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Our Lincoln Letter.

Lincoln, Neb., August—(Special Correspondence.)—Mr. Bryan arrived home in Lincoln on Friday evening, August 28, after a short speaking tour. Following his promise, made in his speech of acceptance, to discuss the issues of the campaign more in detail at other times, he spoke on the tariff question at Des Moines, on the trust question at Indianapolis, where he attended the notification of John W. Kern, and on the bank guarantee question at Topeka. He left on Sunday, August 30, for St. Paul where he spoke on Monday. Returning to Lincoln, he spoke at the Nebraska State Fair on Thursday. On Labor Day he will deliver the address at the Labor Day demonstration at Sportsmen's Park, Chicago, given under the auspices of the Chicago Trades and Labor Assembly. It is presumed that on this occasion Mr. Bryan will have something to say concerning the injunction question.

Coming through Kansas City last Friday, Mr. Bryan met with an experience that made him "take notice" for a few minutes, and which resulted in great joy to a Pullman porter. Mr. Bryan went to a hotel to consult with friends between trains, and when he entered the cafe he discovered that his pocketbook was gone. Mayor Crittenden assured him that he would be provided with enough money to get out of town, "We having an emergency fund for such purposes," concluded the mayor. In the meanwhile it was thought best to inquire if the purse had been left on the Pullman. During this time a Pullman porter was watching with bulging eyes a big pocketbook he had found in a berth. He reported the find to the conductor, who notified the office. Just about that time the office received notice of a loss. When Mr. Bryan went to the depot the Pullman conductor was there with the purse. The porter was also present. With much ceremony the conductor handed the purse to the porter, and the porter handed it to Mr. Bryan. Mr. Bryan thanked the grinning porter and handed him a bill of generous denomination.

"Mr. Bryan am sho' a powahful fine gem'men an quite lib'al, sah," said the porter to a newspaper man.

That's all that anyone save Mr. Bryan and the porter knows about the size of the reward.

Naturally enough things political have been comparatively quiet in Lincoln during Mr. Bryan's absence. Minnamascot, the democratic mule, has been remembered handsomely, however, during the master's absence. A huge bale of Texas alfalfa arrived last week from the Forney, Texas, Bryan and Kern club.

Mention was made in a recent letter of a 51-pound Oklahoma watermelon sent to Mr. Bryan. Last week one came from Missouri that made the Oklahoma melon look small. The Missouri melon tipped the beam at 70½ pounds.

The first thing Mr. Bryan did on arriving at Fairview was to go out and look at the windmill that was struck by lightning while he was gone. Mr. Bryan was in Topeka when informed of the incident and smilingly said:

"I've been waiting a long time for lightning to strike in my vicinity, and that's getting pretty close."

From one of the newspaper correspondents who accompanied Mr. Bryan on his trip it is learned that everything looks promising, and the presidential candidate is confi-

dent of the outcome. More than ever before is attention being given to the work of organization, and the men in charge of headquarters at Chicago express astonishment at Mr. Bryan's genius for organization and detail.

Why, he seemed to have his finger on every detail, and to have already planned everything we had outlined and ready to submit to him," said a member of the national committee. "He amazed us all by his knowledge of conditions and his ability to seize every honest advantage."

John H. Atwood, who has charge of the speaker's bureau of the national committee, is very anxious to secure the name and address of every man who is willing to volunteer in the speaking campaign that will be pushed with vigor till election day. The calls for speakers are being answered as rapidly as possible, and the volunteers are coming forward every day. But an encouraging sign is that the committee is as yet unable to comply with all the requests for speakers at democratic rallies. Volunteers are requested to communicate with Mr. Atwood, addressing him care speakers bureau democratic national committee, Auditorium Annex, Chicago.

John W. Tomlinson is chairman of the committee on club organization of the democratic committee and is anxious to get into communication with every democratic club that is organized. The committee is endeavoring to secure the organization of a club in every voting precinct, and get the names of the officials and members. Clubs that have not yet reported are urged to do so at once, and new clubs organized in the future are urged to report without delay.

One of the tasks of the writer of this letter is to go through a huge bunch of exchanges—newspapers, daily and weekly, that come from every section of the United States. It is interesting to note some facts in this connection. There is a hollow sound to the claims of cocksureness made by the hide-bound republican press, and a note of optimism in the democratic press that is most encouraging. The independent press is treating the democratic candidate with unexpected fairness, and the press reports no longer are tinged with prejudice. Personal abuse of Mr. Bryan is almost entirely lacking, and the opposition press is forced by an intelligent public to discuss the issues presented instead of dealing in billingsgate. The disaffection of the Baltimore Sun has

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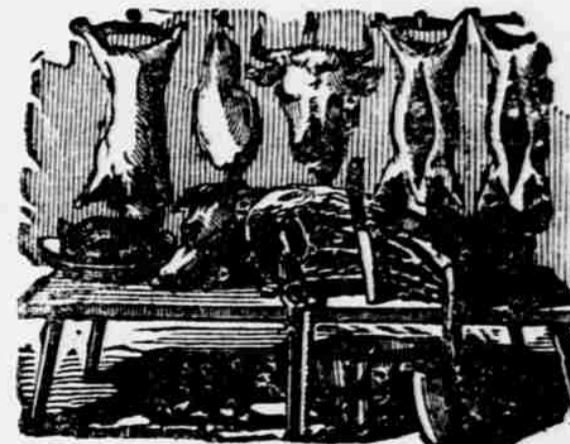
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