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To the Democrats of Missouri.

One of the most important campaigns ever fought in Missouri is drawing to a close. At the outset the republican candidate for governor abandoned his party platform and party principles and has made his whole campaign an effort to get the vote of some discontented democrats. He has now abandoned his national ticket and even his associates on the state ticket, and from the headquarters in St. Louis, controlled by a chairman personally selected by him, and a secretary who is his official assistant, word has gone out to the committeemen in every precinct in the state that each must in some way get ten democratic votes for Hadley. There are more than twenty-five hundred precincts in Missouri, so that this message concedes the fact that today the republican ticket is defeated by 50,000 majority and that 25,000 votes must be changed in order to elect Hadley.

The democrats have only to stand by their flag on next Tuesday to gain the greatest victory ever won in this state. All indications point to a landslide for our national ticket. There is no state west of the Mississippi river today that can be safely counted in the republican column. New York, Indiana and West Virginia are surely democratic, and even partisan papers concede the election of a democratic governor in Illinois, Minnesota and Ohio, and yet the republicans must claim these states for the national ticket or else admit the defeat that surely faces them. Without regard to former party affiliations the laboring men of the United States will cast almost a solid vote for Mr. Bryan, and this alone insures his election.

Let every democrat in Missouri see to it that he does his part, that he may have his share in the rejoicing that will follow the glorious victory we shall win next Tuesday. Go to the polls and give to our state ticket the majority it so justly deserves, and put Missouri in the front rank in that column of great states that this year are rallying to the democratic standard.

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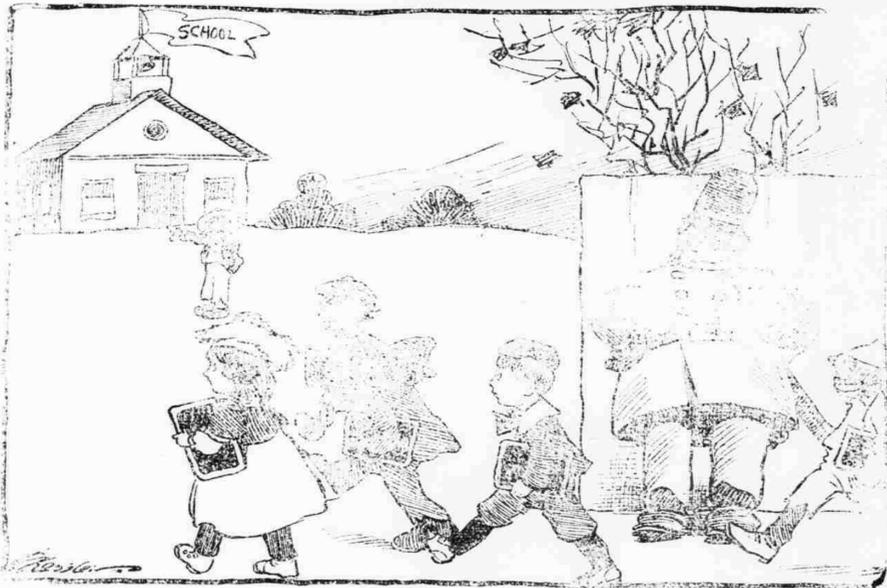
Executive committee of the Democratic State committee.

The Massachusetts State Federation of Labor has gone on record against Injunction Judge Taft, referring to him as a "persistent enemy of labor."

Every indication points to at least 1,000 democratic majority in this, the Thirteenth, congressional district, a deserved compliment to our able representative, Hon. M. R. Smith, who certainly "made good" his first term.

The president erupted again the first of the week, this time in an effort to convince organized labor that his candidate, Injunction Judge Taft, fairly dotes on it; in fact, has loved the skilled artisan longer and done more for him than Samuel Gompers, John Mitchell or any other labor leader ever dreamed of. The president is as badly scared—

Shall Missouri be Hadleyized?



The Globe Democrat of September 19 says: "Apparently the Democrats have thrown aside all hope of doing anything with the negro vote in the State, for he (Mr. Cowherd) declared in favor of the separation of the races in the public school." Does this mean that the Republican party hopes to get the negro vote upon an implied or secret promise that Missouri shall have mixed schools if Hadley be Governor?

if one may judge his state of mind by his papers—as any of his postmasters or the G.-D.

Mr. Hadley says if he is governor there will be honest elections in St. Louis and elsewhere in the state. No doubt of it.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Honest elections! Does the G.-D. believe that the people of Missouri have forgotten or forgiven the kind of "honest elections" the republican party handed them when it was in the saddle? And there are a whole lot of people who remember and resent the Hayes steal of the presidency. Hadley and "honest elections" in connection with the republican record! What gall!

The third battle finds the Bryan party on the eve of the election less hopeful than it has ever been before.—Globe-Democrat.

And the G.-D. dishes out such rot as that every day, when it knows better. The G.-D. hasn't been so scared up since '92 as it is right now—with every member of President Roosevelt's cabinet stamping the country, besides the last little ward politician that can squeak doing a speaking stunt wherever he can get a hearing, they are totting a scarecrow that is liable to produce gray hair and bald heads, but will it stop the G.-D.'s—?

A Rather Heavy Joke.

William C. Brown, secretary of the Association of Bronx Real Estate Brokers, says a New York telegram, wrote to Edward Polak, vice president of the association, reminding him that there will be a parade of the Business Men's Taft and Sherman club on October 31, and adding:

"If you believe that the election of Taft and Sherman will insure a continuance of prosperity and activity in all lines and desire to show your interest in this result by taking part in such a parade with the real estate division from the Bronx, kindly notify the undersigned how many of your office forces and friends will participate, so arrangements may be made at once to organize and secure assignments of place in line of march."

Mr. Polak's warm reply to Mr. Brown says in part:

"You say in your letter, 'If you believe that the election of Taft and Sherman will insure a continuance of prosperity and activity in all lines,' etc. I have no desire to be

offensive, but I cannot understand how men of intelligence can make such a statement at this time, unless with deliberate intent to deceive. With over 500,000 people out of employment in the city of New York alone, I fail to see the prosperity you speak of, and which you wish continued by the election of Taft and Sherman and want no more of it."

Look Out for the G.-D.

A week before the election the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, under the heading, in big type, "John Mitchell Denies He Authorized Use of His Name to Indorse Bryan," published the following misleading letter from John Mitchell, one of the great labor leaders:

M. L. Jennings, secretary, etc., Sorrento, Ill.—Dear Sir and brother: Your favor of Oct. 21, with enclosed circular, is received.

Replying, permit me to say that you are entirely mistaken when you assume that I am trying to dictate for whom any member of our union should vote. The circular you received was not sent out by me, neither was it mailed by my authority. It seems to me that before jumping to an unwarranted conclusion you might have done me the justice to inquire about the matter. I am yours truly,

JOHN MITCHELL.

If any reader of THE PRESS can find any mention of Mr. Bryan in the foregoing that would warrant the Globe-Democrat's heading, he will oblige us by speaking right out, for we have failed to discover it; but we do see in the article a palpable effort to mislead its readers. The following telegram from John Mitchell to the New York World shows his position, and no fair-minded man will believe that the editor of the G.-D. has not seen and read it:

"Editor New York World: In accordance with your invitation I wish to state that, in my judgment, the election of Bryan would be for the best interests of the whole nation."

"He stands on the much better platform and will be guided by it in the event of his election. Mr. Taft is handicapped by the zealous advocacy of his cause by the predatory rich. Honest wealth and business have nothing to fear in Bryan's election."

"JOHN MITCHELL."

And the Globe-Democrat, you

may have noticed, carries one of two standing heads, "Organized Labor Is for Taft!" or similar rot, that we warn our readers is far from the truth.

Watch that delectable sheet, and, beginning Monday, see how often it convicts itself of falsehood during the week preceding election.

The St. Louis Times (rep.) prints Raymond's forecast of 107 majority for Taft in boxcar letters and over-looks Abbott's more modest and a great deal more reasonable forecast, which leads Bryan winner by a majority of 51 electoral votes.

Mrs. Cora Hinkle, who has been in the Scott county jail several months, charged with murdering her husband, James Hinkle, entered a plea of guilty of manslaughter in the Circuit court, in session at Benton last week, and was sentenced to five years' imprisonment in the penitentiary. Thomas Duval, who was under indictment for improper conduct with Mrs. Hinkle, entered a plea of guilty and was fined \$50 and costs.

An Indian owed a merchant, and one day he came to pay and wanted a receipt. In vain the merchant told him the receipt was unnecessary. "Me must have receipt to show me owe nothing," said the Indian. "Me go to heaven the Lord ask Injun he pay debts. Injun say yes." Lord ask Injun where is receipt. What Injun do? Can't go all over hell to look for you." He got the receipt.

The Difference.

Apropos of the widespread temperance wave sweeping the South and southwest, Senator Charles A. Culberson of Texas tells a story of a stump speaker in the Lone Star state whose effectiveness on many occasions was emphasized by that gift so indispensable to successful campaigners—repartee.

"This summer," said Senator Culberson, "was not at all famous or otherwise noted for any conspicuously faithful adherence to the rules of the life abstemious. That fact was well known to a clergyman in the audience, who sought to nullify the manifest favor with which the speaker's oratory was being received by the large gathering of voters."

"Will the gentleman tell me," asked the preacher with loud voice as he rose in his seat, "whether or not he drinks?"

"The speaker looked nonplused for a moment, and the audience tittered at his apparent embarrassment. But his ready wit asserted itself when he had had time to recover. 'I will answer the gentleman's question,' he responded with a smile as the clergyman beamed with a triumphant air; but before doing so I should like to ask a question.' Then, still smiling, his manner anxiously expectant, 'Does the gentleman offer the interruption as an enquiry or an invitation?'"

"The preacher sat down," concluded Senator Culberson, "and he didn't interrupt again."

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Too 'Spicious.

"Sam, I thought you were going to have your minister at your house to a chicken dinner to-day?"

"Nossuh!"

"But you told me early in the week that you were?"

"Yessuh! an' even some. Ah tell 'yo' 'yo' ben watchin' 'yo' chicken coop with a shotgun, sah. 'Yo' is altogether too 'spicious, sah."



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