

The Norfolk News

It looks as though it was going to be a landslide to McKinley.

General Prosperity is undoubtedly one of the best campaigners the republicans have in the field this campaign. He is a good debater, none of the calamityites daring to take issue with him.

Republican apathy is disappearing under an activity, the scope and aggressiveness of which is confusing to the fusionists. Keep "a pushin'" and Nebraska will be redeemed beyond a doubt.

Nebraska shows every indication of getting in line for McKinley and prosperity. It will look lonesome if it does not follow the general trend. Other western states are getting back in line.

There seem to be a million and one reasons why Wm. McKinley should be re-elected as president of the United States and the principal reason of them all is that Bryan will be elected if McKinley is not.

It is but little more than two weeks when you will be called upon to decide whether you want a continuance of prosperity or whether you favor a return to the democratic calamity times. Don't make a mistake.

The re-election of Wm. McKinley now seems to be assured, but it will not do to take it for granted. It seems to the News that never has it been more important for the republicans to get every vote out. There must be no stay-at-homes if the state is to be swung into line for prosperity, progress and Wm. McKinley. Not a vote should be missed.

The decrease in delinquent taxes in Madison county this year as compared with 1896 is a significant indication of prosperity among the farmers. The trouble has been taken to count the land descriptions of the two years. It was found that, whereas about 1,380 pieces of farm land had been advertised for sale for delinquent taxes in 1896, this year but about 365 descriptions were advertised. Four years ago the delinquent taxes on farm land were therefore about 300 per cent more than this year. A nice showing in favor of McKinley prosperity that no one will care to dispute.

The fusionists are working their lying machines over time in an effort to discredit Chas. H. Dietrich and thus bolster up Governor Poynter's waning hopes of being re-elected. Their latest is a story to the effect that all the ministers of Hastings are opposing Mr. Dietrich's candidacy on the pretense that he is not entitled to receive the support of the christian people. Rev. J. R. Wright a minister of that city takes exceptions to the story and promptly brands it as a falsehood. Winding up his exposure of a fusion roarback the reverend gentleman says: "No, all the ministers are not opposed to Mr. Dietrich; in fact I am satisfied that not any are so opposed except those who are well known to be of the opposite political belief. I shall support Mr. Dietrich."

The flop of the Hastings Republican seems to be a matter of no serious consideration to the people of that city. The other republican papers, and there are at least two good ones left, seem to think it a matter of money and that the paper is at last where it belongs, it never having been strongly republican. Another reason for a change is not hard to find when it is considered that both dailies of that city and one strong weekly have been republican, while the fusionists have been represented by but one weekly with little more than 1,000 circulation. It is not unreasonable to suppose that if a city of the size of Hastings has two dailies it would be the part of good policy for one to represent one political party and the other support the opposite.

At the ripe age of 77 years John Sherman has passed away. He was one of the leading statesmen of the United States and his loss will be sincerely mourned. He has served his country in a public capacity for more than forty-two years, most of the time as a member of the senate, and has left the mark of statesmanship on all his deeds. He was a close student of the financial conditions of the country and it was one of his life's endeavors to perfect a system that would establish the country's finances upon a substantial basis. In the campaign of 1896, Mr. Sherman's name and the "crime of '73" were associated by the fusionists. His old time friends, as well as his enemies, will unite in acknowledging that in the death of John Sherman this country has lost one of its foremost statesmen.

Governor Shaw of Iowa, at a recent gathering of farmers in that state painted the following vivid picture of prosperity: "You get up early these fall mornings; fog and mist and drizzle hang over everything; it is cold, belts slip, shocks are damp, men are cross, the engine don't steam, it seems as if you would never get started. Presently the sun rises, the mist vanishes, things warm up, the men are cheerful, the horses prick up their ears, the machine hums, the golden grain fairly boils into

the measure, the men on the stack begin a song, and a good day's work is in prospect, when just then some fool drops a monkey wrench into the cylinder! My friends, prosperity has just begun to work nicely; don't for mercy's sake throw a monkey wrench into the thrashing machine."

The fusionists have been saying some very fine things about Ex President Benjamin Harrison. He has been described as a patriot, the best president the country ever had, admired by all citizens of the republic without regard to party. He contains within himself the acme of statesmanship and all that is lovely and profound in a leading American citizen. In view of all this it was confidently expected that Mr. Harrison would crown all with a halo of glory by declaring for Mr. Bryan and warning the people of the evils of McKinley imperialism. They have said that "behind his aggressive Americanism is a comprehensive knowledge of the facts" and yet he is supporting McKinley for re-election. If the fusionists have any power in lauding the wisdom of a great man there will be thousands of them who, like Mr. Harrison, will support Mr. McKinley and his administration.

Mr. Bryan was so anxious to secure a "private monopoly" in the publication of his "First Battle" that he had it copyrighted and prevented all publishers from competing. Anyone who tries to print the "First Battle" is liable to get into the clutches of the law. Mr. Bryan knew the demand for his book would be large enough to mean a good thing and he didn't propose to divide the profits with anyone. This move of Mr. Bryan's also means that the book cannot be issued at a less price than the one he and his publishers choose to ask. In view of all this it is interesting to witness Mr. Bryan, the politician, jump onto Mr. Bryan, the author, in the following language: "A private monopoly has always been an outlaw. No defense can be made of an industrial system in which one, or a few men, can control for their own profit the output or price of any article. Under such a system the consumer suffers the extortion." It is really too bad that Mr. Bryan has such an opinion of himself, but he is unquestionably in the same boat with the fellow who will control the price of anything not an absolute necessity.

Never has there been more confidence on the part of the republicans that their candidate for president will be elected and never have the democrats given up the fight so early in the contest. That they have done so this campaign is well attested by a communication from Frederick F. Schrader, the Washington correspondent of the World-Herald, which was probably intended to be confidential but has leaked out. Mr. Schrader writes: "The prevailing opinion touching the result of the election, as reflected by competent judges, is that McKinley will be elected by a majority as substantial as that of 1896. He will carry Illinois, Kansas and South Dakota and possibly Kentucky. He will carry New York and West Virginia, but may lose Maryland and Indiana. In Kentucky the republicans will elect their candidate for governor, and in Nebraska they may elect the governor and legislature. A month ago Maryland was as good as lost to the republicans. Since then the gold democrats have shown great activity and their influence may redeem it for McKinley. Gorman is probably not sincere in his support of Bryan, but the Baltimore Sun, for McKinley four years ago, is now an active advocate of Bryan and this is an important factor. Unless there is an unforeseen force at work McKinley's election is now assured."

Wm. Atkinson, writing from Bagley, Iowa, to the publisher of the Stark county, Ill., Sentinel, under date of October 9, said: "I noticed in reading the last Sentinel that some fellow told you that his sugar pail used to hold two dollars' worth of sugar and now it held two, intimating that his sugar pail had expanded but that he was not an expansionist. We can beat that here in Iowa. Four years ago my wagon held \$1.70 worth of oats, now the same wagon holds \$10.80 worth of oats. In '96 my wagon held \$6.00 worth of shelled corn now it holds \$15.00 worth. In '96 my wagon held 5 hogs that brought me \$37.50, now they will bring \$76.00. In '96 my wife's butter jar held 70 cents worth of butter, now it holds \$1.60 worth. In '96 her egg basket held 80 cents worth of eggs, now it holds \$1.40 worth. In '96 her jar of butter would buy 5 pounds of the best coffee, now it will buy 11 pounds of the same coffee. In '96 her basket of eggs would buy 24 bars of soap, now it will buy 52 bars of the same soap. In '96 I couldn't have sold my farm at any price, now land is selling around me at \$50.00 per acre. It says something in the Bible about the man that has eyes and will see not; has ears and will hear not lest he become converted and be healed. The man that owns that sugar bucket is, no doubt, some relation to him."

Nebraska. Most encouraging reports continue to come from Nebraska. While Mr. Bryan is cavorting around the country, receiving the adulation of Tammany and dodging Roosevelt's questions and so

forth, his home state is slipping out of his grasp. "If the election were tomorrow," said Mr. Bryan the other day, "I would be elected." If the election were postponed much longer than November 6, Mr. Bryan would fall in Nebraska beyond all question. A month or two ago Mr. Bryan could have carried Nebraska without effort. But the drift for some time has been against him. The republicans, alert, quickly noted the drift and immediately became aggressive, and now are pushing the fighting at every point. Each day sees votes lost to Bryan. Each week the republican prospects improve. Republicans are becoming confident. Reports of aroused interest and republican gains are becoming numerous. The hope of greatly reducing the Bryan majority has given way to confidence that McKinley electors will be chosen and that a legislature will be elected that will send two republican senators to Washington. This is as it should be. This is the year for the redemption of Nebraska. This is the year to send into everlasting retirement Populist Poynter, and Populist Allen, and Chief Populist Bryan, together with all the other populists, big and little, who have made Nebraska a byword in the nation. Nebraska is entitled to be a republican state, and to be represented in national and state affairs by men of equal rank with those of its neighbors. Nebraska is a prosperous state, a growing state. It is not calamitous and there is no room within its borders for a calamity government as represented by the populist idea. It will be money in Nebraska's pockets to go republican this year. Nebraska will increase her self respect by going republican this year—will increase the respect in which she is held by the nation. In short, it is worth while, from every point of view, for Nebraska to vote for a change this year. Therefore, on with the fighting!—Sioux City Journal.

Baneful Fusion Tactics. In its zeal to present a trust issue to the people of Nebraska the World-Herald recently undertook to show the influences of the trusts at Kearney and in so doing appears to have slandered that city inasmuch that the Hub has called it to time rather severely. It recites that about nine manufacturing institutions of that city have been closed by the trusts and that the cotton mill is allowed to run but spasmodically. There is one institution that the Hub admits was closed by the trusts, all others, except those still running were boom affairs and failed naturally, like Norfolk's electric railway line, not because a trust had squeezed them out of existence, but because the demand for such institutions was not a paying one. The following is one of the "facts" used by the World-Herald and the Hub's answer:

From the site of the ruined woolen mills let the citizens of Kearney take Mr. Hanna to the beautiful cemetery on the high bluff overlooking the city and gather around the grave of a man who was once one of Kearney's leading and most progressive citizens. Upon the headstone is carved the name of "Hecht." By unceasing toil and rigid economy Hecht acquired a considerable sum of money. Being a butcher by trade, he conceived the idea of establishing a packing industry in Kearney. He bought land, erected a packing plant and went to work. The packers' trust squeezed the Kearney packing industry to death. Hecht lost every dollar he had and became a raving maniac. He was confined in an asylum, and after a few months of misery untold committed suicide—murdered by a trust.

"The reference to Mr. Hecht touches Kearney people in a tender spot. His end was a tragedy following close on a succession of bad ventures, a fire that destroyed his packing house, and finally at a vital moment placing his trust in a man who accomplished his financial ruin at one fell stroke. He became a raving maniac and as such he died. Peace be to his ashes! Shame on the dastard who prostitutes his editorial calling to go into the grave to bring forth falsehood!"

Closing its article the Hub says: "So far as the political side of the World-Herald's trust article is concerned, neither the Hub nor any citizen of Kearney cares a rap. Distortion of fact could be glossed over in such a case. But in this instance, the World Herald has in its eagerness to say something mean about trusts struck a blow at one of the fairest communities of this state, which has prospered even beneath the heavy hand of providence, is building still on the lines of long ago, and is again nearly at the point where manufacturing can be invited in a better way than by indiscriminate, subsidy to financial weaklings and unscrupulous promoters. Except in the one instance of the cracker trust, as stated in the beginning, the trust influence has had nothing to do with the failure of the enterprises referred to. The World-Herald's article is a mass of clever falsehood, of ungrounded statements that are calculated to do this city an injury. Not even political expediency, not even the bolstering up of a lost cause, not even the pretense of partisan expediency, can justify anything so gross, and if the Hub knows the temper of the people of this city, it can guaranty the author of these dirty diatribes that the republican majority that will be polled in Kearney at the coming election will be a good and sufficient indication that they have read and pondered well."

Truth About Marcus Hanna. The people of Norfolk and vicinity were very favorably impressed yesterday with the speech and appearance of Senator Hanna, chairman of the republican national committee. They could not reconcile his kindly and smiling countenance with the stories of grasping sordidness that has been told by the political writer and the cartoonist, and, as a matter of fact, his appearance does not belie his life.

The following is taken from a Washington correspondence to the Omaha Bee, and gives a true insight into his character: "The facts about Senator Hanna are not generally known. Although every intelligent man realizes that the major portion of the silly stuff that is written about him every day in the year is mere tommy-rot—without any foundation in fact—and not worthy the credence of any thinking, self-respecting American citizen, yet a very respectable number of people really do believe that if he is not the grinding, grasping, selfish, corrupt combination of unholiness that the newspapers describe, he is, to say the least, an unwholesome type of politician, to be looked at askance and not to be trusted under any circumstances. They cannot reconcile Senator Hanna with their highest and best conception of American manhood and American citizenship; they cannot think of him as an unassuming, modest and kindly gentleman, who has absolutely no designs whatever upon the welfare of the American people, but who, on the contrary, loves his country quite as well as any of them. All of which, however, coincides most readily with the truth.

"A remarkable condescension was witnessed recently when the man who does the political stunt on the editorial page of one of the prominent democratic newspapers of the east observed that there are at least two men in the United States who were thoroughly capable of getting down on a level with the every-day man with a message that could be best appreciated and understood. One of these men, according to this gentleman, is William Jennings Bryan and the other is Marcus A. Hanna. Think of that. Is it not a comparison without a parallel in the annals of Bryanism? And is not this characteristic of Mr. Hanna rather a peculiar one to be possessed by a man whose want of sympathy for the plain people has been so widely and persistently advertised in the columns of the opposition press? The truth is that his heart-to-heart talks have been one of the surprises of the campaign. No more forceful speeches have been made in years.

"It is a fact that nine-tenths of the falsehoods that are so glibly fashioned day after day are inspired in the absence of the most remote reference to the truth, and by men who have not even a superficial knowledge, either personally or through any authentic source, of the man they disparage and abuse with such effervescent gusto. The stories written have absolutely nothing in common with the truth, and it is not intended that they should have.

"Singularly enough, although Senator Hanna has for years employed organized labor upon a stupendous scale, strikes among his employees have been conspicuous through their absence. There has been no strike in the history of Mr. Hanna's life. There has been no strike among any men employed by any company in which he has had an interest. The record is clear. It is significant, too, that, during the "great street car strike in Cleveland, still fresh in our memories, not a line in which Mr. Hanna was interested was tied up for so long as the fraction of a second. Every car continued to run regularly so far as his employees were concerned. Not a man in the employ of Mr. Hanna could be induced to join the strikers. For all of which there must be a very good reason. There is. It is this: Mr. Hanna may be approached by the humblest employe. There is no more accessible man than himself. He desires, and even invites, his employes to lay their grievances, their complaints, before him. It may be done with impunity. He may be seen personally. There is no formality about the matter. The employe with a complaint walks into his office without even being announced. The door is always open to him. There is no clerk to meet him in an outer chamber and convince him that it is not necessary for him to see Mr. Hanna personally. He walks directly into that gentleman's presence, and when he retires there has usually been an amicable adjustment of the grievance. These complaints are few in number—so few in number that there are almost none at all. Complainant and complainant are treated with the utmost fairness and consideration, and it is appreciated. And therein, in large measure, lies the explanation of his amiable relations with his employes.

"Then, too, he interests himself in their welfare and he has their best interests at heart. Illustrative of his kindness of heart and generous impulses, many a motorman and street car conductor can testify to his sympathy and solicitation in their hour of need. He has visited homes when a wife or child has been ill, or perchance themselves. Buy man that he is, he has found time for that."

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ever on his employes and doesn't know how they vote. In Mr. Hanna's presence one day one of his out of town managers said: "I have never voted any other than the democratic ticket and I never expect to do so." His employe laughed good naturedly at the assertion. The writer also states that he contributes freely to benevolences but always with the express understanding that his action be not advertised. He does so modestly and for the sake of giving and not for praise.

In the Boston Herald of October 13 is given the full text of the late speech of Senator George F. Hoar. Without relinquishing his stand on the expansion question he accords to Mr. Bryan his true position on the same question. While he opposed, from first to last, a policy that would mean expansion Mr. Bryan supported the Paris treaty, the true foundation of the issue and now hypocritically lays the full blame on President McKinley, ignoring the fact that the president is but carrying out the duties imposed upon the government by the treaty of peace. The senator well says "What has been done has been done. What has been, has been," and it is now impossible for Mr. Bryan or any one else to undo the past, and he consistently takes a stand in support of the president. "Our question now is for the future," said the senator. "We cannot forget that for everything that has happened Mr. Bryan is more responsible than any other man, than any other 20 men, since the Spanish treaty left the hands of the president. That treaty involved the whole question. It affirmed the constitutional power of the United States to acquire foreign territory; it pledged the faith of the people that the congress of the United States, and not the people of the Philippine islands, should determine their future faith. It purchased sovereignty over an unwilling people and pledged the faith of the United States to a foreign power to pay for it. And when the defeat of the treaty seemed assured, with many votes to spare, Mr. Bryan, the great leader of the democratic party, came to Washington in person, disregarding the remonstrances of his wisest supporters, and stabbed the opposition in the back in the hour of its assured victory." Continuing the venerable statesman said: "No fellow citizens, if this Spanish treaty be right, President McKinley and Mr. Bryan were both right. If this treaty be wrong, President McKinley and Mr. Bryan were both wrong." Mr. Hoar has finally decided that he would sooner support the man that has been consistent all the time than the one who would go back on his record, and is now seeking an election by abusing the administration for doing that demanded by him and his partisans. The senator toward close of his address said: "You cannot help the cause of anti-imperialism by going into partnership with Bryanism. You cannot mix tyranny, dishonor, broken faith, anarchy, license in one cup and have constitutional liberty the result of the mixture."

In his address at South Sioux City recently, according to the Dakota County Record, Congressman Robinson accused the republicans of conducting a personal campaign against Governor Poynter. It is strange how facts get twisted by these politicians. Now if it were the newspapers it would be different—they are not expected to get such things correct, or at least that is the charge of many men, both great and small. But a politician never violates a rule to keep facts and history straight, therefore it must be the newspaper, but for fear some may be misled by this it will perhaps be just as well to state that Governor Poynter's character has not been attacked by the republicans unless his official acts, which are being shown up right to the people, may be termed his character. It is Mr. Dietrich's character that has been assailed and not by the republicans but by the fusionists, who have not been stopped by the knowledge that they were conducting the dirtiest, foulest campaign against an aspirant for the

governor's chair ever witnessed in this or any other state. It is to be hoped that the proper change may be made by Mr. Robinson or the paper reporting his speech.

In his speech at Cooper Union Mr. Bryan said if we should send a collection of patriotic songs to the Philippines we could not complain if the Filipinos changed the words a little and sang, "My country, 'tis of thee, land of hypocrisy." And this is true Americanism! This is the man who claims to be the only true disciple of Abraham Lincoln! Does Mr. Bryan presume to believe that such a sentiment could have been suggested by the great emancipator? And Mr. Bryan aspires to be president of this hypocritical nation! He undoubtedly hopes that a majority of the people will endorse such stuff as that! But will they? Not if the spirit of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and Abraham Lincoln still lives! If there were no other reason for burying Mr. Bryan beneath an avalanche of votes that one utterance should be sufficient. Are you one who will endorse it?

W. W. Young, republican nominee for state senator, is pledged to no man, for United States senator, either directly or by implication, and all assertions that he is so pledged are but the false representations of his opponents, who realize the desperateness of the situation they are in, and accordingly should meet the condemnation of every honest voter of the district.—Stanton Pickett.

What business have the fusionists to usurp the functions of the supreme court? That body is to decide on the status of the people of Porto Rico and the Philippines, and it has not yet been determined by anyone that they are either citizens or subjects of this country, although in their feeble efforts toward finding an issue the fusionists try to make it appear that they are the latter.

The fusionists of Pawnee City have announced that an old soldier has recently been converted to Bryanism, but the record discloses the fact that certain veteran has been dead for more than a year. It must be very discouraging to members of that party to get ready to "whoop'er up" a little over a new convert only to find that he has been dead for a year or more.

It is but two weeks until election. Vigilance and untiring effort should be the watch-word of the republicans during that time. It may reasonably be expected that they will encounter many queer dodges and freaks on the part of the fusionists, who should be met at every turn and be kept in the corner to which they have been driven.

The difference between Roosevelt and Bryan on their stumping tours is that Teddy answers questions put to him straight from the shoulder while Mr. Bryan evades and dodges. It shouldn't require a moment's thought to decide between the parties they represent.

John Hill recently said: "Some men are born lucky—some men are born in Ohio," meaning that one was tantamount to the other. Just paste it in your hat that both Wm. McKinley and John R. Hays were born in Ohio.

The republican ticket, from top to bottom, is worthy of support and no scratched ballots are necessary. Vote it straight. Get the state in line for McKinley and elect a commendable state administration as well.

The fusionists, lacking other campaign material, have started their roorbacks out early, but it may be expected that they will come more frequently and stronger as the campaign nears its close.

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