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GEORGE B. TSCHECHUK, Notary Public. Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 29th day of September, A. D. 1900. M. B. TSCHECHUK, Notary Public.

Census guessers can now tell one another "I told you so."

Jim Dahlman is another of the fusion-infected gentry who has taken to wearing multiple eyeglasses.

Omaha will gladly challenge St. Joseph to a test of population on the basis of the election returns next week.

Popecats are considerably worried because their shouts fail to stampede the foreign-born voters. Noise may attract attention for a moment, but scarecrows are played out.

The last week of the campaign is always so full of nightmares for the fusion managers and editors that they approach the hour of retiring for sleep with fear and trembling.

Those who fear the recent rains have dampened the red fire so the windup of the campaign will be tame should not be alarmed. The red fire is all in the dry and will be touched off as usual.

Bryan declines against talking to the pocketbook. His managers do that when they go around in advance and demand several hundred dollars in return for the stopping of the Bryan train in towns through which it passes.

Candidate Bryan informs the people of the east that the Omaha ice trust has been broken up by a democratic attorney general. All the ice ever broken by the Nebraska attorney general was cracked for the cooling of beverages.

The republican legislative ticket is made up of clean men whose character and record cannot be assailed. Each of the candidates is identified with the welfare of the city and county and pledged to labor for the interest of the people.

The republicans have presented a school board ticket this year composed exclusively of representative and trustworthy citizens. Vote for all of the republican candidates and make sure the management of the schools is in safe hands.

A new set of assessors is to be chosen at the coming election who will fix the next tax valuation of the county. For this important duty it is imperative that good and reliable men be selected. No mistake will be made if all the republican candidates for assessor are elected.

Crocker's advice to his followers to start a "rough house" in the case of the result of the election does not suit him is strictly in line with democratic teachings. But the Kentucky plan of counting minorities into majorities will not work in the north even at the bidding of Boss Crocker.

The bogus interview in which ex-President Cleveland was said to have predicted the success of Bryan had none of the earmarks of the former president. The denial of the genuineness of the interview had a different ring. Cleveland's utterances are generally to the point so that they need no explanations.

While the national, state and legislative tickets are the paramount issue with Douglas county republicans, they should not overlook the importance of the election of a republican county commissioner in the First commissioner district. A. C. Harte, who is a candidate for a second term, has served the county faithfully and efficiently and is entitled to re-election.

While a certain element in this country pretends to fear it will be given over to militarism, farseeing Europeans are alarmed at another development. They are not worried lest this country should raise a great army and start in on a campaign of physical subjugation half so much as that the industrial energy of the United States will force Europe to take a back seat in the world's commerce.

MR. CLEVELAND'S POSITION.

It is to be presumed that no one familiar with the character of ex-President Cleveland gave any credence to the report that he had said there would be a landslide for Bryan. The statement bore upon its face evidence of being a "fake" of the rawest kind. But it gave opportunity for Mr. Cleveland to remove all doubt as to his position in this campaign and in that respect was useful. The country now knows that he is not for Mr. Bryan. Mr. Cleveland is distinguished for his firm and consistent adherence to principle. He believes in sound money and in maintaining the financial credit and honor of the nation, and he evidently thinks that the danger to our domestic interests involved in Bryanism is greater than any other. Mr. Cleveland also regards as dangerous the Bryanite appeals to class prejudice and to popular passion, the evil effect of which has been shown in the several outbreaks of violence directed against Governor Roosevelt.

For these reasons and in his devotion to true democratic principles, Mr. Cleveland will have nothing to do with Bryanism. With him stands every living member of his cabinet except two—Mr. Olney and Judge Harmon—and these do not endorse all the principles of the Chicago-Kansas City platform, but in order to be "regular" are passively supporting Bryan on the "anti-imperialism" issue. Every true democrat should read the published speech of Mr. Cleveland, delivered in 1897. It is a vigorous arraignment of Bryanism and makes a strong appeal to those democrats who honor the traditions of their party. The conclusion of the speech is as applicable now as three years ago. It is as follows:

Let true democrats meet the passion and bitterness of their former associates who have assumed the leadership of anti-democratic wanderings with firm expostulation, reminding them that democratic convictions and democratic conscience cannot be forced to follow false lights, however held aloft, and let us at the same time entertain them in the name of honorable political comradeship and in the memory of glorious victories won by a united democracy, to turn from the way that leads to party defeat and destruction.

A QUESTION FOR TAXPAYERS.

An important question that will come before the next legislature is the proposition to compromise with the bondsmen of ex-Treasurer Bartley. This proposition was submitted to the last legislature in the last week of the session by Governor Poynter in a special message so ingeniously worded as to scarcely attract public attention. The amount involved, including principal and interest, exceeds three-fourths of a million of dollars.

It will be remembered that the bondsmen exhausted all the devices allowed by law to escape their responsibility. They employed able lawyers to fight every inch of the ground, but so far have failed to secure a discharge from liability through the courts. There is no doubt whatever that Governor Poynter's eleventh-hour message to the legislature was inspired, if not written, by the lawyers of the Bartley bondsmen, chief of whom was Frank Linsom, who is now trying to wedge his way into the state senate in order to be in position to complete the job by a compromise that will throw upon the taxpayers almost the entire loss incurred by the defaulting treasurer, for which his clients are bound to make good.

In other words, if Poynter, Ransom & Co. are elected and the compromise scheme is carried through the property owners of Nebraska will have to stand a levy of additional state taxes aggregating from \$500,000 upward. It remains to be seen, however, whether the taxpaying citizens of Douglas county, who would have to shoulder over \$80,000 of this loss, will feel disposed to send Ransom to the legislature and give him an opportunity to earn an enormous retainer or bonus while he is presumed to be representing the interests of his constituents.

STILL DENYING PROSPERITY.

Mr. Bryan continues to deny that there is prosperity. He has traveled over nearly the entire country and found prosperous conditions everywhere, yet he says there is no such thing. The statistics that establish the fact of prosperity he either does not read or does not believe. He must know that the people of his own state have prospered greatly during the past four years, but he will not admit it. Is a man who denies what is shown by indisputable facts and is patent to every intelligent observer, honest?

Let us note some of these facts. Taking the bank clearings as a guide, we find that last year this country did \$38,000,000,000 more business than in 1895. National wealth has grown in the same proportion. In 1890 it was \$65,000,000,000. It is now estimated at \$100,000,000,000 and of this addition the larger part has come in the past five years. This vast sum has been shared by the many. According to the report of the comptroller of the currency, the total number of bank depositors in 1894 was 5,545,807 and in 1899 the number was 7,655,414, an increase of 2,109,547. The total deposits in the earlier year was \$2,874,589,406 and in the latter year \$4,998,006,005, an increase of \$1,733,506,599. The ordinary mind can hardly grasp these figures, which in large part represent the savings of the people. In this vast augmentation of wealth the west has shared in almost as great measure, relative to population, as the east.

The production of our manufacturing industries last year was not less than 50 per cent greater than in 1896 and the exports of manufactures in 1899 were nearly double in value those of 1893. Great as has been the increase in our foreign trade during the last four years, the growth of our domestic commerce has been very much larger, as shown by the statistics of railroad and lake traffic. The American market continues to be the best market in the world. As to labor, it is estimated that at

TO THE REPUBLICANS OF NEBRASKA.

Three days ago I received by mail from Chairman Lindsay of the republican state committee a typewritten document addressed to "The voters of Nebraska," purporting to bear the signatures of eighty old republican candidates for the legislature. Considering compliance with the request embodied in this document as impractical and its publication as impolitic and relying on the assurance that no further action would be taken in the matter, I dismissed the subject from my mind. To my amazement, I find that the state committee has caused the document to be published in the Lincoln Journal with comment that compels me to meet the issue raised promptly and squarely.

The legislative candidates who signed this extraordinary appeal declare, that we, the undersigned, respectfully join in a request that all candidates for the United States senate withdraw from the race until after the legislature shall have been elected and that they publicly and unqualifiedly announce to the voters that they absolutely and unreservedly release all legislative candidates from any and all pledges and instructions regarding the election of senators, and that all petitions asking for the printing of names of senatorial aspirants on the official ballot be withdrawn.

These demands are, to use a mild phrase, unwarranted and inexcusably stupid. I could not comply with them, even if disposed to do so. Whoever inspired this brilliant idea of retiring all senatorial candidates before election and bringing them out again after election evidently imagined that they are racehorses that can be blanketed and put back again in the stable, to be trotted out at the will of the jockey. No man who has any respect for the public would allow himself to become a mere puppet in the hands of political trainers. The announcement that I had consented to go through the proposed fare would have been received with contempt and disgust by my friends and scornful jeers by my enemies, who would justly question my sincerity. The only and natural result would be the withdrawal of confidence in myself and in republican candidates generally.

As to withdrawing the petition by which my name has been placed on the official ballot for an expression of popular preference, that could not at this date be legally done, and if it could, it would have produced the same results. The truth is that the whole withdrawal scheme was ill-advised and designed to cripple certain candidates for the United States senate without helping any republican candidate for the legislature.

OUTDOING ALL THE FAKERS.

In the present campaign the Omaha World-Herald has become the yellowest of yellow journals. No take is too extravagant and absurd to get prominence in its columns. More reckless disregard for the truth was never shown by any paper and more audacious distortion of facts has never been practiced by any campaign organ.

The other day the readers of the World-Herald were startled by the announcement, credited to the New York Herald, that Bryan was sure of New York. The dispatch printed under these headlines did not in the remotest degree bear out this interpretation; it was simply a report of the places where Roosevelt and Bryan would speak in the state of New York, but not a word as to the probable outcome of the election in the Empire state.

On Tuesday morning the World-Herald blazed forth in big black type that Grover Cleveland had declared for Bryan and this brazen fake was given out with all the particulars of an interview that never took place. The contradiction came forth and a new black headline appeared on the front page, "Bryan Will Carry New York." Bryan himself, however, gives the lie to this assertion on the same page in a speech in which he says: "If the reports which come from the various counties where polls have been made can be taken as representing the general sentiment throughout the state, the democrats have more than an even chance of carrying New York." That does not indicate that Mr. Bryan entertains any very great hopes of securing New York's electoral vote. Quite the contrary, the best informed men of all parties agree that New York is as sure for McKinley as Ohio.

The same recklessness and utter disregard of journalistic decency of the World-Herald is exhibited in its treatment of local issues. Nearly a week ago it published a pretended pledge alleged to have been made by Edward Rosewater to fusion members of the legislature of 1890. That fabrication was contradicted the same day by the publication of a letter flatly disproving the vital points on which the charge hinged and which was the only declaration made by Mr. Rosewater. In the face of this conclusive contradiction, the original fake is republished in the Weekly World-Herald and dished up to its readers in back counties as gospel truth.

There is one consolation, that the people who have been duped this time will not forget it when the truth dawns upon them.

Secretary Hay shies a little bit at becoming a party to the German-English agreement regarding China.

Our government cheerfully accepts the doctrine of the open door, but when it comes to becoming a party to a written agreement which might bind it to act in concert with Europe on a question of a division of China it prefers to be in a position to act independently. In other words, even though the object sought may be in harmony with the desires of this country, it does not propose to enter into a European alliance.

ON THE HOMESTRETCH.

New York World (dem.): The only thing that can be said with absolute confidence is that the vote will be the largest ever cast.

Washington Star (ind. rep.): Something very unusual must happen, if Mr. McKinley is to be defeated. His campaign, so far, has been well managed. Both in the matter of overcoming the apathy that at the outset existed, and in that of keeping up the interest after arousing it, the republicans have worked hard and their returns in some quarters have appeared to be slow. But everything is well in hand today and it seems to be merely a question of holding on to the end to the advantages gained.

Detroit Free Press (ind. dem.): This is the last working week before the election and all those in the race, from would-be presidents to would-be coroners, will make the final struggle for all there is in them. In the minds of the best judges of talent and form McKinley is the winner at the head of the national ticket. He has grown stronger as the contest progressed and his acquisition of strength has been greater as the finish approached. The apparent indifference to the outcome as recognized at the start has given way to old-time enthusiasm. Bryan handicapped himself with free silver and his cause failed if he be not hopelessly distanced.

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Bryanite Claims Encounter a Withering Frost. Washington Star: Nothing has been more surprising in this campaign than the development of what is called the "drummer" vote. At the outset the drummers were represented as supporters of a man of Mr. Bryan. Many thousands of them, it was said, had their places through trusts and other business combinations, and they and their friends, it was asserted, would make themselves felt at the polls. Clubs were to be formed and a systematic movement inaugurated by Mr. Bryan's behalf.

Although