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WHEN the election returns came in from Vermont there was an unanimous shout from the republicans that the majority was nearly as great as in 1904. Wonder what they will say when they hear from Maine.

COL. BRYAN is now in full swing through the eastern states and the campaign is in full blast there. At every point he has great crowds and at every point he is making great gains. If the election was held today his majority would be tremendous. And in November it will be much larger.

THERE ought to be a strong pull made for the democratic ticket in this county. It is one of the best the party ever put in the field and deserves the support of the united party. Should any man feel that there is some one man on the ticket whom he doesn't like personally he ought to consider the other side, and then he is sure to vote the ticket.

WILLIAM C. RAMSEY, democratic candidate for county attorney, is growing stronger day by day. Billy not only started his campaign with a host of friends but every day has added to them until now they are myriad. And he deserves them all. He is a good, conscientious and able young man and a credit to the bar of the county.

If the banquet of the merchants and clerks can be taken as a criterion, there is nothing to be done in this city now except get them altogether in a strong pull for new enterprises. No matter what it is, if the enterprise employs more men get after it and get it to locate in the gateway of Nebraska.

It will likely be sometime before Cannon follows Bryan's example and lists his wealth where the public can see how he got it and its size. The exposure of the devious methods used by this trust-enriched statesman in accumulating his money would insure his overwhelming defeat at the polls in November.

MR. BRYAN yesterday administered a vigorous lambasting to Speaker Cannon, giving that gentleman the lie direct for his false assertions of Mr. Bryan's wealth, at the same time challenging this trust-made puppet to produce a statement of where his money came from. This is glorious news and it is to be hoped Mr. Bryan keeps right after these malicious and indecent liars.

THE era of the aeroplane seems to be upon us. Yesterday's performance of Orville Wright almost assures the speedy use of the flying machine and another quick revolution in the affairs of the world. Yesterday he was in the air for more than an hour and succeeded in carrying another passenger. Frank P. Lahm with him for a trip. It was a marvelous exhibition and is full of deep significance. The new competitor of the steam and electric road looms strong in the distance.

THE republicans are being hard pressed during this campaign and it is yet young. They have begun to misquote and misrepresent Mr. Bryan in every conceivable way. Their puppets and harlequins are on the stump parading the country shouting for the Hearst ticket or the Debs ticket or something equally absurd in the hopes of misleading the public, while their speeches bristle with lies and false statements to delude the ignorant. They must and will fail.

THE success of the banquet given last night by the joint enterprise of the merchants and their clerks ought to be inspiring enough to convince anyone that this city needs it to put some of the old, perseverant progress so strikingly referred to by Toastmaster Wesco into active operation and we can have a city better than the best in the state. This same push and progress will be in small factories, storage plants, and kindred enterprises, any one of which will employ men and build the city up. Get it into practical operation and let some definite movement be started toward new industries. Who will lead off?

More Bank Guaranty.

In the eastern states the republicans are using as an argument against the bank guaranty proposition, that there are a great number of savings banks scattered throughout that section and that the depositors in them do not want to guarantee the security of other banks. In other words, they proceed upon the theory that all these savings banks are secure yet hardly a day elapses but what some secure savings bank goes to the wall and carries with it the hard earned savings of the workmen and small farmers. The argument is fallacious in the extreme. The bank guaranty act is intended to secure the very people whom this argument is aimed at. A big corporation always receives ample warning of a falling bank it is the little fellow who is caught and always the little fellow is the workman and the farmer. He is never a big trust magnate. If one stops to consider he will hardly be able to recall an instance in which Rockefeller, Gates, Harriman, Hill or men of their like are quoted as losers in bank failures. It is always the thrifty mechanic or the sturdy farmer. This ought to open the eyes of the people.

EVERY vote cast this fall for the democratic county ticket is a vote for the election of good men to legislative offices. No better ticket has been presented to the voters of Cass County than that of the democrats. When they selected Banning as their candidate for senator, they chose wisely he having had such experience in business life and in county affairs as to thoroughly familiarize him with the needs of the people. John P. Sattler is an old and well known citizen who has often occupied positions of trust in the community and one who has known what the people desire and what they need. O. W. Laughlin is a prosperous and popular farmer. He is peculiarly adapted to knowing the needs of this large class of our people and he being one of them, will see that their wants are taken care of. M. A. Bates is well known throughout the county where his large acquaintance has given him an insight into just what is needed for the welfare of the people. As is well known his broad sympathies will lead him to take care of the interests of the people and his vote can be safely depended upon for every measure of interest to them. This is all proof certain that a vote for the democratic ticket is a vote in the right place.

THE smoke having cleared away from the primary election, the democrats and independents can now take stock of their choice and it can safely be said they have good reason to congratulate themselves upon the general high grade of their ticket. It is possible that an improvement might be made in selecting men for one or possibly two places on the ticket, but taken as a hole it is a ticket that should and will command the support of every democrat and independent of the state. It represents something near to the heart of the people their interests. Headed by Shallenberg, the great campaigner, it will make a grand fight and sweep Nebraska like a whirl wind.

THE formation of a Bryan and Kern Businessmen's League in New York City headed by that prominent merchant Nathan Straus ought to dispose of the tale that Bryan is a bogey to business interests. Mr. Straus sums up the situation well when he says that Mr. Bryan does not menace any honest business interest. And now steps are under way to form another organization of the same kind in Chicago. The tide is surely running strong Bryan way.

THERE are millions of dollars hid away in old socks and other receptacles because people have no confidence in banks. Let the Democratic plan of guaranteeing deposits become the policy of the country and these millions will be put in circulation.

IT would be interesting to know if the Republican National Committee also pays regular card rates for Mr. Hearst's speeches when they are printed in Mr. Hearst's own papers.

IF you intend to vote for W. J. Bryan attend the meeting at the council chamber Wednesday night for the purpose of organizing a Bryan and Kern club.

Mrs. Thos. South is in Omaha today on business, having been a passenger on the fast mail this noon.

"What Has Bryan Done?"

Republicans are continually asking in a sneering way, "What has Bryan ever done?" They might have asked the same thing about Grant before the war. He had never displayed any "genius" either military or civil, because he had not the opportunity. He was through the Mexican war with Gen. Scott and being without authority was helpless gain achievement. Preceding the civil war Grant was a vendor of hides. No opportunity, no distinction. When the opportunity offered he became a great general and when the opportunity offered he became a distinguished statesman. Bryan has met every opportunity coming within range of his opportunities, manfully and heroically. Take for instance Bryan's advocacy of free silver, of which so many wrong impressions are being manufactured and published in an effort to disparage him and his theories. He advocated free silver as a means to an end. He clearly foresaw that this country's greatest need was more money. Free silver would furnish it. Republicans at that time argued that there was plenty of money, all the country needed was more confidence. While this discussion was going on the output of gold was largely increased, the mints were kept busy coining silver and the presses busy printing national bank notes. Since this agitation commenced, our money value has nearly doubled. Who dare say that this increase has not been the main factor in our general prosperity? Who dare say that the republican theory, that there was plenty of money was not wrong? Bryan's theory was accomplished, though in a different way from which he advocated. In principle Bryan has always been right, in details he may make a mistake. As an orator, lecturer or debater, he has no superiors and but few equals. In the light of his literary achievements, does not the question: "What has Bryan done?" fall flat and insignificant?

DAY by day the news from Eastern states is filled with more hopeful signs of Democratic success in November. The few differences that existed among Democrats have been settled without leaving any sore spots, and nowhere will there be the slightest disaffection in the party in regard to national affairs. On the other hand, the breaches in the Republican party are widening, and not a week passes but adds its new family quarrel to the already long list. Republicans are hopelessly split in New York, where one faction is arrayed against the other in an enmity more bitter than either feels toward the common enemy. If anything, the division in Ohio is worse than in New York, and if a vote were taken today Bryan and Harmon would sweep the state. Lesser rows have been brewing for months in West Virginia, Maryland, Illinois, Wisconsin, Kansas and other states, none of which have been patched up by the warring factions.

NONE of the big bankers seem to like the guaranty. It is true, however, that if something is not done to make all depositors absolutely secure then the postal savings will come into vogue and will get the deposits. It is clear that the people are going to devise some plan of making the money they deposit in banks secure and so they can always get it on demand. The people would not consent a second time to the arbitrary mode adopted in the late panic.

BRYAN and Taft are to meet at a Chicago banquet October 7, but as they have agreed not to talk politics the public will learn nothing more as to the relative ability of the two men than it already knows. About the only line that the public will get on them at this meeting will be as to their table manners.

A Fine Cave.

Henry Kaufman has just completed the erection of the finest cave in this section of the country, it is reported. The cave is twelve feet deep, twenty feet long, and twelve feet wide and cost over two hundred and fifty dollars. It is completed throughout and required over three weeks in building. John Wagner was the principal mechanic in the construction and he did a fine job. It is Mr. Kaufman's idea to have a cave where he can store vegetables and especially keep them over from one day to another during the season. The cave will also be useful in many other ways. Mr. Kaufman has a very fine farm now with its many improvements.

O. B. Polk attorney, of Lincoln, Neb., is in the city today attending to business in the County Court.

GRAND MARAIS IS PREY OF FLAMES

FIRE OVERWHELMS FIGHTERS AND ENTERS THE CITY.

BEAVER BAY IS BURNING

Towns in Ontario Are Threatened with Destruction—Forest Losses of the Year Will Be Enormous.

Duluth, Minn., Sept. 12.—The town of Grand Marais now is on fire. Latest reports say the fire has overwhelmed the fighters, and the outskirts of the town burning. The town appears to be doomed and it is feared that 1,500 people will be homeless.

Beaver Bay Also Burning.
Beaver Bay, on the north shore of Lake Superior, 80 miles northeast of Duluth, also is reported to be burning. The citizens have appealed to Gov. Johnson for aid. The Booth ship America has gone to their rescue.

Fires rage all over Lake and Cook counties. Hundreds of homesteads have been burned and 2,000 people are homeless.

Ontario Towns in Danger.

Port Arthur, Ont., Sept. 12.—Bush fires surround Port Arthur and Port William. The whole country east and west is ablaze and the fire is gaining headway. Thunder Cape is lighted up with flames.

East of here along the Canadian Pacific railway it is reported that the worst forest fires in the history of the country are now raging and that thousands of dollars' worth of timber is ablaze. Along the Duluth extension several villages are threatened. According to a report received here the fire is only a short distance from the village of Hymers. From the international boundary to Hymers, a distance of 30 miles, the whole country is ablaze.

Forest fires destroyed the camp owned by George Mooring on Pigeon river, with the outfit. One camp owned by the Pigeon River Company on Arrow river was destroyed Friday, and another owned by the same company was partly destroyed. The fire on Thunder Cape is still burning and the Silver Islet buildings are believed to be in great danger. The city is shrouded in smoke.

Forest Losses Enormous.

Washington, Sept. 12.—The forest fires which have just laid waste whole counties in Minnesota and Michigan and extended into Wisconsin, destroying many towns and making thousands of persons homeless, have focused the attention of government officials here as well as state forest officers on the enormous losses of forest wealth which will be on record for the year 1908.

In the whole northern half of the United States from coast to coast it is likely that the year will go down as one of the worst in the last quarter century. The latest disasters in Minnesota, Michigan and Wisconsin are the worst of the many that have visited the lake states this year. The Pacific coast, the Rocky mountain and the New England states and Canada have had a thorough and in some cases, a continuous experience in fire. Forest service officials say that it is doubtful if this year's actual losses from forest fires in all parts of the country will ever be known, but it is certain that they will run up so high in the millions that the country will be startled when a compilation of statistics at the end of the season makes it possible to give even the most conservative figures. They point out that were all the timber burned up this year in all parts of the country converted into cash it could provide for a good sized navy of first-class battleships. The forest officials say the fires have started a widespread movement in many states to check them by adopting rational systems of fire protection.

KAISER DOESN'T ENTER FRANCE.

William Changes His Mind About Ascending the Hohneck.

Altenberg, Alsace, Sept. 12.—Emperor William disappointed the general expectation that he would set foot on French territory Friday in the course of a sight-seeing trip along the Vosges range. The French authorities forwarded his majesty a hearty invitation to do so and had made every preparation to welcome the imperial visitor. He had intended to ascend the Hohneck, the highest point in this vicinity, which is situated in French territory. From it a splendid view may be had of Remiremont and the valley of the Moselle river. Emperor William arrived here late in the afternoon and decided not to proceed across the frontier, but he sent his thanks to the French officials for the courtesy shown him.

Young Wife Commits Suicide.

Seattle, Wash., Sept. 12.—Mrs. John Davis, wife of one of the leading real estate dealers of this city, committed suicide by taking carbolic acid. She was 23 years old, he is 38, and they had been married only since March 15 last. It is said they had had several quarrels.

Forest Fire in Maine.

Kineo, Me., Sept. 12.—A fierce forest fire two miles northwest of the small town of Jackman, on the Canadian Pacific railroad, threatens that town.

TAFT WILL TOUR THE MIDDLE WEST

HIS FIRST CAMPAIGN TRIP IS BEING ARRANGED.

TWO OTHERS ARE PLANNED

Bryan Welcomed by Big Crowds at Wheeling After a Day of Speechmaking in Ohio Towns.

Cincinnati, Sept. 12.—Candidate Taft's first speechmaking trip will be through the west. A. I. Vorys left here for New York Friday to personally represent the candidate before the national committee in arranging this trip, which will take in at least the states of Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois and Indiana.

Two other trips are being planned, one through the eastern states and another through a number of southern states. These, however, will not be worked out until the western journey has been arranged.

Judge Taft and National Chairman Hitchcock had an extended conference over the long distance telephone, the result of which was the hurried departure of Mr. Vorys for New York.

"Mr. Vorys, having been with me for some time, knows exactly my ideas concerning this trip," Judge Taft explained, "and it was regarded as more satisfactory that he should go to New York and take up the details of the trip with the committee. He will bring back with him, probably Sunday, the result of the committee's decision."

Amusing Letter from Shaw.

This characteristic letter from former Secretary of the Treasury Leslie M. Shaw, was received by Judge Taft: "The committee in charge of the Republican state convention of Illinois, being in extremis, asked Shaw to make a few remarks. Of course, he consented, and while you will have neither the time nor the appetite therefore, he is going to stick into the envelope that bears this message of love and good will, a transcript of some of his mental gyrations preliminary to the task assigned.

"I wish I could run down to see you, but there is nothing I can say except to express my abiding good wishes and a large measure of confidence in final results.

"If you should meet Mrs. Taft during the progress of the campaign, give her my kindest regards, and say to her that Shaw thinks that in less than 12 months from and after this day and date, she will be the best beloved woman in the land. Affectionately yours, L. M. Shaw."

Bryan in West Virginia.

Wheeling, W. Va., Sept. 12.—William Jennings Bryan Friday afternoon and night was West Virginia's guest. A royal welcome was accorded him as his private car "Olivette," containing himself and party and a big reception committee crossed the Ohio river and entered this city.

Speaking at night to a multitude of persons Mr. Bryan pointed out the differences in the two platforms and made a plea for Democratic support. He made frequent reference to Mr. Taft and told his audience that the Republican candidate was conducting his campaign on a platform so obnoxious to him that he was forced to continually patch it up with amendments of his own. Much stress was laid on the labor and anti-injunction planks of the Democratic platform.

Talks to Ohio Crowds.

The visit to Wheeling followed an eventful day in Ohio. From the time the Democratic candidate left Columbus, early in the morning, until he crossed the Ohio river into West Virginia, the crowds which gathered along the line of travel, made insistent demands for his appearance.

At Steubenville a large crowd gathered, and from a railroad truck beside the track, while his car was being shifted to another train, Mr. Bryan addressed them. As he had done at other points in the state, he hurled shafts of ridicule at Mr. Taft, whose speeches, he declared, had darkened rather than illumined the subjects which compose the Republican platform.

Arrested as He Leaves Prison.

Pittsburg, Pa., Sept. 12.—J. B. Andrews, who Friday completed a sentence of 18 months in the Western penitentiary for highway robbery committed in this city, was arrested as he stepped from the prison, by Sheriff Vorhise of Ontario county, New York. It is alleged that Andrews and Thomas Foley robbed the H. D. Mather bank at Shortsville, N. Y., of \$69,641 on December 15, 1906.

Veteran Traction Man Resigns.

Springfield, Ill., Sept. 12.—After nearly seven years of service with the Illinois Traction system, General Manager L. E. Fischer of Danville Friday tendered his resignation to President W. M. McKinley, to take effect on January 1, 1909. Mr. Fischer will be succeeded by H. E. Chubbuck of Ottawa, Ill.

Burlington Shippers Protest.

Burlington, Ia., Sept. 12.—The shippers and jobbers of Burlington Friday held a large meeting to protest against change in the freight rates now existing. A committee will be appointed to present the views to the interstate commerce commission and to demand that if lower rates are granted Des Moines, the same shall be given Burlington in proportion.

EXCEEDINGLY CLOSE TO DEATH.

Union-Lincoln Passenger Train Has Has Narrow Escape.

The Missouri Pacific passenger train, running between Union and Lincoln, had a narrow escape this morning from going through a bridge and killing all of the passengers.

The train was coming down from Lincoln, about 10 o'clock and when near Nehawka and the engine was crossing the bridge where Engineer "Peggy" Young and his fireman were killed, by reason of the engine going through the bridge, the trucks of the tender attached to the engine climbed the rails and ran out to the edge of the bridge timbers, breaking through them and then a strange thing happened. They seemed to strike something and ran back close to the rail and across the bridge. The engine had been stopped by this time and the passengers as well as the train crew realized what a narrow escape they all had. The train was traveling at a high rate of speed when the accident occurred and what prevented the truck from leaving the bridge and carrying the train with it is something that no one can understand and even expert rail road men cannot explain. The coaches remained on the rail and none but the engineer and fireman had realized that something had gone wrong gone wrong until the train stopped. All of the passengers were badly frightened.

Mr. E. Zook and daughter, Leash, were aboard the train and he says that it was about the closest call he ever had and it was hard to explain just why the truck did not leave the bridge, but come back and hugged the rail until the train stopped. He said it was one of the most peculiar accidents he had ever witnessed.

The train was delayed about twenty minutes by reason of the accident. There is one thing peculiar about the Missouri Pacific accidents they destroy rolling stock, but injure no one. This road has been having a number of this kind of accidents of late and on that particular branch.—Nebraska City News.

MAYOR GERING IS DELEGATE

Democrats Coose Him for State Convention. Dr. J. S. Livingston is Chairman.

The democratic county central committee and candidates were to have met this afternoon to choose a new chairman and also elect a delegate to the state convention. The committee got around all right, there being some of the members present, but the candidates were evidently haying, as C. M. Seybert was the only one to put in his appearance. It is reported that the balance of the ticket at Nehawka, making inroads on the republican strength in that bailiwick.

The meeting had most encouraging reports before it of prospects for carrying the entire ticket through in this county. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Henry R. Gering and P. E. Ruffner acted as secretary. The first business to come up was the choice of a delegate to the state convention. On motion Henry R. Gering was unanimously elected delegate. The choice of a new chairman resulted in the election of Dr. J. Stuart Livingston by unanimous vote. The selection of a secretary was left to the chairman.

Dr. Livingston came in after the election and accepted the position under protest.

The delegates also choose an executive committee of six members: John Tighe, of Manley, being chosen chairman, the other members of the committee being Harry V. McDonald, of Murdock; C. E. Metzger, of Cedar Creek; Jas. Reynolds, of Union; Herman Pankonin, of Louisville, and Henry Spoke, of Eagle. The committeemen were very happy in their selection of officers for the coming campaign. Dr. Livingston, the chairman is a well known physician of this county, popular and of excellent political judgment, and a man splendidly equipped for the important position for which he has been chosen. His selection is a sure harbinger of an united party and a great victory. In the selection of John Tighe as chairman of the executive committee the committee also acted wisely. A man of much experience, well acquainted throughout the county, and one who stands high in public estimation, he should add much to the prospects of victory. The personal committee is very high, the members being reputable citizens of their several communities and active and hustling citizens.

Dance September 19.

By error of the compositor last evening the advertisement of the dance of the T. J. Sokol society was made to appear to be held this evening, when it should have read Saturday evening, September 19. Remember the date is September 19.