgruntled or disappointed office seeker? Are Robert J. Gamble, Senator Cassill, Philo Hall, Hans Ustrud, disappointed office seekers? Are they men who have ever advocated principles other than those imbedded in the republican platform? Are they of whom the voter in the counties in which they live are ashamed? No, they are men loved, honored and respected by the citizens in the community in which they live. Altho vilified and reviled, and ruthlessly assailed by unnumbered papers throughout our state, these assaults heaped upon them, only serve to strengthen their hold upon the public heart. After calamity's ammunition has all been expended, the powder has all been burned, and its force spent, the names of these men will glitter and shine with that brightness which is imperishable. The wave of enlightenment which is spreading over our fair state, will sweep from power those who are the dominating influence in enacting laws which benefit the trusts and corporations and such men as Crawford, Gamble, Hall, Rice and others of the same company will be standing on the highest eminence of human distinction among the republicans of our state. Why do not the machine papers touch upon the main issues? Do we hear them say anything about the denying of 8000 voters the right of petition and the utter disregard for the laws of the state or the constitution? No. Do we hear them say anything about rate legislation, the all important question before the people of the United States at the present time? No. Do we hear them say anything about a primary election law? No. Then we say to the voters, don't be deceived by the delusive methods used by the machine organization to get your support, but vote for the Roosevelt Republicans, the men who believe in good government, and a "square deal for all."

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Get Behind Me Satan

Attorney General Hall Offered All the Flesh Pots if He Would Bow Down Before the Machine

Hon. Coe I. Crawford and Attorney General Hall spoke at Arlington last week before an immense audience. During Mr. Hall's speech he told for the first time how the machine urged him to run for congress. The special says:

Mr. Hall, in speaking of the present attack being made upon himself, as well as other candidates, by the machine press, felt justified in self-defense to speak as follows:

"I will make a statement which I have not before made public, but which in the light of the present attacks being made upon myself and others I feel justified in doing. When it was first known that I was talked of as a candidate for congress upon the anti-machine ticket, I was called to Huron by telegram. I went and the proposition was then and there made to me to become a candidate for congress.

"I was assured at this conference

that I would receive the endorsement of the machine; or that if I did not want to stand for congress there were other inducements and they were offered me, all of which I declined because I was not in sympathy with the movement and the plans of doing business. I have not disclosed the name of the man who made this proposition but I will if made necessary. He assured me that he had full authority to make me this proposition.

"The question now arises, if I was good enough to deserve a place on the machine ticket, why is it that I am considered by the same machine too bad a man to be given a place on the insurgent ticket for the same office?"

Kingsbury county is in sympathy with the reform movement and will send 37 delegates to our state convention in support of these principles.

Now let the Argus-Leader and its cuckoos get busy as to the above statements of Mr. Hall.

—R. W. LEVITT.

Scientific Corn Breeding.

The following communication has been received from one of our subscribers, Mr. O. Paulson, of Turner county, S. D.:

I would like to ask if it would be advisable to plant two rows of corn side by side, the seed of each being taken from the same ear, the object being to detassel one of these rows at the proper time. When should corn be detasseled? I have heard that silks also should be taken out at the proper time. If this is so, what time should the work be done?

We can see no special advantage in the practice of planting two rows of corn side by side with seed taken from the same ear. In fact, we think that there is considerable disadvantage in this plan, unless the matter is in the hands of a skilled corn breeder. We say this because this plan would mean inbreeding, and the amateur has little excuse for meddling in this field, whether he be hand-

ling plants or animals. We would much prefer to use seed from entirely different ears to plant in adjacent rows.

As to the time of detasseling it may be said that the work must be done just as the tassels begins to show. In the right kind of weather it sometimes happens that pollen is shed almost on the same day that the tassels come out, hence the necessity of doing the work promptly upon its first appearance. It is always necessary to go through the crop several times, because all the tassels in a given row do not come out on the same day. Tassels should never be cut off, but pulled out with a quick jerk. We cannot imagine a case where any good can come from the practice of removing the silks.—Homestead.

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