

LEADERS ARE FEELING VERY CONFIDENT

Spirit of Optimism Pervades the Democratic Headquarters at Chicago and Elsewhere.

CHICAGO, Ill., Oct. 28.—A spirit of optimism pervades democratic headquarters and there is a feeling of confidence among the managers more pronounced than in any campaign since 1892. The leaders, who have been in close touch with the trend of political sentiment throughout the south and the doubtful states, have within the past few days received assurances which lead them to believe that the battle for Bryan and democracy has won, and that election day will only record the victory.

Confidential and final reports from Ohio and Indiana show that these states are safe for Bryan, not by meager but by substantial majorities, despite the stream of gold which is pouring in from the republican national committee, Bryan's great campaign in New York and the reception which he has been tendered leads to the belief that the situation there is even more favorable than the very flattering reports have indicated. Information received by democratic leaders at headquarters here is that Bryan will not lead far behind Chandler in New York City, and that he will run neck and neck with the gubernatorial candidate up the state. Confidence in both candidates getting comfortable majorities in New York is growing instead of diminishing.

Town is said to have a surprise in store. Up to the present time in order to avoid the charge of rainbow chasing, the democrats have not little about Iowa, but the situation there is now so favorable that they have good reason to believe that Bryan has won a slide

the best of the contest in that state. As the situation settles, the strength of Bryan increases.

During the past ten days two important matters have developed which have operated to the immense advantage of the democrats. The first of these was the discovery of Judge Taft's decision while on the bench, reducing wages of railway employees to \$1 a day in order that a railroad in the hands of a receiver might continue to pay interest on bonds. This decision is to be found in the Federal Reporter, volume 62, and has fixed upon him the title of "Dollar-a-Day" Taft. The declaration made by Judge Taft in this decision that the appealing railroad employees had "no standing in court," and that if they were not satisfied with the wages they could leave the employment, has had the effect of solidifying against him the labor vote, and has resulted in turning up against him others who believe in fair wages.

The other important development is the exposure by the New York World of Candidate Sherman's record in the New Mexico land fraud cases. Mr. Sherman has been utterly unable to put up a plausible defense against the charges which are based upon official records, and there has gone out a demand for his retirement from the republican ticket. While this seems not only improbable but impossible at this late date, the republican ticket will be obliged to wear the stigma and will suffer accordingly.

In Police Court

W. H. Thomas, a representative of the Rice Nursery Company, this morning lodged a complaint with Police Judge Archer averring that one Charles Hickson had been guilty of conducting himself in a vicious and offensive manner and was disturbing the peace by uttering threats against complainant. Thomas thought that Hickson ought to be looked after before he made him, said Thomas, then and there a ruin. Judge Archer in accordance with the law then and there provided and to conserve the peace and welfare of said Thomas' mind issued a warrant against the said Hickson and had the same placed in the hands of Marshal Fitzgerald to serve.

Hickson was placed under arrest by Marshal Fitzgerald and this afternoon he had his trial before Judge Archer. John M. Leyda appearing as his counsel. The case came to a sudden termination as it appeared the alleged offense was committed outside of the city limits and the police judge had no jurisdiction over the matter. Judge Archer thereupon discharged the defendant and released him from further custody.

CASS COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

The Meeting Yesterday Not Largely Attended But Very Interesting

The meeting of the Cass County Medical Society which was held at the Elks' Club rooms in this city yesterday afternoon, was marred by bad roads and an abominable train service. These two causes combined to prevent a very large attendance of outside physicians reaching the city, there being only three physicians in attendance from other points in the county. Mrs. Alex. Walker of Nebraska, M. D. Talbot of Greenwood and J. E. Brundell of Murray, were the three who succeeded in getting in here for the meeting.

Two of the most eminent Omaha physicians were in attendance as guests of the society, arriving in the city after considerable stress and trouble. Drs. Davis and Miller were to direct papers before the society and intended to come to the city on Burlington No. 1. By mistake the gentlemen got on the R. C. train for the south, instead of the Plattsmouth train, and were taken to Pacific Junction. From that point they wired the local physicians that they would be over on No. 7. It happened that a freight car derailed on the bridge caused No. 7 to be annulled and consequently the gentlemen started to walk to this city. They fortunately were met by a switch engine and were enabled to get here about two o'clock in the afternoon, after walking several miles.

They read two very interesting and instructive papers before the society and a general discussion of them which followed, was highly edifying and beneficial to all members of the society. The meeting taken all around was a very interesting one and it is greatly regretted that there could not have been more present to hear the able papers and participate in the discussion. The visiting physicians were entertained by the local members of the society with a dinner at the Hotel Riley.

The delivery team of Fred G. Egenberger, while being taken to the watering trough this afternoon, escaped from the care of the driver, Henry Stendyke, and took a brief spin down Main street. They did not go far until they were stopped without doing any damage to anyone or anything. They created a whole lot of excitement, however, during their short career.

In District Court

The Herold-Coates case is still on tap in district court, W. W. Coates being on the stand yesterday and today. His direct examination elicited nothing of startling importance so far as showing any guilt on the part of Herold was concerned while on cross-examination which occupied yesterday afternoon and today, Attorney Gering unmercifully grilled him, and forced from him many statements which did the defense positive injury. It is not probable the case will reach the jury before tomorrow morning as the attorneys are expected to spend as much time in arguments as the court will allow. The attendance is greater as the end of the case comes in sight and the public hopes to hear the arguments of the attorneys in the case.

Plattsmouth State Bank.

The work upon the room in the Coates Block, where the Plattsmouth State Bank will make its new quarters, is being hurried to a finish, it being the intention to have the room and fixtures in shape for occupancy by next Monday, Nov. 2. The new floor has been laid and the room papered and today the work of installing the handsome new fixtures is well under way. The new quarters, when completed, will be as pleasant and neat as any in the city and denote a prosperous and well conducted business for this comparatively new bank. The Journal expects to make an extended and complete write-up of the new location just as soon as the room is in shape for occupancy.

WILL HAVE THE WRONG RIGHTED

Hon. B. P. Waggoner, General Counsel, So States to Mayor Gering

Mayor Henry R. Gering several days since took occasion to enclose Hon. B. P. Waggoner, general counsel of the M. P. railway, the article recently appearing in the Journal which related to the refusal of their night operator at this point to sell tickets between the hours of five and seven in the morning, and also called attention to their refusal to accept express for shipment, and their failure to inform patrons of the probable time of arrival of trains. Today he was in receipt of a communication from Mr. Waggoner thanking him for the article, and assuring him that it would not be necessary to take up the matter with the state railroad commission as he, Mr. Waggoner, would see that the officials of the road at St. Louis, Mo., were informed of the circumstances and that justice would be done our people and the wrongs complained of righted. This certainly will be welcome news to everyone who has occasion to travel over that road, and in Mr. Waggoner is successful in his efforts to secure a compliance with the law and to restore a full and honest treatment for our people, he will receive the thanks of all. It is to be hoped that some speedy action is taken by the railroad company in the premises.

Mrs. John Nemora, mention of whose illness has been made in the Journal is reported this morning as being considerably improved. Her many friends will be rejoiced to learn of her improvement and the probabilities that it will not be necessary to perform an operation in her case.

Abusing Franchise Privilege.

The Omaha World-Herald says: "E. M. Pollard, a congressman from Nebraska, is calling to the voters of this state, postage free, under his official frank, an article on 'Elections' from the New York Independent, a partisan letter of Roosevelt's translated into German and other languages, a speech by Elmer Root lauding James Schoolcraft Sherman, and other republican campaign material which never came from a government printing office or saw the inside of the Congressional Record."

DAVID B. HILL FOR THE NEBRASKAN

Says Mr. Bryan is Right on Every Contested Question.

Before a magnificent audience at Albany, N. Y., last night ex-senator David B. Hill came out strong for Bryan for president and delivered a thrilling and telling speech of introduction in which he hit the republican candidate some telling blows as well as giving to Mr. Bryan a great tribute as to his righteousness in this campaign. It is a splendid and deserved encomium to the Great Commoner. Below is what Senator Hill says: "Our candidate owes his nomination not to any one man, nor any set of men, but only to the people themselves. If elected, he will be the president himself, and not a dummy for any man."

"He will not be led around with a string like a great caged bear." Ex-Senator Hill, referring to the republican charge that a panic would follow Mr. Bryan's election, declared that it would not be a business panic, "but it would be a panic on the part of the hundreds and thousands of federal officeholders and public officials who will have to surrender their places to the victorious party."

He concluded his encomium of Mr. Bryan by saying that "our candidate is your friend. He is my friend. He is the friend of the people. He has been the courageous, sincere and constant friend of labor ever since he has been in public life. He is as incorruptible as he is brave, and he can neither be purchased nor intimidated."

An Old Mule

L. B. Brown, of Rock Bluffs, was in the city today, and a caller at the Journal office. Last Tuesday night Mr. Brown's favorite old mule, as the saying goes, "passed in his checks" at the remarkable age of 33 years. Mr. Brown has owned this faithful old animal since 1874. He was foaled in 1870 near Bartlett, Iowa, and has not been harnessed for eight years, nor has he even had a bridle on him but once in five years. Mr. Brown has taken excellent care of the faithful old mule. Thirty-three years is a pretty old age for mule or horse to arrive at, and we very much doubt if there is another animal in Nebraska that has ever attained this remarkable age.

A VOTE for Shallenberger is a vote for security of your bank deposits.

A VOTE for Shallenberger is a vote for the right to elect your own precinct assessor.

TO MAKE sure that you vote for W. B. Banning for senator, make a "x" in the circle opposite his name.

IN case you desire to vote for Col. M. A. Bates for float representative, see that a "x" is made in the circle opposite his name.

IF you don't want Joe Cannon for speaker of the next house, vote against E. M. Pollard. He will vote for Cannon if he is elected.

KEEP it before the voters of Cass county—Ernest M. Pollard will support Joe Cannon for Speaker if he is elected to represent the First district in congress again.

THE valuation on farm lands in Nebraska was increased twenty-four per cent this year by the State Board. Look at your receipt and honestly ask yourself if you don't want a change in our state government.

VOTE for John P. Sattler and O. W. Laughlin if you would have two good men to represent Cass county in the next state legislature. See that a "x" is made in the circle opposite their names on the election ballot.

IF you want a clear headed, unselfish, conscientious gentleman to represent Cass in Nebraska State Senate, vote for William B. Banning. In him you will have a representative that will reflect credit upon himself, as well as the people he serves. See that an "x" is placed in the circle opposite his name.

A VOTE for McGuire is a vote to send a man to congress who will not aid in the placing of Speaker Cannon back in his chair and a man who will properly represent this district and not aid in the matter of fostering trusts and monopolies.

GOVERNOR SHELTON helped to pass the new revenue law. He worked hard for that law. He argued that the people could not be trusted to elect a precinct assessor who would assess farm land high enough. Therefore he wanted them appointed. Governor Sheldon holds that same view now and is bitterly opposed to the election of precinct assessors by direct vote of the people.

C. M. SEYBERT should be elected to the office of county commissioner because he better represents that class of taxpayers whose interests are especially identified with the business of the board of county commissioners. Think of this when you go to the polls to vote next Tuesday. See that a "x" is placed in the circle opposite the name of C. M. Seybert for county commissioner.

THE voters of Cass county are satisfied that W. C. Ramsey possesses all the qualifications essential to fill the county attorney's office with credit to himself and the county, and are therefore going to elect this sterling young man. If you want to vote a straight republican ticket with the exception of county attorney, see that a "x" is placed in the circle opposite his name on the election ballot.

IT will be remembered that in the noted presidential campaign of 1876, when the republicans saw they were defeated, "Moxy" Morton, then sojourning in California for his health, telegraphed to Old Zack Chandler of Michigan "to claim everything." That was the leaders done, and everybody knows that Samuel J. Tilden was defrauded out of the presidency. The same tactics are being worked by the republicans this year, but the fates are against them.

TAXES on farm land are climbing higher and higher each year, while railroad taxes are being lowered. This is due to the arbitrary taxing power of the State Assessment Board. They are so close to the railroads and so far from the people that the railroads pay less than their share and the farmers pay more than their share. A vote for Shallenberger is a vote to curb the arbitrary taxing power of the State Board. A vote for Sheldon is a vote to leave the law as it now stands which means still higher taxes for the farmer.

EPISCOPAL CONVO-CATION CONVENES

Interesting and Instructive Services Are Commenced at Lincoln.

The Episcopal convocation which began yesterday at Lincoln is quite well attended, clergymen from all parts of the state being present together with a number of outside ministers and churchmen of great repute. Among the clergymen in attendance is Canon H. B. Burgess of this city. The business done yesterday included the following: Convocation services held at the Holy Trinity church yesterday morning and afternoon were attended by a number of the church people as well as the clergy of the city.

The morning program consisted of a celebration of holy communion at 7:30, Rt. Rev. Arthur L. Williams conducting the service. At this service, Rev. A. H. Marsh was epistole and Rev. W. H. Moore, gospeller. At 9:30 morning prayers were read by Rev. S. Mills Hayes and Rev. H. Harris, D. D. At the business session which began at 10 o'clock reports were received from the different pastors, and resolutions were passed in reference to the death of Rt. Rev. George Worthington, late bishop of Nebraska.

The business session was followed by the lecture of Rev. Rufus A. Taftford, Ph. D., of Chicago who lectured on "Old Testament and Modern Criticism." The clergymen were interested in his lecture that he was requested to continue his discourse at the afternoon instead of taking up the subject assigned him on the printed program.

Before the afternoon session, the hospitality of the convocation was extended to Rev. Dr. R. A. Taftford, Rev. Mr. W. W. Lawrence, both of Lincoln, and visiting clergymen.

At five o'clock evening services were conducted by Rev. S. Mills Hayes and Rev. William A. Moulthrop. In the evening, Rev. and Mrs. S. Mills Hayes gave an informal reception at the rectory in honor of the clergymen, the attendant of the Holy Trinity church and the St. James church. The reception was a very informal, and Mrs. Hayes was assisted by Mesdames C. H. Hiden and C. G. Crittenden in serving the refreshments.

Colder Weather in Sight.

Persons at the depot at noon witnessed the spectacle of two large flocks of ducks hovering over the river and the lakes on the Iowa side, indicating that there was colder weather in sight. The weather during the day has been very fine, bracing and cold but with bright and sparkling sunlight. It is reported that game such as geese and ducks on the river is very plentiful and it is to be expected that the hunters of this vicinity will take advantage of this fact to swarm out and get a few of them. The change to colder is almost certain to make the shooting good. The ducks in sight this noon were flying high but seemed to light in the lakes on the other side of the river.

The First National Bank, which has not yet entirely closed up their many improvements, is today engaged in relaying the sidewalk in front of their handsome new building. W. J. White has the contract, and they expect the work to be smooth and level when the work is completed. It is a much needed change.

Saturday Night Dance.

There will be a dance at Coates' Hall on Saturday night, October 31.

Walter Stottler, who recently was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who was a daughter of Eli Eaton of Liberty precinct, accompanied Mr. Eaton to this city today. Mrs. Stottler was buried a few days since at Union.

John P. Sattler, the next representative of Cass county in the legislature, departed this afternoon for different points in the county looking after his fences. John is a splendid representative citizen and a vote for him is a vote for an honest, clean legislator.

Oscar Hoffman of Ashland was in the city this morning looking after business matters. It has been a number of years since Mr. Hoffman was here and he was much surprised to notice the change in the river channel in front of the city. He departed for his home on the mail train at noon.

Henry Born and wife were passengers this morning on the early train having come in from their home in the country.

THE records in the State Auditor's office show that the state tax levied on the railroads for 1905 is \$27,754.55 less than last year, while the state tax levied on other property for 1905 is \$182,910.02 more than last year and every dollar of this increase is on farm land. A vote for Sheldon means that your taxes on farm land will continue to go higher and higher, while a vote for Shallenberger is a vote for a more just system of taxation which means lower taxes for the other property owners.

CANNON THE ISSUE IN NEBRASKA

The Fight on Pollard Becoming More Prominent Every Day

Lincoln, Neb., Oct. 28.—The Cannon issue is becoming more marked as the campaign draws to its close. Here in the First district it is declared by many than Congressman Pollard's steadfast refusal to take a stand against Cannon will cost him re-election.

Congressmen Norris, Hinshaw and Boyd have given out statements that they are against Cannon for speaker, but they refuse to go the length of bolting him if the caucus declares for him. Inasmuch as but a small per cent of the republican candidates for congress in the country are opposed to Cannon it is a self-evident fact that the opposition to him amounts to nothing unless his enemies will refuse to be bound by a caucus declaration for him.

This is pretty well understood by the voters of the state and those congressmen who seek to make themselves square with their constituents by simply promising to forswear Cannon in the caucus are not likely to gain many votes that way.

Rev. Samuel Zane Batten of Lincoln, has given out a letter for publication here, attacking Congressman Pollard for his persistent refusal to announce himself on the Cannon issue.

Edgar Howard was in Lincoln a few hours today, having stopped over on his way to Omaha. Judge Howard said that from the results of a partial poll of the state he cannot see how Bryan's majority in this state can be less than 23,000, while the likelihood is that it will be greater. He said he had no doubt that Latta will be elected in the Third district.

Extending Membership

Dr. E. W. Cook who recently had the territory of British Columbia added to his jurisdiction as physician for the Modern Woodmen of America, is now receiving many applications from that territory which is indicative of the work being done by the members of the order in that territory. It shows that a strong effort is being made to extend the membership and make that territory good and productive. From Dr. Cook the applications are forwarded direct to the head office at Rock Island, Ill., his location being in an excellent position for handling these applications.

Mr. Jacob Matthes of Carroll, Ia., was in the city last night and this morning visiting his old friend, Joseph Stendyke. Mr. Matthes is quite a large land owner in the state of Kansas and makes a regular visit to his farms every fall, visiting with Mr. Stendyke on each trip. He is now on his road to Kansas and left for that state on the mail train at noon, going to Omaha from which point he leaves for the south.

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