

What They Want Most.

Indications favor the report that the republican managers in this county have given up the national and state tickets and are centering their efforts on those of the county offices which they need most in their business. Bill Sargent is making the stars hustle for Sheriff Butchart's shoes, with small hopes of success, because the republican county committee can see no chance and doesn't care to waste any money on improbabilities. Each individual candidate is doing the best he can and the county committee of course is trying to keep up appearances.

The plutocrats, however, are determined to save the judgeships and the legislature if they have to give up everything else as lost. These offices they need in their business. Comparatively unimportant positions as far as salaries are concerned, the legislative positions are vital to the interests of the Minnesota Iron company and the railroad corporations that heretofore have dictated the action of the members of the legislature from this county. A desperate effort is being made by corporate interests to save these offices out of the wreck and for this purpose there will be no hesitation in sacrificing money or the interests of other candidates.

The railroads have agreed to make very low rates for those celebrated excursions to Canton to hear the Major's sermons on honor. As Mark Hanna pays all the fares he is certainly entitled to wholesale rates, and as the railroads are interested in the success of McKinley, it would pay them to carry the Canton crowds for nothing. No wonder, therefore, McKinley spoke in such glowing terms of the railroad power a fortnight since. But when Mr. Bryan

deals with the railroads the shoe is on another foot. Chairman Jones of the National Committee lately sent his representative to the office of a leading railroad centering in Chicago for the purpose of requesting special rates to the convention of the democratic clubs. This representative received a very warm reception, being told that he ought to be ashamed of himself for having anything to do with such a criminal enterprise as the campaign of Mr. Bryan. The special rates asked for were contemptuously refused. Had Mr. Bryan remained in Lincoln to receive delegations after the McKinley fashion, we may all rest assured that no special rates would have been made for his benefit. The trains would be behind time and few and far between. All railroads lead to Canton this year. If the government owned the railroads there would be no need for special rates. When a man posts a letter he gets no special rates, nor does he get special rates if he posts a thousand. Nor are passes issued to friends of the post office authorities entitling them to all their mail facilities for nothing. The masses of the people are obliged to pay exorbitant rates in order to make up for the influential who ride around the country for nothing and use freight cars free.—Twentieth Century.

Are You Undecided on the Silver Question?

Go to any banker who is a decided enough gold bug to require the borrowers to sign gold notes and ask him to give you a certificate of deposit for what you wish to leave with him and ask him to make it payable in gold. If you get a certificate payable in gold you can feel safe in voting for a gold standard. If he says that there are \$5,000,000,000 of deposits in the banking institutions

of the United States and only about \$500,000,000 of gold in circulation so that it would be impossible to give every one a certificate payable in gold you can ask him how the borrowers of these million can be asked to pay their notes in gold?

Vote it Down.

The time hasn't come in this state for perpetual office holders. The amendment to article 4 of the constitution to be voted upon at the coming election, provides for a board in each city which shall have *exclusive* right to initiate changes in the charter. Such board is to be *appointed* by the district judges and the *tenure of office is for life*. No proposed change can be submitted to the people without the consent of the majority of this board. We are not ready for an oligarchy. Vote it down.

In another column, this week, we publish a communication from Hon. Wm. A. Cant, which fully refutes the charges that Mr. Cant was instrumental in securing the passage of the struck jury law. We are pleased to set Mr. Cant right before the people. The communication further sets forth the position assumed by him while in the legislature and if the committee appointed for that purpose have correctly reported him his actions have been in behalf of the people.

J. C. Mishler, candidate for county treasurer, is a gentleman worthy the support of every person in sympathy with the cause of free silver and the people. His efforts for the entire ticket are untiring. He is a gentleman of strict integrity and the affairs of the county could not be trusted to better hands.

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