

The Fight Against Bryan in Nebraska

Crete Democrat: It is about time the democrats of the state had a look behind the curtain to see these political medicine mixers at work. There you would reorganize the Taft supporters, the old Palmer and Buckner corporation tools and a lot of young unscrupulous pie hunters, busily engaged making dope that will catch 'em, unsuspecting democrats, as the nigger said "goen or comen." They are very active just now, but as some of them have openly declared, when cornered, that they will not vote for Wilson if nominated, it is safe to predict they will be just as active Taft supporters as their prototypes were for McKinley in 1896 or just the same, for Palmer and Buckner.

These fellows like to work under cover, till they are smoked out, then they become desperate; a la World-Herald at this time, and fan the air with their long arms shouting frantically at every move made by democrats who work in the open, as Mr. Bryan does and tells the people just where he stands on every question.

They have a big job on their hands revamping the old Grover remnants for delegates to the Baltimore convention to support one of Grover's cabinet for president, and they expect to fool you with these galvanized remnants, just as Teddy has been fooling the progressive republicans in order to sidetrack La Follette. Will you support such men any longer, is the question now up to you?

These corporation democrats were in power from 1892 to 1896 when the progressive democrats under the leadership of Bryan and others in this state and nation, met and vanquished them and now the fight is on again.

The remnants have become bold in their efforts to put forward a Cleveland democrat as candidate for president, because they think they have the breweries and booze fighters back of them. They are anxious to bring on a scrap over the liquor question, so they can work the prohibition racket at every election. They are even circulating the statement that Wilson is a prohibitionist.

These contemptible methods, resorted to by the bunch of cheap pie hunters and office seekers, to work upon the prejudices of men who take a glass occasionally, have become so common, that they will not fool any but bar-room loafers. The change has come and democrats who have been fighting for 20 years to put their party on a good solid foundation, will take care of the men seeking to engulf it in the old slough kept by corporations for Grover pollywogs to play in.

Stand up for democracy as enunciated by Jefferson, maintained by Jackson and so eloquently elucidated by Bryan. Shy at anything that savors of corporation control of the party as it was under Grover. These remnants have ever been a block in the path of true democrats and the party never could win till it passed over their prostrate forms, since 1892.

THE BIG NOISE

Fairbury (Neb.) Journal: There is no question that Senator Hitchcock came from Washington prepared to fight Mr. Bryan and start the movement to give Harmon the indorsement for president. The quarrel with Bryan was merely a pretext. Hitchcock came prepared to fight. He was primed and cocked and was looking for some excuse to explode. It is not to be supposed that the machinery would begin to operate so smoothly, so suddenly and so noiselessly without previous preparation.

The big noise which is being emitted by the World-Herald is merely a skirmish fire calculated to cover up the real movement of the Harmon troops forward.

PROPHECY COME TRUE

Hastings (Neb.) Republican: When one comes to think about it Editor-Senator Hitchcock is pretty small potatoes, politically, to receive serious attention at the hands of the democrats of Nebraska.

This is meant to particularly pertain to this present controversy with Mr. Bryan. This assault on Bryan is simply fulfillment of prophecy. Those who were in touch with Mr. Hitchcock's personal attitude toward Mr. Bryan and progressive principles predicted soon after his election to the senate that he (Hitchcock) would align himself with certain eastern reactionaries to wage a relentless and uncompromising fight against Bryan at every turn in the road.

This is just what Hitchcock is doing. This is all there is to it.

WHY THEY MAKE THE FIGHT

Omaha (Neb.) Chancellor: Whatever may be your personal opinion of Senator Hitchcock, if you are in favor of Nebraska pronouncing against the nomination of Judson Harmon for president, there is but one way to give full expression to that conviction, and that is to vote against those candidates for delegate-at-large who have pronounced themselves in favor of Harmon's nomination. Senator Hitchcock has been one of Harmon's staunchest supporters in this state for several years, though he has but recently come out in public for him. If Senator Hitchcock can conscientiously support Harmon, then he can as conscientiously support any other candidates that are favored by Wall street influences. If he should be elected a delegate from this state, it will be a commission to him to fight for the nomination of Harmon or any other he may choose, in the event that the nomination of some progressive, like Wilson, whom the democracy of this state may endorse, can not be nominated at Baltimore.

Therefore defeat G. M. Hitchcock, Fred Volpp and Thomas Smith, as delegates-at-large.

On the other hand, if you approve of the great fight that has been waged within the democratic party for twenty years to make of that party a people's party, a party responsive to the popular will, and a party ready and courageous enough to take a forward attitude upon the great questions of the day, there is but one way in which you may give expression to that approval, and that is to vote and work for these candidates for delegates-at-large:

- William J. Bryan,
- I. J. Dunn,
- George L. Loomis,
- W. H. Westover.

If you have thought that the fight for progressive democracy is won, and that you may rest content with apparent victories, then it were time that you disabuse yourself of such opinion. Quite the contrary. The fight for true progressive democracy has but just begun. That is a fight in which those who are devoted to real progress must be eternally "on the job." It is a fight for liberty, and it is everlastingly true that "eternal vigilance is the price of liberty." They who profit through injustice never sleep. They are always on the job. It therefore behooves all who have no hope or wish to profit through injustice, to be eternally vigilant in the conservation of those liberties they have, and

in enlarging the scope of liberty's sway.

Let no one be deceived. The fight in this state is the most important of any in the union this year. For it is a fight with the cold-blooded determination of attempting to discredit the unparalleled commoner at home. If the enemies of liberty in the east could learn that Bryan had been discredited in his own state it would afford to them more satisfaction, even, than would the nomination and election of Harmon. And since Mr. Hitchcock has taken up the cudgels of that dangerous element for the purpose of destroying the influence of Nebraska's most distinguished and most beloved son, it behooves every progressive democrat to see to it that he and not Mr. Bryan is left at home.

The old populists, too, have every reason to be grateful to Mr. Bryan, as against any other democrat of this state. They have always been loyal to him, as he has been to them. So far as personal reasons go, Senator Hitchcock has been waiting for his hour of revenge against Mr. Bryan because Bryan recommended to Governor Poynter, a populist, that when he came to appointing a United States senator, he should appoint Senator Allen, a populist. It was at a time when the republican party had elected a successor to Senator Allen, but who died before taking his seat. Senator Allen, a populist, was already senator, and it was simply a question of continuing him a little longer in his office, until the following legislature should appoint a successor to him in place of Senator Hayward, who died. But Mr. Hitchcock thought that Poynter should appoint him, and he thought that Bryan should insist upon Poynter appointing him. Because Bryan refused to do that, which would have been a slap at the populists of this state as well as at Senator Allen, Hitchcock saw fit to denounce Bryan, and to brand his act as "the sting of ingratitude." But Bryan did right then, and the populists of this state are going to remain loyal to him in this contest. They are going to remain loyal to him, not only for his sake, but for the sake of progressive democracy. They can do this only by defeating Hitchcock for delegate-at-large.

CORPORATION RULE

Columbus (Neb.) Telegram: If you are in favor of having the corporation element dictate the affairs of the democratic party in Nebraska, then you ought to vote for Harmon for president, and for Hitchcock, Volpp and Smith as delegates, because all the corporation influences in Nebraska are voting that way this year. The Telegram does not say that every Nebraska democrat now supporting Harmon is a corporation democrat, but we do say, and we emphasize the saying, that every paid political worker for all the railroads and other public service corporations in Nebraska is supporting the Harmon movement, and also supporting Hitchcock, Smith and Volpp for delegates-at-large.

TRYING TO PARKERIZE THE PARTY

Fairbury (Neb.) Journal: The Journal makes no attempt to dictate how the democrats of this county shall vote, either at an election or a primary. We recognize their ability to choose is as great or greater than ours.

But as a newspaper it is the duty of the Journal to give publicity to facts which will furnish the voters with information needed in making up their minds. In the coming primary election certain of the candidates for delegates to the national democratic convention are for Har-

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