

**TOUCHINGLY PATHETIC.** Colonel Bryan's "onliest" organ the Omaha World-Herald, contains the following tender tribute to "the peerless one" under whose leadership the northern democrats have sacrificed eighteen seats in the United States senate, every state legislature, and every governorship, besides seven seats in the senate occupied by republicans from south of Mason and Dixon's line:

"The allied reform forces of the United States, however discouraging the news flashed over the wires tonight, would have been supremely proud and almost happy could they have witnessed the simple and unaffected and truly noble manner in which their gallant and chivalrous leader and his winsome wife bore the weight of a second defeat. No one beholding William J. Bryan in the hour of this reversal, noting his undisturbed equanimity and serene and lofty courage, but felt that in his presence one stands before a high-minded, sincere and devoted patriot, in whom selfish personal ambition is most strikingly absent."

Allied Croker, Tillman, Altgeld and Bryan mean reform. And the same journal in emblazoned headlines by implication, calls McKinley a robber and Bryan Jesus Christ saying "not this man, but Barabbas." Can infatuation, impiety and partisan frenzy go further? See St. John, Chapter 18, 40th verse and weep for the World-Herald.

**PROTECTS LOCAL INDUSTRIES.** The vote on presidential electors at Nebraska City was of more than local interest. The result here was watched by the investors of capital all over the country. By their ballots the people of Nebraska City were to determine whether they would protect or persecute those who had invested their money in property at this place. The candidate of the amalgamated forces of anarchy and calamity forced the issue. Several months ago the attorney general of Nebraska, under the advice and direction of Mr. Bryan, filed a petition in the supreme court of the state, alleging that the Argo starch factory of this city was a part of a starch trust and making demands which if complied with would mean the closing of the local factory. As asserted by THE CONSERVATIVE at the time of the filing of the petition, the feeling among those most familiar with the circumstances was that the suit was instituted not to enforce a statute of the state but to make political capital and to avenge private quarrels. As the date of election approached this feeling became a positive conviction.

The attorney-general made no attempt to bring those interested in the starch company into court. They were not even notified of the filing of the suit against them. In short, absolutely no

effort was made to prosecute them. In the meantime Mr. Bryan and his attorney-general came to Nebraska City and, at a public meeting, denounced those engaged in the manufacture of starch at this place and warned the people of Nebraska City to beware of the men who were carrying on the industries of the town and paying wages to labor.

The issue was thus clearly drawn between those who were aiding to upbuild the industries of Nebraska City and those who were striving to tear them down. It became the duty of the citizens to choose between the builder and the destroyer, and he did not hesitate to choose the former.

The voters of Nebraska City, by a majority of over two hundred against Bryanism, announced to the country that this is a town where capital will enjoy protection, and property rights will be held sacred. They have indicated by their votes that they wish and invite capital, either corporate or individual, to come in and aid in the development of the material resources of Nebraska City and Otoe County and assure it that it will be protected from the assaults of demagogues and "Windy Willies."

**BRAINS ESTRAYED.** It is said that the Chinese locate the intellect in the stomach. While I recognize that there are some people in this country who seem to be hampered with what we may term "mental strabismus," and who read everything backwards and upside down, perhaps it would be too much to say that their intellect and bowels are thus intimately correlated, though if we may judge them by their public utterances on finance and industrial conditions, we may say, if an autopsy should not discover their brains somewhere south of the diaphragm, we would be at a loss to know where else to look for them.

**NEBRASKA.** Behind his associated candidates on the populist ticket in Nebraska, Colonel Bryan is also behind the gubernatorial candidates in Illinois and every other northern state as to votes received.

Nebraska may have given its electoral vote to Bryan but he is not running as well as the pardon-maker, Poynter. The official count is required to determine whether the peerless in palaver has, with other populists, a plurality of the votes cast in Nebraska on November 6th, 1900, the day William McKinley was re-elected president of the United States by a ratio, among thinking taxpayers, of about sixteen to one. Nebraska City and Otoe county gave four hundred against the colonel who carried it four years ago by more than one hundred.

**TELEGRAMS.** THE CONSERVATIVE has received a great many telegrams from prominent citizens throughout the country. These dispatches indicate that there is not a great deal of mourning among the solid citizenship of the republic because of Bryan's defeat. Below we give a few of the messages:

CHICAGO, Ill., Nov. 7, 1900.  
J. STERLING MORTON,  
Nebraska City, Neb.

The country demonstrates that it knows the difference between democracy and populism. We congratulate you on the good you have accomplished.

JAMES H. ECKELS and JOHN R. WALSH.

CHICAGO, Ill., Nov. 7, 1900.  
J. STERLING MORTON,  
Nebraska City, Neb.

Bryan must be feeling limp this morning. Better send him a box of Argo starch.

N. K. FAIRBANK.

CHICAGO, Ill., Nov. 7, 1900.  
J. STERLING MORTON,  
Nebraska City, Neb.

Embalmed, cremated and buried. Wire local result.

JOY MORTON.

CHICAGO, Ill., Nov. 7, 1900.  
J. STERLING MORTON,  
Nebraska City, Neb.

The republicans of the country owe you and the gold democrats a debt of gratitude. Accept congratulations on results.

LOT BROWN.

DETROIT, Mich., Nov. 6, 1900.  
J. STERLING MORTON,  
Nebraska City, Neb.

Thanks for your dispatch. Three cheers for Nebraska anyway.

DON M. DICKINSON.

**THE PEERLESS TAILER.** The appellation "peerless leader" heretofore applied to Mr. Bryan should now be changed to "peerless tailer." He succeeded splendidly in getting fewer votes than any of the candidates for governor save in Kentucky and Missouri. A leader is one who leads. Unless the original meaning of "lead" has been lost Mr. Bryan hardly meets the requirements.

**OSBORNE.** At Auburn, New York, Colonel Bryan assaulted Osborne and his methods of running a manufactory, and the ballots there give McKinley a tremendous majority over the "peerless failure."

At Nebraska City the colonel and General Smythe transformed a fusion majority of more than one hundred into a republican majority of more than 400 by pitching into the Argo starch factory and the solid business men of the town.