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THE ROLE OF COWARD.

That's a Part Bryan Would Have Uncle Sam Play.

Jones Says Bryan's First Official Act Would Be to Recall Troops From the Philippines.

Why the Prices of Farm Products Have Advanced and Why the Republican Party Claims Credit.

OMAHA, Aug. 6.—Viewed from a Republican standpoint, the campaign in Nebraska is progressing nicely. Chairman Lindsay has the machinery in splendid working order and is doing some very effective work.

Thus far the work has been largely preparatory, preparations being made for a vigorous educational campaign, beginning at an early date and continuing to the close.

Additions to the list of speakers are being made daily and when completed it will contain the names of some of the most eloquent and forceful speakers in the nation.

The Farmer's Vote.

Republican leaders, generally, are hopeful of receiving a very large vote from the patrons of husbandry. It is a matter patent to everybody that the farmers of Nebraska have been prosperous to a degree never before attained, during the last four years under President McKinley. They have had good prices for their crops and the yield has been large. Both of these are essential to prosperity on the farm. More mortgages and debts have been paid off, more homes have been purchased, more farm improvements have been made and better times generally have prevailed in Nebraska the last four years, than for any other four years in the history of the state.

Cause of Good Prices.

The Republican party claims, and rightfully, too, the credit for prosperity. It accomplished this in several ways, the principal causes being in furnishing employment to American labor at increased wages, and in building up and extending American trade in foreign countries. It is a matter of history that under Democratic rule free soup houses had to be maintained in nearly all the large cities of the United States to alleviate suffering and distress among the working classes. Democratic policies had closed the factories and workshops and labor was sorely distressed through want of employment. There are more than 10,000,000 working people employed in the workshops and factories of this country. Many of these were idle and those who were not were compelled to work at reduced wages. There was, therefore, a large demand on public charity, the ultimate outcome of which was the establishment in the large cities of free soup houses.

McKinley's election and the consequent overthrow of Democratic policies was followed by a complete transition. The factories were opened, labor was given employment at increased wages, the demand and consumption of farm products and breadstuffs greatly increased.

Under Democracy a large per cent of the laboring classes lived on free soup. Under Republicanism laboring people are living on meat, potatoes, canned goods, breadstuffs, and in short, are well supplied with all the necessities of life. Today 10,000,000 laboring people on their way home from work stop and order a pound or two of meat, a supply of butter, eggs and other eatables, whereas four years ago many of these people boarded at free soup houses and those who did not lived on scanty rations. This change has greatly increased the demand and consumption of farm products, has increased the price of farm products, and has contributed largely to the prosperity of the farmers of Nebraska and other agricultural states.

Under Republicanism new markets have been opened up for the products of American labor and of American farms, with the inevitable result that the foreign demand for American products has in the last few years been substantially increased. The increase in the price of farm products and in the wages of labor in protected industries has in the last four years put into the pockets of the producers of this country upwards of \$2,000,000,000, an amount almost as large as the cost of the civil war.

It makes a big difference to the farmers of the United States, in the way of prices, whether the labor element consumes each day 20,000,000 pounds of meat, 5,000,000 loaves of bread, 5,000,000 pounds of butter, 2,000,000 bushels of potatoes, 4,000,000 dozens of eggs, and a corresponding volume of other food products—whether it shall be fed to free soup houses (as it was under Democratic rule) and this vast demand for farm products destroyed.

It is for this reason that the Republican party claims the credit for making the farmer and laborer prosperous, and it is for this reason that it looks to the future, with confident faith in its intelligence, judgment, and gratitude for their support in the campaign, and at the polls in November.

Would Dishonor the Flag.

Chairman Jones of the Democratic national committee is out with the bold announcement that: "If Bryan is elected his first official act will be to recall the American soldiers from the Philippines and leave those islands to care for themselves." Bryan, with characteristic strategy, refused to

confirm or deny the statement of his national chairman, but there is every reason to believe that the statements attributed to Chairman Jones distinctly foreshadow that part of Mr. Bryan's foreign policy in the event of his election as president.

The blighting effect of such a policy needs hardly to be pointed out. It would disgrace the United States in the eyes of all the civilized nations of the world, for it would put this nation in the attitude of deserting a post of duty at a time and in a way that would reflect selfishness, ingratitude, and inability to discharge the high obligations imposed by enlightened civilization.

Such a policy would place the United States in the role of coward and would hold this nation up to the scorn, contempt and humiliation of the world in general.

All the world knows, and the people of the United States know, though Bryan and his advisers may not think so, that insurrection, not war, prevails in the Philippines. Roving bands of bandits and savages, not armies, are going about the islands perpetrating murder, robbery and other high crimes.

The world at large is holding the empire of China to blame for the cruel murders and outrages perpetrated by the "Boxers."

The United States holds the same position to the people of the Philippine islands, so far as maintaining law and order is concerned, as the government of China to its people, and the murderous Boxers of China are to the law-abiding people of China what Aginaldo and his followers are to the law-abiding, peaceful populace of the Philippines.

The people of the Philippines may be capable of self government, but continuous strife and warfare have impoverished these people, the islands are preyed upon by roving bands of savages, and it is beyond the ability of these people, without the aid of the United States, to restore domestic tranquility or form a government of their own. The treaty of Paris, voted for by Senator Allen of Nebraska and advocated at that time by Bryan, placed the Philippines under control of the United States and the United States is morally bound to establish peace and domestic tranquility in these islands at the earliest possible moment. To call the troops home while the people of the islands are still being terrorized and shocked by the wholesale commission of atrocious crimes would be to commit a crime against humanity and one that would forever remain a stigma on American citizenship and patriotism.

Apart from the commercial importance of retaining the Philippines it is the highest duty of the United States to prosecute conquest until insurrection, robbery and discord shall be suppressed and the safety of the lives and property of the law-abiding people of the islands established.

There are a large number of Americans, Germans, French, Scandinavians, and people of other civilized nations in the islands, besides a large number of natives who are friendly to the American people. Would Bryan withdraw the troops and expose all these people to the ravages of outlaws, murderers and thieves? Would he withdraw the troops and thus give Aginaldo license to continue his campaign of rapine and murder? Bryan says Aginaldo is a patriot. There were people who said that of Benedict Arnold, Aaron Burr and Jefferson Davis. Patriots do not barter and sell for money the confidence and secrets of their country. They do not conspire to rob and murder a people who in the interest of humanity alone accepted that responsibility and that duty which involves the sacrifice of life and millions of money.

Aginaldo a patriot! Perish the thought. History recites that Aginaldo agreed with the Spanish government to betray his deluded followers upon the payment of \$800,000. History further recites that after having received and dissipated the money Aginaldo broke faith with Spain. He affected to pose as a friend to the United States, but the diagnostic eye and perceptive mind of Admiral Dewey soon discovered that he was playing false and for the purpose of using the United States to further his own interests. The official messages on file at Washington will show that at no time did Admiral Dewey impose confidence in the good faith of Aginaldo. On the contrary, Aginaldo's deportment was such as to cause Admiral Dewey to mistrust him from the very start. And yet, with the blood of American citizens on his hands and with a record stained by atrocious crimes, unexampled duplicity and perfidy, Bryan would withdraw the troops and place the Philippine islands at the mercy of this monster of iniquity.

State Institutions.

Reports concerning the management of the various state institutions are certainly not intended to inspire public confidence in the integrity of the functionaries. It is the intention to carefully investigate each one of these institutions and give to the public an impartial recital of the condition of affairs as found. In some of these institutions already investigated a considerable amount of fraud has been discovered, to say nothing of the startling exhibitions thereat presented of ignorance and incompetency. From one end of the state to the other the Poynter administration savors of incompetency, malfeasance, profligacy and fraud. In several of the institutions the laws of the state are at this very time being openly and flagrantly transgressed. The offenses range all the way from maintaining incompetent persons in responsible positions to the misappropriation of funds and open raids on the treasury. Evidence has been found of state property having been sold and the money appropriated to private use, and also of property having been bought with state funds for private use. The exact condition of affairs obtaining at each of the various institutions will from time to time be given to the public.

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NOTICE TO LAND-OWNERS.

To Lincoln Land Company and Melissa Porter and to all whom it may concern: The commissioner appointed to locate a road commencing at the west end of Camden street in the town of Lebanon, Red Willow county, Nebraska, running thence west to the line between the NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 and the NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of section 17, township 1, north, range 26, west of the 6th P. M., running thence south on the east side of said line to the section line between sections 17 and 20, said township and range, said line between NE 1/4 of SW 1/4 and NW 1/4 of SW 1/4 to be the western boundary said road as follows: Commencing at the west end of Camden street in the town of Lebanon, Red Willow county, Nebraska, thence running directly west to the line between the NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 and the NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of section 17, township 1, north, range 26, west of the 6th P. M., thence south along the east side of said line to a point 5 rods north of the south-west corner of the south-west corner of the southeast 1/4 of section 17, township 1, north, range 26, thence south-west to intersect the section line between sections 17 and 20 in said township and range at a point 5 rods west of the south-west corner of the southeast 1/4 of section 17, township 1, north, range 26, and terminating thereat, and all objections thereto or claims in or before noon of the 1st day of October, 1900, or said road will be established without reference thereto.

NOTICE OF SALE.

In the matter of the estate of Robert Drysdale, deceased. Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of an order of G. W. Norris, judge of the district court of Red Willow county, Nebraska, made on June 30, 1900, for the sale of the real estate hereinafter described, there will be sold at the front door of the courthouse in the city of McCook, Red Willow county, Nebraska, on the 11th day of August, 1900, at the hour of one o'clock p. m., at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, the following described real estate, to-wit: Lot ten in block fifteen, in the Original City of McCook; lot twelve in block eleven, in West McCook; and lot four, in block seven, in the Original City of McCook; all in Red Willow county, Nebraska. Said sale will remain open one day.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of an order issued from the district court of Red Willow county, Nebraska, under a decree in an action wherein Phebe E. Boyd et al. are plaintiffs, and Lynn M. Hay et al. are defendants, to me directed and delivered, I shall offer at public sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash, at the east door of the courthouse in McCook, Red Willow county, Nebraska, on the 20th day of August, 1900, at the hour of one o'clock p. m., the following described real estate, to-wit: The south-west quarter of section thirty-five, in township two, north, in range twenty-eight, west of the 6th P. M., in Red Willow county, Nebraska.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Land Office at McCook, Neb., July 7, 1900. Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Register and Receiver at McCook, Nebraska, on Saturday, August 18, 1900, viz: Newcomb B. Stokes, on H. E. No. 11015 for the N 1/2 SE 1/4, NE 1/4 SW 1/4 and SE 1/4 NW 1/4 of Sec. 31, Twp. 2 N., R. 30 W. 6th P. M. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Austin W. Dutcher, John M. Baldwin, Rexford Simpson, and Wilson H. Hartman, all of McCook, Nebraska.

NOTICE.

Isaac B. Taylor, will take notice that on the 30th day of July, 1900, G. S. Bishop, county judge within and for Red Willow county, Nebraska, issued an order of attachment for \$31.35 debt and \$50.00 probable costs, in an action pending before him, wherein Harvey P. Sutton is plaintiff and the said Isaac B. Taylor is defendant; that property of the defendant, consisting of eleven pairs of forceps, ninety-two points, thirty-nine pluggers and excavators, one engine, and a lot of miscellaneous dental tools, has been attached under said order. Said cause was continued to the 15th day of September, 1900, at ten o'clock a. m.

STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION

OF THE McCook Co-Operative Building and Savings Association

of McCook, Neb., on the 30th day of June, 1900.

ASSETS.	
First mortgage loans	\$24,640 64
Real estate	1,332 42
Cash	915 20
Delinquent interest and dues	86 29
Tax sale certificates	154 69
Total	\$27,129 21
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid up	\$17,474 69
Reserve fund	1,735 85
Undivided profits	487 19
Matured stock	6,500 00
Other liabilities	831 68
Total	\$27,129 21
RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1900.	
RECEIPTS.	
Balance on hand July 1, 1899	\$ 308 07
Dues	5,855 59
Interest	2,400 07
Loans repaid	1,172 00
Real estate sales	1,112 08
Sundries	48 49
Total	\$11,896 56
EXPENDITURES.	
Loans	\$ 2,755 00
Expenses	345 92
Stock redeemed	145 92
Cash on hand	915 20
Matured stock	6,500 00
Loss on loan	175 29
Tax certificates	106 95
Interest on matured stock	663 82
Total	\$11,896 56

State of Nebraska, Red Willow county, ss: I, F. A. Pennell, secretary of the above-named association, do solemnly swear that the foregoing statement of the condition of said association is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

F. A. PENNELL, Secretary.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th day of July, 1900.

C. E. ELDRB, Notary Public.

W. B. MILES, R. A. GREEN, } Directors.

F. M. KIMMELL, } Directors.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS.

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received at the office of the county clerk of Red Willow county, Nebraska, for tearing down the bridge across the Republican river south of Bartley, and for rebuilding a part of it, the part to be rebuilt is to be 192 feet in length, 14 feet in width and 8 feet high, there will be 37 piling to drive, 30 of which will be 18 feet in length, and will be 14 feet in length, all to be driven at least 10 feet in the ground, all old material that is good to be used in the construction of the new bridge and new material to be used for the balance, all to be furnished on the ground by the county.

One-half of the money to be paid during the progress of the work. The person receiving the contract will be required to furnish good and sufficient bond, binding themselves to a faithful performance of said contract.

The board reserves the right to reject any and all bids. All bids to be filed with the county clerk on or before noon of the 24th day of August, 1900.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS.

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received at the office of the county clerk of Red Willow county, Nebraska, for making the following grade at the bridge across the Republican river, south of Bartley, in said county, said grade to be 30 feet long and to have a 35 foot base, to be 9 feet in height and 18 feet across the top, the last or top foot in height to be of black soil. And where the grade joins on to the bridge there is to be a rock wall built to be 2 feet thick and to extend back on either side of the grade a distance of 12 feet.

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R. A. GREEN, County Clerk.

For mosquito bites, bites or stings of insects, animals or reptiles, apply Ballard's Snow Liniment. It counteracts the poison in the wound, subdues the inflammation and heals the flesh. Price, 25 and 50c. A. McMullen.

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Timely information given Mrs. George Long of New Straitsville, Ohio, saved two lives. A frightful cough had long kept her awake every night. She had tried many remedies and doctors but steadily grew worse until urged to try Dr. King's New Discovery. One bottle wholly cured her; and she writes, "This marvelous medicine also cured Mr. Long of a severe attack of pneumonia. Such cases are positive proof of its power to cure all throat, chest and lung troubles. Only 50c and \$1.00. Guaranteed. Trial bottles free at McConnell & Berry's drug store.

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