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## DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

### NATIONAL.

For President,  
ALTON B. PARKER,  
of New York.

For Vice President,  
HENRY G. DAVIS,  
of West Virginia.

The republicans seem to be running a three-ring circus this year—Babcock, Fairbanks, and ex-bossemertus Platt.

The beef trust has evidently dipped into the mysteries of hygiene, acting on the theory that a vegetable diet is advisable during the hot months.

W. B. PRICE of Lincoln wants the democratic nomination for congress. Lincoln always has people standing around loose ready to grab anything in sight.

MEMBERS of the president's cabinet will take the stump during the campaign. The object is to show the principal parts of the federal machine in action.

JUDGE PARKER will be formally notified of his nomination on August 10. Teddy requires no notification. In fact, he notified the Chicago convention of it himself.

WHEN it is announced that President Roosevelt intends to manage his own campaign it is met by democrats with a broad smile of approval. They couldn't be better pleased.

The Chicago Chronicle has turned republican, making about as much change in the editorials of the paper as a man does in his personal appearance when he changes a clean collar for a dirty one.

The avowal of those two Kentucky colonels that they saw a flock of angels flying over a wheat field, must be taken to indicate that the Blue Grass State is putting out something new in the way of liquid delight.

It is secretly understood that what the President will say to the butchers' committee is virtually, "Gentlemen, I admire you, I am your friend. But don't you see that this is about the worst possible time for a strike?"

It is now known that Speaker Henderson was driven out of the republican party, like Senator Edmunds, John Sherman, Carl Schurz, Governor Boutwell, and Tom Reed, by the war of subjugation against the Filipinos.

"Parker and Davis,  
The ticket to save us."

Is the way the Atlanta Constitution puts it. Now someone has suggested that Roosevelt and Fairchilds are not so easily rhymed. Now listen: Roosevelt and Fairchilds, The two great piebalds.

It is considered that New York is absolutely indispensable to a democratic victory this year. This is the prudent conclusion; but it need not be forgotten that the count of votes in 1892 showed that Mr. Cleveland would have been elected even if New York had gone republican. Such luck can hardly be expected this year, however.

The democrats elected Wm. Allen to the United senate and in return he is now fighting the democratic party. That is gratitude.—Nebraska City News.

Allen, evidently, is mad at himself and everybody around him. He now turns on those who made him. In fact the ex-senator has proved himself an ingrate of the first water.

AFTER the election of that eminent jurist, Alton B. Parker, to the highest position in the gift of the American people, it will be unnecessary for the United States government to obtain a charter as a colonization, empire-building and trouble-founding corporation. He will bring the flag back to the constitution and both back to the Declaration of Independence.

The republicans of Nebraska are far from certain of the legislature this year. There are lots of sore spots because of the nomination of Wind-jammer Burkett for the senate and for congress at the same time. There are a whole lot of men in the republican party who do not believe that Burkett is the whole works and that some other man ought to be given a chance at the public crib instead of giving one man, and a very ordinary one at that, a monopoly of the office-holding business. If the contest lines up as now mapped out, the legislature will be a battle royal.

## The Way to Talk.

The Journal does not enjoy the pleasure of an acquaintance with Judge Howard, of the Columbus Telegram, but we admire his sterling qualities and ability as a newspaper man. He has many friends in the west part of Cass county who delight in praising him for his many excellent qualities. He is a gentleman and a scholar, as well as a good democrat. He always reasons rightly, and while the national ticket is not just what he would like to have, he shows the manly spirit which is characteristic of his genial nature, in the following editorial, which we take from the Telegram of last week, and which should be read and pondered over by every democrat in this county:

"But while we of Nebraska cannot give an electoral vote to Parker, we can preserve our party reputation. We have accused others of bolting. We have accused them of treachery. We have felt that Bryan might have been elected to the presidency if the eastern democrats had done their duty. We felt very bitter toward our eastern brethren who betrayed us. Let us do nothing after their manner. There are many days and years ahead of the Nebraska democracy. Let us look ahead. In order to have a fighting place in the democratic ranks in the future we of Nebraska must win the respect of the democrats of the nation, just as Bryan won their respect and admiration in the national convention. He had few votes to deliver, but he made a good fight. We must do the same. No real friend of Bryan will vote against Parker in Nebraska. We shall need every democratic vote we can get in this state, in order to give Bryan the place he should have for future work. If the Parker vote shall be small in Nebraska, the eastern democracy will declare that Bryan has no strength even in his own state. They will say he is a promiser, and not a performer. But more than all this, Parker is entitled to every democratic vote in Nebraska. He is the regular democratic nominee. He is the choice of the states which elect democrats. And he will be the choice of every Nebraska democrat worthy the name.

"It will pay better in politics as well as in all else to look ahead, rather than to the past. The Telegram pleads with Nebraska democrats to stand loyally by Parker, in order that our display of loyalty may serve as a rebuke to those eastern Democrats who betrayed us in 1896, and also that we may be placed in position to maintain the prominence which the Nebraska democracy has for eight years enjoyed throughout the Union."

## Withdraws from the Race.

TO THE DEMOCRATS OF CASS CO.: I certainly appreciate the compliment you have paid me by endorsing me as a candidate for congress from this district and permitting me to name the delegates, but after a careful consideration from a business standpoint, I cannot think of entering the race for a congressional nomination.

Thanking you each personally, I am, sincerely, yours  
HENRY B. GERING,  
PLATTSMOUTH, July 27, 1904.

The following are the names of delegates which Mr. Gering had previously selected:

- E. T. Comer.....Elmwood
- Dr. Chas. Powers.....Wabash
- James M. Stone.....Nelawka
- C. S. Wortman.....Plattsmouth
- Jno. M. Leyda.....Plattsmouth
- John Tighe.....Manley
- W. B. Banning.....Union
- H. D. Travis.....Plattsmouth
- Jacob Tritsch.....Eight Mile Grove
- William Gillespie.....Mynard
- M. G. Kime.....Nelawka
- Ed Betts.....Eagle
- Ed Fitzgerald.....Plattsmouth
- Lee Oldham.....Manley
- B. F. Laughlin.....Greenwood
- W. D. Wheeler.....Plattsmouth
- J. P. Sattler.....Plattsmouth

THERE never was a time when the Democratic party were more harmonious than it is just at present. There are no "wings," and there is perfect peace in all directions. There are no quarrels pending or impending and no jealousies to be adjusted and no heart-burnings to be cured. Most of the irritation that exists is in the editorials of republican newspapers and the hopes of republican leaders, who are greatly disappointed to find that Tillman carries something besides a pitchfork.

Does a high tariff protect the American Workmen? Our counsel at Birmingham, England, has just sent home a report showing that the English laborer who lives on the same scale of comfort as the American pays more for his living than does the American Workman. And Secretary Shaw says that high prices indicate prosperity.

NATURALLY enough the Republican newspapers in the country are eulogizing Alexander Hamilton as the greatest man America has ever produced next to Washington—naturally enough, because he was opposed to popular rights and wanted an order of nobility and a Senate elected for life.

HANK DAVIS does not disguise his satisfaction in being able to go and sit on the grave of the school teacher who used to spank him when he went to school. This eliminates another issue from the campaign.

## JUDGE PARKER A SAFE MAN.

An Independent Newspaper Gives Reasons Why He Should Be Elected.

The New York Herald, noted for its political independence, comes out strongly in favor of the election of Judge Parker. In its leading editorial, under the caption "The Democrats and Their New Leader," of July 21, says:

"Judge Parker's telegram declaring himself for sound money has made such an impression that it may save the democratic party in spite of itself.

"The comments it is still eliciting show that Judge Parker's action has won the confidence of the people, and that sort of confidence President Roosevelt has not inspired.

"His imperialism and his dictatorial ways, together with his revival of the race issue in the south and other rough-rider fads, have awakened among the people a distrust of Roosevelt, and the republican party quite as great as the distrust of which Bryanism, sixteen-to-one-ism, populism and other freak isms had excited with respect to the democrats.

"Mr. Roosevelt has the support of his intimate friends and his political proteges, but conservative people eye him with distrust. They acknowledge that he is irrefragable as an individual; that he is a staunch patriot, a good husband, a loyal friend. But they doubt his capacity for self-control, distrust his judgment and question his conception of presidential duties.

"Like the German Emperor, he wishes to meddle in every detail of the public service, to control every department, to rule every official, to be both the law-maker and the executive, to be the source of power and to apply it.

"Between Mr. Roosevelt's views of the president's duties and the views of the American people on that subject there is a very wide difference. He evidently thinks the president of the United States is a sort of dictator, while the people rightly regard him merely as their chief magistrate—as the executive head of the administration.

"This domineering conception of his official duties has excited widespread resentment among republicans and has led him to make mistakes that would have prevented his nomination if the republicans had any other available candidate.

"As it was, however, he had virtually a walkover and the democrats were entirely out of the running until Judge Parker's telegram to W. F. Sheehan at St. Louis convention revealed to them that they had a candidate possessed of strong sense and statesmanship.

"Before his ultimatum was delivered, it was said in the Herald that Judge Parker was the servant of the democratic party, not its master. His telegram on the gold question proved the contrary. It showed that the democrats who had nominated him, believing him to be King Log, had really chosen King Stork.

## Carl Schurz for Parker.

The great German-American statesman, Carl Schurz, has written Judge Parker a letter commendable of his many noble qualities, in which he says:

"Not as a party man but as an independent, I feel bound to express to you my sincere respect. The principles and opinions you are known to hold as to the currency, imperialism, the tariff and the civil service, strongly commend themselves to men of my way of thinking. But, if as an independent, I ever was doubting for what candidate my duty commanded me to vote, your action on the terms of your nomination has completely solved that doubt. It has rendered to the republic double service of incalculable value. No man can honestly deny that it has demolished the last pretext for still treating the gold question as a live issue of party controversy and that it has thus relieved the business community of an element of unhealthy agitation and dangerous uncertainty. This is so evident that any attempt to continue must be condemned by every good citizen as absolutely wicked, indeed as little less than criminal.

"And secondly, your manly declaration that you would accept the offered nomination for the presidency only if the offer came in harmony with your sense of public duty has set up one of those noble standards of moral courage and civic virtue, of which our public life stands so much in need. The higher you list that standard, the higher you will rise in the esteemed confidence of your countrymen, and the more surely they will hold you worthy of their highest trust.

"Wishing you all the success you so well deserve, I am, sincerely yours,  
"C. SCHURZ."

MR. BRYAN supports Parker because he prefers the Citizen of Peace and Prosperity to His High-Tariff Majesty of War and Imperialism. Like millions of the American people, Mr. Bryan wishes a president, and not an autocrat, a republic and not an empire, peace and contentment, and not war and trouble. Parker's candidacy is an advance toward their restoration of fundamental principles of democracy.

## Prosperity and the Farmer.

Are the farmers satisfied with the kind of "prosperity" which is associated with republican administration? Upon the state of mind of the farmer depends very largely the turn of politics in November.

The republican politicians make two claims concerning the farmer. One is that there is "prosperity" for which the republican party is solely responsible; and the other is that the farmers are adverse to any other kind of prosperity.

It is certain that the farmers of the United States have been industrious and successful in the past eight years. The sun has shone, the rains have fallen, the winds have blown. The farmers have cleared land and plowed it and sown seed therein, where before was unproductive timber and brush and wildland. Agricultural interests have been considerably extended and to some extent the industry has been rewarded. Industry cannot fail to find reward under any conditions in any event. The farmer has managed to hold his own during these eight years if he has been hard to work.

The "prosperity" upon which the republican party has stuck its label is inclusive. It omits nothing. The sun, the rain, the winds and the hard work of the farmer have brought him to his present state, but these things are stamped "republican prosperity." All things work together for the good of the republican party. But the farmer may reasonably ask himself: "Could the republican party under Mr. McKinley and Mr. Roosevelt have made me prosperous without the aid of the Almighty's sun, wind and rain and without the aid of my own labor?"

"But," the republican politicians say, "we have provided a market for the farmer's products and we have created good prices for them." Has there ever been a time in the history of the country, under any administration, when the farmer could not sell what he raised? Can politics alter the fact that the world must always eat and drink and have clothes to wear? Did the republican party create all the necessities of mankind? Somehow we recall that history records a time farther back than fifty years, when mankind purchased its food, drink and apparel from the farmer just as it does to-day.

Do the republican politicians rightfully claim credit for the prices paid to the farmer in the past eight years? There have been good prices and there have been bad prices. Prices are never at a standstill, and they have fluctuated during the terms of Messrs. McKinley and Roosevelt precisely and to the same extent that they have always fluctuated. Prices will always fluctuate. Have supply and demand nothing to do with prices? The argument of the republican politicians is that prices are altogether independent of supply and demand, and are solely regulated by politics.

But we may assume for the sake of argument that the republicans have by some mysterious process fixed the prices of farm products. Will they assume the responsibility for a decline in prices in many instances? Farmers know that prices have actually declined in many instances. The republican politicians get around their logical responsibility by denying that there has been a decline in the price of anything during Mr. McKinley's and Mr. Roosevelt's administrations.

Where prices have gone down—the farmer may answer the question for himself—has there been a corresponding decrease in the price of farm machinery? We know that the manufacturer of agricultural implements is selling his products in South Africa and Australia to the competitors of the American farmer cheaper than the latter can buy them at the door of the factory in this country. We know that the farmers are paying more for their plows and twine and lumber than ever before. The farmers are the patrons, through necessity and not by choice, of the Farm Implement Trust. They are the patrons, likewise, of a number of other republican trusts. The republican politicians are partners, sometimes admitted, in the Farm Implement and other trusts from which the farmers are compelled to buy the things which make tilling of the ground possible. The farmer certainly pays "prosperity" prices for these things. And there is more "prosperity" in the price he pays the trusts than in the price he receives for his products. It will pay the farmer to consider the real nature of the "prosperity" which he is enjoying at the hands of the republican party.

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