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REPUBLICAN STATE TICKET.

Presidential Electors—
B. S. Russell, Stutsman.
Samuel Richardson, Ward.
Roger Allin, Walsh.
J. F. V. Keibert, Oliver.
Congress—
Thos. F. Marshall, Dickey.
A. J. Gronna, Nelson.
Justices Supreme Court—
N. C. Young, Cass.
Edward Engerud, Cass.
Governor—
E. Y. Sarles, Traill.
Lieutenant Governor—
David Bartlett, Griggs.
Secretary of State—
E. F. Porter, Foster.
Auditor—
H. L. Holmes, Pembina.
Treasurer—
A. Peterson, Sargent.
Supt. of Public Instruction—
W. L. Stockwell, Walsh.
Attorney General—
C. N. Frich, Nelson.
Commissioner of Insurance—
E. C. Cooper, Grand Forks.
Com'r. of Agriculture and Labor—
W. C. Gilbreath, Morton.
Railroad Commissioners—
C. S. Deisem, LaMoure.
John Christianson, McHenry.
Eric Stafne, Richland.

CONDITIONS OF TRADE.

Henry Clews weekly financial review says:

We have enjoyed another week of admirable crop weather, and experts are now figuring on 2,500,000,000 bushels of corn, 11,500,000 bales of cotton and 625,000,000 bushels of wheat, these figures allowing for the fact that condition of cotton and corn may fall off somewhat during August. As producers are generally securing profitable prices—even 9 cent cotton yielding more than an average profit—it follows that interior merchants should experience a reasonably satisfactory season; for in spite of industrial growth the agricultural interests are still the backbone of our national wealth.

All indications point to an active market. As said above, the advance appears to be all that is justified by natural conditions; but manipulation is a factor that must always be considered in stock market movements, and the recent rise has had the help of very powerful interests, who may, if they choose, easily carry prices to a still higher level, or complete long-delayed deals that must have an important effect upon values. As the market rises profit-taking grows, and the consequent changes of position create a more even balance of opinion that conduces to activity. There has already been a considerable expansion of the short interest ready to take quick advantage of any unfavorable developments. Very soon crop demands will assert themselves and western banks will commence to draw against their balances here, the effect being the cutting down of local bank reserves; and this fact should not be overlooked.

However, the business outlook is satisfactory. Evidently this country has turned its back upon the period of extreme depression which began in 1903, but no wild boom is in sight, and none is wanted.

PUBLICATION OF ASSESSMENT LISTS.

The Tribune has this year published the assessment lists of the county, giving the people of the county a simple opportunity to obtain facts with reference to the personal property assessment levied against each taxpayer in the city and county. The Grand Forks Herald has argued the wisdom of this, and suggested that provision should be made for the official publication of this list in each city and county in the state, with a view of enabling equalization boards to obtain facts upon which to base a fair equalization. In a recent article the Herald says:

A few days ago the Herald recommended that arrangements be made for the publication of the assessment lists, especially the assessments of personal property, in order that every taxpayer in the community might be placed in possession of information which he ought to have. E. H. Kent, of this city, has just supplied us with a copy of an Illinois paper which shows that this plan is in operation there. The paper is the Kendall County Record, published at Yorkville, Ill. It contains the official publication of the personal assessment rolls of two townships. In addition there is a feature of the real estate assessment which insures the publication of important information, without making the publication too expensive. The entire real estate list is not published. The only real estate lists given are those in which changes have been made from last assessment. Of course the saving from this partial publication of the real estate assessment in Illinois would be greater than it would be here, for the reason that real estate values are more stable there than here. Values of farm property there have changed little for years. Here values are advancing every year. However this is an unimportant detail. The point is that in that state the assessment lists are published, so that every taxpayer can ascertain without the trouble of a trip to the county seat or any other inconvenience, exactly what is being done. The Herald repeats that this ought to be done in this state, and it desires to call attention to the press of the state to the question, as there is a chance here for a reform of a very practical nature, one which has nothing to do with political squabbles, and one which will certainly bring about good results. If sufficient interest is taken in the subject a law can be passed at the next session of the legislature which will provide for the publication of the assessment list next year.

The democrats of the state meet in convention at Grand Forks tomorrow for the nomination of a state ticket. It is not likely the most sanguine adherent of democratic principles believes there is any chance for any one of the men who may be placed upon the ticket as the nominees of the party. M. F. Hegge of Traill county, Sarles' home county, is likely to be placed at the head of the ticket as a candidate for governor, but he stands no chance of election. North Dakota is overwhelmingly republican and will roll up a greater majority than ever this year. Nevertheless there is something admirable about the persistence of the delegates who journey from all parts of the state year after year, nominate a ticket, adopt a platform, and see the ticket defeated. Or is it that in the event of the election of a democratic administration—sometime—the men who have followed the nearly deserted old party ship would with propriety claim federal offices? Can it be that there is something beside unselfish devotion to principle in this allegiance to the democratic party?

The Minneapolis Journal makes this sane observation: The North Dakota pure food law has much to commend it. For instance, it requires that semi-annually the food commissioner shall publish in two papers in each county in the state a list of the adulterated foods that have come under his official notice. These publications are paid for by the state, and the direct effect is to inform the public and insure the support of the state press for the law. If all the states had similar statutes, the men who get rich by food adulteration would soon be looking for something else to do.

Smallest Person Living.

Did "General" Tom Thumb still live, in comparison with the subject of this writing he would be a giant in stature. "Dainty Dewdrop" is certainly an odd title to be applied to a man, but not more so than he who is recognized by this sobriquet. Think of a perfect formed man, thirty-three years old, but seventeen inches in height and weighing only twelve pounds. Well, such a liliputian, not a resident of imaginary Lilliput Islands, but who was born and reared in the good old-tar-heeled state of North Carolina, will be exhibited here by the Walter L. Main show on August 3rd.

A biographical sketch of this cute, tiny fellow would read no different than the life of the average citizen, except the many comical situations he experiences owing to his miniature stature. "Dainty" for a number of years was the owner of a thriving farm in Ceffo, Person county, North Carolina, and it took months of persuasion and an almost fabulous salary to induce him to give up his agricultural pursuits and become an exhibit for patrons of the Main circus, for besides possessing a sufficiency of the world's goods to live in ease and comfort, he was adverse to abandoning his practical life for one of travel.

There is not a lady's glove worn in the land which would not make "Dainty" a pair of shoes. The usual size washbowl is amply commodious for his prodigy's bed, and the vest worn by the average sized man would make him a complete suit of clothes, while a carpenter's lead pencil answers his purpose for a walking cane. "Dainty" Dewdrop" is truly one of the world's wonders.

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HANSBROUGH ON POLITICS.

Thinks Roosevelt Will Get the Solid West and Democrats Must Carry Every Doubtful State to Win.

St. Paul Pioneer Press: United States Senator Hansbrough of North Dakota, who was at the Merchants hotel yesterday, believes that President Roosevelt will get the solid west next November and that if he carries only one of the so-called doubtful states his election will be assured. Judge Parker, on the other hand, Senator Hansbrough believes, will have to carry all of the doubtful states.

Senator Hansbrough, who has won considerable prominence by his advocacy of a readjustment of the tariff along republican lines, still believes that there will be a readjustment at the next session of congress.

"I have no doubt about the election of President Roosevelt," said Senator Hansbrough. "I think that it may be said that he has the solid west and we are willing to concede that Judge Parker has the solid south. No one will deny that the republicans have the best of the debatable territory.

"With the election of Roosevelt there will be a continuation of the good times we are now enjoying.

"I think that there will be a readjustment of the tariff in any event. It is needless to state that if the readjustment takes place under republican auspices, the protective principle, on which is based our great prosperity, will be maintained. If it should take place under democratic auspices no one can deny that we would have a repetition of the business conditions experienced during the last Cleveland administration, for no matter what the democrats promise in their conventions, they are for free trade.

"The tariff should be readjusted to meet changed and changing conditions The present tariff law will be eight years old next summer. Since it was enacted, we have fought a war with a foreign country, we have freed Cuba, acquired Porto Rico and the Phillippines and become a great world power. Necessarily our commercial relations with foreign countries have changed. For that reason I think that the tariff law should be overhauled and brought down to date.

"It may be a fine distinction, but I believe there is a distinction between a revision and a readjustment of the tariff. By revision it is generally understood that duties are to be lowered all along the line, whereas if we proceed to readjust the existing law we would find a number of articles now on the free list that should be placed on the dutiable list. I am equally certain that there are articles on the dutiable list the rates upon which should be lowered.

"I believe that the tariff is going to be the principal issue in the coming presidential campaign. Some believe that the trust question will be the paramount issue, but it will be found when discussion opens that the democrats have no remedy whatever to offer, whereas we all know that President Roosevelt has adopted the policy of enforcing existing laws. In addition the department of commerce has been established during his administration and this department is now engaged in bringing about the most complete publicity with respect to the so-called combinations and trusts.

"With respect to North and South Dakota there is no question about President Roosevelt receiving the electoral votes of the two states by majorities very much greater than were given McKinley in 1900. I think that the same may be said with respect to all the western states. Our people are satisfied with present conditions and do not want to exchange a certainty for an uncertainty.

"The crop prospects in North Dakota are very good. The republicans have just nominated one of the strongest tickets ever put before the people of that state, a ticket composed of well-known and high-minded citizens."

Probable Nominees.

A Grand Forks dispatch says: The democratic state convention will be held in this city Wednesday for the nomination of a state ticket. About the only thing that seems practically certain is the nomination of M. F. Hegge of Hatton for governor. Mr. Hegge is a prominent and successful marchant of Traill county, the home of E. Y. Sarles, the republican candidate for governor. He is a Scandinavian, and from that nationality in Traill county it is figured will receive a large vote. While the democrats have little hope of carrying on a successful campaign for any of the state offices, more enthusiasm has been shown in the ranks than for many years.

Tracy R. Bangs of this city has been prominently mentioned for a place on the ticket. His popularity outside of his own party will make him a formidable candidate.

John M. Fleming, a practicing attorney of Michigan City, has been mentioned as a probable candidate for a congressional nomination. He moved to North Dakota something over a year ago from St. Paul.

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