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## ALLEN SAYS FUSION IS DEAD

Former Senator from Nebraska Finds the Lines Sharply Drawn.

Omaha, Nov. 24.—As a factor in the national campaigns of the future, fusion has received a deadly blow in Nebraska. In the state where its rise was first heralded, populism is calling together its scanty remnant to move, unalied, along original lines. It has had enough of fusion, which has brought it in the past the labor of carrying Nebraska with none of the fruits. Former Senator William V. Allen, a Populist whose influence for fusion in Nebraska has equaled that of W. J. Bryan, has lost its zeal in promoting fusion.

"There is a well-defined line of demarcation between the two parties," says Mr. Allen, "which will not permit them to be brought together. The difference must of necessity keep the two parties separate, though locally they may work along certain agreed lines in co-operation. The faith of the Populists is too clear and strong and well-founded to allow them to be absorbed by any other organization. The Democratic and Populist parties do not agree upon many essential points of political faith."

In contrast to the disaffection indicated in these remarks is the eloquent plea for fusion made at the dinner of the Nebraska Populists by Allen last May, when he and Bryan gave the principle another lease on life. This lease may be thought to have expired, however, with the recent election when the Populist registration and vote fell off in a manner significant of apathy toward fusion.

As to the unsolved problem of the national line-up for 1904 the Populists have determined upon their conduct if the Democrats depart one jot from their radical attitude of the last few years. They will stand fast for their ancient principles embodied in the 1892 platform. Mr. Allen, the admitted leader of Nebraska populism, says on this point:

"If the Democratic party should return to Clevelandism, there will doubtless be three tickets in the field in 1904, for no Populist will accept Mr. Cleveland or anyone holding his political views as a candidate for the presidency. The Populist party is as well solidified and as completely organized as the Democratic or Republican party, and no doubt, it will continue so in the future."

A similar view is taken by M. F. Harrington, an influential Populist of O'Neill, Neb. "Unless the Democratic party is ready to step forward," he says, "and urge the public ownership of public utilities it may as well retire from the field. It it goes back to the old lines in 1904, it will not only be defeated but completely annihilated."

### More Blood in Coeur d'Alenes.

A dispatch in Spokesman Review says: "It is reported here that Thomas Ashcroft, a cook at the Hunter mine, and Peter Dole, were killed tonight in a shooting scrape at the company's boarding house."

"The cause of the trouble could not be learned. It is said Ashcroft was drunk and was out with a gun threatening to shoot people on sight. Deputy Sheriff Williams attempted to arrest the man and Ashcroft shot at the officer and missed."

Peter Dole, a miner, then appeared on the scene and is said to have found Williams covered by Ashcroft's gun. Ashcroft is said to have fired again, but his gun was struck up by Dole.

"Other men came on the scene and several shots were fired, but no one can give

a connected account of the affair. Ashcroft was killed and Peter Dole is said to have been shot by Williams. More than one man is known to be wounded."

### About Water Works.

Spokane owns its water plant, and the superintendent of that plant gives out some interesting figures:

During August 11,500,000 gallons of water were supplied to the people or 287 gallons for each man, woman and child, based upon a 40,000 population.

It costs the city seven cents for each 1000 gallons pumped.

In October only 7,600,000 gallons were used or 190 gallons per capita.

Hydraulic engineers in estimating for water works figure on 90 gallons per day per capita.

In four years the amount of water pumped has nearly doubled but the cost of operation has not.

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Bakeries, public baths, boarding houses of more than 10 rooms, breweries, dyeing and scouring plants, hotels, saloons and laundries, livery, feed or sale stables, have meter rates only. The minimum meter rates are 30,000 gallons or less per 1000 gallons 20 cents; 30,000 to 50,000 gallons per month, per 1000 15 cents; above 50,000 per 1000, 10 cents.

In lawn sprinkling the rate is for each hydrant or sill cock, \$1 per month per season; first 1000 feet or less, 50 cents; next 6000 square feet, 40 cts; 7000 to 14,000 square feet, 30 cents; for each 1000 feet above 14,000, 20 cents. For plastering the rate is 40 cents for each 100 square yards; brick work per 1000, 10 cents; concrete for cubic yard, 40 cents; stone per cubic yard, 8 cents.

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### A Thrilling Experience with a Cougar.

D. M. Bowes who is known through this section as the "Big Swede" will be known from this time as the great cougar fighter of the wild and woolly white pine belt of Idaho. While he and his two companions F. P. Waters and C. W. Minnich were on their way to their claims in the pine last Sunday night they camped in a vacant cabin on Long Meadows. About 11 o'clock the Big Swede, who was sleeping alone, heard a terrible scratching on the roof and side of the cabin he immediately sat bolt upright in bed and commenced to call "Frank, Frank, Charley, there is a cougar on the roof tearing off the shingles." The boys continued to snore when he jumped out of bed and grabbed a 45-90 rifle that was hanging over the fire place and hollered, "Boys for God's sake what will we do?" Waters reached under his pillow and got his 44 revolver and fired through the roof while Minnich called to the Swede to shoot with the rifle. "Where shall I shoot?" "Where the noise is," says Minnich. The Swede cut loose with the gun and split a rafter in two. He was as white as a sheet and trembled so he could scarcely talk. He refused to sleep alone the balance of the night but got in bed with Minnich and was out early in the morning to see if the shot had done execution which he supposed had as the noise ceased after he fired. Now for the explanation. The cougar was a cane fish pole in the hands of Minnich which he drew across the shakes and rafters in the dark while he and Waters kept up a conversation with the Swede and increased his excitement by firing their revolver through the roof. Bowes still thinks he had a narrow escape from death and this article will be the first intimation to him that he has been sold.

Moral—Don't boast of your courage until you have had it tested.

## SHOSHONE POWER PLANT

Arrangements to Install Plant to Furnish Power for Hailey Mines.

J. C. Hollister, a Hailey mining man, has submitted to the state land board a proposition to lease 2 1/2 acres of ground at Shoshone Falls, for the purpose of erecting an electric power plant to furnish power to run the machinery at the Croesus and other mines in the Hailey gold belt and also for other mines located at Contract, Nevada.

The Hailey properties are some 75 miles from Shoshone Falls, while Contract is upwards of 80 miles distant. Mr. Hollister's plans would make necessary the construction of three dams, two to be 40 feet in length each, and one of 160 feet.

The water would then be run through a tunnel which would be constructed for a distance of 400 feet where a fall of 200 feet would be secured. At this point Mr. Hollister proposes the installing of a 10,000 horse power plant by which the electric power would be generated to be carried to the points desired.

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