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When Dr. Jeckyl and Mr. Hyde Poynter addressed the dairymen of the western states at the trans-Mississippi Exposition a short time since, he was in a very humorous mood and kept the delegates in an uproar of laughter from beginning to the close. He reviewed in a quite extensive manner all the new theories and improvements injected into the science of butter making from the earliest dawn of creation down to the present day, introducing many little pleasantries about the kicking cow, the cow with a crumpled horn and the one preforming the unexampled exploit of jumping over the moon but kept very shy concerning our dear old Nebraska cow called "Speck."

The placing of a full state ticket in the field by the socialist labor party has attracted considerable attention, and a study of the list of petitioners for this ticket now on file in the office of secretary of state is convincing proof that it was nominated in good faith and will have a following in the coming election much larger than many suppose. The petition for nomination when completed will contain nearly a thousand names, and a very singular feature that has set the fusion politicians to thinking a great deal overtime about the matter of late is, that the list includes many old line populists in Omaha, South Omaha, Lincoln, Plattsmouth, Wahoo, Wilber and other places. A prominent populist in discussing the new ticket said: "It is the outgrowth of the devilish manner in which parties professing principles of reform have been managed in this state the past few years. The socialist labor ticket is a necessity, growing out of these unsatisfactory conditions, to accommodate conscientious reform voters who have arisen to their righteous indignation and might of American manhood, and will no longer submit to being tricked and bartered by the selfish, unscrupulous, hypocritical office holders now in possession of our state government."

The blackest crime in the annals of our state history was committed by the so-called allied forces of reform two years ago when they attempted a high-handed fraud upon the ballot box—a crime that [illegible] and infinitely more dangerous, [illegible] wide reaching influence than [illegible] or even murder. It [illegible] foulest blot on our state's escutcheon. No crime was ever planned at the darkest hour of midnight with more infamous or daring deliberation. No band of highway robbers ever carried into execution their devilish designs with a firmer determination or more fixedness of purpose—right up to the very moment when they were detected in the villainous act and exposed. The case is clear and needs no further evidence of guilt. There are no extenuating circumstances or room for apology. Behind closed doors, hidden from the gaze of honest men, and secure from criticism of the daily press, they attempted to steal enough ballots to count in an amendment overwhelmingly defeated at the polls, and thereby seat two popocratic judges upon the supreme bench; and every member of the popocratic legislature who aided in any way this infamous plot or stood by looking on with silent approval, and every state officer, from Governor Holcomb down, is an accomplice in this crime. This is a serious matter and should not be passed over lightly. The vigilance over the people's suffrages is a sacred trust. In the ballot box lies the main safe guard to our liberties, and any man or party who dares to tamper with it forfeits every right to the decent respect or confidence of a free people.

Senator Windy V. Allen is still regularly maintaining his reputation as prince of demagogues, and as the campaign approaches the close the voters of Nebraska are greatly impressed with the well defined duty they actually owe the state in electing members to the legislature favorable to retiring this colossal humbug to private life. Early in the campaign while addressing a meeting in the southeastern part of the state, he declared with vehemence that to the populists in congress under his splendid leadership was due the honor for "pushing" the administration into war with Spain; and a few weeks later in a speech elsewhere, he vilified the president for rushing into a war wholly unprepared, bemoaning the sad fate of our soldiers, who were abused, starved and murdered in consequence of this unnecessary haste. He blows both hot and cold in the short space of a day on a territorial expansion, the leading question today engaging the minds of the American people. No man can tell what a day may bring forth with Senator Allen, nor has the faintest understanding of what he really means by his public utterances. And the dishonest tactics employed in the present campaign is in strict keeping with his whole official career. Whether in Washington addressing the senate, or reeling off political harangue in Nebraska for re-election he is the same blatant demagogue, measuring every word he gives utterance with a careful regard as to its probable symphony upon the tympanum of lamenting Jeremiahs. Our feet must be guided by the lamp of experience. The successor to Senator Allen should be a certain quantity, an upholder of the brilliant administration of President McKinley; one who does not price his own selfish interests above those of his country, and one who possesses a loftier and more patriotic ambition than posing for applause from the grandstand of pessimistic politics.

In regard to raising campaign funds the triple alliance party has always professed to be very conscientious. In fact, the managers have frequently denied ever having any filthy lucre for campaign purposes, save that which came from voluntary contributions, as a sort of "conscience gift," as it were. It has been charged many times, however, that every employee in the different state institutions has been compelled regularly each month during the campaign to hand over a large portion of his wages, no matter how small they be, to the popocratic central committee, and the truth of this has been verified beyond a doubt. John McCrosson, of Seward, has been employed as a guard at the state penitentiary for a number of years, serving under three previous wardens. At the close of September, Mr. McCrosson signed the payroll as usual, his monthly wages being $30. When he called for his pay the bookeeper tendered him a check for $24.60. He refused to accept this amount in full for the wages due him and asked for the balance. The bookkeeper informed him that he had no authority to pay the rest, it being held back for the campaign fund. Mr. McCrosson appealed his case to Warden Leidigh, stating that he had a family to provide for out of his small wages and he thought it very unjust to retain a portion of his money in that way without first ascertaining whether or not he was willing. The warden informed him that if he did not like this style of doing business, the way was clear to quit. Mr. McCrosson left the same evening, but not until he had demanded and received the remainder of his wages due him, $5.40, which Warden Leidigh had attempted to hold back. He still has in his possession the check for $24.60 as corroborating evidence of the hold-up. The sham "reformers not only assess employes, but take the money by force. Since the case here cited has been made known it has developed that every employe in the state penitentiary is subject to the same treatment, and what is true of this is true of all the other state institutions. They thus show that their pretended "reform" is nothing but a hollow mockery, and their professed deep love for the poor laboring man is but a subterfuge to secure his vote.

"Those who lie will steal," shouted Treasurer Meserve in his tremendous speech at the Oliver theatre, and we need only to cast a glance at popocratic figures for a verification of this truth to the letter. They have smashed both of these leading commands in the decalogue to smithereens. Nearly every statement of "reform" economy sent out by the figure juggiers, on their cards and circulars, is stamped with a lie, and notable among these is the statement of Treasurer Meserve which says: "I have reduced the state debt $700,542.99 from November 30, 1896 to August 1, 1898." Now you ask why the great financier from Red Willow county began with November 30, in his mighty saving career, when he did not become treasurer until January 7, 1897? The answer is easy enough. During the month of December, Joe Bartley while he was yet treasurer, called for $304,215.84 in outstanding warrants and paid them before Meserve succeeded him in office; that is, the call was made in December by Bartley and he turned over the necessary cash to Meserve of the general fund to meet the warrants as they were presented during the first part of January. This amount of reduction of the state's indebtedness, Treasurer Meserve has included in the $700,542.99 when it should be deducted from it. You see these reformers in order to make a good showing of economy count everything in sight and repeat several times if necessary. Mr. Porter says: "I collected more fees in 18 months than were collected by all the republican secretaries in 20 years." Then continuing along this line of popocratic line of ponderous reasoning, Joe Bartley reduced the state debt $304,215.84 in 38 days, while Mr. Meserve wiped out only $369,327.15 of indebtedness in 19 months.

And again, "Those who will lie will steal." Brethren let us remember the language of our text. In fourteen counties popocratic treasurer shortages amount to $218,240 during the past eight years, and in two of these counties, Gosper and Hamilton, the embezzlers burned the court houses including all the records, adding arson to theft for the purpose of covering up their tracks, and rendering successful prosecution impossible. This is only a partial list of shortages known to have occured under popocratic rule, and if the total amount in the state embezzled in all the various offices by the "holier than thou" gang of "reformers" was fully ascertained it would exceed half a million dollars. In the strong language of the text, "Those who lie will certainly steal."

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