### SIZES UP NEBRASKA POLITICS

Impartial Correspondent of the Washington Star Gives His View.

PROSPECTS FOR REPUBLICAN SUCCESS

Men and Issues Involved in the Campaign-Free Silver a Dead Issue-Bryan's Prestige as a National Leader in the Balance.

The campaign in Nebraska, as it appears to an observant and impartial correspondent, is clearly set forth in the following letter from Charles M. Pepper, staff correspondent of the Washington Star. Under date of Lincoin, September 30, Mr. Pepper writes:

"Men and issues are both involved in the Nebraska campaign this year. The outcome will necessarily have some bearing on Mr. Bryan's personal fortunes as a party leader. It will also have a marked national influence on the question of expansion. The alignment of parties is distinctly drawn in the platforms. The populists, or rather the fusionists, for there are yet some democrats in the state to fuse with the populists, are for the Chicago platform, with free silver and everything else. They are, of course, against the trusts and against the Philippice policy of the national administration. The language in which they state their position on this point is somewhat guarded, but Mr. Bryan in his speeches clears away the uncertainty.

"The republicans on their part are also against the trusts to a degree, and are even charged by the fusionists with adopting some of Bryan's ideas. That is not important. The republicans are specifically and aggressively for the gold standard. This is important. They are also aggressively for the president's policy of prosecuting the war in the Philippines until the authority of the United States is fully recognized. Individual differences of opinion about what shall be done after the flag is established cut no figure. The party is genuinely and thoroughly harmonious on the main proposi-

"The election in which the sentiment of Nebraska is to be determined on these national issues is not in itself important. A judge of the supreme court and two regents of the State university are to be chosen. That @ 211. Though in a heated contest like the present neither side will admit it, it is a fact that the individual candidates on both tickets are good men, and the state will not suffer whoever are successful. The campaign and its result simply hinge on whether Mr. Bryan still keeps his hold and whether he will be able to make anything of his crusade against imperialism and mildtarism, so called, as a campaign cry for Contest Will Be Close.

"Mingling with the managing politicians of all parties, I have been impressed with their feeling that the contest will be a close one. The state is really close and is fighting ground. It began to slump away from the republicans eight or ten years ago, when the Farmers' alliance had its mushroom growth. Then it became more populistic. Orders.

and the fusion of the democrats with the populists took it away from the republicans, and the state had a populist United States senator and a populist governor. The republicans have been fighting steadily to regain their lost ground, and have been making progress. Last fall they carried the legislature and named a straight-out republican to succeed Schator W. V. Allen. They better than they did last fall, when they The populists with whom I have talked also cut the fusion majority down so that made marked gains in these localities. As without exception have a good word for Governor Poynter and the populist nominees to the populist counties in the western Judge Reese. It is evident that though they won by a narrow margin. They just missed part of the state no certain information may not vote for him he has their cona complete victory. Now the hope and the can yet be gathered. of last fall and show the country that Nebraska is a republican state for good. Yet

would still be fighting ground in 1900.

"The republican party organization seems past I have known these Nebraska campaigns and never found the party machinery were looking to Nebraska hopefully, the national campaign was weakened because of a rotten state house ring, for which the republicans were responsible. They managed to keep this knowledge from getting abroad, past. The party organization has been puri- This, too, while some of them talk against tration and gave him their ballots. fied and there is no longer a drawback to united and effective work. There is much after the authority of the United States is "More is heard this year of the foreign satisfaction on the part of the republican established and respected. The populists vote than was heard in 1896. Then it was leaders that the party has taken a definite have been disconcerted because Chaplain so solidly republican that no question of stand for the gold standard. This feeling is Mailley, who was with the First Nebraska where it stood was raised. This year the others who were once tinctured with free istration. His influence is not to be silver, but these taunts have little force. ignored. It is one of the signs which the Everybody feels that the party is in better republicans think are favorable to their foreign-born vote of the state is said to fighting form for the future, since it has no success in November by a good majority.

Free Coinage a Dead Issue.

Free coinage itself is no longer a live issue in Nebraska, but since the populists licans in Nebraska is populistic. The silver | Swedes, have about 15,000, and the Bohekeep it in their platform there is a party advantage to the republicans in equarely antagonizing this contention. The lack of free coinage agitation is one of the marked the populists. But the political identity of is traveling over the state preaching his is also an organization on paper called the doctrines and Mr. Bryan declares that "16 silver republicans, which is alleged to be to I" is as much the issue as it ever was, part of the fusion. There is nothing to this only, he adds, some attention must be given the new issues of the trusts and populists in order to make it appear that expansion which have since arisen. But there is a silver republican party. are not talking free silver among them- populist state committee to get some ideas have done for a text if the Philippine dirficulties had not occurred.

some of the wanderers back who strayed Chairman Edmisten gave the same off from them and joined the populists planation of the slump last fall that other tion which supported McKinley in 1896 are years ago. It is too early in the canvas, populists give. This was in substance that to attempt any count of these by townmay be formed whether there is a real populists, he explained, were over-confident

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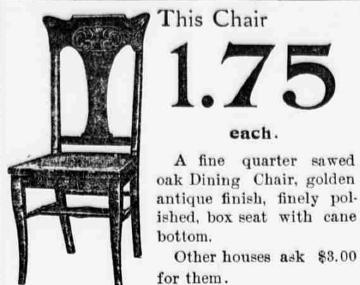
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to be in excellent shape. In several years At one time there was some nervousness cause he is a candidate for another office. publicans have ceased to be republicans, greater than that of Bryan by 7,000. keeping the islands as American territory everywhere apparent. Bryan and the fusion- in the Philippines, is making vigorous effort has been put forth to prejudice the ists sometimes taunt Senator Thurston and speeches in support of the national admin- foreign-born voters against the republican

Populists Are Hopeful.

but in reality the opposition to the repuband name a proportion of the local and state candidates, which are accepted by the democrats is lost completely. except the name, which is kept by "I dropped into the headquarters of the

selves, and they are content with very of the prospects from their point of view. brief reference to it in Mr. Bryan's The chairman assured me that the organi-I do not know what he would zation was never in a better condition for not a sound money man. But some of them a contest. Nebraska, he said, was a populist state by at least 20,000 majority, and The republicans state they are getting that majority would hold good this year. won the legislature by a still hunt. The gain which will offset any possible defec- and stayed away from the polls to husk their corn and look after other farm duties. But this year they are on their guard A full vote would be brought out and that would mean a populist victory. One reason for looking for a full vote, was because county officers would elected this fall and that always assures getting the votes to the polls. The populists have 500 out of the 850 county offices in the state. It is assured that their fight to keep these offices will be more effective than the fight of the republicans to capture hem. That raises the old question whether the ins ever fight quite so hard as the outs. The populists also claim that Mr. Bryan is making votes among the 'Abe Lincoln republicans' by his talks against expansion. But as I have before indicated

> whether votes are being made or lost on this issue cannot yet be determined. Local Side of the Campaign

"The campaign naturally has its local side "The republicans are attacking the populist state administration and they find plenty of material for attack. Governor Poynter does not seem to be as good a politician as was Mr. Holcomb, his populist redecessor. The nominees for supreme judge also inject a personal interest into the canvass. The republicans are peculiarly fortunate in Judge Reese, their candidate. He of piles, fistula and all diseases of the recrepresents the best element in Nebraska re- tum, will present a half-page of testimonials publicanism, and his nomination has toned from people whom they have cured to the

triotic sentiment which upholds the na- good candidate. He is former Governor S. A. tional administration so long as there is an | Holcomb. Mr. Holcomb was governor for enemy in arms against the United States four years and, for a populist, was quite will gather force as the campaign pro- conservative. His administration is now gresses. They will appeal strongly to it. being attacked for alleged shortcomings beover the returning soldiers of the First Ne- But this has little weight, and whether braska. There was also some politics by Reese or Holcomb is chosen judge is not of both the republicans and the populists in moment except that in them certain issues the reception of those heroes. The repub- | which are antagonistic are personified. Some licans are no longer nervous on this sub- strength is expected by the populists for ject. The soldier boys are back in their Holcomb because of his popularity among home. None of them who went out as re- the Germans. In 1896 his majority was while there are signs that some of them was partly due, it was said at the time, to who went out as populists have returned as the support of Germans who were for sound partisans of the national administration, as money and voted for McKinley, but who far as relates to upholding its authority. were satisfied with Holcomb's state adminis-

The Foreign Vote in Question. policies because of the alleged connection between expansion and imperialism. The number between 60,000 and 70,000. It is located mainly in the eastern counties. The "The populists are also hopeful and confi- Germans are by far the largest element. dent. They are commonly called fusionists, They claim to have between 35,000 and 40,-The Scandinavians, who are enestly democrats keep up a separate organization mians are said to number between 12,000 and 15,000. The Swedes were very largely republican in 1896, and apparently they are so today. So far as I have observed the There cries of 'militarism' and 'imperialism' have made no impression upon them. The Bohemians are also a fixed quantity. The variables ones are the Germans. Their attitude is similar to that which they maintain in other parts of the country. They are waiting rather sullenly and are showing indifference to the question which formerly made them strenuous republicans. It is rare to find a German in Nebraska today who is profess that they no longer fear Bryan's free silver ideas and they are therefore more tolerant of his views on other questions. Some German newspapers of local circula now opposing the national administration. the republicans played shrewd politics and | The Germans also seem to have been flooded with anti-expansion literature in their own tongue. The republicans are now offsetting this by German expansion literature. But there is still much work to be done."

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"Why do you pursue me?" she hissed, "Because!" replied the villain, craftily, But persecution had transformed Margaret Van Alstyne; she was no longer the intensely womanly woman she had hitherto

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Omaha is a Stronghold of Unionism

sued its official directory for 1899, a neat book and a valuable compendium of local labor affairs. The Central union is composed of thirty-three trades organizations. The directory shows a healthy and growing status of labor in Omaha, with a decided tendency on the part of the workers to dignify labor and to keep abreast of the times in every particular.

The following trades are represented in Central Labor union: Carpenters, painters, bricklayers, plumbers, electrical workers, plasterers, stonecutters, sheet metal workers, machinists, coopers, horseshoers, thentrical workers, brewery workers, clerks, leather workers, typographical workers, pressmen, cigarmakers, musicians, cooks, bakers, garment workers, hackmen, broom makers, bartenders, brickmakers, boilermakers and American Federation of

The officers of the Omaha Central Labor union are: President, F. M. Youngs; vice president, J. E. Ryan; recording secretary, C. E. Sparks; financial secretary, M. J. Curran; treasurer, C. E. Watson; sergeant-at-

a board of trustees, besides the various John Goetsche; conductor, W. R. Izard. standing committees. All are prominently | identified with labor and in the roster of 1897. It is a notable fact that some of the cles from ocean to ocean. It is No. 31 in the rank of their brotherhood throughout the officers several trades are represented. Central Labor union operates under charter issued by the American Federation They are a progressive little band and their officers are: President, J. H. Craig; of Labor. The charter bears date of Feb- union has attained high rank. The officers president, Oscar Berndes; recording secre- bert Ohman; financial secretary, John Wil-

in Labor Temple. Organization Has Strength.

Although the charter dates only from 1894, the organization was brought into existence February 7, 1887. It is the central body of all trades unions. Each organizatral union. With the prevalence of unionism in Omaha, this basis of representation makes a notably strong organization, for it is the rule of each union to send its ablest delegates to the central body.

In addition to other information contained in the directory, there is a review of each union, containing much interesting history. The bricklayers held their preliminary The initial meeting of the union was held in a gun store on Douglas street. In May of the same year the Omaha union was officially recognized by the national organization. This union ranks fourteen in the United States with regard to age and it is well toward the front as to strength and inident, J. H. Withnell; vice president, Charles McCall; recording secretary, Charles Hay; financial secretary, George Clark;

treasurer, John Davis; sergeant-at-arms,

ent organization from February, 1893. Prior to that time two unions had exof consolidation isted and the idea the knowledge that in union there is strength. The agitation which commenced in February resulted in a permanent organization the following steadily expanded until now it ranks among the best in the city. As a general rule the carpenters are a prosperous and happy lot. Many of them have made notable records in

urer, William Boyer,

The Barbers union, although organized only union indorsed and fought through the legislature the enactment of the law creating an examining board to pass on the qualifications of all those who attempt to work at the trade. The officers are: President, Fred Kissell; vice president, J. P. Sullivan; secretary-treasurer, James E. Ryan, Omaha printers organized in 1881 and im-

nediately sprang into popular prominence among the typographical unions of the country. Their union is No. 190, and although there are many older organizations in the country none are more firmly fixed nor better managed. Printers are invariably a repthan compensates in aggressiveness. Omaha body. is distinctly a "union print shop town." The | The boiler makers are organized in Omaha. local union has ever since its organization | Their union dates from 1891. The officers taken foremost rank in all matters pertain- are: President, Ed M. Foley; vice president, ing to labor. The officers are: President, Frank D. Brown; corresponding secretary, K. S. Fisher; vice president, C. C. Vaughn; Frank E. Burgess; recording and financial secretary-treasurer, P. M. Jones; recording secretary, A. F. Clark; sergeant-at-arms, J.

H. Collins. Painters and Decorators.

After numerous vicissitudes, the rise and the Allied Printing Trades council, fall of several different organizations, the distinction of having a remarkably large tary, Fred Suter. membership and is reputed to be financially as well as otherwise one of the most stable labor organizations in the west. Its officers are: president, Conrad Moore; recording secre- conducted bodies that has a home in Labor

where are members of the Omaha union. second and fourth Friday evenings.

Amalgamated Wodworkers' union dates from March of the present year. Although H. Peckham. still in its swaddling clothes so far as age, t is by no means infantile in strength. The history in labor circles. This organization are: President, Frank S. Devor; vice presiofficers who were installed last July to suc-encountered struggles, more or less, but the dent, Harry Rowley; secretary-treasurer, S. ceed the charter officers are: President, heroic band kept on with determination A. Burnham Smith; recording secretary, C. E. Sparks; the printing pressmen are as firmly es- ganization. It dates back to 1882. Overland financial secretary. Charles Mayer; treas- tablished as any other of their co-laborers. | lodge No. 123 is its distinctive title. urer, E. O. Sutton; conductor,

Martinson; warden, C. F. Hofman, meeting in February, 1881. The following States to fall in line with the national or- tavenson. month permanent organization was effected. ganization, which was effected at Milwaukee in 1889. The local officers are: President, financial secretary, Ed N. Bowles; treasurer, N. A. Lundburg.

> The plumbers organized in 1890 and their cial secretary, John J. Lynch; treasurer, E.

Boomer. Despite the fact that this is the general attributes go. Meetings are held the book, owing to the large membership. youngest organization represented in Cen- every Wednesday evening. tral Labor union, it is one of the most

need of organization, which they perfected was organized in March of the present in 1898. The membership of this union is | year. made up of active workers. The officers are: labor. The present officers of Carpenters' and Harvey; treasurer, E. L. Nelson; finan. President, G. B. Dunn; vice president, Har- by Kuhn & Co.

retary, Harry Norman; corresponding sec- M. Sheets. outer guard, F. C. Smith; inspector, E. C. Fleishman.

since April of the present year, has had a class of labor in organization. They have C. E. Watson; financial secretary, J. M. remarkable growth and now it has a highly a union dating from 1890. The officers are: President, Charles Jensen; vice president, Sidney Reed; financial secretary, F. W. Boukal; recording secretary, E. C. Chandler; treasurer, Joseph M. Roucek; sergeant-atarms. A. L. Barrett.

Bakers and confectioners are organized with officers as follows: President, John B. McDonald; vice president, Christ Lyck; re-

Steward. The tailors' union is one of the oldest in urer, Thomas Meldrum. resentative body in the labor world, and some very progressive men, but at present are in a flourishing condition. The officers what the Omaha union lacks in age it more this union is not affiliating with the central are: President, J. M. Baldwin; vice presi-

John Madden. The stereotypers and electrotypers organized in 1896. They are in affiliation with treasurer, Charles White.

All the breweries in Omaha and South painters and decorators of Omaha in 1896 Omaha employ union labor. Therefore the Omaha perfected an organization which has finally perfected a union which bids fair to brewers' union has smooth salling. Its offi- since been maintained in excellent condistand as long as time. This union has the cers are: President, Andrew Jackly; secre- tion. Cigar makers are noted everywhere

Machinists an Able Body

The International Association of Machin-President, Arthur C. Smith; vice ists is one of the strongest and most ably tary, Bert Bush; financial secretary, J. C. Temple. The membership is large, and In addition to these officers there is also Russell; treasurer, Nels Svendard; warden, every member counts a "full hand." union has frequently taken part in inter- sergeant-at-arms, Charles Newstrum. The musicians of Omaha organized in national councils and is known in labor cirmost skillful musicians to be found any- list of unions. Meetings are held every United States. They organized in 1884. The ruary 23, 1894. Meetings are held the first are: President, E. Nordin; vice president, tary, M. J. McEvoy; financial secretary, liams; corresponding and recording secreand third Friday evenings of each month I. Kauffman; recording secretary, H. Rohrs; Robert Richelleu; treasurer, John Linberg; tary, William Whisker. financial secretary, E. Hoffman; treasurer, statistician, George Lewis; conductor, John Hinz; chaplain, William Bretton; inner sentry, John J. Hadfield; outer sentry, H. unions connected in any way with the print-

The printing pressman's union has made ization and wields great power. The officers R. Callahan; vice president, George that finally removed all obstacles and now Charles The officers are: President, John Thomas Hart; vice president, B. Caremolo; record- have a growing union.

A. P. Brady; vice president, E. G. Roz- President, John Stagmire; vice president, J. secretary of the council, in which he recites zette; recording secretary, D. W. Tillotson; Pelican; treasurer, A. J. James; recording its interesting history. and corresponding secretary, A. J. James. such common use and is applied in the as follows: Bricklayers, 165; carpenters, union is one of the strongest in the city industrial world in so many different ways, | 215; barbers, 60; printers, 172 (exclusive of fluence. The present officers are: Pres- and its members are representative labor makes the body of electrical workers a most superannuated and honorary); painters and men. The officers are: President, Joseph important lot. The electrical workers of decorators, 168; plumbers and gas fitters, 96; vice president, H. W. McVey; Omaha are thoroughly organized. The mem- bartenders, 26; hotel and restaurant emrecording secretary, G. G. Manning; finan- bership includes representative men. Electrical workers are always intelligent 36; plasterers, 36; hackmen, 34; stone cutand progressive and that, together with ters, 12. The bartenders call their organization a the importance of their calling, accounts league. It was organized in June of this for the strength of their union. They are eral instances the directory does not give year and is already in a flourishing condi- organized in almost every city of the union, the membership roster. It is explained at tion. The officers are: President, Gus Lar- and nowhere is there an electrical organiza. Labor Temple that in several cases the rosson; secretary, Karl Jepsen; treasurer, E. B. tion surpassing that of Omaha so far as ter would have taken up too much space in

> The Amaigamated Association of Wood workers meets every Monday evening in Hotel and restaurant employes felt the Labor Temple, and is a growing union.

> > The leather workers on horse goods have

cial secretary, B. C. Dodd; recording sec- | ley C. Gamble; secretary-treasurer, Charles

Horseshoers are strong in number and influence among local labor organizations. Officers: President, Frank Murphy; vice The press feeders are behind no other president, B. J. Lynch; recording secretary.

One of the oldest unions in the city is that of the sheet metal workers, organized in 1888. Their progress since that time has been gratifying. The officers are: President, Ed Hannigan; vice president, T. Southwell; secretary, J. L. O'Neal; corre-

sponding secretary, A. Thorspecken; treasurer, C. Adair. cording secretary, Guy N. Hamilton; finan- from 1878. The officers are: President, The plasterers have a good union, dating cial secretary, Wiliam J. Beverness; treas- James Stribling; vice president, John urer, Jacob Dinkel; sergeant-at-arms, J. T. Roach; recording secretary, H. E. Jones; financial secretary, J. H. Mitchell; treas-

the city and has on its membership rolls | The coopers organized last year. They dent, William Frederickson; recording secretary, S. C. Quinn; financial secretary, Amos Williams; treasurer. Albert Miller; sergeant-at-arms, Louis Bauer; guard, William Cummings; statistician, Amos Bour-

Omaha hackmen have an organization. It secretary, Thomas McGovern; treasurer, was effected last year. The officers are: President, John Larson; vice president, Charles Moore; secretary, W. W. Scott;

> The Old Reliable. Away back in 1881 the cigar makers of for their ability to hold a solid organization and Omaha is no exception to the general rule. The Omaha union has a large membership. The officers are as follows: President, John Fiali; vice president, J. Chubblek; recording secretary, E. E. Phil-

This J. B. Schupp; treasurer, Charles Hornberg; Omaha stone cutters stand in the front The officers are: President, vice vice president, Henry Miller; treasurer, Al-

brick; financial and corresponding secretary,

The Allied Printing Trades council is composed of three delegates each from all the

Locomotive firemen have an influential or

In a town the size of Omaha the letter ing and corresponding secretary, James The Building Trades council is another carriers are naturally strong. Everybody Kerley: financial secretary, Ed M. Birch; highly important organization with great knows the letter carrier and is glad to see treasurer, Frank G. Wallace; organizer, E. strength in Omaha and vicinity. It is comhim. Omaha was the fifth city in the United A. Willis; sergeant-at-arms, Charles Gus- posed of representative men from the various branches of the building trades. In the offi-The broom makers organized in July of cial directory of Central Labor union is a the present year, with the following officers. concise and pointed article by O. P. Schrum,

> The numerical strength of the various The fact that electricity has come into unions, as shown in the official directory, is ployes, 252; machinists, 225; leather workers,

The foregoing list is incomplete. In sev-

The best salve in the world for bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum. sores, tetter, chapped hands, chilblains, corns, and all skin eruptions, and positively cures piles, or no pay required. It is guarpublicanism, and his homilation has toned from people whom they have cured to the ha