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Worthy Matron

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W. TUCKER, Commander.
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Valentine Camp No. 174, Modern Woodmen of America, meets second and fourth Wednesday evenings of each month at Davenport's Hall. Visiting neighbors cordially invited to attend.
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AMENDMENTS
TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE

Which will be Submitted to the People for their Approval or Disapproval at the Next General Election—study Them.

The following proposed amendments to the Constitution of the State of Nebraska, as hereinafter set forth in full, are submitted to the electors of the State of Nebraska, to be voted upon at the general election to be held Tuesday, November 3, A. D., 1896:

A joint resolution proposing to amend sections two (2), four (4), and five (5), of article six (6) of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska, relating to number of judges of the supreme court and their term of office.

Be it resolved and enacted by the Legislature of the State of Nebraska:

Section 1. That section two (2) of article six (6) of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska be amended so as to read as follows:

Section 2. The supreme court shall until otherwise provided by law, consist of five (5) judges, a majority of whom shall be necessary to form a quorum or to pronounce a decision. It shall have original jurisdiction in cases relating to revenue, civil cases in which the state shall be a party, mandamus, quo warranto, habeas corpus, and such appellate jurisdiction as may be provided by law.

Section 3. That section four (4) of article six (6) of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska, be amended so as to read as follows:

Section 4. The judges of the supreme court shall be elected by the electors of the state at large, and their term of office, except as hereinafter provided, shall be for a term of not less than five (5) years as the legislature may prescribe.

Section 5. At the first general election to be held in the year 1896, there shall be two (2) judges of the supreme court one of whom shall be elected for a term of two (2) years, one for the term of four (4) years, and at each general election thereafter, there shall be elected one judge of the supreme court whose term has not expired at the time of holding the general election of 1896, shall continue to hold the office for the remainder of the term for which they were respectively commissioned.

Approved March 29, A. D. 1895.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to section thirteen (13) of article six (6) of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska, relating to compensation of supreme and district court judges.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Nebraska:

Section 1. That section thirteen (13) of article six (6) of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska be amended so as to read as follows:

Section 2. The judges of the supreme and district courts shall receive for their services such compensation as may be provided by law, payable quarterly.

Section 3. The compensation shall at its first session after the adoption of this amendment, three-fifths of the members elected to each house of the legislature shall elect a commission. The compensation so established shall not be changed oftener than once in four years, and in no event unless two-thirds of the members elected to each house of the legislature concur therein.

Approved March 30, A. D. 1895.

A joint resolution proposing to amend section twenty-four (24) of article five (5) of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska, relating to compensation of the officers of the executive department.

Be it resolved and enacted by the Legislature of the State of Nebraska:

Section 1. That section twenty-four (24) of article five (5) of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska be amended to read as follows:

Section 2. The officers of the executive department of the state government shall receive for their services a compensation to be established by law, which shall neither be increased nor diminished during the term for which they shall have been commissioned and they shall not receive to their own use any fees, costs, interests, upon public moneys in their hands or under their control, perquisites of office or other compensation, and all fees that may hereafter be payable by law for services performed by an officer provided for in this article shall be paid in advance into the state treasury. The legislature shall at its first session after the adoption of this amendment, three-fifths of the members elected to each house of the legislature concurring, establish the salaries of the officers named in this article. The compensation so established shall not be changed oftener than once in four years and in no event unless two-thirds of the members elected to each house of the legislature concur therein.

Approved March 29, A. D. 1895.

A joint resolution proposing to amend section one (1) of article six (6) of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska, relating to judicial power.

Be it resolved and enacted by the Legislature of the State of Nebraska:

Section 1. That section one (1) of article six (6) of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska be amended to read as follows:

Section 2. The judicial power of this state shall be vested in a supreme court, district courts, county courts, justices of the peace, police magistrates, and in such other courts inferior to the supreme court as may be created by law in which two-thirds of the members elected to each house concur.

Approved March 29, A. D. 1895.

A joint resolution proposing to amend section eleven (11) of article six (6) of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska, relating to increase in number of supreme and district court judges.

Be it resolved and enacted by the Legislature of the State of Nebraska:

Section 1. That section eleven (11) of article six (6) of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska be amended to read as follows:

Section 2. The legislature, whenever two-thirds of the members elected to each house shall concur therein, may in or after the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven and not oftener than once in every four years, increase the number of judges of supreme and district courts, and the judicial power of the state, and such increase shall be limited to compact territory, and bounded by county lines; and such increase, or any change in the boundaries of a district, shall not vacate the office of any judge.

Approved March 29, A. D. 1895.

A joint resolution proposing to amend section six (6) of article one (1) of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska, relating to trial by jury.

Be it resolved and enacted by the Legislature of the State of Nebraska:

Section 1. That section six (6) of article one (1) of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska be amended to read as follows:

Section 2. The government of any city of the metropolitan class and the government of the county in which it is located may be merged wholly or in part when a proposition to do so has been submitted by authority of law to the voters of such city and county and received the assent of a majority of the votes cast in such city and also a majority of the votes cast in the county exclusive of those cast in such metropolitan city at such election.

Approved March 29, A. D. 1895.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to section six (6) of article seven (7) of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska, prescribing the manner in which votes shall be cast.

Be it resolved and enacted by the Legislature of the State of Nebraska:

Section 1. That section six (6) of article seven (7) of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska be amended to read as follows:

Section 2. All votes shall be by ballot, or such other method as may be prescribed by law, provided the secrecy of voting be preserved.

Approved March 29, A. D. 1895.

A joint resolution proposing to amend section two (2) of article fourteen (14) of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska, relative to donations to works of internal improvement and

manufactories.

Be it resolved and enacted by the Legislature of the State of Nebraska:

Section 1. That section two (2) of article fourteen (14) of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska, be amended to read as follows:

Section 2. The right of trial by jury shall remain inviolate, but the legislature may provide that in civil actions five-sixths of the jury may render a verdict, and the legislature may also authorize trial by a jury of a less number of than the full number, in courts inferior to the district court.

Approved March 23, A. D. 1893.

A joint resolution proposing to amend section one (1) of article five (5) of the Constitution of Nebraska, relating to officers of the executive department.

Be it resolved and enacted by the Legislature of the State of Nebraska:

Section 1. That section one (1) of article five (5) of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska be amended to read as follows:

Section 2. The executive department shall consist of the governor, lieutenant-governor, secretary of state, auditor of public accounts, treasurer, superintendent of public instruction, attorney general, commissioner of lands and buildings, and three railroad commissioners, each of whom, except the said railroad commissioners, shall hold office for a term of two years, from the first Thursday after the first Tuesday in January, after his election, and until his successor is elected and qualified. Each railroad commissioner shall hold office for a term of three years beginning on the first Thursday after the first Tuesday in January after his election, and until his successor is elected and qualified. Provided, however, that at the first general election held after the adoption of this amendment there shall be elected three railroad commissioners, one for the period of one year, one for the period of two years, and one for the period of three years. The governor, secretary of state, auditor of public accounts, superintendent of public instruction, and the capital during their term of office; they shall keep the public records, books and papers thereof, and perform such duties as may be required by law.

Approved March 30, A. D. 1895.

A joint resolution proposing to amend section twenty-six (26) of article five (5) of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska, limiting the number of executive state officers.

Be it resolved and enacted by the Legislature of the State of Nebraska:

Section 1. That section twenty-six (26) of article five (5) of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska be amended to read as follows:

Section 2. No other executive state officers except those named in section one (1) of this article shall be created, except by a vote of the legislature which is concurred in by not less than three-fourths of the members elected to each house thereof.

Provided, That any office created by an act of the legislature may be abolished by the legislature, two-thirds of the members elected to each house thereof concurring.

Approved March 30, A. D. 1895.

A joint resolution proposing to amend section nine (9) of article eight (8) of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska, providing for the investment of the permanent educational funds of the state.

Be it resolved and enacted by the Legislature of the State of Nebraska:

Section 1. That section nine (9) of article eight (8) of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska be amended to read as follows:

Section 2. All funds belonging to the state for educational purposes, the interest and income whereof only are to be used, shall be deposited in trust held by the state, and the state shall supply all losses thereof that may in any manner accrue, so that the same shall remain forever inviolate and undiminished, and shall not be invested or loaned except on United States or state securities, or registered county bonds of registered school districts in this state, and such funds with the interest and income thereof are hereby solemnly pledged for the purposes for which they are granted and set apart, and shall not be transferred to any other fund for other uses.

Provided, The board created by section 1 of this article is empowered to sell from time to time any of the securities belonging to the permanent school fund and invest the proceeds arising therefrom in any of the securities enumerated in this section bearing a rate of interest whenever an opportunity for better investment is presented.

And provided further, That when any warrant upon the school fund is regularly issued in pursuance of an appropriation by the legislature and secured by the levy of taxes for its payment, the same may be presented to the state treasurer for payment, and there shall not be any money in the proper fund to pay such warrant, the board created by section 1 of this article may direct the state treasurer to pay the amount due on such warrant from the bond created by section 1 of this article, and he shall hold such warrant as an investment of said permanent school fund.

Approved March 29, A. D. 1895.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Nebraska by adding a new section to article twelve (12) of said constitution to be numbered section two (2) relative to the merging of the government of cities of the metropolitan class and the government of the counties wherein such cities are located.

Be it resolved and enacted by the Legislature of the State of Nebraska:

Section 1. That article twelve (12) of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska be amended by adding to said article a new section to be numbered section two (2) to read as follows:

Section 2. The government of any city of the metropolitan class and the government of the county in which it is located may be merged wholly or in part when a proposition to do so has been submitted by authority of law to the voters of such city and county and received the assent of a majority of the votes cast in such city and also a majority of the votes cast in the county exclusive of those cast in such metropolitan city at such election.

Approved March 29, A. D. 1895.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to section six (6) of article seven (7) of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska, prescribing the manner in which votes shall be cast.

Be it resolved and enacted by the Legislature of the State of Nebraska:

Section 1. That section six (6) of article seven (7) of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska be amended to read as follows:

Section 2. All votes shall be by ballot, or such other method as may be prescribed by law, provided the secrecy of voting be preserved.

Approved March 29, A. D. 1895.

A joint resolution proposing to amend section two (2) of article fourteen (14) of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska, relative to donations to works of internal improvement and

NON-PARTISAN BRYAN CLUB

Below will be found the constitution of the Non-Partisan William J. Bryan Club, which all who believe in the principles there set forth are respectfully asked to sign. Your membership in this club need not interfere with your connection with any other club of a like nature. Read the constitution and then sign the blank form at the bottom and send to L. C. Sparks, President, Robert God, Vice President, or D. H. Thurston, Secretary, of the Club, at Valentine.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

Section 1.—The name of this organization shall be the W. J. Bryan Non-Partisan Free Speech Club.

ARTICLE II.—OBJECT.

Section 1.—The object of this organization shall be to disseminate a silver sentiment, a better understanding of the finance of the country generally, and to promote good citizenship by purity of purpose and harmony of action and to work for and secure by honest efforts the election of W. J. Bryan as our next President.

ARTICLE III.—OFFICERS.

Section 1.—The officers of this club shall be a President, Vice President, Treasurer and three Secretaries.

ARTICLE IV.—COMMITTEES.

Section 1.—There shall be an Executive Committee, composed of the officers of the club, to arrange all preliminaries of the campaign and to fill vacancies when such occur. It shall be the duty of this committee to scale a program for each meeting.

ARTICLE V.—FUNDS.

Section 1.—All funds for necessary expenses shall be raised by voluntary contribution only.

ARTICLE VI.—RULES.

Section 1.—Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the meetings of the club.

ARTICLE VII.—TIME OF MEETINGS.

Section 1.—This club shall meet every Friday evening at 8 o'clock, and club members will be open to visitors at all hours.

ARTICLE VIII.—MEMBERSHIP.

Each member must identify himself with the club by signing the Constitution and accept the principles set forth in the same.

SIGN THIS

To the officers and members of the Non-Partisan William J. Bryan Club, Valentine, Nebraska:

You are hereby authorized to enroll me as a member of your Club and affix my name to the constitution of the same. Respectfully,

Name _____
Postoffice Address _____

PROPOSALS FOR FRESH VEGETABLES.—
Headquarters Department of the Platte, Office of the Chief Commissary, Omaha Neb., September 9, 1896. Sealed proposals for the purchase of potatoes and onions as may be required by the Subsistence Department at Fort Crook, Niobrara and Robinson Neb.; Forts D. A. Russell and Washington, Wyo., and Fort Meade, S. D. Proposals will also be received and opened by the Commissary at Fort Crook until 11 o'clock a. m. central standard time, October 9, 1896, and then opened publicly for furnishing and delivery of the quantities of potatoes and onions as may be required by the Subsistence Department at Forts Crook, Niobrara and Robinson Neb.; Forts D. A. Russell and Washington, Wyo., and Fort Meade, S. D. Proposals will also be received and opened by the Commissary at Fort Crook until 11 o'clock a. m. central standard time, October 9, 1896, and by the Commissaries at Forts Niobrara, Robinson, D. A. Russell, Washington and Meade until 10 a. m. mountain standard time, each Commissary receiving proposals for his own post only. The right is reserved to reject any or all proposals in whole or in part. Blank proposals and specifications showing in detail the articles and quantities required, and giving full information as to conditions of contract, will be furnished on application to any of the above mentioned officers. FRANK E. NYE Major and C. S.

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