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The present insurgent movement reminds one so much of the free silver movement several years ago that they look like twin brothers.

Who wants to run for the legislature this fall? Speak up gentlemen. Don't be bashful. The time will soon be here, and it is a great thing to serve the people in the legislative halls.

What difference does it make whether Joe Cannon continues as speaker of the house or not. It will be only about three months till the base ball season opens and the fact that a man is an insurgent won't cut any figure as long as he roots for the home team.

It is mighty easy to get up and criticize a man in a meeting of congenial spirits, especially when the man you are criticizing is absent, but when that criticism comes out in bold, bad, black type in a newspaper somehow the remarks don't look or sound nearly as cute. Some of our friends up at the capital city are discovering that fact.

Hon. George C. Junkin, Secretary of State has been mentioned as a candidate for congress from his district. Junkin is one of those sort of men who generally says what he thinks and after saying it proposes to stay by it. We don't know just exactly which district he lives in, but it is somewhere between the Missouri river and the western line of Nebraska. It doesn't cut much ice just the locality for the gentleman is broad minded enough to cover the whole state. If we mistake not it is the Fifth district which is lucky enough to own the secretary of state as a citizen and Gosper is the name of the county.

It is richly amusing to read the names of the men who held that insurgent meeting condemning Senator Burkett, at Lincoln recently and see the names of men, so many of them who were openly supporting Mr. Bryan a few months ago when he made his last spectacular dash for the presidency. It is equally amusing to read the names of most of the rest of them who were openly condemning the other fellows because they supported the great Bill. Surely politics does make strange bed fellows.

The fellow who went to Lincoln to organize a charity organization and found when he got there that it was not needed proceeded to at once knock on the town and sent out a statement which was so ridiculously false that it appears foolish, will not gain anything for the cause he probably represented by such statements. Wolves in sheep clothing have been abroad in the land ever since the world began and it is not hard to locate them, neither do their statement cut very much figure with the public.

Senator Burkett may be on the fence just yet as between the post-office and the insurgents but the Journal believes that he will fall on the side where the loaves and fishes are and we think he is very sensible to do so; for what good can come to any man politically, to turn insurgent and like a wild ass of the desert roam among the thorn and thistles of political obscurity. It is worse than being turned out to graze like Nabuchadnezzar, for there is no chance of ever being restored to a place of power and influence as he was after

regaining political sanity, for an insurgent or a deserter deserves the political death that always is sure to follow as one of the just judgment to derelicts. —Falls City Journal.

Conditions at this time indicate that there will be an attempt for a better understanding between the president and those who have been opposing him. The fact is that there has been altogether too much that is sensational sent out by the different correspondents holding forth at Washington. They recognize the fact that a war, whether it be political or otherwise, gives them a better chance to earn their salaries and their papers chance to sell more of their products of the print shop. An announcement that the president and the insurgents have got together and the difficulties settled should be hailed with delight by everybody who has at heart the welfare of the country and who believes in the ability of the republican party to continue the prosperity of the country.

We believe that the very worst thing that could have happened is for those men who for years have been called republicans, and many of them have been entitled to be so called, was to call that meeting at Lincoln a few days ago for the purpose of getting the scalp of Senator Burkett. We believe it a very unwise move for any one who believes in upholding the republican party to call a meeting of discontented men for the purpose of private or political gain. The fact has been demonstrated that that meeting was called for the purpose and for the defeat of Senator Burkett and the boosting of some other man. The men themselves who called that meeting cannot point to anything in the political life of Senator Burkett which would warrant the calling of a meeting of this kind for the purpose of defeating him for reelection. A meeting of this kind can result in but one thing and that is the probable election of W. J. Bryan to the United States senate, and as one looks over the list of names of the men instrumental in calling that meeting, and those who took a prominent part in the talking, he can see supporters of W. J. Bryan in 1908 on every hand. Under these circumstances, we would like to ask every republican if they are not sure that this is not another move on the part of the republican friends and former supporters of Mr. Bryan for the presidency, not to defeat Senator Burkett for the nomination, but to discredit him before the people that the election of Mr. Bryan to the United States senate will be assured. Republicans should look well into this matter before they lend their aid in any way toward helping the enemies of Mr. Burkett to carry out their scheme for electing Mr. Bryan.

### What Will the Issue Be?

What will the issue be that will take the state out of republican control and put it in the hands of the insurgents? Will it be the tariff? Hardly. North Dakota has had in the past the largest bunch of republicans of any state in the union; they believe in principles of protection, and in the system of republican doctrine and in their ability to bring prosperity. Republicans are satisfied with the prosperity of today in North Dakota; they would hardly care to experiment with the uncertainties of a reduced tariff below the most excellent on

just past. We could hardly hope for a higher price grains by reducing the tariff on anything; neither could we expect any larger yield. We venture the assertion that North Dakota has the largest bunch of satisfied citizens of any state in the union, and it is very doubtful whether they would be willing to exchange the prosperity of today and the republican party for new and disastrous policies with nothing to win and everything to lose. The wise and conservative citizenship can be depended upon to say "I will not tamper with the prosperity that we have in order to aid the political ambitions of any man." Let good enough alone.—Plaza, N. D. Pioneer.

The meeting called in Lincoln next week for the purpose of forming an insurgent league or more properly speaking to inaugurate a howl against the administration of President Taft is about the biggest fool thing that has ever happened in the state of Nebraska since the wild Indian roamed the prairies and the buffalo chewed grass along the banks of the mighty Platte. Just as sure as the sun rises in the east and sets in the west, the men responsible for that meeting will see the day when they will wish they were dead and will find a home in the ranks of democracy. The man who expects to some day ask of the republican party the privilege of representing it either in the state house of Nebraska or at Washington should consider seriously what he is doing before he aids in making that meeting a success. Every Democrat paper in the state is giving that meeting as wide advertising as they can for they see in it a chance that the democratic party may obtain what has been denied them by the people so long. The success of that meeting will mean continued democratic conducted institutions in the state and in all probability a full democratic representation from Nebraska in Congress. Have the republicans of Nebraska so soon forgotten the six years of demopop control brought about by just exactly such acts as republicans are now committing?

### THE EDITOR'S POSITION

"There are no openly avowed 'standpatters' in Nebraska. Those who still cling to the old machine all claim to be progressives, because public sentiment is largely in that direction. The fight they will make will be of the bushwhacking variety. Our old friend Pell Barrows, who is running the Plattsmouth News for ex-Congressman Pollard, comes the nearest to being unashamed of his position of any we know. He stands up and boldly champions Uncle Joe Cannon, and says the insurgents are no better than democrats. Pell is bound to be radical wherever he is. He takes his politics straight. When he ran a Pop paper in Albion, he went the full length of radical Popism. When he changed his politics his baptism was no sprinkling affair, but complete immersion. There is never any doubt as to where he stands on any proposition. And he is always ready to defend his position. That's a whole lot more commendable than the two-faced policy way many politicians and editors have." —Albion News

There is a great deal of truth in the above taken from the Albion News, and again there are a few things which are not so close to the truth as they might be, though we will give Brother Ladd the credit of thinking that he has given the facts in the case. He says that we come the nearest to being unashamed of our position as a standpatter of any one he knows. The position of a standpatter is one which no one need be ashamed of. As we understand it a standpatter is a man who is loyal to his party. We have endeavored to be loyal to the administration of President Taft for no other reason than that we believe his administration before it is ended will be hailed for and while one of the wisest and most valuable to the country we have ever had. Another reason we have been loyal to the administration is because men who ought to have been allowed to have been otherwise, and if there is anything that makes this editor dread, you awful disgusted, it is to see men allow themselves to be carried away

by the machinations of some politician who thinks by taking a certain stand he can get glory thereby. There has been nothing in the administration of President Taft which would warrant any republican in going back upon his administration. The charge has been made that he is, or has been, friendly to Speaker Cannon. That has been the sole bone of contention and the foundation on which other things have been built upon.

The administration of President Taft is not yet a year old. In that time he has had many important questions to meet and solve. In that time he has not only had questions to solve which would have been hard to solve with his friends around him, but he has had to solve them encompassed about by enemies, and most of them within his own party. They have not only made life miserable for him in Washington, but they have endeavored to turn the country against him. In this they have been ably seconded by the country press in many instances. Instead of giving the president to understand that they were with him, and that they could be depended to help him carry out the things which the party had pledged the people to carry out, they have sought to discredit him, and why? Because circumstances have been such that he has appeared to be friendly to the speaker of the house, the man to whom he must look to see that his recommendation were put properly before congress. They have accused him of being for Cannon for re-election before the campaign has even begun. They have taken advantage of every movement of the president which would lend color to that claim and hound their cause as insurgents. In a nut shell, instead of assisting the president to carry out needed legislation, they have used his friendship to the speaker as a means of making their own cause popular with the people. There are among the insurgents many grand, good and able men, but they have been altogether too swift in trying to take advantage of a condition which they have taken every opportunity to swell in importance for the purpose of making themselves solid with the people to the detriment of their own party which has elected them to office, not to popularize themselves, but to bring honor and credit to the republican party by giving the people, as it always has done before, the relief in legis-

lation which they demand.

There is no bushwhacking in the stand the friends of President Taft have taken. There can be none. The bushwhacking has all been done by the opposition to the president.

The editor of this paper has never been a Cannon man or even an admirer of that gentleman. But we do believe that any tie-up with the democrats which will tend to give them political glory sufficient to land them in power at the next session of congress has greater menace to the country than having the aged speaker holding down his job under present conditions. The republican party in the past has been able to take care of unpopular conditions which have arisen in the past without the aid of democratic support and they will be able to do so again. The editor of this paper will not doff his hat to any man as being more progressive than himself, and we certainly will not take off our hat to any man who thinks that it is necessary to get democratic assistance to carry our republican pledges.

As the editor of a populist paper at one time in the days of long ago, we have no apology to offer. Like many a weak-kneed brother now posing as an insurgent we thought we were right in advocating reduction in freight rates and some of the other things which the populists got down on their knees and prayed for and then when they got a chance to have their prayers answered, again got down on their knees and prayed louder and more earnestly that their former prayers would not be answered. We at that time discovered that there were a whole lot of political bunco steers in Nebraska whose only aim in life was to find fault with the republican party and stir up strife and contention that they themselves might reap the benefit. They are with us yet.

The experience of that short three months as editor of that populist paper was most valuable of our life. We look back upon it with mingled feelings of regret and pleasure. Regret that we fell from grace, but pleasure that in the fall there was a stronger foundation laid for the future. A foundation which has made us so strongly entrenched as a republican that we propose to stand loyal to it until it has had a chance to show that the party of the present has no right to the support of every man

who loves his country and believes that the party can solve the great questions before it as it has many times before.

Let it be known right now that the editor of this paper is the kind of a stand patter who is loyal to President Taft until he has had time to prove himself unworthy of the support of every loyal republican. We feel that this is a stand which any man should not be ashamed of. We take such a stand because we sincerely believe that it is right. No man can accuse us of taking that stand for any other reason and we expect to uphold it. If we are wrong in our contention, that is our mistake, but until we have have reason to believe that we are on the wrong track we will be found taking the stand we have and proud of that fact.

### Resolution

Whereas, death has again entered our camp and taken from our camp fire Neighbor Edward White, and by reason thereof Cass Camp No 332 Modern Woodman of America has lost one of its youngest members, and, Whereas, this camp hereby extends its most sincere sympathy to the mother and family of our departed Neighbor in this, their time of grief and sorrow.

Resolved, that in the death of Neighbor Edward White his mother and family have been deprived of a kind and dutiful son and brother, our camp an esteemed and worthy member and the community a young man of sterling integrity and usefulness.

Resolved, that this camp extend to the mother and family of our departed Neighbor its sincere sympathy in their night of grief.

Be it further resolved that the charter of our camp be draped in mourning for thirty days; that a copy of these resolutions be spread at length upon the records of this camp. That a copy thereof be furnished the local newspapers and one sent to the

H. L. Barthold  
P. A. Barrows  
Allen J. Beeson  
Committee.

### Granma Jean Improving.

Mont Robb of Murray was in the city today on a business errand. Mr. Robb says that Grandma Jean is gaining and will be able to be out of bed next Tuesday. She has had a long seige with a broken hip having been in bed since the 18th of December, when she had the misfortune to fall and break the bone in her hip. Mrs. Jean is now over 84 years of age, and her remarkable vitality has brought her through the ordeal with good prospect of permanent recovery.

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