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JONES PAYS THE FREIGHT. The freight on the alleged natural democratic platform for 1896 and for 1900 has now been paid by James K. Jones, of Arkansas, who became distinguished as a statesman in that commonwealth because only in that state is that peculiar style of talent appreciated and promoted. Whether Jones beat Bryan, or Bryan beat Jones, is a question for the antiquarian of the future to determine. It may be remembered that Jones declared that Bryan was the equal of Webster, Clay, Corwin, Lincoln and five or six other eminent, concentrated American statesmen.

It will long be a question as to whether Bryan created Jones or Jones created Bryan. Among eminent political bric-a-brac these two animated vocabularies will long be treasured as verbal curios. Whether Jones is to report the Bryanarchistic platform for 1904, or suggest the resolutions for the national convention which will nominate Bryan that year, is apparently a question of some doubt. It is however certain that Bryan and Jones are indissolubly united in triumph as well as in defeat. That Jones is a much better reasoner than Bryan, all who remember his predictions about the last two presidential elections—none of which were correct—must certainly conclude. If he ever made a prediction that was verified, it has been lost to view. The only absolutely correct statement ever made by Jones—to the effect that Bryan was a greater statesman than Lincoln, Jefferson, Corwin, Webster, or any other American, living or dead—can now be framed and placed among the curios

of political literature for general admiration.

As a circulator of garden seed, at the expense of the general government, Mr. Jones has been one of the most efficient statesmen of the day and generation in which he lives.

NOT A SURE THING. The republican organization of Nebraska may as well understand now as at

any future time that a nomination by their party is not necessarily an election. The Bartley episode is not forgotten, nor has Governor Savage been unequivocally pardoned because he pardoned Bartley. The glorious old times that the republicans used to brag about, when they averred that they could nominate a yellow dog and beat the best democrat in the state, have not quite returned. It may be that they can beat the best populist in the state, but it is a serious question as to whether the republican party can defeat at the polls the best honest-money democrat.

Character for ability, for honesty, and executive talent, has come to be worth something in the estimation of the voters and taxpayers of the state of Nebraska. Whether a man belongs to this clique or to that clique of the republican or any other party, may be a matter of small moment; but character for ability, integrity and absolute fearlessness in the discharge of duty may be still worth very much in the estimation of the voters of this commonwealth.

ANNOUNCEMENT. We have been for some weeks past publishing little extracts from the Journal of Captains Lewis and Clark, illustrating the adventures that befell them on their road across the continent, by way of the Missouri and Columbia rivers, in the winter of 1804-5.

We have now begun in The Conservative a series of articles on other early explorers and inhabitants of the Louisiana Purchase and the West generally. These articles will consist as far as possible of the language of the travelers themselves, and will be sufficiently copious to give an idea of the personality of the writer, as well as of some important episode in his western career. They will be accompanied

by such notes as are deemed needful to put the matters dealt with in a proper light.

We entertain a hope that this series may prove of value to people who feel an interest in the story of the last hundred years in the west, but who have not access to the authorities; to people who are just beginning to take notice of the great drama of the pioneers, as the first of its centennials draws near; and to the school children, who may, we hope, be led to study the history, as yet but little prized, of their own race and country, in preference to that of other and distant lands and peoples.

Should ex-Senator, **DIFFERENT.** ex-Judge, ex-champion talker, and present publicist, William V. Allen, be chosen to lead the valiant reform forces as their choice for governor of Nebraska. The Conservative, without claiming to be a soothsayer, feels able to predict with a reasonable degree of certainty that Mr. Allen will see a great light, and that the columns of the Madison Mail will be filled to overflowing with heartfelt endorsement of the get-together policy. The only way for a reformer is to reform as often as the act suits his convenience or serves his purpose, and the moment that Mr. Allen feels that his own interests lie upon the side of fusion and the gradual dissolution and absorption of the populists by the so-called democrats, we will then see just how deep lies his solicitude for the welfare of populism. Again disclaiming all intention of attempting to pose as a prognosticator, The Conservative goes on record with the prediction that in the event of his selection by either side as a standard bearer, there will be no voice and no pen in Nebraska that will more warmly second the efforts of those who are laboring to keep the populist party within handy reach of the democratic (excuse the misnomer) heelers, than the strident voice of William V. Allen, and the facile pen of the conscientiously populist editor of the Madison Mail. For the only way to be a real reformer is to reform early and often, and Mr. Allen is a most finished and artistic reformer, and long experience has taught him how, when and where to reform to the best advantage.