

ture at which M. L. Hayward was elected United States senator, nearly all the fusion members of the legislature had congregated in the board of transportation rooms in the capitol building, to consider the advisability of voting for said D. E. Thompson for United States senator, and the matter was discussed by the members and other people, and this said paper was circulated among some members of the fusion party in the legislature, including myself, for the purpose of convincing them that said Thompson was willing to support certain of the fusion principles in order to secure fusion votes for United States senator. Affiant says that it was urged by some that it might be better to help elect a man who would accept some important principles than to permit the republicans to succeed in electing the republican caucus nominee, who was pledged to oppose all the principles advocated by the fusion parties, but the proposition to throw the solid fusion vote to Thompson was not accepted. (Signed) **CLAUS GRELL.**

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this —th day of May, 1900. (Signed) **A. D. DETWEILER, Notary Public.**

REPRESENTATIVE DOBRY.

State of Nebraska, Colfax County, ss. Joseph Dobry being first duly sworn on oath says that he is a resident of Colfax county, Nebraska, and that he has resided there for twenty-nine years; that he was elected a member of the house of representatives of the legislature of the state of Nebraska for the year of 1899; that on the morning after the republican members of the state legislature had voted in caucus for M. L. Hayward for United States senator, nearly all the fusion members of the legislature congregated in the board of transportation rooms in the capitol building to consider the senatorial situation. That this affiant and other members of the fusion party were asked to vote for D. E. Thompson for United States senator in order to defeat the election of M. L. Hayward, and this affiant was told that Thompson had agreed to support most of the principles of the fusion party and as an evidence was shown a paper signed by D. E. Thompson in which he agreed that if elected to the senate of the United States by the aid of fusion votes that he would refuse to go into the republican caucuses; that he would oppose the policy of imperialism, and agreed to support various other policies contended for by the fusion parties. At this meeting prior to the joint session at which M. L. Hayward was elected senator, the advisability of voting for D. E. Thompson for United States senator was discussed by various people and members, and this paper was circulated among various members of the fusion parties, including myself for the purpose of convincing them that Thompson would adopt certain fusion principles in order to obtain the fusion vote for United States senator. It was urged by some that it would be better to elect Thompson, pledged to support some fusion principles, than to permit the republicans to elect Hayward, the republican caucus nominee, opposed to all fusion principles. (Signed) **JOSEPH G. DOBRY.**

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 24th day of May, 1900. **CHRIS KROEGER, Justice of the Peace.**

REPRESENTATIVE CROCKETT.

State of Nebraska, Wayne County, ss. Charles Crockett being duly sworn on oath deposes and says, that he resides in the county of Knox of the state of Nebraska, and has so resided there for the last fifteen years. That

he was elected a member of the house of representatives of the Nebraska legislature for 1898. That on the day Senator Hayward was elected United States senator by the state legislature, this affiant was importuned to vote for D. E. Thompson for United States senator and was told that Thompson had agreed to support various principles of the fusion party, and as an evidence he was shown a paper purported to be signed by D. E. Thompson in which he substantially agreed to pretty much all of the principles of the fusion party and in which he pledged his solemn word of honor to the fusion members of the legislature that if elected United States senator by their votes, he would oppose imperialism, favor an income tax, oppose the retirement of the greenbacks and the issue of money by the banks; that he would keep out of republican caucuses in the United States senate, and further agreed to various other principles advocated by the democratic and populist parties; that on the morning prior to the joint session at which M. L. Hayward was elected to the United States senate, nearly all the fusion members had congregated in the board of transportation rooms of the state capitol building and the matter was discussed pro and con by various people and members, and this paper was circulated among various members of the fusion party including myself, for the purpose of convincing them that Thompson was willing to adopt certain fusion principles in order to obtain the fusion vote for United States senator. The proposition to throw the fusion vote to Thompson for United States senator was accepted by the fusion members. (Signed)

CHARLES CROCKETT.

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 24th day of May, 1900. **GUY R. WILBUR, Notary Public.**

REPRESENTATIVE ENDICOTT.

State of Nebraska, Seward county, ss. J. J. Endicott, being first duly sworn on his oath says that he resides in Seward county, Nebraska, and has resided in said county for the past twenty-seven years; that he was elected a member of the house of representatives of the Nebraska legislature for the year 1899.

Affiant says that after the contest for United States senator in said session of the legislature had continued for a long time and the republican caucus had agreed to support M. L. Hayward for United States senator, it was urged by some that it would be better to cast the votes of the fusion members of said body for some republican who had proposed in return for such votes to support some important principles advocated by the democratic and populist parties, than to permit the republicans to succeed in uniting on M. L. Hayward who was understood to oppose all the principles of the fusion forces.

On the morning after the republican caucus had agreed to elect said M. L. Hayward United States senator, the fusion members of the legislature met for conference in the board of transportation room in the capitol building to consider a proposition to vote for D. E. Thompson for United States senator, and this affiant and the other fusion members were urged to vote for him for United States senator and were told that he would support all of the fusion principles.

In support of this argument this affiant was shown a written proposition from D. E. Thompson in which he agreed, if elected to the United States senate, by the assistance of the fusion votes in the legislature, that he would remain out of the republican caucuses in the United States senate and that he would oppose imperialism, would oppose the retirement of the greenbacks, and made certain concessions in favor of the increased use of silver as money, and agreed to support other principles advocated by the fusion parties.

This paper was circulated among the fusion members, including this affiant, at said meeting on the morning before the joint session at which M. L. Hayward was elected United States senator, for the purpose of convincing them that D. E. Thompson was willing to work for the accomplishment of certain fusion principles in order to obtain the fusion votes for United States senator. (Signed) **J. J. ENDICOTT.**

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 12th day of May, A. D., 1900. **T. B. PARKER, Notary Public.**

SENATOR SCHAAL

State of Nebraska, Sarpy county, ss. William D. Schaal, being first duly sworn on oath says that he is a resident of Sarpy county, Nebraska, and that he has resided there thirty years; that he was elected as a member of the Nebraska state senate for 1897 and was re-elected as a member of said body for 1899; that on the day that M. L. Hayward was elected United States senator and on the morning before the said election took place in joint session, this affiant was asked to vote for D. E. Thompson for United States senator and was told that said Thompson had agreed to support a number of the principles advocated by the democratic and populist parties. To prove this assertion he was shown a paper signed by D. E. Thompson in which said Thompson agreed that if elected to the United States senate by the aid of fusion votes, he would refuse to go into republican caucuses in the United States senate; that he would oppose the policy of the republican administration on imperialism and agreed to support a number of other principles contended for by the fusion parties. At a meeting of the fusion members in the board of transportation rooms of the capitol building called for the purpose of considering the advisability of voting for D. E. Thompson for United States senator, at which most of the fusion members were, which said meeting occurred in the morning immediately preceding the joint session at which M. L. Hayward was elected United States senator, and after said Hayward had been declared the republican caucus nominee, it was urged that it would be better to elect Thompson, who would agree in return to support important fusion principles if elected by fusion votes than to permit the election of the republican caucus nominee who was committed against every fusion principle, and this paper signed D. E. Thompson was circulated among some of the members, including myself, for the purpose of convincing them that said Thompson would support fusion principles in the main in order to obtain the fusion vote for United States senator. (Signed)

W. D. SCHAAL

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 3rd day of May, 1900. **S. C. HANEY, Justice of the Peace.**

REPRESENTATIVE BOULIN.

State of Nebraska, Saunders County, ss. Alex Boulin being first duly sworn on oath deposes and says that he resides in the county of Saunders and state of Nebraska, and has so resided there for the last sixteen years. That he was elected as a member of the house of the state of Nebraska legislature in 1898. That on the day M. L. Hayward was elected United States senator by the legislature, this affiant was importuned to vote for D. E. Thompson for United States senator and was told that Thompson had agreed to support various fusion principles, and as an evidence he was shown a paper signed by D. E. Thompson in which he substantially agreed to pretty much all the principles of the fusion party, and in which he pledged his solemn word of honor to the fusion members of the legislature, that if elected United States senator by their votes, he would oppose imperialism, favor an income tax, oppose the retirement of the greenbacks and the issue of money by the banks; that he would keep out of the republican caucuses in the United States senate, and further agreed to favor various other principles advocated by the democratic and populist parties; that nearly all the fusion members of the legislature had congregated in the rooms of the board of transportation on the morning prior to the election of M. L. Hayward by the joint session as United States senator, and the matter was discussed and talked over pro and con by various people and members of the fusion party, including myself, for the purpose of convincing the members that Thompson was willing to adopt certain fusion principles in order to obtain the fusion vote for United States senator. The proposition to throw the fusion vote to D. E. Thompson for United States senator was not accepted by the fusion members. (Signed) **ALEX BOULIN.**

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 24th day of May, 1900. **HENRY WEHNER, Notary Public.**

SENATOR CANADAY.

State of Nebraska, Kearney county, ss. J. S. Canaday first being duly sworn on oath says that he is a resi-

dent of Kearney county, Nebraska, and has resided there for sixteen years; that he was elected as a member of the senate of the Nebraska legislature for 1899; that on the morning after the republican members of said legislature had voted in caucus for M. L. Hayward for United States senator, this affiant was importuned to vote for D. E. Thompson for United States senator, and was told that said Thompson would support a number of the principles advocated by the fusion parties. In support of this argument he was shown a paper signed by D. E. Thompson in which he agreed, if elected to the United States senate, by the aid of fusion votes, that he would keep out of the republican caucus, oppose the policy of imperialism, and agreed to support various other principles contended for by the fusion parties.

On the said morning before the joint session of the legislature at which M. L. Hayward was elected United States senator nearly all the fusion members of the legislature had congregated in the board of transportation rooms in the capitol building to consider the advisability of voting for said D. E. Thompson for United States senator and the matter was discussed by various people and members and this said paper was circulated among some of the members of the fusion party including myself for the purpose of convincing them that said Thompson was willing to support certain of the fusion principles in order to obtain the fusion vote for United States senator.

Affiant says that it was urged by some that it might be better to help elect a man who would accept some important fusion principles that to permit the republicans to succeed in electing the republican caucus nominee who was pledged to oppose all the principles advocated by the fusion parties, but the proposition to throw the solid fusion vote to Thompson was not accepted. (Signed)

J. S. CASADAY.

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 25th day of April, 1900. **J. H. ROBB, County Judge, Kearney County, Neb.**

REPRESENTATIVE LEMAR.

State of Nebraska, Saunders county, ss. C. M. Lemar being first duly sworn on oath says that he is a resident of Saunders county, Nebraska, and that he has resided there for thirteen years; that he was elected a member of the house of representatives of the legislature of the state of Nebraska for the year 1899; that on the morning after the republican members of said legislature had voted in caucus for M. L. Hayward for United States senator, nearly all the fusion members of the legislature congregated in the board of transportation rooms in the capitol building to consider the senatorial situation. That this affiant and other members of the fusion party were asked to vote for D. E. Thompson for United States senator in order to defeat the election of M. L. Hayward, and this affiant was told that Thompson had agreed to support the principles of the fusion party and as an evidence was shown a paper in which he agreed that if elected to the senate of the United States by the aid of fusion votes, that he would refuse to go into the republican caucus, that he would oppose the policy of imperialism and agreed to support various other policies contended for by the fusion parties. At this meeting prior to the joint session at which M. L. Hayward was elected senator, the advisability of voting for D. E. Thompson for United States senator was discussed by various people and members, and this paper was circulated among various members of the fusion parties, including myself, for the purpose of convincing them that Thompson would adopt certain fusion principles in order to obtain the fusion vote for United States senator. It was urged by some that it would be better to elect Thompson, pledged to support some fusion principles, than to elect Hayward, the

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