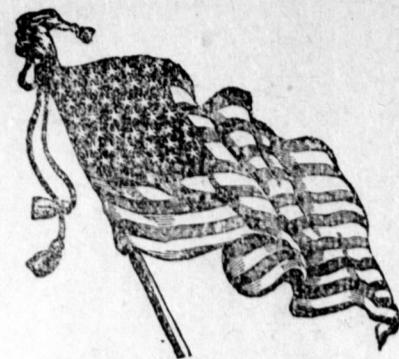


The Thirteen Towns.

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REPUBLICAN TICKETS.

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President—WILLIAM MCKINLEY, of Ohio.
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State.

United States Senator—KNUTE NELSON, of Alexandria.
Governor—SAMUEL R. VAN SANT, of Winona.
Lieutenant Governor—LYDON A. SMITH, of Montevideo.
Secretary of State—PETER E. HANSON, of Litchfield.
State Treasurer—JULIUS H. BLOCK, of St. Peter.
Attorney General—WALLACE B. DOUGLAS, of Moorhead.
Chief Justice of the Supreme Court—CHARLES M. START, of Rochester.
Associate Justice of the Supreme Court—LORIN W. COLLINS, of St. Cloud.
Railroad Commissioner, 4 year term—JOSEPH G. MILLER, of Two Harbors.
Railroad Commissioner, 4 year term—IRA B. MILLS, of Moorhead.
Railroad Commissioner, 2 year term—CHARLES F. STAPLES, of West St. Paul.
Congressman from Seventh District—FRANK M. EDDY, of Glenwood.

County.

Auditor—JOHN PETERSON, of McIntosh.
Treasurer—W. MUNDSON, of Malloy.
Register—O. O. CHRISTIANSON, of Crookston.
County Attorney—G. A. E. FINLAYSON, of Crookston.
Judge of Probate—E. O. BARNES, of Fosston.
Sheriff—E. J. SULLIVAN, of East Grand Forks.
Surveyor—ALEXANDER M. GRAY.
Superintendent of Schools—THOMAS CASEY, of Fisher.
Court Commissioner—WM. MARIN, of Crookston.
Representatives—ANDREW OPHEIM, of Fertile.
GUNDER KROSTUE, of Fisher.
Commissioners—First Dist.—HANS CARLSON, of Badger.
Second Dist.—M. E. KIRSCH, of Crookston.
Third Dist.—T. T. MORKEN, of Northland.
Coroner—G. S. CHESTERMAN.

It is said that a Republican weekly will soon be started at Fertile.

It is now time to commence planning upon your exhibits at this fall's fair.

The ninth annual meeting of the Thirteen Towns Fair Association, the officially recognized county fair of Polk county, will be better than any previous ones of the past eight years.

Republican primaries will be held in the election districts of Beltrami county on Monday, Aug. 20th, and the county convention takes place at Bemidji on Thursday, Aug. 23, commencing at 1 o'clock.

Above is given the complete Republican national, state and county tickets, and they are lists of candidates that the party can be proud of. Every one should be elected whose name appears on these tickets.

The payment of nine million dollars a year to build up American ships in the foreign trade, says Senator Frye, will, through the keen competition that will be engendered, effect a reduction in ocean freights on American imports and exports equal to about twenty-five million dollars a year.

Hon. Albert Berg, who retires from his faithful services of many years as secretary of state this fall, has taken up his residence at Warded and will run on the republican ticket for member of the state legislature for Roseau county. His election is assured. It seems difficult for a good man to keep out of politics once he becomes thoroughly mixed up with them.

The Daily Journal recently launched by Editor Gordon of Crookston upon the journalistic seas, gives promise of "cutting some ice" in the newspaper field of Northern Minnesota. Mr. Gordon took the weekly at a time when its pulse was feeble and in a short time made it one of the leading weekly papers in the county. He evidently intends to do with the daily in like manner. We wish Bro. Gordon success.

The attorney general of this state has decided that county funds cannot legally be appropriated for township roads.

Sailor Sharkey might follow a distinguished example and write a book on "The Last Battle."

The imports and exports of Porto Rico for the month of May, 1900, were each about 100 per cent greater than for the corresponding month of the year 1899. This is the poverty and distress to which the democratic platform said the republicans had doomed the island.

The Minneapolis Journal announces that the name of Chas. A. Towne will be withdrawn from the ticket and that of Adlai Stevenson, the democratic nominee, will be substituted about August 1st. In '96 the democrats allowed the pops to furnish a tail to their ticket, but this year the only thing the pops will be called upon to furnish will be votes, says the Fergus Falls Journal.

We want to urge upon our farmer readers the necessity of cutting wheat a little on the green side of the line this year, says the Crookston Journal. This will be necessary to avert loss by shelling if allowed to stand until it is fully ripe. The berry this year is unusually pump and large, and in years when this is the case much grain is invariably lost by shelling which might have been saved if cut earlier. When the kernels are so plump the chaff or husk is separated at the points and spread away from the kernel leaving it liable to be shaken out of the head. And we are sure there is less danger of cutting wheat too green this year than of loss by shelling.

When an unmarried woman who has heretofore settled, or may hereafter settle, upon a tract of public land, improved, established, and maintained a bona fide residence thereon, with the intentions of appropriating the same for a home, subject to the homestead law, and has married or shall hereafter marry, before entry of said land, or before making application to enter said land, she shall not on account of her marriage forfeit her right to make entry and receive patent for the land; provided, that she does not abandon her residence on said land, and is otherwise qualified to make homestead entry; provided further, that the man whom she marries is not, at the time of their marriage, claiming a separate tract of land under the homestead law.

The assistant attorney general has been looking up the law on the subject and finds that Public Examiner Pope exceeded his authority when he issued his recent order providing that county bills should be paid by means of the auditor's warrant instead of by treasurer's check, says the Fergus Falls Journal. The law provides that the treasurer shall pay by check whenever practicable, but General Pope proposed to overrule this under the provision of a section giving him authority to enforce a uniform system of book-keeping throughout the state. The attorney general's office calls him down pretty sharply as the effect of his order would have been to make the county auditor responsible for county funds and the treasurer merely his clerk. The order has put nearly all the counties of the state to considerable expense for new stationery and accounting books, which will now have to be thrown away.

The letter that follows was recently received by Senator Knute Nelson at his home in Alexandria and comes from the chief reporter of the senate, what stronger endorsement of our worthy senator could be had than this friendly letter from an unprejudiced man who has long been enabled to watch Senator Nelson's work in his official capacity for his constituents and the country at large?

OFFICIAL REPORTERS' OFFICE,
United States Senate,
WASHINGTON, D. C., JUNE 29, 1900.
Hon. Knute Nelson, U. S. Senator, Alexandria, Minn.
My Dear Senator:—I observe with great satisfaction from the morning papers that the Republican state convention of Minnesota has honored itself by endorsing you for re-election to the Senate. This is an honor well deserved. In my long experience in the Senate, I recall no man who has been more successful in securing legislation of great importance, not only for his state, but for the nation. Your record during your first term in the Senate is phenomenal in this regard. You have borne yourself in your high office that no words of commendation, however strong, would be extravagant. Your re-election will be a source of great gratification to all who know of you by reputation or who have the honor of your personal acquaintance.
Very sincerely yours,
E. V. MURPHY.

One of the most remarkable political instruments ever set before the people of Minnesota is the platform adopted by the democratic state convention which elected the delegates to the Kansas City convention. It is chiefly remarkable for what it leaves unsaid. It gives Gov. Lind the credit of "making the foreign corporations pay their share of the taxes," without mentioning the fact that the law under which they have to pay (Gov. Lind having nothing to do with the enforcement of the law) was passed by a republican legislature, with Gov. Lind's closest friend and personal representative on the floor of the senate, Senator Stockwell, violently opposing the bill. It praises Gov. Lind for bringing about 5 per cent reduction of freight rates on one road in the southwest corner of the state, but says nothing about the 20 per cent increase on coal allowed on another road in the northeast; it speaks in glowing terms of Gov. Lind's dead administration without mentioning Gen. Pope's misconduct in the Rankin affair or Maj. Bowler's surrender of the office of food commissioner to the baking powder trust; it demands the enforcement of the national antitrust laws, but ignores the fact that these laws were passed by the republicans, and that when a republican congress proposed a constitutional amendment that would make them operative in every state the democrats opposed and for the time being defeated the plan; it declares that it is the duty of this government to restore order in the Philippines and then withdraw from the islands, leaving them to return to savagery or to be gobbled up by the powers of Europe, but makes no mention of any plan by which we are to be reimbursed for the hundreds of millions we have spent in taking and holding the islands; it declares for the free and unlimited coinage of silver at 16 to 1 and predicts dire disaster unless this is done, but offers no explanation of the fact that the same declarations were made four years ago and that not one of the predictions then made has been fulfilled; it expresses sympathy with the Boers and Filipinos, but has not one word of sympathy or praise for the American soldiers who lay down their lives in Cuba and the Philippines in defense of the American flag; it demands the "pacification" of Cuba and the withdrawal of American troops but conceals the fact that the island is already pacified and that the Cubans themselves do not want our military police force withdrawn; it "reaffirms" the Monroe doctrine, while every leader of prominence in the party has been trying to force the national administration into an infringement of it by interfering in European affairs; it "condemns the Republican administration for its injury to the cause of civil service reform, after having unreservedly endorsed the Chicago platform, which declared in set terms for the spoils system. And then it winds up its third column with an "arraignment" of McKinley that must have strained the mind and staggered the conscience of the man who wrote it. No intelligent man can read this rambling screed and compare it with the sound, safe and conservative platform adopted at the Republican state convention of June 28 without losing his respect for Democracy and increasing his confidence in a party which never promises more than it can perform, and which never talks merely for the pleasure of hearing its own voice.

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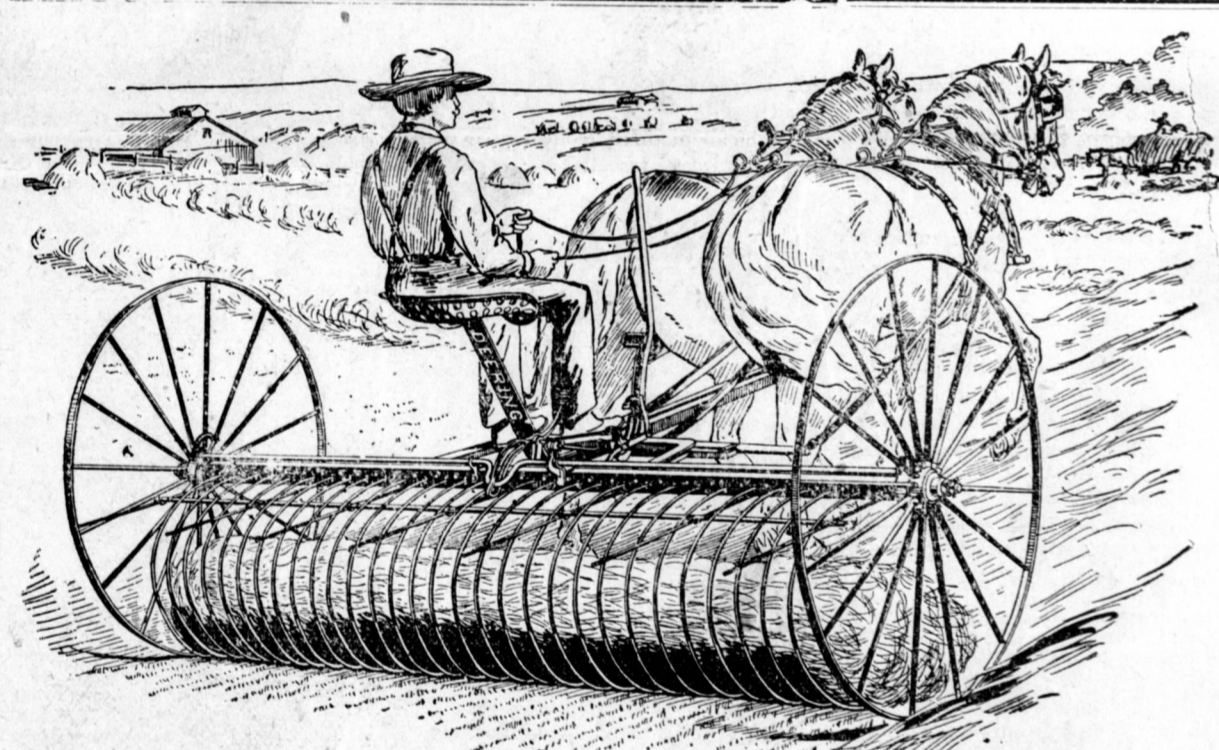
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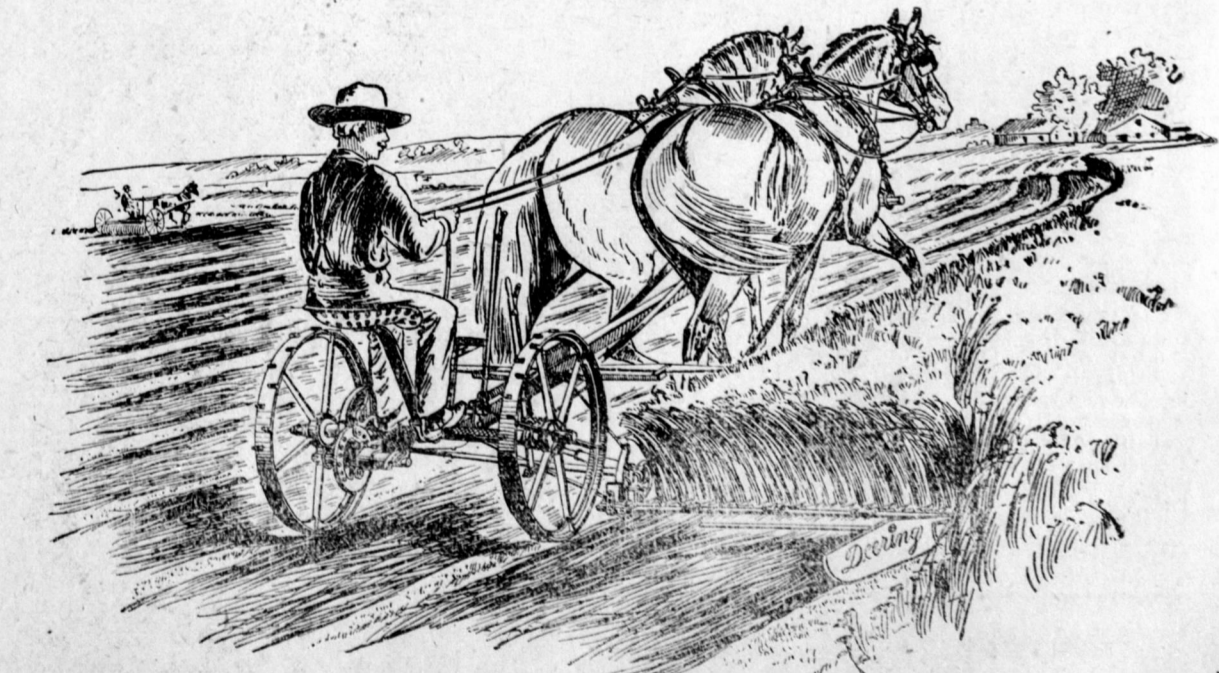
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