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### REPUBLICAN TICKET.

For Presidential Electors.

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### The value of a Cow.

The American cow has been feeling the effect of good times, and has come in for a good share of the prosperity that now exists in every corner of our country. Note the following figures of the total value of all cows in the United States, and the average value of each, as shown by the Department of Agriculture:

Jan. 1	Total Value.	Per Head
1894.....	\$357,908,661	\$21.77
1895.....	362,601,720	21.76
1896.....	363,955,545	22.55
1897.....	363,239,992	23.16
1898.....	434,812,726	27.35
1899.....	474,233,925	29.60
1900.....	614,712,106	31.60

Cows on the American farm were worth only from \$21.17 to \$23.16 each under the Democratic Administration of President Cleveland. Less milk was bought when our factories were closed. But busy factories mean money to spend and more milk for the family; so the farmers' cows are worth more under the protection of the Dingley tariff, which gives the home market to the home worker. A difference of \$10 in the value of cow, between free trade and protection times, is an "object lesson" for the farmer.

The receipts of the Philippines Islands from date of occupation to January 31, 1900, reported as having been deposited with the treasurer of the islands, were—  
Customs..... \$5,926,273.91  
Internal Revenue..... 540,393.10  
Sicard Funds..... 479,567.17  
Miscellaneous..... 303,255.99  
Total..... \$7,259,590.17

The disbursements during the same period amounted to the sum of \$5,827,488.44.

During January, February and March of this year the total customs receipts were \$1,668,379, the March receipts exceeding those of either January or February by \$115,937. There are now thirty-two ports opened to trade in the Philippines.

The first state election this year will be held in Oregon June 4th. The State gave McKinley a plurality of a little more than two thousand in 1896 and is no less republican now than it was then. Other states holding elections before November are North Carolina August 2, Alabama August 6, Arkansas September 10, Georgia October 3.—Ex.

An advance of 10 per cent in the wages of the employees of the West Virginia oil companies is announced. This will hardly mix with the cold water the Democratic editors are trying to throw on prosperity.

In 1894 there were only 231,848,596 bushels of wheat retained for home consumption; in 1899 the quantity retained was 452,530,285 bushels. In 1894 there were thousands of people too poor even to buy bread. In 1899 every body could buy bread. These two comparisons represent the different conditions of the country under Democratic and Republican administrations.

In 1895 the world's production of gold was \$17,000,000 less than the world's production of silver. In 1898 the production of gold was \$73,700,000 greater. Not much danger of a scarcity of the yellow metal.

The foreign demand for corn meal is becoming quite a factor, thanks to the efforts of the Department of Agriculture, under this administration.

The World Herald is making a great too do over the price of ice in that city which is being controlled by a trust. The rates in Omaha charged by the trust is 2 1/2 to 3 mills a pound or \$5 or \$6 per ton. In Broken Bow where we have no trust, ice is selling for half cent per pound or \$10 per ton. That is the usual price and no body kicks.

### Farm Products And Labor Higher.

"We are radically opposed to fusion as a principle, yet we cannot see our way clear to oppose the election of Mr. Bryan, under present conditions. Under republican rule prices of nearly all manufactured articles have increased very materially, while the prices of farm products and labor have been declining."—Callaway Independent.

The above from over esteemed contemporary of Callaway is a sample of the argument given out by fusion papers throughout the country to mislead the farmers and laborers who do not think for themselves. Such matter may have the desired effect upon those who read nothing but pop papers or those whose memory fails to revert back to the conditions of prices and labor four years ago.

In the article there is one grain of truth while the rest is fabrications. All manufactured articles are higher than they were under democratic rule, when Bryan was a candidate four years ago. But instead of the price of farm products being lower they are higher, possibly wheat excepted and so are wages for all classes of workmen. As a matter of fact, thousands who were out of employment for want of a job and many thousands more who were being fed at soup houses have employment at remunerative wages. The price of cattle, hogs, corn, hay, lard, hides, beef, sheep and mutton, cotton, wool and horses are bringing good prices and are in demand in the markets.

Not only every farmer but every business man knows that products of all kinds have advanced in prices in the past four years under a republican administration and that the condition of finance has been greatly improved. The American Economist in speaking on the condition of the farmers as compared with free trade days, says: "There is a pleasing contrast in the returns received by the farmers at the present time as compared with the period of two years preceding the election of President McKinley. The 'American Agriculturist' presents figures to show the great improvement that has taken place, estimating that the produce of the United States farms for the past year was worth to the farmers over 1,600 millions of dollars more than in either of the depressed years noted, which is an average advance of 31 per cent. in values compared with the low point. The live stock of the country is said to be worth 700 millions of dollars more than during the hard times; the staple crops 400 millions of dollars more, other crops 200 millions of dollars more, and the produce of live stock such as meats, dairy products, hides and pelts, etc., 370 millions of dollars more.

This change for the better in the value of farm products has completely altered the condition of the agricultural classes. They have made money and have excellent prospects for the future, while their property has also appreciated in value."

The Independent will find before it is many months older that his argument in favor of fusion is as much in error as are his statements relative to the present prices of farm products and labor. The split now in the populists ranks is a small affair compared with the dissatisfaction that will result from the democratic convention at Kansas City. Whether Towne is endorsed or rejected a split will follow, as the western populist and eastern democrats differ too greatly to be satisfied. The democrat can not endorse Towne and his 16 to 1 theories neither will the populist submit to Towne being "thrown over the transom" as was Clem Deaver and a Cleveland democrat substituted. Fusion will not fuse when the elements are antagonistic.

Ex president Cleveland in his letter to the Brooklyn "Democrat" says the only sane thing the democratic party can do is to retire Bryan. That is something the democratic party does not seem able to do, but the republican party will do it effectually this fall.

### Rosewater And The Supreme Court.

The World Herald of the 17th inst: The supreme court before adjourning yesterday issued an order, based on an information presented by Attorney General Smyth, summoning Edward Rosewater and the Bee Publishing company to appear before the supreme court on Tuesday, June 5, at 9 a. m., to show cause why they should not be punished for contempt of court. In the attorney general's information Rosewater and his paper are charged "with falsely, unlawfully, wilfully, maliciously and contemptuously causing to be printed and published and printing and publishing certain scandalous, defamatory and scandalous falsehoods of and concerning the supreme court of the state of Nebraska, and certain of the judges thereof, with the intent maliciously to sully the honor and impair the efficiency of said court and cause it to be brought into public scandal, disrepute and odium, and to influence unduly and obstruct the proceedings and hinder the due administration of justice," in the Omaha fire and police commission case."

The Omaha fire and police commission was appointed by Gov. Holcomb under the provision of the charter for Omaha, passed by a pop legislature, which deprived the citizens of Omaha of the right to a voice in selecting their fire and police commission. The supreme court, held the appointment irregular and the governor's commissioners were ousted.

Since the change of the political complexion of the Supreme court the case has been reopened and the court is asked to review it. City attorney Conall, of Omaha raised the point that Judge Holcomb is disqualified to review the case, as he was an interested party. Under the heading "Worthy of serious consideration," the Omaha Bee on the 19th of April contained the following in support of city attorney Conall's objection, viz:

"Have you formed or expressed an opinion in this case?" is the question asked of every juror before he is sworn. If he answers in the affirmative, the question is asked whether he still retains the opinion expressed. If he says he does, the juror is promptly excused from serving by reason of being disqualified.

The test of impartiality applied to jurors is equally applicable to judges. It is an established principle that it is not proper for a judge to try an indictment signed by him as prosecuting attorney. The same principle finds expression in the constitutions of many states that disqualify judges from sitting in any case in which they have direct or indirect interest or in which they had an interest before they became judges.

The point raised by City Attorney Conall in the Omaha police commission case that Judge Holcomb is disqualified from taking part in its hearing is worthy of serious consideration. While acting as governor Judge Holcomb was a party to the proceeding which the supreme court, of which he is a member, is now asked to reopen and review. Governor Holcomb was not merely a party to the appointment of the displaced board, but he was a partisan in its behalf. His views on the validity of the police commission law that was declared unconstitutional by the supreme court were published while that case was pending, giving in an exhaustive form the reasons why he believed the court to be wrong.

Having pre-judged the case, Judge Holcomb must certainly realize that it would be in conflict with the spirit, if not the letter, of the constitution and the laws for him to use his judicial position to sustain himself in his former declarations. To set the precedent by participating in this case, after having formed and expressed an opinion, would lower the standard of the tribunal in which impartial and equal justice is expected to be administered and whose unbiased interpretation of the constitution is the bulwark of our free institutions."

We are all more or less prejudiced politically, and may be, we are in passing judgement on this controversy, between Rosewater and Smyth or the Supreme court. We are among those who believe, that the liberty of free speech can and is often abused and that there should be a more stringent law against seditious and unpatriotic utterances, against our courts and others of the nation, high in office. Yet a fair and honest discussion of

questions at issue is due the public, and an effort upon the part of any one in authority, to prohibit the open and fair discussion of matters in which the public is interested seeks to abridge the right of an American. Editor Rosewater has not, in our opinion exceeded his rights as a publisher, in the above article. He relates matters of history and deduces therefrom, logical conclusions. The court is neither defied nor censured. It was only a few days ago that Gov. Poynter is credited with having made a threat to defy the injunction against him, by the courts, and in case he was imprisoned for contempt, to pardon himself out.

Such a sentiment is very close akin to Shradler's memorable denunciation of the constitution and the supreme court, upon the floor of the House of representatives, a few years ago while serving as a member of that body, from Logan county. If populist can defy the court and dam the constitution with impunity, we are unable to see why a republican should be held liable for reciting history and drawing a logical conclusion therefrom.

### Another Ticket.

A political party known by the name of "christian union," held a convention at Rock Island Ills May 1st and nominated a national ticket. The platform embraces, prohibition, equal suffrage, initiative and referendum direct proportionate representation ect. They nominated Swallow for president and Wooley for vice-president.

Jerry Simpson who twice has been defeated for congress, by Long states in an interview that the democrats will eventually swallow the populists, and that they would in this campaign if it were not for the Cincinnati convention." Simpson is a candidate for the United States senate and has helped the democratic candidates for the Kansas legislature to get the populists nominees in the several districts to withdraw in favor of democrats.

The populist congressional convention will be held in Broken Bow July 9 at 2 o'clock p. m. A lively time is anticipated as there are a number of pops in the district who will try to defeat Neville's renomination unless he gets them reconciled before that date.

Western packers paid \$4.80 per 100 pounds for beef in 1896. But they paid \$6.20 in 1899. The farmers got the increase. Do they want to go back to Democratic prices?

There were nearly 7,000,000 more telegraph messages sent over United States wires in 1899 than in 1895. That indicates better business conditions, last year, because people had business to do and could better afford to pay telegraph tolls than two-cent postage.

### Put to the Test.

The republican policies of protection and sound money have once more been put to the test of practice and have demonstrated in operation their efficiency in promoting the welfare of the whole people.

Once more, then we enter a campaign in which the voters will be confronted by a condition in opposition to the theory. A widespread prosperity prevails in the land, and every form of industry is benefited by it. That prosperity is guaranteed by the legislation of the land, which protects it from the tinkering and the blundering of incompetent and disoriented politicians. So long as the Government is in safe hands so long will the welfare of the people be preserved, but it would not take the Bryanites long to precipitate a period of financial disaster, industrial depression and commercial stagnation. The very menace of a free silver act would send gold into retirement, suddenly restrict the currency and plunge the nation into a state of confusion in comparison with which the disasters of the Wilson Tariff would seem like good times.—San Francisco "Call"

The World-Herald correspondent in Washington gives the straight of the Neville-Greene salary matter which has been exploited so prominently by the Holt county Independent. He states that the general deficiency bill which passed the house on Monday contained an item of \$3,845.89 for Mrs. Greene wife of our late congressman. The correspondent states that Mrs. Greene has already received \$1,250. From this statement it will be inferred that Congressman Neville drew the salary for full term, as has been stated, but the difference is that Mrs. Greene is not the looser, because congress has established the precedent as the Hub understands it—of making deficiency appropriations as has been done in this instance.—Kearney Hub.

Having beaten all the records of the past those thirty days we call April, 1900, sleep the sleep of the industrious. The United States exported during that month \$118,000,000 of products to the world at large. It is eighteen millions more than ever exported in April before. An increase of 18 per cent is calculated to open the eyes of the pops but the trouble they were born blind.

You know the pops said that the Dingley tariff would most certainly ruin our foreign trade. They said that other nations wouldn't buy anything of us unless we bought as or a little more of them than we wanted to sell them. And so the democrats, the free silveites, the two sorts of prohibs, the social democrats and everybody but the stalwart republicans. But what they say doesn't go any more today than it did four years ago.—American Economist.

The better class of populist who have been sore at themselves ever since last fall because they voted for Neville instead of Judge Kinkaid for congress will have an opportunity to partial correct their error by voting for Kinkaid this fall.

Clem Deaver's middle of the road convention had 200 more delegates than the fusion convention at Sioux Falls. It is plain that all of the pops are not ready to sacrifice principle for office, and we predict that before another two years rolls around that the middle of the roaders will be all there is left of the populist party. The fusion crowd will have been wholly swallowed by the democrats or will have cast their lot with the followers of Clem Deaver.

Senator Clark from Montana, who so recently tender his resignation as a member of the senate to escape the humiliation of having the records show that he was expelled for obtaining his seat through bribery attempted to play a shrewd game but failed. Immediately upon tendering his resignation, Lieut. Gov. Spriggs, who was acting governor in the absence of Governor Smith, appointed Senator Clark Senator, to fill the vacancy made by his own resignation. The scheme was well planned and had not Gov. Smith been true to his convictions the appointment would have doubtless worked. Gov. Smith had been induced by outside parties to go to California to look into the title of some property which miles. Finlen was interested, and in his absence the Lieut. Governor was acting governor. Gov. Smith on returning took immediate steps to have the appointment revoked and instead appointed Martin Maginnis to fill the vacancy of United States Senator from Montana.

The democrats who are now complaining that the national treasury is "bulging with money" and as a consequence there is a lack of the circulating medium are reminded that is the same complaint they made eight years ago when Cleveland was elected. As a result the treasury was not only emptied but \$260,000,000 were borrowed to meet the deficit and the circulating medium ran down to about \$6.00 less per capita than it is today.