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REPUBLICAN NATIONAL TICKET

For President, WILLIAM M. KINLEY, of Ohio; For Vice President, THEODORE ROOSEVELT, of New York.

THERE IS A DIFFERENCE.

During the course of the present campaign the presence of what the T-R is wont to term "railroadism" in republican politics has caused it to say many caustic things regarding railroad influence within the party and some casual or superficial readers may have gained the idea that this paper has become a rabid anti-railroad sheet.

Railroads are and have been the one greatest agency that has made this state possible. Possessing as it does a soil and climate that makes it the garden spot of all God's green earth, Iowa lay for a century unknown and untouched by the men who toiled and struggled amid the rocks and hills of the Atlantic states or cracked a lash over the backs of the blacks in the miasmatic swamps of the south.

Finally the toiler in the rocks of New England felt the need of better facilities for transporting his hard earned product to New York for a market. The railroad came and with a suddenness and cumulative force of a geometrical progression it spread westward. It climbed the Blue Ridge mountains, crossed the swamps of the middle states, reached Lake Michigan and Chicago. It carried back the meats and grains of the country it had passed and along the narrow path it had blazed came such a tide of home seeking humanity as the world had never before seen moving at one time.

And in all this movement the railroad was ever the foremost pioneer. It pushed out into the wilderness, into desolate tracts where men never dreamed other men could live, and like the magic touch of some great creative power it caused cities to spring up. Almost within a night the spring rolling prairies of Iowa were made to laugh with a harvest unknown to mortal man. The sod was but scratched with a stick and the crops appeared. The kine left to graze on the abundant grass multiplied like mice and grew sleek and fat, and as the products were raised the railroad was there to gather it and hurry it on to a market.

Nor were the people ungrateful. They sought the railroad, they encouraged it, they made grants of land to it, voted it money, dug and tilled to build it and bye and bye they all had one, this last week marking the passing of the last county seat in Iowa from its hopeless, worthless position of a no-railroad town into a prosperous shipping point on the C., R. I. & P. railway.

But the anti-railroad spirit is relegated to the crazy populist, who rails against the industrial corporations that make goods plenty when times are easy and attacks the standard of values and the credit institutions that make money plentiful, and ruins commercial confidence that makes business possible when times are hard.

of life-giving commerce. They should be fostered, but they are managed by mortal men often possessed of a greed insatiable, and when railroad attorneys condemn and ruin candidates, denigrate their property's assessments and do everything but govern the commonwealth the T-R is anti-railroadism—notice the last three letters; there is a difference. Anti-railroads and anti-railroadism are two distinct propositions, as will be given acute demonstration in the republican convention next week. If there is a town in Iowa that has not yet secured a railroad, the T-R says get one; buy one, build one, any way to get one, and the T-R would welcome an opportunity to assist said town; but if a railroad attorney comes into your county and says vote for my candidate, kill his candidate politically if you can. You may know there is an object in view, such as a low assessment or a putty judge that will serve no interest of yours. Anti-railroads and anti-railroadism should not be confused.

ANNUAL OR BIENNIAL ELECTIONS.

One of the important questions to be decided at the coming fall election in Iowa is whether the people shall continue the annual state elections or shall make them biennial. The change from every year to once in two years will be beneficial in several respects, the chief of which will be the reduction in expense and the lessening of political agitation. Still, there is something to be said on the other side, and some of the conservatives of the press are expressing themselves in opposition to the proposed change.

After giving the subject some thought and reflection, and after making some investigations in the states that have already adopted the biennial election law, we are opposed to the passage of the constitutional amendment to be submitted at the coming election, abolishing annual elections in our state. We shall not undertake at this time to give all the reasons that have led us to this conclusion, but the principal one is, that the tendency of the biennial elections is to remove the office holders further away from the people, to lessen the feeling of direct responsibility that every official should feel towards his constituency, and to increase the power and influence of those who make politics and office-holding a profession.

The Hon. Charles Denby, late minister to China, records most interestingly in the August Forum "How Peace Was Made Between China and Japan" and sets forth the difficulties that beset the American officials who were generally acting as intermediaries in the negotiations between the respective antagonists. Coming at the present time it is a pertinent comment on Chinese diplomacy and its devious ways and may be suggestive of the difficulties in the way of mediation in the present trouble with the powers.

THE CHINA-JAPAN DEBATE NEGOTIATIONS.

The coast was left free for direct proposals to be made by China to Japan for peace. In an interview with the Japanese on Nov. 22, 1894, it was stated to the ministers that I was willing to forward to Tokio, thru Mr. Dun, our minister, a proposal to negotiate for peace. The members of the yamen were delighted at the prospect of obtaining peace, and urgently begged me to proceed immediately. Accordingly, I wired to Japan that China desired to open negotiations for peace on the basis of the independence of Korea and the payment of a reasonable war indemnity.

I knew that the Chinese statesmen had had little or no experience in drawing papers of this kind, and before the envoys left Peking I suggested that I would draw the "full powers" for the emperor to sign. I was requested to do so. I procured from my French colleague a form which had been used by Louis Philippe, translated it into English, then into Chinese, and sent it to the yamen. The next day I visited the yamen and inquired whether the paper I had presented had been signed by the emperor. The ministers of the yamen told me that they had changed the wording a little to suit the Chinese idiom, but that they had not materially

altered the paper; and they added that the emperor had signed it. The paper actually sent bore no resemblance to the complete document which I had prepared. The Chinese envoys were ordered to leave for Japan immediately. When they arrived at Nagasaki, I wired to Chang directing him to present my "full powers" to the Japanese. He answered that the emperor had refused to sign them. I then wired to Japan, asking that the envoys might be allowed to remain in Japan and complete their work. I offered to wire full powers, and to send them by a messenger as soon as navigation opened. But Japan was then engaged in taking Wei-Hai-Wei, and refused all delay.

IOWA PRESS COMMENT.

As to the senatorship, the Algona Upper Des Moines believes that "if there is any perceptible drift at this time we believe it is towards Congressman Dolliver. His name appears conspicuously in all lists, and leads in many. He is available from so many different points of view that as against any one other candidate the logic of politics points to him.

The Duvenport Democrat is grieved because Thomas B. Reed has been omitted from the list of republican campaign speakers, and yet it says: "If he were solicited to espouse the cause of Hamilton Mr. Reed would probably give the reasons why his conscience will not permit him to do so."

The Des Moines Review thinks "Governor Shaw would do well to appoint Mr. Dolliver. He would make a senator of whom all Iowa would be proud, but if he does make such an appointment the honor paid Mr. Dolliver should not be tarnished by the statement that it is merely the fulfillment of a promise made to secure political influence. Mr. Dolliver can place his candidacy for the senatorship on much broader grounds. We do not know whom Governor Shaw will appoint, but should Dolliver be the fortunate man it would be an injustice to him to proclaim it as a mere political trade."

The Fairfield Ledger observes that "Professor Herron, late of Iowa College, has found his level. He is going to star the provinces this fall with Debs, the labor agitator, in the interest of the social democratic ticket."

The New Sharon Star notices that democrats are "viewing with alarm" the tremendous exodus from their party.

"Iowa has a wonderful crop prospect," remarks the Des Moines Register. "The color of the corn is that beautiful glowing green that makes the farmers smile. The ears are long and full. The cobs are filled with kernels, and the kernels full of corn."

"Give Governor Shaw a chance. He's got enough worry figuring out the senatorial situation now," says the Boone Republican.

The Grundy Republican thinks Governor Shaw should remain in the office he now holds. "Governor Shaw is a good executive and Iowa is in as much need of a chief with a clear head as the senate is."

The Newton Journal advises Governor Shaw to get the senatorial succession out of the way and not lose any time about it.

"About the only man in Iowa who does not know what the governor ought to do in the senatorial matter is the governor himself," remarks the Carroll Herald in considering the flood of advice given him.

Burlington Hawkeye: We now know how to classify the Des Moines Leader politically, or rather not to classify it. The Red Oak Republican recently put the question, "Is the Des Moines Leader a republican or democratic newspaper?" The Leader responded, "It's neither." This still leaves the guessing game open in a free-for-all. We are quite clear that the Leader is neither republican nor prohibition. At this point of the game somebody else can take up the lead and record his guess.

TOPICS OF THE TIMES

The glitter of gold is not the only conspicuous feature at Cape Nome. A Wichita man writing home from there says: "Here lies the rolling sea. There is quiet above the sea are the ice mountains and towering above them is the price of grub."

The superintendent of the Sault Ste. Marie canals says that Lake Superior commerce for July will greatly exceed that of June, although June broke all records by the tonnage of more than 4,000,000 tons of freight. The superintendent says in unusual volume of coal is going into Lake Superior, more than for any previous season, and that the tonnage for July shows no decrease.

Half the state of Iowa is underlaid with coal, says Rollin Lynde Harr in the August Atlantic. What matter, then, that the ladies of Des Moines sew their ball dresses into bags to keep them from the soot; what matter that the beauties of Des Moines have twisted their pretty chins away in attempts to blow cinders off their pretty foreheads; what matter that you cough like the people of Butte in your vain effort to catch a breath of something better than bitumen? "No smoke-consumers?" I gasped. "Sir," said the Iowan, "every citizen is a smoke-consumer."

Here is a little view of Paris, where the exposition is supposed to be the great attraction. It is a report for Wednesday of this week: The weather is torrid in Paris and the lack of both water and ice has caused much suffering. Ice is selling at two pounds for 7 cents in the poor quarters. The ice companies refuse to deliver more than half the ice contracted for by the

The report of Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristol on Cuban postal frauds showed Neely's embezzlements aggregated \$31,713 and justified the recommendation of the removal of Rathbone, his supervising superior.

butchers and market men and an enormous amount of spoiled meat is the consequence. The angry butchers and provision men went in a body to the ice companies' offices to protest. Fifty-three thousand kilos of bad meat were confiscated today in the central markets. There are many cases of poisoning from bad meat and many sunstroke. Numbers of horses and men drop dead in the streets. As few private or public establishments are supplied with electric fans, refrigerators or means of proper ventilation there is much needless suffering, and the mortality is fearfully increased. It is impossible to turn thru the streets without crossing a funeral.

Many are recalling Chinese Gordon's prophecy, in the light of recent events in China, when he said that what Europeans would have to consider was the awful consequences of a general movement, when least expected, in the vast inert mass of hundreds of millions of men to overwhelm the foreign devils whom they hated. The danger of such an outburst, Gordon said, became greater every year on account of the way European states were harassing the Chinese with demands for various compensations. Eventually, he believed, the government would secure improved weapons and organize an army that would prevent any more military expeditions by a few hundred foreign troops thru the country. The recent experiences of the expedition under Vice Admiral Seymour has fulfilled the last prophecy to the letter.

THE HOPES OF BRYANISM.

Bryanism enters upon this canvass with the absolute assurance of winning the 112 electoral votes of the eleven states of the old secession confederacy besides 17 more from Missouri, or 129 in all. To these may be added the 16 of Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada and Utah and probably the 8 of Nebraska, or 153 in the aggregate.

The whole number of electoral votes under the present apportionment is 467, and 24 are accordingly essential to an election. Where, then, does Bryanism expect to get the 71 additional votes it needs?

First, it relies on carrying Delaware, 3; Kentucky, 13; and Maryland, 8, or 24 in all. Kentucky is in a condition of political turmoil, which may give the state to Bryan. Republicanism in Delaware is rent by warring factions, which may make President McKinley's chances somewhat doubtful, yet they are far better than Bryan's. The attitude of the gold democrats of Maryland since the Kansas City convention makes that state at least reasonably sure for McKinley. If, then, of the electoral votes of all these states are given to Bryan, they make up his aggregate to only 177, or 47 less than is necessary to an election.

In 1896 Bryan carried Kansas, with 10 electoral votes, and he assumes that he will have it again in 1900; but in 1898 Kansas went for the republican governor, 12,324, as against Bryan's 12,269 in 1896, and the present condition of prosperity may be set down as assuring it to McKinley this year. In 1896 South Dakota, with 4 electoral votes, was carried by Bryanism, but only by the bare plurality of 183, and subsequent elections seem to indicate that it is now safely republican.

All of the Pacific states—California, Oregon, Washington and Wyoming—are sure to go for gold and expansion next November. In 1896 President McKinley carried California by less than 3,000 plurality, but in 1898 the republican governor was elected by a plurality of 7,068. McKinley's plurality was 6,000 in 1896, only a little over 2,000, but in 1898 that of the republican governor was 10,551. Bryan carried Washington in 1896 by 12,493, but it went republican in 1898 by 8,113. In 1896 Bryan carried Wyoming by 583, but it went for the republican governor by 1,284 in 1898. All these Pacific states may be taken as assuredly for McKinley next November.

Giving Bryan the 177 electoral votes we have named, where is he going to get the 47 more necessary to his election? He has no hope in the east. His only hope is in getting them from the middle west—from Illinois, 24; Indiana, 15; Michigan, 13; Ohio, 12; Wisconsin, 12. The Bryanite theory is that the humbug of "imperialism" will draw off enough German votes from McKinley to enable him to get from those states the additional votes he needs. In 1896 he had no less hope, and fear of the result in these states prevailed generally. But how did the election turn out? McKinley and gold carried them all by these great pluralities: Illinois, 142,498; Indiana, 18,181; Michigan, 56,588; Minnesota, 53,875; Ohio, 47,497; Wisconsin, 102,612. Those returns certainly do not offer any comfort for the Bryanite theory. No encouragement is in the elections of 1898, when the republicans carried Illinois by 43,459; Indiana by 17,518; Michigan by 75,997; Ohio by 49,023 and Wisconsin by 37,734. Minnesota, it is true, was carried by Lind, the Scandinavian fusion candidate for governor, by 20,184, but that result indicated no change of sentiment so far as concerns national politics, for the entire congress delegation elected was republican, and in all except one instance by large majorities. In Ohio, it is true, there was in 1898 a vote of 106,721 for the eccentric Jones, so that the republican candidate for governor received 57,868 less than the aggregate democratic vote. Jones' vote; but of the congress delegation of twenty-one elected, fifteen were republican.

It will be seen, therefore, that the grounds for Bryan's hopes in those states do not seem to have any justification; but his entertaining them indicates that it is in the middle west that his most energetic efforts are to be expended. Nor need it be doubted that this Bryanite effort will be met by corresponding energy on the part of the political forces arrayed for the maintenance of the gold standard; and, as we have shown, the results in 1896 and in 1898 are all in their favor and strongly. Moreover, the reports of expressions from gold democrats in the west prove

that they are as unalterably opposed to Bryan as are their democratic sympathizers in the east. The only Bryanite hope is in humbugging the western Germans with the cry of "imperialism"; but as yet there is no indication that they have lost their common sense.

PECULIAR COMMUNITIES.

Towns Which Have Become Famous by Odd Circumstances.

About one-third the population of the Florida city of Ochee are lunatics. Those mentally deranged are sent there from all over the continent, the idea being that the freedom given in this town, which lives on lunatics, will help to cure the patients. Yet the cure is founded on an improbable legend. A king's daughter, fleeing during the middle ages eloped to this city with a forbidden lover, was followed by her father, who, chancing to meet her in a street corner, promptly cut off her head. Two lunatics passing at the time were so shocked by this act that they regained their reason, and the town got its name.

The town of Gibraltar, owing to its position in regard to Spain, has practically been in a state of siege for over two centuries. At sunset the drawbridges are raised, and at sunrise they are again let down to the time of the reveille. The town is kept under strict military rule, none but Englishmen being allowed to sleep within the town.

The town of Iquitos, in South America, is a seaport situated some 4,000 miles from the sea. Yet it boasts some of the finest dockyards in the world. Ships from every port of the world, from the tramp steamer to the Atlantic liner, can enter its port by sailing or steaming up the river Amazon.

There is a large city in northern China whose inhabitants, numbering many thousands, never speak to one another, and who have never seen God's sky-inhabitants have never seen God's sky-inhabitants. The town is dominated by a large monastery, and no woman is ever allowed to enter the gates. Even the inhabitants and Turkish guards are obliged to be beardless. The greatest punishment in the Turkish army is to be sent to Cagrye—London Mail.

A YOUNG LADY'S LIFE SAVED.

At Panama, Colombia, by Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. Dr. Charles H. Utter, a prominent Physician of Panama, Colombia, in a recent letter states: "Last March I had as a patient a young lady 16 years of age who had a very bad attack of dysentery. Everything I prescribed for her proved ineffectual and she was growing worse every hour. Her parents were sure she would die. She had to work the whole time and could not turn over in bed. What to do at the critical moment was a study for me, but I thought of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy and as a last resort prescribed it. The most wonderful result was effected. Within eight hours she was feeling much better, and in three days she was upon her feet and at the end of one week was entirely well. I shall always prescribe this remedy in similar cases, for I have the utmost confidence in it." For sale by druggists.

IOWA STATE MEETINGS.

Excursion Rates on Iowa Central for Various Occasions. On account of the following meetings in Iowa the Iowa Central railway will sell round-trip tickets from points on its line in Iowa at very low rates: Waterloo, annual meeting Dramatic Order Knights of Khorruseen and Rathbone Sisters of Iowa, Aug. 6-9. Humboldt, annual Summer Assembly, I. O. G. T. Training School, and meeting of the grand lodge, I. O. G. T., Aug. 11-23; one and one-third fare for the round trip; certificate plan. Clinton, Iowa, annual campmeeting of the Mississippi Valley Spiritualists' Association, July 25-Aug. 26; one and one-third fare for the round trip on the certificate plan. Iowa Falls, July 24-Aug. 7, annual convention of the Iowa Baptist Sunday School Assembly; one and one-third fare for the round trip; certificate plan. Clear Lake, Iowa state campmeeting, July 17-Aug. 10; one and one-third fare for the round trip; certificate plan.

A gentleman recently cured of dyspepsia gave the following appropriate rendering of Burns' famous blessing: "Some have meat and cannot eat, and some have none that want it; but we have meat, and we can eat—Kodol Dyspeptic Cure be thanked." This preparation will digest what you eat. It instantly relieves and radically cures indigestion and all stomach disorders. All druggists.

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IT DIDN'T BOYHER BLAINE.

He Finished His Speech From a Badly Wrecked Platform.

It happened during one of the stamping tours back in the late seventies or the early eighties Mr. Blaine was addressing an open air meeting in a Massachusetts town. The speakers' platform, which had been hurriedly erected for the occasion, began to groan under its load of "distinguishable citizens" and presently settled gracefully to the ground, tumbling the crowd on it together in an undignified heap, but doing no more serious damage than ruffling their hair and clothing and injuring their feelings.

When the crash was over, Mr. Blaine was the first man on his feet. There chanced to be one solitary plank of the platform still left in position. This was the plank at the side next to the audience, which had been nailed firmly to the upright posts at the corners and therefore had not gone down with the rest of the platform. Upon this plank Mr. Blaine promptly clambered, rose to his feet, calm and dignified as ever, and stretching forth his hand to command silence, said: "Ladies and gentlemen, no matter what happens, I have found that there is always enough left of the republican platform to stand on. Such being fortunate by the case on the present occasion, I will now go ahead and finish my speech, resuming the argument at the point I had reached when things took a drop."

And as soon as the shouts of laughter and applause had died away the witty statesman calmly proceeded to deliver the rest of his speech, not even forgetting a word of the peroration.—Lippincott's Magazine.

Cooking Steaks.

A hint from the English concerns the way in which steaks and chops are prepared for broiling in that country: They are always warmed before they are broiled, a process that much enhances their flavor. If cold when placed over the coals, they often become charred or scorched on the outside before the meat is cooked through. In an English grill room they are kept on a warm marble slab until needed. A woman who has lived for several years in England testifies to the superiority of the English steaks and chops and has adopted the method followed there. In lieu of grill-room conveniences she uses the range shelf. Care must be taken that the meat does not become hot, as in that case its juices would be extracted.—New York Post.

A Hunter.

"Phnk a mnn straight through the heart every time!" exclaimed the apparent tenderfoot, leaning easily against an Arizona bar. "Why, there ain't one in this crowd o' lazy loafers can do it!" The bartender instantly ducked, and two seconds later 20 bullets pierced the stranger's coat. But he never turned a hair.

"Gents," he said, smiling pleasantly as he began to unbutton his coat, "I apologize. I am selling the acme eurka excelsior woven wire undergarment; weight only two pounds and warranted bullet proof. Now, everybody take a drink with me and let's talk business."—Exchange.

Know When He Had Enough.

A story is told of an edition of Glasgow which shows that contentment is a virtue really existent in some cases. One of the inhabitants was making his way homeward on a certain evening and taking a good deal more than his share of the pavement when he encountered a Glasgow town councilman walking alone in a respectable fashion. The councilman, noticing his unbalanced condition, stopped and shouted with wrathful dignity: "What d'ye want?" To this his fellow townsman blithely replied: "I want naething. I'm as fu' 's I can haul."

Was It a Miracle?

The marvelous cure of Mrs. Rena J. Stout of consumption has created intense excitement in Cammack, Ind., writes Marion Stuart, a leading druggist of Muncie, Ind. She only weighed ninety pounds when her doctor in Yorktown said she must soon die. Then she began to use Dr. King's new discovery and gained thirty-seven pounds in weight and was completely cured. It has cured thousands of hopeless cases, and is positively guaranteed to cure all throat, chest and lung diseases. Fifty cents and \$1 Trial bottles free at George P. Powers' drug store.

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THE SEARCH STOPS. The Right Thing Has Been Found—A Marshalltown Citizen Shows the Way. Once more we are indebted to a Marshalltown citizen for a public statement that throws more light on a subject of ever increasing interest. People have been deceived by false misrepresentations from time immemorial. No wonder they are skeptical of all claims endorsed by strangers residing in far distant parts of the union. It is no longer necessary to accept such endorsements, for local citizens are giving their testimony and 'tis an easy matter for any reader to investigate the correctness of such evidence as the following: Mr. Henry Olson, shoemaker, 14 East Main street, says: "When I learned of Doan's Kidney Pills I was laid up with very severe pain in my kidneys. I took the advice of a friend, procured a box at McBride & Will Drug Company's store, corner Main and Center streets, used the remedy, was cured and have stayed cured. I have absolutely had no trouble with my kidneys since." For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Company, Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the United States. Remember the name, Doane's, and take no substitutes.

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