

**FROM THE CENTER OF THINGS**  
SPECIAL LINCOLN LETTER

Lincoln, Neb., August —(Special Correspondence)—This has been the quietest week Lincoln has experienced since the latter part of June, when the first Denver delegations began stopping off on their way to the mountain city. This has enabled Mr. Bryan to devote considerable time to the speeches he has arranged to deliver. With his secretary, Robert F. Rose, he has diligently worked on the speeches, but has taken time to hold long distance consultations with Chairman Mack, and to answer a voluminous correspondence. Mr. Bryan left on Wednesday evening for Des Moines, Iowa, where he delivered a tariff speech on August 20. From there he went to Chicago and spent Sunday seizing the opportunity to consult with the national committee. From Chicago he went to Indianapolis to attend the Kern notification. He will make one and possibly two speeches in Minnesota during the last week in August, then go to Topeka to speak on the bank guarantee question. Labor Day he will deliver the address of the day in Chicago. This celebration is under the auspices of the Chicago Trades and Labor Council and will be held at Sportsman's Park.

The famous Minnesota trick mule presented to Mr. Bryan by Minnesota democrats, arrived in Lincoln this week. "Minnamascot" was the name selected by Mr. Bryan for this animal, but after a startling experience at Fairview the name "Major" was added. This was in honor of Major Dickinson, the veteran correspondent of the New York Herald, who volunteered to be the first to ride the animal. As a result of the effort Major Dickinson spent a couple of days in bed, and "Major Minnamascot" was put to the prosaic task of hauling a lawn mower.

The re-nomination of Governor Johnson of Minnesota was very pleasing to Mr. Bryan, and he wired his congratulations to both the governor and the convention. "It is a great compliment to Governor Johnson to be nominated a third time," said Mr. Bryan, and I think his candidacy will help the national ticket in Minnesota."

The announcement that the New York World had come out unreservedly for the democratic ticket and platform was welcomed at Fairview. While expressing his pleasure at the World's announcement Mr. Bryan refused to be interviewed on the subject.

Fifteen years ago the Northern National Bank of Big Rapids, Mich., closed its doors. On August 3, 1908, the depositors, tired of long delay in securing a settlement of their claims, held a mass meeting for the purpose of taking some action looking toward the ascertainment of the exact status of affairs. The receiver says he cannot make settlement until pending litigation is settled. The facts of this case will be used by the national committee as an object lesson showing the necessity of a law guaranteeing deposits. Incidentally it might be remarked that it took some ten or twelve years, to settle under the present order of things, the receivership of two or three Lincoln banks that failed in the early 90's. A comparison of these incidents with the Coalgate, Okla., bank settlement will be interesting to the people of the country.

From every quarter comes the most cheering news of the political situation. This is especially true of the big industrial centers where the labor vote is large. Several official organs of trades unions and labor organizations have come out unreservedly for the democratic ticket. One of these is the Weekly Bulletin of the Clothing Trades, official organ of the United Garment Workers' Union, and another is The Track-

man, official organ of the Brotherhood of Railway Trackmen. The Central Trades and Labor Councils of Washington, Chicago, Philadelphia, Lincoln, Denver, Pittsburg and other centers have endorsed the American Federation of Labor's political program, which is an endorsement of the Denver platform and ticket. The Colorado Federation of Labor at its recent meeting endorsed the democratic platform and ticket. The International convention of the Glass Bottle Blowers' Union, representing 150,000 members, endorsed Bryan and Kern. The Brickmasons' convention took similar action. John Mitchell has publicly announced his support of Bryan, thus setting at rest the claims of the republican press that the great labor leader had "reneged" since his appointment as arbitrator for the Civic Federation. In a private letter to the writer an organizer of one of the strongest trades unions in the country says he has just completed a tour of West Virginia and is absolutely sure that that state will give Bryan and Kern a handsome majority.

Congressman Pollard, the republican representative from the First Nebraska district, addressed the Taft club of Havelock, the Burlington shop suburb of Lincoln one night last week, and undertook to prove to the railroad men that Taft was their best friend. He explained that the failure to adopt the injunction bill asked for by organized labor was to the fact that there was a street car strike on in Cleveland. "If a little strike in one city will prevent a republican congress from doing justice to the whole body of wage earners, in God's name when will we get justice from a republican con-

gress!" exclaimed a Brotherhood man after the meeting.

To many, it may seem that the hope of carrying Ohio for the democratic ticket is a dream, but Mr. Bryan is in receipt of hundreds of assurances that the democratic ticket has more than a fighting chance in the Buckeye state. Ohio democrats are united as never before, and the republicans are engaged in factional fights that are even warmer than the republican scraps in Iowa.

The Philadelphia Public Ledger sneers at Mr. Bryan's slogan "Shall the people rule," and declares that the people do rule. This, mind you, from a newspaper published in the rottenest city in America, where 100,000 or more dead men are voted every year to hold in power the most corrupt political machine ever constructed. Philadelphia is republican by an enormous majority.

Hon. E. E. Brown, a pioneer resident of Lincoln, and one of Mr. Bryan's warmest friends and most active supporters, died last week and was buried Saturday. Mr. Bryan was one of the pallbearers. Mr. Brown was a republican until 1896, when he allied himself with the "silver republican" party, and afterwards registered as a democrat. He was connected with one of Lincoln's largest banks and was accounted one of the wealthiest of Lincoln's citizens.

Noting the fact that the railroads granted a special rate to the Taft notification and refused a special rate to the Bryan notification, the San Francisco Star says that it is not to be wondered at. "People should remember," says the Star, "that the railroads are not in the habit of charging regular rates for their own construction material or for their employes." It will be admitted that the Star explains what might, at first blush, look like a discrimination.

Will M. Maupin.

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  - (4) Between August 30th and September 1st, inclusive;
  - (5) Between September 2nd and September 4th, inclusive;
  - (6) Between September 5th and September 7th, inclusive;
  - (7) Between September 8th and September 10th, inclusive;
  - (8) Between September 11th and September 13th, inclusive;
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**Albert Whipple & Sons** Rosebud, S. D.  
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Horses branded SOS on left hip. Some cattle branded A W bar connected on both sides and left hip of horses.

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