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If Bryan's dollar contributions come in as fast as they have in Ray county, Missouri, where Democrats are as thick as flies around a molasses barrel, he might have enough to carry him through when he runs in 1920. In April one of the Democratic papers at the county seat announced that it would receive dollar contributions from the farmers and urged them to send in their money. Last week the editor announced that up to date he had received \$1 and would add to it his dollar and send it in. There are over 3000 Democratic voters in that county and only one of them contributes a dollar on Bryan's call. If that is any criterion to go by Bryan will lose out by greater odds than he did last time he ran.

The negro preachers, who are advising members of their race to arm and prepare to defend themselves in case of an outbreak, are committing a blunder. Such a course would be the worst thing the negroes could do. It would mean the extermination of the negro race if they tried to do as their preachers are advising. It would furnish the lawless white element an excuse for attacking the peaceable white man to aggressive action.

Norman E. Mack, Chairman of the Democratic National Committee, at the Kern notification meeting, assured those present that the Democrats would win this year. But we are not alarmed at what he has said. Tom Taggart told us the same thing four years ago, and every one of his predecessors likewise for the past forty-eight years, and only two of them told the truth and they were sorry for what they said.

The reduction of the Nebraska state debt from over two million dollars in 1905 to less than one-half million on July 31, 1908, is indeed "going same" and the voters will not forget that good management, economy and business ability of Republican state officers made this flattering result possible without making the liquidation of the debt a heavy burden to the taxpayers.

Just a few more days of activity on the part of our candidates, then we will know who is the choice of our people. All of the Republican candidates are strong supporters of Taft, and all believe firmly in Republican principles. It is up to the people to name the winners on the Republican ticket.

Attorney N. T. Gadd is not worrying any about whether he will be nominated on the Republican ticket next Tuesday, nor is he worrying about whether he will be elected in November.

Another stock exchange failure is reported in New York. A. O. Brown & Co. gambled to strong and lost. Such is the fate of gamblers, whether with the cards or on the board of trade.

Vote to increase the number of judges in supreme court. The court is too small now and the leaders of the great parties are united in saying that it should be increased.

John Worth Kern was officially notified Tuesday that he had been nominated for vice-president by the democrats.

The primary system is alright if our farmer friends will stop their work long enough to go to the polls and vote. Next Tuesday they vote.

Go to the primary next Tuesday and help to nominate the winning ticket.

Primary next Tuesday.

Nominate winners next Tuesday.

The people have been ruling in this country for a century or more, Mr. Bryan to the contrary notwithstanding.

The young men should remember that the primary will be held next Tuesday. Everyone of them should go and vote.

Republicans should remember that next Tuesday is the primary. Go to the polls and vote for the men you wish to see nominated.

Under the pure food law anyone who sells bad eggs is liable to a fine. In order to avoid the penalty of the law it will pay to candle eggs.

The Omaha World-Herald leads a valiant assault on Taft because Mr. Taft has a brother who is reputed to be wealthy. Mr. Hitchcock, proprietor of the World-Herald, happened to have a papa who was wealthy—that's the way young Mr. Hitchcock got his World-Herald. Editor Chewbranch should try again—and take a small piece of linen to masticate instead of the twig which his prtronymic indicates.

Well authenticated reports coming into the state headquarters from the various sections of the state are both satisfactory and reassuring. There is nothing to indicate that the party has suffered loss of confidence or supporters in any section, on the contrary there is much evidence that the active campaign now under way in which all the party leaders in every locality are up and doing and in which the Republican press of the state presents an united and aggressive front to the common enemy, is a march to well earned victory in November. The battle cry is "Nebraska for Taft," and continued effort promises to make the battle cry an accomplished fact.

The notification meeting of Bryan, so far as an outside crowd and enthusiasm was concerned, was, in the language of a Lincoln Democrat, "a decided frost." There were not to exceed 5,000 outside people and we doubt if there were 500 farmers all told in the crowd. It was composed chiefly of Democrats and Republicans from Omaha and the surrounding cities and villages of southern Nebraska. It was a non-partisan meeting, the reception committee being equally divided between Republicans and Democrats. We venture the assertion that had a vote been taken in that crowd a majority would have been for Teddy Roosevelt's right hand man and successor, "big Bill Taft."—Crete Vidette-Herald.

George Kinsey of Arcadia, was in this city Monday evening renewing his many acquaintances and looking after the condition of his political fences. Mr. Kinsey is a candidate for State Senator from this district, on the Republican ticket. He is a man of sterling qualities, energetic, honest and broad minded—just the kind of a man we should help elect to represent this illustrious district in the next session of the Legislature. Mr. Kinsey has many friends and a large circle of acquaintances in this and Valley county. He has resided in these counties for nearly a score of years. Lately a number of reports have been circulated, at the instance of his opponents, to the effect that there is a measure likely to come up before the next session to protect the bank depositor, and as Mr. Kinsey is a banker, he will oppose such a bill. This is untrue for Mr. Kinsey is strictly in accord for such legislation which will guarantee the bank depositor. He maintains that such a law would not only be a benefit to the depositor, but the banker and borrower also. Mr. Kinsey is straight-forward and plain spoken. Does not hedge behind the issue, but stands squarely upon the party platform. He is progressive and supporter of clean politics and does not attempt to run his opponents to ground in order to elevate his own candidacy. He merits your study and subsequent support at the primary on September 1st.—Ex.

Some labor leaders, enamored of Candidate Bryan's utopian and visionary harrangues pointing to a lazy future wherein everybody is to get something for nothing, have made efforts to carry their associates bodily into the Bryan camp. If the associate is wise and has the best inter-

ests of himself and his fellow workers at heart he will stoutly resist this Bryanizing of the labor cause and for very good reason, to wit: The Democratic party has always been the first to promise and the last to perform when the real interests of the laboring masses demanded protection or remedial legislation; in fact the performance of that party has been so slight as to hardly make a mark on the record. The Republican party has not been prone to make promises until the subject matter was known to be just and equitable to all, then a promise meant performance without delay. Take the legislation of the states as a shining example of party thought, action and policy as relating to labor's demands. Divide the states into Democratic and Republican according to their election returns supporting uniformly one party and we find: Only two Democratic states have free employment bureaus; fourteen Republican states have established them. Only five Democratic states have provided by law for boards of conciliation and arbitration; sixteen republican states have enacted this principle into law. Only three Democratic states have established an eight hour day for labor on public works; sixteen Republican states have this law on their statute books. Only two Democratic states prohibit the employment of children operating or cleaning dangerous machinery; fifteen Republican states have enacted this law. Only two Democratic states have any law regulating sweatshops; eleven Republican states have such law. Only two Democratic states have laws protecting members of labor organizations; thirteen republican states have such law. Eleven Democratic states protect by law the union label; twenty-eight Republican states do the same. This comparison might be carried through all labor issues in the same proportion. Is the real workingman warranted in following the political workingman as a labor leader into the Democratic camp this year?

To the Republican Voters of Custer County:—

As the time for the primary election comes near you are asking what do our candidates stand for. I believe that the interests of the producer and consumer are far greater than the interests of any corporation. I believe that the common people's interests demand adequate representation in our legislature. I am in favor of a guarantee bank deposit law. I am in favor of a county option law. I am in favor of a change of the law which will give county superintendents of public schools the authority to conduct teachers examination and pass upon the teachers qualifications to teach in our schools. I believe that all bad laws should be repealed and that all good laws should be enforced. I have no campaign machinery and shall depend upon my friends to win the nomination and election. Thanking you in advance for your work and vote I am,

Sincerely yours,  
William S. Mattley.

The absurdity of the plank in the Democratic platform denouncing the increase in the number of "public officers" in recent years and the consequent increase in the public "pay roll" is shown by figures just tabulated from the government reports. Take the "increase" in the service rendered in the interest of the farmer alone—the rural free mail delivery and the Department of Agriculture. In eleven years past the delivery of mail to our farmers has added 39,227 men to the list of "public officers" and uses now thirty-five million dollars per annum to pay the bill of this service. In the same eleven years the Department of Agriculture has added 8,000 more "public officers" to the lists and costs fifteen million dollars per year to run. Does the farmer want these 47,000 men discharged and the rural mail and the Department of Agriculture stopped and closed? Mr. Bryan's platform says that is what he wants to do.

The "Proposed Amendment to the Constitution relating to Judicial Powers" should receive the vote of every voter at the coming primaries, without regard to party. The amendment was submitted by the last legislature by the votes of members of all political parties, and is now being supported by all parties-men who have investigated the question and know the necessity for its adoption. The proposed amendment was endorsed by the Republican and Peoples Independent parties in their state conventions last spring and has just been endorsed by the executive

committee of the Democratic State Committee, after a careful consideration and full discussion of the question with many influential men in that party. That the measure is non-partisan and should receive the support of every voter in the state is further established by the following statement signed by the Chairman of the State Committees of the the three great political parties of the state, viz: "In our judgment the proposed constitutional amendment increasing the number of judges of the Supreme Court, which is to be voted on at the primaries, is a step in the right direction. This amendment, is adopted will enable the court to hear and decide all cases without the assistance of Commissioners. The substitution of four judges for six commissioners will not only give the state a better working court, but will be a great saving of expense to litigant in that court, and hence, a great benefit to the people of the state. We hope that every voter of our respective parties will vote for it at the coming primaries. Wm. Hayward, Chairman Republican State Com. T. S. Allen, Chairman Democratic State Com. C. B. Manuel, Chairman Peoples Independent State Com." The adoption of the amendment referred to is of vital importance to the people of Nebraska without regard to party, and we hope that it may be unanimously endorsed at the primaries.

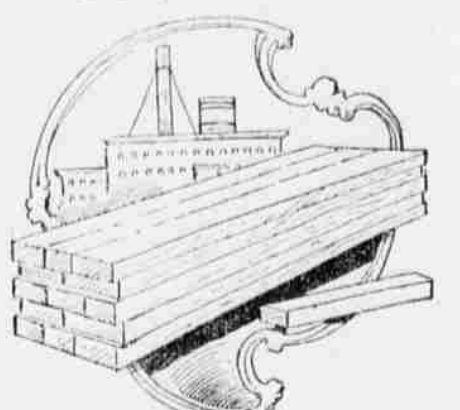
During the week there was organized at Lincoln the "Nebraska First Voters Taft League," which starts off with every indication of being a valuable instrument in the campaign to carry Nebraska for Taft and the republican ticket, state and national. The officers elected were: Harry J. Hauser of Fremont, president; Allen W. Field, Jr., of Lincoln, vice president; Don L. Russell, of Lincoln, secretary; John Wycfoff, of Hastings, treasurer; and the following executive committee: H. Wellenseck, Avoca; John Hedlund, Blair; George A. Nelson, Hartington; H. H. McClucas, Fairbury; Claude Slayter, Clay Center, and Louis Leonard, Bassett. The officers and executive committee are now engaged in selecting an advisory board which will cover closely every section of the state and the work of organizing the "boys" will be on in earnest.

During the past week a few Democratic politicians who constantly hang around the state house with a view to breaking into office sent up a frightful howl that the "farms" were taxed higher than the railroads. But in a few days they were forced to "take it all back." The actual figures prove that the total assessment of lands, as equalized by the State Board of Equalization, is less than the total value placed upon lands by the various county assessors of the state. In some counties the state board increased the land values and in some counties it made decreases, in order to equalize between counties, but the aggregate assessment is less than that made by the county assessors themselves. Thus is another Democratic issue laid in an early grave.

A Lincoln man calls attention to the fact that in Mr. Bryan's book, "The First Battle," he never failed to tell where he was on the Sabbath day and universally paraded the fact that he attended the divine services and often with more or less minuteness gave the name of the church, the pastor and the text of the discourse. This constant harping on his own goodness and the constant intrusion of the subject at every possible opportunity has given to some an exalted idea of the Bryan character; to others, perhaps equally good observers and readers of motive and character, the parade of self-righteousness has sounded much like the narrative of the Pharisee who offered thanks that he was not so bad as other men.

The big political incident of the recent days was the notification of Hon. James S. Sherman at his home in Utica, N. Y., of his nomination for Vice president. Mr. Sherman's speech on that occasion was masterly and had been exceptionally well received in Nebraska. The Democratic press of the west had been continually shouting that Mr. Sherman was a reactionary and not in sympathy with Roosevelt policies. The Sherman speech on notification day has knocked all that clamor into a cocked hat, Mr. Sherman placing himself squarely with the progressives of his party and declaring that the policies of President Roosevelt must be carried to completion.

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