

The Norfolk News

When in doubt vote for Mickey, and do that which is right.

Take your pick. This advice goes whether you pick McCarthy for congress or mine coal.

Have Mercer as easily the paramount issue in the Bee office. Signed editorials are even permissible.

Everyone will soon have coal to burn, and the black diamonds will not be as rare as they have been in the past.

It is reported that telephones transmit microbes and the Sioux City Journal advises its readers to boil their telephones.

Parliament is proving a strenuous institution that can scarcely be excelled in stenosity by the American congress.

Canada has some trusts, also. Perhaps they are the result of the system of protective tariff practiced in the United States, and then perhaps again, they are not.

Don't bet all your cash that John S. Robinson will be the next congressman from this district. You may need a stake with which to operate at the coming presidential election.

Friends of the "Little Giant" are becoming frightened. They are afraid that Mr. Mickey and his friends are proving giant killers with whom they can afford to reckon.

The fusionists are endeavoring to resist the efforts of their opposition to bury them deeper than they were buried last fall and two years ago, but their struggles appear to be ineffectual and the party trust will undoubtedly suffer a more disastrous defeat this fall than it has suffered since fusion was effected.

S. Dumas-Dumont has made a proposition to sail from Paris to San Francisco for \$200,000. Almost anyone would undertake the trip for the same money but not via the aerial line. The important codicil is attached that if the aeronaut falls in and gets drowned he need not be paid the money.

Prices have certainly advanced since 1896, and that was what the people were wanting then. Are we so fickle in our desires that we will now take up the democratic howl for lower prices and cast our vote in favor of having them drop back to where they were in calamity times?

Cuba now wants to collect \$30,000,000 from the United States. For an infant government her claims are rather large, and it is doubtful if the United States will continue to exert itself to meet all the requirements of a country that has been befriended at a cost of blood and money which the applicant does not choose to consider.

It is to be regretted that the Cuban people did not learn the lesson on perfect sanitation taught them by the Americans during their control of the island. They are allowing sanitary conditions to drift back to their former unhealthfulness and when the plagues and epidemics are again in evidence they will begin to realize what they have neglected.

In supporting Wm. P. Warner for the state senate from the Eighth district the Nebraska Pioneer says: "North Nebraska has much to ask for and it will need an aggressive man to make demands that will distribute favors in this direction, notably in the rebuilding of the Norfolk hospital on a more enduring and convenient plan than the old one."

Because John H. Mickey is a sober man, industrious, saving, and a member of a leading church organization of the state is not a sufficient reason why he should be turned down for governor. Voters should require a more reasonable array of argument. Because it cannot be given is no fault of the republican candidate or the party he represents, and should not be charged against them.

In 1900 the membership in the Grand Army of the Republic was 409,489 the highest point it has ever attained. The membership now numbers 263,745, indicating an average annual loss of 14,574. At the rate the companies, regiments and divisions are joining the comrades who have passed to the great beyond it can be realized that in a few years the G. A. R. will cease its existence as an organization.

No one has been more benefited by the increased prices than the people of the west and especially the farmers. The democrats are endeavoring to make the people believe that those interested in the trusts are the only ones benefited but the farmers and those dependent on the farmers for their prosperity know differently and will not be misled into voting against their own best interests.

The fusionists would like to secure increased votes this fall but they lack an issue and argument that will induce voters to give the combination of parties their support. They may think that the voters will be foolish enough to deliver up their votes without reasonable

arguments as to why they should do so, but they will find they have been very much mistaken when the returns are all in.

It would seem that a sure test of prosperity would be for an employer to start out and see if he could hire men and teams at calamity wages, or the prices that were considered fair during Grover's reign. If he was successful it should be quite convincing evidence that there is no prosperity for the common people. The experience of some has been that they are difficult enough to get at prosperity wages.

The Boer generals are longing to come face to face and hand to hand with the generosity of the people of America. They have been canvassing Europe for funds and their experience is not proving satisfactory. All they have thus far secured in Germany in aid of their cause was more than equalled by the contribution of but one American. Perhaps this report is given out as a sort of primer for the canvass that will probably be made of this country.

The Third district has not undergone any material change since last year and it went republican in right good earnest then. It has been changing back during several years and it will send a republican to congress after this fall and assist at electing the entire republican state ticket. The fusionists have failed to show any substantial reasons why a mistake was made then and the voters object to changing without good and sufficient reasons for doing so.

The World-Herald, it is believed is the only paper in the state using the cartoon as a campaign argument. This method of campaigning has been rather frowned upon since the death of McKinley, when friends and foes alike wished that some of the cartoons representing the martyred president had never been published, but the World-Herald as it is in its styles as it is in democracy and it is supposed that it will not let up until long after the political cartoon has been laid away by even the comic papers.

The manager of the telephone exchange at Williamsport, Pa., is looking for a recipe that will prevent telephone operators from marrying after they have learned the business sufficient to be of some service. Seven of his operators have quit in the past ten months to take up the responsibilities of matrons and he would have future applicants place sign a guarantee that they will not marry inside of three years, if he was certain that the girls would bind themselves to single blessedness for that length of time.

The World-Herald's efforts at advertising the foreign prices of American manufactures should certainly result in an increase of foreign trade. If conditions are as that paper says they are, it would pay to buy in foreign countries and add to the prices the tariff and the transportation charges and then make money. People should not jump at these chances, however, without investigating. Sometimes the World-Herald figures have not proven to be exact as to conditions.

Dr. J. M. Alden of Pierce has been nominated for state senator on the republican ticket and his election is assured. The fusionists nominated a man to run against him, but the gentleman respectfully declined and the central committees were obliged to name a man and they selected one who was never known to decline anything. Dr. Alden is one of the early settlers in Pierce county and is known far and wide as a gentleman of great skill in his profession and one of the best men in the country.—Bixby in State Journal.

As the campaign is drawing to a close reports from all parts of the country indicate that the prospects for a rousing republican victory this fall are getting better and it is looking as though there would be a clean republican sweep in every part of the union where republicanism has any chance whatever. The democrats are exerting themselves but they have before them the herculean task of not only overcoming the arguments of republicans but of convincing voters to work and vote against that which has proven to their best interests.

The peculiar picture of Mitchell, the great labor leader, throwing bouquets at Morgan, the great capitalist, is one of the features distinguishing the promised settlement of the anthracite coal strike. Mr. Mitchell is informed that Mr. Morgan quite favors the organized labor, and that gives him a standing in Mr. Mitchell's estimation that could not be otherwise attained. It cannot be seen how Morgan could do otherwise than favor organized labor and be consistent. He certainly approves combinations of capital and could hardly be consistent if he did not acknowledge the same rights for labor that he demands for capital. If what Mitchell says of Morgan is true and there were more capitalists like he and Senator Hanna the troubles between capital and labor would soon be adjusted and they would be more infrequent.

Secretary Edwards of the national democratic congressional committee announced some time ago that his commit-

tee was standing squarely on the Kansas City platform, with its free silver and other Bryanisms, and stated that it was all the democracy they knew until another national convention was held. The campaign of the committee indicates that they are ashamed of their platform as there are few arguments being made for free silver. Nevertheless if a democratic congress was elected this year it would be in duty bound to attempt free silver legislation regardless of its consequences to the country. The people are not ready to support a party on a platform which portions of it has repudiated and which those who have not desire to see turned down because of its utter inutility, and they will see to it that they are on the safe side by voting the republican ticket.

Chicago physicians appear to be peculiarly constructed. They had no objection to make when Dr. Adolph Lorenz, the famous Vienna surgeon came over to this country and secured a magnificent fee of \$150,000 from Ogden Armour for operating on the capitalist's little daughter, but when he undertook to practice on several other cases out of charity they drew the line, filed complaint that the good doctor was practicing without a license from the Illinois state board of health and compelled him to appear before the board, take an examination and pay \$25 for a certificate. Perhaps it was professional etiquette that dictated the action, perhaps it was jealousy, it may have been to sustain an important law in the eyes of Chicago practitioners, but whatever it was there is a well defined opinion among some who have not been initiated that the Chicago doctors might have overlooked the infraction of the rules in this instance.

The prosperity of the farmers is a bond that unites them with the republican administration. When the populist party was organized the farmers may have had reason for joining it, as it presented allurements in the way of prosperity that were most gratifying to behold, even though they were highly visionary. The farmers are now enjoying a prosperity that has never been equaled in the history of the state, and many of them are candid enough to admit that the republicans have had something to do with it, at least they never enjoyed such returns for their work and their investment under the administration of any other party. And the prosperity that has been felt by them spread out until it has benefited all people indirectly dependent upon the farming classes. It is a condition that should not be meddled with and many farmers who have been voting otherwise will this fall exercise the wise judgment they possess and vote the republican ticket from governor to road overseer as an endorsement of that which they have happily experienced.

McCarthy will win. This is our prediction made without hesitancy. There are ample grounds of making such assertions. In 1896 the district gave nearly 1,300 majority for fusion. In 1898 John Robinson defeated Judge Norris by a plurality of 762. In 1900 his majority over John R. Hayes was only 175. Last year the vote on regents gave republicans almost 1,300 plurality. Hence we have a change of practically 2,600 in five years. There is no reason to think that any opposite change has occurred since last election. Rather is there grounds for the opposite view. These are republican times. The Third is an agricultural district. Farmers are exceptionally and unusually prosperous. Farmers are not chumps. They know from whence came this prosperity. They realize that President Roosevelt must be supported by congress in order that the greatest possible good to the country shall result. They know that J. J. McCarthy is in harmony with the administration. They know that his opponent is not. Mr. McCarthy is a vote getter. He is a man of the common people, being himself a plain and unpretentious man. He is making a good campaign. He should be elected. He will be elected.—Stanton Pickett.

The Columbus Telegram and, perhaps, Platte county, is not for McCarthy. He was questioned during a recent visit to that city and would not take a stand for or against the Boers of South Africa. He failed to shed great tears of hypocritical sympathy or wring his hands when the subject was mentioned, and he failed to denounce the Boers as traitors to the peace and dignity of England, in fact he apparently refused to consider the Boer question a paramount issue in American politics, especially since peace has been declared. Such indifference to conditions in Great Britain and South Africa on the part of a person aspiring to an official position in the United States is inexcusable, in Platte county, the same as it is to be sober and industrious as is Mickey. In fact any sort of republicanism, or any of the characteristics of republican candidates, is little short of a crime in the eyes of the brutal democratic majority in that county. While a question on his stand regarding the Boer rebellion in China, might have been considered more pertinent by some, Mr. McCarthy could not have taken a position on that to meet the unqualified approval of Platte democrats.

The Omaha News, independent in politics, has come to the aid of Congressman Mercer and is giving him right loyal support.

It will be noticed that the democratic reasons as to why Thompson should be elected governor are decidedly lacking. Their entire attention is devoted to abuse of Mr. Mickey, indicating that there is a paucity of reasons why their candidate should be chosen.

Jim Younger could stand it to shoot and kill and be shot at. A sentence to the penitentiary for life did not serve to upset him and he stood a parole with considerable success but a shaft from Cupid's bow rankled in his breast until he drew his gun and took his own life. He was old enough to know better, perhaps he was to old. Anyway the famed bandit took his own life, all for the love of a woman.

A prominent populist of David City said to a republican the other day: "Our party has accomplished nothing in the way of its principles during its entire organization in Nebraska. It has gotten a lot of office for our side, but beyond that it has done nothing. Its aims have been trampled under foot by the office grabber, and when it has had opportunities it threw them away. The business men in our ranks are disgusted."

Deputy Commissioner of Labor C. E. Watson of Lincoln has issued a splendid reference bulletin of the industries and resources of Nebraska. It consists of 250 pages and contains a general description of the state, description of the towns and counties, write-up of the leading cities of the state and a general statistical summary. It also contains an official county and township map of the state. It is such a work as has long been needed and the state would undoubtedly be benefited by its wide distribution.

The Concordia Kansan, one of the strongest and most influential populist papers of that state, in bidding farewell to that party and changing to republican, said editorially: "We are told that the republican party has become corrupt. Suppose that to be true; is it not better to make an effort to purify a live party rather than to waste one's life trying to inject life and progress into a party that has neither pride of ancestry nor hope of posterity. We want to be where there is something doing. We are tired of sniping. Our poke is full. We're going home."

It is a guess as to what the democratic party would do if entrusted with power, either in the state or nation. There are so many factions, so many differences over principles and details that it would be a trust to chance and a long guess to give them the offices. Everyone, on the contrary knows where the republican party stands. It is for the people all the time. President McKinley once said: "You do not have to guess what the republican party will do. The whole world knows its purpose. It has embodied them in law and executed them in administration."

A democratic paper says: "Any time President Roosevelt is for the people's interests you will find Congressman Robinson his able backer." That is a matter that will take more than an assertion of a democratic paper to prove. It is known that Robinson will oppose Roosevelt in any way he can because that is the tactics of his party, and the people are left to judge whether the president is ever for the people, with the confidence that the returns this fall will maintain that he is for the people all the time. A very simple person will understand that the election of a republican to congress will be an endorsement of a republican administration by the people of the district while the election of a democrat will be just the contrary. The Third district wants a representative who will be with Roosevelt all the time, because the entire history of the president's life is incontrovertible proof that he is always for the people.

A fusion exchange says that every name on the fusion ticket is that of a man who owns and controls himself while every name on the republican ticket is of men who are owned and controlled by corporations. This is the same sort of song as that sung by this same party some years ago, and heard and believed. They decided to turn the corporations into redeemed the state in other words, and give the whole thing into the control of those who represented "the people" according to fusion argument. They made the change and enjoyed an era of fusion pass grabbing and fusion corruption that they have not yet rid their mouths of the taste, and now these partisans choose to ignore that record and make the same sort of plea. If the sentiment of the people can be judged accurately before election it is that they will not be again led in the same direction as they were before and the voters will be a turning down that the fusionists will not forget for some time to come.

Some people, notably fusionists, are figuring that if the farmers do not turn out to vote on election day there will be a republican victory in Nebraska. The

News, for one, does not believe that republican success at the polls on November 4 hinges on any such contingency. If any class has been benefited by republicanism it is the farmers of Nebraska and it will be very much of a surprise if republican gains are not recorded this fall in farming communities. Republicans are interested in the farmer vote because they have every reason to believe that it will be for their ticket. Agriculturists are not as foolish as they are painted by some fusion orators and editors. They have minds of their own and will exercise them this fall in sustaining an administration that has proven beneficial to them. It is to be hoped that the farmers may be able to vote and that there will be a full vote in the state so that these insinuations and imputations on the intelligence and lack of interest qualities of the class may be set at rest in fusion quarters.

The democratic free trade machine has been resting since Grover gave his famed exemption of its workings, but since every other obtainable issue has been tried by the democrats, it has been found necessary to overhaul the machine, brush the dust off, oil it up and start it to moving once more. The machine has now been started again and its wheels will revolve with increasing rapidity as fast as the voters will give consent to give it increased power and will be whirring with the old time vigor that characterized its motion in Grover's day unless the voters tell the fellows who are fixing it on the start that they do not handle the sort of machine needed in a prosperous, progressive country that has made gratifying advancement since the machine was shored into the scrap pile. Mr. Bryan is a free trader. He is endeavoring to have the people of Nebraska endorse his policy by electing Mr. Thompson, who is also a free trader and the balance of democratic ticket. Will the people of Nebraska administer this blow to the prosperity they are now enjoying? It is not believed that they are that far gone in the upper story.

In a few years more there will be no populist party. Even now there is a decided inclination to speak of all fusionists as democrats. The free silver republicans have passed out of existence and the populists are following as rapidly as events will allow. They have been warned to break away from fusion before they lost their identity but the warning has been unheeded, because it came largely from republican sources and they have persisted in considering that anything from that direction was inimical to the party's welfare. They could see themselves, how things were going if they chose to look. In the heyday of populism that party was almost as strong as the republicans, and the democrats were not much inferior in strength. Now they have reached the point where the combination is barely stronger than either of the parties that entered the combine and it is weakening each year. The fusion idea has perhaps served its purpose, however. A few of the faithful were given office for a fleeting period of time and they were satisfied for the time being, even though their elevation to position was detrimental to the rank and file, who thought they represented principle.

Nebraska has not enjoyed a greater degree of prosperity than during the past two years. Other states felt the effect of the change in the national administration earlier, but Nebraska did not come into a full enjoyment of prosperous conditions until within the past two years. Republicans are ready to believe that the reason of this was because two years ago the state decided to endorse the national administration by electing a republican state government. There is every reason to believe that this helped materially. That it was fully responsible for the improving conditions none are claiming. The balance of the country could not enjoy prosperity for any length of time without some of it overflowing into Nebraska, regardless of what party was in power here, but it has beyond question flowed more strongly and swifter since the republicans again secured control of the state government. Present profitable conditions may not be injured by fusion success in the state this fall, but there are numerous voters who will not care to risk it and they will continue to vote the republican ticket until they are shown some undeniably good reason why a change of party is necessary for the state's best interests.

The Bible in the Schools. The supreme court of Nebraska has decided that the reading of the Bible and singing of religious hymns in the public schools is forbidden by the constitution of that state. We are not surprised; we are not grieved. The decision pleases us and we believe it to be a good law and in the interest of both justice and religion. Our readers know perfectly well that we hold that in public schools supported by Christians, Jews and infidels, men of all faiths and no faith, and attended by their children, it is unwise, and unfair to have any sort of religion selected and inculcated. We believe that it is the business of the church and not of the state to teach religion; and for the church to confess its incompetency and to ask the state, through such miscellaneous teachers as

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We have, to supplement its lack of service, is humiliating and shameful. We will trust and ask no tax-paid, haphazard teachers to do the work of parents and the church.

The evils of this perfunctory religious teaching is positive as well as negative. We know of a multitude of public schools in our cities where a large majority of the pupils are Jews, and yet they have been required to sing Christian songs, to the indignation of their parents. Such a requirement makes the people foes to the public school system. In the time of Archbishop Hughes there was carried on a big conflict between Protestants and Catholics in this country, the Catholics protesting against the reading of the Protestant Bible as a required exercise. They were told that this is a Protestant country and that if they did not like it they might stay away. That is precisely what they did. They started their parochial schools, which grew to a great system which seriously antagonize our public schools. They were right in their objection, for the King James version of the Bible is a sectarian Bible, and must be so long as the Catholic church forbids its use and requires that a Catholic version be used.

Our American doctrine of utter separation of church and state is now usually accepted, at least in theory, and it is generally agreed that reading of the Bible and religious exercises do not belong to the free public school. But some of those who with us would lead the Bible out by the front door with all honor, ask us to open the postern gate to let it creep in again unobserved. They tell us—and we hear it from college presidents and from teachers' conventions—that the Bible, banished as religion, must be brought back as literature. The Bible, they tell us, is the best and choicest of literature, and that it will never do to let the children grow up ignorant of it; and before they have the word literature out of their mouths, they begin to talk about the importance of the Bible to teach the elements of religion and morals.

Which is it, literature or religion? If it is religion, we will have none of it. There is a curse upon state religion. It makes men hate the church. This is the persistent trouble in Italy, in Spain, in France, and now in England. Give us a free church in a free state and let their scope be kept absolutely distinct. Trust no state to teach your children religion, and do not think to impose your new testament Bible and your Lord's prayer on old testament Jews.

Is it really literature and not religion that these gentlemen want? We do not believe it. It is not the literary charm, nor the interesting stories, nor the grandeur or the wit that they are thinking of, but the sacred character of the book, that is, its religiousness. Indeed, we do not hear of any such anxiety to have the "Iliad" read, or "Paradise Lost," or even Shakespeare, until we come into the higher schools in which literature is a special study.

But it is not as literature that we chiefly value the Bible. It is degrading to it to lower it to that level and make it a lesson of style or story. It is not the beautiful Bible but the holy Bible. It is impossible to put it on any other basis. Call it literature if you will, but it will be considered and treated as a religious book, and that will be the real reason for introducing and teaching it. We do not want to smuggle the Bible into the public schools under a false pretense. It is our one great book of religion and as such let it be treated, the church's sacred book.—New York Independent.

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