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Peace is being celebrated, but it is far from being realized.

Again we ask, Where is Simwater—Exercise W. Simwater.

No political party deserves to be successful if they permit themselves to be dictated to by men of the ilk of Rosewater and Moores.

Ernest Sniht and R. C. Jordan can now put the time consuming each other, —both got lost in the board of education primaries and convention.

Not one of the legislative candidates has stated whether or not he will favor a law that will give Douglas county a grand jury at least twice a year.

When that writ of ouster comes down it will be in order for "Nebraska's greatest man" to read another lecture to the highest court in the state.

The "American Bible Study" article was not written this week. To put it in the language of the Quaker, "the spirit did not move us," so we kept still.

When corruption gets into a political party it is like sewer gas in the house—it can be found everywhere, and its odor blights everything it touches.

If there is a papist on your ticket be sure to vote for the man on the other ticket. Never vote for a Roman Catholic even for road supervisor. They cannot be trusted.

Owing to the late arrival of the manuscript of "Christ's Second Coming," by Rev. Fairbanks, the article cannot be set up in time to appear in this issue. It will appear next week.

If the people of Omaha would be free from Rosewater rule they must themselves strike the blow. Every known Rosewater tool should be marked and slaughtered at the ballot box.

While this paper has been opposed to the municipal ownership of the water works system we cannot overlook the fact that the plan seems to be growing in favor among our citizens.

President John Ireland was at Chicago and took charge of McKinley on his arrival. In his speech he told Mr. McKinley several things that the United States must do since it has taken the pope's territory with its millions of Roman Catholic voters, priests and nuns.

Some three weeks have passed since the Omaha Bee made its cowardly and uncalled for attack on the supreme court of Nebraska for rendering a decision against Moores "on the eve of a momentous political campaign," and yet that paper has not apologized to the court.

If workmen could realize how closely connected is the question of city and county revenue and taxation with their own well-being, they would be more on the alert to support no man for office who has been a party to sharp practice or downright dishonesty in public affairs.

There would be one benefit which would accrue to the Republican party if the city owned the waterworks. Thousands of dollars which the company now pays the Bee company as rentals could not be used to keep alive a paper which never supports a Republican candidate that it cannot use.

Omaha, the fairest commonwealth in the west, should rise in the majesty of her might, and strike down every man and destroy every influence which have brought reproach to her name. Where dishonesty has held carnival, let honesty be enthroned; where hoodling has ruled, let purity prevail; for embezzlers, substitute men of integrity; for bribe-givers find a place in the penitentiary; cowardice should be supplanted by moral courage; and Rosewater and his imps should be driven and excluded from every position of leadership and trust.

CANDIDATES PLEAD "ORDERS."

To H. G. Burbank, Chairman, and the Republican County Central Committee: Gentlemen:

When THE AMERICAN addressed itself to several of the candidates upon the ticket for which you are the managers we are informed upon reliable authority that you instructed them not to reply over their individual names, assuring them at the same time that you would take care of that branch of the campaign. The effect of this decision has been to place every candidate on the defensive, and instead of addressing themselves to questions of good government, they have been engaged in explaining themselves to everyone they meet. When they meet a Rosewater henchman they tell one kind of a story, and when they meet that much larger class of Republicans who have determined that the rule of Rosewater, Moores, Tom Denton, Martin White and Billy Kiersted shall come to an end in this community, they sing an entirely different song. If you have not advised the candidates what to do, then you have neglected an important duty, and you have laid your committee open to the suspicion that you are afraid of Rosewater.

In any event, THE AMERICAN expected better things. The last county central committee, presided over by G. R. Williams, now a candidate for commissioner of public lands and buildings; who, as county commissioner, entered into a bargain to whitewash the man who has since been found guilty of embezzlement by the highest court of the state, disgraced itself by voting down every proposition which was intended to bring rascality to an end. Every man on the committee knew that Moores was guilty, but they refused to act on the pretext that it was not within the province of the committee to initiate a proceeding that would bring a Republican rascal to justice. When B. G. Burbank was elected chairman of the present committee by men who profess to be anti-Rosewater Republicans, we supposed it meant a departure from the moth-eaten, hackneyed and dishonest custom of trying to find some little hole somewhere to crowd through, to avoid meeting people, who pay taxes, fairly, bravely and honestly on questions which concern them.

Gentlemen of the committee, you should realize the position in which you have placed yourselves by closing the mouths of candidates who would otherwise throw off the fetters of Rosewaterism, and stand up in the majesty of an honest manhood and declare themselves against the further domination of a corrupt and infamous political ring. You should remember that you have candidates on your ticket whose records cannot stand the searchlight of truth, and by making an order, wholesale, such as you are said to have made, do you not become parties to a scheme to further plunder the taxpayers of the county? If you, gentlemen of the committee, are to assume responsibility for the conduct of this branch of the campaign, we call upon you to answer all the questions which have been put to candidates. We ask you to explain, if you can, why you as a Republican committee are advocating the election of the Democratic chairman of the Board of County Commissioners—a chronic and dangerous Rosewater tool, who has voted away the people's money in defiance of law and in utter contempt of public sentiment? We ask you to explain, if you can, why you do not allow your candidate for county attorney to open his mouth and answer the question whether or not he has made a bargain with Rosewater? We ask you to explain, if you can, what objection there can be to allowing Candidate Beverly to say whether he will be a Rosewater tool or not, as he has been in the past; and we ask you to explain why you refuse to allow the other candidates for the Senate and House to define their positions on this live issue of the present campaign?

It will also be incumbent upon you to speak for G. R. Williams and to explain how the people of the state can expect him to be faithful in collecting the state school fund, which will be his duty if he should be elected commissioner of public lands and buildings, when he allowed a man whom he knew to be a defaulter to get away with a portion of the state school fund belonging to Douglas county, until the

District Court ordered him as county commissioner to do his duty and recover the same? As a Republican committee it will also be your duty, but doubly at least, to support the Republican candidate for Congress, and we ask you to explain, if you can, how you are to be true to his cause, and at the same time true to the cause of John L. Webster, so long as Mercer, by remaining in league with Rosewater, is secretly helping to knife Webster and the men who have been nominated to support him as a candidate for the United States senate?

The people will also expect to know from you whether you are going to allow the influence of your committee to be used to further line the pockets of the Republican party's greatest enemy in Nebraska, by enabling him to collect thousands of dollars in rentals from the United States government for army headquarters. These are a few of the particular matters which should claim your attention. Others may be suggested as election day draws near.

FOREIGNISM.

Until but a few years ago the true American sentiment of our forefathers seemed to be waning. This was, perhaps, the natural result of the immense foreign immigration landed on our shores, and it was also natural that these same foreigners should cling tenaciously to the usages and customs of their fatherland, and thus foreignism through contact has grown among the American people. The Roman Catholic church has been no small factor in the colonization of this country and to it may be ascribed the downward tendency of Americanism and other religious denominations have followed in its wake. Many of the brightest and best men that this country has produced have looked down the line of time and have warned the people of the dangers to be feared. True, they did not all call it by the same name, they meant the same thing. Various patriotic societies have launched their principles and sentiments upon the people, and all have performed some mission in staying the onward progress of foreignism and the downward tendency of true Americanism, but none have reached the root of the evil, and whatever they may have accomplished has been overshadowed by the action of the various political parties. Right here in our own city of Omaha the party tickets are not made up with a view to honesty and competency. The question is how to catch the foreign vote? We have known a nationality that was fortunate enough to have a representative on one or more of the party tickets to secretly advise their people to vote only for such men to the exclusion of all others and that too without taking into consideration the qualifications of such candidates. We single out no particular nationality nor do we blame any one except the leaders of the political parties, who are blinded in their ambition for success at the polls, and to this end public positions are bartered and sold. They alone are to blame for the decline of American manhood.

The war between the United States and Spain has done much to bring the people of this country to their senses. It has done much to raise the plane of American citizenship and to command for us the respect of other nations so that today the name of America is no longer a by-word. The progressive nations of Europe are now forced to become our friends, while the declining nations know not how to act. Yet, in face of all this, the political parties continue in the old rut.

We care not in what country a man may have been born, or under what flag, so long as he is an American citizen and has cast aside the garments of the land of his birth and adapted himself to America and her institutions without a mental reservation. But we protest against making American elements subservient to any foreign element of our population to the exclusion of honest American citizenship. Foreignism should not be a factor in the politics of the United States!

Has the M. E. church in Omaha gone into politics? It seems so. Not satisfied with having a notorious rake, embezzler, whisky-sot and convict occupy the pulpit of the First church, it goes a step further and invites a candidate for office—Mr. Mercer—to occupy the pulpit of the Hanscom Park church.

Without considering the party or the candidate we call the attention of the men at the head of the M. E. church in this community to the fact that this mixing of politics and religion is distasteful to American citizens. A very fair example of this distaste is found in the rebuke administered the Roman Catholic church. The Methodists will be wise to profit by the lesson taught the Roman Catholics. Now is the time to stop the practice. Will you do it? You must not expect this paper to oppose this practice in the Roman Catholic church and wink at it in a Protestant church. It will not do it. It believes and has the courage to say that the M. E. church did wrong, and that a repetition of the offense will cause no end of embarrassment and ill feeling among its own members. The Romans should have a monopoly of the practice. We hope this warning will be accepted in the spirit it is given and not taken as a threat. We do not threaten.

Billy Kiersted says his claim of over \$3,500 against the county, to allow which it was necessary to involve the county in the payment of over \$100,000 with 4 per cent interest for 20 years, was a just claim. The fact is from a moral as well as a legal point, it was an unjust and unlawful claim. If the Douglas county poor farm lots had advanced in price, Judge Doane, who was a claimant, would never have started a suit to set aside the sale. But the property fell in price, and then the clamor began for declaring the proceedings illegal, and Mr. Kiersted was one of the claimants who took no action until his claim was barred by the statute of limitations. When he became a candidate for county commissioner he was the representative of Douglas addition claimants and their creditors. THE AMERICAN can find no fault with Mr. Kiersted, the private citizen, for trying to collect his claim by honorable and legal methods, but when he used his office as county commissioner to defeat the law and set aside the written opinion of W. D. Beckett, the board's attorney, thereby involving the county in a bonded debt of \$100,000 more than it otherwise would have been, he forfeits the respect of honest men and should be condemned by voters and taxpayers. If the holders of the outlawed claims had not defeated the bill before the last legislature to empower the county board to make deeds the remedy would have been ample and just; but they knew they had an untiring worker in Commissioner-Claimant Kiersted on the board, and they did not want the property; they wanted money and through Kiersted's persistence and dishonest course they got it. Of course, Claimant Kiersted would say it's a just claim. The evil doer never wants for an excuse. But it was his duty, as defined by the supreme court, to plead every legal defense, and the statute of limitation was a good defense, and when that defense had prevailed the remedy, as above suggested, was a deed from the county, which could be given by authority from the legislature.

The galvanized gail of E. Rosewater in pretending that he was influential in inducing President McKinley to visit Omaha, provokes a smile. More than a year ago Senator Thurston stated to friends in Omaha that he was going to tell McKinley "that the only thing he owes me is a visit to the Trans-Mississippi Exposition." The most influential man with President McKinley is Mark Hanna; the next is John M. Thurston. The people may thank Thurston for the president's visit; all Rosewater did was to serve as messenger boy to bring the word from McKinley that he would be in Omaha October 12th.

When Mel. Redfield, as county clerk, was pressing defaulter Moores for a settlement, Congressman David H. Mercer went from one ward club to another abusing and deriding him and throwing his influence with Rosewater on the side of the most corrupt ring that ever fattened off the tax payers of Douglas county. Will Mr. Mercer justify himself?

G. G. Irey the only man renominated by the Republican party as a candidate for the school board, should not receive the support of any true friend of the public schools. No self-respecting citizen should support him. He has been

a member of the board for three years, during a time when there never before was so much talk of hoodling, jobs and dishonesty, yet we challenge him to point to a single instance where his voice was raised in favor of the taxpayers. We cannot support a man of the Irey brand even if he is a Patriotic Son of America or a member of the Junior order. Every friend of the public schools should do all in his power to defeat George Irey.

The pope has refused to sanction the Czar's proposal for a general disarmament of the nations of the world until the question of the pope's temporal power is settled. That question is settled in the mind of every one but the pope, and if he has any idea that in these days of progress and civilization he will be permitted to again acquire temporal power he is badly mistaken.

The World Herald has been trying to point out the way for Omaha's future prosperity. THE AMERICAN believes that there can be no permanent prosperity for Omaha without a radical reduction in taxation. There can be no reduction in taxation so long as political leaders encourage hoodling in politics and bribery in public affairs. Rosewaterism must go.

The Spaniards have a proverb that "a scalded cat runs from cold water." After the scalding the taxpayers of this county have had, they should hide themselves at the sight of an iceberg. The candidate who will not declare himself against the corrupt methods that have prevailed in politics and in office should be marked for defeat.

How is it with you, President Bingham? Has the buzz of the mayoralty bee lulled you to sleep, while the overburdened taxpayers are crying out for relief from Rosewater rule? Your boom is being nursed by Captain Palmer, and he has become so subservient to Rosewater as to lose his individuality.

The Irish Roman Catholic Regiment, the Seventh Illinois, together with Col. Marcus Kavanaugh, has been mustered out of service. Not one of them smelled powder, but that will not prevent their going into old soldier organizations hereafter and boasting of Irish Roman Catholic loyalty.

The Republicans have announced a series of campaign meetings in the various wards of the city and propose to "make business lively" until election day, while the Fusionists who have announced their meetings, will endeavor to make the people believe that "business stagnation" is running rampant.

The house of bishops of the Protestant Episcopal church has passed a resolution favoring an Anglo-American alliance. This don't sound very much like that church was pandering to Romanism. May it never be any more nearly allied to the papacy.

Even if Rosewater does not know exactly what THE AMERICAN is driving at in this campaign, we do, and when the polls close he may have learned a new lesson in politics.

THE POLITICAL LANCE.

The campaign thus far has not been very enthusiastic so far as Omaha is concerned. Politicians of all parties have seemingly lost all interest in the nominees and there is likely to be some unsatisfactory public servants foisted upon the people. Both tickets contain unsatisfactory and incompetent men and The Lance advises the people to be careful in making their selections. We know men who are so enthusiastic in their support of Senator Allen that they announce their intention of supporting every man on the fusion ticket in order to secure that gentleman's re-election to the United States senate. Can it be possible that our city's interest pale into insignificance in the face of Senator Allen's endeavor to be his own successor? The idea that the people must elect unsafe men in the interest of one man savors somewhat of the dictatorship of Rosewater. While we all recognize the good record of the senator it is not possible that there are other men who are equally capable and honest? The Lance would not deprive Senator Allen of any

of his laurels, but it fails to see why the interests of the people of Omaha and Douglas county should be overlooked in the mad scramble.

The Republican county central committee have opened campaign headquarters in the Patterson block, at the corner of 17th and Farnam streets. It is sometimes convenient to have a mole of ingress and egress from campaign headquarters.

The board of county commissioners are "between the devil and the deep blue sea" in the matter of the publication of the delinquent tax list in the newspapers printed in a foreign language, and they are said to be threatened with annihilation at the hands of the various foreign elements at the polls if the demands of these papers are refused. The Lance fails to discover any justice in the demand of any foreign newspaper that the people's money should be squandered in this way. The language of this country and of this state is English and all our laws are published and all legal business is transacted in that language, and all citizens of foreign birth ought to swear allegiance to and adapt themselves to our laws, institutions, language and customs. Of late years it seems that the tendency of our people has been to tady to foreignism. Even the political parties overlook genuine American citizenship in making up their candidates for public office. They select this man because he is a "German-American," that man because he is an "Irish-American," another because he is a Swede, another because he is a Bohemian, and still another because he represents the colored population. All this is done with out reference to the qualifications of the men, but with the sole idea of catching the votes from these various nationalities. The effect has been to decrease the love of country and honest American sentiment. No man should be chosen a public servant because he represents some foreign nationality, but his sole qualification should be his honesty and capacity to impartially administer the people's interests. The toadying to newspapers published in foreign languages comes in the same category, and if these papers have no better claim to patronage than that they represent some particular foreign nationality, they have no right to expect that it will be given them.

Corrections. In Article III on "Christ's Second Coming," Oct. 14, by A. D. Fairbanks, the following errors occurred through the carelessness of the machine men:

In the first line, the word "connoial" should read "ceremonial." In the eighth line from the bottom in the same column the word "dignifying" should read "signifying." In the sentence, "As truly will Christ come the second time," should read, "As truly has Christ come the second time." Again, in "When any of these picturists get through with this prophecy," it should have read, "When any of these futurists get through. In 17th line from bottom in same column expunge "and counts."

Rev. Fairbanks says there are other mistakes but that these are the most absurd.

Items of Interest.

Some anxiety is said to be felt in high ecclesiastical circles in Rome over the coming publication of the memoirs of Mgr. Carlot, who died three months ago. The dead prelate, who spent much of his time in the patriotic society of Rome, was known as a man of keen wit and bitter and sarcastic tongue. His memoirs are in the same strain, laying bare foibles and follies relentlessly, and great effort is being made to prevent publication.

There are in Spain 126 protestant schools, with 61 male and 76 female teachers. They instruct 2,500 boys and 2,100 girls. There are eighty Sunday schools. The Protestants publish in Spain six journals in the interest of Protestant religion.

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