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THURSDAY, MARCH, 15, 1900.

County—"Let us vote and see whether this is a democrat or populist convention."

Holiday—"I have no objection to killing the republican party but I won't become one of its pall bearers by joining the democratic party."

The kind of harmony the democratic convention developed Monday was of the same kind that exists between a dog and cat when the dog wants the whole bone.

The democrats had a clear majority in the pop convention Monday, but there were fifty one of the number who had the courage to say they were not going to be carried bodily into the democratic camp without a protest.

We understand that C. F. Reavis of Falls City, will be a strong candidate before the republican state convention for Attorney General. Those who are personally acquainted with Mr. Reavis speak of his ability and qualifications in the highest terms.

The developments in the populist county convention Monday indicated that there is quite an element in the ranks of the party that will not sacrifice principle in order to become the tail of the democratic kite for Bryan's sake. While the resolution which demanded the nomination of populist of national reputation for president and vice president was voted down by a vote of nearly two to one by the democrats of the convention, it does not follow that every populist will submit to being delivered bodily to further the interests of the democratic party. There are not a few honest populists who joined the party with a hope of securing legislation more advantageous to the farmer and laboring classes than they had secured through the republican party. But since the principles for which they worked have been abandoned by the party they will follow the leaders into the democratic camp and assist the party to demoralize the business of the country another four years as was experienced under Cleveland.

The more intelligent of populist know that should Bryan succeed in reaching the White House, that it would be such men as Cleveland, Bart Cochran, Gorman, Hill, and Carlyle that would dictate the policy of the party. Already an alliance has been made with them by the Bryan faction and those who lend their influence to further the interests of the so called demo-pop nominees will find to their sorrow, should their ticket prevail that it is the same "Wolf" in sheep's clothing that brought on our panic in 1893.

Hon. D. Clem Deaver has grown tired of the Bosses and launched out on an independent line. We predict that he will have a stormy sea for his journalistic career. Deaver really believes there are many thousands of "true populists" in Nebraska, but unless we are mistaken, the "true populists" have seen the absurd weakness of these political prophets and reformers and are already settled, that it is too late to reorganize the populist party. Fusion has done its work, and it only needs time to end the populist contingent of democracy. The republicans will carry this state next fall. The action of the national central committee at Lincoln in turning down the true populists is the beginning of the end of fusion. All seeming unity and harmony will be too forced to fool the voters. Thousands of old time re-

publicans will fall into the republican ranks and quit forever this hypocrisy. Mr. Deaver sees the utter destruction of his party and hopes to reorganize it. He is honest and deserves a better fate. The reorganization of the populist party might have been done a year ago, but it can't be done now. The party has on it the smell of democracy and all the baleful stench of democratic history; besides the party is full of democratic mossbacks, who can't bear anything like progress. Even the old populist party found difficulty in keeping democratic greed and trickery from wrecking it. The mixing of democracy and republicanism is very difficult. There is a constitutional difference in the make-up of these parties and men from each party do not mix readily. No, Mr. Deaver, you can't make your "true populist" work. Too bad!

E Royce of Broken Bow, is mentioned as a candidate for representative delegate from the sixth district to the republican national convention to be held at Philadelphia. The suggestion is a good one and will meet with the unanimous support of the republicans of Custer county. Mr. Royce has been of valuable service to the party in the position of chairman of the republican county central committee; is in full harmony with the McKinley administration, and would represent the republicans of the big sixth in a manner that would be a credit to the party.—Ansley Chronicle.

The REPUBLICAN seconds the suggestion of the Chronicle. As the sixth congressional district is entitled to one delegate and Custer county casts next to the largest vote of any county in the district and in the line of importance in political circles, none will question our right. Buffalo, which has the largest vote, was given the delegate four years ago. Mr. Royce, as the Chronicle suggests, has made a splendid record as chairman of the county central committee and has merited recognition by the party. Under his leadership the county last year made a greater gain than any other county in the state. This we regard as very creditable when we are reminded that Custer county has for the past ten years not only been recognized but in fact has been the stronghold of the pop party. Mr. Royce is in every way capable of occupying the position of national delegate and should be chosen for that honored position he will fill it with honor to himself and credit to his district.

Stop and Think.

The repeated change of "eternal principles" made by demo-pops under the leading of Bryan is a direct insult to the intelligence of every populist who has ability to think for himself. This changing of issues year by year is an open and public confession by demo-pop leaders that their followers are fickle and have to be excited with something new each year to keep them together. There has been no growth of the fusion hosts since fusion began. While the populist party was alone and adhered to definite principles, it was also growing and aggressive. The leaders of the fusion conglomeration know that there is no organizing life in their ranks and so depend entirely upon such "clap trap" issues from year to year as they think will excite and prejudice the minds of their followers. This very fact is an insult to populists if they would only stop to think. Think of such a travesty called "Reform." The latest is secret meetings, when one of the state ring is sent out to presume on the ignorance of the party?

Don't Want Prosperity.

It is really pitiable to notice the depressing effect the continued tale of woe set up by demo-pops is having on some of them. They have habituated themselves to look for trouble so long that they can see no hope nor feel any comfort in life. They have cultivated such a sullen suspicion of their fellow men, that despondency has become chronic. This state of feeling is almost treasonable to mankind. It is a lack of patriotic faith in man-

kind. He must have an abnormal egotism and self righteousness who imagines, there are no thinking and honest men in the republican party. Such a state of political infidelity can never win a political battle. It lacks all the elements of faith and manly courage which make success. Such a spirit in a country is itself far more appalling than all the imagined evils of the republican party. A man who will admit that all liberty is gone and all hope fled in a country like this, where education abounds, the press is free, and the ballot in every man's hand, must be about gone in political Jim-Jams or jilted in his political aspirations. Such a moral weakness is a disgrace to an American citizen and no one who has a high sense of personal pride would allow such a weakness to show itself publicly. However, it is just what we might expect from men who have allowed themselves to be betrayed and bartered about as the pops have been by the democrats. We have never seen a man yet who lost faith in truth, if he comprehended what truth is. And any man who comprehends American liberty and the sincere hold it has upon the people will ever be found in these paroxysms of despair. The early populist party exhibited a very different spirit. Its zeal, good will, and confidence in its principles awoke admiration even among its enemies. But this latter day demo-popery puts on such sombre hues of mourning, that it becomes disgusting, if not corrupting. Such an article as Dr. Rhodes had in the CHIEF to his fellow mourners, would surely have been corrupting had it not been so apparently ridiculous. It is comforting to know that such appeals to the people do not create much alarm just now. The seven or eight stalwart grumblers who met to save the country on the strength of that plumbago appeal, must have realized that even Custer county cannot be fooled much longer by ignorance and nonsense. \$2,000,000,000 of sound money in circulation, with a sound national credit, and men everywhere at work with increased pay. And our exports vastly exceeding our imports, is a condition poorly adopted to calamity wailers. No wonder such men want Bryan, soup-houses, democracy, and hard times.

Democratic "Ifs."

It is amusing to notice how the demo-pops seek hope in laying the present revival of industry to "good luck," and to every cause except republican policy. They point out various things, which, if they had happened, we would not have good times. For instance, they say "if our export values did not happen to exceed our import values, we would have hard times yet." Of course, if things remained as they were under democracy we should have hard times. The things which they say have just happened, are the very things which republican policy has created. It has always been one of the results of a protective tariff that made our export values exceed our import values; and consequently the current of gold set in towards the United States. This current of gold towards us, increases the amount of our currency, and sets loose the money which is unemployed. This increase of money and also the more rapid circulation of money, have begun to revive all our industries, and this revival will increase so long as the same policy continues. During the years of democratic free trade of 1817, our gold was rapidly leaving us until we were short about \$13,000,000, and as a result, money was hoarded and calamity ensued; wheat then sold for 20 cents per bushel in Ohio, and flour \$1.25 per barrel. The tariff of 1824 came and at once gold began to come towards the United States again, and it again let loose the hoarded money, and all values arose and prosperity ensued. The tariff of 1842, found the country in a most deplorable state, and the government unable to negotiate a loan at 6 per cent. But as soon as the tariff became operative our country's credit arose,

and so rapidly did the current of gold towards this country become, that after paying off debts accumulated under democratic free trade, there was an excess of \$40,000,000 of gold and everywhere prosperity abandoned. In 1847 another change came and free trade did its work of ruin, and our currency was soon short \$14,000,000, and a crisis came. So it has been with every political change. Democracy is a synonym of hard times and republicanism a synonym of prosperity. These facts are not accidents. They do not just "happen." The pops and demo-pops have loved to tell us of England's policies and how their agriculture was destroyed and the English farmer destroyed. Do they even know that the policy by which England destroyed her farmers, was free trade, a democratic policy? Do demo-pops realize that they are in perfect accord with English policy? Do they remember when "wicked England" through the Cobden Club, \$2,000,000 as it was "hinted," to help democracy carry free trade here? Do they remember that the newspapers were full of this charge then and the shame of a "hint" of an alliance with England was upon democracy? Any reading and thinking man ought to see that England is bound to sue for international agreement on the restoration of silver, sooner or later if the republican policy continues. The current of Gold which has set in is only the beginning of what must be. Our boundless resources will control the world's gold. As long as our energy and machinery outstrip the world's competition as it now does. We must necessarily bring England to her knees and Europe to its senses. The only way to free silver is through republican policy, and American ingenuity and Commerce.

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