

WELCOMED JUDGE CROUSE

Thousands of Nebraska's Citizens Assemble at Blair to Do Him Honor.

NUMEROUS TRIBUTES TO HIS WORTH

He Fearfully Responds to the Many Evidences of Respect and Esteem Which Are Showered Upon Him—A Great Demonstration.

Blair, Neb., Sept. 17.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—For some days past the citizens of Blair and Washington county have been making preparations for a reception to their old friend and neighbor, Judge Lorenzo Crouse, who has been nominated for the nomination for governor of Nebraska at the hands of the republican party.

Called the Meeting to Order. Judge D. F. Davis presided, and on the speaker's stand with him were Judge Crouse, Hon. E. Rosewater, Colonel L. W. Osborne, Hon. H. B. Hildreth, Hon. J. W. Wells, Judge W. W. Gillis, Hon. Henry Strick and others.

In calling the assembly to order Judge D. F. Davis stated that the object of the meeting was to tender a reception to Judge Crouse, that his old friends of many years standing might manifest their pleasure over his return from Washington and that he might appear in their midst, and introduced Colonel L. W. Osborne, who delivered the address of welcome.

The speaker touched for a moment on the results of the McKinley bill, showing that instead of injuring the country, as had been so widely proclaimed, it had actually already been a great benefit. For one thing, instead of being an increased tax on the people of the country, it had reduced taxes \$60,000,000, and had increased the revenue \$55,888,000. In 1890, the goods imported amounted to \$3,367,000,000; in 1891, \$3,464,400,000; in 1892, \$3,655,000,000; in 1893, \$3,747,000,000; in 1894, \$3,839,000,000; in 1895, \$3,931,000,000; in 1896, \$4,023,000,000; in 1897, \$4,115,000,000; in 1898, \$4,207,000,000; in 1899, \$4,299,000,000; in 1900, \$4,391,000,000.

Some of the Transparencies. Consistent in the torchlight parade which was held last night, the transparencies were a large banner with a portrait of Judge Crouse, "Nebraska's next governor." Another read, "50¢ per capita. Washington has the largest population in the world, 4,000,000." "The McKinley bill saved on sugar in 1891 \$500,000, and 'Grandpa' had a wife and six children. Colored lights and fireworks made a gorgeous display for the occasion.

What the Democrats Failed to Do. "It was a campaign of prediction. Two years ago," said the speaker, "the democrats predicted that if the McKinley bill was passed it would result in a disaster. It is no easy thing to see men make a tariff bill, and I see men make a tariff bill every day who seek to impress their fellows with the idea that they could frame two or three a day with as much skill as their backs. The McKinley bill was passed by all, even its adversaries, to be the best thing that has ever happened to Nebraska and the United States, for it gave us the privilege of being a republican and not a democrat in our own land. It is a privilege that is being voted to many of the younger men of today to help to save a nation deserving it."

Judge Crouse's Reception. The audience was heartily in accord with Colonel Osborne's sentiments, and was most enthusiastically received. It was not supposed that one could receive such overwhelming proof of confidence and high regard as was shown to Judge Crouse by the people of Blair. He said in reply: " Fellow Citizens, Friends and Neighbors: I thank you for the honor of this evening. I have decided to decide for myself where or when I will be born, but it is a source of gratification to me that I have been born in Nebraska and in the United States, for it is the privilege of being a republican and not a democrat in our own land. It is a privilege that is being voted to many of the younger men of today to help to save a nation deserving it."

STUHT'S QUEER BOOKKEEPING

Accounts of the Republican City Central Committee's Treasurer Badly Muddled. DRAFTS THAT WERE UNAUTHORIZED

Money Was Reported as Paid, But the Claimants Are Still Waiting to Realize—Story of a Check System and What It Caught. Ernest Stuhrt, a would-be political leader of the First ward and incidentally treasurer of the city central committee, has about as big a load of grief on his hands at the present time as it is possible for an individual to accumulate between last and sun.

Then it was that the committee became tired of temporizing, and ordered the auditing committee to proceed to examine and check up the treasurer's accounts, and so in accordance with the facts. The result of the investigation was somewhat alarming, though but little different from what was expected, showing that claims that appeared in the treasurer's reports as having been paid and credited to the treasurer accordingly, as a matter of fact had not been paid, though checks had been issued and cashed by the treasurer.

Report of Special Auditing Committee. We the auditing committee of the city central committee for the years 1891 and 1892, do hereby report that we have fully examined and checked over the books and papers given us by Treasurer Ernest Stuhrt as the secretary and treasurer of the city central committee, and find the same as follows:

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Balance on hand according to Mr. Stuhrt's statement, which has been corrected. Dewey & Stone Furniture company \$37.00, Ough \$20.00, Postage sold \$20.00.

Balance in hands of treasurer \$25,100. This committee also had the honor to examine the check issued by him correcting the statement as to the amount on hand, and have also requested him to meet this committee on the 20th of September, at 10 o'clock, to explain the discrepancy.

Stuhrt was repeatedly notified to face the committee in order that the report might be submitted, but for some reason he failed to do so, and when finally pinned right down to the necessity of doing something on the eve of a meeting that was to be held in connection with the election, he failed to take action, and the committee could not get hold of him.

HOW BRYAN LOSSES GROUND

Further Evidence That He is no Match for Judge Field. PAWNEE COUNTY PEOPLE DELIGHTED

When a Question of His Record Arose the Congressman Was Given a Number of Interesting Items to Explain. PAWNEE CRY, NEB., Sept. 17.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Fully 4,000 people listened to the joint debate in this city this afternoon between the practical field and political Bryan on the issues dividing the democratic and republican parties.

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After the general report had been read last evening Mr. Stuhrt, whose face had gradually been assuming a tawny red hue during the reading, rose to his feet and remarked that he had no objection to any of the subjects. He started to explain why he had not submitted the checks to the auditing committee, but before he had made a few sentences clear to the upper hand of his judgment.

Where Bryan is Weak. TUESDAY, NEB., Sept. 17.—[Special to THE BEE.]—The joint discussion held here on the 15th between Judge Field and Congressman Bryan is still the subject of general discussion. It is easier now to gather the effect of the discussion than when it occurred, as public sentiment has somewhat crystallized and shows plainly the effect on a thinking people of argument and force, as against smooth manners and elegant periods.

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THE BRAKEMAN'S DANGERS.

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