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FREDERICK H. ABBOTT,
Editor of the Columbus Journal.

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 12th day of March, 1906.

C. N. McELFRESH,
Notary Public.

THE FUTURE DEMOCRACY.

Not since the days of fusion have the democrats of Nebraska displayed so much activity. And a glance behind the scenes shows the same political leaders who betrayed the populist party, murdered it to get the booty and then buried the corpse whose foul odor stood between them and their future demagogic ambitions.

While there is not so much danger to be feared from this democratic activity as there was from the fusion movement, still republicans should not be over-confident. It must be remembered that organized wealth in nation and state is against Roosevelt and his principles and that it will join hands with democracy in defeating them.

Let it not be forgotten that the republicans of the United States are with Roosevelt and that those eastern Senators bearing the republican label who are blocking President Roosevelt in his efforts for rate regulation and free trade with the Philippines are just as far from being republicans as those democratic senators whom they have joined in an attempt to defeat Roosevelt.

Let it be remembered that the democrats who charge that Roosevelt has not gone far enough in the way of reform and law enforcement can only win party victory by welcoming to their councils those republicans who oppose Rooseveltism.

Roosevelt's vote in Nebraska two years ago proves that a vast majority of Nebraskans are Roosevelt republicans. Before this majority can be changed the democrats will have to offer something that smacks more of Roosevelt than that which has been given by republican administrations.

Will democrats maintain that rate regulation is not sufficient and urge that the state should pledge its national ownership theory? Then we can reply that while they have been shouting for a theory simply for effect, President Roosevelt and a republican administration are already operating a government-owned railway in Panama and have laid the foundation for government-owned railroads in both the Philippines and Alaska.

Will Nebraska democrats maintain that the republican party in Nebraska is a railroad party? Then we can ask these same men who are promising reforms today in event of democratic success, why, under similar promises in the days of fusion success, they gave Nebraska railroads the lowest assessment they have ever had, while they themselves used as many free passes as were ever used by a Nebraska Legislature. And we can point to the fact that it was republicans who doubled the assessment of railroads under the new revenue law and it was republican state officials who first threw away their passes.

Will Nebraska democrats insist that they mean what they say and practice what their platforms preach? Then we shall point not only to the fusion record in Nebraska but to the democratic record in Platte county, the banner county of Nebraska democracy. We will ask why Platte county democrats "resolve" in their conventions against passes and then nominate and support and elect men who carry passes. We will ask why

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they "resolve" against "graft" and then turn out and defend the worst of grafters in their own party.

If the democrats cannot show that in nation, state and county where they have been in power, they have not given the public the worst of it, and violated every pledge they made why should they expect the public to flock to their banner where the most that they can promise is to out-Roosevelt Roosevelt and when the only way they can win is to gain anti-Roosevelt support from the republican ranks?

While democracy has been preaching trust-busting, the republican party has been practicing it. While democratic papers have been maligning Roosevelt for being elected by the aid of life insurance companies and the packing interests, he has been busy urging the prosecution against these corporations which has brought out the evidence these same papers are now using to discredit Roosevelt.

While democrats are giving wine suppers and making government ownership speeches, a republican administration is guiding a government owned train across the Isthmus of Panama, carrying the supplies that shall complete a waterway which will reduce transcontinental railroad rates and make the United States the first commercial nation of the world.

Will Nebraska be given back to democracy, or rather will republicans by urging the "square deal" policy which has so nearly brought Platte county in to the republican fold, continue to urge this policy not only till republican party success is complete, but till the square deal is realized in every department of our government? Never has there been a time when a young man could be prouder to call himself a republican; never a time when every citizen should be more glad to take off his coat and fight for republican success under the Roosevelt banner.

A SERIOUS WEAKNESS.

A very serious weakness in our system of naming jurors was well illustrated in the trial of the Monroe bank robbers here last week.

A reward of \$500 was offered for the capture and conviction of the criminals. The county sheriff made the capture, secured the conviction and earned the reward.

But the sheriff also named the jury which tried the last two prisoners. In this fact there is no reflection upon the honesty of the sheriff. He did what the law commands him to do. When the regular panel is exhausted, the law requires the sheriff to make up a jury from veniremen selected by himself. In this particular case, the evidence was so strong that there could exist no motive for corrupting a jury. But the case illustrates the principle.

Suppose a similar case where the guilt of the parties under charge is in doubt, and where there is a sheriff willing to sacrifice principle for the sake of the reward. It is clear that the law places in his hands a weapon to use corruptly for his own gain.

To safeguard the jury system this provision of the law should be changed. Either the sheriff should not be permitted to accept a reward for the performance of duty, or he should not be permitted to name the veniremen.

WHEN DID IT QUALIFY?

There are two or three facts which make the Telegram's personal attack on the editor of this paper last week exceedingly humorous. First, the "prominent republican" who was kicked out of hiding in the tall grass of the democratic back yard for the particular occasion, used a more objectionable term to express the same idea than this paper has ever used.

Second, the democratic party used the exact language in its platform which was objected to in committee at the republican city convention on the ground that it was "improper," and no "prominent" republican has been heard to demand the exclusion from the mails of either the Journal or

the Telegram for printing the democratic platform. Third, the republican platform, as finally adopted was written, every word of it, by the "young man" who, the Telegram says was "repudiated though not humiliated" by his party. Fourth, G.W. Phillips has shared an office room with the editor of this paper for months and we are proud to claim a personal friendship with him. We not only never accused Mr. Phillips or the democratic party of being identified with the "low element" in Columbus, but never said there was such an element. We have always assumed that the men who voted a gainst Mr. Dickinson on the issue which caused his unpopularity, were just as honest as the men who voted for him. And we have always credited Mr. Phillips with standing with Mr. Dickinson on that issue, simply pointing out that his large majority was due to his being the beneficiary of a large vote cast on both sides of that issue, while Mr. Dickinson got the vote of only one side. But the greatest joke of all is for the Telegram to claim admission to the mails as a Sunday school periodical. When did it qualify?

ELIJA III.

Elija III is in trouble and the Holy City is threatened with ruin. Elija's wife, the mother of his three children, has turned against him. Indeed his domestic infelicity may have had much to do with his other troubles.

Dowie stands accused of dishonesty, hypocrisy and immorality and his second in command in the Zion army, is leading the opposition forces.

Dowie has not been heard in full but he will doubtless put up a stiff fight.

The eyes of the world are fixed upon Zion. The frivolous are waiting to hear what Mrs. Dowie has to say about the dashing blondes and gay brunettes who "stole Elija's heart away," while the serious are looking for the lesson to christian society which is sure to be taught by the catastrophe which threatens Zion.

Viewed from a broad standpoint, the Dowie movement contains elements of good. Dowie has taught the possibility of combining the industrial with the spiritual in municipal life and has developed in Zion a religious-industrial co-operative institution such as the world has never seen. He has demonstrated that a city can live, at least for a while, without those things which the world calls "necessary evils." He has built up a city of factories and schools and churches, without saloons, and crime and police.

What the weakness of this great co-operative organization will turn out to be can only be inferred. But there is little doubt that the greatest element of weakness will be found in Dowie himself. Dowie has forced himself upon his followers as their Christ. But the world knows Christ as the perfect man and they will not stand for a counterfeit as Dowie, and every other man must be, in the very nature of things.

A Columbus lady the other day suggested a remedy to cure widowers of early second marriages, which is worth copy-righting. She said, "We wives should act like perfect devils toward our husbands. Then when we die they will wait a long time before they will have the nerve to repeat the experiment. And the public will remark on how devoted they have been to the memory of their departed wives."

Col. Carrol D. Evans has been receiving assurance of support from various parts of the state when he shall decide to begin his campaign for the United States Senatorship.

If the Telegram will hand over that "tainted hundred" long past due, we will move to make it unanimous by naming that paper the official organ of the Salvation Army.

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RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$270,744.58
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	2,222.85
U. S. bonds to secure circulation	25,000.00
Premiums on U. S. bonds	1,125.00
Stocks, securities, etc.	25,000.00
Banking house furniture and fixtures	5,500.00
Other real estate owned	20,000.00
Due from National Banks (not reserve assets)	9,426.45
Due from approved reserve agents	28,781.33
Due from State Banks and bankers	5,000.00
Checks and other items subject to cash	3,407.55
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	229.18
Lafayette Money Reserve Bank, viz: (Special)	\$12,071.00
Legal-tender notes	26,754.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent. of circulation)	1,290.00
Total	\$474,969.11

LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Surplus fund	10,000.00
Undivided profits, expenses and taxes paid	2,114.93
National Bank notes outstanding	25,000.00
Individual deposits subject to check	156,122.97
Demand certificates of deposit	22,711.51
Total	\$176,949.41

STATE OF NEBRASKA, ss:
County of Platte, ss:
I, O. T. ROES, Cashier of the above named bank, do hereby certify that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

O. T. ROES, Cashier.
Correct—Attest:
J. H. GALLEY, Jacob GILSON, A. ANDERSON, Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of April, 1906.
My commission expires Jan. 19, 1911.

NOTICE TO NON-RESIDENT DEFENDANTS.
Rebecca S. Hozsett; and Thomas H. Hozsett; Phoebe M. Hollingshead and Milton Hollingshead; Elizabeth Whipple and Charles W. Whipple; Nathan W. Jones and Jones his wife, first and full name unknown, non-resident defendants, will take notice that on the 2nd day of April, 1906, Wesley E. Cole and Rebecca J. Taylor, plaintiffs herein, filed their petition in the district court of Platte county, Nebraska against said defendants, impleaded with William B. Jones and Blanche Jones; Mary Kelley and Charles Kelley; Barclay Jones and Ida Jones; Cynthia N. Thurston and Bertha Jones, defendants, the object and prayer of which are:

To have the plaintiff, Rebecca J. Taylor, and the defendants, Rebecca S. Hozsett, William B. Jones, Mary Kelley, Barclay Jones, Phoebe M. Hollingshead, Elizabeth Whipple, Cynthia N. Thurston, Bertha Jones and Nathan W. Jones decreed to be the only heirs at law of Barclay Jones, deceased. That the said Rebecca J. Taylor may be decreed to have had legal right and authority to deed and transfer the following lands to-wit:—The West one half (W. 1/2) of the North west one quarter (N. W. 1/4) of section six (6), Township Seventeen (17) Range two (2) West of the sixth (6) P. M. in Platte county, Nebraska to the plaintiff, Wesley E. Cole. That all the defendants herein, and all other persons may be decreed to have no interest whatever in said lands and that the title thereto may be found to be in and forever quieted and confirmed in the plaintiff, Wesley E. Cole, and for such other and further relief as equity may require.

You are required to answer said petition on or before the 14th day of May, A. D. 1906.

Wesley E. Cole and Rebecca J. Taylor, By G. F. Rose, Their Attorney. Dated this 3rd day of April, 1906.

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