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A Clean Progressive Government.

The Republican party is in power in the state now. It is giving the Nebraska people clean, progressive and forceful state government, the very best state government we ever had. We have taken advanced ground during the last few years as to our public affairs in this state and this advance has been thought out and worked out by the Republican voters through the influence of Republican leaders and more especially through the leadership of the Republican press.

We have had progressive state legislation.

The two cent per mile passenger rate law, the railroad commission law reducing freight rates and express rates, the anti-pass law, the primary election law, the pure food law and other progressive measures, all put forward as the result of higher ideals evolved and crystallized into the sentiment and the progressive spirit that dominates the Republican party in this state.

All these things have come through the Republican party of Nebraska and not through the influence of Mr. Bryan, for he has not helped to work out these battered conditions. Some patriotic democrats have voted for these progressive measures in the legislature, but when these practical things were being done Mr. Bryan was always somewhere else talking up his candidacy at \$500 a talk.

The Nebraska people, proud of the progress of their own state, in business and government, owes nothing to Mr. Bryan for any constructive assistance rendered by him.

The material conditions in the state are such as to hold the public mind in an optimistic mood and optimism is an antidote to Bryanism.

Corn is high and it's a corn state. Wheat is high and it's a wheat state.

Cattle are high and it's a cattle state.

Hogs are high and it's a hog state. Land is high, going higher every day and it's a land state, and it's a state for farmer voters.

Governor Sheldon has made a hit with the Nebraska people by being a courageous, level headed, strong, manly man in the executive office. As a leader of the party in this campaign he attracts universal respect for his high character and universal confidence for his broad minded fairness as an executive. Taking all these things into consideration I can see nothing in the outlook for the coming election but the usual Republican majority in Nebraska.

Whatever Candidate Bryan may declare the paramount issue this year the people must conclude that his real issue is "Money, money, give money to elect me to office." While he is charging around like a cayuse in a strange corral shouting, "Let the people rule," the only echo that ever comes over the fence is "let the people contribute; let the people contribute to my campaign fund." Candidate Bryan discusses some other "issues" incidentally, but shouts for campaign continually and persistently, a spectacle hardly in keeping with the great office to which he aspires. Candidate Bryan has evidently become imbued with that ancient and erroneous philosophy so aptly expressed in the, "Money! Money! Man's best friend; his truest servant."

If the Democratic leaders in the state are so anxious about publicity of campaign contributions why do you suppose they forgot to mention anything about the \$15,000 Dahlanan admits was received from Wall street and which under the law existing in this state should have been reported? Their ideas of law seem to always apply it to the other fellow.—Blue Springs Sentinel.

What Good Will Bryan Do?

We hear the workingmen saying that this time they intend to vote for Mr. Bryan, because for the last ten months we have had hard times. But what good will that do? How is a tariff for revenue, ignoring the protection idea altogether, going to open the shops and mills? How will the election of senators by direct vote start the wheels of industry? Or the publication of campaign contributions? Or the further harassment of the railroads? Or the reorganization of the house, so that the speaker may be powerless? Why open this country now to the markets of the world when we have not sufficient demand to consume what we ourselves manufacture? Under Republican rule we have just had ten years of unequalled prosperity. Under Democratic administration we have never had prosperity for any period, long or short.—Pittsburg Gazette-Times (rep.)

The Permanent School Fund.

One of the first objects of care of the Republican state treasurer of Nebraska has been to keep our large "permanent school fund" invested in high-class securities, of the character designated by law and of highest earning power and as a result of most careful and painstaking attention to its investment the interest earnings of this great fund offers a flattering indorsement of Republican administration. In this splendid result every school district in Nebraska has a direct and vital interest as computations by the state school authorities show that the earnings of the permanent fund now equal 20 per cent of the entire public school expenditures of the state, thus saving to the taxpayers of the school districts that proportion of school burdens. Does anyone desire a "change" of this record by turning its administration over to the democratic party for purposes of experiment?

Question: Mr. Farmer do you wish to change all this by voting for a change just for the sake of a "change?" or do you wish to hold fast to what you have and add to it in progress, prosperity, justice and square dealing by continuing your support to the Republican party and its candidates, state and national?
Answer: The answer will come with the farmers vote in November. He will not trade prosperity for promises nor money in the bank for a mortgage on the "home place."

The Democrats are making the straw votes count on the trains and in the hotels these days and claim that they are an indication that Bryan will be elected. If our memory fails us not they had Bryan elected in September 1896 and 1900 the same way. But after the big vote was counted each time they were at a loss to see how their September figures went wrong. It will be the same again this year.

Mr. Bryan says the Republican party is responsible for all the abuses that now exists. If this is true, then the Republican party is also responsible for the prices of farm products, the price of real estate and the wages paid to the American workmen. The trouble with Mr. Bryan is he always views things from a partisan point of view. In his mind Democracy can do no wrong.—Columbus Journal.

Sprecher, the Populist editor at Schuyler, will support Taft and Sherman. He supported Bryan twice but says he is disgusted with him as a standing candidate. Mr. Sprecher was twice elected from his county on the Populist ticket as Representative.

Let the fight be a clean one. Mud throwing does not pay either party. Then to, we are all brothers in a large family and merit should win.

With Taft and Sheldon as the stand ard bearers the Republican party is sure of success in the Nation and Nebraska.

While of course, we would like to have seen Hon. James Ledwich nominated for senator, we take off our hat to Senator G. H. Kinsey of Arcadia.

Do not let the home Chautauqua idea drop.

Broken Bow is destined to be a city of beautiful parks.

Bear in mind that the Custer County Fair starts the 15th.

Republican Party Makes Good.

The Nebraska Republican platform of 1906 contained seven important pledges to the people of the state, every one of which were "redeemed" by being enacted into law by Republican votes in the legislature and approved by Governor Sheldon.

The principal pledges were:
1—A memorial to congress to enact a law compelling railroads to pay their taxes at the same time and in the same manner as private persons are compelled to do.

Twenty-four Republican Senators, fifty-six Republican Representatives, a majority in each house, enacted the bill.

2—Direct Primary Law.
Twenty-seven Republican Senators, fifty-three Republican Representatives, a majority in each house, enacted the bill.

3—Anti-Pass Law.
Twenty-five Republican Senators, sixty-three Republican Representatives, a majority of each house, enacted the bill.

4—Railway Commission Law.
Twenty-six Republican Senators, sixty-two Republican Representatives, a majority in each house enacted the bill.

5—Employers Liability Law.
Twenty Republican senators, fifty-nine Republican representatives, a majority in each house, enacted the bill.

6—Municipal (Terminal) Taxation of Railway Property.
Twenty Republican senators, fifty-one Republican representatives, a majority in each house, enacted the bill.

7—Pure Food and Dairy Law.
Twenty-six Republican senators, fifty-six Republican representatives, a majority in each house enacted the bill.

Every one of these measures was promptly approved by George L. Sheldon, Republican governor of Nebraska. Is not this showing from the official records sufficient to silence the silly claims of Democracy as to any responsibility of that party for the reform legislation now enjoyed by the people of Nebraska?

Farmers Catechism for 1908.

Now, Mr. Nebraska Farmer, it is your turn to stand up and answer:

Question: Mr. Farmer, what did the last Democratic national administration give you?

Answer: Ten cent corn and 2 1/2 cent hogs.

Question: Mr. Farmer, what did the last Democratic-Populist administration of Nebraska give you?

Answer: No relief from exorbitant freight rates, railroad domination and aggression; reckless expenditure of the taxpayers money; an increased state debt and large deficiencies; mismanagement of public affairs generally, and of the state institutions particularly.

Question: Mr. Farmer, what did the McKinley and Roosevelt administrations give you?

Answer: Seventy cent corn, six cent hogs; peace, prosperity and plenty; debts paid and money in the bank.

Question: Mr. Farmer what has the last Republican administration of Nebraska given you?

Answer: Reduction of freight rates; reduction of express rates; two-cent passenger fare; reduction of the state debt a million dollars; abolished free passes; established the railway commission; enacted the pure food laws; managed the state institutions economically and efficiently and in a score of important issues provided a "square deal" against the interests which unjustly strive to "farm the farmer."

The Democrats as usual, are electing their president in September. Full reports at the Democratic National headquarters show that the Republicans are whipped. They say that Nebraska is sure to go for Bryan but they advance no reason why the people have changed their minds since 1900 when Bryan lost the state, his own county and the precinct in which he lived. But, then, we should allow them the privilege of feeling good now, for after the votes are counted the Republicans will be victorious and the Democrats will be drawing comparisons and trying to figure out just how it happened.

Bryan does not hold any edge over his running mate. Bryan has been defeated twice for president and Kern has been turned down for governor of Indiana a like number of times. They are now even and they will continue so for it will be three times each and out in November.

All Republican Measures.

The Railway Commission Amendment, the Railway Commission Statute and the Railway Commission itself are all the product, enactment and administration to the Republican party in Nebraska and have already been of inestimable value to all the people of the state. Interests antagonistic to the law and its application by an efficient, clear-headed and forceful commission have tried to make appear as detrimental to the men engaged in railway operation and that its results threaten a wage-cut to the railway employee. Cold facts show that nothing is further from the truth. Take the passenger rate alone and while the figures show that the "two cent fare law" has already saved to the people of the state over two and one-half millions of dollars as compared with the old three cent rate, the traffic under the reduced rate has been so stimulated and increased that, with the free pass cut out except to employees of the roads the earnings have been increased rather than diminished, leaving the wage-cut argument no leg to stand on.

For What There Is In It.

That Candidate Bryan's high-sounding catch-phrase "let the people rule," is but a piece of the usual Bryan demagogery is proven by endless incidents in the Bryan career. To Candidate Bryan the phrases does not mean what it says in the remotest degree. It means only that Bryan and a bunch of democrats shall occupy the public offices "for what there is in it." An historic incident will illustrate the point. Away back in 1892 when Bryan was a misfit congressman from Nebraska he butted into an important debate in the National House of Representatives, stopped the proceedings and made the thrilling announcement that the courts had decided that James E. Boyd (democrat) was entitled to the office of Governor of Nebraska, and closed with these words: "The news is thus conveyed to you that this house may join with the people of Nebraska in rejoicing over the restoration of popular government in that state." To Candidate Bryan, "let the people rule" means only a Democrat drawing an official salary.

May Be Repeated.

As was expected and predicted Candidate Bryan has started out for his usual "swing around the circle" and in a half-dozen states is making his usual personal plea for "votes for me" to which he has this time added an insistent plea for money, money, money, to elect himself to office. The "lure of the crowd," to which Candidate Bryan yielded in two former campaigns seems to have again infected his system although the early announcements were that no campaign tour would be undertaken and his past experience, on his own statement, was that where he had the largest crowds he received the smallest vote. This is understandable to the average Republican though it seemed to bewilder the Peerless when the "count" came in. The experience will no doubt be repeated.

Two representatives to elect and the Republican nominees are alright Both are good men, well qualified and will be an honor to the district.

The judgement of the people at the primary will be verified at the election in November. Still there are some who say the people do not rule.

Get on one side of the fence or the other. The people do not have much use for the man who does not know where he is at.

Now that we know who are the nominees, let's get busy—let's win.

Every man on the Republican ticket is a good one. The ticket will win.

"Get busy—Let's win."

The Republican county ticket is worthy of your support.

Organize Taft and Sheldon Clubs in your neighborhoods.

The fight is now on in Custer county, and every man on the Republican county ticket should be elected.

We admire the man who is straight out in his political doctrine whether he is of our belief or not, but the wishy-washy chappy, nixie.

Say do you know that we carry a full line of

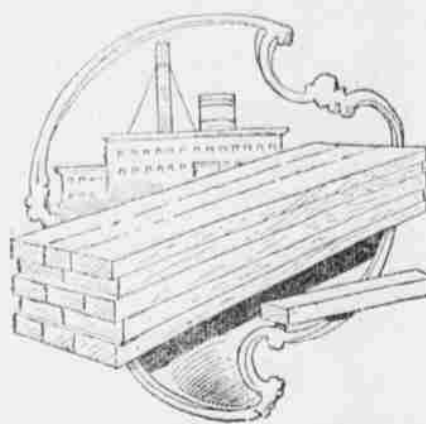
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