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DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

NATIONAL.

For President,
ALTON B. PARKER,
of New York.
For Vice President,
HENRY G. DAVIS,
of West Virginia.

FUSION STATE TICKET.

For Governor—
GEORGE W. BERGE, Lincoln.
For Lieutenant-Governor—
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RUDOLPH E. WATZKE, Humbolt.
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J. S. CANADAY, Minden.
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EDWARD WHALEN, O'Neill.
For Supt. Public Instruction—
A. A. SOFTLEY, Perkins Co.
For Land Commissioner—
A. A. WORSELEY, Butte.
For Congressman—First District—
HUGH LAMASTER,
Johnson County.

HON. GEO. L. SHELTON, it is rumored, will refuse the re-nomination for state senator. Evidently the Captain views a mirage of the "scavenger" act in the heavens.

CONGRESS made an immense appropriation to enable the president to fight the trusts—that is, "the bad trusts." He has only spent a tenth of the fund, and has only tackled the trusts instead of injuring them. Why is this?

DEMOCRATS have no particular reason to weep over the fact that the republicans of West Virginia have a large quarrel on their hands which is likely to change the political complexion of at least three of the five congressional districts.

THERE seems to be an overwhelming demand for speeches from Hon. W. J. Bryan in all the pivotal states. Very well; he ought to make the circuit. He is a brilliant and eloquent speaker, now entirely in harmony with the purposes of the party, and sure to edify and instruct as well as entertain wherever he goes.

FOR the first time in a half century there is not a single orator in the cabinet. There are three or four men who make a few remarks on occasions when they are cornered, but there is not a single man among them who is what Watterson calls "a thriller." Roosevelt keeps a poet, but allows no rival orator near the throne.

"If I were to select a soldier I would choose the President before any man in public life. If I were to choose a statesman I would select almost any man in public life before the President. As a soldier leading a forlorn charge he would be magnificent. As a statesman administering the affairs of the nation he is dangerous."—Senator Bailey in Brooklyn speech

WALTER WELLMAN, the great republican newspaper correspondent, has been guilty of giving away secrets at national headquarters, and is being censured by the republican press. Among other things "given away" by Wellman is that he obtained "right from inside republican sources" that the republicans place twelve northern states in the doubtful column, and that Nebraska is one of them. "Rosey" of the Bee discredits Wellman's statement because he includes Nebraska as one of the doubtful states.

DAVID B. HILL announces that he will retire from politics on the first of January and will accept no position if Judge Parker is elected. Mr. Hill has not been of a very retiring disposition. He has always been at the front and stood up royally for his party's success. Moreover, he has had about everything there is, having served as city attorney, alderman and mayor of Elmira, N. Y.; member of the legislature, lieutenant-governor, governor for several terms and U. S. senator for six years. He has earned the right to withdraw and devote himself to his personal affairs.

If a high tariff produces high wages, how does it happen that in Germany where the tariff is twice as high as in England, the wages are much lower, and that in France the wages are lower still, although the tariff is so high that every farmer who carries his produce to market must pay a tariff on the country road before he can enter the city? How do these and those harmonize?

The man who is idle or who is working on half time when he has a chance, and who has to pay higher prices than ever before for what he eats, cannot be fooled by any academic argument about the value of the high tariff or by any assurance that he is prosperous. He knows perfectly well that he is not well off, and orators cannot convince him to the contrary against the weight of his own experience.

If there is a populist in Cass county who has the least idea of voting for the present occupant of the White House, should first understand what Teddy thinks of the populist party. Roosevelt's pamphlet on the campaign of 1896: "Thrift, industry and business energy are qualities which are incompatible with true Populist feeling. Payment of debt, like the suppression of riots, is abhorrent to the Populistic mind. Such conduct strikes the Populist as immoral."

The best evidence extant that Geo. W. Berge is the strongest man that could have been nominated by the fusion forces, is the fact that the republican papers are doing their level best to create a discord in the present harmonious action of the two factions in the interest of the fusion candidate for governor. The opposition papers are just now engaged in circulating some base lies, but so far they have been nipped right square in the bud.

The democratic congressional committee has not yet got into effective working order because it has not yet received an adequate supply of the "needful" from the national committee at New York. It has been deemed more important to elect Parker and Davis than to insure a democratic congress, so that matter has been taken hold of first. But there are at least fifty closely contested districts which will be vigorously tackled within a month, and where it is believed the democrats have a first-rate fighting chance to control the next congress.

YET it may be doubted if one-half the heads of American families are in as favorable a position as they were in 1897. The third party—the majority who are neither capitalists nor able to fortify themselves behind labor union walls—is today giving more proportionately than in 1897, while getting only the same. When capitalists combine to raise prices, reduce expenses, or anticipate profits it is the third party that pays the higher prices, stands the reductions of expenses and converts the anticipated profits into actual ones—Chicago Inter-Ocean.

In the foregoing paragraph the Inter-Ocean unwittingly confessed to a truth that has been apparent to every thinking democrat for the past year or more.

I GUESS no one will accuse me of un-due friendship for Alton B., but I do admire his manhood in resigning his high-salaried position because of the nice point of honor involved. Theodore Roosevelt, his chief opponent for the presidency, retained a death grip on the governorship of New York up to and after his election as vice president. His running mate, the Indiana Icicle, has evidently frozen fast to his seat in the senate, as he still retains it. I might say something about Elmer Burkett, but he really isn't worth the notice. It has been very pertinently said of republican office-holders that "Few die and none resign."—Central City (Neb.) Democrat.

EVERY day George W. Berge, the fusion candidate for governor, grows more popular among the yeomen of Nebraska. Gradually as they become acquainted with him the more they look upon him as the proper man to defeat the midget governor. Mr. Berge's record for honesty and integrity will compare favorably with that of any public man in the state. His ability is equal to that of any man who has ever served as governor, and if elected, which, with the united support of all populists and democrats we candidly believe he will be, he will be a servant of all the people, and not especially of the railroads and corporations, like the present chump governor.

Is it any wonder that Chairman Babcock of the republican congressional committee is in a great stew over the congressional outlook. There are 225 congressional districts which are put down as safe to one party or the other in November. This leaves a large residue of doubtful members—some in every large northern state. In Wisconsin the single democratic congressman is likely to be a good deal less lonesome after November. Five of the ten republican members are fighting desperately to retain their seats. In West Virginia the republicans will have to fight very hard for four out of five of the districts which they now control. In Indiana democrats hope to carry three districts, and in Ohio, four. In Pennsylvania the democrats are putting up a vigorous fight and expect to carry five districts now held by republicans.

The "Scavenger" Act.

Commenting on this "scavenger" legislation by the late republican legislature, the Omaha Bee says it will be the cause of many poor people losing their little homes; but the recent revenue law was enacted in utter disregard of the people—especially of the poor man.

The object of that legislation was to fill the great hole in the Nebraska state treasury; all under the dishonest hue and cry that the people were dishonest and would not pay their taxes; and that the old revenue law was not adequate to meet the necessities arising for state and local revenue purposes.

Why was not the old law adequate? It could have been enforced. It was thieves like Joe Bartley and his class who were robbing the public with impunity. The dishonesty of these scoundrels was charged up to the poor people of the state who were accused of "tax-dodging." Again, in the cities and villages of this state where corporate management ran riot and municipal indebtedness was recklessly piled upon the poor people, city property, especially that outside of business centers, became utterly worthless, yet this property was taxed, AND TAXED out of existence.

In Plattsmouth city today, the average property is placed upon the tax list and valued, much of it, twenty per cent beyond its actual worth. Outside resident property has no market value. This is the same in all municipalities within the state; and now, the people are experiencing the beauties of a republican financial policy in Nebraska. It is the high-woman's argument to raise revenue, when holding up his victim on the highway. When done with, it is all at the expense of the poor man: the man who can't hire special lobbyists to hang around the legislative halls to nurse the peoples' representative, coddle the committees, and then report daily to the "general manager's office." Why should the scavenger law be enforced against the people, anyway? We venture to say, poor old ring-ridden Cass county will be the only county outside of Douglas to be scourged with this measure, which merely piles up costs for court officials, entails heavy clerical expense in the county treasurer's office and gives the prosecutor and district judge the unenviable glory of collecting a whole lot of ancient, illegitimate tax off of the tax-burdened people of this county. Why are the present members of the senate and house in this county representing to the people that this law was never intended for any county except Douglas? Nice excuse, isn't it?

Is there any man in Cass county big enough fool to believe that the immense tax raised by the present drastic revenue law will lighten the burdens of taxation in the future, or that the state house rats can't spend it faster than it is collected? These fellows never dream of cutting down expenses by curtailing appropriations and fat salaries to lessen the burdens of the people. Their idea of relief seems to be to confiscate the property of the citizen—to make good the larceny perpetrated by republican office-holders and spend-thrift officials.

When the late revenue law was enacted the howl was made by the gang that brought it about—"Damn the people—make them pay their taxes." We say to our readers that these fellows will continue to "damn the people" until the people turn them out of office.

Pretty Tough on Midget Mickey.

The following is from the Clay County Sun, a prominent rural republican paper, which goes after the midget governor thusly:

"Just as long as the republican party uses the second term to keep in position unworthy and incompetent men, that long will it be misrepresented. It is a duty every republican in the state owes the party, to defeat such men, when nominated. To the end that the party may be purified and the men thereafter nominated that shall not smell of corruption on their garments, and have not tried and found lacking in ability to keep the state's banner in the foreground. Desperate diseases require desperate remedies. Apply the knife and remove the excrescence. Better far an honest, able man of the opposition than a corrupt, incompetent man of our own party."

No wonder Wind-bag Burkett don't care to withdraw or resign as member of congress. The fact is the republicans are not any too sanguine about controlling the legislature, on account of the restless condition of the farmers who have been made to stand at least a one-fourth increase in their taxes. The people of Nebraska will not stand to be tax-ridden by a party that thinks it can play hot and cold with them and then expect to have their legislative ticket pulled thorough on the hind end of the Roosevelt go-cart.

The only legitimate purpose of a tariff is the raising of needed revenue, but when it requires a heavy import duty, incidental protection to manufactures will result. But why should the schedule not be so adjusted that farmers will get some of the benefit?

The official treasury statement shows that the United States debt has increased more than six millions in the past month. It takes a thoroughgoing imperialistic administration to put Uncle Sam in the hole.

The News Still Lying.

It would seem that the "Clisy" of the News is never better satisfied than when he can rake up some lie to publish about some prominent democrat of the state. As Hon. W. H. Thompson of Grand Island was nominated by the democrats two years ago for governor and endorsed by the populists, and as Hon. George W. Berge has been nominated this year by the populists for governor and endorsed by the democrat, nothing suits such "small-fry" republican newspaper editors as the News man when they can invent a lie that would sever the ties that bind the friends of Mr. Berge and Mr. Thompson so firmly. The Journal knew that the article published in the News was one of those "little white republican lies," that that paper is so eager to print during a campaign—or any other time, for that matter, but to be sure we were "right before going ahead" assumed the liberty of addressing the "Little Giant" touching the quotation published in the "great truthful, moral and religious" daily, with comments that were calculated to mislead. Here is what Mr. Thompson says:

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Sept. 3, '04.
EDITOR PLATTSMOUTH JOURNAL:
Plattsmouth, Neb.

DEAR SIR: I understand that the News of your city published the following, to-wit: "This fellow Berge will not get as many votes as the Parker electors and there is not a single populist in the state who will vote for them."

The press of the state, regarded of politics, has so uniformly treated me with absolute courtesy and candor as to make me loth to in any way enter into a personal controversy. The statement above, said to have been made by myself, however, was not made either as printed or otherwise. The person who started this report is certainly mistaken. At least I know there was no basis for such a report to be printed—as coming from me.

Mr. Berge I have known for years, and always held him in the highest respect, and personally knew that all the statements that were being circulated against him were untrue. With best wishes, I am
Yours truly,
W. H. THOMPSON.

Suppose Parker Were Elected.

ATLORA, Neb., Aug. 29.—To the Editor of the World-Herald: Suppose Parker were elected president, what would happen? In the first place, we would have a thoroughly honest man in the White House. This is a fact conceded by Mr. Parker's political foes as well as his political friends, and it is more than the republicans can say of every candidate put up by their party for the last twenty years. We would have a president of unquestionable ability. Mr. Parker has shown himself a man of parts. He is not only a brilliant orator, but he has demonstrated his possession of the qualities of statesmanship. We would have a president who is personally unselfish. Mr. Parker is devoted to principles rather than to advancement of his individual interest. He is a broad-minded man. We would have a president that would not change his policies every other day to suit the sugar trust or some other great trust, which would put up a big campaign fund that would be detrimental to the welfare of the masses of the people or to any favored class of men. He would be a president of the people and for the people and by the people at all time to come, and special privileges to none would be the policy of Alton B. Parker; also death to imperialism and expansion by force, and a free and independent government to the Philippines. Yours for freedom to all people.

W. M. LAKIN, Populist.

That \$10,000,000 Contribution!

Simultaneously with the news of Wall street's ten-million-dollar contribution to Teddy's campaign fund comes the news that stocks are strong on Wall street. Wall street will now endeavor to make back what it pays out. Ordinarily Wall street makes the people pay its way and the present instance may be no exception to the rule.

A ten-million-dollar contribution to His Accidency's campaign comes under the head of operating expenses for Wall street. In a sense it is the purchasing of a license from the administration. It means that the trusts may plunder the people undisturbed under the Dingley protection and also may manipulate the stock market as they see fit—as the Steel Trust and Shipping Trust have done.

Thus, it appears, the people are caught "going and coming." They are, as it were, made to pay for the privilege of being robbed. They do unquestionably at one time and another pay the campaign assessment which enables the pursuit of "the robbery of the many for benefit of a few."

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