

C. J. Smyth, chairman of the free silver democratic committee, has issued an address to the democrats of the state of Nebraska. Mr. Smyth, in his address, says: "An organization presided over by Mr. Euclid Martin and claiming to be the democratic state central committee has assumed to call a convention of democrats for the purpose of nominating a state ticket. That this organization is a usurper, without a shadow of authority to represent you, is shown by the following facts taken from the official record of the last democratic convention: That convention met in Omaha pursuant to the call of the state committee. Mr. Euclid Martin, then chairman of that committee, called the convention to order, introduced the temporary chairman and thereby surrendered his authority and the authority of his committee to the convention. Afterward the convention was permanently organized; the state central committee, for which we speak, was selected; the chairman thereof was chosen; the platform was adopted; the Hon. W. J. Bryan was nominated for United States senator, and the Hon. Silas A. Holcomb for governor. These acts took place in the order in which we have stated them and in each of each county in the state, through its delegates, participated. Immediately upon the nomination of the governor about thirty-six of the 556 delegates in attendance, finding themselves defeated at every point, withdrew from the convention, repudiated its action and formed an organization which claims to represent you as your state central committee. One or more of the chief bolters served on the committee on credentials, on the committee on permanent organization and on the committee on resolutions, and either signed the committee's report or submitted a minority report. Besides each of the delegates who bolted before withdrawing voted for the committee of which we are officers and for the chairman thereof. By every rule of honorable conduct among men these gentlemen who bolted are bound by the acts which they participated in. But apart from that, they represent at best only about thirty-six delegates, while the committee for which we speak represents 520 delegates—they represent about four counties of the ninety in the state. If these gentlemen thought the last convention did not represent the overwhelming sentiments of Nebraska democracy they could have appealed to you and taken your decision, but instead of that they have become a law unto themselves, decided their own case and now pose as your representatives. There is but one question at issue between the two committees, viz: The right of the majority to rule; the right of 520 delegates to control the action of a convention against the wishes of thirty-six delegates. If you believe in the right of the majority to rule and if you are opposed to bolters let your decision be made known by sending delegates to the democratic state convention called for Omaha, August 22, 1895."

Mr. Smyth is not a great way from the truth in his statement of the strength of the two wings of the democratic party as manifest in the last state convention. It is a fact that the Bryan followers greatly outnumber the straight democrats. But these gentlemen of the minority maintain their position with considerable force. It is contended that democratic policy can only emanate from the national convention, and that so long as the democrats of any state keep in line with this policy they are the regular democratic party. The last expression of the democratic party of the country contained a plank in favor of sound money. In the face of this declaration the majority of the state convention proceeded to an

attempt to deliver the party over to the cause of populism. The populist fad of cheap money was adopted with great enthusiasm, the populist expressions of the convention being in direct opposition to the democratic principles enunciated in the national democratic platform. Then it was that the members of the party who believe in adherence to democratic principles refused to be delivered over to the populists and left the convention. They contend that when they left it there were no democrats remaining—only populists and hypnotized Bryanites. The minority will continue its organization, and it stands a fairly good chance of obtaining official recognition at next year's national convention.

One of the candidates who had no contest in his precinct yesterday was John Trompen, of Hickman. It has been conceded from the very outset of the campaign that he would have the cordial support of the delegates from his part of the county. Mr. Trompen will come into the convention a particularly strong candidate, and it is the prevailing opinion that the nomination will go to him if it goes outside of the city of Lincoln. Two years ago Trompen was a leading candidate, and there is a feeling that he is now the logical candidate. For more than twenty years he has been a resident of Lancaster county, and although he has been a prominent figure in state and county politics nearly all of that time, he has never held office. He has been a member of the state central committee several times, and has rendered efficient service in all campaigns for many years. Mr. Trompen has the greatest confidence of the community in which he resides and he is known and respected all over the county. It is the opinion of many that he would poll as many votes as anybody who could be nominated for the office of sheriff.

It is strenuously denied that it was ever contemplated that J. D. Woods should be deputy in case Harry Wells should be nominated for county clerk.

C. J. Pearse, of Beatrice, was this week elected superintendent of schools in Omaha at a salary of \$3,000. Mr. Pearse was for years an applicant for the Lincoln superintendency. His present salary in Beatrice is \$1,200.

J. R. Bing, the popular assessor in the Fifth ward, is a candidate for re-nomination. He will undoubtedly be the choice of the Fifth ward delegation.

Prominent among the candidates for clerk is A. M. Trimble, of Garfield precinct. Mr. Trimble has resided in Lancaster county nearly seventeen years, and has been during all that time actively identified with the republican party and various public movements. He served on the central committee for eight or nine years, and has taken an active interest in fair work. An element of strength in Mr. Trimble's candidacy is the fact that he is an old soldier. There are very few veterans among the candidates for the various offices, and there is a disposition on the part of the old soldiers to unite on this candidate. Mr. Trimble saw three years service in the war. It has been the custom for some years to select an old soldier for this office. There is, also, a feeling among a large number of the party that the candidate for county clerk should be selected from the country, and Mr. Trimble's location is considered to be favorable.

A leading candidate for governor next year will be Captain C. E. Adams of Superior. There was some Adams talk at this week's meeting of the state cen-

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tral committee. Captain Adams has a large following in G. A. R. circles.

The county convention will be held in the Funke opera house, Monday at 10 o'clock a. m.

The candidates for coroner are Dr. Winnett, James Heaton and Walton G. Roberts.

The republican state convention will be held in Lincoln October 2, at 2 p. m. The meeting of the state central committee, held in this city Wednesday was well attended. There will be 1057 delegates in the convention. Lancaster will have 71 and Douglas 116.

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