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For President,
WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN,
OF NEBRASKA.
For Vice President,
ADLAI E. STEVENSON,
OF ILLINOIS.

For Congressman, Seventh District,
M. J. DALY,
OF OTTER TAIL COUNTY.

STATE TICKET.

For Governor—
JOHN LIND,
Brown County.

Lieutenant Governor—
T. J. MEIGHEN (Pop.),
Fillmore County.

Secretary of State—
M. E. NEARY (Dem.),
Hennepin County.

State Treasurer—
H. C. KOERNER (Dem.),
Ramsey County.

Attorney General—
R. C. SAUNDERS (Dem.),
Pine County.

Associate Justice of the Supreme Court—
J. C. NETHAWAY (Dem.),
Washington County.

Railroad Commissioner, four-year term—
P. M. RINGDAL (Pop.),
Polk County.

Railroad Commissioner, four-year term—
T. J. KNOX (Sil. Rep.),
Jackson County.

Railroad Commissioner, two-year term—
SYDNEY M. OWEN (Pop.),
Hennepin County.

COUNTY TICKET.

For Representative,
JOHN B. BOSCH.

For Auditor,
P. R. SLETTEN.

For Treasurer,
P. J. DALE.

For Sheriff,
N. O. NELSON.

For Register of Deeds,
O. A. HEDIN.

For County Attorney,
P. H. FRYE.

For Judge of Probate,
J. H. STYLES.

For County Superintendent of Schools,
MISS INGA S. SIVERTSON.

For Surveyor,
N. C. HIGHSTROM.

For County Commissioners:
First District, Jerry Leary; Third District, A. J. Smithson; Fifth District, C. E. Johnson.

ON THE EVE OF BATTLE.

Before the next regular issue of the TRIBUNE reaches its readers the battle of the ballots will have been fought and the fate of this nation will have been decided, maybe for generations and possible for all the time. For one of the questions, the paramount issue of the campaign, is so momentous, so far reaching that on the decision made by the American people depends the permanency of our free institutions. We have fought a fair fight, have tried to appeal to our readers' reason and sense of justice, not to partisan prejudices. Before closing the campaign let us take a general view of the field and show the positions of the contending armies.

On the one hand we find all the corporate interests of the country, the monopolists, the trusts, the money lords, in short, all the classes who are enjoying special privileges. We find there J. Pierpont Morgan, the head of the bankers syndicate that robbed this nation on the gold loans under Cleveland. There we find Rockefeller, the head of the Standard

Oil syndicate, the company that is rapidly absorbing line after line of industry and crushing competition, the company that has in the last year squeezed out of the American people profits amounting to almost the entire capital of the company, the soulless corporations at whose behest the miner's union of Idaho was crushed by the military power of the United States; the company that has had the free use of millions of dollars of the United States' funds. There we find Andrew Carnegie, the iron king, the inveterate foe of labor unions, the man who fleeced Uncle Sam out of immense sums for worthless armor plate. These men, and their brethren in the faith are solidly arrayed on the side of the republican party. These men in themselves would not make a formidable party if the citizens could tear themselves loose from party prejudices and vote for their own interests. When you come to vote ask yourself if your interests are the same as those of Morgan, Rockefeller, Carnegie and others who have in a few short years amassed wealth that represents the unrequited toil of millions of workers. Those men look out for their interests. They are republicans because during the last forty years that has been the strongest party. They are bound by no scruple of conscience. They have by liberal use of money obtained control of the party machinery. Now why not look out for your own interests for once, and cease to be a heaver of wood and a drawer of water for the corporations? You owe it as a duty to yourself, your children and your country to try to free the government from the clutches of those men. But there is a deeper reason why you should for this once disregard past party ties and vote against the administration. The richness of our country is such that for a long period yet many of the people may be fairly prosperous in spite of corporation extortions. But no country can afford to depart from the path of justice. There is an immutable law in this world that "Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap," and this applies to nations as well as to individuals. The nation that undertakes to govern another by brute force will come to worship force, military display and legalized murder, it will lose its finest sense of justice and duty; it will cease to guard jealously its precious heritage of self-government, and finally fall prey to the army that it has used to conquer other people.

"The mills of the gods grind slowly But they grind exceeding fine." Only on the foundation of justice to all, inside and outside of its boundaries can a nation be firmly builded. We are in danger of rearing our governmental structure on the quicksands of force and injustice, which will surely open and swallow anything built thereon. If you believe in justice, if you desire to head the command of the Great Master, "Whatsoever you would that others do unto you do even so to them," if you wish to see this nation guard and respect liberty in every land—then vote against "criminal aggression," and its avowed advocates, William McKinley

If you believe in the Declaration of Independence; if you think that liberty is a God-given right of every human being; if you believe that "government derive their just powers from the consent of the governed;" if you believe that Washington and his brave soldiers were right in fighting for that principle; if you feel that the hundreds of thousands of men who sacrificed their lives that this nation and liberty might live, were right—then

Vote for Bryan.
If you believe in industrial liberty; if you think that every man is entitled to enjoy the products of his labor; if you think that combinations that restrict production and raise prices so as to hinder the toiling masses from buying anything but the bare necessities of life; if you believe that a few men ought not to have the power to dictate how much shall be produced of any article and what the price shall be; if you are opposed to industrial slavery in every form, then

Vote for Bryan.
If you are opposed to brutal and unnecessary wars; if you are opposed to taking the flower of the American manhood, the men physically most capable of work, away from productive industry, home and its hallowed influences and putting them into a standing army, the school of vice and disregard for human life; if you do not wish to pay enormous taxes to maintain a large standing army; if you want to preserve our nation from this source of constant danger to liberty, peace and morality—then

Vote for Bryan.
You may not agree with Bryan on everything. Human minds are finite, and their vision is not clear enough to enable them to take an absolutely faultless view of everything. We have to try to come to an agreement on essentials, and leave time to show who is right on the non-essentials. A small mind will bicker and quarrel about little things; a great mind will look at the important and decisive questions only. Try to be a great patriot, not a narrow gauge partisan.

And in the name of true greatness, don't let anyone lead you astray by such a despicable argument as, "the full dinner pail." Are men only animals with stomachs, willing to bear any yoke and pull any burden if only there is a supply of feed in the manger, when they come in from the field? There are higher and holier objects in life than mere feeding. The truly great men of history, the men who have left a blessed memory behind them, the men who have made this world better to live in, have often had to make great personal sacrifices in order to accomplish their object in life. The noble army of martyrs were willing to sacrifice their lives for a principle. Are we descended so low in the scale, are we so deaf to all the great sermons of noble lives, that we are willing to allow liberty to die, allow a few money lords to dictate how we shall vote—and all for "a full dinner pail?" The earth will yield its abundance whoever is president; men will be willing to work. Who then shall bring disaster? The money lords, if any. Is not that acknowledging that they are the masters who dictate elections and make popular government an empty name? Shall we submit to a plutocratic government of that kind? Shall we permit a few men with long purses to dictate how we shall vote. They tell you you must vote for McKinley. Be a man, and tell them that they cannot control you. Protest against their usurpation of power. Cast your

Vote for Bryan.
In state matters the independent voter has a chance to register a victory for good government, such as is not always vouchsafed. Gov. Lind and Railroad Commissioners Ringdal and Knox have made a record that any citizen of the state ought to be proud of. Of course a person desperately set on finding some little fault may succeed. We have no man that has attained perfection. But the acts of these men, taken as a whole, show conclusively to the unbiased mind that they are animated by a strong desire to do their duty well, to protect the common people against the encroachments of organized wealth, to give equal justice to all—in short to give as nearly a perfect government as possible. Their bitterest enemies find only little insignificant things to criticize. The administration of these men has been subjected to the most severe scrutiny and has stood the test to the satisfaction of all fair-minded men. Why then should any honest citizen for that intangible thing, a party name, vote to discharge these faithful and efficient citizens of the commonwealth, and substitute for them men of doubtful quality? No employer of labor would be so foolish in his private affairs as to discharge a good servant for differences on national questions. Why not use a little common business sense in state affairs as well?

If you believe in taxing railroads and other corporations so as to make them bear a fair share of the burdens of government

Vote for John Lind.
If you believe in having a governor who looks after the interests of the state in every matter that he possibly can supervise, then

Vote for John Lind.
If you want to see the remnants of the state lands saved to our commonwealth and its schools, instead of having it fall into the hands of corporations, then

Vote for John Lind.
If you desire just and fair grades on your wheat; if you want to get the same grade for your wheat when you sell it as the big elevator companies get for it when they ship it out, then

Vote for John Lind.
If you want to serve notice on the political managers that you appreciate honesty and good work in a public servant more than you value party names, and thereby make them more careful in the future as to what kind of men they put on the ticket, then

Vote for John Lind.
And when you vote for John Lind remember that the same reasons should make you

Vote for Ringdal and Knox.
While you are about selecting good servants you can safely vote for the third man on our ticket for railroad commissioner. We know of no man more worthy of an honest citizen's vote than Owen. You will make no mistake if you

Vote for S. M. Owen.
If the politicians find that you hold party name above ability, honesty and efficiency they will regard you as their political slave and proceed to govern you accordingly. The most unscrupulous men will obtain and keep control of the party machinery. You will get the kind of government you deserve, but not the kind you would like to have.

Every reason why you should vote for Bryan is also a good reason why you should vote for M. J. Daly for congressman. He opposes government by force, taxation without representation, gunpowder civilization, trust domination, and a large standing army. Eddy is a champion of these things. He stands ready to defy the public opinion and the dictates of plain duty at the behest of the

trusts. The people of the district were a unit in condemning the Porto Rican tariff bill. Read carefully what republican papers said about it, and then see if you have a party reason even to vote for Eddy. Rebuke this defiant servant of the trusts and

Vote for M. J. Daly.
In county politics more than even in state and national you should look more closely to the men than to the label. The men nominated by the people's party by direct vote are all men fit for the offices they seek. They are men of known good character, capable of discharging the duties of their office satisfactorily.

There is an especial reason in this county why the people's candidates should be elected. It is well known to all people of this county what a bitter and relentless war has been fought in Willmar for several years between the temperance people and the saloon gang. The temperance people have the majority, and yet their work has only been half done each time, because unscrupulous politicians have used the republican party cloak to hide the saloon uniform. The men who have loaned the republican name for this degrading purpose are found in the courthouse. They have persistently worked in the last two local campaigns to elect aldermen favorable to license. What has been the purpose? Why, to win votes for themselves, of course. They know that the whisky gang has no fixed political principles, but will vote for its friends every time, and they figured that the farmers would vote for them for party's sake. They certainly did not do it for party's sake, for national politics can have no proper influence on local affairs, and besides the temperance ticket has on both occasions had a large majority of republicans on it. It was nothing but a deliberate trade for votes, and they will get the votes allright. The whisky element to a man are backing the courthouse gang. A blind-pigger told one of the republican courthouse inmates on the streets the other day that he (the pigger) could guarantee the aforesaid courthouse inmate 200 majority in Willmar. Now the saloon men don't have that many votes, but they figure that you temperance republicans will vote for party name, and the blindpigger will vote the same ticket for protection, and between the two they will secure a majority. Are you going to be a party to such a deal? Are you going to allow those courthouse officials to sully the banner of your party by draping it around the bloated blindpigger? If you have the courage of your convictions you will rebuke this nefarious trade by voting against the republican county ticket.

Only two men in the courthouse had the courage to come out and advocate the election of a temperance council pledged to oppose the saloon. Those men were O. A. Hedin and H. J. Ramsett. The whisky ring has sworn vengeance against these men. They tried to find a candidate against Ramsett on the republican ticket, but none dared to go up against him on account of the strong sympathy people have for him. This same feeling of sympathy no doubt contributed to the non-appearance of an opponent to him on the people's ticket.

O. A. Hedin was less fortunate as far as nominations were concerned for he has an opponent, and one that is especially fitted to be the opponent of a prohibitionist. But Hedin is safe, for the people of the county know why this bitter fight is made against him and they will rally round his standard without regard for party names.

We have confidence enough in the moral rectitude of the people of this county to believe that when the votes are counted on the 6th of November the courthouse gang will find that it doesn't pay to purchase the blindpigger support. The honest republican will purify their party by voting out the men who have brought this disgrace on it.

Last spring when it became necessary for the saloon men to have a petition in order to give them a chance to get saloons these politicians took hold of the matter in great style and circulated a petition for the poor oppressed saloon men. Among others who signed the petition were C. W. Odell, O. Jorgen Olson and W. L. Norin.

These men are asking for your votes. Think the matter over and then act according to the dictates of your conscience. If you desire to see your party freed from the domination of the whisky ring; if you want to have public officials understand that they must not truckle to the worst element of society; if you value morality higher than party name; if you want it distinctly understood that you do not want to stand shoulder to shoulder with the blindpiggers in their struggle to defy and nullify the law; if you want good capable efficient and accomplished saloon men; if you will use their influence for law and order then

Vote the People's County ticket.
A word with you in regard to John B. Bosch, our candidate for representative. If time would permit him to appear before the people in every part of the county it would be unnecessary for us to say anything regarding him. His clear logical talk, his thorough grasp of public questions, his deep researches into the underlying causes of economical disturbances, become apparent to every one that can have the pleasure of listening to him. There is not in Kandiyohi

county today a man more thoroughly equipped by nature and study for the position of representative than that plain, straightforward, honest farmer, John B. Bosch. He is in thorough sympathy with John Lind and will vote and work in the legislature to carry into effect the tax reforms advocated by Lind. If you endorse John Lind's views and vote for him you ought to vote for Bosch. You will never need to be ashamed of your choice. He will be a man that will make his mark in the legislature. He does not possess the foghorn voice and bulldozing manner that made a former representative of this county notorious, but he possesses the ability to state his views clearly and concisely and in a modest, quiet way that will win respect. Most of the work in the legislature is done in the committees and there the well-posed, logical, well-balanced man can do far more effective work than a loud-voiced rattlebrained chatterer. If you want a representative that will be a credit to the county, a man whose interests are identical with yours, a man who will be able and willing to work hand in hand with honest John Lind then

Vote for John B. Bosch.
A certain clique with a very good-sized axe to grind, and who desire the people of Kandiyohi county to turn the grindstone for them, are making frantic efforts to elect the republican candidates for county commissioners. Be on your guard. The people's party candidates are opposed to these private jobs, and they are men who will guard your interests carefully. If you want men that will guard and protect our county treasury from raids by private jobbers, then vote for the people's candidates for county commissioners.

Vote for justice and freedom. Vote for morality and obedience of law. Vote to make this country the best governed country on earth, the guardian of liberty, the beacon light of hope to the downtrodden and oppressed, an example of what government ought to be. Vote for the interest of yourself and your fellow toilers not for the interests of those who already have more than their need. Vote as a free citizen, not as a party slave. Vote as you wish to do, and let no moneyed boss scare you into voting against your convictions. Be citizens, not partisans; free men, not slaves.

Will Make a Good Representative.
RAYMOND, Minn., Oct. 29, 1900.

EDITOR TRIBUNE:
As a neighbor of John B. Bosch, People's candidate for Representative, I desire to say a few words regarding him to the voters of Kandiyohi county.

I have been acquainted with Mr. Bosch for several years and know him to be honest, intelligent, well posted on political and industrial questions. He has the ability and energy to make a good representative of the common people. As a farmer his interests are the same as those of the large majority of the people of this county. It is my honest conviction that he is the man the people of this county ought to select to represent them in the legislature.

Commend Sletten.
WILLMAR TRIBUNE:

Before the close of the campaign I would, with your permission, Mr. Editor, have a word or two with the voters of Kandiyohi county in regard to our candidate for county auditor, Mr. P. R. Sletten. While I have no serious objection to the present incumbent, as to the management of the office, I will say that Mr. P. R. Sletten would fill the office with no less ability, as he has had the training that would make him a first class auditor. Being a steady attendant of our public schools while a boy, and later attending the well known institution of learning, the Northfield college, and lastly the St. Cloud normal school, from which he graduated with honor, he has acquired a knowledge so much needed in the management of that important office. So gentlemen and fellow citizens, when you go to the polls on Nov. 6, and vote for other good men placed on our ticket, put a strong X after the name of P. R. Sletten.

Sincerely yours,
K. T. RYKKEK.

Wicklund Recommends Bosch.
To the many republican friends who expressed their intention to vote for me if I had not declined the nomination, I wish to say: Do not hesitate to vote for John B. Bosch, of Holland, for representative, as he is a man that will see to the farmers' interests of this county and of the state, and you will not regret it six months from now, if we elect him to represent us in the next legislature. He is a farmer and knows the wants of farmers. He is a Christian, and therefore I am confident that bribes will not carry him off from duty. I congratulate the county central committee on having appointed such an able and well qualified man as you will find in John B. Bosch. Accept thanks for the faith you all had in me. Respectfully,
JOHN WICKLUND.

The Gazette in its two column notice of our Anti-Military edition says it contained eight pages of plate matter. Which proves that Sterngucker wrote the comment. A printer would not have made the mistake. The edition was paid for by private subscription.

COMMEND AXEL'S WORK.

The Gazette and Argus have attacked O. A. Hedin, the present register of deeds, charging that he is incompetent and that he has been guilty of unobscuring conduct. Everyone who has had business with Mr. Hedin in his official capacity knows these charges are untrue, but for the benefit of those who have not had occasion to call on Axel for his official services, the TRIBUNE takes the liberty to reproduce a few letters which have been received from parties whose business in Kandiyohi county real estate is extensive:

C. H. Smith, 603-606 Phoenix Building,
Mortgage Loans.
Minneapolis, Minn., Oct. 29, 1900.

This is to certify, that during the past two years, I have had occasion to do quite an amount of business with the register of deeds' office of Kandiyohi county. I have always found Mr. O. A. Hedin, the register, to be prompt, accurate, reliable and very obliging at all times.
C. H. SMITH.

Security Bank of Renville,
Capital, \$25,000.
Renville, Minn., Oct. 29, 1900.

O. A. Hedin, Esq.,
Willmar, Minn.
Dear Sir:—We beg to acknowledge receipt of the abstracts and mortgages sent you recently. We desire to thank you for your promptness in getting our work out. We have sent a great deal of work into your office during the past two years and it always comes out correctly and promptly, to our entire satisfaction. We write you this letter in order to show that we appreciate your services to us.
Yours very truly,
W. S. GOLD, President.

H. P. Nelson & Co.,
Bonds and Farm Mortgage Loans.
Olivia, Minn., Oct. 29, 1900.

EDITOR WILLMAR TRIBUNE:
Dear Sir:—No register of deeds or abstractor in the 47 counties in Minnesota, or any county in other states, where we have done a farm mortgage loan business for the last 17 years, can by his competency, great care, accuracy, and obliging manner as such register of deeds and abstractor, command higher respect and esteem by our firm than does Mr. O. A. Hedin of Willmar, Minnesota.
Yours truly,
H. P. Nelson & Co.

Spicer Land Company,
(Incorporated.)
O. A. Hedin, Register of Deeds.

Dear Sir:—This is to certify that during the time you have been register of deeds, I have had considerable business in your office and there has been nobody more prompt, accurate and reliable ever had an office in my estimation and I have had more or less business with said office for the past 25 years.
Yours truly,
JOHN M. SPICER.

A Good Word for Sletten.

MR. EDITOR:
The election is close at hand and even those who do not take active parts in the campaign are feeling the excitement of the time. Every earnest citizen is making up his mind—if he has not already done so—how to vote. Many able and competent men have been writing and talking to influence their fellows and get them to see the situation from their standpoint of view and explain the issues of the day, so I shall not try to do anything like that generally, but I feel inclined to say a few words in behalf of my esteemed townsman, Mr. P. R. Sletten, whose name is on the ticket for auditor. His name is known throughout the county—no doubt about that—but in some parts of it there may be many who do not know what kind of a man he is.

I have been acquainted with Mr. Sletten for many years and I do not hesitate to advise my fellow citizens to cast their votes for him. You cannot find a more worthy man to fill the responsible office for which he is a candidate. Fellow farmers, he is one of ours, has been a hardworking farmer for years and a successful one too. He is an able and intelligent man, is a graduate from the Normal School and has an up-to-date education. He is upright and honest, is a warm friend of reform and temperance and you can always depend upon his word and his integrity. I am sure we farmers of Kandiyohi county will make no mistake if we elect Mr. Sletten,
JOHN P. ELKJER.
St. Johns, Oct. 29, 1900.

Strong Words for Sletten.

To the Voters of Kandiyohi County, Minn.:
We, the undersigned, would recommend P. R. Sletten, of the town of St. Johns, candidate for county auditor on the people's ticket, as an honest and competent man. He has strong moral convictions and has always been a worker against the liquor element. He has contributed to the local papers appeals to the good judgment of the voters and others to assist to banish the evil from us.
MATTES YOUNGREN,
OLE J. PEDERSON,
K. T. RYKKEK,
I. S. ANDREWS,
JOHN WICKLUND,
J. O. KLOSTER,
PETER WICKLUND,
HENRY G. HANSON,
OLE S. RINGSTAD.

Abuse Rebuked.
Dr. Johnson went to Grove City Saturday to speak. He denounced John Lind in his most virulent manner in his speech. When he had exhausted his stock of abusive epithets the republican candidate for representative arose and told the people that he considered John Lind the best governor Minnesota ever had, and the audience cheered him to the echo. Doc. must have felt like a counterfeit one cent piece.