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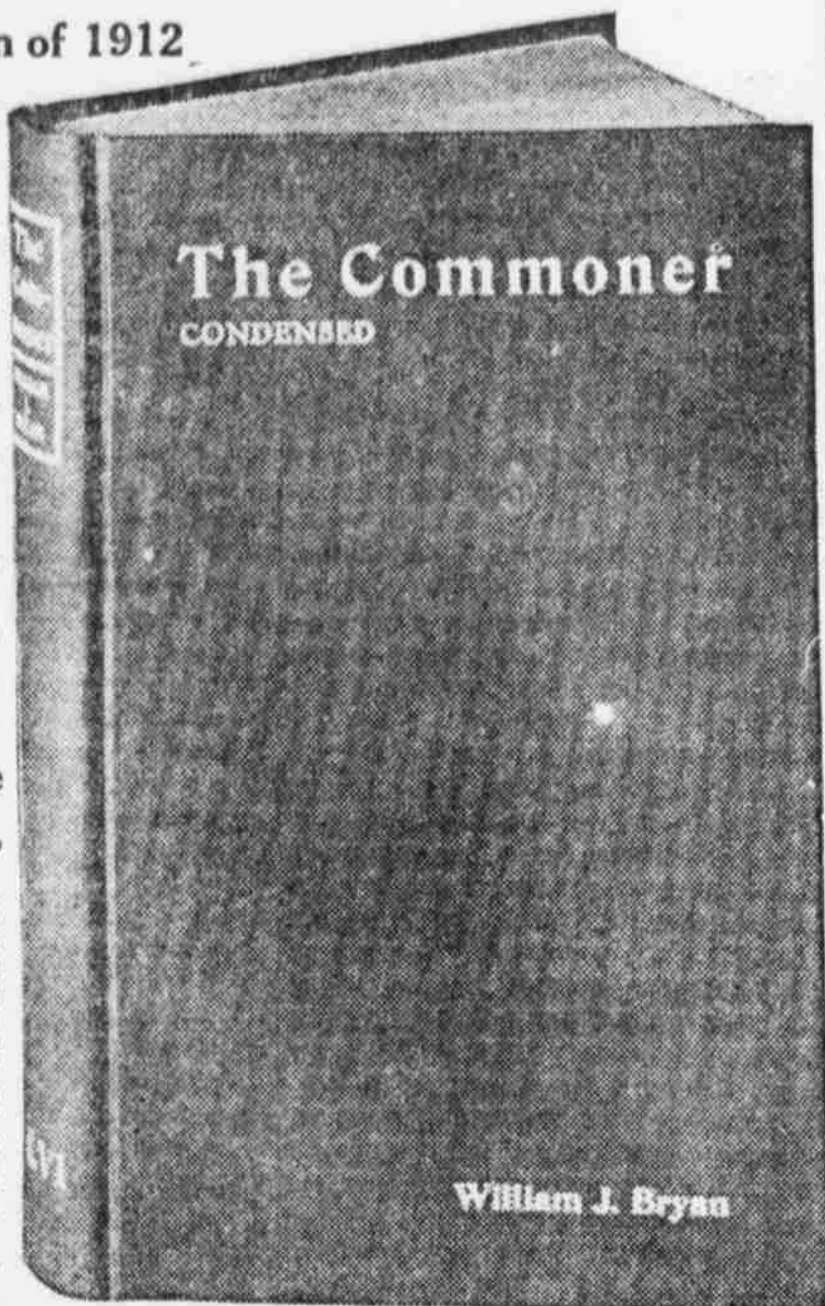
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mon. Others are for Wilson. There are no candidates put on the ticket by the Clark faction, this wing of the party contenting itself with putting the name of Speaker Clark on the ballot for a preference vote.

As nearly as we find out the candidates and their preference follows: Delegates-at-large, for Harmon, Senator Hitchcock, Fred Volpp, Tom Smith. For Wilson (or Clark) W. J. Bryan, George L. Loomis, I. J. Dunn, W. H. Westover.

In the Fourth congressional district, those for Harmon are E. O. Weber, John C. Hartigan. For Wilson (or Clark) Matt Miller, C. E. Bowlby.

We do not say that the candidates mentioned above as being for Harmon, would not vote for Clark, but it is certain that they are opposed to Mr. Bryan and the voters are entitled to this information.

As this list may not be published again, voters desiring to retain this information should cut out the list and reserve it for reference until the primary, April 19.

The charge that Mr. Bryan is attempting to become a boss is rather far-fetched, especially when coming from Mr. Hitchcock. Mr. Bryan is not an office holder. He can not bring to bear any pressure except the pressure of argument and personal leadership. Mr. Hitchcock, on the other hand, is a United States senator. As such, in the event of the election of a democratic president, he will pass upon all federal appointments in Nebraska. It is a great club in his hands right now, when held over the heads of timid editors who want to be postmasters and hungry office seekers, who want to be most any old thing which spells for them a federal appointment. But it will have little effect upon the militant democracy of Nebraska. Most of the editors who have fought, jobless, in Nebraska for the past sixteen years or longer—fought for principle, not for office, will tell Mr. Hitchcock and his postoffices, to go hang—they will stand behind Mr. Bryan in his efforts to prevent the party from being Parkerized.

### JUST LIKE 1904

Fairbury (Neb.) Journal: The democratic party has reached the same place in the road now that it occupied at this time of year in 1904. The same forces that desired the nomination of Parker for president are working now for the nomination of Harmon. They wanted the party to be less radical then, and it was true—also less strong. Mr. Bryan was ridiculed, maligned and fought as hard then as he is now, and also buried beyond resurrection, but he still lives. The rank and file of the democracy are not interested in securing the offices—they want democratic principles to be enacted into law. The seekers for office want the party to win, no matter how. Always the office seekers are most active, most persistent and most thoroughly organized and financed. They work together effectively but they destroy the party by undermining its principles for selfish and transient purposes. The rank and file of the democratic party, at this time, should view with caution the activities of the office holders and office seekers.

### HITCHCOCK IN 1904

Creighton (Neb.) Liberal: Senator Hitchcock passing through Omaha severely censures several Nebraska democrats who, a short time ago, were hewing some knotty wood and hauling some dirty water in his behalf. Senator Hitchcock does not have to run the whole gamut of explanations about Mr. Harmon for us. We rode on the same car to St. Louis in 1904 and Mr. Hitchcock

gave us more positive assurance that Judge Parker was the candidate to nominate at that time.

In throwing down the gauge of battle to the radicals no doubt some of the latter will inform the junior senator that some of the republican papers notably the Journal and News of Lincoln are printing more of the battle cry of the progressives than the esteemed World-Herald.

If we can read the signs of the times we fancy that if Mr. Hitchcock constituted his interview as throwing his hat into the ring that the ring will soon be full of hat.

### DEMOCRATS APPROVE

Hastings (Neb.) Republican: When it comes to being one of a delegation with hands tied to support a Wall street "regular" Mr. Bryan draws the line and refuses to stand hitched to any such arrangement and every honest democrat approves his decision.

### DROPPING THE MASK

Hastings (Neb.) Republican: As the Lincoln News pertinently remarks, "The pretense of friendship that has been kept up between Mr. Bryan and Mr. Hitchcock has been dropped, and it is a good thing for both of them and for the party to which they both belong," and, further, that everybody who is acquainted with both "know that they are not the same kind of a democrat." Such a contest, while regrettable, can not but be helpful in the end. It clearly defines the issues between these two men and the elements each represents. Hitchcock is assuming the leadership—willing tool of the eastern wing of the anti-Bryanites to humiliate Bryan in his own state. This bitter warfare Hitchcock is now waging against Bryan should serve to arouse the democrats all over Nebraska to more intelligent action and make the coming primary election the more decisive.

### PROGRESSIVE DELEGATES

Hay Springs (Neb.) Enterprise: Our Judge Westover, Hon. W. J. Bryan, I. J. Dunn and Judge Loomis are the progressive candidates endorsed by the voters for delegates-at-large to the national democratic convention and are against Mr. Harmon or any other reactionary. Be sure to make an X after their names. Let the nations know that Nebraska with her peerless leader is not willing to surrender the rights of the people into the hands of Wall street.

### NOT A DICTATOR

Lexington (Neb.) Clipper-Citizen: At the democratic banquet at Kearney, Mr. Bryan said that if Mr. Harmon was successful in being nominated on the democratic ticket as the choice of the party for president of the United States, that he (Mr. Bryan) would refuse to go to the national convention as a delegate, but would go as a citizen and try to prevent Mr. Harmon's nomination. His objection to Mr. Harmon is that Mr. Harmon is not a progressive and that he is a candidate sanctioned by J. Pierpont Morgan and Jim B. Hill. Senator Hitchcock of this state has signified that Mr. Harmon is his preference, but that he will go to the national convention to stand for the choice of the state as expressed at the primary, whether Harmon is nominated or not. Mr. Bryan and Mr. Hitchcock are candidates for delegate-at-large to the national convention. Mr. Hitchcock claims that Mr. Bryan seeks to be a dictator in that he refuses to be a delegate to stand for Mr. Harmon, because he refuses to do the will of the democracy as expressed at the primary. That does not seem reasonable to us. If Mr. Bryan believes that Mr. Harmon