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REPUBLICAN TICKET.

- Presidential Electors:**
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 EDWARD ROYSE
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 S. P. DAVIDSON
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- STATE TICKET:**
 For Governor, **CHAS H DIETRICH, Adams.**
 For Lieut. Governor, **E P SAVAGE, Custer.**
 For Secretary of State, **G W MARSH, Richardson.**
 For Auditor, **CHAS WESTON, Sheridan.**
 For Treasurer, **WM STEUFFER, Cuming.**
 For Attorney General, **FRANK N PROUT, GAGE.**
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 For Supt. Pub. Instruction, **W K FOWLER, Washington.**
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 For Congress, **MOSES P. KINKAID.**
- SENATORIAL:**
 For Senator, 15th Senatorial District, **HON. F. M. CURRIE, Sargent.**
- REPRESENTATIVE:**
 For Representatives, 56th Dist., **CHAS. E. SPAFFORD.**
JOSEPH PIGMAN.
- COUNTY:**
 For County Attorney, **JUDSON C. PORTER.**
COUNTY SUPERVISOR TICKET:
 For Supervisor, District No. 1, **HOWARD SAVAGE.**
 For Supervisor, District No. 3, **G. H. THORPE.**
 For Supervisor, District No. 7, **G. HISER.**
- TOWNSHIP TICKET:**
 For Clerk, **W. H. OSBORNE, JR.**
 For Treasurer, **J. M. KIMBERLING.**
 For Assessor, **W. M. VANNICE.**
 For Justice of the Peace, **J. J. SNYDER.**
 For Constable, **L. E. COLE.**
 Road Overseer, Dist. No. 1, **CHAS. DAVIS.**
 District No. 2, **JOHN KENOYER.**
 District No. 3, **L. McCANDLESS.**
 District No. 4, **M. D. CALLEN.**
 District No. 5, **F. H. ARTHUR.**
 District No. 6, **G. E. CADWELL.**
 District No. 7, **C. T. WRIGHT.**

"If there is any one who believes the Gold Standard is a good thing, or that it must be maintained, I warn him not to cast his vote for me, because I promise him it will not be maintained in this county longer than I am able to get rid of it."—W. J. BRYAN, at Knoxville, Tenn., Sept. 16, 1896.

Four years ago, when McKinley was elected, confidence was restored, and business interests of all kinds begun to revive. With his re-election this fall, prosperity will continue. Should the American people determine to elect Bryan instead, and a democratic congress, a reaction is almost sure to follow, and prices of all products will decrease.

Otis Barnard, of Callaway, was a friendly caller at this office yesterday. He has been traveling in the west part of the county looking after division for the Callaway syndicate. He says that in several localities he finds many who formerly affiliated with the pops, who are supporting McKinley now. Another evidence that some good can come from Nazareth.

Hon. F. M. Currie is in Valley county this week, looking after his political interests. Reports come from Valley that he will get a much larger vote there this fall than two years ago. His vote will also be increased in Blaine and Loup, and Custer will close up the ranks with a good 100 more votes for him than she did two years ago, when he carried the county by 78. Let the good work go on.

J. C. Porter, republican candidate for county attorney, is making friends wherever he goes. His genial ways and unpretentious manners cannot fail to inspire confidence and admiration in all who meet him.

C. T. Holiday has been put on the populist congressional ticket, in place of Stewart, resigned. We understand that the central committee will not fill H. J. Shinn's place on the ticket for county attorney. This will leave the fight solely between J. C. Porter, the republican nominee, and L. E. Kickpatrick, the fusion candidate. We predict Mr. Porter's election by a handsome majority.

Col. E. R. Hutchins, of Des Moines, Iowa, was greeted with a good crowd at the court house Monday night, notwithstanding the threatening storm in the evening. The "frost" which struck Congressman Southerland ten days previous, when he only had thirty-five out to his big rally in the opera house, did not have so demoralizing an effect on the republicans. Surely there has been a change in Custer county.

The Beacon reported great crowds attending the demopop tent exhibitions last week, amid great enthusiasm. If the Oconto meeting, at which were "seven voters and six women," as reported by our correspondent from that locality, is a sample of the large crowds at the other meetings, we would suggest that this week a double tent should be taken along to accommodate the additional attractions created by "Rainmaker Wright."

In our anti-division supplement this week, we present several new articles worthy of careful perusal by the voters of Custer county. One is, "Have we Reached the Limit of Taxation in Custer County?" another, "More About the Open Door," "A Word to Taxpayers of Custer County," "Summary of Taxes," and the average of tax per 160 acres in Custer and adjoining counties. Read these articles closely, and call your neighbor's attention to them, that he may not fall in the ditch of division.

There seems to be a move on foot with the republican candidates for the United States senate to have their names placed on the ticket with the view of ascertaining the preference of a majority of the voters for United States senator. The scheme is said to have originated with E. Rosewater, who has the endorsement of Douglas county. If it is true that the other candidates are getting up petitions to have their names also placed on the ticket, it will certainly be equally fair to all aspirants, and it will give the legislature an opportunity to know whom the majority favor. But if only one candidate's name goes on the ticket, it should be arranged so the voter could vote yes or no. This would give every one a chance to vote his preference. Were there only one candidate's name on the ticket, should he receive one-third of the republican votes, he would be able to make the claim to election, while two-thirds of the voters were not in favor of him.

There are a number who have formerly affiliated with the populist and democratic parties, that have wisely decided that they will support McKinley this fall, rather than Bryan, as they believe it to be to the interest of all to continue present conditions, rather than take any chances with Bryan in the executive chair. Yet some of these are supporting the fusion legislative ticket. In this they are from personal consideration, or party pride, making a sad mistake, and are inconsistent with their better judgment. If it is better to have a republican president, in order to maintain present conditions, it is equally true that the president should have a congress to back him in his policy. The members of the legislature from this district will help to elect two United States

senators. If the fusionists have a majority of the legislature, they will elect democrats to the United States senate. Hitchcock and Allen are candidates. Bryan will be a candidate in case of his defeat for president. Neither of them would support the administration, nor would they have any influence with it. Upon the other hand, if the republicans win the legislature, two republicans who are in harmony with the administration will be elected to the United States senate. They may not be men of our personal choice, but they will be republicans, and will be in a position to help shape the policy of the government. The republican nominees are Hon. F. M. Currie, for the senate, and Joseph Pigman and Chas. E. Spafford for the house. You may not know them all personally, nor may you be as friendly or intimate with them as you are with one or more of the candidates on the democratic ticket, but that should have no influence in casting your vote. The success of the republican candidates for the legislature in Custer county may be just what is needed to give the republicans the majority in joint session. In the case of F. M. Currie no one will doubt but that his object will be to select the best men possible for the senate. His record two years ago, in his loyalty to Senator Hayward, is ample proof of what he will do in the future. Messrs. Pigman and Spafford have not a legislative record to back them, but they are men of good judgment, and will no doubt support only such candidates as a majority of their constituents prefer. From our way of reasoning, it seems to us that every voter who is convinced that McKinley's policy is safer and better for the country than democracy, cannot, for some personal reason, afford to vote for a democratic legislature.

SOUTH SIDE, W. Va., Oct. 10, '00.

EDITOR REPUBLICAN:
 This seems to be the sunny south. Vegetation is as green as in June. The corn is in the shock, but the frost is not on the pumpkin, tomato or sweet potato vine. I have waited in vain for the chestnut burrs to break open and give up their treasure, but it seems that I will have to leave before that time comes.

I must go home in time to cast my vote to continue our present state of prosperity. I visited this country in 1893, and must say that I never saw a greater contrast. At that time everybody complained of hard times, and seemed dissatisfied, and wanted to go west with me. Today it is different. All are contented and happy, and when I try to get them interested in the west, they say, "This is good enough for me." They say as long as they can get 20 cents per pound for wool, and four cents per pound for the sheep after he is sheared, they want no change. I find those here who voted for Bryan before that say they will not do it this time. They wanted free silver, but had not taken into consideration the evil effects that free trade of former years had brought upon them. They seem to be confident that if Bryan should be elected that it means depression. They say he is in favor of free trade, and that alone is sufficient to break up their greatest industry, that of wool and mutton. That visionary idea of free silver republican or free silver pop does not exist in this country. It is republican or democrat, and I like it a great deal better. I do not blame those fellows in the west for being ashamed to own that they are democrats, but I do think that they ought to be honest with themselves.

On my journey here I observed closely the class of men that represented each party. I find in the west, republicans in the towns and cities, and democrats in the country. It is not so here. Farmers and the laboring class generally are republicans. I find that ordinarily laborers receive \$1.00 per day for farm work and the like, when it used to be 50 cents. Now it will be easy for some one to say Will McKinley never brought about this state of affairs. It is needless for me to say that he did, and it is also needless for me to say that Cleveland and the democratic senate and congress were responsible for the hard times of '93, '94, '95 and '96, but every intelligent man knows that it is true. Bryan is a free trade democrat, not a pop, neither free silver republican. Now, boys, remove the scum from your eyes and look in the glass and see democrats, pure and simple.
 J. A. AMSBERRY.

COMPARISON OF COUNTIES.

The following tabulated statement of the financial condition of the counties adjoining Custer will give our readers a good idea of how Custer county compares with her adjoining neighbors. These figures are procured under the seal of the county clerk in each county named, and we will vouch for their correctness. If anyone doubts the genuineness of these figures, they can call at this office and we will gladly show the manuscript from each county. No comparison could be fairer than this, for it takes in the counties adjoining Custer on all sides. Save this statement for reference.

COUNTIES	Vote in 1899	Assessed valuation—Real Estate and Personal Property, 1899	Bonded Debts	Floating Debts	Interest per cent on Bonded and Floating Debts at 6 per cent	Total Claims Allowed for all purposes in 1899	County Levy 1899	Estimated cost to run County exclusive of fees of Officers, 1899
Logan County	179	\$ 272,763	\$ 1,500	None	\$ 90	\$ 3,035	23 1/2	\$ 3,125
Loup County	278	160,223	14,000	\$3,099	1,025	3,099	24 1/2	4,124
Blaine County	146	186,521	12,500	7,029	1,171	1,669	24	2,840
Valley County	1,712	973,491	51,500	None	3,690	5,464	22 1/2	8,554
Sherman County	1,192	877,227	137,900	None	8,274	10,348	23 1/2	18,022
Buffalo County	4,161	2,183,481	112,500	None	6,750	35,208	19	41,958
Dawson County	2,892	1,668,741	103,000	None	6,180	21,548	22	27,728
Custer County	4,372	2,221,943	None	None	None	27,707	15	27,707

Custer county received \$3,705 in excess fees, for 1899, which is not shown in this statement, and should be placed to the credit of the county.

The expense of running Custer county can be accurately ascertained by the amount of all claims allowed. In 1899 there were \$27,707 in claims. Deduct from this \$3,705, excess fees of county officers turned back, and you have \$24,002. This is the amount it cost the taxpayers. When a divisionist tells you it cost sixty, or seventy, or eighty thousand dollars, ask him to give you the figures.

Gen. Bragg Flays Bryan

Commander of "Iron Brigade" Arraigns Nebraska as Dreamy Idealist.

Milwaukee, Oct. 11.—General Edward S. Bragg, a life-long democrat who served several terms in congress and was minister to Mexico under President Cleveland, tonight addressed an audience that filled Pabst theater. He spoke in response to a call signed by a number of gold democrats. The General advocated the election of McKinley and Roosevelt. He was given a great ovation. His remarks were confined to the subjects of money, trusts, militarism. He dwelt at length on the money question and criticized Mr. Bryan throughout. General Bragg said in part:

"It will be from the standpoint of a rational democrat by education, conviction and affiliation, I may say and from heredity inclination that I speak tonight, extending in some regard beyond mere party duty to the more exalted duty of an ever loyal citizen in the land, who comes to the defense and support of his country in times of danger, trouble or need, act or deed, gives 'aid or comfort to its enemies. It matters not how specious the plea, how earnest and honest the pleader, charm he ever so sweetly or so wisely, the American ear may listen, but the loyal heart is sealed against its influence.

FAILURE OF DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

The fate of the democratic party since the war of the rebellion is but a rehearsal of the fate of the federal and whig parties. It failed as a party organization to grasp the situation and give the unwavering strength of the great power without reserve to aid in putting down the rebellion. I hate to say it, but it is true, and for years the name "democrat" was an opprobrious one all over this northern country. There were many great leaders in the party whom individually the people honored and when they were ignored it was not from want of confidence in them, but of a distrust of their followers. Looking over the history of the past and comparing it with the present instincts of the American people, as I know them, it seems beyond possibility that any party or any candidate, no matter upon what high plane of morals, or sympathy for the oppressed or of constitutional rights, he effects to plant himself, can succeed in reaching the support of the electors of the United States when in the face of bloody war he classifies the teacher Aguinaldo as a patriot and his guerrilla bands who were shooting our soldiers as subjects of our sympathy.

I may not read the political horoscope correctly, but it is my opinion were Paul given mortal presence and would undertake to lead the Bryan column, with a Filipino badge on his breast and 16 to 1 painted upon his banner, nothing but signal defeat would await him. BRYAN A DREAMY IDEALIST.
 Mr. Bryan is an honest, if not practical, man. What he says he believes he can do and he will never falter in his attempt to do it. He is a man of phenomenal oratorical powers. In private and social life he is loved and respected, in his presence and his speech his influence over those who hear and associate with him is almost hypnotic. He writes poetry, but this stamp of mind does not fit one to grapple with the complex affairs of state and administer the government of

this great people in internal and external interests and policy that constantly arise. He is a dreamy idealist. He talks and acts and believes that if he were president, with the wave of his magic wand, as it were, he can make a desert blossom, that he can do away with war and misery and make all his subjects prosperous and happy. In other words, that he is possessed of the mysterious power that can make the world an Eutopia if you give him a chance. Such a man is a delightful companion, an inestimable member of society, but a will bull in a china shop would be no more dangerous to the safety of the crockery than such a man would be to the state.

The experience of every farmer, every businessman and every wage earner has taught him every prophecy, every statement of financial economics, made and believed in by Mr. Bryan, are wholly and wretchedly incorrect. Will you trust the finances of this government and people in the power and control of such an ignorant economist because he has a winning way and is a hypnotizing orator? You may take your chance, but I will not. I am not an advanced optimist, but I have no fears of the ghost of a destroyed republic intruding on my presence by reason of any Filipino episode. Mr. Schurz and Mr. Cookran forget what you do not that in the war of the rebellion even the good old Horace Greeley believed the republic was rent in twain, and petitioned Mr. Lincoln "that the erring states might go in peace," to prevent further and useless bloodshed. The republic was ruined, oried the chicken-hearted, and the constitution destroyed. But out of the mists came no ghosts, but the republic with new vigor and strength, passing all conjecture in its progress to the first place among nations.

NO NEED TO FEAR AMERICA'S FUTURE

A people that can suppress the greatest rebellion the world ever saw and live and prosper, is not likely to be overthrown as the result of insurrection in the Philippines, nor in the purchase of territory and establishing a government there that will protect the person and property of all well disposed persons in the newly acquired territory. So long as the heart of our people in the home government is true and loyal, we need not fear for its safety as consequent upon the acquirement of outside territory. The danger to the peace and prosperity of the republic in present conditions comes from men who constitute themselves walking delegates, stirring up bad blood between employer and employed, pandering to the groundless complaints of the shiftless and never-do well class, and they are in every community, inflaming the passions by sympathy with wrongs that have no real existence, teaching them the doctrine that to possess wealth makes its owner their enemy and oppressor, and that his wealth is ill-gotten and stained with the blood and toil and suffering of the poor.

This state of feeling, when it reaches its climax, means disorder, disregard of personal rights, disregard of judicial opinion, and with a bold and daring leader means class against class in battle array, and bloodshed to follow. I do not charge that all the men who preach populist doctrines intend to produce such results, but they do not take into account the character, education, instincts and lack of moral control that their audiences

possess, and when evil comes, as it has come and will come, increase in virulence of temper and hostility of demonstration, extending to violence and bloodshed, these well-meaning persons shift the responsibility from themselves and cry they never intended such means to be used.

CHIEF OF ALL AGITATORS IS BRYAN.

The great head of the agitators is a candidate for your suffrage. His name is William Jennings Bryan. As you desire to suppress this growing ill feeling between class and class, and to maintain harmony between employer and employed upon an honorable basis, vote to suppress him and his doctrines and methods. I can conclude no better than to use the language of my old friend, the former mayor of New York, Abraham S. Hewitt, a democrat and chosen friend of Tilden, whose political integrity has never been questioned. He says: "There is no longer any room for doubt as to the course which must be taken by men who believe in true democracy and desire to observe its principles for the benefit of those who are to come after us. We are compelled by every consideration of honor, of duty and of interest to repudiate Bryanism and all that it represents, and to vote for McKinley and Roosevelt." And so say we all of us.—Bee.

False Statements.

R. E. Brega and H. H. Andrews, the Callaway real estate agents, who are the head and front of the division movement in this county, are, with their little band of townsie boomers, carrying on a desperate division campaign. So anxious are they to secure division votes that they have no regard whatever left for truth and accuracy.

They tell you that a small county can be run cheaper than a large one.

They tell you that you are taxed to the limit, and that more than fifteen mills cannot be levied for county purposes, when the counties adjoining Custer have levies from 14 to 24 mills.

They tell you that it costs \$75,000 to run Custer county, when they know that all the claims allowed for all purposes last year aggregated only \$27,700, with \$3,700 in excess fees to be deducted from this amount.

They tell you that taxes will be less in the small county, when comparison with the small counties adjoining shows them to be from 16 to 137 per cent higher than in Custer at the present time.

They tell you that the sheriff receives ten thousand dollars a year in mileage when in fact he does not receive one thousand. They do not say that it would take the sheriff about eight years, driving 70 miles a day, to make it, and if he made ten thousand dollars mileage in one year he would have to travel about 550 per day. They do not tell you that.

They tell you that the transcribing of the county records and establishing the new counties is a small item, when a careful and conservative estimate places the figure at \$75,000.

They tell you that it will not be necessary to bond the small county, when it is a fact that every small county adjoining Custer, and in fact nearly every small county in the state is heavily bonded.

Don't be misled by such statements, but carefully figure it out for yourself, and you will find that the dividing of Custer county means more than the townsie boomer would have you believe.

Size of Proposed Counties.

- ARBOR—The southwest county, 22 1/2 townships.
 - CUSTER—The southeast county, 18 1/2 townships.
 - NOBLE—The northwest county, 16 1/2 townships.
 - MONROE—The northeast county, 13 1/2 townships.
- Do they suit you?