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Victor Rosewater Explains The Card System.

Speaking of the thoroughness of the republican organization in general and of the card index system in particular, the Omaha Examiner credits Mr. Rosewater with the following:

"With that system he can tell at a glance practically everything connected with any voter in the country. We have his age, religion, financial condition, friends, secrets, and, in fact, just about everything it is possible to learn of him.

"When a man comes into a country, or when a young man becomes of age, a card goes in for him. If he gives a mortgage on his farm or his business, we note it on the card. Also, we note the holder of the mortgage. If he has any particular fad, it goes on the index card. If he is a chicken fancier, we note it. If he's a Methodist, we note it. If he's a Baptist, it goes down on the card. If his parents were foreigners, we know it. We know his friends and his enemies, his strength and his weakness; in fact, we know the voter thoroughly. This applies to republicans, democrats, populists, socialists—all parties. All are the same to the index.

"Now then, for the application of the index. A campaign comes on and we get busy. Perhaps some of our own party are in rebellion. We get their names, look them up in our index and find who and what can influence them. We can send their friends to them, and we can send people with the same ideas on other subjects that the insurgents hold.

We can possibly send the man who holds the mortgage on his place to talk a little with him.

"Men of his own religion can be sent to him—in fact—knowing him like a book, we can send just those people who can influence him. If we can't get him that way, he simply cannot be had. "And on election day our workers have a complete list of every voter entitled to vote in that precinct. The list is annotated in such a way that the worker knows just exactly what to do and what is being done. Absolutely nothing is left to chance. We know."

With the foregoing explanation of republican campaign methods, Bryan voters may expect to be approached from some side in the near future. The man who talks "horses, should look out for the man who talks "horse;" the devout man, for the one who talks religion. The man who has mortgaged his place, poor fellow, may expect a call from the holder of the mortgage, "to talk a little with him." It is easy to resist the man who talks "horse" or religion, but alas, who can resist the arguments of the man who holds a mortgage on his home? His requests, like those of royalty, always amount to commands; his solicitations amount to coercion.

Hard Times.

It has become a habit of the republican leaders to charge the "hard times," which prevailed during Cleveland's second administration, to the democratic party. The charge is false, and those who make it know it is false. The hard times began long before Cleveland's administration as an inheritance from the preceding republican administration. It is a matter of history, and undisputed, that Harrison foresaw them, and had the plates prepared for a bond issue to protect the gold reserve. When he was defeated for re-election, he did not use them, preferring to shift the responsibility to

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Besides, the depression that prevailed during his administration prevailed throughout the civilized world. Not only that, but the wave of prosperity that started near the close of his administration has not been confined to this country, but has swept over Europe and extended even to Japan. Our so called prosperity for the past twelve years, has never been no more marked, relatively, than that of other civilized countries. Will it be claimed that the prosperity of the whole world hinges on the political affiliations of the president of the United States?

Again, during Cleveland's administration, there was a succession of bad crops, not only in Nebraska, but in various parts of the world. Nebraska was drouth stricken. That contributed materially to the distress incident to the hard times. Even republican spell-binders would hesitate to attribute the lack of rain fall during that period to a democratic administration, or to pledge their party to guarantee sufficient moisture to produce a crop.

The truth is; panics, like comets, are mighty peculiar in their comings and goings. It is not easy to point out the causes that produce them. The panic of 1873 came during Grant's administration; that of 1893, during Cleveland's; that of 1907, during Roosevelt's. Each was the result of conditions that existed long before it came. No honest and intelligent man attributes any of them to the men who happened to occupy the presidential chair when it occurred.

Mr. Taft, in a recent speech in which he was dealing with the democratic proposition for the guarantee of bank deposits, said: "Relieved of the responsibility to and the fear of his (the banker's) depositors, the tendency would be to induce exploitation and manipulation of the assets of banks in a speculative way."

Mr. Taft is too big a man, both physically and mentally, to talk such twaddle. Would the fact that the loss, in case of a failure of his bank, would fall on his fellow bankers instead of his depositors, make a banker's sense of responsibility any less keen? Is there any reason to believe that the fear of his depositors operates more powerfully to keep the bankers honest, than would the fear of his fellow bankers and the government?

The truth is that bankers know more about the condition of each bank than its depositors can possibly know. Bank officers cannot long practice "exploitation and manipulation of the bank assets," without other banks finding it out. With each bank watched by every other bank and by the government bank examiners, there will be mighty little "exploitation and manipulation" of bank assets, and bank deposits will become as safe as bank notes.

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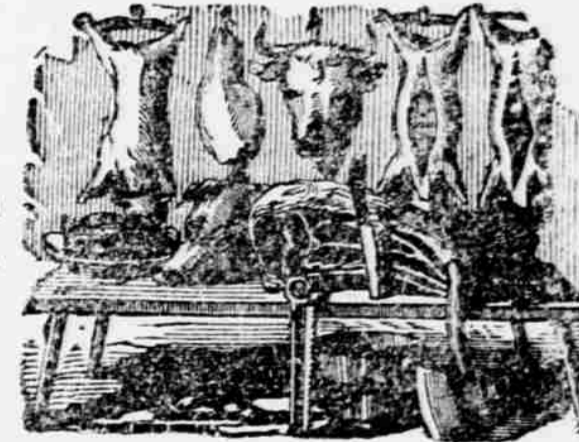
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