

NEBRASKA NOT DEMOCRATIC

REPUBLICANS MUST NOT BE IDLE

**Problem of Direct Vote for Senator
Has Been Largely Solved by the
Republicans by Means of the
Direct Primary.**

"Nebraska is not going democratic this fall, and I feel sure that we can carry the state for Taft with an overwhelming majority if we do our whole duty. I was never more sure of this than I was Wednesday at the notification of Bryan. When Bryan came home from his trip around the world a great concourse of people gathered in Lincoln to welcome him. The crowd in the capital city two

days ago was not nearly as large and the enthusiasm was very much less. We can and we will carry this state for the republican party, but we must get out and carry to the homes and the firesides the great principles involved and impress them upon the people, who have been too busy in these prosperous times to pay a great deal of attention to politics."

Speaking in an earnest, sincere and straightforward manner, Governor Sheldon at the McKinley club banquet Friday night convinced the 300 young republicans there gathered that the favorite son proposition will not be the "paramount issue" in the coming campaign and told them the state could easily roll up its accustomed republican majority if the party members do not rest on their oars, but will instead get out and work for the principles in which they believe.

"The issue, as it has been marked out for us by our friends, on the other side, is: 'Shall the people rule?'" continued the governor. "But this is not the issue, for the people do rule. Never has there been a time when the affairs of the nation have been more equally distributed and never before has a man occupied the White House who has stood closer to the people than I now. This is true in state affairs. I feel that I have a representative government and that no fault can be found with the republican representatives in legislative or state positions. If there is fault to be found in the representation from the Second district I hope that the people will rectify it."

Real Issue in Campaign.

"Our friends do not mean, 'Shall the people rule?' They mean, Shall the democrats rule?"

"I do not intend to enter into any lengthy discussion of the two platforms, but there is a great difference between the platform of the republican party and the platform of the democratic party. The republican platform is the platform of the people and made by the people, but the democratic platform is the work of an individual, for an individual.

"The democratic national platform declares for the election of United States senators by the direct vote of the people. and Mr. Bryan pledges himself to bring this condition of affairs about 'if he is elected—which he will not be. But let me tell you, an amendment to the constitution of the United States can not be passed in four years. And in passing, let me add that the republicans of this state have long been pledged to the election of United States senators by direct vote. But the

direct primary meets the issue as well as by the direct vote of the people. Under the direct primary the legislature becomes nothing more than an electoral college when voting for a United States senator.

"I cannot feel that it can be justly charged against the republican party that it does not stand for equitable and representative government, and it seems doubly strange that the man who retreated from his stand of 1896, and again from his stand of 1900, should charge the republican party with treason.

"If free silver in 1896 was the best means for solving the currency question, why do not our friends consider it a good thing now, when financial matters are largely in the ascendancy? If government ownership was a good thing when Bryan got home from Europe and made his speech in New York, why do not our friends consider it a good thing now, when there is much agitation about the railroads and freight rates?

"Two years ago when I was honored with the nomination for governor of this magnificent state, Mr. Bryan said that Sheldon was a good man, but that Shallenberger was better and would make a better governor. I therefore feel at liberty to say that our distinguished neighbor is a good man, but that Mr. Taft is better and would administer the affairs of the national government more judiciously and equitably than would Mr. Bryan."

spoke briefly, Charles E. Foster, president of the club, presiding. Mr. Wattles, who returned earlier in the day from a six months' trip around the world, spoke mainly of his journey and of the conditions abroad as he viewed them. He told of the evidences of friendly feelings for this country in all the old world countries, which were enhanced by the recent trip of Mr. Taft, and said that a letter of introduction from the former secretary proved an open sesame for him everywhere. Mr. Wattles

learned of the nomination of Judge Tarver while he was in Siberia and enroute home. He learned of the promotion of William Hayward to the secretaryship of the national committee through a Marconigram received in mid-ocean. He said that Nebraska ought to be proud of Mr. Hayward on account of the high honor paid him and also the state ought to be proud of Victor Rosewater, honored not only by being made national committeeman from this state, but also by being made a member of the national committee.

Mr. Kennedy told of his close personal friendship for Mr. Taft, which came about when he was in congress and which friendship taught him the frankness of the republican candidate and of his wonderful grasp on important affairs. He also spoke of Mr. Bryan and his oratory and expressed the belief that the platform orator has not the power of former years, but that this has been supplanted by the power of the press, which can more successfully and fastidiously

The McKinley club dinner was served at the Iler Grand and covers were laid for nearly 200. The dinner was in three courses. Following the dinner cigars were passed and the three short addresses were then delivered.

Yams of Their Friends.
The Jimsonians propose to secure 1,000 votes for Our Jim from out in the state. This was framed up at the meeting of the club last evening. The club claims a membership of 1,000 and each of these members is to write to some friend out in the state and ask him as a personal favor to vote for Mayor Dahlman for the nomination for governor.

The Jims give it out cold that the fight is to be between Dahlman and Berge and

that Shallenberger is practically out of the race. They claim to have discovered that the bad corporations are back of the Shallenberger campaign, that the railroads and

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