had with the secretary of state after it was all over with? A .- My step-son died then there was two jobs of masonry. I went to ask for one of them and they promised it to

me. Q .- Who did? A .- Blake, Edmisten and the whole

Q.-Who were the whole outfit? A.-Maret. Q.-Who was Maret?

A .- The private secretary of the gov-

Q .- How did Maret come to promise you that place? A .- They promised to use their influence to get me the position.

Q .- Did Maret know anything about what you had been doing in the vault? A .- Yes, sir.

Q.-Did he ever say anything to you about it? A .- No; in marking the ballots he only said to be careful, don't let them

catch you. Q .- When did he say that? -While the work was going on. Q .- How did you know what he

meant? A .- I saw him in Edmisten's office. Q.-Was he there while the work was going on?

A .- No, sir. Q .- Did he ever say anything or did you hear anybody say anything while the work was going on?

A .- I got some pencils to mark up the ballots with from him and he sharpened up a little one. Q.—What was the little one made

A .- To put in my fingers so when I made a cross it couldn't be distinguish-

Q .- About how long was this pencil

Maret made for you? A .- A little over half an inch. Q .- How did you use it?

A .- Between those two fingers. Q .- That is between the index finger and the one next to it? A .- Yes sir.

Q.—The pencil was easily concealed there? A .- Yes sir.

Q.—How did you learn how to hold A .- I made one and when I got in a

hurry I told him to make one? Q .- You didn't make the first one?

A .- Yes gir. Q .- And he made the second one?

A .- Yes sir. MARET WAS ON HAND. Q .- When Maret made the second pencil for you did you say anything

to him about what you wanted it for? A .- Yes sir, he saw me use it. Q .- Where? .-Where we were working.

Q .- What were you doing? A .- Working for the second count. Q.-What were you doing? A .- Counting the ballots.

Q .- And marking ballots? A .- I was. Q.-And was Maret in there when you were marking the ballots?

A .- Yes sir. STOLE EIGHT THOUSAND VOTES. Q .- Now have you any way Mr. Simons by which you can tell or approximately tell the number of ballots. before the governor's commission and before the legislative commission took hold of them, were changed?

A .- I should judge about seven or eight thousand ballots.

Q.-And this increase of votes was all made from the remarking ballots, and some substituting ballots?

A .- I judge there was seven or eight thousand ballots marked.

Q .- Did you use any of the ballots that had not been marked at all, by the voters, I mean? A .- Yes gir.

Q .- What would you do with them? A .- Mark a cross on them.

Q .- Then there were but two ways if I understand you that you increased the ballots in favor of the amendment, or three ways rather, by marking two yeses to overcome one no, and by using blank ballots and by taking out ballots that were against the amendment?

A .- No, I didn't take any out. Q.—Then there were only two ways you increased the vote in favor of the amendment?

A .- Some of the ballots had two marks on at the top and one at the mistake, that we had more ballots than bottom against the amendment, and voters and I didn't want an investigawe would put two for it, we would tion. mark the blanks if it had a cross at the head for all the amendments or against it we put one at the top and one below.

Q .- You mean where you changed one for the amendment you make a cross at the top and then make another down at the bottom and by these two marks you would increase the ballots?

A .- Yes sir.

SCHEME HATCHED AT HOLCOMB'S Q .- Mr. Simons, didn't you have a conversation with Mr. Holcomb at one

time about this matter? A .- No. I never had a conversation with him, the thing started in his house.

Q .- At his home?

A.-Yes sir. Q .- Who was there?

-Maret, Dahlman, Edmisten and I forget who else.

Q .- You were there? -No. I wasn't there.

Q .- How did you know these men in the paper? were all there. A .- I was told so by a party that was setion

there. Q .- Who were you told by? A .- I don't know whether it was Daniman or Edmisten, but as I was Informed by a party that was there they decided to give this charge to Ed-

misten and he was to see to it. Q .- That is all hearsay, you don't know anything about it of your own

personal knowledge? A .- Those that was there told me. A .- I wouldn't say whether it was

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Edmisten or Dahlman. either one of them?

home of the governor?

A .- Yes sir. PORTER PROVIDED CUSTODIAN. of these ballots?

A .- Porter. in after the ballots?

A .- Yes sir. Q .- Who fixed that with him?

A .- Edmisten. Q.-Did you hear Edmisten when he was doing it?

A .- No sir. Q .- How do you know?

and see Kelsey.

Q.-Where is Kelsey?

about this matter?

A.-Yes sir. doing this and he said don't stay and tion. talk to me here, I don't want to hear

it here? Dodge county. We had the Dodge county ballots on our table and I took the first ward and put on the second and the second on the third and counted them and we had more ballots than

Q.—Then one or the other of those and the seeing at the ABOLD PLOT UNCOVERED

Q.-Who put the custodian in charge cial.)-"Why did Juan Boyle resign drawal would wipe out the third party for all time to come. After 1906 there chairmanship of the democratic con- by winning the populists over to the will be no necessity for a third party, gressional committee for the Sixth democracy. Q .- Was that the man that let you district?" That is the question that It was also undoubtedly in pursu- win over nearly all the populists to our

the explanation sought. It will be remembered that when committee, in order to justify his you. The vacancy ought to be filled the populists and democrats met in withdrawal. His letters to Boyle afat once by the chairman and secretary two conventions some weeks since at ford an insight into those plans, which by placing the name of William Ne-Lexington to nominate a candidate can rest on nothing less than downfor congress to flat the vacancy in the right perjury. In one of them he A.-When be started for the first Sixth district created by the death of writes to Boyle a suggestion that package of ballots he said I will go in the late W. L. Greene last winter in must be of intense interest to the hon-Omaha, the efforts of the fusion con- est follower of the populist cause. spirators to secure a combination up- namely, that "We must accept the A .- He is chief janitor of the State on a joint candidate slipped a cog. As inevitable-The future of democracy a result two candidates were placed in the Sixth district depends largely Q.—Do you remember talking with in nomination. The democrats preme last winter during the legislature sented M. C. Harrington of North populist ranks. There will be but two Platte, and the populists put up Wil- parties, and the leaders of the demoliam Neville of the same place. At cratic party now will be the recogniz-Q.—What was it you told me there the time both parties were obdurate ed leaders then. Submit gracefully, in relation to your going into the ex- and considerable bitter feeling was even though we have to stretch a Governor's office and telling him about engendered by the unavailing conten- point to do so."

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please sign in the two places marked before a fustice of the peace or a noting Public who have

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KEARNEY, Neb., Oct. 13 .- (Spe- who suggested to him that his with- on the contrary it will strengthen us

has been frequently of late propound-ed by the Bee, but no fusionist of meeting that Harrington at once to the congressional committee of the the district has rushed into print with placed himseelf in correspondence Sixth district today-making formal with Juan Boyle, chairman of his withdrawal and send a copy of same to

What Harrington meant by this in-No sooner was the result of the con- vitation to "stretch a point" is the William Neville by virtue of authority ventions heralded broadcast than the act at which Juan Boyle balked. It leaders of the fusion machine, who meant simply that Boyle should make A .- We were working on Fremont in conveniently find lodgement in both a sworn certificate to the effect that Dr. Baker of Lexington. Yours very parties and manage to act as bell- the convention which had nominted respectfully, wethers to the neighborly herds of Harrington had by resolution authorconfiding voters, began to clamor for ized the congressional committee to the withdrawal of Harrington. For a fill any vacancies that might occur on time Harrington and his friends put the ticket. With the letter Harrington cate formed to sign and swear to was on a determined front, protested that sent a certificate ready prepared, even secured from Mr. Harrington. voters and I was afraid of an investi-gation and I went in and told the Govgation and I went in and told the Governor to hold the commission back until after I got back to the ballots for a til after I got back to the ballots for a ly dauntless determination of Har- balked was that n such resolution was few minutes so I could straighten them rington to hold to the nomination re- ever passed by that convention, and mained unshaken until the gathering he was not ready to perjure himself Q .- That was during the first count, of the fasion clans later at Omaha for even for Bryan's sake. That was the during your manipulation of the bal- the triangular state convention, when rock upon which the ark of fusion county, Neb., pursuant to a duly adit went out with a suddenness akin conspiracy split for some time, until a vertised call for the purpose of plac-

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race for congress. There is no other swear that I was duly elected secresolution of the matter. It is the only logical thing to do. It will not hurt the democratic party of this district, and by our many sacrifices we will ville at the head of the democratic ticket. The chairman of every county central committee in the Sixth district has written urging prompt action as above indicated excepting Dawson county. It would be disastrous to wait

vested in the congressional committee.

M. C. HARRINGTON. On October 3 another (fac-simile of which is herewith given) and a certifi-

District, ss:

We hereby certify that at a delegate convention held on the 18th day of August, 1899, at Lexington, Dawson

my intentions to withdraw from the Lincoln county, Neb., Co solemnly district of Nebraska and that the received your letter and enclosed affidavits which you sent for me to sign; also telegram from Mr. McNeal. Of course I could not sign the affidavits, resolution authorizing the committee

am greatly disappointed in your with-Please give me your answer as soon drawal. I realize fully that you have only yourself to consult as to your as you receive official notice of my best interests in this matter. withdrawal. Mr. Neal, secretary, is absent in Virginia and I am authorthat were made for the future by the ized to act for him-and can sign any paper necessary. The procedure next populists nor do I believe anything will be to file with secretary of state that is square or honorable can be expected from them. I have no syma document substituting the name of pathy whatever for the socalled democrats who have for years been trading with these people and each year They have all agreed to it excepting using the argument that this would

be the last year we would be called upon to do it. When it comes to stretching the pointing and making a false oath. I must decline to do it, even when urged by my friends or by this reform movement, so-called.

I believe that ye a should have been endorsed by the populists, but I believe you would have won whether endorsed

tary of the democratic congressional

above certificates and the statements

therein are true to the best of my

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this — day of

MR. BOYLE'S REPLY.

North Platte and see you in person. I

as the convention did not pass any

to place any name on the ticket in

case you should withdraw. While I

I neither rely upon any promises

KEARNEY, Neb., Oct. 5, 1899.

Dear Sir: I had expected to visit

knowledge and belief.

, 1899.

by them or not. I attended the last convention as a democrat and I am perfectly willing, if the democrats wish another convention called to renominate in your place,

to call the same if the committee will

indicate its desire on the subject. I am sorry, Mr. Harrington, that you did not make the race and am also sorry to be obliged to decline to do what you apparently wish me to do. I do not understand, of course, how it is in human nature for you to sincerely desire this, as, if you will take warning by what I say, there is nothing in the future for you to expect by being a party to this trade between a few democrats and populists, no matter what

their professions may be. I will be very glad to hear from you further in this matter and if I can in any way serve you will be glad to do so. Yours very truly, JUAN BOYLE.

As will be seen I offered in this letter

to call together a convention where the democrats would have the privilege of deciding who should e named on the ticket. I received no reply to this, but my attention was called to a call made by Mr. McNeal, secretary of the committee, for last Monday to be held in North Platte. I received no notice by mail or wire as to this committee meeting, but I went to North Platte to look after the interests of the democrats of the district. Mr. McNeal and myself were the only persons present. At 5 o'clock, after waiting all day for some one of the committee to appear, we issued a notice to the democrats of the district and sent the same to the World-Herald and Bee, saying that the democrats sould vote as they pleased, committee was not authorized to act, as none were present. At 6 o'clock p. m. a Mr. MyEvoy appeared on the scene and wanted to claim that he was the committee and wanted me to call the meeting to order. I declined to do so, as the committee numbers thirty and he was only one-thirtleth of the number. I saw I was very distasteful to him so told him I would resign, which I did, placing my resignation in the hands of Mr. McNeal to be handed in when the committee would meet. McEvoy has placed a certificate on file at the state house, placing the name of Mr. Neville as our candidate. This .s contrary to law and to the usage of the democratic party for one man to assume to be chairman and committee, The party is controlled by the majority. I protest against it, and if we are to have a party in the Sixth district now is the time to assert ourselves, Mr. McEvoy had a few letters from members of the committee advising Neville's name be placed on the ticket through the committee, but in almost every case they were men who had received nominations in the counties on the so-called fusion ticket, for coroner or some other office and wanted Neville to help them through. Mr. Neville, I see by a notice in the Worldcomposed of voters representing the democratic party, a political party Herald, denies the writing of a letter which at the last election polled more showing him as advocating expansion, but says his brother wrote it, but I am cast in this congressional district, the informed by Mr. Minor and Mr. Harrington of North Platte that they "Resolved, By the democratic party heard Neville in a speech a short time of the Sixth Congressional district of since deciare himself in favor of expansion. Mr. McEvoy says a man may change his mind. anis is true, but he sisting of the chairman of the county may change it again at Washington if central committees of the several should be elected.

Our convention at Lexington was, with few exceptions, a representative body of rock-ribbed democrats, the exception being a few court reporters and those receiving pap from pop judges and at the state house. Let us be democrats and not recognize this fraud and let the gentlemen at Lincoln and Omaha understand that hereafter they must make us acquainted with their trades before we call our convention and have to travel hundreds of miles to fulfill our duty to the party, and when we do nominate a c' a, honcrable gentleman as our candidate, not be ordered by those out of our party, as well as some in it, to take him off our ticket.

Believing I am acting in harmony the office of congressman for the Sixth with the wishes of all honest, honorable democrats in the Sixth district, I will make the contest of this placing Mr. Neville's name on the democratic ticket, and hope that in the future we will be permitted to act without the interference of any other parties cutside our district. In our votes on election day let us shuck corn or vote for Mr. Harrington, although he is not on our ticket, so us to show our loyalty to the democratic party. Mr. McNeal, our secretary, informed me that there was no record whatever of a resolution Subscribed in my presence and having been passed to place the name on the ticket, although he had every other record of every motion and re-

1890,

-Chairman

Beeretary.

A .- No sir, it was during the legis- to that which marks the extinction of more servile tool was found and Mr. ing in nomination a candidate for

Q.—Did you tell the Governor at that circuit. time the difficulty you had got into? Of course Colonel Bryan was in former associates, resigned. A .- Yes sir, I told him I had made a Omaha at that time and from his

Q.-What reply did he make? about that, I oidn't want to know anything about this.

Q.-What else did he say? A .- That is all I remember. Q.-Did he say he would hold the

commission back? A .- He didn't say he would. Q .- He did do it?

A .- Yes sir. Q .- You had time enough? A .- Yes sir. I fixed the matter.

lative second recount.

the matter? up three packages and put a part of election of a populist to congress them in different envelopes. When the from the Sixth district by the aid of

thing anyway. Q .- I will ask you whether at any among themselves that time you have stated what you here

A .- Well, I have in a private conver-

Q .- To whom?

William Lense Q.-When did you tell Hedlund? -I don't know that I told him, he knew there was work being done.

A .- Yes sir.

an electric light tickled by a broken

room in a hotel was directing the operations of the three conventions through his lieutenants in each much as one would marshal the pawns up-A .- He said I am sorry you told me on the boards in a three-cornered, one-sided game of chess.

Noon of the day of the conventions, before they had been called to order, saw a rush of Sixth district fusion statesmen toward Bryan's room. Among them was M. C. Harrington, and it was given out that the "row in the Sixth district was about to be straightened out." Just what occurred in that room during the secret conclave that followed may never be definitely known to those not actually Q .- How long did it take you to fix present, but, judging from events that immediately followed, a plan was A .- It only took long enough to take agreed on that contemplated the committee went to work the legislative deception and perjury, the conspiraproposition was so they didn't see any- tors being moved to this sacrifice by the consideration and understanding

"After 1900 there will be no necestestified to other than your testimony sity of a third party and by our many here given and the published account sacrifices we will win over nearly

all the populists to our party." It is not merely surmised that this was the moving consideration that prompted the participants in that A-Oh, I made it to Hedlund and meeting. It is absolutely known that Mr. Harrington came out of the meciing imbued with that conviction, as it appears in his correspondence sub-Q.-Was that after it was all done? chairman of his congressional comly conceived this idea or imbibed it name on the ticket: from Bryan is not stated, but some-Morris F. Tyter, Yale, 1870, presi- thing new must have been presented lent of the Southern New England to him during that meeting by his Q .- Edmisten you say told you that? Telephone company, and professor of doughty leader which prompted him general jurisprudence in the uinvers- to relinquish his nomination, as that JUAN BOYLE, Chairman, Kearney, sworn to before me this --- day of ity, has been elected treasurer of Yale, is the reason he assigns to the chair-Q.-Would you be positive it was in place of Mr. Parnum, whose resignant of his committee for giving up Dear Sir-I trust by this time that State of Nebraska, Lincoln county, as:
ther one of them? Dear Sir-I trust by this time that State of Nebraska, Lincoln county, as:
his fight. It must have been firyan you are reconciled and satisfied with I. W. B. McNeal, of North Platte.

Boyle, finding that his scruples had congressman for the Sixth congresmade him distasteful to some of his sional district, which convention was

This is the simple story of facts revealed in the correspondence of its than 1 per cent of the entire vote participants, the original letters of which are reproduced in the public following resolution was adopted: statement of Juan Boyle as follows: JUAN BOYLE'S ADDRESS.

The crime for fusion. Mr. Boyle exposes the fraudulent scheme to place the name of Neville on the ballot. Correspondence that passed between Boyle and Harrington: To the Democrats of the Sixth Congressional District:

I desire to state to you my recent action as chairman of your committee. I had the honor to preside as your chairman at the convention at Lexington. We nominated Hon. M. C. Harrington. We made every effort to have him accepted by the populist convention; even offered to join them in convention with our 137 delegates, while they had 208, and abide by the result. They turned us down with scorn, demanding that the only thing we could do was to take Mr. Harrington off. I was elected chairman of the congressional district committee. Soon after the convention Mr. Harrington withdrew, aithough just pervious to this he issued a notice that he would make the race, I receiving my notice by telegraph. He afterward withdrew. Soon after that I received the following let- State of Nebraska, Buffalo County, sa. ter, enclosed the appended certificats

for me to make affidavit to, which I de-

Neb.:

1, Juan Boyle, of Kearney, Buffalo county, Neb., do solemnly swear that sequently had with Juan Boyle, the clined to do on the grounds that the I was duly elected chairman of the convention at Lexington had not au- democratic congressional committee mittee. Whether Harrington sudden, thorized the committee to place any of the Sixth congressional district of Nebraska and that the above certifi-HARRINGTON'S GIVE-AWAY cate and the statements therein are LETTER. true to the hest of my knowledge and NORTH PLATTE. Neb., Sept. 27, belief.

'Nebraska, in convention assembled.

that the congressional committee con-

counties in this district, be and they

are kereby empowered and authorized

to fill any vacancies which may occur

on the ticket named by us here to-

has occurred by the resignation and

withdrawal of M. C. Harrington as a

candidate for congress, and we fur-

ther certify that the said committee

was organized by the election of Juan

Boyle of Kearney, Buffalo county,

Neb., as chairman and presiding offi-

cer, and W. B. McNeal of North

Platte, Lincoln county, Neb., as secre-

tary, and that said committee hereby

names and nominates William Ne-

ville of North Platte, Lincoln county,

Neb., as the regular candidate repre-

senting the party above named, for

Congressional district of Nebraska.

We further certify that a vacancy

solution passed. Respectfully, JUAN BOYLE.