

The Norfolk News

J. F. Boyd of Oakdale is a progressive, vigorous and successful lawyer and will be an honor to the bench in the Ninth judicial 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 that Mr. Bryan would not get an electoral vote, says it was a display of "gross ignorance." It must have been a similar 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 republicans.

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 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 instance.

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 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?

Channey 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 again 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 ignorant foreigners, who came here taking bread out of the mouths of honest labor, voted at the last election at the dictation of McKinley's supporters. Their signatures comprised a

number of votes received by McKinley." He is now using his best endeavors to induce these "ignorant foreigners" to vote for Bryan and has raised the bogey 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 up as possible, as far as national affairs are concerned. They can stay at home and look after the women and children while our 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 our 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 from an institution with deposits amounting to \$9,784.24 in 1889 while in 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 will also visit points in southeastern South Dakota, also Sioux City, then 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. The itinerary will also include Colorado, 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 persistency that indicates a very feeble cause. Willis J. Abbot of the New York yellow 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 is 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 the pop suckers of the state forced the nomination of W. A. Poynter on to the Lincoln convention there never would 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 for the most flagrant favoritism to the most grasping corporation of the state, he has repeatedly repudiated the most solemn injunctions of his party, he has gathered under his protecting wing a gang of the most unscrupulous scoundrels as ever disgraced the fair name of a state. Is it, we ask, any wonder then that the populists of the state have repudiated him. Is it any wonder that they have determined upon independent

action?"

For a long time it has been generally understood throughout the senatorial

district that W. W. Young of Stanton would be the nominee for state senator. This was meeting with general approval 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.

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 populist 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.

President McKinley in his message to congress, concerning one of the treaties in the far east, said: "I have confirmed said agreement, subject to the action of congress, with the reservation, which I have directed shall be communicated to the sultan of Jolo that this agreement is not to be deemed in any way to authorize or give the consent of the U. S. to the existence of slavery in the Sulu archipelago."

The World-Herald, under the screaming yellow head of "Six Treaties—and a Seventh" gives Mr. Bryan a severe body blow. It characterizes as an extreme departure from "traditions, the principles, the professions and the practices of the republic" the treaty with Spain 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, would have been sufficient to defeat this treaty.

A man in Nance county was such an enthusiastic Bryan man in 1896 that he named a son for his chosen leader. Since that time he has paid off a mortgage indebtedness of \$700 against his farm beside paying doctor bills for his sick wife, and is now in comfortable financial circumstances compared with four years ago. He has ceased calling his son Bryan, but calls him William and will this fall vote for the other 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, non-partisan, 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 narrow down to Senator Allen and the others. The most prominent 'others,' 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 much at fault as he and would probably have taken the identical course pursued by him had they been in his position. He is made to shoulder all the blame, while those who are now most severe in condemning him were his most active supporters when he was in power.

Some Standard Argument.

Democrat Politician: "But look at the conditions in the Transvaal, Cuba,

the Philippines, Porto Rico, China, etc." Voter: "As I haven't time to go to all of those places I am inclined to take conditions as they come before my personal observation here at home. Now under Cleveland—"

Democrat Politician: "But, my dear sir, don't you know that imperialism is being forced on this country, and you will soon be a poor subject under monarchy. There is the Des Moines Globe, a paper of 1,800 circulation, whose editor is a republican and holds a position in his precinct. In fact it is the only republican paper in this country worth noticing. It is working for imperialism and is certain to enslave you." Voter: "But the republican party has been in control 30 or 40 years and imperialism has not yet—"

Democrat Politician: "Then look at the secret alliance with England. This country is owned by England. Has a mortgage on it and will foreclose and you will be a penniless beggar. We are under England's thumb." Voter: "I thought this country recently loaned England something like \$50,000,000, and—"

Democrat Politician: "But look at the constitution. That is to be changed to suit the republicans—that instrument produced by our forefathers. And we are in secret alliance with England." Voter: "It occurs to me that the people's consent will have to be obtained through the legislatures to do that and that no secret alliance can be in force except with the consent of the senate." Democrat 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 standing army." Voter: "Yes, they are very satisfactory to me and I shall vote for Mr. McKinley."

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form for the purpose of obscuring the vital question of the campaign, which is whether or not the silver question ought to be revived."

"Do you think, doctor, that Bryan has a good chance of election?" "I don't think he will carry a state north of Mason and Dixon's line, with the possible exception of Nebraska, Colorado and Montana. He is not near as strong as he was four years ago—and he wasn't so very strong then. I don't think Bryan has gained any ground through his Indianapolis speech. As people reflect upon his utterances at Indianapolis he will lose ground, because they will realize that the dangers spoken of do not exist. It is impossible for the United States with its high order of civilization, to inflict any injury upon the Filipinos."

The veteran, Judge Wakely was not disposed to talk of imperialism. "It is a waste of time, you know, to discuss things that are in the air," remarked 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 largely conjecture. As far as I have been able to gather I am led to doubt Bryan's ability to carry a sufficient number of states that he lost in 1896 to win this time. He is likely to carry Kentucky, and Maryland may be considered doubtful, but on the other hand he is sure to lose some of 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 does not exist in fact."

George E. Pritchett, another sound money democrat, was brief and to the point. "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 vapourings 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 Switzer, former candidate for the supreme court judge on the gold democratic ticket, said: "It is beyond the power of any political party to make any paramount issue by simply declaring it to be so. The people make the paramount issue in 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 Indianapolis speech?" "Yes."

"What?" "A reputation for insincerity."

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