done, or he would never have gained cal paragraph written as follows, a place in his cabinet. As to who is furnishing money in Ohio to fight Governor Harmon's candidacy, I don't know. Neither do I know the quarters contributing the wherewith to supply you with the postage and election day. The returns of that printed literature you are flooding Nebraska with right now, but I think I know. I think, when I see at the head of the Harmon state organization, a hic-hurraher for unlicensed and unbridled liberty, the while he jests at the teachings of a Bryan democracy; I think when I see the quarter from which comes the most Harmon smoke in Nebraska: I think when I see the Harmon walking delegates trying to build up Harmon strength here in our fair state by hearkening back to the campaign of 1910 and Bryan; I think then, Chris Gruenther, that this whole Harmon campaign in Nebraska is backed by men who are bent upon revenge and who care not a whit for democratic success in state or nation, and it is to such a bunch of political buccaneers you have surrendered the blush of your manhood.

Today Chris, the country is hearing the story of the wronged childhood of Massachusetts. Of the greed of the woolen industry and the impoverishment of its laborers-laboring men, women and children. Then I read of the child labor law of Ohio; how a progressive legislature sought to thwart the mill owners in their raid upon the childhood of Ohio and passed up to Governor Harmon a measure that struck a blow at the employment of child labor in that great state. Governor Harmon, in his stately mansion heard not the cry of wronged childhood and mark you, the child labor law of that state became a law without an encouraging word or act from Governor Harmon.

You are welcome Chris, to extoll Governor Harmon; you are welcome too, in lending your aid to bring defeat to ninety per cent of the democrats who run for office this fall, but in after years, Chris, when telling of the sacrifices you have made to your party, also tell them of the terrible sacrifice you done your best to have it make for you. Go it alone Chris, the Nebraska press is not with you.

CECIL E. MATTHEWS.

## THAT ATTACK ON MR. BRYAN

Editor Hastings Republican: Your Public Forum column of last evening was occupied with a bunglesome attack upon Mr. Bryan in the form of an open letter to Chris Gruenther of Columbus, intended, perhaps, as a campaign classic. In order that the reply may be briefly made let me summarize respectfully the whole of the gentleman's argument:

"I stopped in New York about three months: I was a guest of the of bossism. club for two weeks; Mr. Hill is a democrat and he told me; he expressed himself to me: I had lunch one day with Robert Golette, director of the Union Pacific; I attended another little meeting and one of the guests was Hon. Charles Towne; I talked with Mr. Morgan's confidential man; he explained it to me in detail; I was asked to attend a little gathering; I said at the time; I mentioned it to Allen B. Parker; also Robert Lovett, who is now president of the Union Pacific; I expressed my opinion of both of these gentlemen; Mr. Parker told me; Mr. Lovett told me; I think it a shame; I will say that I believe; I do not wish to say aught against Mr. Bryan personally."

All of which goes to prove conclusively the gentleman's charge that Mr. Bryan is a "dog in the manger" politician. That is, it might be St. Edward, sends us the following strained to so indicate had not the communication: correspondent convicted himself and

quoting literally:

"A week or so later it was decided that if Mr. Bryan was the nominee at the Denver convention that they would all be for Mr. Bryan-until election tell the story."

Exactly, the writer openly boasts that the entire bunch of them lied to each other, to Mr. Bryan and the entire country from the date of the nomination in July to the election in November. That is the sort of support Wall street and those who "do not wish to say aught against Mr. Bryan personally" have given progressive politics in the past four campaigns, and the sort they will continue to give in case their revered Mr. Harmon is left at the starting post. The logic of your correspondent aptly illustrates one of Mr. Bryan's own stories of the uncertain character of the mountain paths in the Alps, where it is said that some are so crooked that while on the way one sometimes meets himself face to face on the road back. Yours, FERNINIST HARMONISM.

#### INCONSISTENCY .

Hamilton County Register: Dahlman said if the people elected him governor and voted a county option law he would-not resign-but veto Would squarely prevent the people from having their will. Hitchcock was a supporter of Dahlman and if you saw any criticism of his attitude on that question in the World-Herald you saw something that escaped our vision. Bryan says that if Harmon is chosen by the democratic voters, he will resign and allow him to be represented by those who believe in him. He claims the same right that a representative in the legislature would have if his constituents asked him to do anything against his conscience the right to resign and give place to some man who can act for them. This is nothing like being so revolutionary as for Dahlman to say that he would use the power given him by the people to veto their will, but Hitchcock sustains Dahlman, a man of no particular value to any party, and would best men of the age, the loss of whose co-operation would be with little question, a death blow to democracy.

## BUSY BOSSES

Lincoln (Neb.) Journal: There's no escaping them. A couple of weeks ago a group of democrats met in Lincoln and recommende: certain candidates to progressive members of their party. This act of usurpation, as we all remember, was heroically denounced by Senator Hitchcock and his paper. It was undue interference with the people's rule, an act

With what astonishment do we find, therefore, in Senator Hitchcock's paper yesterday a black typed list of candidates which it recommends to the democratic voters of the state. The Lincoln meeting gave approval to certain candidates on the ground of progressiveness. World-Herald gives loving publicity to its list because they agree to work for Governor Harmon if the latter carries the primaries. Bossism gone mad! Tyranny unspeakable! Popular government and the direct primary put at naught! The progressive democrats at Lincoln didn't do worse. How is virtue fallen!

## VOTING AT THE PRIMARY

Columbus (Neb.) Telegram: seeker after information, residing at

Editor Telegram: In the coming Wall street friends in the one logi- primary election am I going to be desires to promote the cause of Gov-

able to help nominate a president, or merely help elect a delegate?

I have no particular choice among delegates, but I do have a choice for president.

Now, as you are acquainted with the delegate candidates, and know all about them, would it be asking too much of you to tabulate or tag them, so that I would have the best chance of helping to nominate my choice of the democratic candidates for president. I am sorry to bother you at such a busy time, but I want to know. O. F. FLORY.

Yes, you will have your part in helping to nominate a candidate for president. The ballot will provide a place where you may express your choice of presidential candidates, and your vote will be counted. At the same time you will have a chance to vote directly for delegates to the democratic national convention. You ask the editor of the Telegram to "tag" the candidates for delegates, so that you may be able to vote for those delegates who would best represent your views as to choice for president. That is easy. There will four delegates-at-large, and twelve district delegates to elect. As to the personality of the men seeking election as delegates, the Telegram regards them all, with one exception, as clean men. The exception need not be stated, as all Nebraska democrats who have kept their eyes open well know the name of that particular Nebraska democrat who has bargained with the criminal interests on Wall street to turn the democracy of this state into reactionary and stand-pat channels. In order that our St. Edward friend may understand just how the candidates for delegates-at-large stand we shall group them under two headings, stand-pat and progressive.

The men put forward by the standpatters as their choice for delegatesat-large are:

G. M. HITCHCOCK. FRED VOLPP. THOMAS SMITH.

If our St. Edward correspondent desires to promote the cause of Harmon, Underwood, or some other presidential candidate who is pleasdeny less liberty of action to Mr. ing to men who manage the criminal Bryan, conceded to be one of the wealth of the country, then he should vote for those three men who are committed to the cause of Harmon. If they could not aid the nomination of Harmon, then they would give their votes to some other stand-pat candidate. If our St. Edward friend wants to see a stand-pat platform written by the democratic national convention, then he should vote for the three men named above, because they are solidly anchored to the elements which are working to build a stand-pat platform for the national democracy. If our friend from St. Edward desires to spit upon W. J. Bryan and the principles for which he stands, then he should vote for the three stand-pat candidates for delegates as they are named above, because each of those candidates hates Bryan with a hatred too intense to conceal, and if the three men above named should be chosen as delegates to the Baltimore convention, they would consider themselves commissioned to do all in their power to thwart the hopes and plans of Mr. Bryan and all other progressive democrats in the task of nominating a progressive democrat for president, and also in the task of writing a progressive platform.

The men put forward by the progressive democrats of Nebraska as their choice for delegates-at-large,

W. J. BRYAN, GEO. L. LOOMIS, I. J. DUNN, W. H. WESTOVER.

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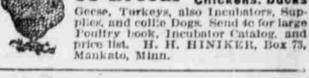


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