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for personal investigation by Democratic voters as to what Mr. Mullen stands for. Mr. Bryan has made very plain in the years past what he stands for. Those Democrats who are with him on these issues will vote for Mr. Thompson, while those who stand against him on these issues will vote for Mr. Mullen.

SAME FOLLOWING

Petitions containing the names of several thousand wet Democrats were gathered by John F. Moriarty, a former member of the Nebraska senate who was the spokesman there for the liquor interests and one of the few who voted against a prohibitory law, asking that the name of Governor Edwards of New Jersey be entered in the Democratic preferential contest for president. They were filed at the last minute. Governor Edwards declined, saying that it was because he did not desire to divide the wet vote in Nebraska with Senator Hitchcock. Governor Edwards seems to have much more accurate knowledge of the character of the support of Senator Hitchcock than those Nebraska dry Democrats who think that state pride should dictate a Hitchcock instruction.

FOR NATIONAL COMMITTEEMAN

Grand Island, Nebr., April 9, 1920.
To the Democratic Voters of Nebraska:

I am a candidate for Democratic National Committeeman in the primaries to be held April 20th. I am unable to personally see all of those who will vote in the primary and I take this way of advising you who I am and what I stand for.

I have been an active Democrat in Nebraska for more than thirty years.

In 1896 I was Democratic National Committeeman and as you know Nebraska cast its electoral vote for W. J. Bryan for President.

In 1912 I was elected Chairman of the Democratic State Committee and re-elected in 1914. In both campaigns the party was united, with the result that the electoral vote in 1912 was cast for a Democratic president and the entire Democratic state ticket was elected in 1912 and 1914.

If I am elected I will do what I can to again unite the party and get it out of the factional rut it is now in. I do not want the position as a source of profit and if elected will accept no political retainers of any kind.

My sole purpose in soliciting your support is to organize the party—not disorganize it.

I am supporting Mr. Bryan and the things he stands for in this campaign.

I am in favor of the ratification of the amendment giving the right of suffrage to women.

I am in favor of an immediate reduction of armament as a guaranty of peace.

I am against universal compulsory military training—the people are now overburdened with war taxes.

I am against the profiteer and if elected National Committeeman will devote my time to securing legislation to effectively prosecute profiteers and stop profiteering. Yours truly,

W. H. THOMPSON.

CHARGES G. O. P. WITH PERJURY

(From Omaha News.)

Mrs. H. J. Bailey, chairman of the women's dry Democratic committee sweeps aside party lines in a reply to W. C. Fraser, who, in a recent interview, urged party affiliation in registration to avoid "unfairness, injustice and fraud."

"Republican politicians are losing the confidence of women by statements of fraud and perjury," she says.

"Women know perfectly well there is no moral or legal responsibility in regard to party affiliation, and also know men have not so regarded it, for they have and are using party affiliation to further their own interests.

"Surely women will not hesitate to use the same means to enable them to support the principles they have worked and stood for for years; namely, prohibition and suffrage.

"Very few women will regard party affiliation above principles. They know these principles are being attacked in the Democratic party; also that the defense is being made in the Democratic party.

MAJORITY RULE

On another page will be found an editorial from the Washington Star suggesting that, to be consistent, Mr. Bryan ought to favor majority rule in Democratic conventions. Mr. Bryan does favor majority rule in Democratic conventions and has urged this reform. It ought to be accompanied by the abolition of the unit rule, which gives the big states an unfair advantage.

Progressive Democratic Ticket

The following named national candidates support the principles advocated by Mr. Bryan and should be elected with him.

Ask the election judge for a Democratic ballot and mark an X in the square opposite the name of each of the following candidates:

For Preference for President of United States, write in the name of
YOUR CHOICE

National Committeeman:
W. H. THOMPSON

Delegates at Large to the Democratic National Convention:
**WILLIAM J. BRYAN
DAN V. STEPHENS
GEORGE W. BERGE
J. J. THOMAS**

Delegates to National Convention, First District:
**CHARLES A. LORD
JOSEPH H. MILES**

Delegates to National Convention, Second District:
**MRS. E. B. TOWL
ALBERT E. MAY**

Delegates to National Convention, Third District:
**SEYMOUR S. SIDNER
MRS. MARIE WEEKES**

Delegates to National Convention, Fourth District:
**GEORGE LANDGREN
V. E. STAHL**

Delegates to National Convention, Fifth District:
**GEO. E. HALL
W. M. SOMERVILLE**

Delegates to National Convention, Sixth District:
**FRANK J. TAYLOR
C. W. BEAL**

Give these names to men and women who are going to vote the Democratic ticket. Carry the list to the polls so as not to forget the names.

PRIMARY ELECTION, APRIL 20

Hitchcock's Record on Currency Bill

Harvey Newbranch, writing in the World-Herald under a recent date, holds that Bryan is insulting the intelligence of Nebraska Democrats, when he declares that Hitchcock is "a tool of Wall Street" and stood with Wall street in opposition to the regional bank currency bill.

Harvey then proceeds to enlightening us by telling us that Hitchcock succeeded in making it a better bill. But Harvey is biased—he is more than that—he himself is "insulting the intelligence of Nebraska Democrats" and preying upon their ignorance.

WHAT SENATOR GLASS SAYS OF HITCHCOCK

Smarting beneath the lash of the New York World in its scathing denunciation of him for his Wall Street attitude on currency legislation, the senator wrote a letter to that publication under date of February, 1918, in which he said in part:

"You say I nearly wrecked the federal reserve bank bill. You are mistaken. I did not "nearly" wreck it; I actually wrecked it and led the fight which substituted the present law for it. The present law is 60 per cent different in text from the bill which you supported."

This brazen faced claim did not escape the eye of the bill's closest friend and author—now Senator Glass, and under date of February 8, 1918, he wrote a stinging reply to the Hitchcock letter, which reads as follows:

Washington, Feb. 8.—To the Editor of the World: I note in your issue of today that Senator Hitchcock in response to your criticism, says that he did not "nearly wreck" the federal reserve bank bill, but "actually wrecked it and led the fight which substituted the present law for it. The present law is 60 per cent different in text from the bill you supported."

There never was a more amazing misstatement. Senator Hitchcock not only didn't "wreck" the federal reserve bill but he made not one particle of impression on it, unless it was to make various alterations of phraseology, signifying the difference between tweedle-dum and tweedle-dee. There isn't a provision in the law as it stands on the statute book today, that Senator Hitchcock seriously had anything to do with; and while the text of the act is somewhat different from the original bill, neither 60 per cent NOR ANY PER CENT of it is fundamentally different in any particular to the original bill.

The senator was such a bitter adversary of the bill that he was not permitted to serve on the conference committee, although by reason of his seniority he was entitled to serve. His statement of the case in the World today, is utterly without foundation of fact.

CARTER GLASS.

Carter Glass knows who the friends were, of the currency bill. He also knew whom Wall street depended upon to protect its interest—it was Hitchcock the enemy of the most masterly piece of financial legislation ever given the people to free them from Wall street's clutch. And Harvey Newbranch says Bryan is "insulting the intelligence of Nebraska Democrats!" Let Harvey fall to his knees and beg a thousand pardons for the World-Herald's own brazen insolence and craven deceit.—Blue Hill Leader.

MISS LILLIAN U. STONER, FOR SECRETARY OF STATE

Miss Lillian U. Stoner has filed as candidate on the Democratic ticket for the office of secretary of state, to be nominated at the primary election, April 20. Miss Stoner is well qualified by training and experience for the position for which she aspires, and deserves the support of the progressive Democrats of the state. She has served Nebraska as a public school teacher; county superintendent, three terms; head of the Political and Social Science Department State Normal School, Peru, fourteen years; secretary of the State Teachers' Association, three terms; organizer for suffrage, and prohibition worker; war worker; as well as being active in various other public organizations.