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Norris Brown, of Kearney, is a candidate for deputy attorney general. His appointment by Attorney General Prout would be highly pleasing to the republicans of the Sixth congressional district, where Mr. Brown is personally and favorably known.

Secretary George D. Meiklejohn is being quite generally mentioned in a favorable manner, by the state press, for United States senator. Should he be the fortunate one, there would be but little dissatisfaction, except among the disappointed candidates and their immediate supporters.

The Pigman and Ream contest was commenced last Saturday before Judge G'Schwind and will be referred to the legislature for a recount of ballots. This does not mean that Mr. Ream will be counted out, simply because the republicans have a majority in the legislature, as was done four years ago, by the pop legislature. If a recount shows that Mr. Ream has a majority he will retain his seat, but should it show Mr. Pigman has a majority of one he will be seated.

The Callaway Courier advises the people of Arnold and Gandy not to vote bonds to induce the U. P. railroad to Gandy. It is evident the Courier, while it has good argument in its favor, would much prefer to see Callaway remain the terminus of the tri-weekly railroad, than to have it pass on and make of Callaway only a side station. In our opinion, when that line of road is extended to the Black Hills, its ultimate destination, Callaway will get much better service than it does now, and the sooner Arnold and Gandy can get the road the better it will be for them, unless they have to pay too dear for it.

The Chief Gets Its Eyes Open. The defeat of W. J. Bryan in the nation and the defeat of the fusion state ticket in Nebraska, proves beyond any question that fusion is not a success.—Chief

In other words, the Chief seeks to acknowledge in a round-about way that the mid-roads were logically correct when they gave out months before election that fusion would not succeed. It now acknowledges that Deaver, Stockham and Painter were in the right. But why does the Chief flop so early after its overwhelming defeat? Does the Chief fear that the Populist will undermine its claims of being the official organ of the populist party of Custer county, or is it shifting its sails to catch the breeze for the election of county officers next fall? Let that be as it may, in either case the Chief offers no consolation to its late bosom friends—the democrats. In speaking of the democratic party, the Chief says:

"It is practically assured that the eastern democrats will again get control of their party organization, and it will then drift back into Cleveland politics."

Having met defeat by the assistance of the democrats, the Chief would give them the grand bounce (when they ask for representation on their county ticket) by joining with Painter in advocating the doctrine of the middle of the road, hoping thereby to carry enough votes that were formerly populists to elect the county officers next fall, and thereby hold onto the public test. But we predict, even at this early day, that the scheme is so transparent to the taxpayers of Custer county, that they will not again, in great numbers, support an organization, of whatever name it may assume, when its sole object is to provide places for a few pop suckers. Any party or individual deserves the respect of the public when its ambition is to perpetuate a principle, but when they shift from one base or party to another, for the sole and evident aim of securing spoils at the expense of the commonwealth, they deserve and are sure of defeat.

The fusionists who are now worrying over reorganization, do not seem to realize that their defeat is not so much for lack of a compact organization as it was for lack of judgment. Their organization was weighed down from the start with dead issues, and worst of all, with dead politicians for their standard bearers.

The prominent politicians of the state have come to regard Senator F. M. Currie's election to the U. S. senate as among the possibilities. He has not made a personal canvass for the place, as several other candidates are doing. But because of his special fitness for the position, there is a general feeling among many that should there be a deadlock, there is no one to whom the legislature is more likely to go than Senator Currie, from Custer county.

Too Much for Ham Kautzman.

The people of Custer county remember Ham Kautzman, the editor of a red hot populist paper at West Union, and later a still hotter one O'Neill. From the following, which we clip from the O'Neill Frontier, it seems that the Bryan-Stevenson dose was too much even for Ham. In writing to the Frontier he says:

"I have graduated from the newspaper business and opened up a cigar factory in my old home town, Pandora, Iowa. The kind of reform which beat me out in O'Neill, and that which actuated the head push in South Dakota was a little too strong when sized up by the Omaha via form, for the average old greenbacker, and I got out of the newspaper business. For heavens sake send me a copy of the Frontier containing the official vote of Holt county. Put me on your mail list. I will send you a box of cigars some of these days, the best you ever smoked for a nickel, the celebrated 'Beacon Light'."

"We have placed him on the list and are waiting an opportunity to try the Beacon Light cigar."

What Our Exchange Say on Senatorial Candidates.

Newspapers in his part of the state are booming ex-Governor Crouse for U. S. senator and well they may for Judge Crouse is one of the cleanest and ablest men in the state. But what is the matter with the western part of Nebraska furnishing a senator?—Brewster News.

The Fairbury Enterprise brings out Hon. E. H. Hinshaw for U. S. senator from the South Platte. Mr. Hinshaw is very favorably known in York county and his election would certainly cause no regret here. He is a very talented and worthy gentleman and has a large number of warm friends and admirers, especially in this congressional district.—York Tribune.

To such an able modest man as George D. Meiklejohn, assistant secretary of war, the kindly reception of his announcement as a candidate for United States senator must be very gratifying indeed. That he would make Nebraska a most acceptable and efficient senator is admitted; that his candidacy is assuming proportions is daily becoming more evident. Here's to "gentleman George."—McCook Tribune.

The Leader pretends to voice the sentiment of no one except its editor when it says that the best interests of the state and the republican party will be best served by the election of Hon. Edward Rosewater as one of the two United States senators. He is clean, has marked ability, grasps new and important issues with a firm hand, by all odds the best politician in Nebraska and has the endorsement of a large proportion of the voters, while republicans owe him much, for without his support and personal efforts during the fall campaign it will scarcely be disputed that Nebraska would still be unredeemed from populism. With all due respect to other candidates, is there one of whom so much can truthfully be said in his favor?—Neligh Leader.

Bryan on His Defeat.

In an article entitled "The Election of 1900," in the December North American Review, Mr. Bryan attempts to give reasons for his defeat. One is the alleged use of money. As the popular plurality is over 800,000, the largest on record, the so-called "colonization and purchase of votes" must have been conducted on a colossal scale. A majority of 137 electoral votes would look like foolish prodigality buying. Shifting the point of view, Mr. Bryan remarks that "the fear of a change is merely a political expression of the conservatism which, to a greater or less extent, exists in

every person." It is certainly true that a majority of the American people prefer existing prosperity to an uncertain chase after something better. Common sense would be a better name than conservatism for this feeling. Every time a practical man ran against the portentous phrase, "Void if Bryan is elected," he realized the attitude that had been taken by men of the coolest business judgment, and that even a grain of doubt can disturb the great currents of national trade.

Mr. Bryan denies that the republican party has had anything to do with prosperous conditions. But from the day of the election there was a great upward bound in the markets. The sweeping nature of the defeat was reflected in an unexpected degree of general activity, and the wave is still mounting and spreading. The boom instantly followed a great republican victory, and it is vain to dispute its cause. It was not due to good crops or the increased production of gold but to the assurance of continued republican control of all departments of the government, and a most emphatic reassertion of the principles that an American dollar must be the equivalent of 100 cents everywhere throughout the world. Mr. Bryan insists that the election of 1900 was not decisive on the money question. A popular plurality of 600,000 in 1896 and of 800,000 in 1900 will convince nearly everybody else that the United States will never go into the business of money debasement.—Globe Democrat.

STATE CAPITAL GOSSIP.

Special Correspondence. LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 10, 1900.

There is a general hope that the republican caucus will be held and the senatorial fight disposed of before the 15th of January, the time for the joint session, in order that necessary legislation may not be retarded.

So far as the state in general is concerned, there is no great demand for legislation at the hands of the coming session. The need of a new revenue law is recognized, but the difficulty of passing one is also recognized. Attempts along this line in the last two sessions failed.

Two years ago the fusionist officials, although all elected or appointed on a platform demanding small salaries, came before the legislature and asked for increases. Under their strenuous representations many of the state house deputies received larger salaries than had ever before been paid. The incoming republicans will reap the benefit of this example, but no doubt they will be criticised by the fusionists for desiring to keep the salaries at their present figure.

It is conceded that this move is quite a proper one. They will feel at home. Nearly every one of the whole crowd of leaders lived south of Mason and Dixon's line before they came here to "reform" Nebraska. Now they have concluded that the winters are too cold in this latitude, and that it is too hard to manipulate elections.

The new attorney general will inherit a number of bancombe law suits against starch factories and other institutions, and it is not beyond the possibilities that the Smyth and Oldhams will ask to be allowed to nibble at the public crib until these suits are disposed of. A long-haired attorney general who has maintained a private office in Omaha and allowed the state to shift for itself except during political campaigns, may declare himself to be indispensable to the settlement of these campaign law suits. The new attorney general, however, may decide that an official who uses hair oil externally and an ex deputy who uses it internally will be of little assistance in these suits.

The pretended contest against Dietrich to prevent him taking his seat has fizzled out. The fusionists knew that the case was a hopeless one, and besides, the disappearance of certain of their campaign funds has given them troubles of their own. There is well-grounded suspicion that high moguls of the fusion crowd used up the funds to bet on the election. Now, while they accuse each other, the legiti-

mate campaign expenses remain unpaid. It is believed that this internal quarrel has only just begun, and that before the colony leaves for Oklahoma there may be some startling developments. Under the circumstances the reform leaders will go pretty slow about their contest, and will sing low the song of "the use and abuse of campaign funds."

Governor Dietrich seems to be going about the making of his appointments in a business like way. When he finds a man in every way qualified for a place he announces the appointment. So far no criticism has been heard. At least two of the places at the disposal of the governor were given out by common consent. John Mallahan at the head of the Kearney school was an unqualified success in the year gone by, and the desperate attempt of the Mutz sniffing committee to blacken his character three years ago was a dismal failure. It was conceded that Mallahan was the proper man for the old place. Dr. Green, of University Place, for the head of the Lincoln asylum, was another expert whose qualifications and claims were generally conceded. In regard to the other appointments so far made, qualifications seem to have been the best indorsement.

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