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Republican State Central Committee. OMAHA, Neb., June 8, 1896.—A meeting of the Republican State Central Committee will be held at the Millard hotel in Omaha, on Tuesday, June 29, at 7:30 p. m. C. E. Yost, Chairman.

CITIZENS OF OMAHA should turn out in force to pack the exhibition building during the musical festival.

As between Gladstone and Chamberlain the British voter ought to have no difficulty in deciding. This is the gist of the coming election whatever diverging issues may be injected into the canvass.

A CLERGYMAN in Chicago, following Talmage's sensationalism, is preaching on the "Man Trips of Chicago," giving locations and descriptions. The sermons are largely attended by young bloods seeking pointers for new amusements.

MARK TWAIN proposes to spend the summer "in a good old-fashioned loaf." Mark's newest fashionable loaf is of the publishing enterprise nature, which takes three-quarters of the dough and gives the author the balance. His profits from General Grant's memoirs have cleared him a cool quarter of a million.

PROBABLY no man in the United States could bear the criticisms and abuse of the toy press and representatives of England with greater composure, and even satisfaction, than Mr. Blaine, and the more severe they can be the better he will like it.

THE Mexican reciprocity treaty has been thrown overboard. The only reciprocity treaty which we are likely to have for some years is a reciprocal flight of troops over the border with Gerónimo and his band of hair raisers in full dispute. For further particulars see small bills of General Miles.

SOME days ago the Apaches were reported as corralled by General Miles in the Dragoon mountains. A few days later the dispatches had the troops corralled by the Apaches, and at last accounts the soldiers were near San Carlos and Gerónimo in Old Mexico. Who is who and which is which in the "vigorous war" which Miles is waging so brilliantly in the canyons and delias of Apacheedom?

WE need a great telescope some months ago about Crook's failure, but it takes a large sized telescope to discover when General Miles has improved on his predecessor.

EVERY effort to open the foreign markets meets with a rebuff from congress. The Mexican reciprocity treaty has been shelved by an adverse report of the ways and means committee, and Canada has been snubbed through the failure of the government to make proper provisions for the interchange of commodities between the two countries.

THE Tammany wing of the New York democracy is said to be a good deal exercised over the question of the future government of the organization. The death of the veteran chieftain, John Kelly, left it without a head, and there is really no man in its ranks who has the qualifications to wisely wield the sceptre laid down by the great sachem.

Efforts to Tax the Land Grants.

The crank who grinds the republican railroad organ of this city thinks that Senator Van Wyck's passage of the bill to compel the land grant railroads to take out patents and to pay taxes on their lands was no great victory after all, and asserts that Van Wyck ought to have finished the job long since, and calls attention to the fact that Valentine had the same kind of a bill introduced in the house four years ago.

Meantime, remarks the disgruntled and Van Wyck editor, the railroads have been selling their lands. "The Union Pacific land office is all but out of business, and the passage of the bill now would affect that corporation so little that it is supremely careless of the matter." The door is to be locked after the horse is stolen.

Facts give the lie to this gauzy fiction. In February, 1895, the Union Pacific railroad had taken out patents for 2,410,381 acres out of 13,224,000 of its grant. Of this amount of the original land subsidy between five and six millions were in Nebraska. According to the books of the general land office in Washington there remained, less than four months ago, 2,500,000 acres of Union Pacific lands in this state which were still unpatented.

So much for the uselessness of Senator Van Wyck's land tax bill as affecting the Union Pacific. But suppose that every acre of Union Pacific lands had been patented, what bearing would that have on the right or wrong of corporations shirking their just burdens of taxation. The nation has donated to great monopolies more than 215,000,000 acres of the public domain, of which many millions of acres are still in the hands of the corporations, untaxed and unpatented, without national legislation to force the issue of patents.

A senator is supposed to legislate for the whole country, and not to confine his attention to the interests of his home constituency alone. Such a calibre of man would doubtless suit the small, base crowd who act as cappers for the Nebraska railroads, but will hardly fill the requirements of the voters of the state who are to be represented.

It is the height of impudence in the Omaha republican organ of the railroads to challenge the work of Senator Van Wyck to compel the land grant roads to bear their due proportion of the burdens of taxation. That paper has never in its whole existence advocated the taxation of railroad lands. When Judge Crouse in 1873 got his bill through the house of representatives compelling the Union Pacific to take out patents on its unpatented lands, the republican state convention made that bill a part of its platform. The editor of the Bee, as chairman of the committee on resolutions, framed this resolution and after a hot debate carried it through the convention.

Every original measure from a former editor of the Bee, goes to the bill went to the senate as several such bills have, and was there defeated by the late Senator Hitchcock, one of the owners of the Omaha Republican. It was this invaluable service which made him the choice of Jay Gould and the senatorial factotum of that Wall street worthy.

The refreshing impudence of claiming credit for Valentine for getting a bill through to tax railroad lands is equal to Jim Laird's claim for credit for introducing a similar bill during the last session. The point involved was that these great railroad strikers managed to get bills in about the time that congress adjourned and when they knew that there was no possible chance that the measure would ever see daylight in the senate. From the time when Crouse got his bill through the house there has never been much trouble in securing land grant legislation in that body. The opposition always came from the house of lords where the corporation attorneys and land syndicates have controlled majorities and thwarted the will of the people. This is the citadel which Charles H. Van Wyck has assailed with increasing perseverance nearly five years and which last week he took by storm in a charge which is described as the most brilliant piece of parliamentary strategy witnessed in the senate for years.

Indicting His Party. It is not at all remarkable that Secretary Manning, having passed through several months of labor illness from which he is not yet fully recovered, should have as one of the lingering effects of his ailment a somewhat morbid state of mind. It is remembered that Mr. Manning carried with him into his chamber of sickness a keen and perhaps poignant recollection of the repudiation of his theories and the defeat of his plans at the hands of a majority of his party, and it is evident that he has been brooding over this unhappy experience at the very outset of his public career.

There is no present interest in the financial or economic views of the secretary of the treasury. They have been rejected, and whether he remains in a position to again present them to the public attention or they are renewed by a successor there is every reason to believe that the history already made respecting them will be repeated. Neither is it important to consider the pessimistic opinions of Mr. Manning regarding the present condition of the country. It would not be difficult to show that they have a very slender foundation, and it might with equal ease be demonstrated that whatever has recently retarded the industrial interests of the country, or whatever dangers now threaten them, are due rather to the essentially sectional policies announced by the administration than to the rejection of those policies.

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