The Norfolk News

J. F. Boyd of Oakdale is a progressive. vigorous and successful lawer and will be an honor to the bench in the Ninth indicial district.

John R. Hays isn't saying a great deal but is just sawing wood and the sawdust is floating over to the wood pile of John S. and burying it out of sight.

Neligh is advertising a Roosevelt speech for Thursday, October 1, although the committee has not yet been advised as to just what hour the Rough Rider governor will be there.

Every fusion congressman from Nebraska voted in favor of appropriating \$20,000,000 to be paid to Spain under the provisions of the Paris treaty, Will they shoulder their share of the blame for the "imperialistic policy of the administration?"

One fusion paper has been found that is willing to say, "Governor Poynter has given a wise, economical and conservative administration of state affairs." The editor's conscience must have crinkled up into a little fuzzy ball and rolled under his pen wiper while the assertion was being made.

A fusion sheet, commenting on the report that Mr. Dietrich had asserted quality on Mr. Bryan's part that caused him to assert that McKinley would not carry a single state—not even Vermont.

The Ainsworth Star-Journal recently published a communication from a German democrat endorsing Dietrich and, as was to be expected, the fusionists had several kinds of fits and tried to make out it was a lie, even to the fact that it was written by a German democrat. The editor of the Star-Journal is willing to risk \$25 that the statement was true, but he will find no takers.

Ten democrats, three populists, four silver republicans and one independent senator voted to ratify the Spanish-American treaty at Paris and forced "imperialism" on the country. Many of them voted as they did at the earnest solicitation of Mr. Bryan, Some of them manfully stand by their action. Others sneak out of it and throw the blame-if there is any- on the republi-

Suppose the editor of the Des Moines Globe is in his right mind; suppose he is high in authority in his precinct; suppose he is in the top ranks of the republican party in his county and state; does that make his ideas of government the idea of his party or any member The itinerary will also include Colorado, thereof? Why does the World-Herald go to Des Moines to find an imperialistic republican? Why not point out one or two or a half dozen in Omaha for

Over in Iowa they appear to realize the trend of fusion only too well. The Mount Vernon News, pop., says it finds no fault with the politician who takes his stand with Bryan and the democratic party, "but" it declares, "we strongly object to a man seeking to preserve his populist identity and distinct party organization, while he consents to the abandonment of every principle and policy which has given character and identity to the populist movement."

Is Mr. Bryan sincere or is he simply after votes? is a question that might well be asked by all enfranchised American citizens. If he is sincere, brave and patriotic, why is it that in the east where they have no use for free silver he talks "imperialism" exclusively while in the west he lets it be known that he is the sincere and earnest champion of 16 to 1? How will the gentleman manage to please both the east and the west provided he is given the honor of holding down the presidential chair? What course will he take and how will he manage to please all his constituents?

Chauncey Depew is authority for the statement that Europe is most favorably disposed toward Bryan this campaign. They dislike very much to come to this country for their gold. The idea is exceedingly distasteful to countries that have been used to having other nations come to them on bended knees for their gold. Of course what they dislike is very satisfactory to loyal Americans and there should be few who will desire experiments on the financial policy of the country with the probability that it will result in a condition that will ngain place this nation at the mercy of the foreign money lender.

That foreign born citizens should flock to the support of Mr. Bryan, under the leadership of Chairman James K. Jones of the national democratic committee would be astonishing in view of the latter gentleman's utterances before the legislature of Arkansas after the campaign of 1896. One of his statements is particularly severe on the men of whom all American citizens or their ancestors were formerly countrymen. It was this: "Hundreds of thousands of iguebread out of the mouths of honest labor. voted at the last election at the dictation of McKinley's supporters eigners comprised fi-

number of votes received by McKinley. He is now using his best endeavors to cry of "imperialism" especially to attract their attention while he robs them of their votes. Will they submit?

The peoples independent party is now as completely swallowed as possible, as far as national affairs are concerned. They can stay at home and look after the women and children while us democrats administer affairs of state which require good, strong minds and a steady nerve-especially the nerve. In isolated cases where the populists are overwhelmingly in the majority they will be allowed to select a candidate for congress, but in such cases us democrats may not be relied on entirely for support.

The Battle Creek Enterprise, fusion of last week publishes a very excellent showing of prosperity in that village. It is contained in the growth of the Battle Creek Valley bank from 1889 to 1900. The credit is of course given to the retiring cashier of the institution, but when it is considered that banks throughout the state show similar prosperous conditions it can well be conceived that popular cashiers are not entitled to the entire credit. The showing in the Enterprise is that the condition of the Battle Creek bank has grown that Mr. Bryan would not get an elect- from an institution with deposits oral vote, says it was a display of "gross amounting to \$9,784.24 in 1889 while in ignorance." It must has been a similar August, 1900, these items had reached the sum of \$125,552.58. If the Enterprise had wished it might have shown that the large part of this gain has been made during the past four years. Battle Creek is in the centre of a farming community and it is reasonable to suppose that a large part of these deposits belong to the agriculturists.

> The Deadwood Pioneer-Times has this to say concerning Governor Roosevelt's trip through the west: Captain Bullock and a party of the rough riders have been invited to accompany Governor Roosevelt on his tour through South Dakota, and they will no doubt accept The plan is for the vice presidential candidate to travel by special train from Sioux Falls to Huron and Aberdeen making short stops at all small towns. with big rallies at the larger ones. He across to Norfolk and up the Elkhorn to Deadwood and Lead. This arrangement has been suggested to the national committee and from Governor Roosevelt's letter to Captain Bullock it has evidently been adopted. The tour will probably continue down the Burlington to Edgemont, then across into Montana where the governor desires very much to go. Kansas and southern Nebraska.

The fusionists continue to show an ugly temper by their statements. They are mad because their arguments and assertions will not stick with the people. They continue to yell "liar" and "fake" at facts they cannot disprove, with a his son Bryan, but calls him William persistency that indicates a very feeble and will this fall vote for the other cause. Willis J. Abbot of the New York vellow Journal is a leader in this method of campaign. He is content to deny without disproving facts used by the republicans. Speaking of a republican document he says: "If you want to see truth turned inside out and stood on its head look into the republican campaign text book." He probably refers particularly to the democratic platforms of 1896 and 1900, on pages 430 and 426, particularly, or Mr. Bryan's speech of acceptance at Indianapolis on page 441, or the populist national platform on page 432, or the free silver platform on page 435. As a matter of fact many of the main facts are taken from democratic sources, others from the national records and public documents, treaties, etc., which are frequently quoted in full. It is particularly valuable as a work of reference and if it a lie, history is a lie, both Bryan and McKinley are liars, but fair opinion is that Mr. Abbot is the most mistaken of them all.

The Buffalo County Pilot, populist, says: "It is a relief to see the determined stand the populists of the state are taking for independence. We firmly believe that had it not been that have been a Grand Island convention but there are some things which even populists will not swallow, and this has been one of them. Repudiated by his own party and abhorred by those engineering his campaign, W. A. Poynter, for his own inherent weakness and duplicity, will have the sublime pleasure of again renewing his acquaintance with Mother Nature, the babbling brook and waving fields of corn. He has betrayed the trust bestowed upon him by the farmers of Nebraska by the most flagrant favoritism to the most grasping corporation of the state, he has repeatjunctions of his party, he has gathered the most unscrupulous scoundrels as ever disgraced the fair name of a state. rant foreigners, who came here taking Is it, we ask, any wonder then that the condemning him were his most active populists of the state have repudiated supporters when he was in power. him. Is it any wonder that they have at determined upon independent

how they are going to benefit the labormust have more assurance of democratic aid than history gives the party.

Hon. Arthur Sewall of Maine, Bryan's running mate in 1896, need not be counted on by the democratic speakers' bureau for any work. He is quite likely to support McKinley this year. Prosperity has got him, along with a good many others.

Fusionists keep asserting that there are many converts to Bryanism but utterly fail to prove it. They publish names of men in the far east but refuse to give up the names of any converts in the west. Either they must be ashamed of their allies or the men are thoroughly ashamed of their course.

Mr. Towne has been quite obscured by the democratic managers. He was however, allowed to appear in Chicago and watch the labor day parade. If he is permitted to appear again during the campaign, it will probably be in popuhat strongholds of the west where he will again explain that it was all for "Bryan's sake" and weep with his deposed brethren.

No convention of the fusionists that can be called to mind had the temerity to "point to the record of Governor Poynter with pride," They rely on electing him by merely attacking his opponent in a personal manner. They are heartily ashamed of the governor, if the truth were known, but stoop to personalities rather than have their candidate defeated.

congress, concerning one of the treaties in the far east, said : "I have confirmed have directed shall be communicated to the sultan of Jolo that this agreement is not to be deemed in any way to authorarchipelago."

The World-Herald, under the screaming yellow head of "Six Treaties-and a Seventh" gives Mr. Bryan a severe body blow. It charactarizes as an extreme will also visit points in southeastern departure from "traditions, the prin-South Dakota, also Sioux City, then ciples, the professions and the practices of the republic" the treaty with Spain cacy of missionary work and it is very which that gentleman urged his friends to ratify. He forced on the administration that under which it is compelled to act. The vote of Senator Allen, changed,

> A man in Nance county was such an Since that time he has paid off a mort gage indebtedness of \$700 against his farm beside paying doctor bills for his financial circumstances compared with four years ago. He has ceased calling William. He is thoroughly converted and not ashamed to own it.

Some of the little fusion sheets keep right on asserting that the Des Moines Globe "is one of the leading papers of Iowa" even after the World-Herald has taken pains to give it all the circulation possible and cannot concede it a subscription list of over 1,800. Such a list would scarcely entitle it to be called a leading paper in the Indian Territory, let alone Iowa, where there are at least 200 papers that equal or exceed it in circulation. In Des Moines alone there are at least 30 papers that exceed it in circulation. But the fusion fakirs do not stop at a small item of fact when they have a point they wish to foist on the people.

Editor Hitchcock of the World-Herald seems to have dropped down to fourth place in the race for United States senator. The Omaha News, nonpartisan, commenting on the outlook says that in case of the election of a fusion legislature the situation would be much clarified by the defeat of Mr. Bryan for president. "Of course, Mr. Bryan would be elected as one of the senators, and then the fight would narthe pop suckers of the state forced the row down to Senator Allen and the nomination of W. A. Poynter on to the others. The most prominent "others," Lincoln convention there never would in the opinion of Senator Allen's advisers, are W. H. Thompson, the "Little Giant" from Grand Island, and Gilbert M. Hitchcock of Omaha.'

Cleveland is repudiated by the present day democrats, although he was their standard bearer for three consecutive times. It seems strange that the intelligence of which they so frequently boast could be so imposed upon that they would follow him and work for him during three consecutive campaigns without discovering his unfitness for the office of president. Could they be made to acknowledge the truth they were as edly repudiated the most solemn in much at fault as he and would probably have taken the identical course pursued under his protecting wing a gang of by him had they been in his position. He is made to shoulder all the blame, while those who are now most severe in

> For a long time it has been generally understood throughout the senatorial the conditions in the Transvaal, Cuba, given prominence in the Bryan plat-

The fusionists fail utterly to show district that W. W. Young of Stanton would be the nominee for state senator induce these "ignorant foreigners" to ing men and the farmers. If people of This was meeting with general approval vote for Bryan and has raised the bogy these classes support the ticket they among republicans and no opposition had developed. Now, however, Mr. Young spoils the plans of his friends by publishing a card in the last number of the Stanton Picket positively declining to allow his name to come before the convention, which is to be held here on September 12. The only other name mentioned thus far in connection with the nomination is that of Mr. H. S. Beck of Pierce. Mr. Beck is a good man and would make a capable senator, but it is not known whether he will accept the nomination.

> Here in Norfolk democracy is as de lightfully consistent as elsewhere. The Bryan club will hold its weekly meetings over a saloon. The official organ is published over a saloon, while one of the officers in the club is a leader in the Anti-Saloon league. It abuses a republican candidate who enters saloons, while it has several members high in official standing and one or two candidates who not only enter saloons, but have been known to be considerably under the "influence." If a party chooses to find fault with another it should place itself on a footing above reproach. The republican party does not produced by our forefathers. And we to doubt Bryan's ability to carry a pretend to any large degree of virtue as are in secret alliance with England." a body, neither is it composed of a lawless, debauching element. It does, however, pretend to a degree of conservatism and consistency.

Mr. Bryan's mind evolved a very feeble and unworthy slap at Christianity when in his Indianapolis speech of acceptance he said, "The command, 'Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel unto every living creature,' has President McKinley in his message to no gatling gun attachment." In the first place the missionaries didn't go into China with gatling guns and now that said agreement, subject to the action of they are there it is doubtful if the Son congress, with the reservation, which I of Man would require them to calmly submit to the indignities of the murderous heathen directed against themselves and families without an effort at selfize or give the consent of the U. S. to preservation and defense, in fact the the existence of slavery in the Sulu Old Testament scriptures contain many commands from God directing his children to make war on the heathen inhabitants of the promised land and drive them out, and it is also recorded that God himself assisted when the Israelites were weak or inferior in numbers. There are very few church organizations but that believe in the effidoubtful indeed if Mr. Bryan's slur at them will win their enthusiastic support. Another recent assertion to show the drift of democracy is from the Verdict would have been sufficient to defeat this which sneeringly says, in speaking of the outrages in China, "The greatest mortality is among the missionsires of enthusiastic Bryan man in 1896 that he the Presbyterian faith," and winds up named a son for his chosen leader. with a slur at one of the doctrines of that religious denomination. There are those who claim to be christians who may support Mr. Bryan in one way or sick wife, and is now in comfortable another, but what inducements they will have for doing so have not yet been disclosed.

> "Consent of the Governed." If memory serves aright Mr. Tillman of South Carolina posed before the democratic convention at Kansas City as a friend of the weak and oppressed. With much feeling he read the Declaration of Independence, laying especial stress on "the consent of the governed." Whether he read the following plank from the platform makes little difference. He was there and endorsed the sentiment:

> "We declare again that all governments instituted among men derive their powers from the consent of the governed; that any government not based upon the consent of the governed is a tyranny, and that to impose upon any people a government of force is to substitute the methods of imperialism for those of a republic."

> No one took the pains to look up his past record He is a leader in the party and therefore all right. The brand "democrat" is blown in the bottle and it will pass, even though full of inconsistencies. Therefore the attitude of Mr. Tillman to the negroes as evidenced by the following quotation from one of his speeches in the recent congress will probably not be held against him:

"We took the government away. We stuffed the ballot boxes. We shot them. We are not ashamed of it. With that system-force, tissue ballots, etc.,-we got tired ourselves. So we called a constitutional convention and we elimnated, as I have said, all of the colored people whom we could under the fourteenth and fifteenth amendments.' '

The recent action of the democrats in South Carolina will not sound as a discord in the democratic ears which have been so accustomed to discordant notes that they fail to recognize harmony.

But there are voters who admire some consistency and whose consciences are not seared. They will profit by a showing of some democratic professions that the fundamental principles of this govhave the appearance of hypocricy.

Some Standard Argument. tion has suited me very well. There cided by the court." have been good times, plenty of money, plenty of work at good wages, business

serous and happy.' Democratic Politician : "But look at

the Philippines, Porto Rico, China, etc." form for the purpose of obscuring the conditions as they come before my per- ought to be revived." sonal observation here at home. Now under Cleveland-

Democratic Politician: "But, my dear sir, don't you know that imperial- north of Mason and Dixon's line, with ism is being forced on this country, and the possible exception of Nebraska, you will soon be a peon subject under Colorado and Montana. He is not near monarchy. There is the Des Moines as strong as he was four years ago-and Globe, a paper of 1,800 circulation, he wasn't so very strong then. I don't whose editor is a republican and holds a think Bryan has gained any ground position in his precinct. In fact it is the through his Indianapolis speech. As only republican paper in this country people reflect upon his utterances at worth noticing. It is working for im- Indianapolis he will lose ground, because perialism and is certain to enslave you." they will realize that the dangers spoken

has been in control 30 or 40 years and United States with its high order of mperialism has not yet-"

Democratic Politician: "Then look at the secret alliance with England. This country is owned by England. Has disposed to talk of imperialism. "It is a a mortgage on it and will foreclose and you will be a penniless beggar. We are things that are in the air," remarked under England's thumb.,'

Voter: "I thought this country recently loaned England something like \$50,000,000, and-

Democratic Politician: "But look at the constitution. That is to be changed largely conjecture. As far as I have to suit the republicans-that instrument been able to gather I am led

people's consent will have to be obtained to carry Kentucky, and Maryland may through the legislatures to do that and be considered doubtful, but on the that no secret alliance can be in force other hand he is sure to lose some of except with the consent of the senate.'

Democratic Politician: "And the Fourth of July is to pass away. Mr. Bryan says it will not be observed if McKinley is re-elected. He also says we are to have imperialism and a large does not exist in fact." standing army."

Voter: "But in 1896 Mr. Bryan said prices were as certain to fall under the point. gold standard as a stone thrown into the air. He also-"

Democratic Politician: "But you will live to regret it if McKinley is elected. Look at conditions all over the country-"

Voter: Yes, they are very satisfactory to me and I shall vote for Mr. McKinley.

Democrats Think Bryan Insincere. The leaders of the sound money demoerats in Omeha ere not to be won over to the Bryan ticket by the declaration of the Kansas City convention that antiimperialism is the paramount issue. Interviews with a number of the leaders brought out the fact that so-called "imperialism" is not for them even gu important issue, much less the "paramount" question of the campaign. The following are a few of the interviews given an Omaha reporter:

Dr. George L. Miller when asked if he considered anti-imperialism the most important issue of the campaign, said:

"It is no issue at all. There is but concerns the business interest-the pocket book issue. While the people are threatened with another financial panic and general depression, their thoughts are not going to be concentrated on any cry of imperialism. It is folly to assert that a little war over in the Philippine islands is of more importance to the people of the United States than their individual and collective interests at home. Nothing like imperialism appears in the policy of any politcal party in this country, and therefore it is an impossible issue."

"Do you think that Bryan has gained any strength since his Indianapolis speech?" was asked.

"No," responded Dr. Miller, "On the contrary I believe that speech has lessened his strength as a candidate. It showed the insincerity of the man, who four years ago asserted that we could have no prosperity in this country as long as we adhered to the gold standard. Bryan then promised to carry on the fight against gold as a matter of principle, mind you, until voters in the country would be ready to surrender to the cause of 16 to 1. It was the one and only great principle for which every personal consideration should be sacri ficed, according to his expressions in the former campaign. Now observe the readiness with which he abandons it after its value as a vote producer in gone. Eight thousands words at Indianapolis, and scarcely a reference to the cause for which he had promised to sacrifice all else. Bryan is shown to be a mere pretender, and as the people are beginning to know him better they are losing their confidence in him."

Henry W. Yates was the second sound money democrat to be interviewed. "Is imperialism the paramount

issue?" he was asked. "As long as there is the remotest

possibility of destroying confidence by agitating the free silver question, there can be no other paramount issue than that which relates to money. Imper ialism is a dream of Bryan's, I guess. "What is your opinion of Bryan's

Indianapolis speech?" "It was a very elaborate defence of

ernment, which has never been disputed by any one of good sense. Bryan is the sort of a laywer who might be expected Voter: "The McKinley administra- to plea his case after it had been de-

When Dr. George Tilden, another old line democrat, was asked if he thought has been good and people generally pros- imperialism was the paramount issue, he promptly replied :

"Of course not. Imperialism was

Voter: "As I haven't time to go to vital question of the campaign, which all of those places I am inclined to take is whether or not the silver question

"Do you think, doctor, that Bryan has a good chance of election?"

"I don't think he will carry a state Voter: "But the republican party of do not exist. It is impossible for the civilization, to inflict any injury upon the Filipinos."

The veteran, Judge Wakely was not waste of time, you know, to discuss the judge.

"Would you be willing, judge, to predict the result of the election?'

"Anything that can be said this far in advance of the election would be sufficient number of states that he lost Voter: "It occurs to me that the in 1896 to win this time. He is likely the states he carried four years ago."

"What did you think of his Indianapolis speech?"

"It was built on air. It conjured up a purpose of the administration which

George E. Pritchett, another sound money democrat, was brief and to the

"Has Bryan gained anything from his Indianapolis speech?" was asked of

Mr. Pritchett. "I didn't read the speech. I quit paying attention to Bryan's vaporings

some time ago." "Is imperialism an important issue?" "I can't think it is. I don't observe

any tendency toward imperialism by any party or any faction in this country. The talk about it is all clap trap.

"Will Bryan be elected?"

"He will be snowed under so deep that he will not appear again in the politics of the nation, and the democratic party will have an opportunity to get back to common sense and reason four years from now."

Warren Switzler, former candidate for the supreme court judge on the gold democratic ticket, said :

"It is beyond the power of any politcal party to make any paramount issue by simply declaring it to be so. The people make the paramount issue in one issue in this campaign; and that every campaign, and this year the protection of this prosperity seems to be the only question of importance before them.

> "Has Bryan gained anything by his Indiarapolis speech?"

"Yes. "What?"

"A reputation for insincerity."

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