

Sample County Ballot.

This ballot cannot be voted, but should be preserved and taken to the polls to assist in marking your official ballot. In voting the straight Peoples ticket you must put X marks in the exact places where they appear on this ballot.

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| Member of Congress—FRANK M. EDDY—Republican. | | |
| Member of Congress—MICHAEL J. DALY—Peoples. Democrat. | X | Vote for One. |
| Member of Congress—H. H. AAKER—Prohibition. | | |
| Member of Congress—HALDOR E. BOEN—Referendum. | | |
| Member of Congress— | | |
| Representative—P. A. GANDRUD—Republican. | | Vote for One. |
| Representative—JOHN B. BOSCH—Peoples. | X | Vote for One. |
| Representative— | | |
| County Auditor—LEWIS JOHNSON—Republican. | | Vote for One. |
| County Auditor—P. R. SLETTEN—Peoples. | X | Vote for One. |
| County Auditor— | | |
| County Treasurer—WARNER L. NORIN—Republican. | | Vote for One. |
| County Treasurer—PETER J. DALE—Peoples. | X | Vote for One. |
| County Treasurer— | | |
| Register of Deeds—O. JORGEN OLSON—Republican. | | Vote for One. |
| Register of Deeds—O. A. HEDIN—Peoples. | X | Vote for One. |
| Register of Deeds— | | |
| Clerk of Court—H. J. RAMSEY—Republican. | | Vote for One. |
| Clerk of Court— | | |
| Sheriff—CHARLES W. ODELL—Republican. | | Vote for One. |
| Sheriff—N. O. NELSON—Peoples. | X | Vote for One. |
| Sheriff— | | |
| Judge of Probate—A. F. NORDIN—Republican. | | Vote for One. |
| Judge of Probate—JOHN H. STYLES—Peoples. | X | Vote for One. |
| Judge of Probate— | | |
| County Attorney—CHARLES JOHNSON—Republican. | | Vote for One. |
| County Attorney—P. H. FRYE—Peoples. | X | Vote for One. |
| County Attorney— | | |
| Superintendent of Schools—E. F. FINK—Republican. | | Vote for One. |
| Superintendent of Schools—MISS INGA S. SIVERTSON—Peoples. | X | Vote for One. |
| Superintendent of Schools— | | |
| County Surveyor—B. F. JENNESS—Republican. | | Vote for One. |
| County Surveyor—N. G. HIGHSTROM—Peoples. | X | Vote for One. |
| County Surveyor— | | |
| Coroner—E. S. FROST—Republican. | | Vote for One. |
| Coroner— | | |
| County Commissioner, First District—THOS. H. OLSON—Republican. | | Vote for One. |
| County Commissioner, First District—JERRY LEARY—Peoples. | X | Vote for One. |
| County Commissioner, First District— | | |
| County Commissioner, Third District—PETER HAGEN—Republican. | | Vote for One. |
| County Commissioner, Third District—A. J. SMITHSON—Peoples. | X | Vote for One. |
| County Commissioner, Third District— | | |
| County Commissioner, Fifth District—A. M. HEDIN—Republican. | | Vote for One. |
| County Commissioner, Fifth District—CHAS. E. JOHNSON—Peoples. | X | Vote for One. |
| County Commissioner, Fifth District— | | |

O. Jorgen Olson informs us that we were misinformed regarding that "full dinner pail" transparency. The reverse of his transparency carried the mystic symbol, "Imperialism in South Carolina." What O. Jorgen had to do with imperialism in that place is not apparent. We gladly make the correction, however, and express our earnest hopes that when the people of South Carolina get ready to elect their emperor they will not forget O. Jorgen.

\$100 REWARD.
THE TRIBUNE PRINTING COMPANY will pay one hundred dollars reward for proof that a postmaster has illegally held back a copy of the TRIBUNE or any part thereof from the party to whom it was addressed. There have been some high-handed proceedings in certain localities and the cases will be closely investigated.
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POLITICAL COMMENT.

By a special contributor to the Willmar Tribune.

The Gist of the Campaign.

Hanna has summed up the republican campaign arguments in one word—the DINNERPAIL. The republicans have been forced to abandon all other arguments. It was found that imperialism was not a safe issue, and every republican orator is nervous on the subject. All he is allowed to do now is to turn away from that dangerous subject with a laugh—forced though it be—and a declaration that the republicans don't mean imperialism, that they don't mean what they do in the Philippines, that all that is a huge joke—besides being pure philanthropy. And the trusts, Hanna declares there are no trusts. O, the republicans say that some trusts are good, some bad; and all of them beg us to believe that they receive campaign funds from the trusts just in order to annihilate them. But they feel that all this is a little on the bias. They mark that their words sound hollow. So they are reduced to the dinnerpail, to "prosperity."

Col. Bryan has summed up the campaign from the fusion standpoint. According to him, this campaign is to determine whether the American people are any longer to believe in the Declaration of Independence. All other questions are secondary. If liberty is divine in America it is likewise divine in Asia. We cannot play the despot in the Philippines and be free at home. If Massachusetts was justified to rise up in arms against foreign oppression, so is Luzon.

Now choose, O Israel, whom you would serve! You are asked to choose between the dinnerpail and liberty. Who is so base as to hesitate in his choice!

After all, even the dinnerpail is stolen thunder in the republican camp. Canada had hard times when we had hard times, and she is now "flush" just as much as we. But I have yet to find the campaign orator who has brass enough to claim that the republican party has ruled Canada. Worse than that. The Canadians were under a high tariff government when they had hard times, and are under a low tariff administration now. There has been no change in their money standard, so we cannot say that any fear of free silver caused a panic with them. The sum total of it is, as every sensible man knows, that the republican party has as little to do with the full dinnerpail as with the spots on the sun.

Hence, if you in sordid greed choose the full dinnerpail and turn your back on liberty, you will lose the dinnerpail too. The trusts will take the full dinnerpail.

And it serves you right. Dastards and traitors who would sell their country for a mess of pottage ought to get a taste of the tender mercies of the trusts.

The Department of Public Instruction.

Some of the republican teachers in the state have a habit of sneering and fault-finding when the state superintendent's work is mentioned. This is all dictated by political animosity. Next time you meet some of these supercilious fellows who know it all, just pin them down with the question, "What wrong has he done?" and watch them hedge! The fact is, they cannot point to a single act of the state superintendent that he needs to cover up. The worst they can say is that the superintendent is not liberal—with the state's money. It strikes me that a man who insists that state employees shall comply with the terms of their contracts and does not let them off before they have done so, is just the sort of a man the average taxpayer would prefer to see at the head of things. Just ask the next grumbler if he has not served under the department—say as summer school teacher—and then ask if he ever knew Supt. Lewis to waste any of the state's money. He will assure you that he never did.

Perhaps these highly respectable and learned men would like the state department better if it had not been so inflexibly and stupidly honest.

A Republican Campaign Poster.

I am surprised and pleased. The republicans can and dare tell the truth sometimes. There is a republican campaign poster that tells the truth, but that they let that poster see the light of day before election is beyond me. It represents McKinley standing on a gigantic gold coin, holding the American flag. But under the coin stand the American people. This is as if it were designed to illustrate Bryan's statement that the republican party places money above men. The poster shows, too, that the gold standard is a burden under which the American people toil and that McKinley adds his weight on top of this load to increase the weight the American people struggle under. This is not what the republican party generally preaches. We thought they taught that the gold standard was to

be the foundation on which the American people should stand. But the republican poster preaches the democratic doctrine: that the gold standard is a burden, not a support. Over it all waves the flag. That is to say, the great business of the flag is to protect the gold standard. The flag waves not over the people (they are hidden under their golden burden) but over a gold coin.

McKinley has planted himself and his country's flag on top of a gold coin. This expresses more forcibly than words can, the republican position to sordidest commercialism. Commerce and spoils are all that the McKinley administration seeks to gain; in money they trust, and to the capitalist alone do they look for support.

The American flag and president supported by a gold coin and in return protecting the coin; the American people loaded down with the double burden of a war administration and the gold standard; money nearer to the president than the American people; is not this a truthful delineation of the purposes of the platform and candidates of the republican party?

Why should we copy England.

There is no "secret alliance" between England and the United States. There can not be. No alliance could be made without a treaty, and no treaty without a three-fourth's confirmatory vote of the senate.

Furthermore, England needs no alliance as long as she owns the administration; and she owns the administration as long as Hon. John Hay is secretary of state, and Senator Hanna is the uncrowned emperor of America. President McKinley does not count. An invertebrate of his description has no opinions that even he himself takes the trouble to respect.

Hon. John Hay was and is a lucky dog. He was sent as ambassador to the court of St. James. He came, saw, and was conquered. The English politician is a sly fellow. He knows the inside of the average politician, especially if he be English-speaking. A deal of unctious flattery not too thinly laid on; continual taffy from the nobility that the American has never seen before outside of novels; big doses of lionizing; and lo! the heart of John Hay was won for all time to come. Henceforth, whether in America or Europe, he is as clay in the British potter's hand. He doubtless, spends all his spare time admiring British institutions, and all his working hours in transforming his benighted native land into an empire as nearly like the British as possible. Secretary John Hay is worth ten secret alliances to England.

Senator Hanna is the incarnation, head, and front of plutocracy. England, with all her vaunted democracy, is the paradise of plutocracy. The British empire is managed entirely in the interests of the rich. To be sure, many a boon is granted to "the masses," but only when it can be done without sacrifice to the moneyed classes. The masses are on the other hand, continually sacrificed for the richer classes. Their present war with the Boers is, as all will admit, a capitalist's war for the possession of the South African mines. The English nation has gained and can gain nothing by that war; but loses enormously in lives, treasures, public morality, and military prestige. Since the day of Waterloo, the English have never drawn the sword for any but capitalistic interests, such a government must evidently be Hanna's ideal government. To make the American nation a second British empire is hence inevitably his aim. If then these two capitalistic empires, these two plutocracies should join hands, it is evident that the plutocrat would rule supreme over the whole world. This is the "devoutly to be wished for consummation" that Hanna and the inner ring of republicans work for.

The crime against "plain duty" in Porto Rico, the "criminal aggression" and slaughter in the Philippines, the broken pledge to civil service, the unwarranted delay in Cuba, the dastardly surrender of American rights in Alaska, all this and every other act that has disgraced the present administration—and such acts are many—are parts of one stupendous woe—a conspiracy to make us a plutocracy in close union with England, so that the united strength of the money power might rule the world, with its heel on the neck of the laborer, whether he be white, black or brown.

This is why government by injunction and the "bull-pens" of Idaho are so dear to the heart of the present administration. Can we laborers look at this attempt to wrest the government from the masses, in silence and with apathy? I do not like to see the government in the hands of a class of men that find it to their advantage to reduce my dollar and a half a day, to a dollar a day.

There are many worse governments in Europe than the English, and as for the English people, none nobler can be found, but is it really sensible of us to ape any nation? Why did the Lord let America be settled later than Europe if we should just try to copy all the errors of the old world?

Why indeed should we copy the colonizing policy of England? It may be the best on earth, but that is because there is no decent colonial system extant. It is simply systematized oppression and robbery of the weaker races by the stronger. To be sure, sanitation, science, and Christianity are introduced among said weaker races, but care is taken that said weaker races pay for the privilege fourfold. They are always robbed of their liberty. And to what purpose? That there may be plenty of places in the army and civil service for younger sons; that their may be gigantic opportunities for the princes in the money world to gain enormous fortunes in the lands of the weaker races. The average merchant, manufacturer, and capitalist gains nothing by the colonial policy. But he pays the bills. The nation never gains anything from colonies. A select few capitalists and officials are the only ones that are benefited.

England's trade with North and South America, which she does NOT own, is greater than the trade with any colony which she does own. Trade does not follow the flag. It has never been necessary to own a person to get a chance to trade with him. Colonies are profitable only to the inner circle of trusts which stands in with the administration, and to the boodle politician; for the colonies will add to the number of offices at their disposal as spoils.

Hence the case is plain. Secretary Hay is an Anglomaniac, and as such he must needs try to make his native land as like perfect Britain as possible.

Senator Hanna is a plutocrat, and a spoils politician, and his business demands more spoils for his ward-healers and greater opportunities for the trusts. Both of these aims can be realized by making us a colonial power in the British sense.

Now, if you are an anglomaniac, plutocrat, or spoilsman, you had better vote for William McKinley and Theodore Roosevelt, and you will please Senator Hanna and Secretary Hay.

Taxation of the Railroads.

Whether a republican or a democrat in national politics, no honest citizen of Minnesota can afford to vote any other than the fusion ticket for state officials. Gov. Lind, in the teeth of railroad opposition, recommended a plan for an equitable and just system of railroad taxation. A bill embodying Gov. Lind's plan was introduced but defeated by the republican majority in the legislature. So palpably outrageous was this action of the legislature, that even some of the most rabid republican papers found it more than they could swallow, and they threatened freely political annihilation to the members who defeated the bill. These members themselves had no other excuse than that they feared the bill was not constitutional. This absurd plea becomes doubly absurd when we remember that in the opinions of the best lawyers of the land the bill was constitutional, and that these weakened legislators did not attempt to amend the bill so as to make it constitutional.

Hence, this conclusion is inevitable; whoever voted against the bill was either too ignorant to understand what he was about, or he was bought by interested parties.

Hence, look up the legislative record of your candidates; if you find that they voted against that bill, don't you vote for them. If you do, you are an idiot who enjoys being robbed.

But the safest way, the only safe way is to elect men who belong to the same party as our trusted and tried governor. Elect men belonging to the reform party and you can be sure that they will vote right on this important measure. Why indeed should we do things by halves. No honest man in Minnesota who knows what he is talking about will deny that this has been the best gubernatorial administration we have ever had. Then why should we not elect a legislature and other state officials in sympathy with Gov. Lind? Let us be satisfied with nothing less this year than a complete reform government with Gov. Lind at the head and every member of it in sympathy with him.

The behavior of the hoodlum element of the republican party at the rally last night was a burning shame and disgrace to the city. Bands of young ruffians assaulted participants in the parade with stones and clods of earth. Every transparency was pierced by flying missiles. A lady on the sidewalk was badly hit with a stone. The young lady who represented Columbia was stricken on the cheek. "Uncle Sam" was subjected to many indignities. Some of the disturbers were old enough to know better and the list so far reported looks bad. The high-handed conduct of these fellows simply emphasized the truth of the charges made against certain republicans of Willmar on the minds of the country people, and the former will suffer at the polls.



VID KAMPANJENS SLUT.

Mensklighetens historia såväl som individens visar en ständig strid mellan de själviska djuriska böjelserna och de högre spiritella tendenserna. De förra försäkra strid och kif, ett jägande efter hvad andra äga, och brott af allehanda slag. I en nation egga de till eröfringskrig och orättvist behandling af andra folk. De sednare komma oss att se på andra bästa såväl som på vårt eget. De lyfta ett folk öfver sjelviskhetens låga nivå, och komma det att bygga sin regering på rättvisans och människokärlekens grundval ej på den råa, styrkans. I mån som dessa högre tendenser segat har den äkta civilisationen vunnit insteg. Det högsta uttrycket af dessa tendenser är den store mästartens ord: "Hvad i viljen människorna skola göra eder det gören i och dem." Hur vi än må skilja oss i religiösa åsikter måste vi dock erkänna att denna regel samvetsgrant följä skulle göra världen fridfull och god. Våra plikter som medborgare fordra att vi bruka denna gyllene regel vid afgörandet af nationens ståndpunkt.

Hur skulle vi om vi vore i Filipinernas ställe önska att detta land skulle handla med oss? Huru handlade detta land när England vill regera det med absolut makt utan de regerades samtycke? Hvad rättighet hafva vi att neka ett folk samma rättigheter vi så kraftigt kämpade för? Antingen hade vi orätt då, eller också hafva Filipinerna rätt nu. Låt oss lemna sjelviskheten ur sigte och bedöma denna sak så som vi skulle önska se den bedömd om förhållandet vore omvärdt, och vi vore de som kämpade för frihet.

Historien visar att hvarje land som lemnat rättvisan ur sigte och med våld utvidgat sin makt har till slut fallit för tyngden af sin egen storhet. Den eviga rättvisan straffar omuligt hvarje orättvisa. Hvarken individer eller nationer kunna undvika räkenskap för sina handlingar.

Det är upprörande att se hvilka triviala orsaker som ofta afgöra huru en person röstar. Man ser män som göra anspråk på att vara goda medborgare arbeta för en ena eller ett parti för att få ett embete, och om de gå miste om hvad de hade i sigte göra de helt om och arbeta mot samma man eller parti. En sådan man handlar lågt, egenlyttigt, och på ett sätt som är ovärdigt en medborgare. Han sätter sin egen person högre än landets eller statens välfärd. Han är i princip icke en viden bättre än den som direkt säljer sin röst för penningar.

Det ideal mot hvilket vi som nation borde sträfva är att hvarje medborgare glömmet sig själf och ser på hela folkets väl, och på rättvisan. Du som läsa dessa rader kan med din röst hjälpa oss ett steg närmare detta mål.

Allt krig är grundadt på orättvisa hos åtminstone den ena parten. Eröfringskrig kunna aldrig rättfärdigas inför den moraliska lagen. Röstar du för fortsättandet af vårt eröfringskrig?

Truster och monopol af alla slag äro ett uttryck af den djuriska egenlyttan. De vilja tillroffa sig mer än de ärligt förtjenat. Dessa trustar och monopol understöda McKinley. Kan du rösta samma valsedel som dessa moderna röfvarhorder?

Rättvisan fordrar att jernvägarne och andra stora bolag skola bära sin del af beskatningen. De hafva hitills elingrat sig undan. John Lind har af alla krafter arbetat på att tvinga dem att bära sin rättvisa del af bördan, och därför motarbetat de honom. Röstar du med bolagen och emot rättvisan?

Rättvisan och landets grundlag fordrade att Porto Ricos folk skulle få fri handel med detta land när de beröfvades de handelsprivilegier de åtnjoto som spanskt område. Eddy röstade mot denna rättvisa begäran. Betänk detta när du röstar för kongressman.

Krogen är en af folkets värsta fiender. Krögarna och deras anhängare tillhöra det sämsta elementet inom samhället. De binda ej af principer, utan rösta alltid för sina vänner, för dem som de vänta skola hjälpa dem att få fortifara med sin nesliga affär. Inom detta county understöda de som en man den republikanska county valsedeln, därför att några republikanska embetsmän brukat det republikan-