

TWINE ISSUE A BOOMERANG

Democrats Made a Grave Mistake in their State Platform.

This Year the Prison Plant Saves Minnesota Farmers \$385,000.

Democrats have found the binding twine issue a boomerang. It has a star place in their state platform, but investigation since the convention met has caused the prison twine issue to be labeled "not available."

The democratic platform declares the prison twine plant this year is managed in the interests of the cordage trust. The farmers know better. They know that they are getting prison twine on the most liberal terms, at 4 cents less than the same grade of twine made and sold by the "trust."

More than that. They know that in 1900 the only year the plant was under full democratic control, they paid 10 cents for prison twine when dealers were offering it for 8. They had depended on the customary guarantee, by which the prison authorities agree to meet any drop in the market.

When the bottom fell out of the twine trade, and the retail price fell from 12 to 8 cents, they thought to get the prison twine at the latter figure. But no; they were held to their 10-cent contracts, and even those who had lost crops through drought or hail had to take the full amount of their contracts. Never before or since have the contracts been iron-clad. The price has been guaranteed, with the privilege of canceling any time before shipment.

The farmers know this, and they know in whose hands the twine plant has been worked to their interest. They do not blame Warden Wolf, the board of control, or Governor Van Sant for the advance in raw material, which has raised the price of all twine over last year, from 3 to 3 1/2 cents.

Here are the figures, obtained by a Journal man from the prison records: Prison Price vs. Market Price. In 1901 raw sisal sold at New York for 6 1/2 cents, and manila for 7 cents. Warden Wolf sold the finished twine to the farmers of Minnesota at 9 1/2 cents for sisal and 10 1/2 cents for manila.

There was no complaint last year about prison twine prices, and the profit was enough to suit the most captious. Farmers who had paid 10 cents the year before when the market price was 8 cents were particularly well pleased.

Wolfer Buys in Yucatan. Last fall the price of raw material took a 3-cent jump in the New York market. It was so steep that Warden Wolf went on his own account to Yucatan, where the sisal is grown, and purchased a large supply there at inside figures. Before he left, he arranged with a firm of exporters to act as his agents there. He has been in constant communication with them, and has bought nearly all his sisal supply in Yucatan at as low a figure as any manufacturer in the United States.

Wolfer's trip to Yucatan was to the benefit of the farmers of Minnesota. While the wholesale price of sisal twine this year is 13 1/2 cents in Minneapolis, farmers are buying the raw sisal at 10 1/2 cents, and the finished twine at 12 1/2 cents. That does not look like playing into the hands of the "cordage trust."

The average price of raw sisal this year has been 8 1/2 cents, and manila 10 1/2 cents. The wholesale price of twine is 13 1/2 cents for sisal and standard, 14 1/2 cents for mixed, and 15 1/2 cents for manila. On top of this comes the dealer's profit. They are retailing sisal at 14 to 15 cents a pound, over 4,000,000 pounds has been sold this year to the farmers direct, and another 1,500,000 to local dealers, at 9 1/2 cents for sisal and standard, 11 1/2 cents for mixed and 12 1/2 cents for manila.

Local dealers retail the prison twine under the law of 1899, which only permits them to add the freight and one cent profit to the prison price.

What the Farmer Saves. So the farmers have saved 4 cents a pound on club orders, bought direct from the prison, and 3 cents on prison twine bought from the dealers at inside figures. This means an aggregate saving of \$160,000 on club orders and \$45,000 on twine handled by dealers. This saving goes into the pockets of the farmers. It is not the only advantage. The prison furnishes nearly a third of the twine used in Minnesota, and this competition is well known to the farmers. It means at least a cent a pound. Thus the prison plant indirectly relieves every farmer in the state, to a degree.

One cent on 18,000,000 pounds of twine means another saving of \$180,000, which the "cordage trust" fails to extract from the pockets of Minnesota farmers.

What the State Makes. At these low prices the prison twine plant will make between \$45,000 and \$50,000 net profit to the state when the year's business is closed out, Aug. 1. On that date every pound of new material on hand will be made up and sold, and the plant closed down for repairs until next year's business begins. This profit is after charging a 10-cent prison labor at 55 cents a day, which fully covers the per capita cost of keeping the prisoners. This is not a large profit compared with the volume of business, but it is enough to insure against possible loss and to pay for the plant, which in every other year requires a large profit of the plant, which is run primarily for the benefit of the farmers.

The Reeve Regime of 1900. The twine plant has made a profit ranging from \$20,000 to \$70,000 ever since 1894, when the hand fiber machinery was installed, except in the one year of the Reeve administration, the year 1900. According to the democratic figures, the plant closed that year with a margin of \$16,000 profit. This was after forcing the farmers to pay prices 2 cents higher than the trust, while in every other year the prison twine sold on a margin from 2

HEINZE HIT

Injunction Granted to Prevent Him Operating the Minnie Healy.

Special to The Journal. Helena, Mont., July 21.—The supreme court of Montana to-day granted the injunction applied for by Miles Heinze, or his successor-in-interest, the Amalgamated Copper company, to prevent F. A. Heinze from operating the Minnie Healy.

The closing of this mine is one of the most important in the copper mining litigation of Montana, as Heinze is at present taking out about 400 tons of ore a day valued at about \$3,500. The injunction was made for the injunction May 20, when attorneys for the Amalgamated asked the court to exercise its appellate jurisdiction and stop Heinze from working the mine until his appeal from Harney's decision could be had. Counsel for Heinze resisted the injunction and arguments upon the matter were very exhaustive.

The court, in a unanimous decision prepared by Chief Justice Brantley, says that to permit mining to go on at the present rate would destroy the substance of property to such an extent that if the Amalgamated company should prevail, when the appeal is decided upon its merits, the property might be entirely exhausted and the victory so gained would be one in name only.

MONEY FOR MINERS Funds to Help the Strikers Are Coming In.

Indianapolis, July 21.—It is said now that the miners have definite position, the Civic federation will make an appeal to the coal operators to arbitrate.

President Mitchell expects to leave for Wilkesbarre at once. The contribution money has already been paid. The Ohio men before leaving turned over to Secretary Wilson a check for their \$10,000. The \$50,000 from Illinois is expected to-day. Indiana and Iowa are expected to make their donations at once.

OFFICES FOR SOLDIERS Private Dalzell's New Political Organization.

Washington, July 21.—Private Dalzell hopes to make the Union Veterans' Union the nucleus of his new political organization. He made an announcement of this plan to Sedgwick regiment, U. V. U., a few nights ago, and it was received with loud applause. A movement is under way for the amendment of the constitution of the veterans' union at a local meeting, in this city, during G. A. R. week, and if it carries, the union will be ready for the full development of Private Dalzell's idea. He wants the old soldiers to organize aggressively for the capture of more public offices than they are now ready to do. He has the idea, the just dues at the hands of the government, and one way to compel action, he says is to organize and then go to work. There is a strong organization of the veterans' union in Minneapolis, and its members may be interested in knowing what Private Dalzell has in store for them.

GEN. SMITH'S CASE The Retired General May Appeal to the Civil Courts.

Washington, July 21.—Friends of General Jacob H. Smith, who was placed on the retired list by direction of the president for his order to "kill and burn" in Samar, contends that the president has no power to retire General Smith as part of a military reorganization. The president has the power to review martial proceedings and to mitigate sentence but he has no power to increase the sentence. This is what he did in the case of General Smith. The result, it is asserted, is to vitiate the entire proceedings. The friends of General Smith say he will appeal to the civil courts to be restored to the active list of the army. In any case, General Smith would win a barren victory. All the president would have to do would be to revoke the sentence of disavowal and issue a new order placing General Smith on the retired list for age.

THE GERMAN TRUSTS Russia Fears Them More Than She Does the American.

London, July 21.—Serge Detatcheff, financial agent of Russia, said to a representative of the Associated Press with reference to the interest of the United States in the anti-trust project: "We have no fears of your American trusts. They do not affect Russia in any degree whatever. What we fear are the great German manufacturing trusts."

MICHIGAN BASEBALL LEAGUE GONE Grand Rapids, Mich., July 21.—The Michigan state baseball league is breaking to pieces. The Grand Rapids team has dissolved and the Lansing and Battle Creek managers have declared that they have had enough. Rainy weather and lack of support have crippled the league financially. A meeting of the managers has been called here for to-night, but it is doubtful if anything will be done besides declaring the league defunct.

MAY YOHE IS WROTH New York, July 21.—Made furious by a report that Putnam Bradlee Strong had been seen at the house of a woman in this city the other night, May Yohe, the actress whom he deserted on Tuesday last, after having trothed over the globe with her, declared to-day at her mother's cottage at Hastings that she would apply for a warrant for his arrest on the charge of stealing her jewelry.

A RUN ON THE SAFETY DEPOSIT

Chicago People Fear for Their Money and Valuables.

The Crowd of Men and Women Almost Causes a Panic.

Chicago, July 21.—News of the disappearance of nearly \$30,000 from the vaults of the Masonic Temple Safety Deposit company had spread to such an extent to-day that it caused a "run" on the vaults. When the day were opened for business there was a struggling crowd of men and women depositors in waiting who feared

WARM WELCOME NO DAMAGE WAS DONE

The Pope Receives Gov. Taft and Party With Cordiality.

Rome, July 21.—The pope received Governor Taft and the members of his party in farewell audience at noon to-day. The Americans drove in two carriages from their hotel to the Vatican. Judge Taft and Judge Smith wore evening dress, as prescribed; Major Porter was in full uniform, and Bishop O'Gorman wore ecclesiastical robes.

They were received at the great door of the Vatican by the Swiss guards, who rendered military honors. At the foot of the state staircase the Americans were met by Monsignor Risletti, master of the ceremonies, who was accompanied by several other dignitaries of the papal court. At the door of the pontifical apartments the noble guards and gen' d'armes rendered the customary honors, after which Governor Taft and his companions were introduced into the presence of the

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for money and valuables that they had deposited in the company's strong boxes. For a time there was almost a panic in the crowd. The office force of the deposit company was unable to cope with the great demand for verification of signatures and in the vaults the turnkeys for several hours were unable to open boxes fast enough to keep down the crowd.

The police have secured no clues as yet as to the disappearance of the currency belonging to the race track men. The management of the vaults scoff at the idea that the money has been taken, but the police take the bookmakers' statement as truth. They said to-day that it would have been a very easy matter to secure duplicate keys and to have pilfered the boxes.

The Lost Money. When the five bookmakers of the Washington park races called for their deposits Saturday they found that they were empty. The boxes were securely locked, they admit, and bore no evidence of having been tampered with. The bookmakers and the sums they allege they lost are: George Rose, \$13,300; K. N. Murphy, \$8,780; Ed Sturgeon, \$2,064; Harry Laudeman, \$4,700; "Doc" Rainey, \$8,000.

The discovery of the alleged losses came as the result of a visit paid the vaults by J. B. Norvall, cashier for Murphy. After passing the guards and going through the iron gates in the tier of night vaults where the bookmakers made their deposits, he called a watchman to unlock the outer door to Murphy's box and then unlocked the inner door to the box himself with a key given him by Murphy. He says he expected to find, when the box was opened, the money and certificates Murphy had deposited the night before. Instead, he says, the box was empty.

PULLED THE TENT DOWN Christian Church Revivalists Routed by Mischief-Makers.

Special to The Journal. Webster, S. D., July 21.—Vandals and bums played havoc with the revival tent at Blairburg last night. The Christian church revivalists had a big tent meeting there. Some one cut the guy ropes, let the tent down and carried the center poles away. The town is all wrought up and many arrests are likely to be made.

NEW SURGEON GENERAL Col. R. M. O'Reilly Named to Succeed Forwood.

Washington, July 21.—The president has designated Colonel R. M. O'Reilly to be surgeon general of the army, to succeed General Forwood, who will retire on Sept. 7, next. Colonel O'Reilly will have until January, 1903, to serve as surgeon general. He was appointed from Pennsylvania as a medical cadet in 1864. He is a graduate of the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania.

St. Louis Waiting for It. St. Louis, Mo., July 21.—The expected flood from up the river has not yet reached here, and the water is falling, the government gauge showing 3.1 feet. At Hannibal, above here, the weather observer reports the water eight inches higher than Saturday morning, and rising at the rate of a quarter of an inch an hour. Here it is expected to reach thirty feet, the danger line.

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He Is Remanded for Sentence—Maximum Penalty Ten Years.

Chris Norbeck, late detective on the Minneapolis police force, appeared before Judge Harrison this afternoon and pleaded guilty to an indictment charging him with receiving a \$50 bribe from confidence men. He was remanded for sentence. The maximum penalty for the offense is ten years in prison. The indictment to which he pleaded was the same one under which his trial was begun.

Norbeck has been holding off with the hope that he could induce the state to nolle the case or at least give him assurance of the minimum penalty. The prisoner had a long conference with Assistant County Attorney Al J. Smith. No promises were made but he was informed that he must plead guilty or prepare for another trial.

The former was the better alternative and after hesitating as long as he dared, he appeared before Judge Harrison this afternoon and withdrawing his former plea of "not guilty" entered one of "guilty."

There were less than a half score persons in the court room when the much-talked-of detective appeared in the company of Captain Alexander, his father. The proceedings were over in less than a minute. The state was represented by County Attorney Boardman and his assistant Al J. Smith, but neither of Norbeck's attorneys were there.

"Your honor, in the case of the state against Norbeck, understand that the defendant wishes to withdraw his plea of not guilty and plead guilty to the indictment," remarked Mr. Boardman by way of introducing the case. Judge Harrison asked Norbeck to step forward and as the tall prisoner reached the bar his honor asked:

"Is this your wish?" "Yes, your honor," answered that it was. "The prisoner will be remanded to jail for sentence," ordered the judge and the ordeal was over.

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