

**SOME MIGHTY GOOD ADVICE.**

**Carl Brown Thinks We Will Win and Gives Advice to Independent Workers.**

LINCOLN, Neb., Oct. 31, 1892.

EDITOR ALLIANCE-INDEPENDENT:

You ask me to give my views on the expected result of the election in this state, and I cheerfully comply.

I have, as you know made a tour of every part of this state, the past four months, and spoken over one hundred times, and of course, should know something about the feelings of the people. While I feel certain that the Weaver and Field electors will carry with a good majority in Nebraska, and that General Van Wyck and the whole state ticket will be elected, still the vote will be close. I am frank about this, because I have a reputation for judgment on political affairs to maintain, besides, it will serve a good purpose to stir up every people's party worker to action, for in some localities they feel so certain of victory that many will put forth little effort to swell its majority. The extent of the majority for our ticket in this state will depend solely upon the workers' seeing that every vote is polled, and then watching the count until the verdict is announced, if this is done the majority of course will be large.

Men should be at each polling place at the opening of the polls, who are acquainted with every voter, if possible, whose duty it will be to check off their names as fast as they vote, and by this means as the close of the day comes, they will know just who it is that has not voted, and then have teams and men ready. When a derelict voter is found shucking corn or busy about something at home a volunteer should take his place while he is gone to the polls. We must recognize the fact that there are many who think they cannot leave their work even on election day. Be prepared for this phase of selfishness—or short-sightedness if you please, and also look out for the man who will be hired to stay at home—"smoke him out" in some way.

A few thoughts on the Australian ballot: While that system of voting has great advantages, it has some bad features as well. It will not do to trust to it, to do it all. Watch for the venal voter, for he has a plan to beat it. He will go in to vote, and invariably ask the man, one of the judges of election, with the button hole bouquet or some innocent looking badge or mark, to go into the booth with him to fix the ballot, "can't read" you know. After the ballot is "fixed" the venal voter will pull a small card out of his pocket and the "judge" will make a mark on the card and return it to the venal voter who will then return it to the vote-buyer, and receive his cash.

Then on the counting of the ballots: Watch for the old party clerks who may have an innocent looking finger ring that has a rubber stamp or some substance for marking, attached to it underneath, with which he will occasionally spoil a ballot by making a mark that will cause it to be thrown out. By doing this on a certain per cent of ballots in each precinct—especially in the cities and towns, our vote may be reduced.

Beware of the robbers! They will resort to all tricks to keep their hands on the throttle valve of power. Do not get panicky over anything; all kinds of scare-crows will be set up before election day. Pay no attention to charges of withdrawals and trades, vote the whole ticket straight and victory is assured in this state. Pay no attention to the enemy's attacks on the state committee. To my knowledge Messrs. Blake and Pirtle are making a self-sacrificing fight, handicapped by a hostile postoffice service, and cramped for funds.

In conclusion, please allow me to thank the people everywhere I have been in the state of Nebraska for generous contribution to me, to enable me to do the work I have done, to pay railroad fare and hotel bills, and to send money to my family in California, while engaged in the good work.

Fraternally,  
CARL BROWN,  
Wild West Artist.

**IN THE FIRST DISTRICT.**

The following report has been handed to us by the chairman of the first district congressional committee. Lack of time and space forbids extended comment this week. We are glad the committee took hold of the matter, and located the mole hills of fact that have been exaggerated into mountains of political chicanery.

Of course this investigation comes too late to be of much assistance to Mr. Shamp in the campaign, but it will form a basis for clearing his reputation after the election:

**ADDRESS OF THE COMMITTEE.**

At a meeting of the people's independent congressional committee of the first district, held at the Lindell hotel, Lincoln, Nov. 2nd, for the purpose of investigating the charges made against the Hon Jerome Shamp, candidate for congress, we find that said Shamp received a thousand mile ticket of Burnham; Shamp's friends advised him not to use it, as political capital would be made of it, he returned said ticket, and afterwards paid \$25 for it.

Said Shamp met Mr. O. M. Peterson in Plattsmouth. Mr. Peterson made the statement to Mr. Shamp that there was some dissatisfaction in the west side of Cass county, at Alvo, and Elmwood, and that the paper at Elmwood was opposed to him, and asked Mr. Shamp what was the reason the editor was opposed to him. Shamp answered that he knew no other reason than this: when last at Wabash Shamp supposed the editor was under the influence of liquor, and Shamp might have treated him coolly. He stated that this was the only reason he knew that he should be against him. After going to the depot Shamp thinking that his remark was indiscreet, sent for Peterson and requested that it be not published, especially that part of the statement that might reflect on the editor at Elmwood. Peterson refused, stating that he was a poor man and that he was connected with the Plattsmouth Herald, and that he wished to get after the editor at Elmwood, and that the report was worth \$5 to him. Shamp paid this sum for that purpose and no other, and that was all the statement made to him.

And further than this we find no charges against the Hon. Jerome Shamp. The committee further find that the secretary, Duncan Youngs, believing that the reports on the streets and in the papers were working against the political interests of the independent party, and especially against the Hon. Jerome Shamp, was justified in calling the committee together for action. D. N. Johnson, Chairman, Duncan Youngs, Sec'y, B. F. Allen, W. G. Swan, S. G. Mower, H. P. Farnsworth and J. A. Meek.

It is amusing to see the antics of the Journal. It is rejoicing very loudly over the fact that Shamp has been "completely exonerated." When did the Journal ever before show such deep anxiety to exonerate an independent candidate? Did it ever assist in exonerating McKeighan, or Kem or Dech or Van Wyck? We cannot blame Shamp for the interest the Journal takes in him, but it shows that the Journal is very anxious to help the independents run their campaign in the first district.

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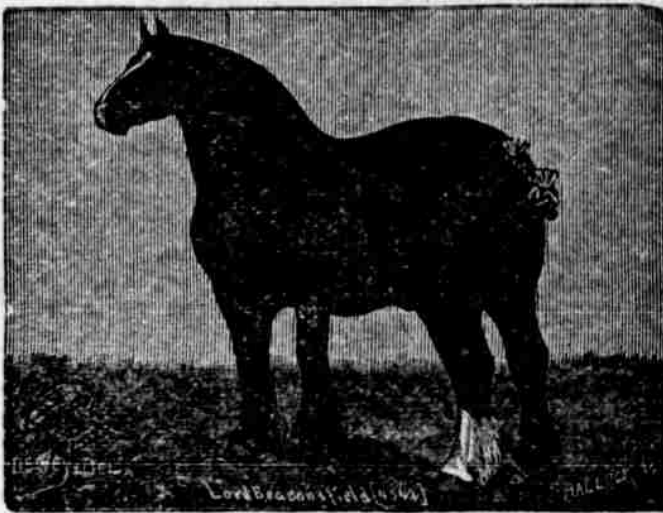
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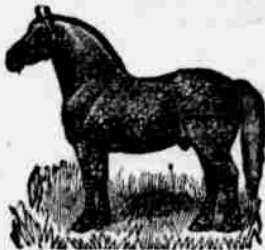
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