MIDROADERS WIN THE NAME

District Court Decides That They Can Use Designation of Populist.

POYNTER GOING ON A STUMPING TOUR

Governor Acts Without Regard to the Fusion Campaign Managers and Creates Some Friction in the Machinery.

LINCOLN, Sept. 24.—(Special.)—Judge Holmes in the district court has decided that there is no law which prevents the mid-roaders from using the name "populist" as their party designation and today he issued a writ of mandamus ordering Secretary Porter to permit that name to be used on the official ballot.

Judge Holmes holds that while the name has been applied to another political party in the past it has never been adopted by any party, nor has any party ever been officially known by that name. The court further says that while it is not a new name, yet under the law he must hold that it is not a part of any old party name. It is held that the secretary of state erred in refusing to permit the use of the name "populist" and the order made requires him to certify that name to the various county clerks as the designation of the party.

Poynter to Go Stumping.

From now until election day Governor Poynter will devote his time to stumping the state in the interests of his own candidacy. His itinerary for the next five days includes Auburn, Nebraska City, Johnson, Omaha and Beaver Crossing. He will appear in Nebraska City with W. J. Bryan and Attorney General Smyth and if given an opportunity, which seems very improbable, he will endeavor to convince the people of that city that he should be re-elected. Mr Bryan will deliver a revised edition of his St. Louis anti-trust speech at Mr. Morton's home town and Attorney General Smyth will speak in defense of his own action in beginning proceedings against the Argo Manufacturing company. Mr. Bryan's speech alone will be six columns in length and it is said that Attorney General Smyth is preparing one that will be nearly as long. After a twelve-column discussion of the trust question there will not be much time left for Governor Poynter. On Thursday and Friday Governor Poynter will be in Omaha, his plan being to meet as many visitors as possible during the Ak-Sar-Ben festivities. He will speak at Beaver Crossing Saturday and will return to Lincoln Sunday morning.

Governor Poynter is engineering his own campaign without any aid or assistance from the fusion state central committees. He arranges dates for speeches and does all other work that concerns his candidacy. Private Secretary Jewell is at the head of his campaign bureau and is also working independently of the state central committees.

Fusionists Are Not Happy.

The strained relations between the party campaign managers and the gubernatorial candidate have led many of the most prominent fusionists in this county to regard the success of their state ticket as very doubtful. They believe that without absolute harmony between the various parties and the people of the different nationalities and of different classes who have heretofore been classified under the general term "fusionists," and especially the campaign managers, their ticket will go down to defeat. Chairman Edmisten of the populist state central committee is giving his best efforts to the work of the national committee and Chairman P. L. Hall of the democratic state central committee is devoting only a portion of his time to campaign work. Another discouraging feature is the attitude of W. J. Bryan toward the state ticket. Since the campaign opened he has delivered only two or three speeches outside of the First congressional district and in those he did not mention the fusion candidates for the state offices.

A prominent Dodge county populist and a former resident of Boone county said today that he was confident that Governor Poynter would not carry his own county.

Boone County Tired of Poynter.

"There have been remarkable changes in Boone county since Governor Poynter was elected two years ago," he said. "I am well acquainted with the conditions and have been interested either directly or indirectly in every election that has taken place there for the last eight years. Last year's vote showed a decrease for fusion and there is every indication for believing that there will be a still greater decrease this year. The people up there in Boone county have been disappointed in their governor. They expected great things of William A. Poynter when they sent him down to Lincoln two years ago, expected him to do a lot of things that he of course never could do if he was governor for fifteen years. But they are disappointed nevertheless. The pardon of Mills had a bad effect up there and undoubtedly lost him lots of votes. I confidently believe that the entire state ticket will be elected, but there is no use denying the fact that it will be a mighty close shave and especially for Governor Poynter."

Adjutant General Barry will go to St. Paul tomorrow to muster a recently organized company of men into the state militia service.

The "set-off" claims of Benjamin F. Lang, amounting to approximately $1,500, representing the amount paid for supplies of various kinds for the Institute for Feeble-Minded Youth at Beatrice, were approved today by Secretary of State Porter, Treasurer Meserve and Deputy Commissioner Lynch. The vouchers will be presented to Auditor Cornell as soon as he returns to the city and if approved by him warrants will be drawn on the general fund in favor of Mr. Lang. According to the agreement between Lang and the Board of Public Lands and Buildings he must then turn the money received on the warrants back into the cash fund of the institution at Beatrice. The action of the board today is entirely without precedent. The records do not show that the expenditure of the money belonging to the cash fund was ever authorized, in fact several members of the board unite in saying that it was not authorized. With the claims for supplies was a voucher drawn by Mrs. B. F. Lang for salary as matron of the institution. This claim bears the indorsement of Governor Poynter and was promptly allowed by the board. Explaining the endorsement of this claim Governor Poynter said that he had agreed with Lang to endorse his wife's claim.

"The Board of Public Lands and Buildings now has nothing more to do with the Lang case," said Deputy Commissioner Lynch. "We have approved the claims for supplies and have no authority to take any part in the settlement with the state, or rather with Dr. Deering, his successor. Lang told us that he had enough cash to make up the balance due the state and we suppose that he will make the settlement with Deering as soon as he returns to Beatrice."

Meserve Takes a Part.

Treasurer Meserve today participated for the first time for several months in a meeting of the Board of Public Lands and Buildings. When Auditor Cornell issued warrants on claims presented by several of the former officers of the Home for the Friendless, before they had been approved, Treasurer Meserve announced that he would never sit with the board for the consideration of claims, for the reason that Auditor Cornell, by discharging that duty himself, made it unnecessary.

Subscriptions to the Galveston relief fund received at the governor's office and not heretofore acknowledged are as follows:

St. Joseph Catholic church, Agnew	$ 5.00
John A. Ruff, Grand Island	5.00
Charles Shafer and wife, Howells	5.00
Citizens of Dannebrog, Dannebrog	15.00
A. E. Day, Courtland	1.00
Citizens of Grand Island, through Independent Publishing Co.	92.00
Totals	$183.75

STORY OF GALVESTON STORM

Mrs. James Clark at Fremont Tells of Her Experiences in the Flood.

FREMONT, Neb., Sept. 24.—(Special.)—Mrs. James Clark, a former resident of this city, and her two daughters, who survived the Galveston storm, arrived here Sunday morning and are visiting with friends until their home is made habitable. Mrs. Clark, who is a fine appearing elderly woman, shows plainly the effects of the terrible nervous strain to which she was subjected during the ten days she was obliged to remain in the city after the storm.

"My expecience during those awful days is something I don't like to talk about," she said to a representative of The Bee this morning, "for it brings back to me those horrible sights which no human tongue or pen can describe. I want to forget them, but it is impossible. We were warned of the storm the morning of the 6th, but paid little attention to it, thinking it only an unusually severe blow. That morning I went down to the beach on the car to see the storm. The waves were running very high and destroying a good many small bath houses, small shops and temporary buildings. I went back to the house and noticed then that the wind was increasing and I heard rumors that the water was coming up from the bay side of the city. That afternoon I saw a large cross on the tower of a church near us swaying in the wind and there appeared to be much excitement on Broadway, the street where I lived, but even then I didn't anticipate any trouble. About 4 o'clock my son drove up to the house in a brewery wagon drawn by one lone mule and told us that the water was coming up and we must leave. It was raining fearfully hard and the wind was blowing from the north. Myself and daughters and two other families got into the wagon and we started for the brewery, which we thought was the safest place. We were on about the highest point of land in the city, but even here the waters of the bay and gulf met and we could see the waves coming up the streets in both directions. When we got to the brewery our team was just about covered with water. My son carried us in. The engine and boiler room was filled with water and we went up on the next floor. There were then about 100 people there. They kept coming in all night, until there were more than 500 there. How they got there I don't know, for the water was everywhere. We could hear nothing but the roar of the wind, the splash of the waves and the crash of falling buildings. Sunday morning we looked out upon the mass of ruins I can't describe and wouldn't if I could, it was so horrible. We women and children stayed in the brewery until Monday noon.

"I found my house hadn't suffered as badly as some others. One sidewall was completely gone, every window broken in and everything in it ruined. We felt so thankful to escape with our lives we did not care for the loss. I have three sons living in Galveston and they and all their families were saved. I think it was because we lived in the highest part of the city, midway between the gulf and bay, and succeeded in getting into the brewery before the two bodies of water met. As you know no effort was made to identify the bodies of the dead or to bury many of them. They were either burned or carried out into the gulf. The dead wagons or a good many of them went past our house, so I couldn't help but see wagonloads of bodies, men, women and children, black and white, rich and poor, being carried out to be placed on scows and dumped into the gulf. I was at one of the city cemeteries last week. Tombstones were flat, coffins were washed out of graves, some of them heavy metalic caskets, and lay there broken open by the force of the storm.

"There was not a life lost in our block and the damages to the houses not as great as in some places. I don't believe there is a house in the city that escaped injury. I left Galveston Tuesday because the health authorities fear fever and wanted all women and children to leave, but I will go back there as soon as things get cleaned up and it is safe, but I believe I shall always have some fear of another tornado and tidal wave destroying the town."

Driven Out of Town.

WEST POINT, Neb., Sept. 24.—(Special.)—A fellow calling himself Lee Benninghoven and purporting to be in the employ of the Freie Press of Lincoln has been in town for the last four or five days and succeeded in making himself obnoxious to the citizens. He heaped abuse upon people differing from him in political faith and the fellow was driven out of town. At the depot he was quite roughly handled and if he returns, which is unlikely, he will probably receive a warm reception. The republicans of this place have always been treated in a gentlemanly manner by their political opponents and resented very strongly the attacks made upon them. The democrats of the place all deplore the follow's course.

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SERVICES AT CONFERENCE

Methodist Appointments Are Announced at Gathering in Norfolk.

BISHOP MERRILL PREACHES ON SUNDAY

Takes as the Theme for His Discourse the Necessity for Steadfastness in the Christian Life and Delivers a Brilliant Address.

NORFOLK, Neb., Sept. 24.—(Special.)—Services at the Methodist Episcopal church yesterday were as follows: At 9 a. m. Rev. H. A. Barton led the conference love-feast. Gracious memories were revived as the older members of this conference recounted their early labors for Methodism in this part of the state. Younger men spoke of faith and determination for coming battles and by their courage betokened coming victory.

At 10:30 the more formal service began with a sermon of great depth of thought by Bishop Merrill. He took for his text: "Quit you like men; stand fast in the faith." The theme of the discourse was the necessity of steadfastness in the Christian life. He said in part:

"The figure here used is that of a hostile army encamped in an enemy's country and in great need of watchfulness and devotedness to duty. Even so the Christian is engaged in a continual conflict and should use all powers of soul and body in attaining steadfastness in his spiritual life. This is needful because of the many tendencies in our surroundings calculated to overthrow constancy in the divine life. Such tendencies are the following: Influence of material or secular pursuits and interests; dangers of the educational forces. Everything around us is a teacher and may give us true or false impressions. Herein lies the danger from educational forces. Education itself is not to be decried, but false methods should be guarded against. Business and social habits are educative in their nature and wherein they are of a wrong character can result only in harm.

"In order to steadfastness there must be faith in God's word, an experience of personal salvation, a correct standard of morals."

Memorial Services Held.

In the afternoon the memorial services were held in honor of the members who have died during the year. At this time fitting and tender words were spoken of the life, work and death of Dr. J. B. Maxfield, W. H. Conley and E. R. Adriance.

Dr. Manly S. Hord preached at night and conducted an altar service. Members of the conference preached in the other Protestant churches of the city.

The conference reconvened this morning for the completion of business and the receiving of appointments for the coming year.

J. H. Smith was admitted on trial and the orders of J. H. Cissney were recognized. Claudius B. Spencer, editor of the Central Christian Advocate, was introduced and addressed the conference.

The resolutions were read, minutes approved and appointments read. Conference adjourned sine die.

Pastoral Appointments.

Grand Island District—Presiding Elder, H. H. Millard.
Alda—J. S. Green.
Ames—J. M. Dressler.
Archer—R. F. Sharklock.
Bartlett—To be supplied.
Belgrade—C. P. Cheeseman.
Boelus—To be supplied.
Cedar Rapids—R. C. McReynolds.
Central City—T. C. Webster.
Chapman—To be supplied.
Clarks—G. R. Warren.
Columbus—G. W. Corey.
Fullerton—J. M. Bothwell.
Glenwood—To be supplied.
Grand Island—First church, H. A. Barton.
Trinity, A. Hodgetts.
Genoa—J. Crews.
Greeley—L. R. De Wolf.
Mapleville—W. H. Underwood.
North Bend—H. Trezona.
Palmer—To be supplied.
Purple Cane—R. J. Cosking.
Richland—E. E. Day.
Schuyler—J. P. Yost.
Scotia—R. E. Neal.
Silver Creek—W. D. Stambaugh.
St. Edward—E. R. Kling.
St. Paul—L. Campbell.
Wolbach—W. H. Carter.
Wood River—W. H. Farvat.
Superintendent Anti-Saloon League—J. B. Cairns.
Left Without Appointment to Attend School—W. W. Shenk.
Neligh District—Presiding Elder, William Gorst.
Albion—J. B. Priest.
Battle Creek—A. J. Warne.
Battle Creek Circuit—To be supplied.
Boone—H. A. Chapell.
Brainswick—G. E. Mitchell (supply).
Chambers—L. Hidden.
Clearwater—A. E. Fowler.
Creighton—J. N. Gartner.
Elgin—C. O. Trump (supply).
Emerick—H. A. Hornaday.
Ewing—G. W. Kliver.
Inman—A. E. Wood.
Loretto—W. R. Phelps.
Lynch—R. W. Burton (supply).
Meadow Grove—E. E. Hunt.
Neligh—E. T. George.
Newman Grove—A. Bishop.
Niobrara—C. G. Rouse (supply).
Oakdale—J. M. Leidy.
O'Neill—W. A. Rominger.
Osmond—E. C. Thorn.
Paddock—E. B. Koontz (supply).
Page—D. E. Baldwin.
Pierce—J. G. Shick.
Plainview Circuit—L. A. Cook (supply).
Savage—J. H. Smith (supply).
Spence-Highland—M. Miller (supply).
Tilden—E. G. Hutchinson.
Left without appointment to attend school—G. W. Shick.
Norfolk District—Presiding Elder, F. M. Sisson.
Allen—J. E. Young.
Bancroft—H. H. St. Louis.
Beemer—A. L. Kellogg.
Bloomfield—W. J. Brient.
Carroll—To be supplied.
Coleridge-Hartington—J. H. Johnson.
Dakota City—F. M. Clark.
Decatur—J. L. Phillips.
Emerson—F. M. Drummer.
Homer—M. H. Booth (supply).
Hoskins—To be supplied.
Humphrey-Platte Center—C. F. Heywood.
Ionia—S. A. Davis.
Laurel—E. E. Shafer.
Leigh-Creston—R. N. Throckmorton.
Lyons—A. L. Gray.
Madison—J. E. Fowler.
Norfolk—G. H. Main.
Pender—F. A. Hirth.
Pilger—C. F. Kruse.
Ponca—R. W. Wilcox.
Randolph—William Esplin.
St. James—C. H. Moore.
Scribner—William Shambaugh.
Sioux City—F. H. Ray (supply).
Stanton—C. M. Griffith.
Wakefield—J. H. Brooks.
Wausa—C. W. Davidson.
Wayne—Thomas Bithel.
West Point—To be supplied.
Winside—O. P. Mueller.
Wisner—C. E. Hawk.
Left without appointment to attend school—W. K. Gray.
Omaha District—Presiding elder, J. W. Jennings.
Albright—C. W. Anthony.
Arlington—G. M. Couffer.
Arizona—W. A. Wilson.
Benson-Monmouth Park—A. J. Markley.
Blair—J. F. Ballow.
Craig-Alder Grove—W. L. Elliott.
Elkhorn-Elk City—G. Eggleston.
Fremont—F. H. Sanderson.
Gretna—H. G. Kemp.
Herman-Rose Hill—R. H. Gammon.
Hooper-Bethel—A. A. Luce.
Kennard—J. H. Frazer.
Nickerson—J. Q. Flaherty.
Oakland—I. K. McNeil.
Omaha—First church, M. W. Chase; Hanscom Park, C. C. Cissell; Seward street, C. N. Dawson; South Tenth street, A. L. Mickel; Southwest church, R. M. Henderson; Trinity, D. K. Tyndall; Walnut Hill, G. A. Luce; West Church, to be supplied.
Pandition—William Slothower.
Richfield—C. W. Anthony (supply).
South Omaha—First church, J. A. Johnson.
Springfield—W. R. Peters.
Tekamah—J. F. Poucher.
Valley—I. Charles.
Post Chaplain United States Army—O. J. Nave.
Conference Evangelist—H. L. Powers.
Conference Evangelist—D. W. McGregor.
Missionary in Wyoming—F. W. Bross.
List of conference board of examiners elected: G. H. Main, H. A. Barton, G. A. Luce, F. M. Clark, R. W. Wilcox, T. Bithell, W. Esplin, C. C. Cissell, L. K. McNeal, J. P. Yost, J. H. Johnson, F. H. Sanderson, E. T. George, A. Bishop, J. A. Johnson, R. J. McKenzie.

SACK OF MONEY IS MISSING

Traveling Man is Arrested at Hartington on Suspicion, but is Not Found Guilty.

HARTINGTON, Neb., Sept. 24.—(Special Telegram.)—J. W. Peterson, a traveling man, was arrested this morning at Randolph on the charge of having taken a sack of money from the Grand hotel on Saturday noon. Mr. Rankin, proprietor of the hotel, left the sack, which contained $90, on the counter and when he returned shortly after missed it.

It was being talked over later in the presence of Mr. Smith of Norfolk, who said that at noon he was standing by the cigar case when a stranger to him stepped up to the counter, picked up the sack, saying "I wonder who this belongs to." Mr. Smith said that he did not know, whereupon the man, whom he described accurately, put the sack in his pocket, remarking that he would have some fun with somebody.

The party answering the description was soon located and was brought here this morning by Deputy Sheriff Baird. The preliminary hearing was had before Justice Gable, but as Mr. Smith could not positively identify him he was discharged. It still remains a mystery who stole the money.

CHARLES RUSSELL GUILTY

Murderer of A. L. Standenmaier Receives a Sentence of Life Imprisonment.

HARRISON, Neb., Sept. 24.—(Special Telegram.)—The jury in the case against Charles Russell for the murder of A. L. Standenmaier last May returned a verdict of guilty and Judge Westover fixed sentence at life imprisonment. The verdict received almost unanimous approval of the people.

Court Cases at Lexington.

LEXINGTON, Neb., Sept. 24.—(Special Telegram.)—District court is in session here and has disposed of a number of important cases. The liquor cases that have been pending for some time have all been continued, with three exceptions. Andy Miles and Frank Crouse, charged jointly with illegal sales of wet goods, were acquitted by a jury.

The jury in the case against P. E. Cooney, after being out over twenty-four hours, returned a verdict of guilty. J. S. Greenwood, who was fined in the police court one year ago for going to a neighboring saloon and getting some beer for some men who were eating at his restaurant and whose case was appealed to the district court, was honorably discharged on motion of the county attorney, it appearing that he had never kept liquors for sale himself, but simply went out and got beer at the request of his customers, using their money therefor without profit to himself.

Old Settlers' Meeting.

YORK, Neb., Sept. 24.—(Special.)—On Thursday, September 27, the annual meeting of the Old Settlers' Picnic association will be held in Fraternal hall here. Only citizens who have been in York county twenty years are eligible for membership. All members will bring with them a basket dinner. The following is the program for the meeting: 10 a. m., election of officers; 12 m., dinner; 1 p. m., call to order by president; music, addresses by J. H. Presson of Stromsburg, G. W. Post, A. C. Montgomery, Ed Bates and short talks telling of experiences of early days by members.

Police News at Beatrice.

BEATRICE, Neb., Sept. 24.—(Special Telegram.)—A man giving the name of Bigler was arrested by the police this morning charged with being implicated in the holdup of Fred Zivanski, a farmer living near here, which occurred about six weeks ago.

A lad by the name of Wilowski was stabbed by a playmate named Stroski in a quarrel last night. Owing to the youth of the offender no arrests were made.

Requisition for Robinson.

LINCOLN, Sept. 24.—(Special Telegram.)—Governor Poynter today issued requisition papers directed to the governor of Iowa for the return of B. F. Robinson to Omaha, where he is wanted to answer to the charge of larceny. Robinson is under arrest at Sioux City. He is charged with stealing a bicycle belonging to Louis Flescher.

Rain at West Point.

WEST POINT, Neb., Sept. 24.—(Special.)—Another heavy and long continued rain is falling in this section. Ground is wetter than it has been before for many years and pastures in better condition. Large areas of stubble are being fall plowed, experience demonstrating that the next season's crops are invariably benefited thereby.

MUCH COLDER IN NEBRASKA

Weather Forecast for Tuesday Includes Rain, Falling Thermometer and Variable Winds.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24.—Forecast for Tuesday and Wednesday:

For Nebraska—Rain and much colder Tuesday; Wednesday fair; southerly winds, becoming westerly.

For Illinois—Fair and colder in western, rain in eastern portion Tuesday; Wednesday fair and colder; brisk south to west winds.

For Arkansas—Fair Tuesday; Wednesday fair; cooler; southerly winds, becoming variable.

For Oklahoma and Indian Territory—Rains and colder Tuesday and probably Wednesday; winds, becoming northerly.

For New Mexico—Fair in southern, rain in northern portion Tuesday and probably Wednesday; colder Tuesday in northern portion; winds, becoming northerly.

For Western Texas—Fair Tuesday and Wednesday, except rain and colder in the Panhandle; winds becoming northerly.

For Iowa—Rain and colder Tuesday; Wednesday fair; colder in eastern portion; south to west winds.

For Missouri—Fair Tuesday, except probably rain in northeast portion; colder in northwest portion; Wednesday fair and colder; south to west winds.

For North and South Dakota—Rain or snow and colder Tuesday; Wednesday fair, with warmer in western portion; west to north winds.

For Kansas—Fair and colder Tuesday; Wednesday probably rain, with colder in eastern portion; southerly winds, becoming northerly.

For Colorado—Rain or snow and colder Tuesday; Wednesday fair, except probably rain in eastern portion; north to east winds.

For Wyoming—Rain or snow Tuesday; Wednesday fair; north to northeast winds.

For Montana—Generally fair Tuesday and Wednesday; warmer Wednesday; northerly winds, becoming variable.

Local Record.

OFFICE OF THE WEATHER BUREAU, OMAHA, Sept. 24.—Official record of temperature and precipitation compared with the corresponding day of the last three years:

	1900	1899	1898	1897
Maximum temperature	84	76	81	82
Minimum temperature	67	54	58	54
Average temperature	76	65	70	68
Precipitation	.15	.00	.00	.00

Record of precipitation at Omaha for this day and since March 1, 1900:

Normal temperature	63
Excess for the day	13
Total excess since March 1, 1900	561
Normal precipitation	.09 inch
Excess for the day	.06 inch
Total rainfall since March 1	24.00 inches
Deficiency since March 1	.98 inch
Deficiency for cor. period, 1899	4.10 inches
Deficiency for cor. period, 1898	2.63 inches

L. A. WELSH,
Local Forecast Official.

CAMPAIGN IN CUSTER COUNTY

Mary Elizabeth Lease Addresses Large Crowd at Broken Bow.

PROSPERITY ISSUE GIVEN ILLUSTRATION

Bryan's Doleful Prophecies of Four Years Ago Contrasted with the Glorious Realization of Republican Promises.

BROKEN BOW, Neb., Sept. 24.—(Special Telegram.)—Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Lease delivered an eloquent address here this evening to a large audience, making a grand, successful and brilliant opening of the campaign in this section of the county. The meeting, which had only been advertised since last Thursday, was billed for the district court room, in which General J. B. Weaver spoke a few days ago to an audience of 150 people. This evening not one-half the people clamoring for admission could get inside the door and the meeting had to be adjourned to the North Side Opera house, which was packed and people standing in the hallway and side rooms that could not find room inside. Fully 600 were present. People came twenty and thirty miles.

Mrs. Lease spoke for an hour and a half, holding her audience in strict attention from the beginning while she discussed the issues in a forcible and eloquent manner, arraigning Bryan, Stevenson and the democratic party, showing Bryan up as a dismal failure as a prophet and that every step that had been taken toward prosperity and good government in the history of this nation had been taken by the republican party and that, although Mr. Bryan prophesied in 1896 that if McKinley were elected our imports would far exceed our exports and general disaster, calamity and the enslavement of the American people would follow, statistics show that during the last three years of McKinley's administration our exports have exceeded our imports over $1,000,000,000 more than those of the previous 107 years and that general good times and prosperity have followed. She asked the voters if they wanted to change a certainty for an unknown quantity by voting for Bryan and Stevenson? The meeting was a success from start to finish and without a doubt means a gain of many votes for republicanism and prosperity in this county.

FUSIONISTS OPEN CAMPAIGN

Shallenberger Speaks in the Opera House at Hastings to a Frosty Crowd.

HASTINGS, Neb., Sept. 24.—(Special Telegram.)—The fusionists opened their campaign here tonight with A. C. Shallenberger of Alma, who spoke in the opera house. John Logan opened the meeting by introducing John C. Stevens, who presided throughout the evening. In his opening address he said that during the last four years these United States had become more like an empire than a republic and that the people were losing sight of the Declaration of Independence.

Mr. Shallenberger began his address by apologizing for making a prediction in this city four years ago, which was to the effect that William J. Bryan would be elected at that time, but said that he had only missed it four years. He then began to appeal to the common people for votes to send him to congress that he may represent them in congress.

"The republicans do not hope to win victory by any argument that they can advance; their only hope of gaining office is by a division of the fusion forces," said Mr. Shallenberger, and then he began to tell of the necessity of having to stand shoulder to shoulder if they expected to re-elect Governor Poynter and put William J. Bryan into the presidential chair.

He compared Bryan to Washington and Lincoln in statesmanship, Demosthenes and Cicero in eloquence and said he had the form and figure of an Adonis and was the greatest leader of the commonwealth the world has seen. The expansion question was somewhat evaded and only slightly touched on, but Mr. Shallenberger devoted much of his time to the trusts and the gold standard, which he says was adopted for the sole interests of the corporations, and strongly condemned the present administration, which he said was working only for the money power.

Somehow the audience was frigid and there was a lack of enthusiasm, as only the occasional mention of Bryan's name brought forth applause.

Dunbar Republican Rally.

DUNBAR, Neb., Sept. 24.—(Special.)—One of the largest gatherings at a political meeting was that gathered at the republican rally Saturday evening in Review hall. Every seat was occupied and standing room could not be secured, so great was the crowd. The meeting was called to order by W. W. Annes, president of the local McKinley and Roosevelt club. After singing "America" by the male quartet and audience Charles Marshall of Douglas, candidate for representative, and J. H. Arends of Syracuse, candidate for senator, spoke. These were followed by Congressman Burkett, who for one hour and a half discussed the issues of the day in a clear and forceful manner. Some in the audience who had been to hear Bryan at Syracuse on Friday, when they heard Burkett's speech, bid goodbye to fusion and 16 to 1. One of the hits of the evening was a special song by R. W. Jones, one of our leading merchants. It was sung with a vim and a will by the entire audience.

Convention at Ogallala.

OGALLALA, Neb., Sept. 24.—(Special.)—The republican county convention met here today in the court house. Every precinct was fully represented. H. E. Goodall was nominated for county attorney.

Norris Brown of Kearney was present and gave a very forcible and patriotic talk, lasting over an hour. Senator Owens of Cozad, who is a candidate for re-election, and John Evans of North Platte, candidate for representative, were also present and addressed the convention. The meeting was harmonious and very enthusiastic. Republicans are very much encouraged and are entering the campaign with a determination to win. Fusionists are worried over the present outlook in western Nebraska and have very little to say in favor of their ticket.

Rough Rider Club Formed.

ORD, Neb., Sept. 24.—(Special.)—The McKinley and Roosevelt club met Saturday night at headquarters and organized a Rough Rider club with Captain S. A. Stacy, as captain and A. J. Shirley and Sam F. Graham as lieutenants. The Rough Rider club has a membership of 150. The club turned with torches and bright red uniforms, fifty of which have been received, and paraded the town, led by a martial band. There were nearly 100 men, leading republicans, in line and an unknown number of boys. Arrangements are being made to give Mary Ellen Lease a big reception here Tuesday night.

Shaw at Silver Creek.

SILVER CREEK, Neb., Sept. 24.—(Special.)—The republican campaign was opened here Saturday with a grand rally. The McKinley and Roosevelt club of Beulah took the town by storm. There were fifty Rough Riders and a procession a mile long. The greatest enthusiasm prevailed. A delegation was present from Central City, headed by Dr. Genne, republican candidate for the legislature, and the Central City Glee club. There was also a delegation from Clarks. The Silver Creek cornet band rendered a number of selections. Colonel Savage was introduced and made a short talk, dwelling particularly on the great changes taking place everywhere in the state in favor of the republicans, auguring well for the success of the party. He urged his hearers to do everything in their power for the legislative candidates. That Bryan's only hope was in carrying the legislature, so that he could be elected senator.

The Central City Glee club rendered a few campaign songs that set the audience wild with enthusiasm. Governor Shaw of Iowa was then introduced and held his audience spellbound for two hours. It was the ablest and most convincing political address ever delivered in Silver Creek. He discussed the tariff issue of 1892, the free silver issue of 1896 and imperialism of 1900. He tore their arguments to shreds and presented the most concise, convincing and logical reasons for the course the administration has followed and will continue to follow.

DIETRICH VISITS PIERCE

Republican Candidate for Governor Speaks to Large Crowd in the Opera House.

PIERCE, Neb., Sept. 24.—(Special Telegram.)—Hon. C. H. Dietrich spoke here this afternoon and was greeted by a large number of German-Americans in the opera house. M. Inhelder, one of the prominent business men, introduced L. R. Hertert of Pierce, who made a great speech in the German language in favor of republican principles. The chairman next introduced Mr. Dietrich, who spoke for a few minutes on national issues.

The German republicans are enthusiastic over the meeting and say that Mr. Hertert makes the best German speech they ever heard. Mr. Dietrich made many votes here by his cordial manner and, although he was said not to be a public speaker, yet those who heard him speak this afternoon say he is fast becoming a very entertaining speaker. A rally was held at Hadar tonight, addressed by Mr. Dietrich and L. R. Hertert, which was well attended and a great deal of enthusiasm was manifested.

Democrats Form Clubs.

CERESCO, Neb., Sept. 24.—(Special.)—The democrats of this village and precinct met Saturday night and formed a democratic club, with James Boyle as president and C. C. Turney treasurer. There was another democratic club formed last week here, but the two factions don't seem to hitch. There are two clubs here and only a few democrats. Mr. C. C. Turney, the treasurer, wears a Dietrich pin and is working for his election.

Reports are being verified every day of defections from the Bryan ranks of 1896 to the republican fold this year.

Convention at Burwell.

BURWELL, Neb., Sept. 24.—(Special.)—At the republican county convention held here today C. O. Brown was nominated for county attorney, George S. Todd for county judge to fill vacancy and E. D. Thurston for coroner to fill vacancy. H. L. Davis was nominated for commissioner for the First district. A republican club was organized with 100 members, several of whom were former Bryan men. The officers of the club are J. A. Brownell president and Ed Brown secretary. Everything was harmonious and the republicans feel hopeful.

Republican Club Formed.

ELM CREEK, Neb., Sept. 24.—(Special.)—At a caucus of the republican voters of Elm Creek township held Saturday evening a full township ticket was nominated and a McKinley and Roosevelt club of about fifty members was organized, with L. G. McKenzie as president and W. W. Armstrong secretary. The club will hold weekly meetings and will open headquarters for the campaign as soon as a room is secured.

Harlan of York Named.

FAIRMONT, Neb., Sept. 24.—(Special Telegram.)—The republican senatorial convention met here today. Taylor of York was made chairman; Matteson of Geneva, secretary. N. V. Harlan of York was elected by acclamation. H. N. Detrick was appointed committeeman for York and E. Sandrock of Geneva for Fillmore. After some stirring speeches the convention adjourned.

Bryan Club at Emerson.

EMERSON, Neb., Sept. 24.—(Special Telegram.)—A number of the popocrats met today in this city and organized a Bryan club with W. A. Martin as president and Mark Felber secretary of the organization. Nicholas Liewer was selected as chief custodian of the cash, should there ever be any on hand. The club starts out with a membership of about 100.

Stewart at Beatrice.

BEATRICE, Neb., Sept. 24.—(Special Telegram.)—Senator Stewart of Nevada will address a republican gathering here tomorrow night.

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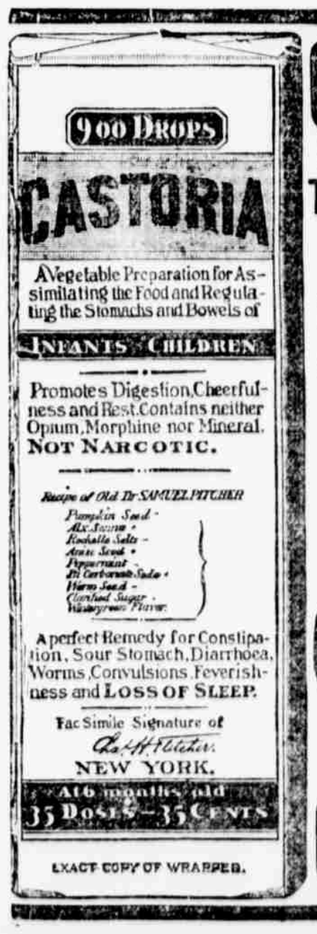

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