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## OUR SOUTHERN GUEST

### Hon. Tom Watson Addresses an Enormous Nebraska Audience.

### POPULIST DAY IN LINCOLN.

#### A Character Sketch of the Populist Vice-Presidential Candidate.

As Seen with Woman's Eyes.

The great populist meeting was advertised to take place at 2 p. m. in the Lansing theatre in the city of Lincoln, the capital of Nebraska.

It was not a free silver republican meeting. It was not a free silver democratic meeting. It was an out and out populist meeting and the speaker was Tom Watson, the vice-presidential nominee of the populist convention. There were men of all parties present, but it was a populist meeting. Reader, do you remember the time only a very few years ago, when only a dozen or so true-hearted men could be gathered to hear a populist speaker?

Shortly after 1 o'clock the reporters took possession of the tables on the stage. At half past one, the doors were opened and the audience began to file in. The theatre was packed to the roof, the stage was rapidly filled and hundreds were standing unable to get seats and so stood until the close of the meeting.

At 2 o'clock precisely, Tom Watson walked on the stage preceded by Mr. Edmisten, the chairman of the state populist committee. A burst of applause and all leaned forward to gaze at the slight, boyish looking figure and smoothly shaven face of the southern orator who is making such a commotion in all the political parties of the United States at the present moment. If he gets elected, he will be the most famous vice president known in the history of the United States. He does not look like the popular idea of the fiery southerner. He looks quiet, almost insignificant, but there is a hint, a suggestion of the nature of the man, in his hair which is dark brown with a glint of fire in it. His shortness and smoothness and well kept look suggest self control.

He begins to speak in a quiet conversational way, taking the audience into his confidence at once, as do all true orators. He reads an extract from one of the little local republican dailies which purports to give the date of his arrival in the city, the words he uttered and even the sandwiches he ate. He denies the report sentence by sentence, thus showing the unreliability of the goldbug dailies, and when the laughter of the audience has subsided he gets down to the work in hand by saying, "I am a populist." That fact must be thoroughly understood by the audience. He did not try to curry favor with the free silver republicans, neither did he try to curry favor with the free silver democrats. He stood on the platform of the principles of the populist party.

When he scored the railroad corporation senator from this state, John M. Thurston, the great audience cheered heartily. When he scored the democratic corporation attorneys in Cleveland's cabinet at Washington, there was a very feeble attempt at a cheer. He aroused both laughter and cheers by a pointed sarcasm at the contrast. He gave a masterly exposition of the principles and doctrines of the populist party. As he warmed up to his work he carried his audience with him. His sentences were short and concise, and brilliant with paradoxes. He was quick and ready with reply and repartee to his political opponents, who now and then flung out a question or a challenge. He showed thorough knowledge and understanding of the tax question as well as of the money question, and in discussing the latter he hit the gist of the whole subject when he said that the ruling of Grover Cleveland in all the transactions, was "that gold must be accepted as the money of final payment, and that the whole effort of the money power was to have that ruling enacted into law."

He pledged his support to Bryan and there was prolonged cheering. When his speech closed, the audience gave him three cheers and again three cheers. It amounted to an ovation.

Throughout the whole of the speech he never once mentioned the name of Sewall, his rival for the vice-presidential chair.

Such in brief is the character and personality of one of the most remarkable figures brought to the surface by one of the most remarkable political masters recorded in our history, a man whom which has split asunder all existing parties except one, and that exception, the one party that stands for reform—the peoples party, whose representatives are Bryan and Tom Watson.

Governor Holcomb, J. B. Weaver, Taubeneck and other true patriots, calling them traitors etc. Paul has about as much sense as a guinea-pig and is not recognized in his own state as anything more than a nincompoop and we wonder at the Noncon granting him space in which to sling his vile epithets. Mr. Paul Vandervoort should be extensively advertised as a fraud.—The Index.

Iowa Safe for Bryan.

The gold bug New York World sent a staff correspondent to Iowa to report on election prospects in that state. The first sentences of his report are as follows:

"Des Moines, Ia., Sept. 9.—It may startle people in the east to know that as Iowa stands today the vote is about a tie.

"The extraordinary strength of the silver sentiment here has been suddenly revealed to the republican state committee by the preliminary canvass of the counties.

"The republicans do not attempt to conceal the facts. They frankly admit that the state is dangerously close. And the most remarkable thing about it is that Mr. Hanna has been looking for a republican majority of fifty or seventy-five thousand in Iowa."

The cause of this state of affairs, the staff correspondent says, is a letter given by the order of a railroad superintendent, to every employe on pay day. It contained the following sentence:

"If the doctrines of the silver party are true, the products of the farm are to bring a higher price. Do you wish to vote to increase the price of a sack of flour or the meat you buy? If this doctrine is true, all articles brought from foreign countries will be doubled in price."

The free silver men printed hundreds of thousands of the circular and sent one to nearly every farmer in the state, and the result drove the gold bugs nearly wild.

The chairman of the republican committee, Cummings, said that there were 30,000 free silver republicans whose votes were doubtful. The chairman of the democratic committee said:

"The republicans class this vote as doubtful, but I know that it is solid for free silver. We are gaining converts every day. Senator Teller will make eight speeches in Iowa, and Bryan will make five in October. Bryan will carry Iowa by 25,000 majority."

### A TRAITOR'S WORK.

#### Hanna's Latest Effort to Defeat Bryan.

A statement of Paul Vandervoort to the effect that Gov. Holcomb had betrayed the populist party and that the Nebraska populist electors would vote for Sewall having appeared in the New York World, the following telegram was sent to that paper:

"We desire to emphatically deny the statement in the Thrice-a-Week World of September 14, made by Paul Vandervoort, and declare that every assertion in it is false. The populist electors of Nebraska are all men of unsullied reputation and every one of them will vote for Bryan and Tom Watson. There has been no 'infamous sell out' of populist electors. Tom Watson was invited to the state by the populist state committee. He made four speeches to enormous audiences; was everywhere met with outstretched hands of joyous welcome, and publicly announced that he had never been the recipient of a warmer reception anywhere in the south.

"The chairman of the state populist committee sent this telegram to the national headquarters at the close of Watson's speech in Lincoln: 'Tom Watson made the greatest speech to 4,000 people in Lincoln this afternoon that was ever made on Nebraska soil.'"

"We denounce Paul Vandervoort as a traitor, whose sole object is to defeat Bryan. His reputation for twenty years has been that of a railroad capper around the Nebraska legislature. He has been excluded from all populist conventions and is known among populists as a 'Hannacrat.' He holds an office by gift of republican McKinleyites and we warn all friends of Bryan and Tom Watson to beware of him."

(Signed) J. H. EDMISTEN, Chairman.  
B. R. B. WEBER, Secretary.

Mr. Stewart Answered.

To the Editor: John M. Stewart, in the Journal, yesterday consoles the farmers of Nebraska for the half price they are receiving for the product of their labor, with the fact that the mechanics are working at half price too. Not much consolation as long as the McKinley party propose no remedy. "Why" says Mr. Stewart, "look at the prices the farmers pay for things necessary on the farm, and compare them with prices twenty-five years ago:"

	1895.	1871.
Farm wagon.....	\$50 00	\$100 00
Spring wagon.....	40 00	125 00
Corn cultivator.....	16 00	35 00
Mowing Machine and Rake.....	55 00	100 00
Sewing Machine.....	25 00	50 00
Barbed Wire per pound (wholesale).....	03 (1877)	12
Lined Oil, per gallon (wholesale).....	33	75
Shingles per thousand (wholesale).....	2 00	4 00

Does not Mr. Stewart know that mechanics make those farm implements and that the Bryan party proposes to remedy their case as much as that of the farmer?

It would make no difference with either if farmer and mechanic changed work at half price if everybody would do the same thing with them, but how is it—do doctors, lawyers and office holders work for half price for farmers and mechanics



SHERMAN AND CLEVELAND ARE SLEEPING TOGETHER.

—Chicago Record.

### Are taxes halved? Are debts and interest cut in two. Nothing of the kind. Now if farmers and mechanics have a spark of manhood left they will vote to equalize prices as they were before the republicans demonized silver. On the other hand if you like the way things are going you have only to vote the goldbug ticket and it will go on and grow worse and worse until you are crushed down to pauperlabor prices. If Bryan is elected it will be the country vote. The slums and upper crust of cities are all for McKinley.

H. W. HARDY.

### A Brilliant Success.

Yesterday afternoon's meeting in the interests of an organized silver movement among the ladies proves conclusively that women are fully as active and wide awake on the questions of the day as the men. The result of the organizer's unflagging efforts to unite the influence of women on the silver issue was a complete surprise to those who predicted apathy and indifference on the part of the ladies.

The large parlor in the Lincoln hotel was crowded to its utmost seating capacity, and every lady wore her most benignant smile and approving countenance. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Olmstead, the prime mover in the matter, who in a few well directed remarks stated the object for which they were met, then invited Mrs. M. D. Welch to the chair temporarily. At this juncture the Hon. T. E. Watson was introduced, who paid his addresses to the ladies in a delightfully complimentary speech of some ten minutes, after which they all had the distinguished pleasure of grasping his hand.

A permanent organization was speedily effected, with Mrs. W. M. Morning, president; Mrs. Tiffany, first vice president; Mrs. Hoxie, secretary; and Mrs. M. E. Olmstead, treasurer. This auxiliary was then launched under the name of the "Mary Bryan Silver Club," in honor of the woman whom the Hon. W. J. Bryan everywhere and at all times exalts as an equal sharer in all the joys and triumphs of his splendid career. The club starts out under the most favorable auspices and with a membership of one hundred as refined, intelligent and enthusiastic ladies as can be enlisted in any cause whatsoever in this city.

It was decided to meet next Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Lincoln hotel, when the committee on constitution and by-laws will report definite arrangements as to future plans be entered into. It was especially gratifying to the organizer that her appeal was not made to those who "having ears refuse to hear, and having understanding put away wisdom." Enthusiasm for Bryan and his glorious cause is now uncoiled in the camp of the Mary Bryan Silver Club, and the public may confidently anticipate telling results on November 3d.

A gold standard man was telling an Atchison county farmer what he should do at the approaching election. "How do you know what I should do for my best interest?" said the farmer. "You never did a day's work on the farm in your life." "No, I never worked on a farm," the townsman replied, "but I worked my head." "So does a woodpecker," quickly replied the farmer, "but I never heard tell of one saving a country."—Atchison County (Mo.) Daily Mail.

### A GOOD FIRM.

On the last page of this paper is the advertisement of the Hardy Furniture Company. This is the oldest, most reliable and best established furniture house in the west. They will do exactly as they advertise.

We should like to have all of our readers write them for their catalogue and price lists. You can save money by buying your furniture direct from them. Always mention the INDEPENDENT when writing to advertisers.

### A WARNING.

What May Be Expected If Hanna's Millions Defeat the Will of the People.

If unlimited money can settle the issues now before the country, Bryan is beaten, the democratic party is whipped and disorganized, silver will be permanently demonetized, gold will become the sole standard of value in paying debts, corporation notes without legal tender quality will be the sole money available for borrowers and for the payment of wages; the usurped power of the federal courts will be extended, government by injunction will be established, trial by jury will be abolished wherever plutocracy has need of haste in putting down the people; the national debt will be perpetuated and increased, bond issues in time of peace will be continued to form a basis for a corporation currency and to prevent the free circulation of gold; wages and the products of our industries of farm and factory will be forced steadily downwards; the wealth of the country will continue to flow into the possession of the few who are already immensely wealthy and the "commune of capital" will be permanently established on the ruins of a government in which Washington and Jefferson saw the world's hope for freedom, for equality, for justice.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

### WHEN SHERMAN WAS HONEST

Legislation Alone Gives Value to the Precious Metals.

When John Sherman thought less of self and more of his country, and when he was less subservient to the money power, he wrote as follows in a report made to the United States senate June 9, 1868. All his sophistry of today cannot weaken the force or cloud the truth of what he then said:

"The gold single standard is an American idea, yielded so reluctantly by France and other countries where gold and silver are the standard of value. The annual supply of the precious metals has little or nothing to do with their value. What is it, then, that affects their value chiefly? Is it the demand? What is it that constitutes the demand for gold? Is it for the use in the arts? Very little of it can be used. Therefore, it is its use as money that creates a demand for it and gives it its value. If all the European states and our country were today to demonetize gold and remonetize silver would not these two metals immediately change places? Now, if this be true, what is it that creates the value of the precious metals? It is legislation. Legislation gives value to the precious metals and the commercial value simply records the condition of legislation with reference to the precious metals. Now, if legislation creates the chief demand for money, if we legislate so as to utilize silver, we increase the demand and thus increase the value of silver."

Euclid Martin says that a poll of a factory down in Indiana showed that the wage workers in it were 85 per cent for McKinley. A poll of the directors of the Bank of England was taken about the same time, and it showed that 99 per cent of them were also for McKinley. A poll of Wall street showed exactly the same result. A poll of New York asylum for imbeciles showed 100 per cent for McKinley. Hurrah! for the polls.

The republicans now go around Lincoln saying that there was not a word of politics in Tom Watson's speech; it was simply a patriotic oration, the sentiments of which all men approve. Why don't they vote for them then?

Tom Watson made a speech to about one hundred women at the Lincoln hotel after he returned from the Lansing theatre, who were as enthusiastic as the crowd he had just left. The ladies had gathered there to organize a Bryan free silver club.

Breeders of fine stock can find no better advertising medium than this paper.

## REPUBLICAN ROBBERS

### A Sample of the Manner in Which the Republicans Conduct Their Offices.

### STOLE 4,641 TONS OF COAL

#### In Just One Year—Wholesale Robbery in Various Other Directions.

A Comparative Statement. No honest man in the state who knows the facts in regard to the stealing done by republican state officials can vote to continue these pilferers in office. We use the word stealing in its common, every-day sense and mean just what we say—to filch, pilfer and purloin.

The official reports taken from the books at the capitol show this state of affairs at the insane asylum under republican rule. Glance at the following columns of figures and see how much coal these republican thieves stole during the year 1891. The figures show the number of tons of coal paid for by the state to run that building under republican thieves and also under the honest administration of Governor Holcomb:

Thieves' Administration.	Holcomb's Administration.
Tons.	Tons.
January.....550	1891 181
February.....628	1891 255
March.....527	1891 190
April.....412	1891 148
May.....524	1891 94
June.....511	1891 131
July.....450	1891 115
August.....499	1891 106
September.....464	1891 108
October.....751	1891 226
November.....759	1891 282
December.....762	1891 382
Total.....6,839	2,198

The saving in one year was 4,641 tons, or, in plain, every day English these republican thieves stole in one year 4,641 tons of coal from the insane asylum. It was a pretty big steal if you will consider that it would take a bin 12 feet wide, 8 feet high and 2,848 feet long, or more than half a mile in length to hold it. Again, take cars of 40,000 pounds capacity and it would require 342 cars, making a train of over two and a third miles long to transport this coal to the asylum for the single year of 1891, and yet one little mule team hauled all that was taken out there.

The above is an account of one item of theft at one state institution. The same sort of work is shown up by the books at the state house to have been carried on at the penitentiary and at every other place where these thieves had control. If you want it to continue vote the republican state ticket and you will get the same kind of government that they have always given.

The appropriation for lights and fuel at the insane asylum for 1891 was \$16,000. The thieves brought in a deficiency bill for \$11,421.95. The appropriation for 1897 was \$11,000, and Mr. Rawick will return to the state treasury over \$1,000 of that. That is the difference between an honest management and the management of a set of thieves.

### A TRIO OF SCALLAWAGS

#### Who Seek to Disrupt the Harmony Which Now Prevails Among Populists.

Paul Vandervoort, Bill Dech and the illustrious C. M. Clark of this city comprise a riot of former well known populists whom the members of that political organization will do well to watch. That they are soreheads and disgruntled politicians is apparent to all and they are now seeking to disrupt the party of this state by urging upon the honest populists the necessity of calling a middle of the road state convention.

The faucet of Mark Hanna's barrel has been turned into these gentlemen's pockets and now by the most contemptible and underhanded methods, they seek to turn votes from Bryan in favor of Major McKinley. We give the populists credit for more sense than to be influenced in any manner by any such unprincipled political blacklegs as the trio above named and can assure them that small bore shysters of their ilk will be most effectually squelched in their efforts to interfere with the present harmonious condition of affairs which exists between the democrats and populists of the state.

Any man is entitled to change his political beliefs when he discovers that he cannot consistently support a principle or set of principles which do not coincide with his ideas of justice and right, but when he does so change his beliefs he should have the courage to

come out and say so. But with the trio of unprincipled scallawags above referred to we do not credit them with any sincerity in their flap to the side of Mark Hanna. That it was occasioned by the offer of boodle goes without saying, and like a thief in the night, they will steal upon their former political associates and stab them down, metaphorically speaking, for the sake of a few paltry dollars and for the sake of that arch enemy to the welfare of this country, Mark A. Hanna. Populists, we warn you to beware of such traitors as Vandervoort, Dech and Clark.

The Old Soldiers in Line.

At a meeting of the Veteran Soldier's Bryan Club No. 1 of Lincoln, Neb., last night held at the Lincoln Hotel Hon. Wm. Leese was chosen chairman; Porta Wilson Vice-chairman, Mart Howe Secretary, and Jerome Shamp, Treasurer.

There are 125 members from this city and between 55 and 60 from the country. The membership is expected to be about 300 before this month is out. The regular meetings will be held every Tuesday evening, to which all old soldiers in sympathy with the 16 to 1 movement are cordially invited. The old veterans were very enthusiastic and relieved themselves until after 10:30 p. m. by speaking and singing. They were highly incensed to think that the generals who have been living on the fat of the land at the people's expense, should presume on their former position to come here to dictate to those who have been tried, and suffered on account of the contracted currency here in the far west, and the following resolution was passed unanimously; Be it

Resolved by the Veteran Soldiers' Bryan Club of Lincoln, That while we respect our old comrades and commanders, Generals Howard, Algers, Sickles and Seigel for their courage and valor on the field of battle, we do not recognize their authority nor wisdom in their attempt to control or direct the ballots of those who marched in the ranks—whose equal valor and courage placed the wreaths of laurels upon their brow.

We believe that, as citizens we are competent to decide for ourselves our duties as such; further that we are more loyal to the 'Old Flag' than are those who consent to the control by foreign nations of our financial policy.

### LOGAN'S PROPHECIC VISION.

He Accurately Foretells the Direful Effects of Contraction.

The following is an extract from a speech made in the United States senate by General John A. Logan on withdrawal of the treasury notes:

"I, for one, can see no benefit only to the money holders and those who receive interest and have fixed incomes. I can see, as a result of this legislation, our business operations crippled and wages for labor reduced to a mere pittance. I can see the beautiful prairies of my own state and of the great west, which are blooming as gardens, with towers along the pathway of improvement, again sinking back to idleness. I can see mortgage fiends at their hellish work. I can see the hopes of the industrious farmers blasted as they burn corn for fuel because its price will not pay the cost of transportation and dividends on millions of dollars of fictitious railway stocks and bonds. I can see our people of the west groaning and burdened under taxation to pay debts of states, counties and cities incurred when money was more abundant and bright hopes of the future were held out to lead them on. I can see the people of our western states who are producers reduced to the condition of serfs to pay interest on public and private debts to the money sharks of Wall street, New York, and of Thread-needle street in London, England."

If you are in need of clothing, write to the Hub Clothing store at Lincoln and the Nebraska Clothing store at Omaha and get their catalogues giving samples of cloth and prices. Compare their prices and buy where you can save money. They are both responsible firms, and ship their goods to all parts of the state. See their advertisements on page 5. When writing them mention the NEBRASKA INDEPENDENT.

Kills All the Women.

ASPEN, Colo., Sept. 23.—Antonio Cuzee, a young Swiss, living on a ranch twelve miles from this city, shot and killed his wife and her mother, Mrs. Mary Quinn Cuzee wararrested. He says that the insults and taunts of the women made him mad and that the shooting was entirely unpremeditated. He also claims that his wife was unfaithful. They were all the women in the family.

Biggest Dish Factory Burned.

TRAVESER CITY, Mich., Sept. 23.—Fire occasioned a loss of about \$50,000 to the Oval Wood Dish company, whose factory is the largest of the kind in the world. Two hundred hands are thrown out of work temporarily.