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The silver plank of the Republican platform is all right.

CONGRESSMAN BOEN has been re-nominated by the Populists of the Seventh district.

ELK RIVER *Star-News*: A man who betrays his friends in politics will bear watching in business.

NATIONAL campaigns should be fought on national issues, and State campaigns should be fought on State issues.

A GOOD synopsis of the proceedings of the Republican and Populist State conventions will be found on the third page of this issue.

THERE is little prospect of an agreement between the house and senate on the mongrel tariff bill. The probability is that the house will reject it.

HON. D. M. CLOUGH is again the unanimous nominee of the Republicans of Minnesota for lieutenant governor. No better man could have been selected.

MAJOR BALDWIN thinks the Republicans of Minnesota will make a great mistake if they fail to re-elect Senator Washburn, provided a Republican is to be elected.

HON. J. A. KEYES, the Populist nominee for attorney general, was a member of the State legislature in 1889 and again in 1891. He is an able lawyer and an exceedingly conscientious gentleman.

A. DELACY WOOD is about to embark in another newspaper enterprise, this time in East St. Cloud. Benton county has two newspapers already and their publishers are not making money any too fast.

GOV. NELSON richly merited the compliment that was paid him in the Republican State convention—unanimous renomination by acclamation. He has made an ideal governor. His official record is without a flaw.

MINNEAPOLIS *Progress*: Minnesota Republicans in State convention nominated a ticket that must prove well nigh invincible in the coming campaign. Governor Nelson's renomination is well deserved, as he has made an excellent executive.

S. M. OWEN, the nominee of the People's Party for governor, is neither a demagogue nor a crank, and nothing is to be gained by underestimating his vote-getting qualities. But we know of no reason why any Republican should vote for him in preference to honest, rugged Knute Nelson.

DULUTH *Commonwealth*: The railroads have the right to specify that the new employees shall not be members of the A. R. U. But in boycotting the order they lay themselves open to indictment for conspiracy according to several authorities. We hate a boycott and we do not see that it is any more pleasant for being directed against a labor organization.

ISAAC E. STAPLES, clerk of court of Morrison county and mayor of Little Falls, announces that he is no longer a Democrat. In a letter to the *Transcript* he succinctly gives his reasons for severing his connection with that party. His letter is a ringing indictment of the incapacity sectionalism and failure of the party with which he has affiliated for so many years.

THE platform adopted by the Republican State convention is an excellent one, and its best plank is the one that demands that railroad lands be taxed by the ordinary method of direct taxation. We unhesitatingly advise Repub-

licans to bolt any candidate for the legislature who will not pledge himself to vote for the enactment of a law that will provide for the taxation of railroad lands.

WELL, Dunn got there, and now, alas, "Bob" will be as beastly radical as the worst of 'em.—*St. Cloud Times*.

You are laboring under a delusion, Bro. Macdonald. Our opinions are our own. We will be no more radical now than we ever were. We will labor for the success of the entire Republican ticket because we believe in the principles enunciated in the platform of that party in this State, and because we believe the candidates of the party are worthy of our support. But at the same time those who look for virulent abuse of the opposition in the columns of the UNION will be disappointed.

A. J. WHITEMAN, formerly senator from the Duluth district and later Democratic candidate for congress in the old Fifth district, has been arrested at Detroit on the charge of forgery. It appears that he was the head of an organized gang of sharpers and had issued worthless paper to the amount of \$50,000. It was only a few months ago that he was under arrest in New York for trying to pass a forged check. His friends succeeded in getting him out of that scrape upon his promise to stop gambling and be an honest man. Whiteman is past reformation.

WE cannot express our gratitude in cold print to the host of gallant and devoted friends who battled so successfully for us in the Republican State convention and secured for us the nomination for State auditor. As long as life lasts we shall cherish each and every one of them in our heart of hearts. If the voters of the State see fit to ratify the action of the convention by electing us to the honorable and responsible position of State auditor we will endeavor to prove to our friends that we are worthy of the confidence they have reposed in us, and it will be the height of our ambition to discharge the duties of the office in such a manner as to meet with the approval of honest men of all parties.

HON. C. B. BUCKMAN is not a candidate for congressional honors. He concedes the Republican nomination to Mr. Towne, of Duluth. He was interviewed by a *St. Cloud Journal-Press* reporter the other day and expressed himself as follows:

I am very glad you have mentioned the matter, as it will give me the opportunity to inform the public that I am not a candidate for congress. Of course I appreciate the kind things that have been said of my candidacy, and the many offers of support I have received from this section of the district, but I am interested in the success of the Republican party, and St. Louis county having presented a candidate who is in every way acceptable—able, eloquent and honest—I believe that he should receive the unanimous support of the whole district, and he will be nominated by acclamation at the Brainerd convention.

The Duluth fellows behaved so nicely in standing by Bob Dunn, that I feel very friendly towards them, and I know it is good politics to preserve this sentiment of standing by a Sixth district man. Towne is, perhaps, the best public speaker in the State, and he will give us a brilliant campaign, and will be elected by a handsome majority.

There was a time when I wanted to go to congress, but I have entirely gotten over the fever. I have made arrangements to cut more logs than ever this winter, and would not go to congress if presented with a certificate of election.

"The Girl I Left Behind Me." The fame of the song "The Girl I Left Behind Me" is worldwide. No British man-of-war leaves harbor, no British regiment leaves its station for foreign service, without the plaintive air being heard by the men who are leaving and the girls—their mothers, sisters, wives and sweethearts—who are being left behind. This song, like many another that has stirred the British heart at home and abroad, that has given valor in the fight and brought the soft recollections of the motherland amid the horrors of the battlefield, is anonymous.

It is no doubt of Irish origin, but no one can tell who wrote either the words or the music. It has been found in a manuscript dated about 1770. "The air was also taken down," says Bunting, "from A. O'Neil, harper, A. D. 1800, author and date unknown. The air was written for a march, and the English version of the words, called 'Brighton Camp,' differs considerably from these. Chappell, while he put in an English claim to the air, admits that it may be Irish. He thinks it was probably written in 1758, when there were encampments along the coast—at Brighton among the rest—where many tunes of this sort originated. Wherever it was played, it is now almost a century since it became the soldiers' and sailors' loath-to-leave, and it has so long been played on every man-of-war as she weighed anchor and for every regiment as it quitted a town where it had been stationed that an omission would be thought a slight upon the ladies.—*Toronto Mail*.

EARLY DAYS.

Benjamin Soule Tells of the Scurry Trick Played on a Fellow-Traveler.

Benjamin Soule was in a reminiscent mood the other day and was the center of a group of eager listeners as he was relating some of his early experiences in Minnesota. The UNION reporter caught the following:

During the winter of '55 and '56, when the means of transportation from Red Wing and points along the Mississippi river to St. Paul and St. Anthony was over Col. Allen's stage line, I had occasion, in company with a couple of friends, to take the stage from one of the lower points to St. Paul. Among the strangers to us was a rather fussy sort of fellow who felt a pleasure, apparently, only in finding fault with his fellow-passengers, and in denouncing the weather which was down somewhere near the 40 mark.

At Red Wing old Fussy had secured a good sized boulder which he placed near the fire until it was well heated. Having secured a sack, the stone was duly ensconced therein—just the thing to keep his feet warm until the next stopping point was reached. Before starting the trio of friends managed to get the rock out of the bag and placed in its stead a piece of ice similar in size and shape to the stone. After an hour's ride the fault-finder complained about the rigors of the climate, and wondered why in h—l his feet got cold so quickly. Still further on, his uneasiness increased and he drove his hand down to turn the rock around, remarking that the cursed thing was as cold as ice. His feet kept growing colder until he felt the necessity of running behind the stage for several miles to bring them back to their normal state. Getting into the stage again he said that at the next point of stopping he would warm that d—d rock so it would stay warm, if the court knew itself which it did. The place was reached in due time, and the fussy traveler with his teeth chattering, grabbed the sack with the crystal rock in it and started for the inn. A roaring fire was blazing on the hearth and he proceeded to empty the contents of the sack where it would take unto itself the glowing heat of the fire. As the ice rolled out on the hearth, surprise, mortification and anger followed each other in rapid succession. He glared at his companions, with the danger signal up. He changed from a fault finding, fussy growler to a pugilist and challenged the entire crowd to fist combat with no takers. All were "mum" as the melting ice before the grate. "Silence settled wide and still" on that little community who had played that practical joke on their fellow traveler. No allusions were made to the matter during the remainder of the journey to St. Paul, and then the three friends sought a secluded spot before giving vent to their pent-up feelings.

Dr. Fridley, Dentist.

Dr. Fridley the expert dentist, has decided to put Princeton on his list and will be at the Commercial Hotel, July 23rd and 24th and the 23rd and 24th of each month until further notice. Teeth extracted without pain by the use of odontunder. All work done at hard time prices. A perfect fit Guaranteed. Dentistry in all branches skillfully and thoroughly done. Take this opportunity to have your teeth attended to. You can't afford to neglect them. Dr. Fridley has had fifteen years experience and is well known as an expert in his profession. Call and see him.

SUMMER TRAINING SCHOOL.

A Large attendance of Teachers from the Counties of Mille Lacs, Isanti, Sherburne and Kanabec.

The summer training school for the teachers of the counties of Mille Lacs, Isanti, Sherburne and Kanabec opened in the school building here on Monday. There are 75 teachers in attendance and several more will be enrolled this week. Prof. W. H. Shoemaker of the St. Cloud Normal school is the conductor and he is ably assisted by Miss Nellie S. Clute of the same institution, and by Mille Lacs county's untiring superintendent, Mrs. O. R. Barker. Supt. Chas. J. Dahl of Isanti county, Supt. Alfred Sundeen of Kanabec county, and Supt. J. H. Williams of Sherburne county are also present and giving valuable assistance. A great deal of interest is manifested by the teachers and good results are bound to follow. The only drawback is the intense heat. The session opens daily at 7 A. M. and closes at 12 M. Annexed hereto is a list of the teachers present.

MILLE LACS COUNTY.

Alice Bouck, Ernest Brady, Mary Larkin, Winnifred Larkin, Myrtle Love, Mae Sadley, Lou Sadley, Clara Lund, Kate Kenely, Winnifred Kenely, Daisy Loring, Sophia Peterson, Joseph Nokes, Serena Peterson, Maud Larson, Linnie Pinkham, Daisy Farrington, Emily Henry, Tennie Cravens, Sarah Orr, Frances Estes, Sophia Ross, Nellie Blaine, Orpha Edmison, Della Ross, Clara Hatcher, Henry Galbraith, Maud Northway, Hattie Kately, Florence Moloso, Abbie Claggett, Mettie Wheeler, Chas. Freer, Bertha Selhorn, Bessie Bingham, Christa Wallace, Rose O'Malley, Orpha Edmison.

SHERBURNE COUNTY.

Emma Lee, Mildred Craig, Bird Craig, Susie Colson, Eliza Shenton, Albert Bailey, Blanche Gilman, Nellie Jennison, Madge Moore, Edith Daggett, Minerva Iliff, Annie Johnson.

ISANTI COUNTY.

Katie Dexter, Adla Hallin, Bessie Bocklund, Ida Miller, Helen Blomquist, Matilda Widmark, Annie Baxter, Nora Blomquist, Victoria Birch, Carrie Olson.

KANABEC COUNTY.

Emma Blank, Lucy Naumann, Sarah Loague, Charlotte Darragh, Alexia Ramgren, Dora Rines.

BENTON COUNTY.

Mary Whitl, Bridget Connelly, Maud B. Finch, Annie Connelly, Maggie Thomas, Eliza N. Henry.

STEARNS COUNTY.

Mary L. Smullen, Lizzie Clancy.

NOTES.

The flag floats daily from the school house staff.

The ice sent by the board is duly appreciated by all this hot weather.

The board has the thanks of the school for books and supplies furnished. Compliments are heard for Prof. Shoemaker and his assistant, Miss Clute.

Mrs. Geo. Young has the thanks of the school for her usual pretty bouquet for opening.

All the teachers are here except Miss Hudson and Miss Ross, who are daily expected.

The early hours from 7 to 12 was brought about by a vote of the teachers. It is just a trifle early for some.

Owing to the large number of teachers another assistant in the person of Prof. Stwoyer will be here for work next week.

Miss Patterson is often spoken of by the teachers who were under her supervision last year. Miss Leavitt is also alive in their memories.

Editors Safford, VanWormer and Dare have the sincere thanks of Supt. O. R. Barker for their kindly notices in reference to the training school.

Mr. L. Hyde, son of Prof. Hyde, is with the teachers this week in the interests of that valuable teachers' aid, *School Educator*. Mr. Smith, managing editor, who came last year, finds it impossible to be here this season.

The Training school is a success. Not less than seventy-five teachers have enrolled, and many more are expected. The interest shown from six counties is a guarantee which speaks for itself. Princeton has good reason to feel proud of this army of educators now assembled under the supervision of instructors of the highest standing. What besides this makes Princeton a desirable summer resort are its beautiful shade trees and its intelligent and hospitable people. A. S.

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