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Friday, March 8, 1907.

Call for Democratic Primaries and Convention.

Notice is hereby given that primary elections for democratic voters in the city of Rock Island will be held in the several wards of the city of Rock Island between the hours of 6 and 8 p. m., Friday, March 8, 1907, for the following purposes: To nominate a candidate for alderman for a term of one year and a candidate for alderman for a term of two years in the Fifth ward, and a candidate for alderman for a period of two years in each of the other wards, to select delegates to the democratic city-township convention, and to select ward committeemen, two from each precinct. The places of holding said primary elections will be as follows:

- First Ward — Pratt's barber shop, Fourth avenue and Fifth street.
Second Ward — City barn, Sixth avenue, between Ninth and Tenth streets.
Third Ward — Titus shoe store, 1425 Seventh avenue.
Fourth Ward — Frick's Hivery stable, Third avenue, between Nineteenth and Twentieth streets.
Fifth Ward — Old hose house, Twenty-second street, between Fifth and Sixth avenues.
Sixth Ward — Old hose house, Twenty-third street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues.
Seventh Ward — Augustana Book Concern building, on Seventh avenue, between Thirty-eighth and Thirty-ninth streets.

The ratio of representation will be one delegate for every 15 votes or fraction thereof cast for Alton B. Parker for president in 1904, which entitles the different wards to delegates as follows:

- First ward 5 delegates
Second ward 11 delegates
Third ward 11 delegates
Fourth ward 9 delegates
Fifth ward 10 delegates
Sixth ward 10 delegates
Seventh ward 6 delegates

The delegates so elected will meet at Turner hall, in the city of Rock Island, at 8 p. m., Monday, March 11, 1907, for the purpose of nominating candidates for city and township offices, as follows:

- City Officers.
One Mayor Two years
One Clerk Two years
One City Attorney Two years
One City Treasurer Two years
Township Officers.
One Assessor One year
One Collector One year
Four Assistant Supervisors Two years
One Justice of the Peace (To fill vacancy)
Two Constables (To fill vacancy)

Also to elect a chairman of the city-township committee, and to transact such other business as may properly come before said convention.
GEORGE H. WRIGHT, Chairman.
J. P. SEXTON, Secretary.

Remember R. B. Reynolds' candidacy for county judge. He is experienced, capable, and worthy, and asks the office only on his merits.

Municipal redemption is the duty of the hour.

If the president wants a man who will stick to his job for the canal, why doesn't he open negotiations with Reed Smoot?

To contribute to Rock Island's advancement, it is necessary for everyone to boost, rather than knock; to lift, rather than lean.

New Mexico's governor is to be investigated. That territory is a little slow getting steepled, but it keeps right up with the procession.

It is said that Governor Hoch of Kansas does not intend to serve out his term. He has accepted a number of assignments from a lecture bureau for this summer. He is to be here, so it is said, \$150 a night and will be able to make \$10,000 or \$15,000 a year.

Mrs. Emma Reba Bailey, a lawyer of Birmingham, Ala., was a most complaisant caller on President Roosevelt the other day. She went to recommend her son for the position of federal district judge, but acknowledged that she would be willing to take the office herself if the president so preferred.

A music composer in Nashville, Tenn., has written a piece which he calls "The March of the Pitchforks." He dedicates it to Senator Tillman of South Carolina, who is trying to learn the tune. Not having a specially good ear for music, the senator is making but poor progress with his self-imposed task.

Senator Frye of Maine was so long president pro tem of the senate that occasionally he forgets that he no longer fills that exalted position. One day last week he was looking over some letters when Mr. Overman arose and in the usual way said: "Mr. President." Mr. Frye at once recognized

him with "the senator from North Carolina." Then, greatly confused, he apologized to the chair, who smilingly bowed. Later, however, the junior senator from Maine had to endure a great deal of joking because of his absentmindedness.

Robert Louis Stevenson was in poor circumstances in San Francisco before he made his hit with the world. During the time that he used to loaf, penniless, upon the lawn where afterwards they put up a bronze and marble statue to him he picked up a few quarters acting as super in the old California theater in Bush street.

Among the scores of visitors to the capitol in Washington one day last week it happened that a curious group fell together. Three of them were staid and expressionless as statues. Near by was a bright little Japanese girl in all the glory of a bright colored silk kimono, her feet resting in sandals with head bare and her artistically coiffured raven locks set off with one large pink and one large red carnation. Immediately behind the diminutive oriental was a well dressed and wonderfully black negro, who smiled good naturedly as he observed the odd effect of the gathering.

Rattled Republicans.

Some of our republican politicians are getting evidently rattled about where they stand on the tariff issue. Senator Lodge, ardent protectionist that he is, has felt compelled to endorse the petition to congress of the governor and legislature of Massachusetts for tariff revision. Senator Spooner, who helped Lodge and Aldrich to kill off the McKinley reciprocity treaties, has openly declared in the senate that he now favors tariff revision. The trouble with these republican politicians on the tariff issue is exactly the same as it was with railroad legislation. They were friendly with the railroad and did not want anti-railroad legislation to be enacted, but public opinion was too powerful a current to stem and they were content to amend the bill to be the least harmful to the corporations without appearing to antagonize their constituents.

These same senators and plenty of other republican politicians, here to lose the friendship they enjoy with the protected trusts, but bad as it would be to have no tariff magnate to draw on for campaign funds, it is worse to lose what money will not buy, the support of honest voters.

The protected tariff league and its trust friends having, thanks to President Roosevelt for deciding not to recommend tariff revision, won another standpat majority of congress, are on easy street for the next two years and can use their untold millions in trying to elect another standpat president and congress. But all this makes a good many republican politicians turn some very sharp corners and makes it decidedly embarrassing when their constituents demand just how they stand and worse still, just how they will vote when a tariff bill is before them that will abolish protection to the trusts.

Trusting republican politics to really reform the tariff is leaning on a broken reed, for they are sure to give way to the wiles of the trusts when the pinch comes.

An European Road.

A new roadbed material is being experimented with in Europe which is economical, easily applied, and very durable. It consists of a mixture of liquid tar and fine gravel. The gravel is first beaten in a receiving drum and then the tar is allowed to mix with it in the revolving chamber. After this it is dumped out and allowed to stand for several weeks, during which time a fermentation is said to take place and the tar is said to penetrate into the pores of the gravel very thoroughly. It is then scattered on the roadway and rolled down.

In addition to the other merits claimed for it is the one that it is dustless.

Cowles' Man Caesar.

Marie Cahill and Eugene Cowles were chatting while off stage during one of the performances of "Marrying Mary."

"Yes," said Cowles, "colored servants are funny. In my study at home I have numerous pictures of the 'Bostonians' hung and labeled. One morning my man Caesar was fussing about and fixing up while I was at work. He looked over the pictures, just as he had done a thousand times before.

"Say, Mr. Cowles, did you ever sing de 'Messiah' when you was at Boston's?"

"I told my son when he went to Washington not to waste his time on cold bottles," said the farmer whose son had been elected to congress.

"Very good advice," chuckled the wise old senator. "When I was there it was all I could do to look out for the cold bottle."

DAILY STORY.

A RUSE.

[Original.]

"My dear fellow, the woman is fooling you."

"By heaven, you shall prove your words or—"

"Don't speak it. I will prove them."

"How?"

"After my own fashion. I shall take a good deal of trouble and subject myself to some risk, besides incurring the lasting enmity of my best friend in case of failure."

"Then don't try."

"And let you fall into the toils of an adventures? Do you call that friendship?"

"Does friendship require one to traduce a pure and noble woman?"

"Enough of this. I am going to take steps to show you that this pure and noble woman is fooling you."

Bisbee, the last speaker, was about to leave, when Hilliard, the other, stopped him. "You do not have my consent to this proceeding, but if you will give me your plan I will execute it myself."

"You shall act with me, Virginia Lambert is now receiving the attentions of a man named Connor—Frank Connor. He—"

"I will go at once, and if I find—"

"Nonsense! Either he knows what she is or he doesn't. If he knows, he will not give her away. If he doesn't, he will consider you a fool to suppose she loves you instead of him."

"What is your plan?"

"I have not yet made it. I will go home and think one out. You shall hear from me as soon as I have done so."

"Very well. I have great confidence in your ingenuity."

"I take chances—that is, in plans laid for myself."

"Take the same chances for me."

The next day Bisbee told his friend that he had formed a plan, but it could not be put in practice till Connor should go out of town for a day or two; but, since he made frequent trips here and there, they should not have long to wait. Ten days later Bisbee announced his plan and that the time was ripe. Connor had gone away for overnight. "You go to his rooms; I will go to his office," he added.

An hour later Hilliard appeared at Connor's rooms and, producing a forged search warrant, proceeded to go through what papers he could find there. He found nothing of correspondence between Mr. Connor and Miss Lambert.

"I'm a fool and a knave," he said to himself, "to resort to such despicable means. I shall wash my hands of the business."

Going to his rooms, he waited till Bisbee came in.

"Well," Hilliard asked, "what luck?"

"Let me tell you what I have done. I went to Connor's office and demanded to see him at once. Of course they told me what I knew—that he was out of town. I told the clerks that he was under suspicion of embezzlement and assumed as a detective to take possession of the office."

"When will Connor return? I demanded."

"Likely some time during the day."

"You are deceiving me. He will not return till tomorrow. Why do you say he will be here today?"

"Because there is a telegram for him. If he were to remain away overnight, it would not have been sent here."

"Does he not receive telegrams of a business nature?"

"Seldom. They are usually of a private nature."

"Open the telegram."

"The clerk tore off the envelope and handed me the dispatch. It read:

"Be at the gardens at 9 tonight."

"V. L."

"It is a lie!" exclaimed Hilliard. "You are deceiving me."

"We will go to the gardens and see for ourselves."

There was an open air concert at the gardens, the guests strolling about a pagoda where the orchestra played. The lights were few, but very bright. Consequently there were brilliant spots interspersed with dark ones. The two friends passed back and forth with the throng, keeping their eyes open the while. Presently they espied a couple sitting on a bench in a recess between exuberant foliage. They stood with an electric light pouring its rays full upon them. The lady in the case turned her face to hide it, but she was too late. The two men advanced, and Hilliard cried in a voice of agony:

"Virginia!"

Her companion arose and, stepping forward, exclaimed indignantly:

"Gentlemen, what means this intrusion?"

"It may be an intrusion," Hilliard replied, "but it is justified. The lady you are escorting was to have married me within a few weeks."

The woman gave Hilliard a beseeching look, while his friend Bisbee took him by the arm and tried to lead him away. But he would not go. Raising a walking stick he held in his hand, he brought it down on Connor's skull. Connor replied in kind. A crowd gathered, a policeman rushed to the scene, and the party of four were arrested.

"Fool!" exclaimed Hilliard to his friend. "Now it must all come out, and we shall have to pay for playing detectives."

"I see it all now," said Connor. "You are the men who pretended to be officers of the law."

The result of the episode was that Bisbee was thanked by Hilliard for undecieving him and instead of being prosecuted by Connor for trespass received also his thanks, since he, too, had been undecieved.

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ASK 8-HOUR LAW ENFORCED

Committee from Dredging Interests Seek Aid of President.

Washington, March 8.—Labor Commissioner Neill took to the White house yesterday the committee appointed by the tug and dredging interests of the

lakes, who were anxious to secure better enforcement of the 8-hour law as applied to work on government dredging contracts in lake harbors.

The committee included Thomas O'Connor, president of the Licensed Tugmen's Protective association; Daniel J. Keefe of the Longshore's associa-

tion, Thomas A. Dolan of the International Association of Shovelers and Dredgemen, and W. B. Jones of Detroit of the Brotherhood of Dredge Workers.

They explained to the president that there have been a number of indictments for violation of law, but appeals are now pending in the supreme court.

They are anxious that in the meanwhile the government should require the enforcement of the law in case of all contracts.

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