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BRYAN says the Hearst party is designed to help Taft. Wrong again. It is designed to beat Bryan.

JEFFERSON township drew a blank in the primary Tuesday but she will be heard from in November just the same.

THE farmer bends the knee to none, and is less disturbed by the world wide reign of graft and greed than any of his fellows. May he live long and prosper—this son of the soil, who is the balance wheel of the universe.

THERE was too much Gompers, the labor agitator, and Towne, the populist, at the Denver convention to suit the conservative, conscientious, patriotic American citizen who desires peace, plenty, an honest dollar and a square deal, vigorously remarks the Central Missouri Republican.

THE busy man and woman of the world are they who have attained to greatness. Many such have endured hardships and practiced rigid economy to enable them to meet the demands of a large family and the greatest men of this country have been men who have labored with hands and brain, after acquiring a competency, remembering the years that are gone, admit that their working years were their happiest years.

AN experienced teacher says that pupils who have access to newspapers at home, when compared with those who do not, are better readers, better spellers, better grammarians, better punctuators, and read more understandingly, and obtain a practical knowledge of geography in almost half the time it requires others. The newspaper is decidedly an important factor in modern life. This will not be disputed by any one who has taken the trouble to investigate the matter for himself.

THE trend of events shows that Mr. Taft will get the great bulk of the labor vote, notwithstanding Gompers has promised them to Bryan. The natural and human inclination of labor is to vote for an honest man. There is nothing in any part of Mr. Taft's career that does not stamp him as a man of the best integrity. He has never committed an act in his life that would warrant labor in questioning his sincerity and real labor is too honest to become a party to the political swap made by Gompers.

THOSE who have been interested in watching the newspapers of the country to see if Bryan was going to have the support of any newspapers which turned against him in 1896 and 1900, have had no trouble in estimating that he has fewer papers in with him in his third run than ever before. In Philadelphia he has only one newspaper supporter. In Chicago there is no large democratic paper supporting him. There are a few in New England, but of course they will be of little importance, since he does not expect any electoral votes from that section. In New York state only seven important dailies are with the Bryan party. Ohio contains not more than four large Bryan sheets. In the south he has about a half-dozen, mostly weaklings and they are using only cheapest sirens in his behalf. In the whole aspect of the campaign there is nothing that indicates that Bryan has any better show of winning now than in his previous attempts to break into the White House.

Letter to Mr. Bryan
From Toledo Blade.

When Mr. Bryan made his appeal to the farmers for contributions to finance the democratic campaign he touched a match to a mine which promises for a third time to blow him into political oblivion.

The average farmer has little fear of the "predatory corporations" which Bryan holds before him to scare him into voting the democratic ticket. The farmer is making money; his acres are growing in value and he is getting good returns for his labor. Furthermore, he knows his business and is about the last man who can be gold-bricked. He is well informed, has opinions of his own, knows how to express them and is proof against the wiles of the most cunning politician.

The Blade is in receipt of an open letter to Mr. Bryan, written by a farmer in Tennessee who desires its publication in the Blade and who is not afraid to sign his name. We gladly give it space for we believe it expresses the sentiment of farmers generally, and coming from one of them has more force than if written by one not a farmer. Here it is:

Hon. W. J. Bryan, Lincoln, Neb.

Dear Sir—I have read the appeal made by you and Mr. Kern for campaign funds. Your story of the contribution of the Swede farmer is very touching indeed—just the thing to "touch" other farmers with.

I am a farmer, but was born in Indiana—not in Sweden, and am not surprised to hear that Johnny Kern wants money, as he most always does. But I thought since you had got to be a farmer you were better fixed, as most farmers are in good shape now, having made lots of money since 1896, and are still coining it, thanks to good crops and high prices.

Our cattle, hogs, corn and wheat, and most everything else we raise are higher right now than ever, and we get spot cash for the stuff. The only farmers who are not making money are the fellows who are not raising anything to sell.

I am one of the thousands who could give your campaign fund a hundred dollars and hardly miss it, but I would rather give it to insure conditions to remain as they are. I am not afraid of a single "predatory corporation" on the face of the earth so long as I get good prices and buy manufactured things, machinery, etc., cheaper than I used to buy them, and can ride on railroads cheaper than ever.

The corporations certainly have not the best of the farmer, whatever they may have of politicians.

Your own appeal for funds is proof that you know where the money is, and who has it, and you have the cheek to ask us to give it up to you to use to change conditions! Well, you can't have it Bre'r Bryan. I prefer to invest my \$100 in a young mule—and not a democratic mule either.

I am afraid you can never again raise as big a fund as you had in 1906, when the silver trust put up its big wad on your 'steen-to-one proposition. Yours truly,

D. W. STARNES.

Lawrenceburg, Tenn.

Missouri came to the front with a rush Tuesday in the Taft baby naming contest. W. F. Heavner of Lebanon announces himself the proud father of twins. As a good republican he has undertaken to perpetuate the whole national ticket and the state ticket by naming one boy Howard Taft Heavner in honor of Judge Taft and the other Hadley Sherman Heavner, to honor the second place on the national ticket, as well as Hadley, Missouri's republican candidate for governor.

SOCIALISTS DESERT BRYAN

John C. McKinley Says Missouri Democrats Have Lost 25,000 Votes

Kansas City Journal.

John C. McKinley, lieutenant governor of Missouri, not only says that this state will go republican next fall, but he has the figures to prove it. Mr. McKinley's home is in Putnam county. He speaks in Spickard today and is en tour. He does not think much of the petition proposition, but believes that he will be elected United States senator despite his conviction that Colonel R. C. Kerens will be forced into the race again and that he will run right up with the best of them.

"Fifteen thousand socialists have deserted Bryan on account of his recent maneuvering to get in with the conservatives, and 10,000 more democrats than republicans went to Oklahoma from this state. The Oklahoma figures prove that. There are 25,000 democratic votes lost. The party cannot afford it. That is not all the advantage the republicans have."

"What are some of the others?"

"Taft is several of them."

"Four year ago the republicans had Roosevelt to conjure with," was submitted.

"This year they have a better man," was retorted. "Taft is proving more popular than the tremendously popular Mr. Roosevelt. All the Roosevelt men are for Taft, and there are some conservatives who were not for the president who are coming out now for the next president. I refer to Mr. Taft."

The lieutenant governor has been going over Missouri with a fine-tooth comb. He has been everywhere excepting in the large cities, and he has been in some parts of these. He does not like the cities.

Real Prosperity Is Coming

Prosperity, better and saner than the United States has ever known before, is foreseen for the next decade by Prof. Henry C. Adams, for twenty years in charge of statistics and accounts for the interstate commerce commission. Prof. Adams is recognized as one of the closest students of industrial and financial conditions in the service of the government. His intimate association with the railroads and their operation has given him a thorough insight into business conditions.

The commission's statistician has reached the conclusion that business in all lines will soon return to normal conditions, to be succeeded quickly by extraordinary prosperity in every department of industrial activity. Both capital and labor, in his opinion, are on the dawn of a new day.

Prof. Adams declares that the holder of stocks is about "to come into his own." He regards the de-

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pression that followed the panic of last October of a blessing in disguise in that it will insure economy by preventing the return of reckless confidence that was engendered by too much and too long continued good times.

"We are almost through the depression," he said. It was preceded by a period of intense business activity. Inevitably in such a period men lose more or less of their caution. In such times everything seems prosperous and the future promising and there is less care taken to watch details of management. The result is loss and consequent panic."

The Editor's Mistakes

The editor of a local paper is often unjustly censured for his mistakes. The wonder is that they do not make more of them. On the average paper he must deal with all kinds of subjects, give names, dates, etc. One hour he may be engaged in reporting a religious meeting and the next drawing the picture of a fight. He must condense and fill with his items several columns, whether events are transpiring to throw up material for his use or not. Count the local items in a paper and inquire how many steps they have required, how much mental anxiety, worry and work they have cost and some idea of the editor's work can be gathered. The smallest may have cost him a long walk and much effort to reach the facts. There is no end to his work. When one paper is going to press he turns his attention to the next one. He makes the rounds in search of news and may not get a line. From some he must get news without their knowing it, drawing them into conversation and obtaining what he wants in sections. He may labor for hours [chasing down a rumor only to find there is nothing in it. His local columns stare him in the face and demand to be filled, not with skim milk but with the cream of news events and matters of interest. His bounds are limited and yet he must find in each day and all through the week, month and year something of interest to the public. No more perfect treadmill could be devised. With such a constant strain, producing weariness of the body and mind and an almost endless variety of subjects to be touched upon, is it surprising that he occasionally makes a mistake? Other people do, why shouldn't an editor?—Everton Journal.

Republican Congressional Committee Meeting

Under the provisions of the Missouri primary election law, Moberly, in Randolph county, in the second Missouri congressional district, is by me as present chairman of the republican congressional committee of said district, designated as the place at which the republican congressional committee, chosen under the provision of said primary election law, shall meet on Tuesday, August 11, 1908, for the purpose of electing a chairman of said committee and also of electing two members of the republican state committee from said second district, and transacting such other business as shall properly come before the committee.

It is recommended that as many as possible of candidates and working republicans in the district be present at this meeting.

C. W. NORTHCOTT, Chairman.
B. F. NORTHCOTT, Secretary.

Missouri's share of the \$2,000,000 appropriation for the support of the organized militia in the various states for the fiscal year of 1909 will amount to \$70,671.38. Of this amount \$52,003.54 is apportioned for arms equipment and camp purposes, and \$17,667.84 for the promotion of rifle practice.

SAFE BLOWERS ACTIVE

Utica and Hale Postoffices Visited by Cracksmen Monday Night

At practically the same hour, about 2 o'clock in the morning, robbers blew the safes in the postoffices at Utica, Livingston county, and at Hale, Carroll county. About \$25 in cash and stamps, taken from a cash drawer in the Utica office, was the only reward of the two bands of cracksmen.

The office at Utica is in the general store operated by Dietrich Brothers, one of whom is the postmaster. The safe door was shattered by the explosion of nitroglycerin and a large hole was blown out of the flooring of the room. Windows in the building were shattered as well as in adjoining structures. Townspeople awakened by the explosion began an investigation and the robbers were frightened away before they could get at the contents of the safe.

At Hale the postoffice is in a detached frame building. The cracksmen, exploding a charge of nitroglycerin, shattered the door of the safe but Charles Hudson, a brother of the postmaster, who was sleeping in the rear portion of the office, frightened the robbers away before anything of value was secured.

Just sixty days ago the safe of the Hale office was blown and \$500 was secured. Only a few days ago the safe in the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railways freight station in Chillicothe was blown by robbers and nearly \$700 in cash and pay checks secured.

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