

WHY HE SUPPORTS HOLCOMB

Woster Defines His Own Position and that of Anti-Monopoly Republicans.

HE IS AFRAID OF JUDGE HARRISON

Republicans Candidate Has Associated with the Corporation Crowd and They Made Him Their Choice—He Won't Go Back on His Friends.

SILVER CREEK, Neb., Oct. 30.—To the Editor of THE BEE: Replying to my recent letter in THE BEE E. J. Babcock says the conclusion I reached to wit: "That republicans were justified in withholding their support from Harrison."

Now I infer that Mr. Babcock is a lawyer. Like most lawyers he is evidently skilled in "making the worse appear the better side."

So in this case I did not attempt to reason to the conclusion that republicans would be justified in voting for the populist or democratic candidate, but, rather, set up certain facts and made certain observations with a view to raising a strong presumption that, if elected, Harrison would stand in with the railroads, the hoodlums and the bosses, and stated that for my part I would vote for Holcomb and not for Harrison.

This is a question of probabilities and not, as Mr. Babcock seems to assume, a question of demonstrations. From the nature of the case it would be impossible to prove that as a member of the supreme court Judge Harrison would favor the corporations and those who act on the principle that the state treasury is free plunder for those fellows who are smart enough to get into office; but it is probable that he would not.

It is reasonable to suppose that Mr. Harrison, like an ungrateful dog, would turn and bite the hand that gave him bread. Mr. Babcock says that Judge Harrison is "Mr. Woster and all parties that Judge Harrison's record, both as a citizen and as a judge, is unassailable; that he has been a serious, upright and honest man, etc., etc., to the end of all the virtues. Now, as a matter of fact, I admitted nothing of the kind. I knew nothing to the contrary and was willing to give him the benefit of the doubt.

Here appears the lawyer's trick of trying to make a case by misrepresenting his opponent. If Mr. Babcock had known my opinion of Judge Harrison, it is this: That he is one of those goody-goody individuals who is very careful never to make an enemy, but who might be influenced by his friends to swear from the strict paths of rectitude.

Mr. Babcock says Judge Harrison has "always been allied to the best element of the party," and then in almost the next sentence, that "he went to the late republican convention in the interest of his townsman, Governor Abbott, and voted for him to the last." With this clue we shall be able to understand what Mr. Babcock means by the best element of the party.

The following persons have been drawn as jurors for the coming term of the United States district court: Grand jury: John S. Stelling, Isaac Gard, Omaha; J. O. Cram, Fairbury; A. G. Barnes, Lincoln; George Mayfield, Louisville; George J. Spohn, Superior; Henry J. Funtanella, A. Jones, Blair; Richard Black, Kennard; Daniel Morrison, Papillion; C. E. Baker, Beatrice; M. E. Genter, Ord; J. Dennis, Lincoln; C. B. Finch, Kearney; G. W. Eggleston, Bennett; J. W. Farrell, Orleans; Ross Gamble, Kearney; Charles O. Hanna, Lincoln; W. D. Jones, Plattsmouth; F. W. Barber, Grand Island; Sidney Schram, Surprise; Joseph W. Woodward, Omaha; F. Ireland, Nebraska City.

For some time past the residents of Central park have been suffering from the raids of nocturnal visitors, who levied tribute on coalbins, hencoops and barns and invariably escaped without detection. The locality was outside of police protection and the residents were at a loss for means to protect their property. The thieves continued until the people became thoroughly aroused and a vigilance committee was organized.

What promised to be a disastrous runaway was stopped by Officer Foley at Ninth and Jackson streets yesterday forenoon. A team drawing a dray heavily loaded with stoves and other hardware dashed down Jackson street as break-neck speed. A number of rigs were stuck along the curb and the dray was about to dash into them when the officer seized the horses by the bits and succeeded in stopping them just in time to prevent serious damage. The team was turned over to the owner.

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