

sometimes awkward things to make sound well in some people's ears.

After repeated failures in this county to get a crowd, the Republicans have concluded, hereafter, to take the crowd with them, by the B. & M. route.

It begins now to look like a landslide. Some would be satisfied if a part came, but the political breeze seems now to Si(gh) A. Wholcome, for governor.

"Serpents hiss and so do geese," was Rosewater's rebuke to the tailor-made bipeds, who hissed for hire, at his meeting last Friday evening.

Hon. E. E. Brown, a distinguished Republican, had the distinguished honor of introducing the distinguished Editor, to his magnificent audience last Friday evening.

Mayor Weir is now at home, to remain, until he goes to Washington to take his seat as the next congressman from the 1st district, except temporary absence, speaking, and hand-shaking, in the district. We're not joking.

We wonder if Stephenson who tried so hard to break up the Rosewater meeting at the Lansing, last Friday evening, is a son of Stephen, as the name implies, who was stoned to death for a much less offense.

Watch for the straws, and you can find who are most interested in the result of the election this fall in Nebraska. Who furnishes the free passes for Republican speakers, and free trains of cars to transport the listeners to Republican rallies?

Tom Majors was not present, in person, at the Rosewater meeting, but his picture was pinned to a good many coats, and a crimson blush of shame seemed to surround even his shadow, as the speaker, by the calcium light of official documents, threw his official record upon the canvass.

The Republicans of Lincoln are circulating a petition to present to Mr. Rosewater requesting him to make his next date in our city on some other day of the week, as his speech left a ringing in their ears, which, to them, is a sign of death, and they attribute it, not so much to what he said, as to its being said on Friday.

Strode's friends say he is physically unsound, and his enemies know he is politically unsound, and, it is said, that a sound mind cannot exist in an unsound body, therefore his mind is unsound, and, it seems to us, there is altogether too much unsoundness in his make up to make a sound congressman. Weir is all right, for he has "mens sana in corpore sano," and is sound also politically.

In the language of Tom Majors here's two of a kind:

They are Burns and McKesson And McKesson and Burns; The one you can't guess on, But may learn a lesson By following his turns. One is B. & M. John, Father is Saline Joe And they both claim an "Hon;" But, my honor upon Can't tell why it is so. When you find either name, On your ballot this fall, Just say: "I'll be blamed If I vote my own shame, If I don't vote at all."

LOCAL POLITICAL COMMENT

Hans Kautzman is making it warm for the Holt county boodlers and they evidently wish he was in Hades. His Beacon Light is becoming a power in Holt county and the Bartley crowd will hear something drop if Hans keeps his promise. Let's have it Hans. The people are after facts.—Elgin Advance.

One of the most logical political speeches with which the people of Fillmore county have ever been favored was that of Judge W. L. Stark at Geneva Saturday. The speaker held a large audience for two hours and received close attention. He speaks in Exeter on the 15th and the people of this vicinity have a treat in store for them.—Exeter Enterprise.

There are a good many Democrats who do not seem to have been bothered thus far with the reflection that their champion, Mr. Bryan, is between two fires. If the Republicans have a majority in the legislature, he is not in it for the senate. If the Populists get a majority, it is hardly probable that they will forget the fact and give the office of senator to a member of another party. If the Democrats have the balance of power, he has room for hope. Mr. Bryan will, therefore, be very apt to try and keep the pops from being too signally successful. He would hardly desire to see a Populist majority.—News, Lincoln.

Facts Which Expose Falsehoods.

HOLDREGE, Neb., Sept., 27, 1894. Editor WEALTH MAKERS: A certain portion of the press of the state is wildly proclaiming that the prospect of Populist success this fall is destroying our credit in the east and that it is with difficulty that bonds can be floated.

This is not my experience, although somewhat limited. Last January district No. 50, Phelps county, sold a \$450 bond at \$11 discount and district No. 74 sold a \$650 bond at \$9 discount. District No. 14 recently sold a \$360 bond at par and district No. 75 sold a \$450 bond at \$5 premium. In fact the money was received just last Saturday.

If this is the way a threatened Populist victory affects school bonds I most earnestly pray that the assured victory will soon come, as our school districts need every cent they can get from the sale of their bonds. Yours truly, E. P. MONTGOMERY, County Supt. of Phelps county.

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A New Branch of the National Civil Service.

By JAMES H. CANFIELD

CHANCELLOR OF UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA. During the first week in July I had the honor to draw and forward to a friend in Congress a suggestion for a new branch of the National Civil Service. The pressure of the business at Washington rendered it quite impossible to give this proposition as much attention as it might otherwise have received; and we both felt that it would be better to place it before the public for general discussion before bringing it into legislative halls. Very briefly, then, it is outlined for the columns of this Journal.

There is a constant and wise tendency to throw around public service of any kind the sanctions and restrictions and general supervision of State or National authority. The examination and licensing of steam engineers under city ordinances; the regulations of the pilot service; the statutes governing the enlistment and service of seamen; the care with which the States protect the public in the matter of the practice of medicine and the dispensing of remedies; even the examination and licensing of members of the bar and of teachers, are all illustrations of this principle.

Following this, it is proposed to establish a United States Railway Service. Those enlisted in this service should include at least engineers, firemen, conductors, brakemen, and switchmen. The conditions of enlistment, the term of service, the methods of withdrawal, the compensation of the members of each class, the mileage or hours that shall constitute a day's service, the conditions of overwork and overpay, the exact responsibility of employers for injury to the employees, the methods of possible pensioning—all these details should be determined by the general Government and be constituent parts of the general plan. Then it should be made unlawful for any transportation company to employ others than enlisted men; and these should be employed, of course, under the conditions prescribed.

To those who have had any acquaintance with either Government service or that of any great system of transportation, the details of such an organization are not at all formidable. The Government assumes no financial responsibility whatever. It may very properly make provision, however, that the pay of members of this service shall constitute a preferred claim against the corporations employing. It would not be at all difficult to enlist in this service all the men that would be needed, as they are already in the employ of the various railroads. Care should be taken to enlist none but the best of men. There would be very little difficulty as to a scheme of wages, since wages on the various rail way lines do not differ much at present, service considered. With such a service there would be no more danger of serious complaint or of strikes than there is now in mail service.

Such a service, under such regulation and supervision, is needed, if for no other purpose than to make absolutely certain the transportation of the mails. But it is just as much needed to make travel safe, and to preserve life at great centers where the daily supplies must be regularly received. More and more does the entire commercial and even physical life of the Nation depend upon regularity and efficiency in transportation. Because of inter-State relations, the care of this cannot be given to the States. National superintendence is all that is left us.

"Put Me Down as a Member."

STEELE CITY, Neb., Sept. 24, 1894. Editor Wealth Makers:

Our next governor, auditor, superintendent of public instruction, also our member of Congress from this district, came to Fairbury and gave us a good talk. I am proud of our state and congressional ticket. We need fear no comparison neither physically, mentally nor morally.

John M. Thurston says that the Democracy has evidently surrendered to the money power. Yes, that's so, John but after having ridden that party down to its political grave in now proposes to change horses and ride the Republicans to the same common grave. The east has no use for the government, especially for the west and the southern portion of the country, except to wring the last drop of sweat and blood from the common people. But if the representatives of the west and south are true to themselves and the interests of their constituents this conspiracy will not succeed.

Now in regard to the Initiative and Referendum, which embraces the Imperative Mandate. Impress it on each voter that instead of sending his delegate with absolute power to enact laws affecting his personal welfare, with the Referendum and through the Imperative Mandate we can compel that delegate to perform his duty, and can defy the corporate briber, because our court of appeal will be the common people.

Your Christian corporation strikes me right. Consider me down as a member. I want to make one suggestion. Let every follower of Jesus of Nazareth wear a white cross on his breast pledging himself to shed the blood of no man, but to advocate: "As ye would that men should do unto you, do ye even so unto them." Say, if ten thousand men in the U. S. would practice Christianity we could disarm the whole world in ten years. Read Hebrews VIII-10, 11.

Yours for truth and justice, W. H. CRANE.

Bryan at Osceola.

The speech of W. J. Bryan at the Polk Co. Fair, on Friday, was a fine oratorical effort. Its effects would be as varied as the political prejudices and mental idiosyncracies of the persons who listened to it. The hearty and good natured laugh which followed his allusion to Polk county as a FRESH field and PASTURE GREEN for his eloquent efforts at political propagandism showed that there were a great many alert and critical Populists in the audience, while craned necks, open mouths, and bulging eyes betrayed the presence of enthusiastic fusionists and hero worshipers prepared to swallow indiscriminately everything which dropped from the lips of the silver-tongued orator. Now and then there might be observed an "Almost thou persuadest me" look upon the countenances of some unpatriotic Republicans, while here and there a stony look of stupid and determined dissent marked the fossiliferous faces of some stratified g. o. ps. of antiquity.

Mr. Bryan's answers to the questions propounded by some simple minded Populist whose untutored mind still harbors a belief in political honesty and consistency were both courteous and candid and revealed the fact, as the questioner probably intended, that he believes the Democratic party can be relied upon to carry out all necessary reforms and therefore, that the People's party has no excuse for existence, and that he is and is likely to remain a Democrat, the foolish declarations and prophecies of the Populists to the contrary notwithstanding. He also clearly and honestly defined his position on the money question, briefly indicated his views on land and transportation, and proved to every intelligent Populist present that he differed radically with them on these three great issues. The Populist who, after reading his platform and hearing his speech at Osceola, declares that he is a Populist in everything but the name, either knows nothing about our platform or is afflicted with some mental deformity. If Populists continue to deceive themselves in regard to him it is not his fault. Mr. Bryan has given us a manly and straight forward declaration of his principles, and if we lose our heads over a few compliments paid to the People's party and make political asses of ourselves, he is not to blame. If all Populists were as devoted to their party as Mr. Bryan is to his, we would never have heard of fusion in Nebraska. Mr. Bryan believes that the Democratic party can be reformed and will eventually swallow up the People's party, Populists who have a similar faith in the party which has confessed its inability to carry out the reforms to which it was pledged in the last campaign, and who are anxious to be swallowed, are the only ones who can consistently support W. J. Bryan. No one who listened intelligently to his speech at Osceola could help noticing that while his eloquent and patriotic generalizations, his ironical exposure of protective tariff and bounty frauds, his mastery plea for free silver, and his personal claims as a reformer, were highly appreciated and received deserved applause, whenever he essayed to excuse or apologize for the action of the present Democratic administration, the effort was a flat failure. When he gave as "reasonable ground for hope that the Democratic party would carry out the reform indicated in his platform," that they had put the income tax in their tariff bill, that they would favor the election of U. S. Senators by direct vote of the people, and that several Democratic conventions in the west and south had adopted platforms similar to his, we could not help smiling, remembering that the income tax, a purely Populist measure was forced upon them by the exigencies of the situation and is repudiated by the leaders of their party, and that both the Republicans and Democrats are this year shaping their platforms to suit the locality, pure gold-bugism in the east and gradually toning down to free silver in the west—and promising all things, to all men, in order to down the pesky Populists. Another thing which amused us mightily was his declaration in words of burning patriotism that whenever his party declared in favor of a single gold standard, he would leave it in spite of the binding influence of a long line of Democratic ancestors. Mr. Bryan knows as well as we do that neither the Democratic or Republican party will ever commit suicide by declaring in favor of a single gold standard. It suits them much better to declare in favor of the gold and silver coinage of the constitution and a hopeless international agreement, while they force us on a gold basis by legislation hostile to silver. We smiled audibly too when in words of impassioned eloquence the Democratic candidate for the U. S. Senate impressed upon a Populist audience the tremendous folly of dying in "the middle of the road" for principle, when, by a little fusion policy, they could elect free silver Democrats, and we would add, help to maintain a Democratic majority in congress. We did not smile, because we thought he was in earnest, when he spoke of the transcendent importance of the money question over all other questions and urged upon us the sacred duty of supporting men, regardless of party, who represented us right on that question, but when we got home and found the World-Herald, of which he is editor-in-chief, warmly supporting gold bug Boyd against free silver Deaver in the second congressional district, we positively grinned. How would Populists like to support on a fusion deal gold bug cuckoo Boyd who as

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governor, vetoed the maximum freight bill and who represents in his own person everything obnoxious to real reformers? No, Mr. Bryan, we confess a sincere admiration for your ability and courage, a respect, somewhat modified within the last few days, for your honesty and patriotism, but we will not be led into the Democratic trap. We would rather fall in "the middle of the road" fighting for principle than die in the Democratic ditch at the side of it hunting for offices. We have about as much faith in your ability to reform the Democracy party as we have in the efficacy of Rosewater pills to purify Republican corruption. HACKBERRY HAYSEED.

THE SEPTEMBER ANNALS. The September Annals of the American Academy contains a paper on The Ultimate Standard of value, by E. von Bohm-Bawerk; Relation of Labor Organizations to Trade Institutions, by Prof. E. W. Bemis; Mortgage Banking in Russia, by D. M. Frederiksen,—these longer articles, and among the briefer ones: Beginning of Utility, by S. N. Patten; Present Condition of Sociology in the United States, by I. W. Howerth; Improvement of Country Roads in Massachusetts and New York, by E. R. Johnson. The personal notes and book reviews are valuable. A supplement with the September number contains the Constitution of Prussia, translated and supplied with an introduction and notes by James Henry Robinson, Ph. D. of the University of Pennsylvania.

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