

THE REWARD FOR THE TREATY.



"Arise, Sir Bill! Arise, Sir John!"—New York Journal.

A DARK LANTERN CAUCUS

Railroad Coppers, Jackleg Lawyers and Maillet Head Bankers Get Together—The Independent has a Reporter in Earshot.

Tuesday of last week a conference was held in Chadron by the republican machine leaders from Northwest Nebraska representing the 15th senatorial and 53d representative districts. It was made up of McKinley office holders, railroad pluggers and jack-leg lawyers and skin-shop bankers.

The republican voter who thinks that he will be consulted or have anything to do with selecting the republican nominee in this senatorial or representative district, is an unsophisticated registered chump. The machine decree has already gone forth. Later on the business men and the few farmers that still vote the republican ticket may imagine that caucuses are being held and delegates chosen to make nominations, but the jaded politicians have already fixed the slate.

There is nothing for the republican voters to do but bolt the machine or gulp down the ticket. There was trouble on over the fact that A. G. Fisher, who was elected in this district in 1898, stood by D. E. Thompson, and later on bolted the republican caucus. The trouble was largely in Chadron and Dawes counties. In Box Butte county the Burlington railroad owns and runs the republican party, body, soul and breeches. The Burlington railroad is favorable to Fisher as it is to Thompson, and Fisher felt under obligations to Thompson because Thompson had furnished the money to buy the votes that elected Fisher. The railroads are very active in the fight and the Northwestern and Burlington have pooled issues.

It is taken for granted that the fusionists in their platform are going to pledge themselves to pass a law that will hold the railroad companies liable for all damages sustained by their employees. They do not intend to leave the rights of the men who work on the railroads subject to the whims and caprices of some pass grabbing judge. The railroads are aware of this and they intend to fight it to the bitter end, and the corporations know that if Fisher is elected he will vote for the railroad corporations and against the employees. Hence they are putting on the whip to all recalcitrants. R. M. Montgomery, the Burlington tool from Alliance, who is kept on the payroll of that road for political purposes as well as others were all there in force. It was finally agreed that the demands of the railroads could be considered and Fisher be renominated and he was authorized to even tell the employees that he would vote for a bill which would compel the railroads to pay for all injuries sustained by their employees for the purpose of getting their votes, but as Montgomery said, "We know you will vote with us when you get the check because you never failed us when we needed you."

Senator W. H. Reynolds who represents this district now desires re-nomination but Chairman Tefft of the state central committee was at the conference to promise Reynolds some money. Chairman Tefft said that it must be conceded that Governor Poynter would be renominated and elected. That the railroads were interested in having a state taxing board that they can control. He pointed out to the members present that the governor had nominated and re-elected were the three men who determined the amount of taxes that the railroads had to pay each year. He said the corporations had made up their minds that they could not defeat Governor Poynter but if they could elect a treasurer and auditor the governor would be nominated for state auditor. This remark of the chairman brought forth applause which could be heard even in the corridors of the Blaine hotel where the conference was held. The chairman, Mr. Tefft, scowled and berated them for the noise they were making and told them to keep quiet that the matter must be kept strictly secret or the populists would use it against them in the campaign. He said that the populists were constantly charging them with being subservient to the railroad interests and then he said parenthetically "Of course boys it is true but I am sick and tired of being so accused."

Mr. Tefft said further that the members must remember that they were under great obligations to the railroads. I suppose he said that every member of

CLIPPINGS

THE LAST REFUGE.

"I am proud that I am a patriot."—Interview with Senator Kyle in Aberdeen news.

"Patriotism is the last refuge of a scoundrel."—Ben Jonson.

INTERESTING.

That interesting political Jackass, Edgar Howard, who is to the democratic party of Nebraska what Lucian Stebbins, Clem Deaver, Paul Vandervoort and Bill Dech used to be to the populists, a sort of purveyor of ammunition for the enemy, is a candidate for state auditor. If politics were run along military lines he would have been shot long ago for insubordination in the face of the enemy.—Exeter Enterprise.

PROVIDENCE RELIEVED.

Grosvenor, of Ohio, tells us that it was Mr. Bryan's influence that caused the ratification of the treaty with Spain. Bryan comes back and says that it has relieved providence of a great responsibility, inasmuch as republican friends have been claiming all the time that providence had thrown the Philippines into our possession.—Beaver City Times.

A SIGHT FOR TEARS.

One of the New York World's correspondents in South Africa, Lieut. Winston Churchill, gave in his vivid picture of the closing scenes around Ladysmith a few lines of what is the most sublime and melancholy feature of this war upon the republics. He told of the death bodies of soldiers of the republics found in the trenches—old men with their white hair and flowing white beards; middle-aged men; young men, doubtless the fathers of young families; youths, just attaining their majority; boys, mere children, with round cheeks as smooth as a girl's, and with little arms clasping rifles as long as themselves; finally, women, sharing in the toil and privation, standing side by side with husband or father in the trenches, aiming the gun and speeding the bullet with a prayer for the preservation of home and the fatherland.

It is a whole people at war. It is a whole nation, regardless of sex or age, rising up in defense of their freedom—to beat back the invader or die. Is not this a spectacle which should give England pause? Is not a sight which must evoke the sympathy and admiration of the United States.

A SUCCESS.

Edgar Howard, editor of the Papillion Times, is a candidate for the nomination for state auditor on the fusion ticket, and besides the support of himself he also has the support of the State Journal and other s-t-r-o-n-g papers. As a man able to stir up strife he is a success but as a harmonizer he is a complete failure.—Seward Independent.

OUR SENTIMENTS.

Candidates for the state offices to be filled next year, (an entire new deal will be made), are being mentioned, and among others the name of our esteemed and worthy Saunders county citizen, Hon. B. R. B. Weber, is mentioned as a probable candidate for secretary of state.—Wahoo New Era.

We second the motion, Bro. Johnson, Mr. Weber has had charge of the Girls' Industrial school here for the past three years and we know positively that no man in the state is better qualified than he for the responsible position. We also know that as secretary of the state central committee in the campaign of 1896 our magnificent vote was largely attributable to the untiring efforts of Ben Weber. Since the organization of the party he has been in the forefront of the fight in every campaign and his acquaintance with the prominent men of the party will make him a thoroughly strong candidate.

The Gazette gives notice right here that we are for Weber for secretary of state.—Geneva Gazette.

FOR ATTORNEY-GENERAL

The Times-Independent of Loup City clipping an article from the Independent concerning the necessity of finding a competent and fearless lawyer for the position of attorney-general says: "We agree with the Independent that the candidate should be a populist and one who is in no wise under obligations to the corporations. We have in Sher-

man county just such a populist. A man with all of the qualifications required; a capable attorney, energetic and tireless in his efforts to serve his clients. "The office should hunt the man—not the man the office." No doubt that is the right spirit, consequently we demand the attention of the office of attorney-general for the present and direct its footsteps towards Sherman county, to the county seat of said county, and to the office of our townsman, Honorable Henry M. Mathew, who we consider the proper man for said office to seek. We have had no talk with Mr. Mathew upon this subject, but as the "office should seek the man" we considered that none was necessary."

Some Good Work.

While at our county convention Saturday last, I made a short talk before the convention in favor of the Nebraska Independent, and obtained the enclosed 12 subscriptions. Several persons present testified to the merits of the Independent, preferring it to any other paper for solid, reliable news.

Antelope Co. will roll up a big majority for Bryan in Nov.

Yours for Truth, Right, Home and Country.

J. S. Dewar.

For such favors as the above the Independent is thankful. It is an encouragement to continue the enlargement and improvement of the paper. Mr. Dewar has set a most excellent example and we hope and believe that good for the party will result from his labor.

There will be no middle ground in the coming presidential campaign. There will be no room for mid-roads. The contest will be waged between the imperialists and those who still believe the federal constitution and declaration of independence to be two documents worthy our highest consideration; it will be waged between trusts and the friends of commercial independence; between a would-be moneyed aristocracy and the advocates of government money.

Whatever merit there may be in the mid-roads' contention for independent party action, considered abstractly, the lines are so drawn that there are but two sides to this controversy. Those who contend for government money untrammelled in its issue by any private interests, will be found supporting William J. Bryan; those who believe in the gold standard and a currency wholly under the control of national bankers, will support William McKinley. Those who believe that governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed will rally around Bryan as their standard bearer; those who believe that the which must evoke the sympathy and admiration of the United States.

The people's party crossed the Rubicon in 1896. Its action in endorsing Bryan, after mature deliberation and full discussion, established a precedent which it is useless now to try to reverse. By that endorsement the people's party said in 1896, "there are two great opposing forces in this contest; there is no room for independent action by us; we will join hands with the party that most nearly coincides with our views."

The rejuvenated democratic party of 1896 has taken long, long strides since in the direction of populism. Democrats who merely opposed national banks of issue in 1896 are now asking for government banks. Democrats who in 1896 insisted on coin redemption of paper money, now freely admit the uselessness of such a proceeding. Democrats who in 1896 urged strict government control and regulation of railroads, now see the futility of such control and regulation and are to be found with the great army of people who ask for public ownership of public utilities. Read Coin on Money. Trusts and Imperialism, ye mid-roads, and say if any populist could produce better populist doctrine.

There is no room for the mid-roads. The only honest course for them is to openly support McKinley if they cannot support Bryan. No mid-road candidate for the presidency could hope for even a corporal's guard of followers, because his chief advisors will all take no chances of throwing away their votes, and, fearing Bryan's success, will vote directly for McKinley.

The Harlan County Democrat last week began its seventeenth year. Editor Ludi deserves great credit for his successful efforts to give the people of Harlan county a wide-awake democratic paper.

It really looks as though the church-going republicans of Omaha threw aside party prejudice and voted for Poppleton. But the Dave Mercer democrats voted for Moores and nullified any gains Poppleton made in the republican strong-holds.

NOTICE

In compliance with the statutes of the State of Nebraska, in such cases made and provided, notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Commissioner of Public Lands and Buildings until 9 o'clock a. m., April 2, 1900, for furnishing supplies for the quarter ending June 30, 1900, for the Hospitals for the Insane at Lincoln, Hastings, and Norfolk; the State Industrial School at Kearney; the Girls' Industrial School at Geneva; the Institution for Feeble Minded Youth at Beatrice; the Soldiers' and Sailors' Homes at Grand Island and Millard; the Home of the Friendless at Lincoln; the Women's Industrial Home at Millard, and the State Penitentiary at Lincoln.

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No proposal will be received unless in the office of the Commissioner of Public Lands and Buildings on or before the day and hour above mentioned.

The original of each accepted proposal must bear a 50-cent revenue stamp, which may be affixed after the award is made. No bid in which samples are called for will be considered unless the samples are submitted.

The board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

J. V. WOLFE, Secretary. Lincoln, Neb., March 15, 1900. N. B.—The board will undertake to consider all bids for all goods in one day.

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Be it known, That by virtue of a chattel mortgage dated June 28th, 1899, executed by Thos. Hornby, unto Nichols & Shepard Co., an incorporated company under the laws of Michigan, to secure the payment of Five hundred fifty dollars (\$550.00), said mortgage having been duly filed in the office of the county clerk of Lancaster county, Nebraska, and a default having been made thereon. There remaining due and unpaid the sum of \$574.10. We have taken and shall on Thursday March 22nd, 1900, at 10 o'clock a. m. of said day, sell from the back door of Lincoln Transfer Co's. building at 10th and Q sts. in the city of Lincoln, to the highest bidder for cash in hand, the following described property, to-wit: One gas separator with 32 inch cylinder and 32 inch rear, complete Shop No. 9110, with Trucks, belts, fixtures and running gear Sebura, neonium stacker. One 10 H. P. Traction steam engine complete, shop no. 3019, all of above machinery being of Nichols & Shepard Co. manufacture.

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