



SAVE NEBRASKA FROM CONFEDERATED MONOPOLY.

THE CORPORATION ANACONDA

Most Gigantic Combination Ever Banded Together to Keep the People of Nebraska in Political Bondage.

COERCION BY THREATS AND INTIMIDATION

Merchants Threatened with Withdrawal of Credits, Farmers with Foreclosure of Mortgages and Wage Workers with Reduced Pay or Discharge--Great Struggle for Self-Government.

The most desperate contest that has ever been waged in Nebraska between the people and the confederated monopolies will close next Tuesday. All the corporate forces that are linked together by one common interest have pooled issues and concentrated their energies for the election of Thomas J. Majors. The Burlington car has taken personal charge of the campaign and has staked his reputation on his ability to purchase enough voters to carry Majors into the governor's chair. A whole army of retainers has been set in motion to traverse every section of the state and distribute railroad passes and greenbacks where they can be used to advantage. As an auxiliary to the railroads in their high-handed efforts to debauch and corrupt the voters of Nebraska the leading bankers in this city, whose establishments are depositories for the railroads, the managers of the South Omaha stock yards, the Standard Oil monopoly, the lumber, grain and coal pools, who enjoy special rebates, have all joined together under the name of the "Business Men's Association." Several hundred business men in this city and elsewhere have been dragooned into signing their appeal to vote for Majors and save the credit of the state from ruin. These lists have been padded and magnified to make it appear that the great majority of Omaha merchants and manufacturers are in accord with this policy. As a matter of fact, scores of these men have vainly protested against the use of their names, and many others would do so if they dared take their chances on a boycott by the bankers and railroads, upon whom they are dependent.

RAILROAD MEN COERCED.

A perfect reign of terror has been inaugurated in the ranks of the railway employes. Every railroad in the state is engaged in this work of intimidation. The Missouri Pacific has sent one of its general agents

sources have been appealed to for funds. The money thus contributed is to be used as a corruption fund with which to purchase voters, and it is to be used for the purchase of the necessary votes that the campaign managers are bending their every attention at the present time. The scheme for the corruption of the ballot box in Omaha and South Omaha is already perfected. In addition to the purchase of votes in the cities it is proposed to colonize voters in western and northwestern parts of the state. In order to do this successfully the most careful arrangements are being made. The old polling books of last year have been secured and from them have been taken the names of thousands of voters who are known to have left the state. The names of these absent voters will be given by the colonists who expect to vote without being detected by the unsuspecting people in the rural districts.

To cover up the colonization fraud the railroad press has already announced that the exodus from Nebraska has not been nearly so great as had been supposed. In this way the railroad managers hope to discount the effects of the discovery of the presence of thousands of illegal votes when the returns come in.

It is also learned that plans have already been considered to contest the election of Judge Holcomb in the event that his plurality is within 3,000 votes of the total vote given to Majors. In order to bolster up the scheme and give it a semblance of respectability the public will within a few days be notified that a reward will be paid by the state central committee for evidence of illegal voting.

BIG CONTRACTS PLAY A PART.

The return of Jim McShane from Wyoming throws a calcium light upon the efforts of his brother, John A. McShane, and his business partners, to turn Democrats over to Majors. It appears that James McShane has a contract for 3,000,000 cross-ties, to be delivered to the Burlington railroad on its Wyoming and Montana extension. The best informed railroad engineers state that the syndicate, of which McShane is the head, has cleared \$150,000 out of that contract, and expects to clear another \$150,000 before the contract expires, which will be about the end of 1897.

It has also transpired that several bankers and business men, who have enrolled their names in the calamity manifesto to the voters, are sutrices on the bond of the late State Treasurer Hill and the present State Treasurer Bartley. These parties are mortally afraid that Judge Wakeley, who has been employed to prosecute the bondsmen under the direction of Governor Cronshaw, will be continued under Governor Holcomb until a judgment is rendered against them in the supreme court. On the other hand, if Majors is elected, they have assurance that Wakeley's services will be dispensed with and some lawyer employed who would either bungle up the case or let it go by default.

HIGH PRICED LITERATURE.

The managers of the Majors campaign have employed the services of a corps of paid writers who are devoting their entire time to the manufacture of faked stories and roboracks. No story is too preposterous for these imaginative literary gentlemen to relate and their pictures of ruin, distress and calamity are larded with fiction of the most palpable character. They make a specialty of supplying the country press with stereotyped editorials, all of which ring the changes of the calamity war cry. The people of Nebraska are assured in one place that "the election of state credit and state the facts to warrant such outrageously false statements. A trip along the entire boundary line between Nebraska and Kansas will convince any fair minded man that lands in Kansas are worth as much, improvements, character of the soil, topography and drainage being equal, as the lands on the Nebraska side. This is not a mere statement drawn from the imagination. It is susceptible of proof, and, moreover, it has been proved."

Whole tons of Judge Holcomb's alleged mortgage record have been distributed broad cast over the state, and several hundred columns of anti-Rosewater blackwash have been turned out by the fake mills, all for the purpose of distracting the attention of the voters from the real issues of the campaign. The attempt has been a dismal failure, as a dismal failure as the effort to make it appear that the sole issue is whether Rosewater shall be crowned dictator of Nebraska on the 9th of November. The Wrasner Chronicle, a republican newspaper, hits the bull's eye in the following comment on the dictator business: "Some men are exhorting their fellows to deliver the state from Rosewaterism, but they have no scraps against Holcombism. The editor of The Bee must be shown that he cannot dictate, but the manager of the B. & M. must be acknowledged dictator supreme. Which is most detrimental to the state? Rosewater's effort have always been against monopoly; Holcomb is the head of the most gigantic and oppressive corporation in the state. Rosewater can obligate no one to patronize him to the amount of a cent against his will; Holcomb exacts tribute upon a majority of the people of Nebraska and they have been helpless to prevent it. They will continue to be helpless so long as they vote for the man whom Holcomb nominates. The issue is not Rosewaterism against Holcombism. It is the people against corporate domination, and Rosewater is only one of the tools."

COERCION AND INTIMIDATION.

Reports and letters from reliable business men and farmers in all parts of the state represent that the same methods of coercion, bulldozing and intimidation are being pursued by railroad bosses, bankers and loan agents in the interior of the state. Merchants who have notes maturing in the near future have been notified that they will not be renewed if Holcomb is elected. Farmers who have mortgage loans to meet during the coming year have been threatened with foreclosure, and railway employes are given to understand that their wages will be reduced after election unless Majors is elected. In some instances wages have already been cut down, and employes have been told that they will not be raised unless Majors is elected.

In spite of this reign of terror The Bee has received assurance from every section of the state from men who are conservative and law abiding citizens that they are determined to exercise their franchise according to their conscientious convictions under the protection which the Australian ballot affords.

STANDARD OIL LUBRICATOR.

The action of the Standard Oil company in signing the business men's manifesto is being severely commented upon in many parts of the state. The Standard Oil company is one of the most powerful monopolies in the United States, and it is gradually, but surely, extending its powers all over the world. It is directly interested in politics in Nebraska for the reason that this state has a law upon its statute books prohibiting the sale of oil below a certain established test. This law has never been properly executed, but if Majors is elected the Standard Oil company may reasonably expect that the oil inspection department will be placed under the control of some of the many irresponsible political workers who constantly surround the tattooed candidate. The lax enforcement of the law means thousands of dollars in the coffers of the Standard Oil monopoly. Mr. J. B. Ruth, Omaha manager of the Oil trust, who though personally a genial citizen and well talked of by all, has taken a personal interest in the campaign, and, following the example of many others having men under their employ, has carefully interrogated the employes of his company in Omaha as to their feelings with reference to Majors or Holcomb. He has given them to understand by his manner that he desired them to vote for Majors, most of the men so informed him, but one of the employes states that nearly all of the employes of the Standard Oil company in Omaha will vote for Holcomb.

A SOP FOR GULLIBLES.

In their extremity the managers of the Majors campaign have been finally forced to resort to a number of well known tricks intended to deceive the unsuspecting voter into supporting their candidate. The scheme is well worn in Nebraska, but it will be dressed up in new clothes and made to serve its purpose once more. This time the Majors men will use the trick for the purpose of establishing best sugar factories. One of these factories is about to be located at Fullerton, in Nemac county. A gentleman named W. Beasley Hayes from New York is stopping at the Millard, and it is stated that he is to accompany Brad Slaughter to Fullerton, where he will unfold the plans for the erection of a mammoth best sugar refinery. He will tell of the hundreds of thousands of dollars to be invested by eastern capitalists. These eastern penny owners will not ask a bonus. They have investigated the question and have satisfied themselves that there is no spot on the globe so favorable to best sugar industry as Fullerton. After the good people of Fullerton are about ready to congratulate themselves over the era of prosperity about to dawn they will be informed, incidentally, of course, as if it was of no special importance, that the money is all ready for investment and that work is to commence right away after election; but in order to satisfy themselves that their interests will be properly guarded these eastern investors have decided to wait and see whether Holcomb is elected. If he is they will be compelled to wait a few years; but if the republican candidate for governor is elected they will proceed at once. This trick has served its purpose in Nebraska for so many years that no one will be impressed with it now. All best sugar factory projects depending upon the election of Majors next Tuesday may well be looked upon with suspicion.

VOTES HOLCOMB WILL HAVE

His Election is as Certain as the Coming of Next Tuesday.

PLURALITY WILL BE 15,000 TO 20,000

Shown by an Estimate Based on a Careful Poll of the State, Not Doctored to Suit Any Candidate or Committee.

Judge Holcomb's election by from 12,000 to 15,000 plurality is assured.

There is no braggadocio in this claim. It is a cold, hard fact, backed up by figures that have been prepared with extreme care from polls and estimates of the various counties of the state. This estimate was completed only yesterday, and is, therefore, based on present conditions, with all allowances made for loss to the populists by removals on account of the drought and for all the various defections in the three parties that exist all over the state. These figures have not been doctored by the republican state central committee or any other committee. They show Holcomb's minimum strength in every county, a fact that is proven when it is known that the populist state central committee's figures give Holcomb 12,000 more plurality than is shown by the table that follows, while the estimate of the democratic committee is about 16,000 higher than the republican central committee. Printed in the Bee of yesterday, it will be seen by all conversant with the situation in the state just now false were the claims of the Majors managers.

The figures given below cover every county in the state outside of Douglas, a county in which none of the politicians are counting to heavily sweet the plurality of either side. They indicate that the vote of the state, outside of the prohibition vote, will be in the neighborhood of 178,000, allowing from 21,000 to 22,000 votes for Douglas county. On this vote Holcomb has a plurality in round numbers of 12,500 at the lowest calculation, and has a stand a chance of winning if even as high as 20,000. Even the gamblers, who are prejudiced in favor of Majors, have given up hope of Majors' election, and have begun placing their money on Holcomb, taking even bets that he will receive 10,000 plurality. Last night one gambler made a bet that Majors would not carry a single county in the Sixth district, and the gamblers were asserting where the Majors managers are asserting they will secure their heaviest gains. But their claims are a mere bluff, for they have abandoned all hope of victory. They asserted in print on Wednesday that Majors was gaining 1,900 votes a day, they placed his plurality at 15,000. On Thursday, Chairman Morrill made a greater statement, and authorized its publication, that Majors would have 18,000, a loss on his own claim of 5,000 in one day. When they saw their own table of claims in the Bee of yesterday they were dumfounded, but they asserted that it was an old calculation, made before Majors had developed his strength. In spite of this claim, they did not care to make any other statement of the "estimate" by counties, preferring to "hump" the state and continue the game of bluff.

Table with columns for County, Holcomb, Majors, and Plurality. Includes counties like Adams, Antelope, Banner, Blaine, Boone, Brown, Box Butte, Buffalo, Butler, Custer, Dawson, DeWitt, Dixon, Dodge, Dundy, Fillmore, Franklin, Fremont, Gage, Garfield, Grant, Grant's Bluff, Hall, Hamilton, Harlan, Hayes, Holt, Howard, Kearney, Keith, Keya Paha, Kearney, Kimball, Lancaster, Lincoln, Logan, Loup, Madison, Nemaha, Nempe, Phelps, Pierce, Platt, Polk, Red Willow, Richardson, Rock, Saline, Saunders, Scotts Bluff, Sherman, Sigurd, Thomas, Thurston, Valley, Washington, Wayne, Webster, Wheeler, York, and Totals.

Table showing ward vote counts: Fifth ward, Sixth ward, Seventh ward, Eighth ward, Ninth ward, South Omaha, Country precincts.

Total pluralities, 1,800. When it was seen how these figures came out it was resolved not to say anything about them, but the matter leaked out in spite of the vigilance of the men on the inside. It will thus be seen that the Majors managers do not expect to secure their boasted 15,000 plurality, or any part of it, in Douglas county, and with some of the pluralities they are allowing Holcomb in the various wards are approximately correct, they have made a miscalculation in several instances as to the relative strength of the candidates in the districts where they are giving pluralities to Majors.

But going back to the state figures, here is the estimate on which The Bee is safe in asserting that Holcomb will receive a rousing plurality:

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