

POPOCRATS IN DIRE DISTRESS

Hard Road to Success at Polls Gets Harder Every Day.

CAMPAIGN AFFAIRS WOEFULLY MIXED UP

Chairman Edmisten Blamed for the Tangle and Mistakes that Have Been Made—Governor is Criticized.

LINCOLN, Oct. 29.—(Special).—To all appearances the fusion state campaign has turned into a veritable rout, and none of its politicians who come to the capital city now have the tenacity to predict a victory for Sullivan. They admit, now that it is too late for remedy, that there has been no system to their campaign and that organization is sadly lacking. For this state of affairs the leaders are being roundly decried. The declaration is often openly made that on account of his mismanagement of the campaign Chairman Edmisten has lost all chances for political preferment in the future. The governor has also been severely criticized for his mistakes during the last few weeks and his speechmaking out in the western counties has lessened the confidence of a great many. They say that by going out in the populist strongholds to make speeches and explain his official acts he virtually admits that there is great danger that populists are going to be elected. They also feel that he would have looked more like an aggressive campaigner if he had gone into the eastern counties where both population and business interests are larger. Around republican headquarters a feeling of uneasiness prevails. The campaign has quietly passed and the winter has set in. Information received by the leaders this afternoon and evening from reliable sources indicates that the state ticket is safely republican on the state ticket and that there will be a large gain in county officials over the state. At republican headquarters it is claimed that the fusion campaign has a safe majority. At fusion headquarters there is some depression tonight, and while a few days ago they made a big bluff at feeling big odds on Sullivan, tonight not one of them can be found who will put up a dollar at even money. Ex-Archbishop General Sweeney, who has taken part in the campaign since the convention, but who has not carefully investigated the situation, says that the republicans will surely carry the state. The fusion managers secured the Lanning theater for tonight and advertised a grand rally with five or six speakers of local prominence. Only one-third of the seats were occupied and the enthusiasm was sadly lacking. The meeting fell very flat and was a disappointment to the managers. Another complication which has added to the bad condition of the fusion campaign is the intense rivalry between the would-be candidates for congress in the First district. There are at least four men who are contending for the nomination next year, and each is doing his best to damage the others. To do this they have taken to the streets and other places, endeavoring to prevent people from attending meetings addressed by a rival candidate. This has resulted in a chaotic situation in their anxiety to build up their individual chances for the future. Edmisten has been blamed for favoring one of these candidates, and in the southern part of the organization in the district has been cast aside.

FRANTIC HUSTLE FOR FUNDS.

One amusing thing in the campaign here is the desperate struggle for money. Letters have been sent to the officials all over the state asking for donations of money, and in some instances the letters have been sent to the officials at the various state institutions have been urged to pay for the cost of the present campaign. It is understood that a large proportion of the clerks have declined to pay the second assessment and that they have intimated that if the money is being expended in a judicious manner and to too much of it is going into the pockets of the managers. Following the attempt of the populists to assassinate a republican official in Hall county comes the news of a similar effort out in Buchanan county. It is reported that a letter from Mart Howie which said: "Dear Sir—As the campaign for the fusion on hand will be sufficient to carry on the last week of the campaign we would ask that you send us your check for as much as you can at once." It is also reported that the letter to republican state headquarters and wrote as follows: RUSHVILLE, Neb., Oct. 27.—Ed R. Sizor, Secy of Buchanan county, has written a letter to the fusion headquarters at Des Moines, Iowa, which says that he has \$100 to contribute to the campaign. Since that time I have been the recipient of several similar letters from other republican headquarters. The enclosed letter is the latest. Last year during the presidential campaign which was held in this county I demanded to help the good cause along. The outcome in this county is well known. Our opponents are gaining nothing and their whole effort is to keep their voters in the pen, without any return on their other hand we are gaining on them all the time, to what extent the polls among will disclose. Respectfully, J. E. BROWN.

GOSSIP FROM THE STATE HOUSE.

The attorney general has commenced a suit in the district court of Hall county, in which the defendant Citizens' National Bank and Edward M. Westervelt, receiver, are made defendants. The purpose of the suit is to get possession of a certificate of deposit of \$10,000 state money which was in the bank when it suspended. The petition states that the money was deposited to the bank by J. E. Hill when he was state treasurer, and that the certificate was turned over to Bartley in the settlement at the close of Hill's last term. It goes on to state that Bartley is now held by Bartley while in fact the money belongs to the state, and asks that the old certificate be canceled and a new one made which will enable the state to draw the money when the bank is able to pay further dividends. The Grand Island Brewing company, with a capital of \$100,000, has filed articles of incorporation. The stockholders are Martin Schimmer, Herman Loanke, Fred Lohmann and John Schork. 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