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TAFT ON BUSINESS

Republican Ca[illegible]e Comments on Mr. Bry[illegible] Position.

DEMOCRATS FE[illegible] SENSITIVE

Merely Stating Fact [illegible] Bribery of Anyon[illegible]

LABORERS HAVE RIGH[illegible] TO TRUTH

Success of Republican Ticket Will Improve Business.

DAY IS SPENT IN INDIANA

First Speech is at Lawrenceburg Before Breakfast and Last at Evansville at Night.

MILAN, Ind., Oct. 22.—Indiana is to be the battleground in which William H. Taft will push his campaign for the remainder of the week. He has adopted an itinerary which calls for fifty speeches and will take the candidate through the state from south to north. He began delivery of the sixteen speeches required of him today at Lawrenceburg before breakfast this morning. The day ended at Evansville after the following places had been visited: Lawrenceburg, Aurora, Osgood, North Vernon, Seymour, Mitchell, Brownstown, Bedford, Bloomington, Linton, Terre Haute, Sullivan, Vincennes, Princeton and Evansville. With a voice restored by his day of rest Mr. Taft had this to say of Mr. Bryan at his first stop:

"Mr. Bryan is a bit sensitive because republicans are prophesying—not only republicans, but democrats, too—that if he is elected it will retard business and that if the republican ticket is elected it will improve business. He says that is offering bribery to working men. It is not offering bribery. It is merely stating a fact, and it is a fact that working men ought to know as well as business men. Mr. Bryan's election would be a menace to prosperity. We may not, if he is elected, expect that business will be resumed with that flow and that current of prosperity that we have had for the last eleven years."

Denies Bribery Allegation.

NORTH VERNON, Ind., Oct. 22.—At Aurora Mr. Taft repeated his answer to Mr. Bryan's charge that it is bribery on the part of republican orators to tell workingmen that if Bryan is elected times will not be so good. "So long as I have lungs and a throat," declared Mr. Taft, "I propose to make that argument. It is legitimate argument, because it is a fact, and the laboring men have a right to have the truth told them."

Senator Hemenway assisted Judge Taft during the day, following the candidate in brief speeches.

At Osgood, where his audience was composed mostly of farmers, Mr. Taft had this to say:

"I am very glad to see you this morning and to see you in such numbers; to see you in such good nature and I hope I see you in enthusiastic support of the republican party and the republican ticket. I understand this is largely a farming community, and when I get into a community of farmers I feel as if they could convince me rather than I could convince them that the republican ticket ought to be elected.

Question Asked Farmers.

"If there is any farmer who can point out any reason why the present administration of Theodore Roosevelt for seven years and the previous administration of William McKinley for five years ought to be changed so far as the farming interests are concerned, I would like to have him do it.

"You can go back beyond that time when the farming interests were prostrated, but during these two administrations until the Dingley bill you had a market which kept farm prices up. The Agricultural department, devoting its attention to scientific agriculture, has been pointing the way how to make two blades of grass grow where one grew before. You can and you ought to feel toward that republican administration a spirit of gratitude to continue its ministrations to the farmers of the country."

The crowds encountered were large and extremely cordial in their welcome to the candidate and in applauding his utterances.

Taft's Attitude on Labor.

MITCHELL, Ind., Oct. 22.—At North Vernon and Seymour Judge Taft addressed large audiences, composed largely of laboring men. He denied with emphasis that he had ever been unfair to labor, and explained, as he had done in the past, that the labor decisions rendered by him when a judge had contained the fundamental legal principles upon which labor now maintained its legal rights.

That future business confidence and prosperity depended upon republican success at the polls, Mr. Taft declared to be indicated by the manner in which business men were making their orders for goods dependent on republican success.

At North Vernon a farmer had decorated his ox team with a banner portraying a large daisy with the likeness of Bryan as the center and the words "The Nebraska daisy—blooms once every four years." The crowds as the day wore on continued to increase in size and good nature and enthusiasm was everywhere manifested.

BRYAN FOLLOWING UP TAFT

Proceeds Close on Trail of Republican Candidate.

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., Oct. 22.—Again striking a fresh trail of his republican opponent, William J. Bryan today is conducting his campaign in West Virginia slightly worn from his strenuous day yesterday, but with a voice remarkable for its clearness. The candidate is advancing every argument calculated to undo the good the visit of Mr. Taft to the state may have accomplished. His earlier addresses are being made to the farmers and he is telling them that the republicans, driven to extremes, are resorting to excuses, and with no policy behind them that promises good for those who toil. He is contradicting at every turn the charge that his election would mean business depression and calling attention to what he said was Mr. Taft's sudden solicitude for the people in that regard.

Founders' Day at Princeton.

PRINCETON, N. J., Oct. 22.—The 162d anniversary of the founding of Princeton university was observed here today with appropriate exercises. As the result of a movement set on foot by the synod of Philadelphia in 1739 to establish a college to rank with Harvard, Yale and William and Mary, a charter was granted by the province of New Jersey on October 22, 1746, for such an institution.

SUMMARY OF THE BEE

Friday, October 23, 1908.

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THE WEATHER.

FOR OMAHA, COUNCIL BLUFFS AND VICINITY—Fair Friday.

FOR NEBRASKA AND IOWA—Fair Friday.

Temperature at Omaha yesterday:

Hour.	Deg.
5 a. m.	43
6 a. m.	41
7 a. m.	39
8 a. m.	38
9 a. m.	37
10 a. m.	33
11 a. m.	39
12 m.	41
1 p. m.	41
2 p. m.	42
3 p. m.	42
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5 p. m.	42
6 p. m.	41
7 p. m.	41
8 p. m.	41
9 p. m.	40

DOMESTIC.

Floods in Oklahoma have done a great deal of damage to property and many lives have been endangered. **Page 1**

FOREIGN.

Recent floods in Luzon have caused the loss of many lives. **Page 1**

The fourth son of the emperor of Germany was married yesterday to the duchess of Schleswig-Holstein. **Page 1**

POLITICAL.

Edmund Wilmon, president of New York Bar association, tells why Bryan and Bryanism is a menace to business. **Page 1**

Tom Allen takes the Bryan steam roller to Idaho and runs it over Dubois and his anti-Mormon crusade. **Page 1**

Judge Taft spent yesterday making speeches through Indiana. **Page 1**

The democrats are planning to send their best speakers into Indiana and Ohio for the finish of the campaign. **Page 2**

NEBRASKA.

Burglars made a big haul in the town of Julian during the storm early in the week. **Page 3**

The Nebraska supreme court has extended the time for the execution of R. Meade Shumway in order to permit a rehearing. **Page 3**

The sentence of W. H. Holmes of Omaha has been reduced to two years by the supreme court. **Page 3**

The Sunday laws of the state were upheld in a decision of the supreme court yesterday in a case originating in Douglas county. **Page 3**

LOCAL.

While last fall, before the currencey trouble, showed unprecedented gains in railroad traffic, officials no wadmit business is increasing to such an extent that the trains are loaded to the guards. **Page 5**

Alfred Darlow, business man and litterateur, is at rest in Forest Lawn cemetery, the funeral being held at the Darlow home, 4032 Izard street, Thursday morning. **Page 5**

The county board has appropriated $18,000 for building additions to the city jail, which will be used by the county while the new court house is being erected. **Page 1**

Child Saving Institute will begin a campaign at once to raise $75,000 or more for needed additions to the buildings and appeals to the public have been made. **Page 2**

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL.

Live stock markets. **Page 7**

Grain markets. **Page 7**

Stocks and bonds. **Page 7**

MOVEMENTS OF OCEAN STEAMSHIPS.

Port.	Arrived.	Sailed.
NEW YORK	Teutonic	Atlanta.
NEW YORK		Mauretania.
NEW YORK		Oceanic.
LONDON	Mesaba	
QUEENSTOWN	Lancastrian	Ivernia.
BREMEN		K. F. Wilhelm.
SOUTHAMPTON		Adriatic.
VENICE	Eugenia	
MARSEILLES		Madonna.
ANTWERP		Montrose.
PLYMOUTH	Majestic	

WHAT MR. POST REALLY SAID

Intrusion of a Little Word in His Advertisement Gives it Wrong Meaning.

One of those peculiar combinations of type and proof reading that invariably obtrude just at the wrong moment has placed The Bee under necessity of apologizing to Mr. C. W. Post of Battle Creek, Mich. In Mr. Post's latest advertisement dealing with the topic of labor unions and expressing his well-known views, The Bee made him say:

"I now again offer $1,000 in cash for evidence of a single case in the past five years of labor disputes where court injunctions to protect persons and property have not been opposed to public good."

The intrusion of the little word "not" into Mr. Post's sentence changes its entire meaning and places him in a wrong light. What he wrote and wanted to say to the public is:

"I now again offer $1,000 in cash for evidence of a single case in the past five years of labor disputes where court injunctions to protect persons and property have been opposed to public good."

Mr. Post declines to accept responsibility for the reward under the first publication, but cheerfully assumes responsibility for his offer as he intended it should be made.

CRACKSMEN BLOW BANK SAFE

Secure Sixteen Hundred Dollars and Make Their Escape.

HURON, S. D., Oct. 22.—(Special Telegram.)—Cracksmen blew the safe in the State bank of Virgil on the Milwaukee railway, sixteen miles southwest of this city last night, securing $1,600 in cash. Several thousand dollars on land contracts was deposited in the bank a few days since and it is thought the robbers knew this, but fortunately the money had been sent out before the robbery occurred. The safe was blown open with dynamite, the explosion awakening the inhabitants, but the cracksmen escaped before the citizens realized what had occurred. Officers from here, with posses from Virgil and neighboring towns, are searching the country for the robbers. It is believed three men did the job.

THAT FARMER'S WAGON.

LINCOLN, Oct. 22.—To the Editor of The Bee: At that the $10 increase on wagon has gone to labor.

A. F. DEAN.

SUDDEN FLOODS IN SOUTH

Oklahoma Visited by General Continued Rains.

ARKANSAS FAR OVER BANKS

Many Cities of Central and Northern Part of State Are Inundated—Railroad Tracks Covered.

BULLETIN.

TULSA, Okl., Oct. 22.—Flood conditions are rapidly growing worse in this vicinity and the Arkansas river is rising a foot an hour. Bird creek is twenty inches above the high water mark of last spring, the toll house is flooded, approaches are inundated and the lowlands for a mile back are flooded.

The cloudburst between Tulsa and Bartlesville last night crippled oil field operations and the pump stations of the Prairie Oil company are out of commission. Telephone and telegraph wires are down, all trains are delayed and wagon traffic in the country is paralyzed. The temperature is dropping.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okl., Oct. 22.—Serious floods threaten portions of central and north Oklahoma, the result of a steady downpour of rain that has prevailed for the last three days and still continues. In some portions the rainfall has amounted almost to the proportions of a cloudburst. Numerous reports of loss of life, made yesterday, remain unconfirmed and are believed to be without foundation. No single report of loss of life has been verified.

The heavy rainfall began Monday morning and at places has fallen incessantly since then. It has caused the Canadian and the Arkansas rivers, two of the largest streams in the state, to overflow their banks, doing much damage to farm lands, causing washouts on the railroads and in some instances threatening small towns.

At Tulsa and vicinity the Arkansas had risen ten feet in the twenty-four hours ended this morning and was then still coming up. This brought the stream to within three feet of the highest stage reached in the flood last spring. Many farms around Tulsa were flooded and farmers and their families were compelled to move out. The town of West Tulsa is threatened with inundation.

In the vicinity of Perry last night all streams rose suddenly and hundreds of acres of crops were flooded. A third of the town of Pawnee, with 1,500 inhabitants, was covered last night with six feet of water. In the valley of the Canadian the valleys for several miles between Shawnee and McLoud are inundated and several parts of the Rock Island, Missouri, Kansas & Texas and the Santa Fe tracks have been washed out. In many directions telegraph service is interrupted and details are lacking.

Tracks Cause Inundation.

EL RENO, Okl., Oct. 22.—Two hundred workmen were unable to reach their work in the Rock Island railroad shops and yards today and the night crews were compelled to go to their homes in boats owing to high water from Four-Mile creek filling the lowlands between the city and the yards. The embankment at the new yards prevents the water from reaching the Canadian river and has flooded out residents in the northwest portion of the town, caused the ice plant, iron foundry and other industries to suspend. This is a recurrence of last spring's floods and damage suits for thousands of dollars were filed against the railroad at that time, and the same thing will probably be done again. At noon the new yards were practically closed on account of the water.

PEOPLE THRONG TO FUNERAL

Large Crowd Assembles at Trenton—Governor Patterson Escorted by Militia.

TRENTON, Tenn., Oct. 22.—Attended by one of the largest crowds that ever assembled, the funeral of Captain Quentin Rankin, who was murdered by night riders at Walnut Log Monday night, was held here today.

The young widow of Captain Rankin is prostrated by the shock of his death.

UNION CITY, Tenn., Oct. 22.—Governor M. R. Patterson, who is in the Reelfoot lake region investigating the lynching by night riders of Captain Quentin Rankin and the murderous assault on Colonel R. Z. Taylor, left today for Samburg, where the state militia sent out to preserve order is encamped. It has developed that the governor in going from Dyersburg to Tiptonville yesterday to see Colonel Taylor, was accompanied by an armed escort and when the executive left for Samburg, he had the protection of the same men armed with rifles. It is not thought that any attack would be made on the governor, but merely as a precautionary measure the men accompanied him.

The governor on his arrival at Samburg will personally take charge of the troops. Tiptonville is greatly wrought up over the trouble and the conditions that have precipitated it, and Lake county people are warm in their denunciation of the perpetrators of the crimes.

Sheriff Haynes of Lake county, it is said, has a list of seventy-five men who are suspected of being members of the night rider gang which took part in the murder of Captain Rankin Monday night and will undertake to arrest them in the next day or two.

WINDUP OF THE LAND DRAWING

Number of Omahans Secure Position During Last Day at Dallas.

DALLAS, S. D., Oct. 22.—The land drawing is at an end and 6,000 persons are numbered among the winners. The following additional names from Omaha are listed in winners of position:

1925—Ransom D. Kenyon, Omaha.
2091—Rhea Wallweber, South Omaha.
2212—David Richter, Omaha.
2262—John C. Holt, Omaha.
2388—Miss Sadie Stubbs, Omaha.
2426—Lewis Godola, Omaha.
2491—Dennis McCarthy, Omaha.
2503—Frank Planck, Omaha.
2511—H. L. Johnson, Omaha.
2517—T. E. Mickel, Omaha.
2535—T. S. Kelley, Omaha.
2574—Olga Mohr, Omaha.
2578—Frank Hekirdis, Omaha.
2720—Daniel O'Connor, Omaha.
2774—N. A. Burwell, Omaha.
2820—W. A. McQuiston, Omaha.
2838—N. Holcomb, Omaha.
2871—Fred Budd, Omaha.
2880—S. J. Cusack, Omaha.
2901—L. J. Hutton, Omaha.
2917—Pearl Nash, Omaha.
2940—R. C. Smidt, Omaha.

Suffragettes Go to Jail.

LONDON, Oct. 22.—Seventeen of the women who were arrested October 13 during the "storming of the House of Commons," on charges of disorderly conduct were today sentenced in the Bow street police court to terms of imprisonment varying from three weeks to three months. The women were offered the alternative of giving bonds for their good behavior, but they elected to go to jail.

Saturday is the Last Day

From the Denver Post.

GREAT RISK FOR BUSINESS

Election of Bryan Fraught with Too Many Uncertainties.

VIEWS OF EDMUND WETMORE

At Least Passively Adheres to all His Old Isms Which Previously Caused the Country to Reject Him.

NEW YORK, Oct. 22.—(Special.)—A vigorous statement of the risks to business enterprise which would attend an administration headed by Mr. Bryan, was made today to your correspondent by Mr. Edmund Wetmore, the president of the New York Bar association. Mr. Wetmore's relations have been such as to give special weight to his views on the effects of a Bryan administration on confidence and the employment of labor. He said:

"The present campaign is no less important in many ways than that of 1896, although it has thus far been less exciting. I consider the election of Mr. Bryan just as injurious to the stability of business and to confidence in the future as it would have been twelve years ago, except that the danger may now be described, perhaps, as passive rather than active. Mr. Bryan is refraining from violently advocating some of the most objectionable of his views. This may imply that he will not take active steps to put them in operation, but in my opinion it does not imply that he will not act upon them if the opportunity arises. So long as the country was sailing in smooth waters we might get nothing but declamation and inflammatory messages from Mr. Bryan, but if depression and distress followed his election, as would very likely be the case, then I fear we should find him offering his old remedies for such conditions. Even granting that he would not again urge the free coinage of silver, I consider his other remedies for business depression and financial stringency to be equally dangerous. In the democratic platform of 1900 it was demanded that national bank notes should be retired 'as fast as government paper or silver certificates can be substituted for them.' In this plank Mr. Bryan seems to have thrown off the mask of mock impartiality between gold and silver, which was the stock in trade of the bimetallists. Gold

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NINE-FOOT STAGE FOR OHIO

This is Demand of Ohio Valley Improvement Association, Now in Session.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Oct. 22.—The Ohio Valley Improvement association began its fourteenth annual convention in this city today with over 750 registered delegates present. The association is composed of representatives of Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Kentucky and every city of importance on the Ohio river between Pittsburg and Cairo is represented at the convention.

President John L. Vance of Columbus struck the keynote of the convention in his annual report, in which he declared that congress is bound to appropriate the entire amount needed for carrying out the nine-foot stage project for the Ohio river, $64,000,000, and that the association will demand that this be done at the next session of congress. He said that the river improvement plans have been approved by United States engineers and stand at the head of all such projects in the country.

WALKING IS SUPERIOR TEST

Troops from Fort Sheridan Will Take Fifty-Mile "Hike" for Exercise.

CHICAGO, Oct. 22.—Convinced that fifty miles of walking is a better test of physical endurance than ninety miles of riding, either of which under the army regulations is required to be taken yearly, Majors B. B. Ray and T. D. Keliher, with a detachment of soldiers, today departed from Fort Sheridan for a three-day "hike." The first day the officers will march twenty miles, the second sixteen and the third fourteen. A report of the march will later be made to the Department of the Lakes.

HOLMES' SENTENCE REDUCED

Omaha Lawyer Must Serve Two Instead of Three Years in Prison.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Oct. 22.—(Special Telegram)—The supreme court of Nebraska today reduced the sentence of W. H. Holmes of Omaha, sentenced to three years in the penitentiary for embezzling the money of a client, to two years. The reduction was made partly on the ground that Holmes has already spent a number of months in jail.

JOURNAL INCLINED TO BALK

Intimation Paper May Refuse to Print Democratic Matter.

LATTER WILL APPEAL TO COURTS

Insist They Have a Valid Contract and it Must Be Lived Up To—Committee Will to Trade Everything for Bryan.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Oct. 22.—(Special.)—The matter prepared under the direction of the democratic state committee to be inserted in the self-tyled republican newspapers is well under way and by the first of the week the readers of these sheets will get the first installment and will be able to see what they are going to be up against until the close of the campaign.

In its editorial page this morning the so-called republican State Journal had this to say regarding its contract with the democratic state committee, by which the democrats are to use space in that paper to say what they please:

"One of the campaign yarns that will be proven false before election day is the story that the democrats have made a contract with the Journal for the insertion of a large amount of their literature, beginning with the coming week. No such contract is in existence. The incidental reference in the same story to a federal office held by somebody on the Journal is equally misleading. No officer or employe of the State Journal in any department can hold office or become a candidate for office without resigning his position with the company."

A prominent democrat, who knows the facts of the contract having been made by the State Journal and the democratic state committee, said this:

"The Journal will either print the matter the state committee furnishes it or it will be forced to, if there is any law by which it can be reached.

"Or, the democratic state committee will not insist upon the fulfillment of the contract providing the State Journal will agree to support Mr. Bryan for nothing."

The democratic state committee will offer the copy to the State Journal shortly in accordance with the contract which was made by the committee and the Journal. In case the Journal has cold feet and is afraid to publish the copy then a mandamus suit is contemplated by the committee.

While no official statement has come from the Journal except the faint-hearted chirp above quoted, it is said that sheet is getting cold feet and is preparing to gig back on its trade if there is any possible way out of it.

Exposure Blocks One Deal.

The exposure of the use of the corruption fund of the democrats, it is said on good authority, prevented one republican newspaper from getting a slice of the melon. This paper, which has had leanings toward Bryan, if not his campaign fund, was carrying on negotiations, it is said, with the democratic committee to sell out its columns, but was scared out by the exposure of the contracts made by the committee with other so-called republican papers.

The fact that even so-called "republican" newspapers would sell their space to the democratic state committee just before an election was disgusting to republicans, but the news came not as a complete surprise, because the help of these sheets has been so little as to cause frequent comment. The republican state committee is handicapped for funds and cannot meet the action of the democratic committee and buy up newspaper space, so a special appeal is being made to the country papers to offset for principle the damage that might result from a sell-out of so-called republican space.

Incidentally the federal officer referred to by the oJurnal is the editor of the Journal, Mr. Will Owen Jones. He was appointed by Senator Burkett a member of the visiting committee or board to the Annapolis Naval academy, and Mr. Jones accepted the appointment and he did not resign from the Journal, though the rule he referred to was in force in that office then. It is possible that Mr. Jones' commission may have expired by this time. He was given the job, so the files of the

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Edgar Howard on Latta's Record

During the primary campaign Edgar Howard of Columbus was a candidate for the nomination for congress in the Third Nebraska district. aBnker James Latta, who was a member of the Nebraska state senate at the last session of the legislature, was Howard's opponent, and defeated him. Latta is now a candidate for congress against Congressman Boyd, who has been renominated by the republicans of the Third district. Howard is begging support for Latta, and the Bryanites are talking of electing him. During the primary campaign Howard published several excerpts from the legislative career of Latta, and the question suggests itself: If the charges made by Howard were such as to render Latta unfit for nomination are they not enough to render him unfit for election? Here is one of the circulars sent out by Howard. If it were true before the primaries, is it not equally true now? And, if it is true, should such a man be sent to represent the Third district in congress? Let the voters answer:

THE TRUTH HURTS.

More About Latta's Record.

In referring to my exposition of Mr. Latta's legislative record the Fremont Herald denounces me as a malicious falsifier...

I ask every voter to go to his county court house or some law office and for the official senate journal of the 1907 sessions of the legislature. You will there see the record in cold print as I have given it.

On page 1064, House Roll No. 9, the Child Labor Law, you will find, for instance, that Latta disregarded the democratic platform pledge by voting against this law on final passage.

On page 1169 the record shows that Latta was one of the few senators who yielded to corporation influence and violated his sacred platform pledge by voting against House Roll 405, the Direct Primary Law, on its final passage.

Turn to Page 929 and be convinced that Latta was the only senator, republican or democrat, who trampled his party platform pledge under foot by voting against the Pure Food Law, Senate File 64.

Likewise, the balance of his treacherous record can be proven by consulting the official Senate Journal.

Senator Latta stood pledged by his party platform to support every one of these measures—but he broke his pledges, and the record shows it.

It is up to the democrats and populists of the Third district to say whether they want to burden the ticket with a congressional candidate whose record will not only defeat himself, but will also seriously endanger our national and state ticket.

EDGAR HOWARD.

BRYAN MORMON DEAL

Brother-in-Law Tom Allen's Secret Mission Uncovered.

GOES TO IDAHO IN DISGUISE

Tries to Stop Dubois Fight on the Hierarchy.

SPEAKS FOR DEMOCRATIC CHIEF

Loses His Alias of Mr. Smith by a Queer Accident.

END OF THE ANTI-MORMON PAPER

Pressure So Great that Support is Lacking and Dubois is Made to Feel Power of the Democratic Steam Roller.

BOISE, Idaho, Oct. 22.—(Special.)—Many democrats here are indignant at what is regarded as a bald and shameful attempt to deliver the democratic party in Idaho into the hands of the Mormon hierarchy.

The fact that the agent who undertook to arrange the deal is T. S. Allen, W. J. Bryan's brother-in-law, leads to the suspicion that not only was Mr. Allen acting for the democratic national committee, but for the democratic candidate for president.

Mr. Allen, who is chairman of the democratic state committee of Nebraska, and who is also a brother-in-law of W. J. Bryan, reached (incog.) Boise September 29. He kept his identity a secret and the register of the Indanha hotel, where he first requested accommodation without registering, and which request was met by a rule of the hotel requiring all guests to register, bears not the name of T. S. Allen of Lincoln, but that of "J. L. Smith, Kansas City."

The disguised Mr. Allen was getting along nicely as "Mr. Smith" until a representative from the democratic state headquarters walked into the hotel and said he wanted to see Tom Allen of Lincoln, Neb. While disputing with the hotel clerk over Allen being there, he chanced to notice Allen in the lobby and, going over to him, said: "Hello, Allen," and shook hands, while the hotel clerk looked on in utter amazement at the sudden transformation of Mr. Smith.

Spends Time with Dubois.

Though secretive of his identity, the Bryan emissary was infinitely more secretive of his mission. It was early observed that he devoted his attention to members of the so-called Dubois wing of the democratic party, including ex-United States Senator Dubois, himself. Dubois and his following are the implacable foes of the Mormon church. For years they have waged relentless warfare on polygamy and the Mormon hierarchy. They were still fighting in the open when Mr. Bryan's brother-in-law arrived. But they were not opposing Mr. Bryan or the democratic national ticket. On the contrary, they were supporting it. There was no occasion, therefore, for any member of the democratic national organization mixing into the local fight.

Why then did Mr. Allen come here in disguise? Idaho has a citizen of its own on the national committee quite competent to attend to ordinary matters. It is gradually dawning on the people that the stealthy visitor came here as the envoy of Mr. Bryan and fully commissioned to use all his great prestige in whipping the recalcitrant Dubois faction into support of the pro-Mormon ticket.

Forces Dubois to Lay Down.

For two days Mr. Allen labored in secret with the anti-Mormon leaders to force a surrender. He had at his disposal, in the event of his brother-in-law's election, appointive offices without limit. Those who were leading the fight against Mormonism were called in. Ex-Senator Dubois was put severely on the rack. He is the head and front of the anti-Mormon opposition. For years he has shelled the redoubts of polygamy both on the stump and through the press. Dubois did not take kindly to the proposed deal. Rather than yield Dubois faced the astute envoy from Nebraska and declared with vehemence that "the Mormon hierarchy is a lecherous, law-defying organization" and that whatever others might do he would never relax his efforts until it was shorn of its power in Idaho. Since Mr. Dubois is supporting the democratic national ticket he could not see why Mr. Bryan's brother-in-law should come all the way from Nebraska to induce him to line up for the Mormon sympathizers. Other leaders were dealt with in like manner and the failure of the secret agent was not due to lack of effort.

Anti-Mormon Paper Suspends.

Mr. Allen, alias Smith, disappeared from here on the night of October 1, and two days later the Idaho Scimitar, a weekly paper published by ex-Senator Dubois, suspended issue. Senator Dubois founded the Idaho Scimitar for the purpose of fighting Mormonism. For nearly a year its columns have run riot in bitter denunciation of polygamy and the Mormons. But almost coincident with the visit of Mr. Bryan's brother-in-law his vitriolic pen has been silenced. In the issue of October 2 Senator Dubois, over his signature, says:

"This immediate section of the great Rocky mountain country—Utah, Wyoming and Idaho—is controlled by the Mormon organizations politically. To my mind this polygamous and law-defying order is the greatest menace to our immediate civilization. The Scimitar has endeavored to arouse the people to combat its pernicious and corrupting power. I am compelled to give up the paper. My views remain the same. I plead guilty to one charge, one often made against me, that I am a poor man. Were it otherwise—could I afford to do so—I should continue to publish the Scimitar."

This is the explanation given by Senator Dubois for ceasing the publication of his paper. Coming so closely on the heels of Allen's secret visit—just two days after—there are many interpretations placed upon it.

Contract for New High School.

MITCHELL, S. D., Oct. 22.—(Special Telegram.)—At the meeting of the Board of Education last night bids were opened and the contract awarded for the erection of the new high school building, work upon which will be started this fall. The general contract was awarded to Moore & Danner of Kokomo, Ind., for $31,870. They are the contractors on the federal building in this city at present under construction. There were eight other bidders, the highest bid being $77,970. The heating and plumbing contract was awarded to Hess, Rau & Co. of this city for $15,787.50. The roofing contract goes to H. C. Knisely of Chicago for $4,900. Other contracts will not be made until some time later.