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HINTS FROM MEN ON INSIDE

State Committeemen Give the Result of Their Personal Investigations.

MCKINLEY GAINS IN DOUBTFUL COUNTIES

Localities Which Have Given Republicans No Ground for Hope Since Dawn of Populism Are Showing Changes of Heart.

The republican state committeemen, in the city to attend the meeting of the central body Wednesday night, brought in such reports from their neighborhoods that the committee officials have mentally added some hundreds to their estimate of McKinley's majority in Nebraska. The committeemen have endeavored above all things to be conservative and their figures are shorn of any element of speculation.

"Cass county has always stood by the republican presidential candidate," remarked State Committeeman M. M. Butler of Weeping Water, "and a careful canvass shows that we'll do just a little better this time than usual. McKinley won four years ago with a margin of 176 and we figure his lead this year at 350. There have been a number of republican gains right in my neighborhood that I know about personally. There are about 500 German votes in the county and I have reason to know that none of them have been affected by the scarecrow of imperialism. Secretary of State Dobson of Iowa held a meeting in Weeping Water Tuesday night and the opera house wouldn't have held the crowd if it had been twice as large."

"Bryan's old majority of 616 in Saunders county will look a good deal different this year," remarked State Committeeman Horace M. Clark of Ithaca. "Scores of democratic desertions to McKinley have been reported to us, but that is an old story and we are simply sawing wood and not prophesying much about the outcome. We have the best local ticket—for county attorney, commissioner and legislature—in the field that was ever nominated and their personal influence is counting for much. We believe we can see a gain our way of 200 votes, and I believe the outcome in the county will just about be a standoff."

Populists Lend Their Ears.

State Committeeman A. D. Beemer of Beemer brings a cheerful story from Cuming county, normally populist by 500 or 600. "We find the populist farmers all ready to listen to us this year, while four years ago they were simply deaf to all argument. Many have confessed their intention of voting for McKinley, but of course you can tell more about that along early in November. I can give you an assurance, however, that we will do much better than in 1896."

One active worker missing at last night's meeting was State Committeeman William Peebles of Thurston county, whose death occurred one week ago at his home in Pender, Neb. Mr. Peebles was the founder of Pender, and was one of the republican bulwarks in that part of the state. Resolutions drawn up by State Committeeman Beemer and signed by Chairman Lindsay and Secretary Mallalieu have been sent to Mr. Peebles' family, expressing in some measure the personal loss which each member of the committee feels in his death.

EFFECTIVE CAMPAIGN POSTER.

Republicans Reproduce One of Bryan's Pessimistic Prophecies.

The state republican committee has received a small consignment of effective campaign posters, which will be distributed where they are needed most. The poster displays the gloomy foreboding of Bryan in 1896 when he contemplated possible republican success. No comment is made, as none is considered necessary. Bryan's prophecy was as follows:

If McKinley and the republican party are successful and put in power for the next four years wages will be decreased. Hard times will come upon us and over the land. The price of wheat will go down and the price of gold will go up. Mortgages on our homes will be foreclosed by the money lenders. Shops and factories will close. We will export no goods and we will import from foreign lands all the goods we use. Thus will ruin, want and misery be upon us.

DIETRICH'S GRATIFYING REPORT.

Audiences Growing Larger as Campaign Draws to a Close.

C. H. Dietrich, candidate for governor, is in the city for the first time since the Roosevelt meeting and brings gratifying reports of his recent meetings. His audiences grow larger as the campaign comes to its final hour and the enthusiasm is a compliment both to him and his principles. At Weeping Water Wednesday night only a small fraction of the crowd was able to get into the opera house. It has grown too cold for open air meetings and it is simply a case of first come first served. A similar meeting was held at Talmage, voters standing to listen as far as the speaker's voice would reach.

Political Notes.

Richard Thurber, a rancheman from Thurston county, expressed the belief that the republicans have accomplished great things there if they can only hold fast until election day. There is an Indian vote of about 600 in that county, Omahas and Winnebagoes, which in the past has been somewhat of a shifting quality. For the most part the voters on the reservation are wholly content with present conditions.

At a meeting of the city central committee it was decided that women holding property or having children of school age will be entitled to vote without further formalities. The question had arisen as to whether such voters would be required to register in the manner of their male associates. Twenty-seven judges and clerks have been chosen for the primaries next Tuesday. The committee will meet again on Saturday to hear protests.

A. C. Christiansen, who was substituted Wednesday for L. W. Hague of Minden as candidate for presidential elector, was born in an island near the Danish coast, but has lived in the west for more than twenty years. He staked out a homestead in Kearney county in 1887, and has also engaged in the implement business there. W. H. Barton of Tecumseh, installed in place of S. P. Davidson, was a member of the state senate at the last session, and is in the stone business.

What Will Become of China?

None can foresee the outcome of the quarrel between foreign powers over the division of China. It is interesting to watch the going to pieces of this ancient but unprogressive race. Many people in America are also going to pieces because of dyspepsia, constipation, blood, liver and stomach diseases. We are living too fast, but strength, vigor and good health can be retained if we keep off and cure the above diseases with Hostetter's Stomach Bitters.

Mortality Statistics.

The following deaths and births were reported to the city health commissioner for the twenty-four hours ending at noon Thursday:

Deaths—Joseph Colley, 1253 North Nineteenth, aged 22; Kenneth M. Greeley, 522 North Nineteenth, aged 1 year; Lafayette Anderson, 2622 South Thirteenth, aged 31; Nellie Terkelsen, 2363 Leavenworth, aged 50.

Births—Henry Grunhagen, 2916 Martha, boy; John Youngquist, 2825 Sherman avenue, boy.

HESS PLOTS FOR REVENGE

Ousted School Board Members Place Candidates in the Field.

CONTEST PROMISES TO TAKE ON INTEREST

Each Ward Proposes Candidates for the Seven Vacancies on the Board—Hess Thinks Himself Still Truant Officer.

As October 18, the date for the school board primaries, draws near a considerable amount of life is discerned in the strife for place. George H. Hess, former member of the board, is going to considerable pains to find candidates not in accord with the present majority in the board, that body of men forming a combination for which Mr. Hess has a natural aversion as being responsible for his expulsion. The Hess faction has held numerous meetings and has endeavored to place candidates in every ward. The majority, so far as known, has not so far recognized Hess as a factor as to offer organized opposition.

"It is true that I am doing what I can to break the present majority," said Mr. Hess yesterday, "and I have made an effort to get candidates into the field opposed to it. I am still notifying the board at intervals that I am the legally elected truant officer and at the end of the year I propose to enforce the collection of my $1,200 salary. After that time I will be free to place the stigma of school board scandals where they belong—with the present majority."

The most prominent candidate mentioned in the First ward is Mr. Steubendorf, a retired merchant formerly of the firm of Steubendorf Bros. In the Second ward Andy Klewit is said to be willing to accept the nomination in case it is offered him, other candidates being Kessler, a German, and Christiansen, a Dane. The name of H. J. Bunker has also been proposed. Morris Levy, now on the board by appointment, will stand for the nomination, his opponents being George Nicholson and F. W. Fitch. The Fifth Ward Republican club has endorsed the candidacy of William Christie, assistant building inspector, which gives him some advantage over Louis Littlefield and John Morrison, the other possibilities. The situation in the Sixth ward is simplified by the withdrawal of Major Wilcox, the race now being between J. J. Smith, now on the board, W. R. Homan and Theodore Johnson. George S. Ambler in the Seventh ward will make the race. His principal dealing with the board in the past has been as a petitioner against the closing of the suburban schools. Those named so far in the Eighth ward and Zimmerman and Herdman and the Ninth ward candidates are said to be Jonathan Edwards, A. A. Buchanan and Maynard.

LOCAL POLITICAL CALENDAR

Republican Meetings.

Friday, Oct. 12—
First Ward Republican club, Eighth and Hickory streets, Hon. N. C. Platt and candidates.
Saturday, Oct. 13—
Rosewater-Hitchcock debate at the tent.
South Omaha Third Ward Republican club, Evans' hall, Twenty-eighth and R, Judge B. S. Baker.

Democratic Meetings.

Friday, Oct. 12—
Bryan and Stevenson club, Twenty-fourth and N, South Omaha.

EMPTY DINNER PAIL NOW FULL

Former Democrat Gives His Reason for Supporting a Candidate Able to Carry Out His Pledges.

The German-American McKinley and Roosevelt club held an interesting meeting last night, which was addressed by W. F. Wappich, who devoted his time to a discussion of the issues from an ex-democratic standpoint. "In 1896," said the speaker, "the republican party told us that the advance agent of prosperity in the person of William McKinley was on the road, and that with his election the mills, the shops and the factories would resume business, that the railroads would begin to increase business and that idle labor would be employed. Many persons did not believe this, but the republican party has demonstrated the truth of its propositions. Prosperity is here and no one can deny it. Four years ago Mr. Bryan deplored the empty dinner pail. Today he resents any reference to the full dinner pail."

Sixty applications for membership were received and acted upon by the club, which completed its session by discussing the proposed excursions to Millard and Elkhorn, the dates of which will be announced later.

Bryan and Birthrights.

OMAHA, Oct. 11.—To the Editor of The Bee: Mr. Bryan in one of his recent speeches referred to Esau of biblical renown, who, as Mr. Bryan puts it, "sold his birthright for a full dinner pail and has been held in derision ever since."

The inference that would most naturally be drawn from Mr. Bryan's question is that the laboring people, like Esau, have sold their birthright in order to receive a full dinner pail of prosperity (the existence of which Mr. Bryan has so persistently denied up to this time).

Did the American people sell their birthright in 1896 when they arose in their might and declared that the time had arrived when an end should be put to the scene of idleness and inactivity that spread itself broadcast over the land?

Did the American people sell their birthright when they ended the democratic tenure of office and elected to the presidency a republican in the person of William McKinley, who since his inauguration has reopened the factories and workshops, given employment to the idle workmen at remunerative wages, raised the salaries of those already at work, opened new fields to American commerce and American products, raised the arm of American humanity to protect the weak and oppressed in foreign lands, protected American lives and property when assailed by a pagan race in a foreign country, brought glory to the flag and honor to the country which it represents? If so, let there be such a sale of birthrights next November as to preclude the possibility of a change from the full dinner pail to no dinner pail at all. "A SOLD BIRTHRIGHT."

PRESS CLUB PLANS BENEFIT

Theatrical Folk Offer Their Services to Help the Pencil Pushers' New Organization.

Indications at present are that the entertainment to be given on Friday afternoon, November 2, for the benefit of the newly-organized Omaha Press club will be one of the best attractions that has been presented in the city for a long time. The program, which will be a varied one, will be contributed by the members of the different theatrical companies in the city on the date on which the benefit occurs.

Manager Burgess has generously and enthusiastically donated the free use of the opera house for the occasion. Charles Marks, business manager of the latest comic opera success, "The Burgomaster," has written from St. Paul, where the company is now playing, assuring the members of the club that he and his associates will do everything in their power to make the benefit a huge success, and that he has arranged to present the prologue of the play, with the full strength of the company and all the brilliant scenic effects. He gives assurance that his company will also introduce one of its principal features, a cake walk by the entire company. Manager Branson of the Orpheum has volunteered to contribute to the excellence of the entertainment by introducing the headliners at the Orpheum for that week. Manager Rosenthal of the Trocadero has placed his entire company for the week at the disposal of the club.

Jumped on a Ten Penny Nail.

The little daughter of Mr. J. N. Powell jumped on an inverted rake made of ten penny nails and thrust one nail entirely through her foot and a second one half way through. Chamberlain's Pain Balm was promptly applied and five minutes later the pain had disappeared and no more suffering was experienced. In three days the child was wearing her shoe as usual and with absolutely no discomfort. Mr. Powell is a well known merchant of Forkland, Va. Pain Balm is an antiseptic and heals such injuries without maturation and in one-third the time required by the usual treatment. It is most widely known, however, as a cure for sprains and for the prompt relief it affords in cases of rheumatism.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Dan Duncan of McCook is at the Murray.

Edward H. Westcott of Chicago is at the Millard.

R. W. DeFord of Hastings is at the Murray.

Mrs. C. E. Burnham of Tilden is at the Millard.

H. E. Knapp of Fullerton is staying at the Murray.

D. B. MacDonald of Detroit is a patron of the Millard.

F. N. Oxley of Chicago is stopping at the Millard.

Louis Peterson of Fremont is at the Merchants.

Hamilton G. Stewart of Ottawa, Kan., is in the city.

John Keith of Sutherland, Neb., is stopping at the Merchants.

Colonel J. M. Kilian of Columbus, Neb., spent yesterday in Omaha.

H. H. Hake, proprietor of the Merchants, returned today from Cody, Wyo.

Tim Murphy and company of New York are registered at the Iler Grand.

B. A. Branch, traveling freight agent for the Erie road, is at the Iler Grand.

G. M. Mullins and Edgar Howard of Papillion are guests at the Murray.

T. L. Mathews of Fremont, United States marshal, was at the Millard Thursday.

F. W. Buskirk of Chicago, an official of the Erie road, is staying at the Iler Grand.

John Rosenstock, A. W. Koop and Peter Jensen of Lincoln are patrons of the Murray.

Mrs. Artie D. Webb of Lake school is unable to teach this week on account of sickness.

W. P. Sawyer of Elgin, Ill., and E. C. Million and wife of Elgin, Neb., are guests of the Merchants.

H. B. Tindall, general manager of the Merchants Dispatch company of New York, is at the Iler Grand.

William Archer and wife, John E. Andrus and wife and M. D. Schoonmacker, all of New York, are in Omaha enroute to the Pacific coast.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Scott of Kearney, Mrs. K. A. Kohre of Platte Center, Thomas O'Shea and daughter of Madison, William Crowe of Friend and R. F. Kloke of West Point are state guests at the Iler Grand.

Mrs. Agnes M. Harrison, principal of Farnam school, is in Lincoln attending the annual meeting of the Superintendents and Principals association. Mrs. Harrison is a member of the committee which will prepare a geography course for use in the grades.

Nebraskans at the Merchants: W. H. Pruner and W. H. Harrison of Kennard, John Diemer of Hyannis, Captain Haskell of Lena, D. C. Mittin of Tekamah, F. E. Gillett of Ainsworth, C. O. Johnson of Stromsburg, H. L. Jones of Falls City, W. M. Traver of Central City, J. R. Robinson of Beatrice and F. T. Lewellen of Filley.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Diphtheria has been quarantined at 2220 North Twenty-fifth street.

Joseph Calley, aged 22, died at St. Joseph's hospital and his remains were sent to Pittsburg, Pa.

The Kings Daughters of the Church of the Good Shepherd will give their first dance of the season at Thurston Rifles' armory Saturday night.

City Treasurer Hennings held a conference with Hall & McCulloch concerning the collection of delinquent special taxes and the work will be commenced without delay.

F. B. Hobison, alias John Bennett, was held to the district court on two counts yesterday morning, one of grand larceny, the other of forgery. Louis Flescher, proprietor of a bicycle infirmary, is the complaining witness on both counts.

The Board of Education's committee on supplies met Wednesday afternoon with agents for various typewriters and selected machines which will be recommended to the board. Six machines will be purchased for the immediate use of students in the commercial course.

A musicale will be given by the ladies of St. Cecelia's church today at the home of Mrs. John Machin, 822 North Forty-second street. An enjoyable program has been prepared and the public are cordially invited to attend.

R. J. MacElhaney, an employe of the W. A. Hixenbaugh book concern, was arraigned in police court yesterday on a charge of passing a forged check for $15 upon his employers. He waived preliminary hearing and was held to the district court under $500 bonds.

The police have learned that Charles Clark, alias "Kid" Mitchell, arrested last week for stealing packages from the various express companies, has a criminal record in Philadelphia and Des Moines and that he served a three months' term in the Nebraska penitentiary for selling liquor to Indians.

L. A. Belser, superintendent of the Soldiers home at Grand Island, telephoned to W. L. Kierstead for information concerning Henry Gieseleman, a veteran who went to the home from Omaha and died there Wednesday. Gieseman left some money and the superintendent desires to find the man's heirs.

Twenty-seven of the republicans and fourteen of the democrats approved by the city council as supervisors of registration failed to qualify and a special meeting of the council has been called for today when the vacancies will be filled. The board of registration will also be designated at that time.

The Chicago traveling man, guest of the Millard hotel, who was robbed of a $50 bill Tuesday by James Watson, the hotel porter, changed his mind about filing a complaint and yesterday appeared in police court to prosecute the man who robbed him. Watson waived preliminary hearing and was held to the district court under $500 bonds.

HOW TO BUILD AUDITORIUM

Omaha Men Study Object Lesson in the Art of Construction.

KANSAS CITY PROVES ITSELF ROYAL HOST

Delegation from Omaha Are Received in State During the Day and Secrets of Their Task Are Laid Bare Before Them.

If any doubt existed in the mind of a single member of the executive committee or advisory board of the Omaha auditorium company relative to the ultimate success of the gigantic project that has been undertaken such doubt was swept away by the visit to Kansas City Wednesday. The members of the auditorium boards who returned from Kansas City yesterday all agree that if any inspiration was lacking it was supplied in an abundance by reason of this visit.

The visit to Kansas City was made by nearly all of the members of the auditorium company's executive committee and three of the advisory board for the purpose of inspecting the big convention hall in that city and gleaning some information from the men who were associated in the building of Kansas City's great auditorium that might be of advantage in the work of raising funds for the building of a similar structure in Omaha.

"The trip was lacking in nothing that might have contributed to its success," said President F. E. Sanborn of the board of directors. "We were all struck most forcibly by the royal hospitality extended us by Kansas City. The brand exhibited us by the people of that city was away above par. From the time we arrived there Wednesday morning at 7 o'clock until we left on our return home that night at 9:35 we were not left alone for a minute. There was not a moment that we didn't have something to see or something to hear. The committeemen delegated to take care of us spent their entire time in showing us the advantages of Kansas City and in impressing us with the fact that they all stand as one man for the progress of that metropolis.

Auditorium Is Inspected.

"In the morning upon our arrival we were taken to the Baltimore hotel and had breakfast, remaining there for about an hour and a half. Then the whole committee went over to the Convention hall, which is the name selected by popular vote for the Kansas City auditorium. We were there for all of two hours and the building was inspected thoroughly. Its manner of construction, vest, peculiar features of advantage and the difficulties encountered in the building of the second auditorium in the short time were all explained minutely.

"The many uses to which the hall has been put since it has been ready for occupancy were explained and one great point which struck all of us was the statement that the hall has been in such constant demand since it has been nearly enough completed for occupancy that there hasn't been opportunity to finish it. About $25,000 yet remains to be spent on it. A good portion of this is for interior work, such as fireproofing. We were informed as a matter of business news that that hall has been a paying investment outside its great advantage to Kansas City. In the eight months that the first convention hall stood the sum of $14,000 was netted.

"After inspecting the convention hall we went to the Commercial club rooms and were entertained for about two hours. The methods employed in raising the funds necessary for the building of the hall were described. Our informants went into details and told us how much money was raised in various departments and the amount of work that was expended. At our suggestion we were advised as to the amount of the shares which we will have for disposition. Mr. Clendenning, secretary of the Commercial club and of the Convention Hall Building company, was particularly kind to us and furnished all information asked.

"After dinner at the Kansas City club we were taken for a tallyho ride about the city and were shown the park and boulevard systems and some of the beauties of the town. From 6:30 until 9 we were the guests of Mr. F. W. Kellogg at the Midland hotel, where there was dinner, speech-making and words of good cheer from our hosts.

Full of New Ideas.

"All of the members of the auditorium company who went to Kansas City have returned with new ideas. These will take shape, I believe from the very start and the great good that will result from our visit cannot be estimated. Before the majority of the members favored a composite building, an auditorium and a structure suitable for business purposes combined. I think the ideas of most of us in that regard have undergone a decided change. We were advised not to try to mix business and commercial features with an auditorium, but rather to build a great hall and keep it distinctly for the purpose for which it was erected. We were impressed with the fact that the convention hall in Kansas City promises to be a splendid investment in itself. Our hosts told us if they had their building to erect again they would not decrease its size, nor, indeed, make any material changes. Kansas City has spent to date $240,000 on its hall, has $25,000 more yet to spend, and the ground cost $60,000.

"We were complimented on some of the plans we have in mind for raising the money. In fact, our friends who treated us so royally agreed that our plans in this important matter were even better than those adopted for their project."

WANT LOW RATES WITHDRAWN

Great Northern and Chicago Great Western Asked to Raise Northwestern Tariffs.

Executive passenger officials of the lines belonging to the Western Passenger association are in Chicago attending a meeting held for the purpose of attempting to persuade the Great Northern and Chicago Great Western to withdraw their low rates to the northwest from Chicago and Kansas City. These rates have been made effective for one day each week and it is considered by the officials of competitive lines that the continuance of the tariffs will demoralize the situation on rates to the northwest.

The flat rates of the Chicago Great Western and Great Northern to all northwestern points are far lower than the regular tariffs. Kalispell, Mont., is the dividing point for the basing of rates, the tariff being approximately $5 in advance to all points west of Kalispell. The rate announced from Kansas City to Kalispel is $28.65, or $48.95 for the round trip. The regular tariff is $38.85 for the one way rate and $68.30 for the round trip.

"The Great Northern is putting these rates into effect," said a local passenger man yesterday, "on the ground that it desires to give eastern people an opportunity to visit the northwest for the purpose of making investments and becoming settlers. It is questionable whether or not they will consent to withdraw the newly announced tariffs. If they do not all lines operating to the northwest will have to meet the reductions, although it is not likely that a rate war will be precipitated, as none would likely care to go below the rates quoted by the Great Northern."

Raise in Freight Rates.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Oct. 11.—Freight officials of the lake and rail and all-rail lines advanced flour rates 2½ cents. Their action was not publicly announced. The rates during the summer have been 19½ cents lake and rail and 22½ cents all-rail. The change makes the former 22 cents and the latter 25 cents. The changes become effective November 1.

The action of the freight officials is consequent upon the recent advance made at the meeting in Chicago, the rates from that point being used for basing purposes. The lake and rail lines expect to benefit by the advance, as they count upon fully one month of business under the change, navigation being open until near the middle of December. There is a healthy flour movement just at present and all lines are believed to be heading up rates fairly well.

Railroad Men Visit City.

Omaha was invaded by a number of visiting railroad men yesterday, who spent the day in calling upon the representatives of the local roads looking up business. Among the visitors were F. W. Buskirk, assistant general passenger agent, and Bert Branch, traveling passenger agent of the Erie from Chicago; George McNutt, traveling passenger agent of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas at Kansas City; W. E. Thurber, general western agent of the Mexican National at Chicago, and G. M. Payne of Kansas City, commercial agent of the Cotton Belt.

Campbellites Go to Kansas City.

A large party of Campbellites passed through the city yesterday enroute from Minneapolis and St. Paul to Kansas City, where the annual convention of Christian churches is in session. The Minnesota delegation came in on the Illinois Central and during the short wait in Omaha between trains was taken in hand by District Passenger Agent Brill. The party was joined here by several members of the Campbellite denomination from this city and South Omaha.

Leave for the Philippines.

William Kehl and William Kilp, clerks in the War department, left yesterday for San Francisco, whence they will sail next week to Manila, reporting upon arrival to the adjutant general of the Department of the Philippines. Both clerks have been stationed at Omaha for many years, Mr. Kehl being in the office of the inspector general and Mr. Kilp in the engineer's office. Thomas Batterton, who was ordered to the Philippines at the same time, resigned his position rather than go.

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CULLED from the Field of POLITICS

Among the visitors to St. Louis during carnival week was Mrs. James C. Graham of Papillion, Neb., wife of a harness maker of that town, and something of a harness maker herself. Mrs. Graham knows a thing or two about politics in her own town, county and state and has seen and heard and talked with the peerless leader, Mr. Bryan. Her impressions of these are picturesque and instructive.

"Most of his home people are tired of Mr. Bryan," said Mrs. Graham to a St. Louis Globe-Democrat reporter, "for he has made himself too cheap and common running about to fairs, picnics and such places. In my town there is a population of less than 700, yet Mr. Bryan, a presidential candidate, has spoken twice there in the last year. He never forgets to visit the school house and when the children are all lined up he tells them who he is and intimates that if they are good they may some day be as great as he is. While he was in Papillion he spoke from a platform adjoining our harness shop and I had quite a tilt with him while he was speaking and I get more applause than he did when I closed by telling him he could thank God for good crops, but he must thank McKinley for the good prices, when corn is selling for 32 cents a bushel when it only brought 9 cents a bushel a short four years ago. Mr. Bryan did not like my interruption, but the crowd enjoyed it.

"Mr. Bryan is running around making half a dozen speeches every day and the voters are getting tired of him. We hear much about the candidate's personal popularity, but I do not think he is popular. People still look upon him as something in the line of a freak or sideshow and when they consider him seriously they find there is very little to the man. I am not a politician, but a working woman with a trade, but I know that during the four years of this administration the country and the country people have been prosperous and I believe in trying no experiments in the matter of government.

"I have seen Mr. Bryan clad in a worn and shabby suit of gray clothes, with a shabby gray slouch hat pulled down over his eyes and with a red handkerchief tied about his neck, when he came to our town to speak to farmers, and when he got away from the farmers he had other clothes ready and then made himself look like a gentleman. In the rig in which he spoke in our town a farmer would not have thought himself well enough dressed to come to town, but there was the democratic presidential candidate masquerading with a red handkerchief about his neck in order to catch the votes of a few farmers.

"A man's own people generally know him much better than outsiders and Nebraskans are getting to know Mr. Bryan pretty well by this time. They know him as a selfish man, who does not care a rap about patriotism or of any of the things which he professes with so much earnestness. He is after money and fair promoters or picnic givers have to pay him for his presence, just as they would any other 'attraction.' One of our young men who has just come home from the Philippines declares that Mr. Bryan and his promises alone are keeping up the war out there, in which so much American blood is being shed. He says all the fighting would long ago have been over had not Aguinaldo's army expected Mr. Bryan's first act, in the event of his election, to be the ordering down of the flag and the removal of the American soldiers from the islands. We hear nothing against Mr. Bryan's personal life, but in Nebraska we know that he is pretty much of a political humbug."

The Galena (Kan.) Republican says that a populist orator was about to begin his speech, when the sound of a drum was heard approaching. "What's that?" asked the orator, and when informed that it was the Salvation Army he made a break for the back of the stage, and was about to jump off when the chairman said: "Hold on. What's the matter with you?" "I don't want to speak to those fellows," said the orator; "I have no speech to suit them." "Why," said the chairman, the Salvation Army will harm no man." "Salvation Army?" shouted the orator. "I thought you said Grand Army!"

The Chicago Tribune recently took a straw vote of the 771 occupants of the Stock exchange building, with the following result:

For McKinley	165	Noncommittal	2
For Bryan	92	Undecided	18
For Woolley	1		
For Barker	3	Total	771

Nearly all the operators of the Postal Telegraph, which has a large office in the building, were for McKinley.

Dick Croker promises to put up a hot time for Bryan when he makes his second appearance in Madison Square Garden next Tuesday night. The Tammany boss is planning a parade of 100,000 men, with 134 bands and unlimited quantities of machine made enthusiasm and fireworks. A significant feature of the meeting is that Cockran will speak from the same platform with Bryan. In 1896, when Bryan made his famous speech of acceptance in the Garden, the sound money men immediately brought out Cockran to answer him at another big meeting in the same place. But this year it is announced they are to "speak from the same platform. Republicans, of course, produce extracts from Cockran's speech of 1896 to show the inconsistency of his present position. He said then that "when this tide of agitation shall have receded, this tide of populist agitation, this assault upon common honesty and upon industry shall have abated forever, the foundations of this republic will remain undisturbed." But there is another interesting tide to Mr. Cockran's appearance at this meeting. It is to be, of course, a Bryan meeting, but it will also be in a large sense a Croker meeting. For it is Mr. Croker who is getting it up. Any one who knows the bitterness with which Mr. Croker has regarded Mr. Cockran the last few years will marvel at his permitting him to speak at any meeting which he has to do with.

Arthur von Buesen, president of the German-American league of New York, in a recent address called attention to the sample of democratic imperialism in operation in New York City. He said: "The idea of imperialism, of having the will of one man substituted for the will of the people, certainly never occurred to Mr. McKinley in any aspect. That idea is embodied in the government of New York, which is at present undoubtedly imperialistic. No public officer in the city of New York dares resist the will of Richard Croker; no policeman, no commissioner, not even the mayor. Here we have imperialism with a vengeance. Yet the same Richard Croker cries out against the imperialistic tendencies of William McKinley. The attitude of the democrats, therefore, in this regard is too absurd to deserve serious consideration. In this connection it is worthy of note that if Bryan is elected it will be because he carries New York and he can only carry New York by help of Richard Croker, who will therefore become more imperial than ever."

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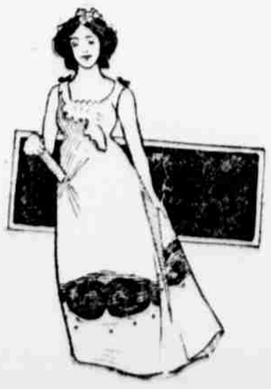
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