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Roosevelt has called a national convention of his followers at Chicago Aug. 5, to nominate him and adopt a platform.

Judge Archbald, appointed by Pres. Taft on the commerce court, is being impeached by the house of representatives for being crooked and throwing decisions to his railroad friends. Taft evidently picked a man on whom he and Wall street could rely, but the democratic house can't stand for it any longer.

For many years the duties collected on sugar imports have amounted to between fifty and sixty million dollars annually, a much greater sum than is collected on the importations of any other product. The reason is that everybody uses sugar, and sugar is in the hands of a trust.

The revenue collections on sugar amount to 17% of all the customs revenue of this government.

While we are paying high prices for sugar, London gets her sugar for 4 cents a pound retail. In other words, the poor in London are not taxed on sugar—to feed the sugar barons.

In this country, everybody is taxed on sugar. Do you, reader, get any of the tax? Does the tax help your pocketbook?

Democracy would place sugar on the free list, but republicanism would not and does not and will not.

What's the answer? The answer is found in the nomination of Wilson.

Presidents elected by the democratic party have been: Jefferson, Madison, Monroe, Jackson, Van Buren, Polk, Pierce, Buchanan and Cleveland, giving that party control of the executive branch of the government for fifty-six years. The opposition have elected John Adams, John Quincy Adams, William Henry Harrison, Lincoln, Grant, Hayes, Garfield, Benjamin Harrison, McKinley, Roosevelt and Taft, giving a total of 60 years to republicans.

The office of President has never been made vacant by the death of a Democrat, while four incumbents belonging to the other parties have died in office, three of them having been assassinated. In two of the instances in which the Vice Presidents (John Tyler and Andrew Johnson), succeeded to the office by reason of the death of their chiefs, although chosen by the opposition, they virtually left their party associates, while President, and acted with the Democratic party.

Chauncey M. Depew says of the recent republican convention: "This is the first republican convention for 50 years the nominee of which hasn't a ghost of a show of being elected."

Governor Hay's policy with respect to the jute mill at the state penitentiary is costing the taxpayers of the state many thousands of dollars a month and in addition is levying an extra tax amounting to thousands on the grain growers of eastern Washington, solely for the benefit of the importers of the grain bags made by Coolie labor in India.

For many years it has been the settled policy of this state that convicts, all of whom are sentenced to hard labor, should be employed in some occupation which would not bring their product into competition with that of free labor. Therefore many years ago the jute mill was established in Walla Walla prison where the convicts were employed in making grain bags. At no time has the output of this

mill been near large enough to fill the demand, but the fact the prison was engaged in the business made competition, and forced the importers to reduce prices to some extent.

Several years ago under the administration of Governor Mead arrangements were made to greatly increase the capacity of the bag factory and a large appropriation was made for that purpose.

Almost from the day Governor Hay took office he has been fighting the operation of the bag factory. A large part of the unused appropriations of two years ago he boasts of as a saving to the state was money appropriated for the purchase of raw jute.

Had this money been spent for the purchase of jute and had the convicts available been used in the mill to manufacture sacks a profit of many thousands cash would now be in the treasury and the state competition would have enabled the east side farmers to have purchased sacks cheaper.

The last legislature, realizing the large sums the state had invested in the bag factory, the profit that its maximum operation would bring in cash to the treasury and the great benefit to grain men from competition, passed an act providing that the mill should be run to full capacity.

Hay vetoed this provision. Here is one effect of that veto. The prison report for May 1912, shows 115,000 grain bags manufactured at a cost of five and one tenth cents each. Grain bags are now quoted at about ten cents by the importers. All the bags manufactured last month at the prison were promptly sold at from 8 1/2 to 9 cents. Lacking any more state supply those who did not buy from the prison have to pay the higher rate.

It is said the state could readily sell one million sacks today, if they had been manufactured. If sold at nine and one tenth cents each it would save those who have to buy from the exporters at ten cents the amount of \$9,000. If the same cost as last month (five and one tenth cents) was not increased, the state in addition would have made a cash profit from the million sacks of \$40,000.

Profits from the jute mill go into the state general fund for immediate use and reduce the amount necessary to be raised by direct tax.

Grain growers of eastern Washington are wondering where Hay's boasted administration comes in in cases such as this.

—From a granger

Wm. P. Hughes last week celebrated the 20th anniversary of the birth of the Northport News, and his editorship thereof. Here's to you, Wm. P., and Red Top hopes that the next twenty years will see you and your town prosper in accordance with your ability and the excellent prospects of your section.

The organization of a Colville local of the Farmers' Union marks another onward step of the farmers of the Colville country. The individual may be without protection or assistance, but the aggregate of the farmers' organization is most powerful. The farmer has every situation in his hand if he would but grasp it, for he is the producer, and no man can live without the producer. The thing we call money we can neither eat nor wear nor use to keep us warm. Man can live without money. Man cannot live without the farmer. Does every farmer realize his power in this nation?

The joke column for years has pictured the rustic as the butt of jokes. It was correct for a time.

And it is correct now for the farmer who is not awake to his opportunities. It is said that "the fool and his money are soon parted." Some farmer must have realized the truth of this, after finding his money was gone. For years the commercial world calmly separated the farmer from his money every year, and made the farmer like it. Then some one bobbed up and said he had enough. The result was the Farmers' Union, and the Grange, and the cooperative movement of the producers. Today the farmers of the organized sections are lords in their own right, and have the same rights and privileges as any white man claims.

It came through organization.

It seems that N. W. Durham, at one time a hireling on the Spokesman-Review when that paper was engaged in berating the cause of the working people, is not getting along well in his campaign as an alleged "progressive" republican. The newspaper men over the state are telling a few things about him that do not sound very good.

The Kettle Falls Scimitar brands him a man "wholly without principle or party."

The republicans insist that protective tariff is just about the finest little invention ever devised. Now that's what you might call downright magnanimous, and nothing less, considering what the tariff has done to the party.

"Some people has all de luck. Take dat ole Miss. Ida., fer example; Kas., if it warent fer luck, she Nebr. Mont. to nuffn. And' now, La., she sure has Ariz. in de world sence she took in the neighbors Wash. It jes nach makes me Ill., and I says to Minn., 'O., Wyo., why can't I Nev. have no luck? Iowa lot o' money, and I suttently Wis. I could have a streak come jes once without encounterin' some Fla. to knock everything R. I.

"Tell 'bout dat ole woman's luck? Why, sure. She was out back o' her pig Penn. one day, a lumberin' 'long like a Ark. in a little kind of a Del. out dere, when suddenly she stumbles over sumpin. She looks down N. C.'s a big Mass. o' Ore. Dat's what you mought Colo. Tenn. strike, ain't it, for dere was a lot Mo. whar dat come from, and dey say dere ain't no Ind. o' it. N. Y. couldn't I have found it? Huh? U. needn't Cal. dis no Conn. either; take it from Me."

—Judge.

Theater Contest

First prize, \$50 Victor phonograph and 25 double records, on exhibition at theater.

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