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"THE WESTERN IDEA."

Last week we published an article on W. J. Bryan, copied from the Ainsworth Star-Journal, a republican newspaper, but published by a man, John M. Cotton, whom people generally recognize to be a fair minded man. He may be a republican in name but he is a progressive republican of the western type who believes that Mr. Bryan started the reform movement and that many republicans were ready for the reform wave long ago.

The people of the west should not be blind folded any longer by the money kings of the east. Western people ought to know what is right in government. The republican party as it is managed by the money sharks, stock brokers, manufacturers and railroads will not furnish the kind of government we want. The money sharks want the banks of the country to issue money and the government to issue bonds of indebtedness upon which they issue money to the banks to the extent of the bonds which the banks loan the same as other money.

It is money because the government is back of it but we are paying interest on the bonds. The banks contend that they are not making much out of the deal because they have to pay a premium on the bonds.

Is this right?
Brother Cotton does not think so and neither do you.

Well, it's republican government according to the money sharks and they used to boast that we had the best banking system in the world—Who for? The money sharks? They did the boasting and try to uphold the system yet.

If we believe it is wrong we ought to say so with our vote. We ought to do more. We ought to talk it over with our neighbors. They know the system is wrong but they invariably say in answer: "How are we going to help it?" or "what can we do about it?" One thing they can do about it is to say what you believe about it to your neighbors and keep a talking about this double dealing business of making the government back the banks and then issue bonds to sell to the banks for money and then issue the face value of the

bonds back to the banks in money and they pay the banks interest on the whole amount.

How do you like the idea of our government borrowing money from a bank, then giving all back but the premium paid on the bonds, then pay interest on the face of the bonds?

That's the money shark's way and they also want to control the volume of money so as to keep up the rates of interest and they, having the money, of course want to enhance its value.

The corporations are a good thing for our country in many ways for they can, by combining capital, put greater machinery to work, as in mining coal or gold or manufacturing on a large scale, but they also combine with other corporations to keep up the price on manufactured articles that we need—that everybody needs—and upon which we pay them a tariff for protection against the competition of foreign countries. The manufacturers of foreign countries must pay this tariff to sell their goods in our country and consequently, the lower price for which they must sell, doesn't benefit us, for we really pay this tariff, enabling our "infant industries" to grow and keep on growing on our hard earned money.

Is this right?
This is the manufacturers kind of republican government, but it doesn't suit Iowa.

Iowa has the western idea, and so has Bro. Cotton. We've all got more or less of the fever and we'd ought to begin to talk to our neighbors about it. It's our business. How will it ever be corrected if the people who pays the tax doesn't object? We're not in favor of it. But that's not enough. We've got to tell somebody that we're not. Tell our congressmen, our senators. Of course, that may not do any good, but if they don't do something we could replace them with men who will do something—for the people.

The stock brokers, by paying a margin or small per cent of the whole, may run the price of the farmer's grain or stock or any other property on the exchange, to the highest prices when they have the lion's share to

sell, or to the lowest figure when they want to buy. Tom Lawson has exposed them and we'll not further discuss the stock brokers here.

The railroads combine with other corporations to fix the value of everything we have to sell or that we must buy, that must depend upon shipping for its market. They want the biggest haul and generally get it. Their rates are often in competition with other railroads but we don't want two lines of railroad built between towns simply for competition. There is often need for but the one and we want the rates right so that we can ship at the same rates as a big corporation gets. We want coal hauled as cheaply as they haul it to other places. We don't want to pay more for hauling coal from Wyoming than Omaha people pay. We want our coal and hay rates looked into by the state railway commission, but they tell us that it is inter-state traffic and they can't touch it.

It's the western idea and we are all interested in it. We ought to talk it. Don't leave it all to the newspapers. They can't vote for you. They can't speak for you. You must speak for yourself. It means that your vote is likely to go the way you talk and it will accomplish something. Talk to your neighbor and study the question. It's not a crime to ask for information if you can't find what you want, and if your neighbor can't tell you, keep asking about these things. When you know it's a hard one for the "stand-patters" and the "let well enough alone" fellows, follow it up with a heavy broadside that will let them know that you are going to take up the western idea. It's Mr. Bryan's way. It was his idea years ago and he's growing stronger. There are new men joining the ranks and they are republicans who believe in "the Western idea," "the Iowa idea," some say it is Roosevelt's idea, and it is Mr. Bryan's idea.

(From the Holt Co. Democrat.)

"If Taft is nominated I shall vote for Bryan" seems to be a strong republican slogan in Nebraska at this time.

Republican papers are all democratic on the tariff question insofar as it effects their personal interests. "Wood pulp and print paper should be on the free list" is their constant cry.

The democrat is always glad to exchange with any Nebraska paper that maintains an editorial column wherein the original views of the editor are set forth. Be these opinions good, bad or mediocre, they are the main mast of the ship. A stream cannot rise above its source, and a newspaper cannot rise above the intellect and original ideas of its editor. A newspaper without an editorial column is like a stream without a source, and are but a burden to our mail. It is only such papers that we have refused to exchange with, until this defect is remedied.

Mrs. Frank Brayton and son Donald leave tomorrow for a summer visit with her parents at Chico, California.

Editors Meet in Valentine Saturday, June 6th.

Don't forget that the editors meet in Valentine this year the first Saturday in June. There will be thirty or forty persons here to visit with us on that day. We are expecting them and are making preparations to have them well entertained. We expect to get out the programs this week and if the subjects don't suit the editor who is asked to respond he can choose some other subject and take his preference. If the subject you think of is not represented in the final program, you will be expected to bring the matter up at our regular business session and discuss it.

We want this meeting to be highly beneficial to every member who attends. It may be that you have something that you would like brought up for discussion or you have discovered something that would be of interest to the fellowcraft. Don't hesitate to spring it. There may be some one who has learned the thing you want to know. Bring up the question and many of us will profit by hearing a matter discussed that we never thought of, either question or answer. In other words come loaded with information and be generous with it. When you go home we shall expect you to tell that you saw Valentine, and for fear that some of the visiting brethren might get off the train and lose the town, we will see that some one meets you at the train.

We'll have a ball game during the afternoon if we can get the boys together so that you can get out and walk around some and wake up. Who has a team that will volunteer to play Valentine on Saturday, the 6th of June?

Lastly don't forget to come and unload your mind and get better acquainted with each other and with our town. You will be the guests of the Valentine Commercial club while you are in our city and they will entertain you.

(Rushville Standard.)

None but the plutocrats are opposing W. J. Bryan. All good American citizens want him and they will have him regardless of the plutes and the foreign mudskulls who come over to this country and make asses of themselves by attempting to instruct the Americans how to vote.

There has been some housecleaning about the Standard premises, both at the house and the office, for the past couple of weeks. It is over now and we are beginning to feel at ease once more, but here's how we felt while the stuff was on.

My eyes and nose are filled with dust,
My face begrimed with smut;
My fingers are all badly smashed,
My mouth is full of soot.

My knees are both stuck full of tacks,
My back is broke with pain,
My temper, too, is ruffled up—
We're cleaning house again.

Presbyterian Church.

The services the coming Sunday will be as follows:

Morning subject—"They That Wait Upon the Lord."

C. E. at 7 p. m., topic—"Being a Christian at Home and in School."—Isa., 54:13

The evening preaching service will be omitted to allow members to attend the baccalaureate services, conducted by Rev. Wells.

Monday, the 15th, at 8 p. m., Pastor-elect J. Robert Beale will be installed. To assist in this service other ministers will be present. Rev. Edgar Clark of Gordon will preside and deliver the sermon. Rev. Thomas Price of Rushville will deliver the charge to the pastor, and Rev. Samuel Light of Stuart will deliver the charge to the congregation. These services are free to all and all will be welcome.

Many new sidewalks are being started all over town and give our town a rough appearance just now.

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The Stock Exchange,

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W. F. A. MELTENDORFF

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