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Democratic Senatorial Convention, 14th Senatorial Dist.

A delegate convention of the Democratic party of the 14th senatorial district of Nebraska, is hereby called to meet in Rushville, Sheridan county, Nebr., on Tuesday the 20th day of September, 1904, at 2 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of placing in nomination one candidate for senator for said district, and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the convention. The several counties of the district will be entitled to the following representation: Brown 4, Box Butte 6, Cherry 6, Dawes 6, Keya Paha 4, Rock 4, Sheridan 5, Sioux 2.

By order of the Democratic Senatorial Committee.

J. D. SCOTT, Sec'y. ROBERT GOOD, Chm.

The Populist call is an exact copy of the above.

J. W. Stetter, A. H. Metzgar, Al Riemenschneider, J. W. Groves, J. A. Sparks, L. M. Hancock and W. E. Haley are delegates to the Democratic Senatorial Convention from Cherry county.

I. M. RICE, Sec'y. Dem. Co. Central Com.

One-Half a Vote.

There should be no laggards in the coming campaign. Whether he be a Democrat or Populist, he should exert every effort to rid this state of railroad domination and Mickeyism. There are Democrats and Populists who would have been pleased if their party had decided to "go it alone" this fall and now feel sore because it is otherwise. Reason should prevail in all things and especially should it be so in politics. Nebraska, under fusion government, proved that the republicans had been robbing the people from every corner and that the state was beyond the constitutional limit of debt caused by thievery and extravagance of republican office holders. Under Dietrich and Mickey it is even worse than before. This fact is patent to every man in the state who reads or thinks, and in fact is admitted by republicans high in the councils of their party. The railroads made and own Mickey, while anyone with the price could own Dietrich and the railroads and corporations made the bid. We have not expected any reform from

either of these administrations and one would have been dull indeed who would expect good to come from either. What the people of Nebraska needs more than anything else at this time is to turn out of office the railroad hirelings now in the state house and put in men of known honesty, ability and integrity; men who are not owned or controlled by any corporation; men who have worked with the people in past campaigns to the end that the state might again be put into honest hands and the railroads put out of power. This fall a condition and not a theory confronts the voters of Nebraska. Do you believe that we should elect men for our state officers who are known to be free from corporation influence? Do you believe that the railroads should go out of power in Nebraska? Do you believe that the revenue law should be amended so that the railroads should pay their just amount of taxes? Do you believe that we should have a maximum freight rate law? Do you want the state to be run on an economical basis? If you want these things how in the name of Heaven can you lend your assistance to the republican party, by refusing to vote for a part of the ticket because this man is a Democrat or that man is a Populist? Every time you refuse to vote for a man on your ticket you cast one-half a vote for the opposition and should your ticket be defeated you would be responsible in the same measure as you voted. It is a common enemy that the fusion parties are fighting this fall and every voter should realize his own responsibility. While every man should hold his own opinions and be steadfast in his honest convictions, yet no man is bigger than his own party, and after a free and full discussion your party has decided upon a course of action, it is bad grace to still keep up the fight. A man is justified in voting for the opposition when the candidate is known to you to be a better man and one who will put better principles into practice than the one on your own ticket. The fusion parties stand for principles that if put into practice will give the people of this state equitable and just taxation; principles that will drive the railroads from power in Nebraska; principles that will lift the stench from the state house that now encompasses it and place our affairs in the hands of men who will administer to the benefit of the people instead of the railroads and the Standard Oil combine. In the person of J. H. Mickey you have a self appointed saint who uses his cloak of religion to cover up his hellish acts in favor of the corporations; while in George W. Berge you have a man who has proved himself a worthy citizen of high morals—a man who appears every day alike and is to all men the same every day. Between these two men, how can you hesitate with your vote. Nearly the same conditions exist all down the line, perhaps not so glaring, but they are in evidence. The same old gang runs the republican party that has been in the saddle for years and you know that nothing good will come from them. Then can you afford to give them even half a vote by not voting your own ticket. These are the things you must consider in this campaign and on your decision rests the result.—O'Neill Independent.

Finds Parker With High Ideals and Clear Brain.

Evansville, Ind., August 27.—John W. Spencer of this city, who was the democratic nominee in the First Congressional District two years ago, has returned from the East, where he went to see Judge Alton Parker at his home at Esopus. In speaking of his visit to the democratic presidential nominee, Mr. Spencer said:

"I went to Esopus upon the invitation of Judge Parker, and not for the purpose of prevailing upon him to come west and make speeches during the campaign, as has been stated. Judge Parker wanted information as to political conditions in Southern Indiana. I was very

much pleased with his manner of going into details, so much that he soon convinced me that he was very conversant with the arithmetic of politics. The home life of Judge Parker is simplicity itself and illustrative of the great Democrat he is. His whole action, manner and bearing show him to be a lovable man, with purity of heart and honesty of purpose, neither optimistic nor pessimistic. His statements are conservative, and one statement of his struck me with great force. It was: 'If I can be the instrument, not the means, of bringing together the discordants of our great party, I will have been useful to my country, for it is through the advocacy of democracy that constitutional government will be maintained.'

"Were it possible for every voter to see him as I did, there would be none but officeholders and their dependents to oppose him.

"At Democratic headquarters in the Century building, New York, everything is activity and earnestness, and confidence as to the outcome is in the very atmosphere itself. This will be the greatest campaign yet waged, in my judgment, and will result in the election of Judge Parker."

With Mr. Spencer at Esopus was Major G. V. Menzies of Mount Vernon, candidate for the United States Senate.—St. Louis Republic.

The Increased State Debt

It is indeed scandalous how utterly un-businesslike and extravagant the last few years of republican administration in our state has been. When we investigate the appalling record and find how recklessly they have strewn the public funds we conclude that a business man with business economy should take up the duties of our state government. The last fusion legislature appropriated \$2,355,843.70 to meet the state expense for 2 years following and then they were criticised by the republicans for spending the public money too freely. But those howling republicans, in the very next session of the legislature were in a majority, and they overreached all previous expenditures by appropriating the enormous sum of \$3,739,281, and warrants drawing interest must be drawn for this vast sum, which will add to the already tremendous amount. Under fusion regime the state floating debt has always diminished. From 1888 to 1896 during the republican rule it increased from \$100,000 to \$1,936,273.47 and by 1900 the democrats and populists, after four years of judicious administration, reduced the state debt \$208,855.75. Since the democrats and populists turned over the books in 1900 the republicans have again plunged the state into financial retrogression by piling up the debt to the enormous amount of \$2,263,177.21, or an increase in four years of \$535,729.40.

From these figures, which are from the official records, it is not hard for one to see, no matter to what party he belongs, that such wild and reckless expenditures are unbusinesslike and if continued will land the state on the verge of bankruptcy. It is up to the people of the state from all parties, if they pride themselves on being its citizens, that they help redeem Nebraska from shiftless financiers.—World-Herald.

Fusion papers never fail to howl that republican candidates travel on railroad passes, regardless of whether or not the statement is true. When was a fusionist ever known to refuse a pass? If it were not for courtesies extended them by the railroads not more than one fusion editor in a hundred would ever get outside of his home county.—Valentine Republican.

Is there an editor, fusion, democrat or populist, who has enjoyed favors from the railroads that he has not paid for in full in advertising and given more in return than he received? It seems like an acknowledgement from the republican press that their office seekers must first be those riding on a pass courted by the favors of the railroad companies for a few years before he is a fit subject for office.

If the people of Nebraska want an honest, able, industrious and courageous chief executive they have a chance to secure one. Hon. Geo. W. Berge, the fusion nominee, is admirably fitted to give the people a real reform administration. He is a scholarly man with taste for public affairs, incorruptible and a sincere advocate of the principles that underlie popular government. He ought to be elected by an overwhelming majority. Both on public occasions and in the routine work of his office he will, if elected, be a model after which future governors can pattern.—Commoner.

Geo. W. Berge, the reform nominee for governor, is the right man in the right place this year. His ability is unquestioned and his honesty, integrity, his steadfastness of purpose make him an ideal candidate. He is of German descent and speaks the language; an eloquent speaker and ready debater. His stand on the public questions of the day is endorsed by all thinking men. Every man who is opposed to railroad domination and the unjust revenue law should not hesitate a moment but should support Berge and on election day should cast a ballot for him.—Stanton Register.

Report comes from Atkinson that a strong republican in that town was heard to remark that he would spend \$500 to help defeat Mickey for governor. We hear remarks of this nature every day. Mickey is decidedly weak among his own people and even the Roosevelt influence will not carry him to victory.

Last week was a busy one for Governor Mickey. He addressed a Methodist gathering in the eastern part of the state; attended a picnic at Shelby; stole a farm in Polk county; made several shlock loans at Osceola; prayed seventeen times for the "ungodly" people who dance quadrills; saved a nickle by putting a tobacco tag in the contribution box and then issued a proclamation expressing thanks that he was not wicked like other people.

One Way of Ending a Strike.

A wealthy mill owner of Meridian, Mass., who had been harrassed for months by strikers who threatened violence to any other workmen, blew up his mill with dynamite to defeat them and retired from business.

WEATHER AT WORLD'S FAIR.

Cool Nights and Delightful Indian Summer to Be Expected at St. Louis. Usually the warmest month of the year, July proved to be one of the most pleasant of the World's Fair season, the average temperature being 67 degrees, a record lower than that made by either Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Cincinnati or Chicago. The weather bureau records show that the temperatures in St. Louis during July were just between the extremes recorded at New Orleans and St. Paul, cities located at great variance. August in St. Louis is a month of cool nights, and September and October are the most delightful months of the year. It is that period known as Indian summer, when the foliage and birds linger to challenge the coming winter. Nowhere on the American continent is there a spot more delightful than the World's Fair city, a garden of blooming flowers and spraying fountains.

St. Louis, like all cities, experienced several hot days during July, but her highest temperature recorded was 93 degrees against 94 degrees registered by the thermometer at Chicago. On the same day the mercury rose to 96 degrees in Philadelphia, and scores of heat prostrations were reported from New York and Boston.

The relative humidity shows St. Louis to be about normal. Assuming absolutely no moisture in the atmosphere to be zero and absolute wetness to be 100, the relative humidities for July, taken from the records of more than twenty years, Boston shows 70.6, New York 72.2, Philadelphia 68.6, Cincinnati 64.6, Chicago 66.9 and St. Louis 66.3. The same degree of heat in two places, with different degrees of humidity, would cause it to seem the hotter at the point of greater density.

St. Louis may therefore rightly claim to be a summer resort this summer, positively one of the most comfortable and delightful places on the map.

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