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TRADE; NO SLANDER

The above is the heading of an editorial in The St. Louis Republic last Monday. The editorial, among other expressions says: "Without attempting to anticipate the decision of the Democrats of Missouri as between Clark and Folk, and entirely irrespective of it, we believe that more important than the claims of either of them is the welfare of the Democratic Party in Missouri, and more important also than the claims of either of them is the need of a delegation from this state that belong to nobody for trading purposes." Trading for what? By whom? When? Does the Republic mean to be understood as implying that either Clark or Folk would "trade" the nomination to Wilson or Harmon? An appointment as Minister to the Supreme Court? We have no charge made against either man concerning such

an impression, outside of this editorial. Could either candidate pass a delegation of Missouri Democrats on to whom he pleased? Can it be that the Republic would convey the idea that the delegation would be "thrown" to Harmon or Wilson after Clark or Folk "found that his own nomination was impossible," without such an arrangement having been entered into and a community of interest established before the delegation was named? Have not some of the very men whose ideas the Republic seems inclined, on second thought, to adopt, figured in National Democratic conventions heretofore to the undoing of distinguished Missourians? Does Democratic success in Missouri depend on the repudiation of the last state platform by the Republic and the chairman of the convention framing and unanimously adopting it? Has not the Republic public about-faced from its first position on the Folk-Clark question? Did the Senior Senator from our state whisper something to the Republic that threw it quickly off his trail? In an editorial the Republic said: "Senator Stone has a perfect right to support Champ Clark for the Democratic presidential nomination, but what we should like to know is whether the

ator intends also to annex Canada?" Did the Senator take issue with the Republic for insinuating that he, the Senator, would be expected to stand on the Democratic platform with both feet and support Gov. Folk? Senator Stone lost no time in declaring himself for Speaker Clark, the confessing that Clark had not always submitted to his, the Senator's views on party policies, nor did the Senator mince words concerning the Democratic platform or the implied criticism by the Republic. The Republic instantly crawled in a hole and is emerging by inches, is it not? The Republic's anxiety for the success of the Democratic party in the state will be much more clearly understood when it does not appear to be occasioned by fear that Democrats will stand on the platform and support

Folk, and its efforts for harmony and party success more highly appreciated when it becomes apparent that they are not directed by those participating in the action of the convention which adopted the last Democratic platform and who are now refusing to be bound by it.

Obedient to a decision of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, the railroads will carry no more intoxicants into that part of Oklahoma formerly Indian Territory. The court said that Federal prohibition was now and would be in force for the full time of 21 years specified in the enabling act. Lo the poor Indian.

Some very sympathetic people are shedding tears over the conviction and incarceration of the

McNamaras. Has anybody ever heard of those dynamiters shedding any tears over their victims?

Being full of spare-ribs, backbone and sausage, a fellow over at Roanoke, Va., wrote a half column of a poem on the killing of a pig. If our smoke-house was full of hog meat we could stretch out to column and a half and then some.

The Post office department bars gun cotton, nitroglycerine and dynamite from the mails, yet carries letters and magazines containing articles from Roosevelt and Champ Clark.

Wouldn't the Clark Democratic platform bolters be satisfied with the Missouri delegation to the Democratic convention considering him as a second choice instead of Harmon?

How many of our statesmen have stockings hung up and put in their time watching the folks they expect will put something in them?

The Quincy Journal says Clark would get 200 votes to Folk's one if left to Illinois democrats. Is that the proportion that backed Lorimer?

Roosevelt declines to run for the presidency himself and wont endorse Taft or any body else. Wonder if the republican party will disband.

Harmon via Clark. Don't look good in the day time. Can you make it out, in the dark?

No annexionist ought to be put in a national office until it is an accomplished fact.

Fulton, Mo., went wet by 130 last Monday.

Earl Williams will spend Christmas with home folks.

Card of Thanks

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