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State House Ring Diverting Trade to Their Pets at Lincoln.

Abraham Lincoln Then and Now—Bryan Snubs the Populists.

Omaha, Oct. 8.—It is observed that the fusionists are not enthralling very much over Governor Poynter. Especially is this true of the business men in the towns where state institutions are located.

The merchants in these towns have had anything but a pleasant experience under the Poynter administration. Trade and patronage of the institutions, which should properly go to them, has been gradually diverted to pets and favorites of the state house ring at Lincoln, until finally little of it goes to the local merchants. Tons of groceries and supplies have been shipped from Lincoln to the various institutions during the last year and only such trade has been allotted to the local business men as could not well be diverted to Lincoln.

Then, too, the administration "fixers" have been very exacting in dealing with the local merchant and very liberal in dealing with their favorites at Lincoln. If they treated them both alike there would be less cause for complaint, but the contracts are juggled in such a way that if a local merchant secures one he is compelled to furnish goods at almost cost price, whereas the Lincoln dealers are allowed to make one bid on all the supplies and in addition are given other advantages denied to others. Everybody knows that bids on a dozen or more contracts at the same time, meaning the supplying of goods in carload lots, can be made at a lower rate than for only one contract involving only the supplies for one institution. This is one advantage.

HOLDING UP VOUCHERS.

Another advantage shown the Lincoln dealers over the country merchants is the holding back of vouchers and warrants. It is a notorious fact that bills for groceries from the country merchants are sometimes for weeks before they are passed upon and allowed, while those of the favorites are promptly paid. In the mercantile trade 30 or 60 days' credit is the same as cash and if merchants succeed in converting their goods into money within that time they are enabled to make considerable of a saving in the way of discounts. In many instances the country merchants have lost the benefit of their discounts through the failure of the Board to pass upon bills and remit promptly.

It is openly stated that this failure is only part of a plan to discourage the local merchants in these towns from bidding, in order that the pets of the state house ring may enjoy greater profits.

Some may infer from this that the state is deriving benefit from such manipulations. This is not true. The records in the auditor's office show that the expense of maintaining the state institutions the last two years has been greatly increased over what it was, and is greater now than at any time in the state's history.

Governor Poynter will close his term with the enormous shortage or deficiency of \$100,000. Not one of the various institutions has been properly kept up. The grounds, outbuildings and the like have been sadly neglected. Not a dollar has gone for labor in this direction. All the money appropriated has been expended, but how, nothing short of a legislative investigating committee can explain.

Dr. Tracy of Milford, the physician in charge of the Soldier's Home, who was caught paying house rent and office rent in groceries taken from the state, has resigned and left the state. His resignation promptly followed the exposure.

CRAWFISHING ON EXPANSION.

It is a matter of history that nearly every Democratic president from Jefferson to Buchanan expressed a desire for the annexation of Cuba to the United States.

Monroe while president expressed himself in favor of annexing Cuba, so did Polk and so did Pierce.

In 1840 President Polk made a proposition for the purchase of Cuba from Spain for \$100,000,000. Six years before that, or in 1834, what is known as the Ostend Manifesto was issued, and that asserted the right of the United States to take and annex Cuba, should Spain refuse to sell.

The Ostend Manifesto was an announcement made by President Pierce's ministers to England, France and Spain (Buchanan, Madison and Soule) in which they suggested that an earnest effort be made to purchase Cuba at a price not to exceed \$120,000,000, and added that if this should be refused by Spain "we should be justified by every law, human and divine, in wresting it from Spain if we possess the power," a proposition of which Lassing, the historian, says: "The bald iniquity of this proposition amazed honest men in both hemispheres."

The manifesto failed of its purpose, because the European powers and the world in general failed to recognize the justice of acquiring property by seizure.

Buchanan, who succeeded Pierce to the presidency, in three of his annual messages to congress urged that Cuba ought to be made by purchase part of the United States. During Buchanan's term a bill for that purpose was introduced in congress by Senator Seidell,

later of confederate fame, and that bill was strongly supported by the Democratic members of congress from the southern states.

In 1860 the Democratic national convention declared in favor of annexing Cuba and placed the following in the platform:

"Resolved, that the Democratic party are in favor of the acquisition of the Island of Cuba upon such terms as shall be honorable to ourselves and just to Spain."

President Pierce made a strong effort to annex Hawaii. The matter was carried so far that a treaty for the purpose was drafted. On this point Mr. Marcy, who was secretary of state in Pierce's cabinet, wrote the following note to Minister Gregg:

"This government will receive the transfer of the sovereignty of the Sandwich Islands with all proper provisions relative to existing rights of the people thereof, such as are usual and proper to territorial sovereignty. The president directs me to say that he cannot approve of some of the articles of the treaty; there are in his mind some strong objections to the immediate incorporation of the islands in their present condition into the union as an independent state. It was expected that the Hawaiian government would be willing to offer the islands to the United States as a territory and leave the question in relation to their becoming a state to the determination of this government, unembarrassed by stipulations on that point."

It will be seen by this that throughout its history the Democratic party has favored expansion. It will also be observed that in all their messages and correspondence bearing on the acquisition of territory no reference is made to "the consent of the governed." Jefferson, Polk, Pierce, Buchanan, in fact all the great minds of the Democratic party, have favored expansion, some of them going so far as to advocate the acquisition of island territory by force.

Compared with this the splendid record of the Republican party, and particularly of the McKinley administration, stands out in bold relief.

CZAR THEN—PATRIOT NOW.

According to Democratic doctrine in 1864 Lincoln was a czar. Now he is a patriot. In 1864, when Lincoln was a candidate for re-election, the same hue and cry about "imperialism" was raised by the Democrats. The Indianapolis Journal, a Democratic organ, at that time said:

"The only hope of preserving constitutional liberty, the rights of the states and restoring peace to the union is in the restoration of the Democratic party to power. But let Abraham Lincoln be elected for another term, what will be the consequence? Four years more of abolition, national bankruptcy and European interference. Shall we profit by the teachings of history, and even by our own experience, or continue the policy that must end in the overthrow of one of the best governments the world ever saw?"

Just before the election in 1864 the same paper had another "nightmare," one of the Bryan order, and it said:

"Should Mr. Lincoln be re-elected the revolution will be accomplished. This will be no longer a republic of the United States, but a consolidated empire. Every safeguard must sooner or later give away. The limitation of the executive power will not be in the pleasure of the president. We implore patriotic and intelligent men to pause and reflect and give their verdict Tuesday next. If the people will not save their constitution and union it is lost."

The foregoing is the same sort of Democratic rot that Bryan is making use of today. The only difference is that the man who was pointed out as a despot then is treated as a patriot now. Like Lincoln, thirty-six years from now, if the Populists and the Democrats in their incapacity for provender shall not have eaten each other up, the Democratic doctrines will be quoting from McKinley and holding him up as the ideal statesman and patriot. Thirty-six years isn't such a very long time, but it is too long a time for the people of a great and progressive country to wait, when they can get what they want now. The American people have kept up with the procession and if the Democratic party persists in staying thirty-six years behind let it stay there.

It will be observed, however, that Bryan's rant about imperialism is nothing new. The Democratic party was carping about it before he learned to speak his own name.

Lincoln was abused, and harsher things were said of him than have ever been said of McKinley. The attacks were wanton and cruel, and the result sent many an aspiring politician on the Democratic side into obscurity and distrust forever.

Bryan is playing upon the same harp today. It is the instrument of a demagogue and its tunes are as deceptive as the deadly nightshade. But the recall—the pent up energy of outraged public opinion—is there, and it will hit Bryan just as sure and just as hard as it has hit many a demagogue before him, and it will drive him into obscurity and distrust just as it has driven others who have undertaken to presume too far on public intelligence and credulity.

HAS NOT ACCEPTED.

Bryan has not as yet acknowledged having received the populist nomination for president. Why have you not made this acknowledgement, Mr. Bryan? Are you ashamed to do it? What is there about the Populist nomination you are ashamed of? If you are not ashamed of it why have you failed to accept?

It is because you are afraid that if you acknowledge the populist nomination you will alienate Tammany Hall and other eastern Democrats? Out here in Nebraska you profess to believe in Populism. But your refusal to utter a letter accepting the Populist nomination would indicate duplicity. The Populists nominated you three months ago, at the same time the Democrats nominated you. You acknowledged the Democratic nomination by letter long since, but your letter accepting the Populist nomination—well, it's "the letter in the candle" or "the one that never came."

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