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Announcement

I herewith announce my candidacy for county commissioner on the republican ticket and ask the support of all citizens and pledge to conduct the county affairs in an economical and business way if elected.

IRA L. MILTONBERGER.

New Party—Same Old Methods.

Despite its idol's fierce denunciation of the old parties, the projected new party is employing the very same methods, and the very same machinery.

Here we see the new third party convention being organized by a national committee made up of one member from each state, this national committee being absolutely self-constituted without even pretense of a popular commission.

Here we see this committee claiming to typify reform and emancipation starting out with closed doors and secret sessions to avoid the publicity accorded by the old parties.

Here we see contesting delegations coming up from the southern states whose electoral votes are already foreclosed.

Here we see the negro question again rising as a perpetually puzzling inescapable by any party promising equal rights to all.

Here we see this self-constituted national committee relieving the convention of the necessity of selecting its temporary chairman and other officers.

And above all, we see the convention made up of delegates chosen, not by direct primary, but hand-picked, and often in direct violation of the primary laws of the states they are supposed to represent.

In a nutshell we see a convention built on exorcism of the bosses, yet with its own program prearranged and its action in every detail fore-ordained without leaving delegates the slightest freedom of choice.

Down with the old boss-ridden parties! Up with the new party of the people—Omaha Bee.

Bryan's Estimate of Roosevelt.

(An analysis by W. J. Bryan in "The Commoner."

He criticizes our tariff; of course he does this, because he stands for the doctrine of taxation of the many for the benefit of the few, and he has done nothing to relieve the people of the extortion now being practised upon them through high tariff schedules.

On the trust question his position is radically wrong and probably accounts for the support which he is receiving from some of the trusts.

"Corporations engaged in legitimate business can and should be regulated, but a private monopoly is different—it should not be permitted to exist. Regulation was tried under Mr. Roosevelt himself and trusts grew and fattened under him. One trust, the steel trust—the worst of all—secured from him permission to swallow up its largest rival, and his most conspicuous supporter, Mr. Perkins, is connected with several trusts.

Mr. Roosevelt has recommended federal incorporation—the very thing that trusts desire. The trusts want relief from state laws and Mr. Roosevelt is the first president to join them in advocating this legislation. On the trust question Mr. Roosevelt is hand-in-hand with predatory wealth. His policy on this subject is not only not progressive but is reactionary and dangerous.

"But Mr. Roosevelt's errors are not wondered at. His whole bias is wrong. He is more Hamiltonian than Hamilton himself. No public man since the government was formed has treated constitutional limitations so contemptuously. He concludes his Outlook editorial with these significant words: The progressive would discard those limitations surviving from the past that hamper and interfere with the progress of the people, and turning forward would insist that ninety million people of the nation should be permitted to do whatever is necessary for the welfare of the nation and for securing social justice.

Away with the constitution and let us decide what the people need and then do it for them! That is the Roosevelt program. He has a passion for power—such a passion as no other president ever had. No other president ever felt so rebellious against the restrictions which our forefathers thought it wise to throw about the executive office.

"In his Osawatomie speech, as interpreted afterwards in the Outlook, he outlined his policy, first, the absorption by the general government of much of the power now exercised by the states;

second, the absorption by the federal executive of much of the power now exercised by all other departments; and, third, a president who will be overlooked to as the steward of the

people. This is not popular government; it is despotism. Add to this centralization of government a man of Mr. Roosevelt's temperament and you have the man on horseback."

The Sidney Telegraph looks at it this way: "The man who calls himself a republican, and yet supports the new party movement may deceive himself, but cannot fool others. No service he may have rendered the republican party can give him any claim to the recognition of republicans if in this exigency he gives countenance to and joins hands with those who are planning the overthrow of the party. The citizen who renounces his republicanism and enters the democratic ranks can be respected. But there can be no respect for the one who while professing to be a republican unites with conspirators against the party he had been affiliated with. The time is at hand for every citizen to decide under which flag he will serve and to declare his decision without qualification or reservation. In the impending conflict there must be no trimmers or temporizers."

Cattle at South Omaha firmed up last week and sold from 25 to 30 cents higher than the preceding week. The best beef cattle sold as high as \$9.75 and feeders as high as \$7.00. The week closed with top notch hogs selling at \$8.15. The receipts of cattle at South Omaha last week were less than half the number in the corresponding week last year. There is no evidence of a reduction in the price of meat, on the contrary higher prices may be expected.

"Let the people rule." That has been Roosevelt's cry. Yet he approves a plan to seize republican organizations wherever possible, having republican electors who are willing to betray their party vote for him instead of for the republican nominee for president, and preventing the "people" from having any opportunity to vote for Taft, even though they desire to do so. Consistency is a jewel not recognized by the bull moosers.

Lucius Stebbins, candidate by petition for congressman in the sixth congressional district, declares that as he cannot get the use of the Carnegie library hall for independent political action, he will hold his headquarters on Dewey street in the interest of all parties and candidates, including Bull Moosers. All interested are invited to participate.

The Roosevelt men now nominated as republican candidates for presidential electors from Nebraska should either resign or declare their intention of voting for Taft. If they resign their places can be filled by men who are republicans, and the bull moosers can name their own electoral ticket. This action would be honest and regular, and there would be no masquerading in false disguise.

In the majority report filed by the congressional committee appointed to investigate the United States steel corporation, an indictment is made against former President Roosevelt for making the control of the steel trust absolute and is charged with being responsible for the gigantic stature which the trust has attained.

Mr. Perkins, late of the steel trust and a leader of the bull moosers,

informs the public that there will be no lack of money for the Roosevelt campaign. If some trust celebrity like Perkins should say that there is plenty of money for the Taft campaign the bull moosers would at once yell "trust candidate."

Knicker—What's the matter with Smith? Bocker—His baby wants the moon, and his wife wants the earth.—New York Sun.

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