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Be careful in marking your ballot tomorrow. Mr. Metcock is getting madder still. That's very evident.

Colonel Bryan's optimism always did get away with his sound judgment. Now for a full vote, if only to hold Omaha up in comparison with other cities of its rank.

Another political campaign has closed in San Domingo, the insurgent leaders having surrendered. Straws point the way the wind blows. Five thousand more republicans than all others registered in Omaha.

People have been known to listen to Bryan before and even to applaud him and then to vote for the other fellow. If you didn't register you can't vote. And there seems to be at least 2,000 self-disfranchised voters in Omaha and South Omaha.

If Tom, Watson should receive anything like as many votes in Nebraska as Parker, Bryan stock will fall several notches on Wall street. Judge Parker says he would rather be defeated than fettered. The voters will probably see that any shackles which may bind him are broken Tuesday.

Sunday was election day in Italy—and the average American looks with envy upon the people of that country who are already realizing on their campaign wagers. When Germany and the United States have ratified the arbitration treaty maybe the American hog will be permitted to move in Berlin households under its own name.

DU NOT BE DECEIVED.—The report circulated by the emissaries of the electric lighting monopoly, that there is a scheme on foot to delay indefinitely the purchase of the water works plant by the passage of a bill in the coming legislature that will authorize the mayor and council to repeal the ordinance under which the appraisal of the water works is now progressing, is a most stupid and baseless canard.

The action of the mayor and council on behalf of the city towards the acquisition of the water works is in compliance with the conditions imposed by the contract made in 1881 between the city and the water works company. No legislature has the right to repeal, or modify, a contract. Even the courts have no authority to abrogate a contract.

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In order to set these ridiculous rumors back in circulation by the electric light monopoly at rest the editor of The Bee pledges himself to oppose any attempt to delay completion of the negotiations for the purchase of the water works at the earliest moment by the city council, by the legislature, or by the water board.

THE END OF THE CAMPAIGN.—Today ends the presidential campaign and it has been one of the most remarkable in some respects in the history of national contests in this country. It has been a comparatively uneventful and notably quiet canvass.

There is every reason to believe that the people generally are very fully alive to the demands of the situation and will show themselves to be so on election day. We have had some very good evidence of this in the vote of the September states and there is no reason to believe that this will be less conclusive in the states that will vote on next Tuesday.

At any rate republicans everywhere are expected to do their duty to their party and their country in tomorrow's election. In order to do this they will vote the straight republican ticket, omitting not a single name that is on the ticket.

entirely ignored these corrections and refused to admit his mistakes and misrepresentations. Is a man of this character a proper man to be entrusted with the great duties that belong to the office of president of the United States?

WHY ARE THE BANKERS FOR HITCHECOCK? Henry W. Yates, president of the Nebraska National bank, makes a fervent appeal to the citizens of Omaha and Douglas county for the re-election of G. M. Hitchcock, and other bankers would doubtless do likewise if they were only courageous enough to disclose their ardent desire for the retention of Mr. Hitchcock in congress.

Why are the bankers for Hitchcock? Because Hitchcock is for the bankers, just as he is for Howell, the humbug, and for every other charlatan that imposes upon our people.

FOR CONGRESS—JOHN L. KENNEDY.—Republicans of the Second Nebraska district have in their nominee an opportunity to send to Washington as their representative in the next congress a young man of sterling character, fine ability and tried integrity.

The "will-be" senator insists that the \$100 retainer paid him on account by Fred Nash for the influence of his public opinion modifier against the electric light plant bonds was not a donation.

WHERE DO THEY STAND NOW? The citizens of Omaha were invoked for the platform on which the democratic party ticket in May, 1903, contains the following declaration: We favor the municipal ownership of all public utilities at the earliest practical opportunity.

Needless Cruelties of War.—Pittsburg Dispatch. One of the inevitable horrors of that eastern war is that Alfred Austin has turned on the machine and ground out another poem over it.

A Pertinent Inquiry.—Kansas City Star. By the way, which one of the thirty-seven corporations in which Mr. Belmont is a stockholder does Judge Parker propose to smash first?

Counting the Cost.—Chicago Chronicle. The returns are not yet in, but dispatches received so far from various points of the country inform us that the Hal-jowen outrages resulted in the death of three persons, severe injuries to nine and insanity to one.

ON POLITICAL FIRING LINES. Features of the Campaign as it Approaches the Finish. Bundles of betting money are visible in Wall street...

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