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## SEQUEL TO THAT "FULL DINNER PAIL"

### Tart Reply to One of the Letters Sent Out by the Republican Trusts' Agents.

The republican trusts' agents sent a letter to Austin Rotary Engine company of Brooklyn, New York, asking it to post notices in its works stating that if "Taft is elected president this plant will start on full time and keep going." In reply to this species of coercion the president of the Austin Rotary Engine company made the following reply:

AUSTIN ROTARY ENGINE CO.,  
24 Ave. and 8th St., Brooklyn,  
"Brooklyn, N. Y., July 25, 1908.  
New York Leather Belting Co., No. 51 Beekman Street, New York.

"Gentlemen: We have yours of July 22, offering us copies of cards posted in your factories, which you say read as follows:

"Believing that the election of Taft and Sherman means a safe and progressive business administration, the day following their election we shall start this plant on 'FULL TIME AND KEEP GOING'."

"Permit us to say we do not understand. Why have you stopped your factories? Why is the 'Full Time and Keep Going' plan not now in operation? Why has there been any shutting down by you and the other members of the National Association of Manufacturers, the American Hardware Manufacturers' Association, and the numerous other similar associations to which you say you belong? Did you not assure us that McKinley would insure a 'full dinner pail' for all who desired to work? Was not this assurance renewed when your several bodies endorsed Roosevelt and Fairbanks? Then what has emptied the dinner pail of millions of men who are willing to work? What greater reliance can be placed on this assurance than on the others? If you were false prophets before, how do we know you will not be again?"

"But why the closed factories? why the idle mills? why the unused freight cars? why the maintenance of high prices in the face of falling demand? Where is the 'abounding,' 'marvelous,' 'wonderful,' 'unparalleled,' 'widespread' prosperity? Haven't we got a Republican administration? Haven't we got a Republican Senate and House of Representatives? Haven't we had them uninterruptedly for twelve years? Haven't the Republicans made the laws, State as well as National, and haven't they been charged with their enforcement? Then what is the matter? If the laws are defective, why haven't they been altered? If defective now, were they not equally defective eight and four years ago, when you assured us, 'all is well,' and 'leave well enough alone?'"

"Why the depression, we ask? Haven't we had seven years of Roosevelt, who, according to Republican orators and assistant Republican, as well as Republican newspapers, is the greatest, wisest and best President the country ever had? Haven't we had twelve years of 'standpatism,' with Hanna, Aldrich and Cannon sitting on the brakes to prevent the enactment of legislation not desired by the gentlemen who are so conspicuous in their support of Taft and Sherman—Morgan, Rockefeller, Carnegie, Harriman, Schiff? Do these men ever make a mistake when they select candidates? Which is most likely to be misled, these men who say that Taft is all right, that he is a conservative, or the Western farmer who is told that Taft is a radical?"

"Where is the 'abounding' prosperity? Wealth has certainly increased enormously, or at least, prices have been boosted to a point that ought to have satisfied the most avaricious. The fortunes of the few have become gigantic—beyond out of sight. Morgan, we are told, has three hundred or so millions, Carnegie as much; while Rockefeller is credited with a billion; a few thousand others having from one to a hundred millions each. These seem to have had their 'full time and keep going' cards in operation, while they are generally credited with having in October-November last gathered in nearly everything in a large way in the shape of banks, trust companies, industrial and railroad combinations, which had so far escaped them. In fact, the bulk of the people have been set a lively pace to pay the increasing prices

for the necessities of life these and a few others control.

"But what has happened to the masses, when you and others booster of McKinley and Roosevelt assured were to share in the prosperity? With a total estimated wealth of someone hundred and ten billions the per capita tables work out all right, there should be enough to go round, for that's equal to about \$7,000 per family. But who has it? How many of the millions of toilers have a tenth of that sum free and clear? How comes it that the bulk of the people are shy their proportion of this enormous wealth? Have they been lazy, thriftless or improvident, during these twelve years? If lazy, then who created the wealth? Has the average farmer, mechanic, salesman, clerk, laborer or teacher, squandered their portion in riotous living? Did they spend it for automobiles, steam yachts, or even for diamonds? If not, what has become of it? Why haven't they it, how did they lose it? What has been the unseen subtle, but apparently all-powerful force that has taken it from them? Why have matters become so appalling in America that the so-called elite countries of Europe have felt impelled to take official cognizance of the deplorable conditions in which so many of our toilers are compelled to live. The Italian Government (as a result of the shocking reports that reached it) having sent a commission to investigate. Most revolting conditions were shown to exist. Whole families were found crowded into one and two apartments, while not only the woman, but little children not much more than babies were found working in filthy, unhygienic quarters, helping to eke out a scanty living for the family. Overcrowding was shown to be the rule not the exception. In one case seven adults and seven children were 'living' in a dark, middle room and a large bare room.

"The daily press also tells us that since October, thousands of entire families have been out of work, as a result, they have used up all their savings, and their proportion—\$7,000, as above—but a paltry \$50, all they had been able to save during the year of boasted prosperity. The president of the Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor, R. F. Cutting, says: 'I cannot remember such a condition existing before. Not even in 1893 and 1894 did the depression exist so long! While, according to Senator Foraker, on July 1, 22,000 skilled workers are out of employment here in Cincinnati.' Presumably the number of the unskilled was greater yet. These illustrations of 'unparalleled' prosperity have been duplicated all over the country, no section has escaped the blight. There has been a tremendous exodus of those who could not find employment, a half million more having emigrated to Europe than have immigrated here.

"Why the depression, why the blight? This 'marvelous' prosperity seems to have been wonderfully efficacious in keeping the toilers poor. This unprecedented prosperity seems to have been monopolized by a few. They have gone on piling up millions, but the leaders of the workers it seems have accumulated nothing, so that they now face starvation as their reward for the part they took in producing 'widespread' prosperity. The bottom has dropped out of their 'full dinner pail.'"

"Again we ask why? You say, regardless of politics, once the manufacturers of this country join universally in the movement, depression will cease. Who are they to sell to? How can the masses buy when their savings are gone? With wages reduced, how are they to pay monopoly prices and yet live? How are you going to bring prosperity to the toiler without destroying monopoly and special privileges? Using the force-pump won't alter conditions; the people want something more than wind. Why not prick the monopoly bubble, let out some of the wind and water, bring the necessities of life within purchasing power of the people? The crop of millionaires may not grow, but an equitable distribution of the wealth produced according to the part that each has contributed to its production will bring happiness to millions and insure a natural—there-

fore lasting—instead of the 'force-pump' prosperity you propose.

"Let us clip the talons of monopoly, uproot special privilege, and economic conditions will improve so mightily that all will be able to enjoy the comforts of life and none will have to toil such long hours that life becomes a burden.

"Finally, firmly believing in the fundamental democracy of American institutions, we have no more right to dictate how our employees should vote, than they have to coerce us.

Yours truly,  
"AUSTIN ROTARY ENGINE CO.,  
"BY ROBERT BAKER, President."

## THE FOOT BALL TEAM ORGANIZED

### First Game of Season With Omaha High School Tomorrow.

Several weeks ago the young men of the city met at Matthew Herold's store and perfected the formation of a football eleven. The members of the team are Clarence Straight, Don Leonard, John Mauer, Clarence Beal, Will Fitzgerald, Fred Jess, Fred Dawson, Hugh Cecil, Henry Hesse, Russel York, Emil Droege, Fred Mann, Rex Wilson and Burroughs. Clarence Beal was chosen captain of the team and Prof. J. W. Gamble was secured to manage it. The boys have been practicing steadily for the past two weeks and are now in first-class shape. Of course, it is not to be expected that they can put up so good a game at the present time as they will later in the season but they are showing up well for the time they have had.

The first game they have booked takes place tomorrow, Saturday, the 29th at Omaha, where they play the Omaha High School. As this is a strong team the boys will have to go some to win but they have great hopes and intend to make a strong effort to land the game. They will go up tomorrow afternoon on No. 7 on the Burlington. The line-up for the game is as follows: Fullback—Clarence Straight; Left Half—Don Leonard; Right Half—John Mauer; Quarter Back—Clarence Beal—Capt.; Left End—Will Fitzgerald or Fred Jess; Left Tackle—Fred Dawson; Right Guard—Hugh Cecil or H. Hesse; Left Guard—Russel York; Right End—Emil Droege or Fred Mann; Right Tackle—Rex Wilson; Center—Burroughs.

The first game to be played in this city will likely be played on October 17, although this is not certain.

## Democrats of Nehawka in Line.

The Democrats of Nehawka and vicinity held an enthusiastic meeting on Wednesday night, and organized a Bryan and Kern club with quite a large membership. The following officers were elected:

President—M. G. Kime.  
Secretary—T. J. O'Day.  
Treasurer—J. G. Wunderlick.

Nehawka is the home of both Governor Sheldon and Congressman Pollard and one of the banner republican precincts of Cass county. The Journal feels highly elated that the democrats have the courage and manhood to come to the front in such a manner. Hurrah for the Democrats of Nehawka.

## Bad on the Governor.

Gov. Sheldon is mad, and he is mad clear through. The republican state convention turned down the bank guarantee plank, and Sheldon called upon the committee and informed them that they could look around and find his successor as he did not want to make a race upon such a platform as they had built for him. He said that the platform did not represent his views; that he favors bank guarantee regardless of the party platform. He says he deserves defeat "unless the public is advised" as to where he stands. It is safe to say that Sheldon will make the race, but it is a mighty bitter dose for him to swallow.—Nebraska City News.

## Might Use Starch Works.

The republicans seem to be worried about being able to get some place where Taft can speak when he comes here on the first. It has been suggested that the starch works is now free from machinery and floors and the building is plenty large enough for the fleshy man and he will feel more at home speaking there than anywhere else. The republican committee should secure this place at once.—Nebraska City News.

Right you are, Mr. News. And should he occupy the building he might be called upon to state what caused the Nebraska Starch Works to be gobbled up by the larger concerns.

## OSSENKOP RE-LEASED ON BOND

### In the Sum of \$5,000 for His Appearance October 22nd.

Last Friday Fred Ossenkop charged with murder in the second degree on account of the killing of Charles Byrnes at Eagle, came into court accompanied by his counsel, Matthew Gering, and with County Attorney Rawls representing the state, and entered into a recognition in the sum of \$5,000, conditioned for his appearance at the preliminary examination to be held before Justice Archer on Oct. 22nd. The bond is a personal one signed by John Ossenkop, Edward Dorens and John Group. Immediately upon the filing and acceptance of the bond by the Justice, Ossenkop was released from the custody of the sheriff, and accompanied by his bondsmen and his counsel he went into conference with the latter at Mr. Gering's office. This afternoon he departed for his home, going up with his uncle and other bondsmen to Louisville, Ossenkop's confinement does not seem to have appreciably told on him as he seems much the same as when arraigned. That he intends to make a vigorous and hard fight for his release upon the trial of the case is evident, as his counsel is leaving no stone unturned to secure a verdict in his favor.

## Now Little Value Money Has.

Many people work, struggle and deny themselves the ordinary necessities of life in order to hoard up money. And when they come to die their money is valueless as a means of prolonged life. Not long ago Andrew Carnegie declared to a number of newspaper reporters who were interviewing him that he would willingly give two hundred millions of dollars for a guarantee that he could live ten years longer than his natural expectancy of life. What better lesson is needed to prove that money has no value when man comes to die? Carnegie has plenty of money and could easily pay two hundred millions of dollars for ten years more of life, but of what avail is it? It won't buy him ten minutes of life beyond the decree that has been placed against him by the Great Judge. The only enjoyment that can possibly come from money is the good that can be done to humanity by its use. The miser is miserably with his money. He sees no enjoyment in the mad desire for money. Carnegie has proven that money is valueless when the life is gone that was made miserable by the mad desire for riches.

## Democrats Are Jubilant.

The jubilant democrats with more confidence than they have shown so far during the campaign declare that yesterday's conventions have given them thousands of votes. They point to a possible alienation of republican votes because the republican convention was dominated by bankers. They point also to the harmony that existed in the democratic ranks, a harmony that was so intense it was painful, the first real harmony that has existed since Dan Stephens got into the fight in the Third district. No one deserves more credit for this harmonious condition of affairs than Tom Allen it is said by democrats who watched the workings of the conferences.—Lincoln Journal.

## WEDDING AT THE COURT HOUSE.

### Lincoln Couple Comes to Plattsmouth to Get Married.

Friday afternoon Judge A. J. Beeson issued a marriage license to Grover M. Gammon, aged 18, of Lincoln, and Anna Davison, aged 18, also of Lincoln, and later united the couple in marriage at his office in the court house. The young man had an affidavit of consent written on a typewriter and signed by the purported signature of his father and mother. He seemed to be considerably agitated over the event, but the young woman was quite self-possessed and rather enjoyed the affair. They stayed in the city last night and this morning the young man departed for Lincoln on No. 19 while the young woman followed on No. 7. The groom was not disposed to furnish any information about either himself or wife but the young bride was more communicative. She did not give any reason however, for their coming down here to be married nor for the groom's apparent uneasiness. The affidavit for the license was executed before F. M. Wimberley, a notary public of Lancaster county.

## Very Disagreeable.

Friday was one of the most disagreeable of the year, there being a high wind prevailing from the south, raising clouds of dust which filled the air and percolated through cracks until there was no place exempt from it. Pedestrians wandered along the streets shoveling the sand and dust out of their eyes, and those unfortunate enough to have to drive about suffered even worse. In the country the conditions are reported as being bad the dust and dirt being something fierce. Everyone hopes for rain and a change to cooler weather. The ground is very dry and pastures are badly burned out. Farmers are complaining greatly over conditions but the high winds and the clouds lead to the belief that a change is coming in the weather. It is to be hoped that it is as it is badly needed. The weather caused business in the city to be practically suspended, there being no one in from the country except those who were compelled to come on business while the townspeople stayed strictly at home unless compelled to face the miserable weather.

## Don't Tell all of It.

The Nebraska Republican reformers of to-day are the cheekiest bunch that has occupied the state house in years. They are on the stump in Nebraska today telling how very economical they have been. Then they take a side swipe at the democrats, and try to cover up their tracks of extravagance, by telling how they brought about 2-cents a mile railroad fare. But do they tell you that every democrat in the last legislature voted for the 2-cent law? Oh, no, they don't. Do they tell you that they are collecting now, just twice the amount of taxes, as the last fusion administration did and they are spending every cent of it? Oh, no. Do they tell you that they are collecting all the money the law allows, and are spending it, too? Nope. Well, its mighty easy to tax and spend the public money. Look at your tax receipts and don't be fooled by this cheeky bunch.

## Is It Our Roy?

Thursday's Omaha papers contain the notice of the issuance of a marriage license at that point to Roy McKinney, aged 22, of Omaha, and Miss Pearl Smith, aged 18, of Clinton, Ill. Rumor has it that the McKinney named in the license is Roy McKinney, formerly clerk at the Riley in this city, but diligent inquiry fails to establish this as a certain fact. A postal card received at the hotel from him states that "they" will arrive here about Christmas, but does not designate who "they" are. The card is dated several days previous to the issuance of the license and it is not known whether the "they" referred to is Mr. and Mrs. McKinney or not.

## Will Go to Denver

Rea Patterson was a passenger Friday noon for Lincoln where he went to attend the closing session of the State Bankers' Association, and Saturday joining the special excursion of the Chicago bankers enroute from Chicago to the American Bankers' Association meeting at Denver, Colorado. This will be an important meeting, and Mr. Patterson will hear much that is instructive in the way of banking information. He will also likely find the company congenial and doubtless will have an enjoyable trip. The people of Denver have mapped out an elaborate program, and will entertain the visitors in their most approved style.

## Eighty-seventh Mile Stone.

Mrs. Mahala P. Graves celebrated her eighty-seventh anniversary Thursday in the midst of nearly 150 friends, at her home in Old Rock Bluffs. She is one of the earliest settlers in Cass county, and most highly respected by all friends and neighbors, as the immense attendance would denote. Quite a number were present from Plattsmouth, including Judge Archer and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Judge Ramsey, Mrs. Sam Smith and Miss Stanfield Jones. The Journal expects to have an extended write-up of the life of Grandma Graves in our issue of next Friday, accompanied by a half-tone picture of the old lady.

## Adam Bede Beaten.

Congressman J. Adam Bede, one of the lecturers last year at the Glenwood chautauqua, was defeated this week in the primaries for re-nomination in the Duluth district up in Minnesota. When Bede ran the Tabor Beacon some years ago he was a radical Democrat. It was real mean of those Minnesota Republicans to treat Bede that way. It will discourage other Democrats from attempting to climb into the G. O. P. band wagon.—Glenwood Tribune.

## RETURN FROM IOWA VISIT

### Bryan Sentiment in Hawkeye State Booming.

Col. J. H. Thrasher and his estimable lady returned last Tuesday evening from Shelby, Iowa, where they had been attending a reunion of Mrs. Thrasher's folks. The Col. has since been confined to his house until yesterday when he succeeded in getting down town for a short time. His trouble is rheumatism. They had a delightful time at the reunion, being treated to the best in the land by their hospitable relatives. There were quite a number present, there being twenty-two at the table for a family dinner, and much pleasantness existed in the exchange of family news and notes. Mr. Thrasher was shown over the broad acres of the family and saw some of the finest crops it was ever his lot to feast his eyes upon. The entire land seems to be "flowing with milk and honey," and Dame Nature has lavished her bounty upon them in profusion. While there Mr. Thrasher had occasion to meet great numbers of people, being in Shelby several days and in the surrounding country, and he was astonished at the Bryan sentiment he ran across. He said it seemed a veritable Bryan hot-bed. He found a great number of old soldiers, most of them republicans, ready to vote for Bryan and wearing Bryan buttons. This was accounted for by Taft's attack upon the memory of the late President Grant in his memorial day speech at New York. Besides these he found the republican farmers strongly for Bryan and the laborers in the cities and towns the same way. Bryan buttons were everywhere. Mr. Thrasher was able to walk down town this morning and will likely soon be himself again.

## Havelock People Complain.

The state railway commission Friday was wrestling with the problem of reducing rates on the street railway line between Havelock and Lincoln. The city of Havelock brought an action before the board with the end in view of having the fare between the two towns cut from ten cents to five cents and yesterday the Railway Commission heard arguments from both sides on the proposition. The railway company contended that the earnings of the company did not justify the reduction and the additional fact that the Havelock and Lincoln companies were separate corporations. The Havelock people contended they were discriminated against in view of the rates in force between Lincoln and College View, and that Havelock was paying an unjust proportion of the earnings. The board took the matter under advisement.

## Burglars at Nehawka.

A special from Nehawka under date of Sept. 24th, says: "The homes of S. I. Compton, F. A. Boedeker and Charles Duckworth were burglarized last night. In each instance entrance was gained by prying a screen from a window. Mr. Compton lost \$10. Mr. Boedeker a watch and other property valued at \$75, and Mr. Duckworth a gold watch and \$2 in change."

## HALF OF THE TOWN IS DESTROYED

### Percival, Iowa, Visited by A Destructive Conflagration.

J. P. Falter Friday morning received a phone message from Percival, Iowa, to the effect that a great portion of the town had been destroyed by fire originating in the drug store. The particulars were very meager owing to the condition of the wires which were working very badly. All Mr. Falter could learn was that the fire started in the center of the town and fanned by the high wind which was blowing up the bottom from the south, swept practically everything north of the point of origin, causing a loss of about half the town. Mr. Falter is the owner of a building and stock of goods which he had only insured about two weeks ago. He was pleased to learn that his stock was not damaged, although the building sustained some loss. Percival is situated across the river about twenty miles south of Pacific Junction and is a town of several hundred people. It is a thriving little place with good business, and doubtless will recover quickly from its disaster. Mr. Falter was a passenger for Omaha this morning and will go down to Percival this afternoon from that point to investigate his loss.