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THE DEMOCRATIC LEADER.

Who is Richard Croker? It seems that with the possible exception of William Jennings Bryan he is the most influential and most powerful member of the Democratic party. This being the case the people have the right to inquire who and what he is. Is he a statesman? No. Is he a soldier? He is not. Is he an orator? Again, no. Is he a successful business man or manufacturer? Has he done anything to entitle him to the respect and esteem of the American people? No, he is nothing and has done nothing except that he has been chosen chief of the most corrupt and corrupting ring of bribe-givers and bribe-takers the world has ever known. Such is Tammany, such is the organization that is at the head of this party of reform, of this party that is to give us "purity" and "Jeffersonian simplicity" in our politics. The tears of a thousand prostitutes are crystallized in their diamond shirt studs, the gains of a hundred hundred drinking hells and gambling dives line their pockets. Tweed, the Thief, is their patron saint, and their science of government is that of bribery reduced to a fine art. And yet our poor misguided men from Crawford rush down to their convention, do their bidding and come back to tell us what great thing Democracy is to do for this country. Bah! Tamanny has to do only with fools or knaves, the former they cajole, with the latter they are in cahoots. What good can you expect from this ring? Do they care a continental for your welfare or ours? We have seen their treatment of Ex-Senator Hill and of every other man who has become prominent in Democratic politics through any merit of brains or principles. We have seen the unholy alliance with Bryan, and Croker's statement that he cared not what was in the platform so long as Bryan would do the "right thing" with the offices. What does Croker mean by this? He means simply that all this hypocritical, sentimentality about the Declaration of Independence, these mock heroics, these appeals to prejudice are simply masks by which the influence of Tammany Hall can be extended to the nation and every industry and every enterprise pay tribute to it as do the courtesans of New York City. It was eminently fitting that this convention controlled by Don Quixote Bryan and Boss Croker should seat Briber Clark of Montana as one of the delegates. We hope our Iowa delegation duly appreciated the honor (?) of sitting in convention with these men.

of you heard his name before? It was Kellar, and Kellar is what? He is a sub-chief of Tammany, only this and nothing more. A cheap, subordinate, hireling, appointee, and this man the Tammany bosses of New York gravely and seriously presented to the convention as a candidate for the dignified office of Vice-President of the United States. A more self-respecting convention would have hooted them out of the hall. The whole Kansas City convention with its hero worship and its subservency to the dictates of such disreputable leaders forms a disgraceful chapter in the history of American politics.

AFTER THREE YEARS.

July 1st completed the REVIEW's third year under the present management. Three years ago the REVIEW was a weekly paper, printing from ten to fifteen columns of home matter each week; today it is a twice-a-week paper printing an average of thirty columns of home matter each week. The actual bona-fide, paid-in-advance circulation of the REVIEW is larger today than the whole list, dead beats and all, was three years ago. We hope we have learned something in the three years and judging from the fact that we do not feel as if we knew so much as we did, we guess we have. The REVIEW has been a member of our family ever since we can remember, in fact it has been the favorite child of the family and all of the rest of us have had to make sacrifices that the REVIEW might grow and prosper. We have not finished making sacrifices for the REVIEW, and it looks as if we would not for some time to come. The REVIEW has been run chiefly for the benefit of the people and its employees, and the editors have for many years come in only for the crumbs which fell from the table. Within the next few months, the REVIEW will be established in a splendidly equipped office, one of the best in the state, and we can then do our work with comfort and economy. We have more enemies than we had three years ago but we comfort ourselves with the knowledge that they are chiefly desirable enemies and that the man who can run a newspaper without making enemies is a unmitigated ass. We also have more friends than we had three years ago and for that fact we are profoundly grateful. We have not so many enemies as we had a year ago perhaps that is a sign of approaching assinity and perhaps it is because we have learned not to judge men quite so harshly. At any rate we look forward with pleasure to the years to come and with every confidence in the future of the Great REVIEW. We like Denison and Crawford county and their sturdy honest folk and are giving to them the best there is in us. If you like the REVIEW and feel that it is doing good work for the community don't be afraid to say so, and to tell your neighbor about it and to help your paper where you can. Three years is not a long time but it has been long enough for us to relate to love our little city and its people and to look forward with content and happiness to many more years among them. So here's to year number Four, may we get through it with no more mistakes and errors than we committed in year number Three.

PLENTY GOOD ENOUGH.

One Wednesday we were talking to one of the young German-American voters of Denison. We said we hoped that he would vote the republican ticket this fall. We knew that his father was a strong democrat and that all his surroundings were democratic, it was a pleasant surprise then for us to hear him say that he voted the republican ticket once and that he should do it again this fall, for he said, "these times are plenty good enough for me, I do not want a change and the democrats say they will give us one. I for one do not want it." We believe there are

hundreds of others in this county who before election day will decide that these times are plenty good enough for them.

Senator Davis hit the nail on the head when he said: "I am amused to see such tremendous hubbub the Democrats are making as to whether they ought to endorse 16 to 1 once or endorse it twice. The free coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1 was fully and emphatically advocated in the Chicago platform. The party could not have expressed itself more decidedly on that issue, but now I hear that the delegates to Kansas City are advancing profound arguments pro and con as to whether it would be better to reaffirm the Chicago platform or reaffirm that platform and declare in addition that the Democratic party is really and truly in favor of free silver 16 to 1. That is like a man saying that he favored it before and that he also favors it. The more you consider the latest problem, the more problematical it appears."

THE MAN WITH A CLAIM.

A Pathetic Figure Who Is Regularly Snaubed at Town Meetings.

The most pathetic figure at a town meeting is the man with a claim. The man who has the claim or grievance goes to the selectmen each spring and has them put an article in the warrant bringing this matter up. Some years he goes into town meeting himself and urges his claim. In other years for the sake of variety he will hire some of the local lawyers to present the matter in the best manner possible. Usually the man is listened to, though the whole thing is horribly familiar to every voter in the town. Then, when all the oratory has been spilled into their ears, some long eared man from the back districts will rise and will draw with a grin: "Move we pass over that article," and forthwith the article is passed over with a whoop. And the man is around next year as usual. It is a curious thing but the average town appears always ready to repudiate these matters of long standing. I have heard voters admit that certain claims against their town were perfectly legitimate and perhaps ought to be paid, but they are of the coterie that regularly votes against granting the appeal of the petitioners.

Why?

Oh, Well, it's "an old matter," and the town is irritated by the persistence of the man who keeps coming to claim his own. When a town gets set in that direction, there is no reputation so heartless and so conscienceless as that which marks its action. You see, the blame is so equally divided. Refusing to pay honest debts is treated as a joke. Even the man who at last with awakened conscience gets up and urges his fellow citizens to do the right thing and pay the bill is smiled away as a chap that means well, but doesn't know what he is talking about.—Lewiston Journal.

A Lesson In Rudeness.

"Women should not complain that they have to stand in street cars and other public conveyances," said an old gentleman as he laboriously made his way from the transfer man to the herdic. "Children learn common politeness at home if they learn it at all. On the car that I just left was a handsomely dressed woman and her son, a fine looking boy of 10. The car was crowded when I got on, and the little man and his mother sat near the door. As soon as I entered the boy made a motion to get up, but his mother held him down. "Mamma, the man is lame," I heard him whisper. "I don't care if he is. You have paid for your seat and have a right to it," she answered him pettishly. "The little fellow blushed at his mother's remark. Now, that woman will probably read the riot act to the next man who refrains from giving her a seat in a crowded car, but what can she expect when she teaches her own son to be discourteous to the lame and the halt?"—Washington Star.

Equal to the Occasion.

There once stopped at a tavern a party of wits. When the feast was over, one of the members called in the hostess. "Madam," he said, "I am going to give you a lesson in astronomy. Have you not heard of the great Platonic year, when everything must return to its former condition? Know, then, that in 2,000 years we shall be here again on the same day and at the same hour. Will you give us credit till then?" The hostess, however, had her reply. "I am perfectly willing," she retorted, "but it is just 2,000 years since you were here before, and you left without paying them. Settle the old score now, and I will trust you on the new."—New York Tribune.

Porcelain.

China (porcelain) is so called because it was first brought from the Celestial kingdom. It is made principally of kaolin, and kaolin takes its name from a high hill in China, where it was first discovered. It is a fine clay, white when pure, and it is easily worked. It has since been found in various places, the United States as well as other countries.

CRIME OF THE CENTURY

Belief Is General That Story of Peking Massacre Is True.

EMPEROR ENDS HIS OWN LIFE.

Forced by Prince Tuan to Commit Suicide—Empress Dowager Clings to Life After Taking Poison—Little Chance of Help Reaching Capital.

LONDON, July 6.—The story that all foreigners in Peking were murdered on June 30 or July 1, appears to be circulating simultaneously at Che Foo, Shanghai and Tien Tsin. Yet, as it is not confirmed by official dispatches and is not traceable to the southern viceroys, who are still in certain communication with Peking, there is basis for the hope that it is untrue.

The authorities at Shanghai recognize that even though these reports are rejected, events in Peking must be galloping to a tragic end. Correspondents of the Express at Shanghai gather details from Chinese sources which pieced together relate that when the foreigners' ammunition was exhausted, the Boxers and imperial troops rushed the British legation and poured into the court yard with fanatical fury. The foreign troops were so hopelessly outnumbered that their fate was certain. The moment the mob broke in the court yard was converted into a shambles. Others of the invaders spread into the interior of the building. One correspondent adds: "It is only left to hope that in the final rush of the murderous hordes the men of the legations had time to slay with their own hands their womenkind and children. The Chinese are whispering the terrible story under their breath."

The native officials are believed to be preparing the way for the reception of news of the greatest crime of the century.

Two Manchus who have arrived at Shanghai certify to the truth of the statement that Prince Tuan visited the palace and offered the emperor and the dowager empress the alternative of poison or the sword. The emperor, they say, took poison and died within an hour. The dowager empress also chose poison, but craftily swallowed only a portion of what was offered her and survived.

Fireworks Cause Death of Boy.

DILLER, Neb., July 6.—As a result of fireworks at Hollenberg, a small town south of here on the state line, the 8-year-old boy of Oscar Menefee lost his life. He was standing near where the fireworks were being exploded and picked up a lighted rocket. It exploded and the wood entered the side of his head, he lying shortly after.

Woman Burned by Gasoline.

DENISON, Ia., July 6.—Mrs. J. B. Romans, wife of the prominent Democratic politician, was very seriously burned by gasoline yesterday. Her clothing was entirely burned off and from her knees to her eyebrows she is badly scorched. It is feared that the accident will be fatal.

Yesterday's Baseball Results.

Sioux City, 8; St. Joseph, 2.
Des Moines, 16; Omaha, 11.
Denver, 12; Pawnee, 13.
Pittsburg, 3; New York, 7.
Cincinnati, 9; Brooklyn, 2.
St. Louis, 2; Philadelphia, 3.
Chicago, 2; Boston, 0.
Indianapolis, 7; Detroit, 6.
Milwaukee, 9; Chicago, 1.

Games Today.

National League—Boston at Chicago; New York at Pittsburgh; Philadelphia at St. Louis. American League—Cleveland at Buffalo; Detroit at Indianapolis.

BULGE QUICKLY LOST.

Higher Cables Offset by Showers in the Northwest—Corn a Shade Down.

CHICAGO, July 5.—A higher market at Liverpool resulted in a bulge here early to-day, but the market reacted because of the rains in the northwest, closing steady, August a shade under Tuesday. Corn closed a shade lower and oats 3/4 down. Provisions closed steady and but little changed. Closing prices:

WHEAT—July, 78 1/2c; Aug., 79 1/4c; 80 1/2c. Corn—July, 42 1/2c; Aug., 43 1/2c; Sept., 43 1/2c; 44 1/2c.

OATS—July, 22 1/2c; Aug., 23 1/2c; Sept., 23 1/2c. Pork—July, 12 1/2c; Sept., 12 1/2c; 12 1/2c.

RIBS—July, 57 1/2c; Sept., 57 1/2c.

LARD—July, 36 1/2c; Sept., 36 1/2c; Oct., 36 1/2c.

Cash quotations: No. 2 red wheat, 80 1/2c; No. 2 spring wheat, 77 1/2c; No. 2 cash corn, 43c; No. 2 cash oats, 23 1/2c.

Chicago Live Stock.

CHICAGO, July 5.—Cattle—Receipts, 17,000; steers generally steady, closing easier; butchers' stock, steady to strong; natives, best on sale today, seven carloads at \$5.05; good to prime steers, \$5.15 to \$5.25; poor to medium, \$4.60 to \$5.10; selected feeders, firm, \$3.85 to \$4.85; mixed stockers, \$2.60 to \$3.75; cows, \$2.00 to \$4.50; heifers, \$3.00 to \$5.00; canners, \$2.00 to \$2.75; bulls, \$2.50 to \$4.50; calves, \$1.50 to \$5.00; Texas fed steers, \$4.40 to \$5.20; Texas grass steers, \$3.50 to \$4.25; Texas bulls, \$2.00 to \$3.25. Hogs—Receipts, today, 22,000; tomorrow, 23,000; left over, 4,000; \$10.00 higher, closing easier; top, \$3.40; mixed and butchers', \$3.00 to \$3.40; good to choice heavy, \$3.15 to \$3.40; rough heavy, \$3.00 to \$3.10; light, \$3.10 to \$3.75; bulk of sales, \$3.25 to \$3.35. Sheep—Receipts, 20,000; sheep, 10 to 15c lower; good lambs steady, others slow to lower; good to choice wethers, \$4.10 to \$4.80; fair to choice mixed, \$3.10 to \$4.25; western sheep, \$4.10 to \$4.50; Texas sheep, \$3.00 to \$4.35; native lambs, \$4.75 to \$6.75; western lambs, \$5.00 to \$6.25.

Kansas City Live Stock.

KANSAS CITY, July 5.—Cattle—Receipts, 4,500 natives; 2,500 Texans; good active demand at strong prices; native steers, \$4.50 to \$5.00; stockers and feeders, \$3.85 to \$4.75; butchers' cows and heifers, \$3.10 to \$5.00; canners, \$2.50 to \$3.10; fed westerns, \$4.10 to \$5.30; Texans, \$3.50 to \$4.55. Hogs—Receipts, 7,000; quiet, market at \$6.00 advance; heavy, \$5.20 to \$5.30; mixed, \$5.10 to \$5.25; light, \$5.05 to \$5.20; pigs, \$4.60 to \$5.05. Sheep—Receipts, 8,300; improved demand, mattons steady; lambs 10 to 15c higher; lambs, \$4.50 to \$6.00; mattons, \$4.00 to \$5.00; Texans, \$3.75 to \$4.00; feeders, \$3.50 to \$4.50; culls, \$2.50 to \$3.50.

South Omaha Live Stock.

SOUTH OMAHA, July 5.—Cattle—Receipts, 3,000; opened active, stronger, closed slow, easier; native beef steers, \$4.50 to \$5.50; cows and heifers, \$3.70 to \$4.60; canners, \$2.00 to \$3.50; stockers and feeders, \$3.50 to \$4.40; calves, \$3.00 to \$5.00; bulls, stags, etc., \$3.25 to \$4.50. Hogs—Receipts, \$5.00; 7 1/2c higher; heavy, \$5.07 to \$5.15; mixed, \$5.07 to \$5.10; light, \$5.05 to \$5.10; pigs, \$4.50 to \$5.00. Bulk of sales, \$5.07 to \$5.10. Sheep—Receipts, 8,200; slow to 10c lower; yearlings, \$4.40 to \$5.25; wethers, \$3.75 to \$4.50; stock sheep, \$3.00 to \$3.75; lambs, \$4.50 to \$6.00.