

The Norfolk News

The fusionists see in the mid-road movement a larger boggy than they can ever hope to create.

The entire country was glad to hear that Minister Conger is still alive, and sincerely hopes that no harm may befall him.

It would be both novel and interesting to have the fusionists give some sound and consistent reasons as to why Bryan should be supported by the laboring man and the farmer.

Secretary of State Porter thinks the mid-roads will poll at least 10,000 votes in Nebraska this fall. That is a pretty fair start for a party that has been almost annihilated by fusion.

The fusionists seemed to have been suffering unnecessary spasms about the mid-road movement. The populists have gone right ahead and named a full state ticket without their aid or consent.

Ex-Congressman Howard of Alabama is to stump Nebraska for the straight populist cause in September. Mr. Howard has the reputation of being a first class talker and will undoubtedly draw good crowds.

Judge Strode at Lincoln on Saturday evening quoted 32 prophecies in Bryan's "First Battle" that have proven utterly false in the light of recent events. How many the "Second Battle" will contain deponent refuses to state.

As an imperialist Col. Bryan is hard to beat. There are few men who have as willing slaves as he. All he has to do is to state that the moon is made of green cheese and there are thousands to take up and re-echo the statement.

Bryan's "First Battle" compliments Wharton Barker, populist candidate for president, very handsomely. He now wishes he had never said it, anyway his supporters in this state are vigorously roasting Mr. Barker and all his works.

Senator Allen is a fair sample of the fusion populist. He is populist in name, but he is continually favoring the democrats with his influence and support and has thus been successful in getting offices to which a true populist need not aspire.

After the votes are counted in November Mr. Bryan will be wondering where all the true patriots of the country are. He classes all the true patriots as supporting him, and will likely be disappointed that there are so few in the country.

It is said that five farmers from one township in Kansas are attending the Paris exposition. They will probably return home in time to register their vote in favor of some more democratic hard times so that they cannot enjoy these plutocratic pleasures.

The fusionists claim they are the only real supporters of the constitution—all others are spurious. They are also quoting quite freely from the Bible and may be expected at any time to make it a campaign instrument. Democratic hypocrisy and presumption appears to have no limits.

On page 301 of Bryan's "First Battle" he says: "If we have a gold standard, prices are as certain to fall as the stone which is thrown into the air." Perhaps the stone might just stay in the air. This seems to be the only possible circumstance by which Mr. Bryan may get out on the prophecy.

William J. Curtis, member of the democratic national committee says: "The platform adopted and the candidates nominated at Kansas City show that the democratic party, under its present management no longer presents any attractions to the men who have always believed in sound democratic principles."

"If we lose," says Mr. Bryan with an endeavor to sustain his enviable reputation as a false prophet, and an utter disregard of the ridiculousness of the statement, "celebrations of the Fourth of July will pass away." The chances are good that "we will lose," and the chances are equally good that the Fourth of July will be celebrated when Mr. Bryan is entirely forgotten.

It is reported that a fusion speaker in South Dakota started in to laud the American soldiers as butchers, but did not finish his address. There were superior attractions elsewhere and he took to his heels, pursued by some members of the South Dakota regiment who saw service in the Philippines. One of his pursuers carried a rope.

It is evident that many "gold bug" democrats and newspapers were preparing to endorse Bryan and his other fallacies providing he would forgo the pleasure of discussing free silver and omit it from his platform, but he wouldn't and the support counted on has not been forthcoming, except in a very few instances, and that will be worse than half-hearted. Not only has this happened, but many populist votes have been lost because Towne was not endorsed. It was a disastrous straddle

and the fusion cause is generally considered to be in much worse condition than in 1896.

Fusionists are promiscuous with their offers of reward against the mid-road cause. E. O. Krolsinger of Beatrice wanted to pay \$10 reward for every Gage county populist who went to the Grand Island convention. The Gage county delegation consisted of 12 and the gentleman is out \$130—if his word is good. But of course he was just exercising the fusion prerogative of talking through his hat.

The Stanton Register consoles itself with the thought that the populists have been supporting the republican ticket and it is therefore the republicans that will lose by the independent movement. This is true to a certain extent, but there are other populists who are dissatisfied with the fusion greed for office who have been supporting that ticket and will welcome the chance of breaking away from the fusion combine.

E. Ellery Anderson, a strong eastern democrat, says: "No man who values his honor or that of his country could think for a moment of submitting to the cranks who call themselves democrats. Personally, although I have voted the regular democratic ticket every year since 1854, with the exception of 1896 when I voted for Palmer and Buckner, I shall certainly cast my vote for McKinley and Roosevelt in November."

How very grateful the democrats are! Here the populists have been assisting them for years in securing the fattest offices in the gift of the state with nothing but a pat on the shoulder for encouragement. But now that they have resolved to have a party of their own they are mercenaries, bribe-takers, politicos, cowards and everything mean. We should suppose that their party would be pleased to get rid of them instead of kicking so like sin.

It is said that the German-born citizens of the United States will be induced to vote for dishonest money and the free coinage of silver at 16 to 1 in 1900, by disguising the monetary issue as a bog of militarism. In fact, all foreign born voters are to be coerced into Bryanarchy by scaring them with monarchy. But it is difficult to distinguish the difference between the one-man power of monarchy in Germany and the one-man power of Bryanarchy in the Kansas City convention.—Conservative.

At Beemer a few democrats wanted to ratify the action of the Kansas City convention and went to the blacksmith for an anvil. He was formerly a staunch Bryan man, but this year he informed his former partisans that he was entirely through with Bryan and his vagaries and would not allow his anvil to utter a sound against McKinley prosperity, and the ratiifiers were compelled to purchase cannon crackers from another McKinley man who formerly supported Bryan. It will take a mighty large and well constructed bugaboo to cause voters to sacrifice what they know to be a good thing by voting for Bryan.

The White Lake, S. D., Wave finds quiet a sameness in the fusion ticket which it discloses as follows: "The Sioux Falls Press of the 13th contains a lengthy editorial headed 'The Same Bryan.' You bet. Same old ticket, same old boss, same old platform (minus cross); same old powder, same old gun, same old wadding (steep to one); same old kickers, same old growl, same old anti-Hanna howl, same old issues—nothing new—same old lies to help 'em through; same old talkers, same old josh, same old brand of campaign slosh; same old voters (bless their souls), same old trouncing at the polls."

Mr. Bryan's alliance with Tammany hall and all its rottenness and corruption, the drunken debauch of the Massachusetts delegation, and the open recognition of Clark of Montana by the Kansas City convention are a few of the things that will cause respectable people to hesitate about giving him support. Mr. Bryan may be all right himself, but he seems to be training with mighty questionable company. The wearing of a Bryan badge by one of the street fakirs on the occasion of Campbell Bros.' show in Norfolk was illy advised on his part. Bryan was not to blame for it, but there are few who would desire to follow the lead of a street fakir.

It seems that the populists are not the only ones to be lost to the fusion movement this fall. The silver republicans are becoming tired of the combine and many of them threaten to withdraw on one pretext or another. Charles Wooster of the Silver Creek Times who has been one of the main supports of the silver republican movement, said in a recent issue of his paper, "When Tom Majors was a candidate for governor some years ago on the republican ticket, the writer refused to support him and has never regretted it. But if there is one good reason why he should bolt Majors, there are ten good reasons why he should bolt Poynter."

Many people were inclined to believe the statements of the fusionists that they had nothing to fear from the populists but now comes Chairman Edmisten of the peoples independent party and files with the secretary of state an objection

to the use of the word "populist" on the ballot although it has never been used by his or any other party. It is apparent that the fusionists are not only frightened but that they will make every effort to crowd them out, discredit them and do everything possible to their advantage. The fusionists shouldn't have made their bluff so soon that they had nothing to fear from the mid-roads. Their actions belie the statement.

The Blair Pilot gives a good and sufficient reason why populists should continue to aid the democrats: "For Bryan's sake," in the following: "Wayne county five years ago had about 500 populist voters and 400 democratic voters. Since that time fusion has existed and at the present time there are about 300 populist voters in the county and at the last county election the democrats voted largely with the republicans on every office where a populist was the nominee and as a result every pop was turned down and his place filled by a republican. A prominent democrat remarked at the time to one of the republican editors, 'Well you fellows got the offices, but we got the hide of every pop on the ticket while you were getting them.'"

J. H. Edmisten, of the fusion populists, advises his lieutenants to spy on the middle-of-the-road populists and discover if there be not something in their actions which might be used as campaign material. He expresses fear that they might use passes, when this is solely a privilege which should accrue to the fusionists and their reform state officers. Members of any other party who dare encroach on their pasteboard rights will be roughly handled, beyond a doubt. Mr. Edmisten also says, "I am anxious," which is probably true, beyond question. He fears the success of the movement and no pains or pasteboards will be spared by the faithful to discredit the convention and its deliberations. He does not seem to be fearful that the office holders and pie biters will help to swell the crowd. Their duty was performed at the three-ringed circus.

Judge Frank Irvine of Lincoln, who in 1894 was a candidate for supreme judge and is one of the leading democrats of the state, strolled into republican headquarters at Omaha after the Kansas City convention, clasped Chairman Lindsay by the hand and said: "Well, sir, I think this is the first time in my life that I could walk into republican headquarters without a guilty feeling and the fear that some of my political friends were watching me. But now, sir, I can say truly that I am at home here, I am now a full-fledged republican and I'm glad of it. I have been born again. If I have had any last, lingering doubts that I was a republican they have been all swept away by the late so-called democratic convention when it allowed Mr. Bryan to dictate a 16 to 1 plank in the platform, clearly in opposition to the will of fully two-thirds of the delegates. I will not say that I am in full accord with all the tenets of the republican platform, but one plank, or declaration, appeals very strongly to me, and that is the one which clearly, decisively and boldly declares that the democratic party is not capable of governing this great country. I am in hearty accord with this declaration and the history of the party proves it to be correct. Every time the party has had hold of the reins of government it has made a botch of it and a signal failure. I am tired of it and hereafter you will find me on the side of good government, honest money and prosperity."

A fusion paper says in speaking of the Chinese situation, "Oh that this nation had followed Washington's advice to 'Avoid all entangling alliances with foreign powers.'" This nation has never avoided "entangling alliances." Under Washington himself it got into an "entangling alliance" with Great Britain which resulted in freedom from her rule, left the colonies victorious and England the worse for the wear. In 1812 she got into another "entangling alliance" with the same power and again sustained her rights. In 1848 there was an "entangling alliance" with Mexico to emphasize the right of our people to "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." Recently we proved to Spain that she couldn't blow up our ships and kill our sailor lads with impunity. It was an "entangling alliance" that Spain wished she had never become tangled in. China will get into an "entangling alliance" with this country as long as our countrymen and representatives need protection from the assaults of fanatics and if there is any other country or people that think they can deliberately kill American citizens at pleasure they will probably get into an "entangling alliance" if they do not make reparations. That editor, himself, would be very proud of the fact that he had this government standing behind him and affording him protection and rights if he went abroad. If we can't enforce our right to live and have representatives in any country on the face of the globe it is time we ceased as a nation and became a province or a territory or dependency, or else tell our people to stay at home and not risk their lives from every fanatic or savage by going beyond the borders of the states while the nation plays the coward act.

Bryan is to be notified of his nomination at Kansas City and Sioux Falls August 28th, at Indianapolis, Ind. How surprised he will be!

The man with the senatorial bee buzzing in his bonnet is still hoping that "we" will "get together." He is endeavoring to drive a stubborn team, with very poor success.

Bryan does not think a war record is essential to success, because he didn't establish one. Had he been in Teddy's place at San Juan what a noise there would be about it!

The New York Times says that "in his whole public career Mr. McKinley has never put on such imperialist fashions, nor has the country ever seen a more complete dictatorship," than that which Bryan practiced at the Kansas City convention.

Some of the fusion populist sheets continue to carry Charles A. Towne at the head of their columns, but their editorial matter is used to direct attention to Stevenson's populist record, which shows their willingness to sacrifice all principles and support whoever Dictator Bryan may favor.

If the fusionists insist on classing all populists who have, for the past year or two, been voting the republican ticket as republicans of course the mid-road organization is composed of quite a sprinkling of republicans. They shouldn't be classed as republicans, however, as they were consistent populists until the fusion deal got too utterly rotten for them.

Secretary of State Porter concedes to the middle-of-the-road populists 10,000 votes this fall. This will be an army not as insignificant as Mr. Porter's compatriots would lead the people to believe. They have been arguing that there are no straight populists and even these are republicans. Mr. Porter has a sting of ingratitude coming from Dominator Bryan.

A man who won't support the fusion combine "for Bryan's sake," is too depraved for anything. Notice the mean things said about the populists because they have asserted their independence. They were good fellows all right as long as they were content to vote at the dictation of the bosses, but their effort to establish a party of their own is deplorable.

There is no prosperity! Nearly every fusion exchange and orator says so and it must be true. The streets are full of men seeking work while their families are starving. No money is to be had for work or love. Merchants are closing their doors for lack of business. Free soup is served at the corners and things are generally going to rack and ruin. Sad condition isn't it—nit.

It was but a short time ago that the silverites would throw a fit every time a "gold bug" would assert that the free silver issue was dead and they have proved its right to life by inserting it conspicuously in their platform at Kansas City. Now they evidently wish it was dead, but Bryan insisted it was alive and Bryan dominated the convention. He made his platform and must be expected to stand on it.

President McKinley to the Committee on Notification: The republican party was dedicated to freedom 44 years ago. It has been the party of liberty and emancipation from that hour, not of profession but of performance. It broke the shackles of four million slaves and made them free, and to the party of Lincoln has come another supreme opportunity, which it has bravely met in the liberation of 10,000,000 of the human family from the yoke of imperialism.

If anything would cause us to quit supporting McKinley and announce our allegiance to Wharton Barker it would be to have the president dress in overalls, a coarse shirt, cow-hide boots and a broad brimmed straw hat and pose for his picture. He would be the laughing stock of the country, and the farmer would be the first to recognize how ridiculous he was. A genuine farmer is one of God's noblest creations, but the spurious is more to be despised than a lead dollar.

While the World-Herald is urging the fusionists to get together with their votes it might also urge them to get together in regard to issues. On the prosperity question especially there appears to be a wide divergence of opinion. "There is no prosperity," "prosperity is waning," "prosperity is the gift of God," "the trusts are getting all the prosperity," are a few of the many ways of explaining it. It is essential that those who are going to save the country should get together not only so they may present a solid front to the enemy, but that the enemy may be able to locate them.

The Fullerton News says: "Chairman Jones is out in a signed statement predicting the election of Bryan and Stevenson. The great trouble with Jones is that his predicting department is in better working order than his vote-getting department. It will be recalled that this is the same Jones who sent out telegrams two days after election in 1896, that Michigan, Indiana, and Iowa had gone democratic thereby

causing divers and sundry Bryanites to get separated from some of their coin. Even the wily editor of the democratic organ in Fullerton got caught on Jones' fake claim for a ten spot."

To the comment of the Indianapolis News that the populists control in Nebraska and that there is no democratic party in the state, the World-Herald says that "appearances are often deceptive." This is a candid acknowledgment. The populists are to be allowed to think that they are in control but after election, when it comes to dishing out the pie it will be the democrats who are served first. The candidates for state office are to be called populists, but down under the grime there will have to be a scratch to show a democrat and one who will favor democratic aspirations and principles. It is an old trick but will deceive no one this year.

Mr. Bryan's most recent utterance is very sensible indeed and is in great contrast with the demagogue he usually has on tap. It is in regard to the Chinese situation and will go a long way toward throwing the question out of the field of politics, in which it certainly has no place. He says: "Everyone believes that it is the duty of our government to protect the lives and property of American citizens residing in China, and I have no doubt that the administration will do so." This opinion is rather severe on some of the little fusion sheets that have endeavored to make political capital out of the situation and see in the administrations efforts a further advance toward imperialism.

James H. Eckles, comptroller of the currency under President Cleveland, expresses the following opinion regarding Mr. Bryan's alliance with Tammany hall, New York: "Heretofore democratic presidential candidates have gained public respect and strength by having the open enmity of Tammany. Mr. Bryan, who more than any of them has boasted of his stand for principle and his integrity of character, has done what Mr. Seymour, Mr. Tilden and Mr. Cleveland would not do. He has formed an open alliance, offensive and defensive, with Tammany, and that, too, at a time when that organization is known to be thoroughly corrupt and a constant menace to all the best interests of good government."

The extent of the Christian religion in China is little realized by the majority of the people of this country who are now learning many new facts about the empire. The first move toward christianizing the Chinese nation is said to have been made in 1288 when the Jesuit entered that country. The Catholics are now by far the most powerfully organized christian body in the celestial kingdom, a writer stating that they now have in that country twenty-three bishop vicars, 3,990 churches and chapels, 759 European priests, 409 Chinese priests, 49 seminaries, 2,913 schools, orphanages and hospitals, and a Catholic population of over 1,250,000 people. The protestant churches of America did not begin their work in China until after the treaty of 1860, but have many churches, schools and orphanages, and thousands of men and women have devoted their lives to the work.

There is an old saying: "Woman's work is never done," meaning that the housekeeper has to perform almost the same identical duties day after day and that it is impossible to escape from those duties. There is another class who find themselves in about the same boat, and that is the persons who week after week lay before you the news of the world—the newspaper people. The same old path is trodden day after day, week after week, from one year's end to the other. The news is gathered, the type is set, the forms made up, the presses grind out the papers, then back into the cases go the type and the same monotonous grind that brought forth the previous issue is kept up. It is a business that requires a never ceasing vigilance. While others rest from the maddening cares of life, they expect the newspaper man to be just as alert, just as keen scented and tireless in procuring for their benefit an account of every passing event. There can be no let up, no resting when weary. The stern law of necessity is forever driving relentlessly on and it is little wonder that men become prematurely aged and broken down.—Wayne Republican.

Ole on Politics.
Ay ben not gote enny silver mine und ay tank ay not vote for Bill Brain.
Bill Brain ha say fort Yaly ha bane goin out stile. Ay bate ha bane talk by his hat.
McKinley, ha bane purt goot faller. Ha make me work all tem but ay get money all tem too.
Ay not laik to brake oop China. Ma wife she kack laik hal und maik ma put pieces togedder gain.
Das man Dastrook, ha bane Dutch maybe but ay like beem purt good. Ha know Svenskie faller.
Ay not laik free soop purt goot. Fusa faller ha give free beer in kampane und free soop after Brain ha bane lected.
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