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REPUBLICAN TICKET
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For Vice President:
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State.
For Congress—Will E. Humphrey of King, Wesley L. Jones of Yakima and Francis W. Cushman of Pierce.
For Governor—Albert E. Mead of Whatcom.

County.
For Senator, Ninth District—H. M. Boone of Palouse.
For Representatives, Seventh District—Peter McGregor of Hooper; LeRoy Stilson of Diamond.

It is announced from New York that Henry Gassaway Davis, democratic vice presidential nominee, will contribute \$1,000,000 to the campaign fund.

The Colton News-Letter makes itself ridiculous in its endeavor to assist in defeating the republican state ticket by quoting verbatim, without credit, from the Spokesman-Review every lie it can find space for.

A financial correspondent on Wall street says: "A high authority claims that the Standard Oil people are supporting Parker for president, which is regarded as meaning that they will throw the full weight of their financial strength that way."

William J. Bryan and William Randolph Hearst both declare that they will support Judge Parker. If that gentleman had his way, however, he would no doubt suggest that a few of those sarcastic insinuations regarding his friendliness toward the trusts could, with all propriety, be omitted from the journals owned by those two gentlemen.

Mr. Thompson in naming Chas. R. Hill for the democratic nomination for prosecuting attorney referred to him as the "immaculate pearl of democratic manhood." That "immaculate pearl" business may go all right where Mr. Thompson came from, but Mr. Hill will probably discover that it doesn't count for much in Washington politics.

Two former Colfax attorneys have this year been honored by the democratic party. W. H. Winfree has been nominated for judge of the superior court in Spokane county and Joseph Sessions has been named for prosecuting attorney of Lincoln county.

The Spokesman-Review says that George Turner cannot afford to become governor of Washington because of the fact that he will be compelled to give up a law practice that is worth at least \$40,000 per year, but that Mr. Turner will make that sacrifice if the dear people desire it.

these my children, ye have done it unto me." George can never receive his just reward in this world, but he can have the satisfaction of feeling that perhaps kind friends will keep his grave green after he has passed to the great beyond, from whence no traveler has ever returned.

Up to the present time the opposition press has been able to bring but two charges against the Hon. Albert E. Mead, republican nominee for governor. One is that he is "unknown" save only in his own county, and the other is that he was nominated by the Tacoma convention.

Anti-Division Resolution.
At the democratic convention there was much made of a resolution placing the party on record against county division. This was a good move and the convention is entitled to commendation for taking a decided stand.

There was much more than appeared on the surface in the contest, both before and on the floor of the convention. The movement to commit the party on the question grew out of the efforts of what has been determined as the dominant faction in the party to throw discredit and disgrace upon the opposing faction, who happened to number among their leaders several of the prominent agitators for county division at Pullman and Oakesdale.

The result is good for Colfax, but the methods resorted to to obtain the result is apt to arouse antagonisms that will work to the detriment of Colfax, politically, commercially and every other way, for many years to come.

As proof that the democrats who prated so much about loyalty to Colfax had no sincerity, but were simply playing a game of political chicanery, a few incidents might be cited. An anti-division plank, moderately worded, but acceptable to Pullman and Oakesdale was submitted to the Goodyear-Canfield faction and was repudiated.

If it had been the purpose of the dominant faction to preserve the integrity of Whitman county; if it had been uppermost in the minds of the delegation from Colfax to subvert local interests, as they so loudly proclaimed, some of those reasonable propositions would have been accepted and all of this bitterness and antagonism toward the present county seat would have been avoided.

How About It Now?
On April 22, 1904, the Colfax Commoner contained the following editorial paragraph: "Again the Commoner advises its readers to vote against the candidate for president whom the trusts support next fall."

Inasmuch as August Belmont, J. J. Hill, J. P. Morgan, Grover Cleveland, John D. Rockefeller, Patrick H. McCarran and a host of other notable trust magnates, are declaring that the election of Parker and Davis would not create "unrest and fear" in the financial world; and, inasmuch as David B. Hill, the democrat of New York state, is responsible for the nomination of Alton B. Parker and Henry G. Davis; and, inasmuch as all of these men declare that Theodore Roosevelt is a "dangerous man" to their interests, The Gazette will ask the Commoner if it still intends to "advise its readers to vote against the candidate for president whom the trusts support?"

charging that the men who supported Mr. Bryan were lunatics. If the loyal democrats now allow the bolters to come back and take complete control of the party, the Commoner is inclined to think that there was some truth in the charge.

Without a thought of getting personal in this matter The Gazette wishes to remind the editor of the Commoner that "the men who bolted the democratic ticket" in 1896 are the same fellows who had "complete control" of the late St. Louis convention and nominated Alton B. Parker and Henry G. Davis over the solemn protest of William J. Bryan; they are the same fellows who four and eight years ago "took great delight in charging that the men who supported Mr. Bryan were lunatics."

It seems like a sad commentary of political events, but The Gazette is just a bit inquisitive and would like to know if the Commoner is still "inclined to think that there was some truth in the charge."

A Contrast.
It is not often that the democratic party can be suspected of political wisdom, but in one phase of their actions in their recent county convention they showed good political sense. The platform committee reported and the convention unanimously endorsed a plank approving the national platform adopted at St. Louis and the nominees standing on the same.

A Bombshell From "Jim" Hill.
New York Press.
James J. Hill has come out strong for Parker and Davis. Their election, he says, would not "create unrest or fear."

Some people had believed that the main issue in the coming election would be suppression of private monopoly, like the Northern Securities merger. Mr. Hill doesn't think so. Mr. Hill finds that "the main issue will be the extravagance of the government."

It is also conceivable after the happening of the unexpected in the case of James J. Hill that the master minds of the coal trust, who have been reviling Mr. Roosevelt ever since he brought about the settlement of the coal strike and deprived the coal trust of an excuse for gouging consumers, will come out against the republican ticket on the ground that the candidate for president is "a dangerous man," and will support the democratic ticket because Parker is "safe and sane" and Davis is connected with the coal trust.

This would be amazing. So would be the news that the sugar trust, one of whose biggest stockholders is chairman of the democratic state committee, and the gas trust, whose legislative agent is one of Judge Parker's confidential advisers, had decided to contribute to the campaign fund to be used in the attempt to beat President Roosevelt for taking the stand that no corporation is above the law.

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Where George Will Find Trouble.
Bellingham Reveille.
The attempt to bring the democratic party to Cleveland is meeting with opposition in this state. There are democrats strong in the party councils who are not inclined to submit to the surrender of the party by Mr. Turner to Judge Parker and the gold standard.

"Should the Bellingham convention, however, endorse the actions and imitate the 'anything to win' hypocrisy of the St. Louis convention, by parading and requiring allegiance to the Belmont-Parker ticket while at the same time playing a game of 'anti railroad' politics in the state of Washington, and should it nominate a ticket headed or made up of men who have proved themselves traitors and trimmers, having no fixed principles, but seeking only some avenue to the public crib, for the railroad commission or against it, but for themselves always—if such a result occurs at Bellingham, it will be foredoomed to a deserved defeat at the polls and our duty and opportunity to organize a true, independent movement will be greater and better than at present."

The "traitors and trimmers, having no fixed principles, but seeking only some avenue to the public crib, ready to be for by metallism or gold standard, for railway commission or against it," is significant. It means Turner. It proves that the Spokane politician will find opposition to his leadership within his own party. As non-combatants we can look upon the fracas with unprejudiced interest.

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