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FOLK AND THE STATE RING.

STAND TAKEN BY THE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE BEFORE, AND AFTER, HIS NOMINATION FOR GOVERNOR.

Hon. Bert D. Nortoni's Speech, Reciting the Conditions Which Led Folk to Oppose Machine Government at Jefferson City, Makes Interesting Reading, in View of Folk's Recent Indorsement of Cook and Allen and His Deal for a Working Alliance With Hawes and Seibert.

When Mr. Folk was making his campaign for the Democratic nomination for Governor of Missouri, he deliberately chose the pose of an anti-machine reformer, and bitterly scored the State Ring, referring to the corruption at the State capital as on a par with the boodling in St. Louis. He was squarely against the machine and received the support of honest Democrats and Republicans alike, for his fearless course. SINCE HIS NOMINATION, MR. FOLK HAS, JUST AS DELIBERATELY, CHOSEN THE ROLL OF A MACHINE POLITICIAN AND HAS MADE A WORKING ALLIANCE WITH HARRY B. HAWES, JAMES M. SEIBERT, GOV. A. M. DOCKERY, SAM B. COOK AND OTHERS OF THE CROWD WHOM HE DENOUNCED SIX MONTHS AGO.

We know what actuated Mr. Folk in joining hands with the machine men. He wants to be elected and he fears the opposition of the machine would defeat him. But the people should not forget that Folk made his race for the nomination as the opponent of the State Ring. The people must not lose sight of the considerations which made Mr. Folk strong, as an enemy of the machine, because, now that he has made an alliance WITH THE MA-

believe corporations are artificial beings, without a soul, have stood amazed at such an exhibiton of Christian charity.

"We have seen the most powerful leader of that party offer the Governor \$20,000 for the appointment of his son, since twice nominated for Congress, to the office of Excise Commissioner and this Governor turn him down, and the people are asking why: And an echo answers, 'Why?'

"We have seen the Governor writing letters urging the principal lobbyist of the State for Delegate-at-Large, with the statement that the great lobbyist 'was a handy man to have around.'

"We have seen during that campaign this same great lobbyist publicly admit to his calling and openly charge the great party chieftain, then masquerading as the embodiment of religion and purity, with sucking eggs and hiding the shells.

"We have seen the State Auditor approach Mr. Ransdell, Representative from Cedar Count and solicit him to vote against the interests of the farmer and in favor of a huge corporation by voting against the stock yards bill.

"We have seen, the mysterious Mr. Brown paying Cardwell \$5,000 in order to keep the then State chairman from going on the witness stand and answering questions und-

and sparkling with glittering stories of the integrity and righteousness of the party in power.

"We have seen this man called upon by legislative committees and the grand jury to explain his possession of a \$1,000 bill and we have seen him crowd and scrouge and scramble with other shining lights of his party to hide behind the Constitution of the State.

These facts and many more of like kind are but snatches of the personal history of the leading spirits of the dominant party in Missouri. Under a leadership such as this it would be passing strange if pure results could be attained. To have honest government from such a source would necessitate a kaleidoscopic philosophy making the stream purer than the fount from which it flows.

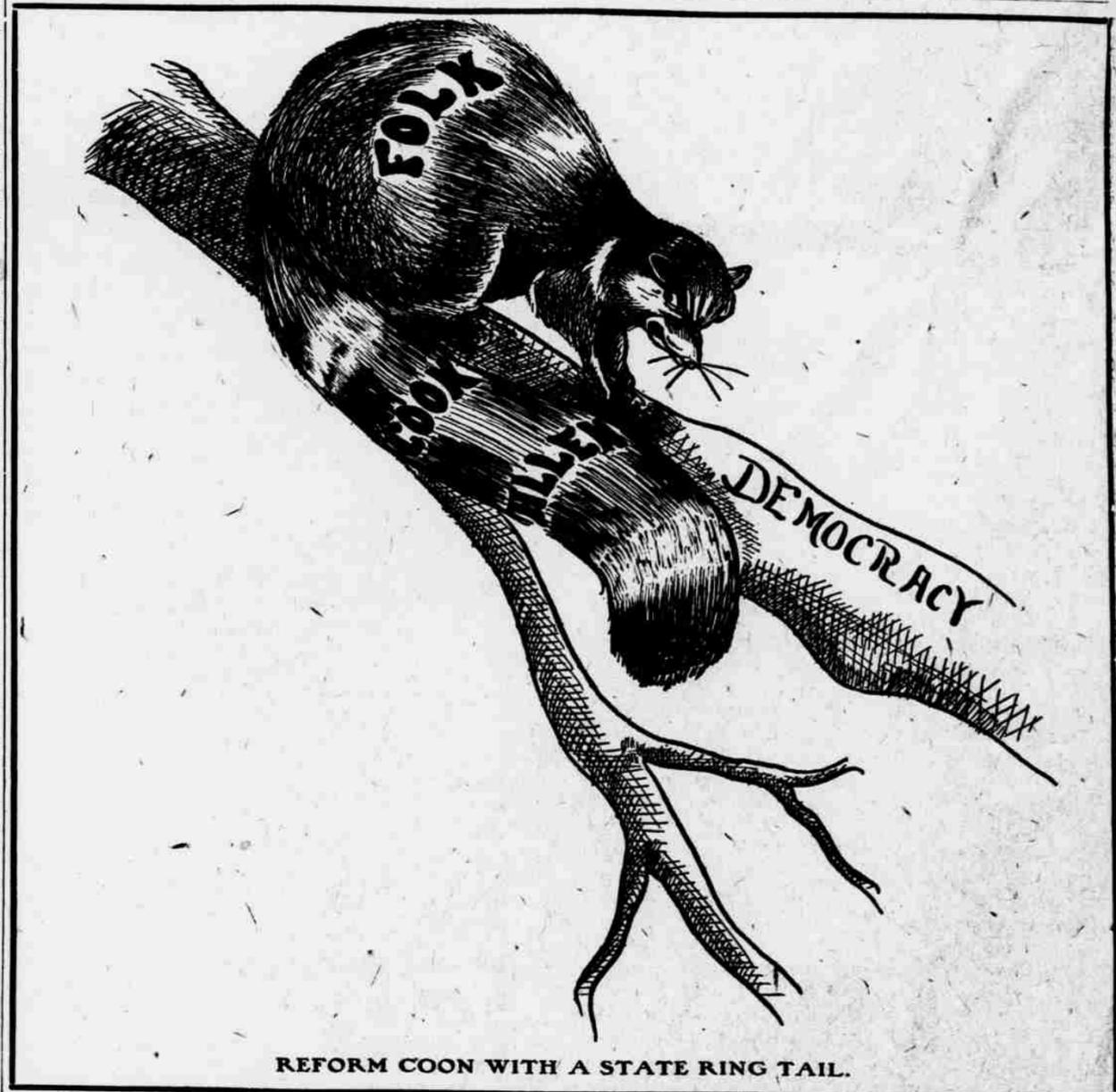
"We have seen the dominant party deny to the people of the great cities the right of self-government, which is sacred to every true American citizen.

"We have seen this party repeal honest and fair election laws governing the great cities and enact dishonest laws instead for the purpose of stealing elections, and this, too, in a State where the Constitution says elections shall be honest, free and open.

"In the name of the Sage of Monticello, whose life was dedicated and devoted to these sacred rights, they have denied to more than one million people in Missouri the right of home rule in order that the ring may be more securely fixed upon the State.

"We have seen non-political police laws repealed and partisan Police Commissions and Election Commissions appointed by the Governor in order that the party whip may be held by the Chief Ring Master at Jefferson City.

"We have seen the president of the most nefarious political organization in the West made president of the Police Board in the metropolis of the State and thus hyphenated a political union established between police force and election crooks.



POLICE IN POLITICS AGAIN.

THIS TIME IT IS MR. FOLK'S MANAGERS WHO "BLEED" THE ST. LOUIS FORCE.

- A. I made two payments, I think.
Q. Do you know what the amounts were?
A. I think so.
Q. Please state.
Objected to, as not being in rebuttal of anything offered by the contestee.
Q. Do you state the amounts?