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EXPOSITION DEDICATION.

The dedication today of the Louisiana Purchase exposition will undoubtedly be the most notable event in the history of St. Louis. The preparations for it are on a scale commensurate with the great enterprise, which in extent and comprehensiveness surpasses any previous undertaking of the kind.

At today's dedication there will be present the highest officials of the federal government, the representatives of foreign governments and men of commanding distinction in the public life of the nation. The dedication address will be by President Roosevelt and there will also be an address by ex-President Cleveland.

The campaign made on behalf of Erastus A. Benson has from the beginning been a campaign of deception and imposture. Benson entered the lists of republican candidates in the primaries as a dark horse and his name did not appear on a single sample ballot in any ward in the city.

Benson claims to be an honest man, but an honest man would not buy a stolen horse. Benson accepted the nomination from the rump convention on the pretext that the bolting delegates represented the unbought majority of Omaha republicans.

Benson is paraded as an honest man, but an honest man would not resort to imposture in politics any more than in business. When Benson sought and accepted the populist nomination, although he never had anything in common with populists, he stultified himself and became guilty of an act of despicable political dishonesty.

Benson claims that "he has left his business office to respond to the summons of the people to lead them into the greatest municipal reform movement ever experienced in Omaha" and yet Mr. Benson has personally solicited the votes of the dive keepers in the proscribed district and pledges have been made for him to liquor dealers that they would enjoy the same privileges under his administration as mayor that they now enjoy under the Broatch police and fire commission, which is more wide-open and more lawless than any other commission that has ever had supervision of the police.

Benson is posing as the candidate of the poor man, while campaign funds are being solicited for him by bankers and chiefly contributed by rebate men, corporation managers and corporation tax-shirkers.

While Benson is posing as a man of veracity and high honor and as an enemy of liars and falsifiers, his newspaper organ has emitted more falsehoods and downright lies in his behalf in the last ten days than have been published in Omaha in behalf of any candidate in the past ten years.

A good many good people still believe that Mr. Benson is a paragon of honesty. These people will not be convinced until after the election that Benson has been roped in as a cat's paw to pull corporation chestnuts out of the fire.

Ernest Stult has secured a restraining order from the district court enjoining the council from passing the ordinance extending the contract of the gas company for street lighting. This action may have been brought in good faith or it may be a piece of grandstand play in the interest of the candidacy of Mr. Stult for the next city council.

There is no more important question before the American people than that of cultivating their foreign trade. This is absolutely essential to working off the great surplus of our products which our great industrial development assures.

We shall find enlarged markets in Asia and in Africa. Those great fields are yet to be exploited with immense benefit to our industries. There is opportunity in them for vast development and there is no doubt that American enterprise will take full advantage of it.

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THE BEAR IN CHINA. Springfield Republican: After the Russian note to China respecting Manchuria no one can doubt any longer that the czar's government is sincere in wishing to avoid serious complications for the present in the Balkan peninsula.

Philadelphia Record: Russia is pursuing in regard to Manchuria the same diplomatic policy that has marked the history of Muscovy from its beginning. The chief feature of this policy is its unblinking mendacity.

Baltimore American: It must be obvious that the situation embarrassing to this country. The wheels within wheels are expediting. It is just possible that Russia's demands were formulated with a view to modification.

Philadelphia North American: The Transiberian railway runs through the heart of Manchuria to Vladivostok on the Japan sea, with a branch to Port Arthur on the Yellow sea.

PERSONAL NOTES. In the game of international checkers that is being played on the Manchurian board it seems to be Russia's move.

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