

halt. When the prices of farm products and livestock have been reduced one-half and the cost of operating the state government has nearly quadrupled, it is time that the taxpayers took a hand in the affairs of state.

I have outlined in a platform the necessary steps to reduce taxes and put the state on an economical, business basis. I do not expect to permit the Republicans to dodge the main issue in this campaign. The issue is "Tax Reduction." I am opposed to any backward step being taken on what has been accomplished along moral and political lines in this state. I am in favor of strict law enforcement.

Prohibition is now a part of the federal and state constitutions. We have strict statutes, state and national, for its enforcement. The Democratic candidates are pledged to uphold the policy of this state as adopted. If the Republican candidates will make similar pledges, the contest in Nebraska will come squarely on tax reduction vs. high taxes, extravagance and joy-riding at the taxpayers' expense.

Political parties antagonistic to the purposes of the Democratic party should not be permitted to divide the party, to evade the issues or to muddy the water. The movement last winter to organize a third political party has been wrecked by internal dissensions. The only party holding out any hope to the people for tax reduction is the Democratic party. If one faction of the already divided third party nominates part of its candidates on the Democratic ticket, it will result in one part of the Democratic ticket fighting the other part of the Democratic ticket in the fall campaign and thus guarantee a continuation of the present Republican regime and all that means to the taxpayers. The Democratic party is pulling itself together throughout the state for a united attack to free the taxpayers from the injustices which they have been subjected to for the last four years. A united democracy, pledged to law enforcement and a return to normalcy in the cost of government, will sweep the state.

I have not attempted to suggest, and will not attempt to suggest any particular candidates that should be or should not be nominated on the Democratic ticket. I have endeavored to bring all elements of the party into harmony on the issues in Nebraska so that the party's position will be unassailable in the fall campaign. I have made no tie-ups, I have formed no alliances, I have suggested no slates, and my attitude towards other candidates during the remainder of the primary campaign will be as it has been thus far, one of friendly neutrality.

I believe that the code bill should be immediately repealed upon the assembling of the Democratic legislature next January. If nominated and elected governor, I will undertake to immediately discharge the great army of high priced and useless state employes that are now riding on the taxpayer's back without working their way.

I am gratified at the endorsements that my candidacy is receiving in my home city and throughout the state by those who are taking an active part to bring the Democratic party into position to do its duty to the taxpayers after election. A most appropriate Democratic slogan has been suggested for this campaign. It is "Look at your tax receipt and turn the rascals out."

As a Democratic candidate for the nomination of governor, subject to the decision of the voters in the primary next Tuesday, July 18, I will appreciate the support of those who believe in the justice of our cause and who believe that my candidacy offers the best opportunity for success.

CHARLES W. BRYAN.

MR. BRYAN FILES FOR GOVERNOR

In a statement issued June 18, Charles W. Bryan announced his filing as candidate for governor, and gave his reasons for entering the governorship race:

"I have filed as a candidate for governor. It has not been my personal desire to stand as a candidate this year. If it had been, I would have filed some months ago.

"I have been engaged in farming and a breeder of live stock all my life. I personally know the effect on the farming business of high interest rates on mortgages, low prices on grain and live stock and abnormal and unnecessarily high taxes. In addition to farming, I have been devoting all the time that I could as an advocate of progressive legislation to protect the farmers, middle classes and wage-earners from being compelled to contribute more than a just share of their earnings to others.

"The personal petition presented to me, joined in by fifty prominent Democratic men and wom-

en of my home city, representing all elements or former factions of the party, and what that appeal represented, deeply impresses me. The feeling that my candidacy might prevent the Democratic party from being drawn into the contest being waged by the already divided forces of the new third party—which would undoubtedly cause the present Republican regime of riotous extravagance and burdensome taxes being again fastened upon the state for two years more—has much to do with my decision to stand as a candidate.

"The argument made to me by the home folks representing a united democracy that my candidacy would remove the question of wet and dry or law enforcement from the campaign and enable the Democratic party to go forward as a unit to victory and put the state government on a business basis by bringing the expense of government within the people's ability to pay, appealed to be so strongly that I feel that I should take part in this contest as a candidate.

"In a later statement I will outline some specific remedies for lowering taxes and substituting economy and efficiency for extravagance and waste in state government."

PLATFORM OF C. W. BRYAN

Mr. Bryan has issued the following statement:

"In submitting my name as a Democratic candidate for governor at the primary election, I do so with the assurance of many that my candidacy will prevent the injection of the liquor question into the state campaign and encourage a militant Democracy to concentrate its efforts upon tax reduction and business efficiency in state management.

"I favor strict law enforcement. "The Republican beneficiaries of high salaries and numerous political jobs cannot be expected to lower their own salaries or to abolish their own jobs.

"I believe the taxes should be, and can be reduced.

"I believe that the way to reduce taxes is to reduce the cost of government, and to be more specific:—

"I believe that the code bill should be repealed.

"I believe that the duplication of administrative heads, as now in force, has greatly added to the number of employes on the pay roll, lowered the efficiency of the service of the state government, and is an imposition upon the taxpayers.

"I favor placing the administrative and departmental work of the state back into the hands of the regularly elected state officials, as intended by the constitution.

"I believe in a re-grouping of the various departments in the hands of the proper state officials where said state officials can be held directly responsible to the voters who elect them, and that the great army of useless employes now on the pay roll should be discharged as a matter of economy.

"I do not believe that merely a 'modification' of the code bill will purge the state's pay roll of superfluous employes. 'Modification' enables candidates to straddle the issue and enables irresponsible campaign managers to promise political campaign workers an unlimited number of jobs that the code bill makes possible.

"I am in favor of abolishing joy-riding at the people's expense by the numerous state officers and employes on mileage books paid for by the taxpayers.

"I believe that the cost of the new state capitol should be kept within the appropriation and that the very apparent profiteering in the bids for construction of the new capitol building should be handled without gloves.

"I believe that the recently enacted revenue bill should be repealed or amended to prevent discrimination in favor of the bond holders as against the farmers and other owners of tangible property.

"Recognizing the automobile as a necessity to all classes of citizens, I favor the reduction of the automobile license tax in proportion to the reduction in income of the farmers and wage-earners of the state.

"Retrenchment should be the watchword until the farmers and wage-earners recover from the disastrous effects of deflation caused by the misuse of the federal reserve act.

"In considering appropriations for all state work and all state institutions, careful consideration should be given to the people's financial condition.

"These questions deal with the taxes and the peace of mind of the people, and until the unnecessary tax-eater is forced to take his hand out of the taxpayer's pocket, the taxpayer is in no frame of mind to consider other subjects.

"I favor the provisions of the Sheppard-Towner maternity bill.

"I am a supporter of the primary system, and favor doing away with the party circle, and am opposed to the four bills becoming a law that are to be voted upon under the referendum.

"I am in favor of the repeal of, or an amendment to, the indeterminate sentence law and in favor of the modification of the rules governing the pardon board that permit and encourage weak officials to release from the penitentiary confirmed criminals without proper punishment.

"Upon the prosperity and welfare of the farmer and the wage-earners depend the prosperity and progress of the state as a whole, and I will encourage and support in the future, as I have in the past, every legitimate effort to improve their condition and to facilitate their progress.

"For references as to my business ability, or as to my devotion to the cause of the common people, I refer the voters of the state of Nebraska to the voters of the city of Lincoln."

ORGANIZED LABOR ENDORSES MR. BRYAN

To the wage-earners, farmers and middle classes, men and women of Nebraska, who will vote in the Democratic primaries July 18, permit us to call your attention to a candidate for governor:

The wage-earners of Lincoln know Charles W. Bryan and what he has done for the people of this city. Mr. Bryan, when he was mayor, established a legal aid department and furnished an attorney for people who were financially unable to employ a lawyer. He established a municipal free employment bureau to find work for the unemployed. He settled the strike of the day laborers against the low wages that were received by working men on the Terminal building and other contract work in the city, by inducing the employers to grant increases in wages that the laboring men needed to enable them to properly support their families. Mr. Bryan brought about the reduction in the price of gas in Lincoln, saving \$100,000 in two years to the gas consumers. He was largely responsible for recovering the money that the gas consumers paid in the way of over-charges for gas, amounting to nearly \$500,000.

Mr. Charles W. Bryan was largely responsible for the establishment of the park system for the benefit of the common people. He established the Zoo for the benefit of the children.

Mr. Bryan has led the fight against profiteering and established a record in Lincoln last winter of breaking the coal combination and saving the coal consumers of Lincoln about \$150,000 on their coal bills.

Mr. Bryan's plan of establishing a municipal ice plant scared the ice trust in Lincoln to the extent of reducing the price of ice about \$11,000 a month, or \$40,000 for the season.

Mr. Bryan has devoted his time for years in an effort to prevent the taxpayers and the common people from being imposed upon.

Charles W. Bryan is needed as governor to keep down the appropriation and to prevent graft during the time the new capitol building is being built.

If the taxes of the farmers and common people can be reduced in Nebraska, Charles W. Bryan is the one to lead the fight to reduce them.

The people of Lincoln vote for Mr. Bryan regardless of party affiliation, and we, regardless of our party affiliation, recommend to the farmers, wage-earners and taxpayers who vote in the Democratic primary that they vote for Charles W. Bryan for governor.

Mr. Bryan has all the necessary qualifications for governor, has the ability to plan and draft remedial legislation, and HE GETS RESULTS.

- H. C. Peat, Lincoln Typographical Union No. 209.
- A. F. Schwenker, Barbers' Union No. 164.
- R. W. Young, Carpenters' Union No. 1055.
- Jas. Mrakota, Leather Workers' Union No. 23.
- W. S. Brown, Pressmen's Union No. 106.
- H. Broening, Stereotypers' Union No. 62.
- L. A. Moeller, Machinists' Union No. 698.
- Fred Knack, Ry. Carmen's Union No. 743.
- George Amen, Boiler Makers' Union No. 671.
- Henry Frank, Blacksmiths' Union No. 163.
- V. E. Gallagher, Sheet Metal Workers' Union No. 547.
- Harold Huyck, Electrical Workers' Union No. 814.

WOMEN VOTERS ENDORSE MR. BRYAN

To the Democratic Women of Nebraska, Greetings:

The undersigned Democratic women voters feel that a word at this time to the Democratic