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REGISTER OR LOSE A VOTE. Saturday next, October 31, is the last day on which to register for the election November 3.

President Roosevelt was fifty years young yesterday, and several hundred years feebler.

If wealth is a sin, as a German countess maintains, there are a lot of people who are not guilty.

The Omaha Bee notes that Indiana, Illinois and Iowa are clinched for the Taft column. The I's have it.

The safe and sane thing to do is to put an X in the square before the name of each candidate on the Republican ticket.

The drought has been broken and all things continue to work together for Republican success and the good of the country.

Suggestion to Candidate Tracy: Withdraw and make the vote for Congressman Kennedy unanimous. It will be nearly that, anyway.

Mr. Bryan says he has been before the American people for twenty years. It has been aptly remarked that he has always been behind them on election day.

Thought for the day: The laboring man who appreciates favors or expects legislation for his protection in the future can quote no record to show anything that the Democratic party has done for him.

General Buckner of Kentucky, the last surviving lieutenant general of the Confederate army, announces that he will vote for Taft. Though a lifelong Democrat he has never voted for Bryan, and holds that Bryan is not a Democrat but a populist.

The Cedar Rapids Gazette, an independent paper with Democrat leanings, gives notice that it does not believe Mr. Bryan's guaranty proposition is meritorious, and therefore cannot support it. That is the judgment of the best minds everywhere.

The election of Bryan, Kern and Tracy would be a direct lick at public confidence and would tend to delay indefinitely the restoration of good times. Happily none of them will be elected. The people of this district and country know which side of the bread has the butter on.

Now that the circle has been removed from the official ballot it is necessary to put an X in the square before every candidate for whom the voter desires to vote. There are thirteen presidential electors in this state and voters should put a mark in the square before the name of every one of them. Otherwise the ballot will be counted for only such electors as have an X before their names. To vote for Taft and Sherman and have it counted as a full vote an X must be put before the name of each presidential elector.

THE WATER POWER PROJECT.

The important developments anticipated by The Gate City and foreshadowed in these columns a few days ago have come to pass and are of the most gratifying and encouraging nature.

Mr. Cooper and his New York associates would avail themselves of their option to purchase the franchise of the local water power company. By the terms of a contract entered into September 15, 1905, they were privileged to do this by paying the latter the sum it had invested in the enterprise, amounting to \$20,000.

Not less important was the signing of certain contracts in New York City and St. Louis—announced exclusively in The Gate City—which led to this action. By these contracts the electric light and power companies in St. Louis obligate themselves to purchase over a million dollars' worth of electric power annually from the Keokuk and Hamilton Water Power company.

Great credit is due all the stockholders in the Keokuk and Hamilton Water Power Company for their interest and efforts in the matter, and they are one and all to be heartily congratulated upon the outcome of their labors. But for their good judgment, liberality, public-spiritedness, splendid courage, indomitable perseverance and untiring energy the water power project would never have reached its present promising stage.

The administration of exact justice by courts without fear or favor, unmoved by the influence of the wealthy, or the threats of the demagogue, is the highest ideal that a government of the people can strive for, and any means by which a savior, however unpopular or poor, is deprived of enjoying this, is to be condemned.

I believe that a navy is the greatest insurer of peace that we could possibly have, a navy commensurate with the number of dependencies we have, and commensurate with our population, and commensurate with our influence as a world power.

Development of the water power is not even yet absolutely certain, but the present status of the project is eminently encouraging. Messrs Cooper and Powellson and their associates would hardly have purchased the franchise, executed a bond in the sum of \$25,000 and entered into tentative contracts to supply a million dollars' worth of power annually to the electric light, street railway and power companies in St. Louis unless they felt at least reasonably certain of their ability to finance the project.

Bryanisms:

"Protection has been our cannibal tree, and as one after another of our farmers has been driven by the force of circumstances upon that tree and has been crushed within its folds his companions have stood around and shouted, 'Great is Protection.'"

"In every state the proportion of home-owning farmers is decreasing and that of tenant farmers increasing. This means but one thing, it means a land of landlords and tenants; and, backed by the history of every nation that has gone down, I say to you that no people can continue a free people under a free government when the great majority of its citizens are tenants of a small minority. Your system (protective tariff) has driven the farm-owner from his land and substituted the farm tenant."

"Mark my words! If the gold standard goes on and people continue to complain, the gold standard advocates, instead of trying to improve the condition of the people, will be recommending that you close your schools so that the people will not realize how much they are suffering."

"The surrender of the present President (Roosevelt) to corporate influences furnishes an excellent proof of the wisdom of Judge Parker in making the statement he has. But President

"There never was a time in the history of the world when there was more virtue, more charity, more sense of brotherly affection than there is today."

"Mr. Bryan asks me what I would do with the trusts. I answer that I would restrain unlawful trusts with all the efficiency of injunctive process and would punish with all the severity of criminal prosecution every attempt on the part of aggregated capital through the illegal means I have described to suppress competition."

"What has been the result to the United States of this so-called colonial policy? Well, it has added to her trade something over one hundred millions of dollars. I do not think that is important except as a beginning. If the government continues its friendly policy toward Porto Rico and the Philippines and opens her markets as well to the Philippines as to Porto Rico, this trade will treble and quadruple in a marvelously short time, so that merely from the standpoint of material progress the mutual benefits for the people we are helping and ourselves will be no mean justification for the policy."

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dent Roosevelt stands for militarism. The Republicans are increasing the army and relying on a string of cartridges."

"If protection has slain its thousands, the gold standard has slain its tens of thousands."

"The Democratic party has begun a war of extermination against the gold standard. We ask no quarter; we give no quarter. We shall prosecute our warfare until there is not an American citizen who dares to advocate the gold standard. You ask why? We reply that the gold standard is a conspiracy against the human race, and that we should no more join in it than we would an army to destroy our homes and to destroy our families."

"I would rather go down to eternal oblivion than be instrumental in the election of Roosevelt."

"I believe today in the principles set forth at Chicago and Kansas City (16 to 1) and shall continue to fight for those principles; and I believe the fight will be easier when we have rescued the country from the dangers of imperialism, reduced the army, and substituted the spirit of peace for the spirit of war."

Taftisms:

"The course of the Republican party since its organization in 1856 and its real assumption of control in 1861, down to the present day, is remarkable for the foresight and ability of its leaders, for the discipline and solidarity of its members, for its efficiency and deep sense of responsibility for the preservation and successful maintenance of the government, and for the greatest resourcefulness in meeting the various trying difficult issues which a history of now a full half century have presented for solution."

"In the second place, they say I am the 'father of injunction in labor.' I have issued injunctions in labor cases, there is no doubt, and I have done it because the right of the plaintiff entitled him to an injunction, and when I am on the bench and enforcing the law I enforce it, and I don't make any apologies for it. It has been my lot to sit in labor cases, to sit in anti-trust cases. When I am a judge on the bench, insofar as I can, I decide cases according to the law and the facts, no matter whom it hurts, because I believe that to be my sworn duty."

"Everyone who knows anything about the management of railroads knows that there has been a revolution in respect to their obedience to the law. No longer are special privileges granted to the few—no longer are secret rebates extended to build up the monopoly of the trusts. The railroads are operating within the law, and the railroad directors and officers and stockholders ought to rise up and call blessed the men who are responsible for the passage of the

"Last, but not least, he has been sowing the seeds of socialism, which, instead of adding strength to the Democratic party, have prepared a harvest which will show itself in a largely increased vote on Nov. 3 for the socialist candidate, Debs."

Mr. Goodbar added that he is among the hundreds of thousands of Democrats who refused to endorse Bryan's undemocratic doctrines in the canvasses of 1896 and 1900, but who could not reconcile themselves to voting the Republican ticket. He also expressed the belief that he is one among many thousands of Democrats who will not only refuse to support Mr. Bryan in the present canvass but who will emphasize their condemnation of the Republican ticket with the hope of burying him beyond the possibility of resurrection.

Take the Safe Man!

present time is that the outlook for actual development is the best it has ever been.

When Alvan B. Goodbar, president of the Goodbar Shoe Manufacturing company of St. Louis, replied to the request of the Democratic national committee that he subscribe and solicit subscriptions to the Democratic fund he was thoughtful enough to give the Republican national management a copy of his remarks. In sending his "regrets" Mr. Goodbar wrote:

"I am in receipt of a letter signed by Norman E. Mack requesting me to make a contribution and to solicit contributions from others to the Bryan and Kern campaign fund. I presume this request is made upon the assumption that I am a Democrat. This assumption is correct, but I do not recognize Mr. Bryan as a Democrat or as a true expounder of Democratic doctrines and principles. He is a Democrat in name only, while in fact he was originally a populist and by process of evolution has become a socialist, which is the trend of all populist teaching."

Mr. Bryan's vote for the populist candidate, Weaver, for President in 1892 properly expressed his political views, but with the decline of the populist movement Mr. Bryan allied himself with the Democratic party and under its name he has become a chronic seeker after political preferment. Endowed with gifts of oratory far beyond the average speaker, Mr. Bryan has been able to sway thousands of minds by his sophistries and superficial reasoning and to create a blind following for his political vagaries.

"Believing that the operation of all the railroads by the federal government would result in a centralization which would all but obliterate state lines, I prefer to see only the trunk lines operated by the federal government and the local lines by the several state governments."

"The fight this year will be to carry out the sentiment of that song we have so often repeated, 'My Country, 'Tis of Thee.' If we lose, our children and our children's children will not succeed to the spirit of that song, and celebrations of the Fourth of July will pass away, for the spirit of Empire will be upon us."

"The selection of Governor Haskell as chairman of the committee on resolutions at Denver, and also as treasurer of the Democratic national committee, had my approval and indorsement."

"If we have a gold standard prices are as certain to fall as the stone which is thrown into the air."

"I honestly believe that there can be no permanent, no general prosperity in this country until we stop the conspiracy of those who would make gold the only standard in the world."

It is noticed by the Omaha Bee that straw votes do not put any fat on the ribs of the Democratic donkey.

The Manchester Press says Mr. Gompers is "insufferable," and "is doing union labor more harm than good."

The Chicago News suspects that a tender conscience may be one that is not used often enough to harden.

The secretary of state of Colorado has been sent to jail for contempt of court. As he has lived in Colorado for many years, the Omaha Bee suggests that he can hardly be blamed.

The Philadelphia school board has requested the resignations of married women teachers, according to the ruling made last July to the effect that no married woman could be appointed to a position under the board of education unless in the event of the death or

"The owner of a business, whether railroad business or any other, is entitled to be protected in his pursuit of it, and to immunity from unlawful injury to it. To take away from him the remedy by injunction which has always been his, merely because it sometimes leads to the punishment of those who violate the injunction without trial by jury, is to introduce into the law class legislation in favor of employes and laboring men, and is to take them out of the ordinary operation of the civil remedies because they are laborers. I say that that kind of class legislation is pernicious."

"If I am elected, as I expect to be, I have the greatest pleasure in pledging, in the presence of this grand audience, all the energies and all the abilities of which I am capable to continue the Roosevelt policies, to make business honest and to keep every man within the law be he humble or rich."

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