

"POLITICS AND POLITICIANS"

R. L. Metcalfe Believes the Republican Party is Doomed to Defeat by Loss of Their Strongest Card, "The Full Dinner Pail"

On Saturday evening last R. L. Metcalfe, the Commoner editor made an enthusiastic address before the Jefferson club at the University Temple in Lincoln. His subject was "Politics and Politicians," and the speech contains so many good things that the Journal cannot resist the temptation of publishing a portion of same. In part Mr. Metcalfe said:

One Writer's Opinion.

"Some time ago some writer, whose name I do not just now recall, said that we were just emerging from the Teddy Bear period and in the event of Mr. Bryan's election we would enter the Billy Donk period during which time the children of the country would be carrying around miniature donkeys even as they now carry around miniature bears. Evidently in the opinion of this man the election of Mr. Bryan would mean another period of hero worship.

Against Hero Worship.

"I would advise the young man to make his heroes impersonal. The principle is all too often sacrificed in the worship of an individual and there is no man in politics or out of it who is entitled to that form of attention. The practice of setting men up on pedestals is an injustice to both the man on the pedestal and to the cause he is presumed to represent. The men who set up the hero expect more of him than a common human being can deliver, and we become so wrapped up in the hero that we come to believe that whatever he does is right, putting a stop to our own reasoning process and soon the hero himself comes to imagine that he can do no wrong. The result is not beneficial to any of the parties immediately concerned to the hero worship nor indeed, to any of their neighbors.

Roosevelt Spoiled.

"I have a high respect for Mr. Roosevelt. I think he has served the American people well in opening their eyes to some of the evils of the day. But I think he has been spoiled to a certain degree by the extraordinary popularity he has enjoyed. I think that most of the blunders he has made have been due to the fact that he has been (I will call it), the victim (rather than the beneficiary) of the American people's unhappy disposition to exalt a human being. Mr. Roosevelt is a good man, but if half of the men who have paid exaggerated tribute to him had cheered him when plainly, he did right

and checked him when, plainly, he has done wrong, he would occupy a higher place in history than that which, in my view, will be accorded him. If Mr. Roosevelt's admirers had been more faithfully to principles or given more practical consideration to the reforms for which Mr. Roosevelt was presumed to stand, then Mr. Roosevelt would not today be a champion of the Aldrich currency bill or an advocate of the ship subsidy measure; his preferred candidate for the republican nomination would be Robert M. LaFollette, the known and knowable, instead of William H. Taft, the unknown and unknowable.

The Wish of Bryan.

"We could give to Nebraskan's distinguished citizen no fairer wish than that when he shall be inaugurated president of the United States he will be exempt from the mad personal idolatry to which his predecessor has been victim or beneficiary—as you please. We could give him no fairer wish than that the same love of country that dominates the men of all parties and of no party shall continue to control in his heart and in their hearts and in the hearts, too, of rising generations; that the men of his time individuals are as nothing, principles everything.

Genuine Democracy.

"Above every ambition for office however high; above every act of man however heroic; above every individual or party conquest, however complete—rises the sincere purpose of the humblest patriot to make the government good enough to live for and good enough, if need be, to die for.

"However serious the obstacles before the people today they will be surmounted in an orderly way and to the honor and glory of democratic government. Translate the meaning of the rank and file of every American party and it spells democracy and it means the preamble to the Declaration of Independence described by Moses Colt Tyler as "a passionate chant of human freedom." Translate the preamble and it means the sermon on the mount. Father we need not go to find inspiration for a party of American freemen—a party capable of solving every problem with which popular government is confronted and solving it in such a way as to respect the ownership of every honest dollar and every well-earned inch of soil while lending a willing and sympathetic ear to the "still, sad music of humanity."

AGRICULTURE IN THE SCHOOLS

Superintendents' Association Also Favors Manual Training and Home Economies.

Washington, Feb. 27.—The seventh annual convention of the department of superintendents of the National Educational association closed tonight with a reception to the delegates at the Corcoran art gallery.

Resolutions were adopted placing the department on record in favor of the study of agricultural subjects in the school of the rural districts; granting federal aid to the state normal schools for the training of teachers in the subjects of agriculture, manual training and home economies; the maintenance in all large cities of schools for the special care of backward children; the opening of large ungraded rooms in large cities for the instruction of the children of immigrants unable to speak the English language; the maintenance of evening schools for the instruction of adult immigrants in the English language and the duties of citizenship; urging an increased appropriation for the national bureau of education and commending the action of the National Civic federation; adoption of the plan for the sending of American teachers to Great Britain and European continent for inspection of their schools.

"Round table" conferences of the department were held at various places during the forenoon here today. These conferences consisted of state and county superintendents, superintendents of larger cities, superintendents of medium and smaller cities and on agricultural education.

The conference on agricultural education discussed "Preparation of Teachers for Agricultural Education." It was participated in by Ernest E. Balcomb, Weatherford, Okla.; E. D. Cameron, Guthrie, Okla.; John R. Kirk, Kirksville, Mo.; K. L. Butterfield, Amherst, Mass.; Alfred Byliss, Macomb, Ill.; H. C. White, Athens, Ga.; William M. Stewart, Salt Lake City; Dick J. Crosby, Department of Agriculture, and E. C. Bishop, Lincoln, Neb.

A Chilly Experience.

Says the Lincoln Journal: "W. E. Adams, a mail clerk on the main line of the Burlington railroad, had a chilly experience on Burlington train No. 2, Wednesday. At Ashland he left his car to take a sack of mail to No. 7, which was in the yards. While he was away from his car the train started and Mr. Adams made a run for it. He caught it between two Pullmans. The vestibules were locked, but he hung on expecting some trainman to come through and let him in before the train proceeded far. None came. He kept his hold until the train reached Omaha, where he was able to dismount. He found it necessary to abandon his run there because of the experience. He was thoroughly chilled by riding a fast train on the outside of the protecting walls of the cars."

Pollard Wants Road Building

A special from Washington says: "Congressman E. M. Pollard has secured an agreement to have the agricultural bill carry an appropriation to be used in instructing the farmers in building roads. In the past the department has been provided with an appropriation to build sample macadam roads in various parts of the country for instruction purposes. Mr. Pollard opposed this idea on the ground that macadam roads were entirely too expensive for most communities to build. Instead, he proposed to have the government send out experts to any part of the country to educate the farmers in building cheaper roads such as might be constructed with clay and sand or gravel. For the purpose of furnishing such experts he has the good roads appropriation increased \$25,000. The plan he says, is to have these road engineers go out and confer and co-operate with county commissioners in the work."

Verner Has Cause For Joy

Our excellent young friends, Verner Perry, residing south of town, was in the city Saturday, and while here called to renew his subscription to the Journal. As soon as his smiling face beamed in at our office door, we readily noticed that something of a joyous nature had happened at the home of these popular young people, and upon our inquiry we were informed that it was over the arrival of a bright eyed baby girl at their home on the 21st of February. The mother and little one are doing nicely. The Journal trusts the little stranger may live to be a source of much joy and comfort to them in their declining days.

True of Nebraska.

Every newspaper in Colorado has thrown open its columns the past four weeks to reassure the public and restore confidence in the banks. If the banks have any gratitude at all they will cut out the mail order printing houses and independent job offices that make a specialty of printing bank stationery at cut throat prices, and give the home printer all the work at living prices. A friend in need is a friend indeed, and the editors of Colorado have proven themselves such during the strenuous times of the weeks just past. While it was clearly the duty of the newspapers to do all in their power to avert a senseless panic, it also shows that the Colorado editors are level headed men who have the good of their communities at heart. Will the Colorado bankers now prove themselves as true and loyal to home institutions as the newspapers have proven themselves to be? Time will tell.—Troy (Colorado) Chief.

THE ITALIAN KILLED AT THE JUNCTION

Leaves a Wife and Five Children Back in Italy.

In speaking of the Italian recently killed at Pacific Junction, the Glenwood Tribune of Friday says:

Justice Day, who conducted the inquest over the body of the Italian killed at Pacific Junction February 11, has received a letter from a lawyer at Madera, Cal., giving the dead man's name and other particulars. His name Bartolomeo Vietti. A wife and five children live at Dogliani, Italy. A brother-in-law, Peter Torone, lives at Madera. Vietti had started for his home, having bought a ticket to Italy at San Francisco. Torone says he had a silver watch and \$25 in money when he left Madera.

Most of this money was found on his person, but the watch and ticket were missing. As we started in the Tribune last week, the verdict of the coroner's jury was that he had committed suicide, but this could be only a surmise, as no one appears to have seen the accident.

Vietti was seen by the section men to get on No. 4 at Henton the morning he was killed. It appears that he had been at Henton the day before. It is reported that a young man in that locality was butchering a hog that day and, in a spirit of fun, had conducted the Italian from the depot to the little store at Henton. As the young man held a huge butcher knife in one hand the Italian thought he was doomed and plainly showed great fear. It is also reported that after this incident the Italian appeared at several houses in the vicinity of Henton and seemed much excited, but was unable to make himself understood.

In his mutterings such words as "kill" and "money" could be distinguished. He seemed to be laboring under the impression that he was about to be killed for his money and it is said offered to give his money to several people.

With haunting vision of the Black Hand, ever present in the Italian mind, the poor fellow was no doubt badly scared.

Bets on Bryan's Election.

An Omaha correspondent says: John Donovan, editor of the Madison Star-Mail, made the first presidential bet to be recorded in Nebraska. Monday Mr. Donovan posted \$850 with John Coffey of Omaha. Mr. Donovan wagers \$500 with Walter Meisner, the architect, that Taft will not be the next president. He also wagers \$350 against \$500 that Bryan will be the president to succeed Mr. Roosevelt.

Editor Donovan, it may be remembered, was the first to lay a wager that Mr. Dahlgren would be elected mayor of Omaha at the beginning of the municipal campaign. He not only made the first, but several bets and of course he cleaned up a nice lot of money.

Sells a Car of Flour

Herman Kleitsch was a visitor in the city Wednesday on business relative to settling the Fred Kroeler estate, of which Mr. Kleitsch is the administrator. While in the city he also sold a car of the superlative flour, made by the Weeping Water company. The firm of Kleitsch & Halmes is making and selling a large amount of flour and other millstuff and doing a very profitable business. Their plant consists of the latest machinery for making first-class flour.

Land for Sale

Anyone wanting to locate in Lincoln county can secure some good bargains by seeing me. CHAS. PIPER.

DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION

The Selection of Delegates at Large to the Denver Convention—Several Candidate Mentioned

The Lincoln News says that Chairman T. S. Allen of the Democratic state central committee has sent out notices to all the members for a meeting at Omaha on the morning of March 5, the date of the democratic and populist conventions. A meeting of the Bryan volunteers has been called by its chairman, A. F. Mullen of O'Neill, for the same time. The convention will take place in the afternoon, and W. J. Bryan will speak at the auditorium in the evening.

Five candidates are still in the field for delegates at large to the Denver convention, while only four can be chosen. The men who want to go are Dan V. Stephens of Fremont, I. J. Dunn of Omaha, Mayor Frank W. Brown of Lincoln, W. H. Thompson of Grand Island and W. D. Ojdhm of Kearney. One of these will have to be dropped, and politicians predict that Oldham stands the best show to be left at home, on account of his telegram to the Parker managers at St. Louis four years ago saying: "Nebraska democrats are with you in the fight."

Until R. L. Metcalfe of Lincoln had positively declined to be a candidate for delegate at large, his selection was being urged by a number of democratic newspapers in the state. Metcalfe has written a letter to I. J. Dunn at Omaha, reiterating that he doesn't want the place himself and is not working for anyone else. His letter to Dunn reads:

"Dear sir: I have received your letter of February 29. You say: 'In a news item in the Bee of Monday morning, it was stated that you are a candidate for delegate at large to the democratic national convention, and that a coalition had been formed among certain democratic leaders in the state to select four delegates at large outside of Douglas county. Are you a candidate or will your name be used in that connection with your consent?'"

"I am not a party to any 'coalition' or plan to select the delegates at large to the national convention. I had understood that this work had been done

long ago and I took it for granted that the state would go through, as states usually do. I long ago wearied of personal contact with politics, and because I want to retain my faith in humanity I do not intend to get any closer to personal politics than my duty actually requires. I think you know well enough that I am not and will not be a candidate for delegate at large and that I have had nothing to do with the making—or the breaking—of any slate. If, however, I thought there was the slightest danger that you might be defeated, I would take off my coat in your behalf. If all Nebraska democrats know—as I do—how faithful you have been in cloudy as well as in fair weather, you will be elected unanimously and by a rising vote. Your truly, "RICHARD L. METCALFE."

Democratic candidates for district delegates are exceedingly numerous especially in the First and Fourth. Every county but Lancaster in the First has one or two. This county will not present a candidate, owing to Mayor Brown being in the race for delegate at large.

Those mentioned for district delegates in the First are: John Moorehead, Falls City; H. H. Hanks, Nebraska City; Henry Gering, Plattsmouth; M. F. Connor, Auburn; George Warren, Tecumseh; J. W. Boatman, Sterling; R. W. Storey, Pawnee City. The other districts are also well supplied with democrats who would like the honor of going to Denver as accredited representatives of their party from Bryan's home state.

Gate county democrats are stating a boom for County Attorney M. W. Terry as a candidate for attorney general. He is the first entry for that office. He was elected to his present position last fall. Gage is ordinarily republican, and his friends claim that this proves him to be a vote-getter.

E. C. Garrett of Fremont is letting no grass grow under his feet in going after the democratic nomination for lieutenant governor, while Superintendent N. C. Abbott of Tekamah is courting the nomination for state superintendent.

Moved to South Omaha

John D. McBride shipped his household goods to South Omaha Thursday, and the family departed Friday evening for that place where they will make their future home. Mr. McBride and family came to this place ten years ago and have made a host of friends who regret their departure. In their new home, we trust they will make many friends and will like their surroundings. The Journal will make daily visits to the McBride household in their new location, which is at 812, North 24th street.

In the District Court

Deed was ordered for a portion of the Island, south of here, in favor of John Wurga. The case of Cooley vs Lancing, wherein the former sues for the execution of a lease for land for use of stone quarries, was taken under advisement. John M. Leyda was appointed referee, with instruction to examine records, in the case of Westlake vs Westlake. Judgement was awarded plaintiff in case of E. G. Dovey and Sons vs William A. Becker, for \$1332. Demurer overruled in the case of Jacob Opp vs Morris F. Laughlin.

Glad to Hear It.

Who is secretary of the Democratic Press Association of Nebraska? Is it not about time to call the annual meeting?—Plattsmouth Journal. Cannot tell who is the secretary, but we do know that there will be a meeting of the association at Omaha, March 5th, when the state convention will be held.—Nebraska City News.

Remember the new department ruling regarding weekly newspapers and keep your subscription paid up. Publishers have no alternative in the matter and must stop papers when the limit is reached, regardless of who the subscriber may be.

Must Purchase Tickets.

The Missouri Pacific has posted notice in the depots notifying the people that they must have tickets before getting on trains, and the conductors are endeavoring to see that the order is complied with. The new order took effect here on Sunday, and since then many persons who have started to get on the trains without the necessary little ticket stamped by Agent Black have been halted by the conductor, who smilingly informs them that a ticket is better than gold or silver at his gate, then watch 'em hike to the ticket window, out of breath, to secure the little card.

The new plan does not cause any trouble for those who are in the habit of buying tickets, but it is a shock to the fellows who get on without tickets, "scooch down" in the seat and trust that the Lord and conductor will overlook them and carry them through— for nothing.—Union Ledger.

Pollard Entertains Educators.

A special from Washington, under date of February 27, says: "At lunch, at the Capitol, Congressman Pollard entertained the educators from his district. The party included Chancellor Andrews, President Craetref of the state normal, Superintendent Stevens of Lincoln, Principal John Woodward of the Havelock schools, Professor Town of Lincoln and Professor Lucy of the state university. The visitors have been greatly pleased with the entertainment and consideration extended to them during their stay."

Receiving Many New Cars.

This morning a train passing through this place on the Burlington west bound carried 31 new coal cars for the Denver & Rio Grande railway. The fact of this number of new cars being sent west in this one train and probably more on other trains, speaks of the returning of better business conditions, which are welcomed by everybody.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH CALLS PASTOR

Rev. H. D. Thomas of Corvallis, Montana, Given Call For Charge at This Place

Since the departure of Rev. A. L. Zink for Clayton, New Mexico, where he now occupies a pulpit, having a charge which includes that place and Folsom, as well, the charge at this place has been without a pastor. There has been preaching a portion of the time, and under the circumstances, it has been difficult to maintain interest as was desired. Tomorrow Rev. B. A. Wilkinson, of Bethany, will preach at both services, but after which it is expected Rev. Thomas will be here to take charge of the work. The state secretary of the work of the Christian church in Montana, recommends Rev. Thomas very highly, as also does the secretary of Missouri, in which state he formerly preached.

Seed Oats For Sale

Good variety of seed oat for sale. S. O. Cole, Mynard.

Troubled With Rheumatism.

Mrs. Nicholas Halmes, who had a broken arm for some time and which is healing nicely, considering the nature of the fracture and the age of the lady; but coming on with it is a very severe attack of rheumatism, which keeps her confined to the house. Mr. Halmes has been troubled with rheumatism for some time, and with the broken arm, makes it double hard to get around. It is hoped that she may be able to get out soon and have a speedy recovery from her troubles.

Good Prices for Real Estate.

Friday morning there appears a deed for record of a farm of 120 acres, forty acres less than a quarter section, where in Wm. Kennedy sells to Peter H. Miller the place for \$13,500, which makes just \$112.50 per acre. This compared with prices which prevailed a quarter of a century ago, makes a great difference, as at that time the land could have been purchased for one quarter of the amount.

Return From the East.

Emil Meisinger and W. H. Meisinger returned this morning from a visit to Pekin and other points in Illinois, where they have been visiting for nearly two months with relatives and friends. They were accompanied on their return by Philip Fornoff of that place, a cousin of Philip Fornoff of Cedar Creek, who will make his home here.