THE TREASURERS BOND

Treasurer-Elect Meserve May Offer a Guaranty Company as Surety.

IN LIEU OF THE BANKERS

Legislature May Conclude to Meet the Expense Out of Interest on Deposit,

And Still Save Money.

State Treasurer Meserve will probably give bond through a guaranty bond company. Owing to his determination, announced during the campaign, to require the outgoing treasurer to count out the state funds in cash, and his expressed intention of accounting to the state for interest on state funds, the impression became quite general that the banks had entered into an agreement that they would not go upon his bond. Whether that be true or not, it is stated by populists that Mr. Meserve will probably not ask them to become his bondsmen, but will offer to furnish a well known guaranty bond company as his security.

It is understood that this company will demand something like $4,500 to furnish a bond of the magnitude of that required by the state of its treasurer. This would entail an expenditure larger than the salary, and it is claimed that the legislature will come to the treasurer's relief and appropriate funds with which to meet this expense. It will be urged that the state can well afford to do this, if the treasurer shall hereafter pay into the treasury the interest received on deposits of state funds.

It is also claimed that these guaranty bond companies are better security than the ordinary list of individuals, and that republicans are not in a position to object for the reason that one of the republican county officials here has given that variety of bond and one of the republican state senators from this county two years ago introduced a measure requiring public officers to give bond through guaranty companies.

FOOTINGS TO DATE.

H. W. Hardy Moralizes on the Effect of Election on Nebraska.

Editor Post: We have had conflicts; great nations have gone to war; blood and carnage have drenched the earth. We have had contests on forum and in senates, but the world never witnessed such a contest as we have just passed through—fourteen millions men, and as many women and children, about equally divided, contending for a time honored principle, one that had prevailed in this country and all over the world till within a few years, was never witnessed before. It was for individual rights on one side and for the right to dominate on the other.

The contest was the most unequal on record. The common people, farmers and mechanics, on one side; on the other the money lenders, banks, corporations of all kinds, trusts, syndicates and combines, together with newspapers and magazines, with few exceptions. There was five times more money used than ever before, and cords of railroad passes given away to those who would promise to vote as directed.

There never was as much intimidation and threatening of the laboring class and it led to deceit, cloaked and covered by the Australian ballot. More than 500 here in Lincoln wore the McKinley badges but voted for Bryan, and undoubtedly many of them took McKinley money—all this to hold their jobs. Who will dare say that these dependent men were criminals or cowards? The following confession is from the Nebraska State Journal:

"A large number of Bryanites in Lincoln evidently took the advice of the boy orator in wearing the McKinley button in public and voting for him in private. Evil communications corrupt good manners, and doubtless if the object of this hypocrisy and deception was to injure the feelings of the good and true republicans, that object was obtained. The Journal feels sure that no republicans wore the Bryan badge and voted for McKinley. Republicans are not made of that kind of stuff."

There were no corporations, no city, state or national governments, to threaten McKinley men, for the cussedness was all on their side. A strange freak is now being exhibited—a democratic president turning out of office regular democrats of his own appointment just for supporting the regular democratic ticket.

We are now told that the whole country is on the high road to confidence and prosperity excepting in Nebraska and Kansas. They having gone into the hands of the silver popocrats, and that means economical management, death to thieves and less taxes, which alone is sure to ruin any state.

The half million school money will be loaned out, providing it can be found, and the interest applied to the support of public schools, the same having stuck to the fingers of the state officers for the last ten or fifteen years.

The able bodied men in the penitentiary; with all that shop room and with the help of all that machinery and steam power, will be made to earn their own living.

Other state institutions will be run in the interest of the inmates.

The legislature can and ought to be run for half what the republicans have expended in years back.

Any and all of these things will ruin the state, let republicans tell it.

Two hundred thousand a year saved, and no more big defalcations, will not offend the taxpayers.

H. W. HARDY.

VOTING MACHINE.

Records the Result Within Two Minutes of the Close of the Polls.

The first election returns sent out from any point in the country during the recent election came from Hudson, Mich., says the Chicago Tribune. The polls closed at 5 o'clock and two minutes later the result of the ballot for president, congressman and governor had been telegraphed to Detroit. Within five minutes it had been sent to all the prominent cities of the country.

The means by which this was accomplished was the Abbott voting machine, legalized for use at all elections in the state of Michigan at the last session of the legislature. It was the first time the machines had been used at a general election.

The machine keeps the record by means of registering wheels. At the close of the balloting it is only necessary for the inspectors to read the numbers as they appear on the wheels. The working parts of the apparatus are a set of slides, each carrying the names of all the candidates for one office, the register wheels, a set of which is connected with each candidate's name and upon which the votes are recorded, and an operating bar, which carries the unit wheel of every candidate whose register wheels are in the voting space forward one number, thus adding each vote to those before received by the candidate.

The machine keeps a correct record of all votes cast, regardless of and not including those who may enter the machine without voting; it keeps a tally of all votes given to each candidate; and it keeps a record of all votes wherein the voters neglected to select a candidate for any office.

The operation is remarkably simple. The voter enters the booth, faces to the right, and finds before him the names of all candidates arranged before him as on the ballot, all candidates for an office in a row, and all candidates of a party in a column. Each party has a distinctive color; republican, red; democratic blue; prohibition white; and so on. At the right of the machine are the slides bearing the names of candidates. In the middle are two parallel bars in a vertical position, enclosing what is known as "their voting space."

To vote it is necessary to place the names of the candidates selected in the voting space by sliding them along to to the left. The party ticket is first put in position by means of a lever. To split the ticket the voter slides the names of candidates from any other parties into the space afterwards, forcing out those running for the same offices on the regular ticket. After arranging the ticket before him as desired a single motion suffices to vote it as a whole.

Every vote as cast is announced by the machine, so that failure to vote is at once detected. How the vote is thrown is, however, known only to the man within the booth. It is claimed that the chance of mistake through ignorance is totally removed.

GREAT ENCINEERING FEAT.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Nov. 17.—At midnight last night the turning of a switch in the big powerhouse at Niagara Falls completed a circuit which caused Niagara river to flow up hill, so to speak, by returning a fraction of its resistless energy, which had already swept past the gates of Buffalo, back into the city, twenty-seven miles distant.

The harness was buckled that hitches the factory wheels of Buffalo to the greatest cataract on earth. This morning the street cars of this city moved by Falls power. Hereafter the Falls must work enough to earn their living.

The distance covered by the line between Buffalo and the Falls is twenty-seven miles, and the expert electricians who have the work in charge, estimate that the loss of energy will be less than ten per cent, and may not much exceed five.

Careful tests are to be made in this connection, the tests covering both night and day, and clear as well as rainy weather, The electricians are paying particular attention to this test, as on the perfect insulation of the carrying line depends much of the future success of the undertaking.

The line that has been built to carry the current-bearing wires is of a most substantial nature. Unlike the ordinary telegraph line, the poles are placed very close together and are braced in such a manner as to be proof against heavy storms. At curves the poles are set double, and are guyed to numerous smaller poles to prevent sagging.

The over-head line extends from the power house at the falls to the city limits of Buffalo, where the wires enter cement conduits. On the overhead line glass insulators are found unequal to the strain, and porcelain insulators were made especially to hold the wires.

The insulators were subjected to a current of 30,000 volts before being put in use. There are at present on the poles eight cables, each with a carrying capacity of 5,000 horse power, or 40,000 horse power in all. The poles are of such a substantial character, however, that this number of cables can be doubled without subjecting them to a greater strain than is considered safe.

The only contract made so far for the delivery of power in Buffalo by the power company is that with the Buffalo Street Railway company for 1,000 horse power. Under the contract with the city, the completion of the undertaking of delivering power in Buffalo was not obligatory before next June.

It was in order to secure the contract with the street railway company that the work was hurried through so far ahead of time. Contracts with others desiring to use the electrical power will now be made, and it is thought that by the opening of spring the power will be well distributed throughout the city.

Since the inception of the undertaking, and during its carrying out, the company has frequently called upon Messrs. Edison and Tesla for advice, and these famous masters of electricity have been frequent visitors to the Niagara Falls power house to solve technical problems. The power will sell in Buffalo for $36 a horse power per annum, and under its contract with the city the company must increase its capacity 10,000 horse power per year until the maximum of 50,000 horse power has been reached.

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WATSON TO BUTLER

Tom Watson's Letter of Acceptance Published.

ATLANTA, GA., Nov. 13—The letter of acceptance written by Thomas Watson accepting the Populist nomination for Vice President was yesterday made public. Seven columns of Watson's People's party paper are devoted to it. The letter is supplemented by four columns of advice to Populists to "sit steady in the boat and hold their party together." The editorial tone of the paper is one of fulfilled prophecy. Watson declares that the failure of the Populists to support Bryan in the close states brought about McKinley's election. He goes into a long review of the circumstances leading to his nomination and accepts the Vice Presidential nomination "because I said I would."

He declares that if the St. Louis Populist convention had nominated a straight Populist ticket it would have been elected. It would, he said have driven the Hills and Gormans where they belong—into the Republican ranks—and the Bryans and Blands would have joined with the Populists. He complains bitterly of the treatment he has received at the hands of the Populist leaders, and addresses himself particularly to Senator Butler in this way:

"Senator, a reform has no right to exist if it has no valid complaint to make. Populists cannot denounce the sins of the two old parties and yet go into political co-partnership with them. The moment we make a treaty, the war must cease. And when we cease our war upon the old parties we have no longer any excuse for living. When right compromises with wrong it is the right which suffers.

"The Democratic managers seem to resent as a strange piece of impertinence the fact that the Populists dared to nominate a ticket differing at the rear end from theirs. Coming to them with the 2,000,000 votes they were begging for, and piteously needing, I can say, with a perfect assurance of telling the unqualified truth, that my arrival on the field of battle was not welcomed as heartily as Blucher was received by Wellington at Waterloo. They want my reinforcement, but they do not want me to lead them. They need Blucher's troops, but they draw the line at Blucher. That is hardly fair, either to Blucher or his troops, nor is it the best way to defeat Napoleon.

"For this attitude upon the part of the Democratic managers, I believe you, Senator, are largely responsible. You made no effort to have me recognized. You publicly stated that I would not be notified of my nomination. You went into the fusion policy over my written protest, with all the zeal of a man who wanted to elect the Democratic ticket. In this I think you were wrong. As chairman of the Populist committee, the party certainly expected you to do all you could to elect the Populist ticket. Had you demanded Mr. Sewall's withdrawal from the ticket he would have withdrawn. I have a letter of yours in which you state that the Democratic committee expected you to make the demand, but that you did not make it. From the perversity of temper with which the Democratic managers have refused to do the right thing by the Populists, it would seem they prefer McKinleyism to anything which might seem to be partly a Populist triumph. Their subtle purpose is to couple the Bryan election with the complete destruction of the Populist party.

"The position taken in this letter will be bitterly assailed. Would that the pathway of duty were always carpeted with flowers. It rarely is. By making myself and the great party I represent a mere footmat for Democratic politicians to wipe their feet upon, I could win much applause from that quarter. But if I were now lacking in the loyalty which was expected of me when chosen I would grieve the men who have honored me, trusted me, and defended and loved me.

"No one regrets more profoundly than I do that the Democratic managers have so shaped the campaign that the South has again been told she must grovel in the dust and let an Eastern plutocrat put his foot upon her neck. Nor does any one regret more than I do that the Democratic managers, in shaping their fusion deals, have considered those Populists only who are getting loaves and fishes. They have lost sight of the great army of privates, whose honest hearts and sincere souls form the strength of the re-enforcement Mr. Bryan needs. Those Populists of the rank and file have the spirit of crusaders, and they would die for a principle more quickly than they would sell it. These men will not vote for Sewall, nor for Sewall electors. If Senators Jones and Gorman really wish to defeat McKinley, let them lose no time in realizing this truth."

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—In view of the fact that the letter of Tom Watson, accepting the Vice Presidential nomination of the Populist party has been published, Senator Marion Butler has made public his reply, written when Mr. Watson's letter was received, in which he took exceptions to its tone. The reply is as follows:

"WASHINGTON, Oct. 26.—Dear Sir: Your letter of acceptance was received Saturday night. It had been detained in the postoffice for want of sufficient postage.

"You, in effect, advise Populists not to support the joint electoral tickets that have been arranged in a large number of states. Is it possible you fully appreciate the effect of such advice? At least, upon reflection, you must know that if enough Populists should follow such advice, it would mean the defeat of Bryan and the election of McKinley. Besides, if your advice should be followed by enough Populists, the People's party would not have a single elector in the electoral college. In the states where we have joint electoral tickets we will get every elector that we do get; and, besides, it is in those states where we will get the bulk, if not all, of the People's party congressmen. In your own state, and other states which have followed your advice against electoral tickets, we will not get a single elector, and I fear not many congressmen, if any.

"You certainly can not mean, however much you may have favored a middle-of-the road policy in the beginning, to advise your friends to do that which at this time would be the most effective agency in placing in power McKinley and his backers—the trusts and monopolies.

"Can any personal or party injustice, however great, justify us in being responsible, either directly or indirectly, for placing in power the stock jobbers, monopolists, trusts, the British gold ring and all of the combined robbers of the people and enemies of good government?

"In the name of outraged and suffering humanity, whose prayers to-day go up from millions of homes for William J. Bryan, in his heroic and marvelous fight against the minions of corporate greed and the hellish gold conspiracy, let us sink every other consideration and hold up his hands and do the full duty of Americans and patriots. Let us remember that it is a suffering people and a betrayed republic, and not Democratic politicians, that to-day call for our help and demand our services. Bryan will be elected, and the government redeemed, if every patriot does his duty. Let us do ours.

"Therefore, I beseech you to change at least that part of your letter which gives advice which, if followed, would surely help the common enemy. If you do not, then you, yourself, must assume the responsibility of giving such a document to the public at this time. Yours truly,

"MARION BUTLER."

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THE MARKETS.

KANSAS CITY, MO., Nov. 18.—Wheat was again irregularly lower here to-day, the decline ranging from 2 to 5 cents. It was less on soft and spring wheat than on hard. Offerings were fair. Some low grades were almost unsalable.

Hard Wheat—No. 2, 74c; No. 3, 72c; No. 4, 64c; rejected, 52c; no grade, 40@45c. Soft Wheat—No. 2, 87c; No. 3, 85c; No. 4, 70c; rejected, 55@65c. Spring Wheat—No. 2, 75c; No. 3, 72½c; rejected, 65c.

Corn—No. 2, 19½c; No. 3, 19c; No. 4, 18c; no grade, 16@17c; No. 2, white, 20½c; No. 3, white, 19½c; No. 4, 18½c.

Oats—No. 2, 18c; No. 3, 15@16c; No. 4, 14c; No. 2, white, 23c; new, 20½c; No. 3, white, 18½c; No. 4, white, 15c.

Rye—No. 2, 32½c; No. 3, 30c; No. 4, 28c.

Bran—40@42c per cwt. sacked; bulk, 6c less.

Hay—Choice timothy, $8@8.50; No. 1, $7@7.50; No. 2, $5.50@6; clover, mixed, No. 1, $6@6.50; No. 2, $5@5.50; choice prairie, $5@5.50; No. 1, $4.50@5; No. 2, $4@4.50; No. 3, $2@3.

Chicago Board of Trade.

	High.	Low.	Close Nov. 17	Close Nov. 16
WHEAT—				
November	.....	.....	76⅝	77⅝
December	78	76⅝	76⅝	78⅛
May	82	80⅛	80⅝	82⅛
CORN—				
November	.....	.....	24¼	24⅝
December	24⅝	24¼	24⅜	25
May	28¼	27⅝	27⅞	28⅛
OATS—				
November	.....	.....	18¼	18⅛
December	18⅝	18⅜	18⅜	19
May	22⅛	22	22⅛	22⅛
PORK—				
November	.....	.....	6 55	6 75
December	6 70	6 60	6 55	6 75
January	7 70	7 55	7 60	7 75
LARD—				
November	.....	.....	3 72½	3 90
December	3 80	3 75	3 72½	3 90
January	4 02½	3 95	3 92½	4 10
SHORT RIBS—				
November	.....	.....	3 70	3 72½
December	3 67½	3 65	3 70	3 72½
January	3 80	3 75	3 70	3 85

Live Stock.

KANSAS CITY, MO., Nov. 18.—Cattle—Receipts, 14,324; calves, 1,010; shipped yesterday, 420 cattle; 197 calves. The market was steady to 10c lower in places.

Hogs—Receipts, 13,978; shipped yesterday, none. The top sale was $3.25 and the bulk of sales from $3.15 to $3.20.

Sheep—Receipts, 4,458; shipped yesterday, 1,996. The market was slow but generally steady.

Double Murder at a Dance.

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