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## DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION

A delegate convention of the Democrats of the state of Iowa will be held at Des Moines, Iowa, on

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1902, to place in nomination candidates for the following offices, to-wit:

Secretary of State.  
Auditor of State.  
Treasurer of State.  
Attorney General.  
Judge of Supreme Court.  
Clerk of Supreme Court.  
Reporter of Supreme Court.  
Railroad Commissioner.

and to transact such other business as may properly come before said convention.  
The ratio of representation will be one delegate at large from each county and one delegate for each 300 votes or fraction of 100 or over cast for the Democratic candidate for governor at the last general election. The Eighth district counties will be entitled to the following delegates:

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All voters who endorse the principles of the Democratic party are invited to participate in the selection of delegates to this convention.  
By order of the Democratic State Central Committee.  
S. F. McCONNELL, Chairman.  
N. C. ROBERTS, Secretary.

### Congressional Convention.

The democratic congressional convention of the Eighth district of Iowa, will be held in Creston, Iowa, Aug. 22d, at 11 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of nominating a candidate for congress and for the transaction of any other business that may properly come before the convention.

The ratio of representation will be the same as for the state convention.  
J. F. McGINTY, A. W. MAXWELL,  
Chairman. Secretary.

The utterances of the Republican spellbinders, according to their own brazen confessions, would if put in book form make the completest comedy of contradictions imaginable.

The republican position on the absorbing questions of the campaign are fluctuating as the corn market was a week or two weeks ago. Their speakers have as many different opinions as they have audiences.

PUZZLE—If it takes five republican Congresses to get to the point where they begin to think anti-trust legislation is demanded by the people, how long will it take the Hon. Charlie Littlefield to secure the passage of a real trust-busting bill?

The G. O. P. is seriously ill on the trust and tariff questions. It is a case of:  
"When the devil gets sick, the devil a saint would be,  
When the devil gets well, the devil of a saint is he."

The executive council has fixed the state levy at 3.5 mills. This does not include the tax for the state university and agricultural college, which would run it up to 4 mills. This amount would not be enough to run the expenses of the state if it were not for the \$456,000 the state recently received from the general government. But for that the state levy would amount to about 4.5 mills.

"The people who cast the votes have the power to enforce the order that they be protected against the trusts instead of the trusts against foreign business rivals, whom they are already underselling in the foreign market. And every proof of the misapplication of the high tariff system, such as Mr. Schwab furnishes, will incite the voters to exercise their authority at the polls." And this from such a good republican authority as ex-Postmaster General Wamaker.

Prosperity abounds but strikes multiply. Who can explain the paradox?

The present tariff was avowedly framed to give "higher wages to American labor." It now operates to give lower prices to foreign consumers and higher profits to American trusts.

According to the Medical Record, war not only decreases the birth-rate but increases the death rate at home as well as in the field. This the Record attributes to the resultant hard times which inevitably accompany or follow war.

John J. Jackson, is a judge of the federal court of appeals. He is the oldest judge on the United States bench. He has ruled that the coal miners of West Virginia are in contempt. Here are the things they did: They rented land, a mile from any mine and held a meeting. A quiet orderly meeting. That was contempt says Judge Jackson a crime against the rights of coal barons. The guilty men will go to jail. The coal barons evicted twenty families. They had no food and homes. The miners' union rented ground half a mile from any mine, put up tents and made a place for these men, and for their starving wives and babies. And that too was contempt, says Judge Jackson, a crime against the rights of the coal barons.

Mother Jones is called the "Angel of the Mines." Judge Jackson says she must go to jail. What has she done? What was her contempt and what was her crime against the rights of the coal barons? She carried food to starving women and children. She went among the miners and spoke words of cheer to them. She visited their hovels and took with her a gleam of sunshine. She saw the sick and was good to the children of the poor. She was kind and sweet and gentle and tender. Remember they call her the "Angel of the Mines." She is and does in her humble way what Christ did and was in Godlike greatness. Well they held him in contempt, too, but they put him on the cross to die. There has been that much gain in twenty centuries.—Des Moines News.

### PROSPERITY IS NOT ALL.

It is given out that "prosperity" is again to be the keynote of the republican campaign. "So long as the country is prosperous," they say, "let well enough alone."

But prosperity, even if it were equitably divided, is not all that concerns a self-governing people. This country was prosperous enough during many years of the old slave-holding oligarchy; but did the people with consciences, who believed in liberty and justice, therefore remit their opposition to the aggressions of the slave power?

If this country has not lost its moral sense it will not permit the colossal profits of the steel corporation, the oil trust and other monopolistic combinations to act as anodyne to its conscience in view of the wide departure from the fundamental principles of our government which the party in power has made in establishing a "benevolent" despotism in the Philippines. Can any degree of "prosperity" for the sugar trust dull the national sense of injustice to Cuba?

The essence of democracy is equality before the law. Is not the Jeffersonian principle of "Equal rights for all, special privileges to none" violated when a mere handful of men, relatively to the whole number, are permitted year after year to use the taxing power of the government to heap up fortunes for themselves beyond the dreams of avarice, from exactions that are essentially robbery of all consumers?

On the simple issue of "prosperity" itself there is ground for a contest on the unequal division of its benefits. The average cost of living has advanced from 25 to 30 per cent within four years. The average increase of wages has not been 10 per cent. Is this an inequality to be confirmed by ballot? Export facts published yesterday show that our highly protected manufacturers are selling their products on an average of 40 per cent cheaper to foreign consumers than to our own. Is this a phase of "prosperity" to perpetuate? Prosperity is good, but freedom, equality and justice are better.—New York World.

## Teething

Then the baby is most likely nervous, and fretful, and doesn't gain in weight.

Scott's Emulsion is the best food and medicine for teething babies. They gain from the start.

Send for a free sample. SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, 409-415 Pearl Street, New York. 50c. and \$1.00; all druggists.

## IS THIS SOCIALISM?

Not many years ago—a mere fraction of time compared with the entire duration of life on the earth—the old individuals among human beings were disposed of simply—they were eaten up.

When the old father or mother, grandfather or grandmother, became absolutely useless, when he or she could no longer carry water, haul wood or even keep the fire going, a blow of a club ended the useless life, and the corpse was eaten.

When provisions got scarce among our utilitarian forefathers, even those not so very old were slaughtered and eaten, thus saving the trouble of feeding a few mouths and at the same time adding to the store of provisions.

We have changed that feature of human life. We no longer eat our aged parents or anybody else's aged parents. But in millions of cases all over the world we do what may be called the next best thing. We don't kill the old and we don't eat them. We say to them, with tears of kindness in our eyes:

Go on and live as long as you can. If they are very old and toothless and helpless and ask us how are they going to live, then the tears of kindness leave our eyes a hard look takes the place of the tears and we say:

"That's your affair not ours. Be grateful that we don't kill and eat you. Don't bother us with the details as to how you shall live.

It is pleasant to announce to a sentimental world, which thinks that starving to death is almost as bad as being hit on the head with a club, that humanity is gradually getting to think that its responsibilities extend even beyond the negative kindness of refraining from murder.

In Australia, in Germany, in many other places, there are systems in operation for taking care of the old when age and poverty make them helpless.

This provision for the poor among the Germans and the Australians is positively human and humane, especially when compared with the American and British ideas.

In our land of liberty, the old woman, with dimmed eyes, shaking hands, a small bill at the grocery store which she cannot pay, is bundled into a wagon, carted over the hill and dumped into the poorhouse, whence her foolish old pride and broken heart soon carry her to the grave.

In Germany and Australia provision is made for pensions, under certain conditions, for helpless old men and women. The German who has made a profit out of a man's labor during thirty or forty years of his vigorous career is compelled to provide for a decent ending to his life. The same idea prevails in Australia and in or two other places.

Now the Reverend Edward Everett Hale proposes old-age pensions for this glorious country of the United States.

Dr. Hale suggests many restrictions and limitations, as that pensioners must always have lived in the same state that they must always have paid taxes since their majority, etc. Evidently Dr. Hale wishes to placate those who cry "anarchy" whenever it is suggested that one human being out of his abundance should be compelled to do something for the others whose labor has made the abundance possible.

Let us all be thankful for the entering wedge which comes from so respectable and able a wedge driver as the Reverend Edward Everett Hale, author of "What to Do and How to Do it."

If we were asked what to do and how to do it, we should answer:

What to do?

Make the whole of humanity responsible for the old, feeble and poor.

Allow no human being who has worked hard in youth to die like a worn-out horse in old age by the roadside.

How to do it?

Tax heavily and on a graduated scale the incomes of those who get most from humanity with the least effort.

Force the man who has had everything to be a keeper of his old and helpless brothers and sisters, whether he wants to be or not.

If that's socialism, we believe in socialism.—Chicago American.

Iola (Kas.) Farmers' Friend: Everybody knows about the Yankee farmer who locked the stable after his last horse was stolen. Well, President Roosevelt's plan to crush the trusts is a parallel. He announces, now that congress has adjourned, that he intends to wage war on the trusts "vigorously" and urges congress "to act" on a bill to be prepared by Mr. Littlefield of Maine; and that the attorney general is to be conferred with and then the measure is to be made an administration measure.

The best physic—Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Easy to take. Pleasant in effect. For sale by W. A. Alexander.

## KEEP THIS FOR REFERENCE.

Chairman Griggs of the democratic congressional committee has just given out a statement regarding the committee's recent attempt to gain possession of the export sheets showing special discounts allowed on goods sent to foreign countries. Although not successful in the main object of the search, sufficient data was obtained from reliable sources to show in a list of sixteen articles of American manufacture that each one of them is sold in foreign countries at prices averaging 40 per cent below what they bring in the United States. The list follows:

American price.	Price to foreigners.
Wire nails, keg.....	\$ 2 25 \$ 1 30
Wire rope, coil.....	12 00 5 00
Lead, 100 pounds.....	4 00 2 00
Shovels, dozen.....	7 50 5 80
Axle grease, pound.....	08 04
Washboards, dozen.....	3 00 1 70
Meat choppers.....	2 70 1 50
Barbed wire, 100 lbs.....	3 00 2 20
Clocks, alarm.....	60 30
Lawn mowers.....	4 25 2 75
Fruit jars, per doz.....	80 55
Typewriters.....	100 00 55 00
Sewing machines.....	40 00 17 00
Piano.....	375 00 300 00
Piano.....	325 00 275 00
Tin plate, 100 lbs.....	4 19 3 19

"The people of the United States," says Chairman Griggs, "are paying 40 per cent and upwards more than the foreigner for the same American manufactured article. The question is: 'Will they longer submit to it?' I do not believe they will."

The announcement is made on high authority that Attorney General Knox and Representative Littlefield of Maine have been deputed to frame an anti-trust bill, which will be introduced at the next session of congress as an administration measure. Simultaneously the announcement is made in Chicago dispatches that the packing industry of the west is to be consolidated into a gigantic combination with John D. Rockefeller as the central figure in the financial arrangements. All disinterested citizens, regardless of political affiliations will wish the attorney general and Representative Littlefield the greatest measure of success in devising legislation designed to regulate the trust. They will meet with many discouragements, however, chief of which is the disinclination of republican campaign managers to encourage a proceeding which will embarrass their most generous contributors. Then too the infant industries which mainly comprise the combines will squeal pitiously.

Maple City Soap is not only one of the good soaps, but it is one of the best soap made.

## BOON FOR BANKRUPTS.

A new rule has been promulgated in bankruptcy law. The latest comes from St. Paul, where the circuit court of appeals decided that all unexempt property which a bankrupt has owned four months before the filing of a petition against him must be distributed, share and share alike, among his creditors. This is the bankrupt fraud furnished with additional opportunities to skin his creditors. The law itself seems to have furnished about all that was desired by dishonest persons for evasion of legitimate debts, but in many instances the courts have interpreted the law in a manner that made the hold-up easier while at the same time disreputable practice was given a sanction by safeguarding its employment.—Waterloo Reporter.

## Look Pleasant Please.

Photographer C. C. Harlan, of Eaton, O., can do so now, though for years he couldn't, because he suffered untold agony from the worst form of indigestion. All physicians and medicines failed to help him until he tried Electric Bitters, which worked such wonders for him that he declares they are a godsend to sufferers from dyspepsia and stomach troubles. Unrivaled for diseases of the Stomach, Liver and Kidneys, they build up and give new life to the whole system. Try them. Only 50c. Guaranteed by L. Van Wertien.

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### ORIGINAL NOTICE.

In the District Court of the State of Iowa, in and for Decatur County, August term, 1902.  
William M. Jennings, vs.  
Annie B. Jennings, To Satisfy Defendant.

You are hereby notified that on or before the 14th day of August, A. D. 1902, there will be on file in the office of the Clerk of the District Court of the State of Iowa, in and for Decatur County, the petition of William M. Jennings claiming of you a divorce from the bonds of matrimony alleging as grounds therefor desertion and adultery with W. M. Cox and divers other persons and asking for care and custody of Aaron Jennings, 15 years old, William Jennings, 11 years old; Minnie Jennings, 9 years old, being your three minor children. For further particulars see petition.  
And that unless you appear thereto and defend before noon of the second day of the next August term, 1902, of said Court, to commence and be held at Leon, Decatur County, Iowa, on the 25th day of August, 1902, default will be entered against you and a judgment and decree rendered thereon as prayed for in said petition with costs.  
WILLIAM M. JENNINGS, plaintiff.  
By G. TAYLOR WRIGHT, attorney.  
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1 gallon table apricots, worth 40c now.....	35c
3lb can pie peaches, worth 10c now 3 cans for.....	25c
3lb can table peaches, worth 15c now.....	10c
3lb can table pears, worth 15c now.....	10c
2lb can No. 1 peas, worth 10c now 3 cans for.....	25c
3lb can standard tomatoes, worth 15c, now 2 cans for.....	25c
Fancy California evaporated peaches, worth 12c, 3lbs.....	25c
No. 1 evaporated apples, worth 10c now 3 pounds for.....	25c
Large prunes, worth 10c now 3 pounds for.....	25c
1 pint bottle catsup, worth 15c now.....	10c
20 ounces Budola Olives worth 35c now.....	30c

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