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The victory Col. Roosevelt won in the republican state convention in New York Tuesday would indicate that a prophet is not always without honor in his own country.

The voters of Custer county who do not want Dahlianism to control the state of Nebraska will look well to the protection of their own interests by fighting shy of candidates for office that are publicly supporting Dahlianism.

Among the few Demo-Pop papers that have not yet declared for Aldrich for governor in preference to Dahlianism is the official paper of Custer County. Get in the band wagon Bro. Beal while there is room and for once experience the feeling of being in good company.

The United States Senatorship in Nebraska resolves itself into a choice between Burkett and Hitchcock. If Burkett receives all of the republican votes of the state and there should be a republican legislature he would be re-elected. Vice versa it would be Hitchcock. Burkett is a supporter of Taft and Roosevelt. Hitchcock is neither. Be careful of your ballot.—Kearney Hub.

The democrat candidates for office find themselves in rather an embarrassing position politically. They are politically under obligations to support the party nominees from the least to the greatest. But there is the rub. They are afraid to declare themselves for Dahlianism, their candidate for governor for fear of losing votes among the anti-Dahlianism crowd. Upon the other hand should they declare themselves against Dahlianism they fear that his supporters will not support them. In fact there does not seem to be any excuse for a democrat candidate in this campaign.

Musing The Record.

The campaign of deception which has always been a characteristic part of the record of the Omaha World-Herald is being carried out in this campaign, notwithstanding that all previous attempts to deceive the voter in former years have not panned out successfully.

Its last attempt in the deception line is an adroitly worded editorial in its issue of the 21st, in which it quotes from statements made by an opponent of Senator Burkett before the primary stating that the senator had voted against free lumber. This assertion made against the Senator's record was met and proven to

be false during the primary campaign and the World-Herald knows it. It therefore quotes from that statement in an endeavor to muss up the records in such a way that the reader of the paper will be deceived.

In order that the voter may know the facts in the case we have examined the Congressional Record and present the following facts taken from that document, which as all know is a correct record of the proceedings of the United States Senate and the vote of its members upon every question which comes up.

At several different times Senator Burkett addressed the senate in behalf of a reduction in the lumber schedule and his votes at different times thereon are herewith shown:

On page 3671 of the Congressional Record is found an amendment offered for a reduction of the tariff upon certain kinds of lumber. That amendment was defeated, but Senator Burkett, with Senator Brown, Senator Cummings, Senator Dooliver and Senator LaFollette voted for its passage.

On page 3680 another amendment was introduced having for its object the reduction of the tariff on certain kinds of lumber and the record shows that Senator Burkett, with Senators Brown, Cummins, Dooliver and LaFollette voted for it. That amendment was also defeated.

On page 3861 the Congressional Record discloses the fact that still another attempt was made to lower the tariff on certain kinds of lumber this attempt also meeting with defeat, but Senators Burkett, Brown, Cummins, Dooliver and LaFollette voted for the reduction.

On page 3869 of the Congressional Record it is shown that an amendment was offered PUTTING LUMBER ON THE FREE LIST. The record shows that SENATOR BURKETT VOTED FOR THAT AMENDMENT. The record also shows that Senators Brown, Cummins and LaFollette with other progressives voted with Senator Burkett for this amendment to place lumber on the free list.

The above is the record. The record is the best evidence. Will the World-Herald give the same prominence to a correction of its former statement that it did to the article of the 21st inst? Will it show the facts in the case or continue to deceive its readers in its efforts to elect its editor to the United States Senate.

An Open Letter.

Last week we published an open letter from Richard L. Metcalfe, the managing editor of Bryan's Commoner, wherein he gives his support to Chester H. Aldrich, the republican candidate for governor against J. C. Dahlianism, the candidate for governor on the democrat ticket. The following letter is the answer from Chester H. Aldrich.

DAVID CITY, Neb., Sept. 19.—Hon. Richard L. Metcalfe, Lincoln, Neb. My Dear Sir:—I am in receipt of your letter of the 17th inst., in which you state your intention to give me your support in my candidacy for the office of governor of Nebraska. I regret my ability to express in words my appreciation of your action not alone for the great good your support will do my candidacy, but for the greater service you will thus render the state in the fight now on for civic righteousness. I count it one of the highest honors of my life to be chosen by you as your candidate for governor and am delighted to accept your support.

Your voice and your pen will bring thousands of men to the cause of good government.

I agree with you that the overshadowing issue in this campaign is as to whether the people or the liquor trust shall rule in this commonwealth. That is the question. If we cannot trust the people, whom can we trust?

Like yourself, I have nothing personal against my opponent, James C. Dahlianism, but I am eternally opposed to Dahlianism. It disregards law. It pardons the most vicious criminals. It prostitutes womanhood. It degrades, debases and damns childhood. It corrupts politics, destroys homes, fills jails, prisons, asylums and graves with its deluded victims. Therefore, I welcome you and the thousands of patriotic democrats who will follow you and who will fight shoulder to shoulder with us in this crusade against one of the most stuporous, most thoroughly equipped and most insidious conspiracies for the control and debauchery of the people government by the liquor trust ever planned in the history of American politics. Your action in placing the cause of the people above your party finds me with a confidence that right will triumph in this contest. I confidently believe that 150,000 voters of all political parties will go to the polls next November in this beloved state of ours and cast their vote against Dahlianism and thus enthrone the people in the control of their own government. Very truly yours, CHESTER H. ALDRICH

Call on County Option.

To The Public:

I have counted the cost, considered results and concluded after mature reflection that the time has come when every man should declare himself; it is no longer a question of politics, it is a proposition, of home against hell, of good against bad, of right against wrong, of decency against degeneracy, of law and order against lawlessness and disorder, of truth against falsehood.

I realize the fact that I am a candidate for an important office; but that fact should not and does not work against me in the matter of one's expressing himself on an important and vital question. If it does, I'll take the consequences and stand by the colors in defeat if necessary.

The issue before the people at this time admits of but one construction and analysis—"Shall the liquor interests rule (more properly put ruin) the mighty State of Nebraska, first in intelligence, and amongst the first in riches, whose corn crop produces more money alone than the gold mine of the United States combined? Our beautiful state has been blest in all things that go together to add to human happiness, we have as many, if not more happy homes per capita as any state in the Union, we are a state that has said to the world, 'Come amongst us and you will find a home we have sought in every way and manner to protect the home; and up to this time have commendably performed that function; the greatest terror that ever threatened any home and threatens all homes, liquor, has been caged as best could be, the people of the state, by their representatives, have enacted laws for sole purpose of controlling the liquor traffic within the state. The Slocumb law was a good law as far as it went; the anti-treat law is a good law, provided it would be enforced; the eight o'clock closing law is a good law, all these laws have been enacted and have been of much benefit, and to a limited degree, amount to a sort of, safe guard to the home against the unfeeling, soulless traffic; these have not proven to be sufficient, and every one of these laws have heretofore received the opposition of the traffic, the Slocumb law was opposed vigorously and so was the eight o'clock closing law, as was the treat law and the Fort Crook law, in fact the liquor interests, called trusts by many have opposed every law that in the least has a tendency to curtail their "personal liberty" to degenerate our boys, ruin our homes and prostitute our girls.

Now we have county option which has proven a success in sixteen states; this is a step towards a more perfect control of the traffic. This proposed law is not prohibition by any means, but it brings the matter of the control, right to the home; and by the homes of the various counties is determined the question whether the county will have "booze emporiums." this means a democratic and complete protection to the home against its worst and deadliest foe.

We have before us Mr. Dahlianism who declares he will "veto a bill if one is introduced" or to use his latest words, used in a speech at Wahoo Sept. 23rd he said, speak in count option "if that county option bill comes before me I will write in 'red ink' across the face of the bill "Nothing doing" and let it go at that."

The other candidate, Mr. Aldrich, says, "If the legislature passes a county option bill I will sign it and will use my ability to have such a bill passed."

It is no longer a question as to which party shall control. It is "we or dry" pure and simple. I feel confident, that few indeed are the men upon whom appetite has fastened its fangs, who will vote for liquor control; I have been criticized for the use of the personal pronoun "I" but under the circumstances I feel that the use is excusable in as much as I am not an editor, were I such, I would use the editorial "we" and devote all the space in the paper for Home against the producer of Hell on Earth, viz the Liquor interests.

It must be remembered that every voter in the large centers will be out on election day. There is Danger and we men must think what that danger threatens, every voter should be out on election day, rain or shine, storm or quiet, sick or well I feel confident that wives, mothers and sisters will do all that can be done for the cause. I am making no appeal for my personal advancement; this letter will no doubt work into my injury; I would rather go down to defeat, with the people of this county knowing just where I stand, than to receive the office for a second term by silence upon so great, and in fact, awful question.

Men! we cannot stand back, we must get onto the firing line; you will find the fee at every turn you make, they will be out in full force and will work while we sleep if we are not on the look out.

Two brief years of office is Nothing when compared with the startling suspicion that "liquor may win at the poll in November, I appeal to you to stand fast for the beautiful thing we so love, home, I hear enough of those canting cowardly sayings, if you come out in strong terms we will defeat you. Now, all I have to say is, furnish me the words that are stronger and I will use them over my own signature, if you think for one minute that I fear you Fire and Fall Back; I know what I am talking about and what I am writing about, I am striving to write as a man not a candidate for office, there are many, who use liquor, but in the majority of such cases when the person permits right reason to direct the machinery of the head, will say liquor must be controlled and that county option is the best method of controlling it. If you are not a victim of appetite, if you are not one having a home that has been devastated by the system, just think of the many whom you may aid by casting a vote for Aldrich and county option. If Mr. Aldrich was as Dahlianism is, and Mr. Dahlianism as Aldrich is, I would then be for Dahlianism and the home, but as the men now stand, by their declared words, there is no good reason for Mr. Dahlianism receiving any support in Custer county, nor in the state of Nebraska. I have not discussed the financial matters connected with the question, crime, and criminals, jails, poorhouses, etc., those things would require too much space. The one gem above all else upon which the mind, soul, heart, a life, leans and lives, should call us out, and that is home.

Respectfully, N. T. GADD.

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(Continued from last week.)

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