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**A CANDID REPUBLICAN**

In the last issue of Wallace's Farmer, Henry Wallace, the veteran editor, a leading and influential republican of Iowa, expresses himself in an editorial which cannot be too widely read, for which reason the Democrat reprints the most of it as follows:

"To be very frank, there are two things which distinguished the late presidential campaign which we deplore, and we mention them on election day, not knowing which party will be victorious.

"The first is the assumption and the bold statement, and that by some of the most distinguished speakers, that the prosperity of the past ten years has been due mainly to the party in power. Did the party in power cause the winds to blow, the sun to shine, or the rain to fall? Did the party in power bring high prices and prosperity to our customers beyond the sea and enable them to pay the ruling high prices for what we sold them? Did times improve as soon as the government was changed in 1896? Every intelligent man knows that times became harder for nearly a year and the lowest point in prices was not reached until July 1, 1897.

"In 1907 we had a panic with more failures and larger liabilities than in any previous period in our history; and that, too, with the same party in power in every department of the government. This, however, happened: The gold production increased nearly 300 per cent during the last twelve years, which fully accounts for high prices and prosperity the world over; and had it not been for the demand for gold as a substitute for the silver in other countries and in the development of the resources of foreign countries our increase in the circulation medium as well as the advance in prices of everything in this country and in other countries would have been much more than 75 per cent. Our increase in circulating medium per capita has been in round numbers about 75 per cent, which is about the average increase in prices. Let us be candid and honest even if partisan. No lasting good comes from fooling the people.

"We deplore the veiled and often open threat made, that in case there is a change in the administration factories will close and men be thrown out of employment, thus terrifying the wives and children of laboring men, on whom the heaviest burdens always fall, and through them influencing their husbands and fathers. It may safely be assumed that there will always be a period of dull times for a while after a change of parties involving either an advance or a reduction of tariffs. Capitalists will wait to see what congress will do, and production will be from hand to mouth. It was so when the present party came into power twelve years ago. It will occur again, if the present party continues in power and seriously undertakes tariff revision."

**REDUCE PASSENGER FARES**

The approaching session of the legislature will bring to the front once more the question of lower passenger fares. While in all the neighboring states a two cent rate was established two years ago, through somebody's fault the effort to secure better rates for South Dakota proved fruitless. The railroad representatives, of course, will be on hand with their cry of confiscation, just as they were at all the state capitals two years ago, and many legislators will affect to believe them, having reasons which are good and sufficient to them for feeling friendly to the railroads. Yet, the railroads will have a hard time trying to convince an honest representative of the people that they are telling the truth, in the light of reports made by the roads themselves of business done during the last year in states where two cent rate laws were put into force. The last annual report of the Rock Island road shows that passenger receipts increased 3.31 per cent under the two cent rate, while freight receipts declined 5.76 per cent. Northern Pacific passenger receipts increased 11 per cent, while freight receipts suffered a falling of 5.4 per cent. Passenger receipts also increased on the Burlington, while the road experienced the same fate as other roads in the matter of freight receipts. It is a strange thing that every rate regulation from the days of the

first granger fight with the roads to the present time has resulted beneficially for the railway companies. And in every instance the representatives of the roads have predicted bankruptcy as the inevitable result of such legislation. It would not be strange if the people should come to believe that they know better than the roads themselves what is best for the companies. The fact is that while the people have demanded only just and reasonable rate legislation, the paid attorneys of the roads have tried to earn their fees by crying out the stale old plea that the people in blind radicalism are demanding virtual confiscation. It is to be hoped that this winter, when these gentlemen come to Pierre, they will be taken for what they are worth, and a reasonable passenger rate bill passed.

**DID GORDON BRIBE THE SUPREME COURT?**

Old-time residents of Aberdeen, who remember M. J. Gordon, the brilliant pioneer attorney of Aberdeen, who later moved to Washington and became a justice on the supreme bench of that state, are interested in the statements that have been appearing in Washington papers of his alleged shortage of \$50,000 with the Great Northern railroad. It has lately developed that Mr. Gordon is not the only man mixed up in the alleged embezzlement, as Justice Root, one of Mr. Gordon's colleagues is involved in the same deal as he is. The following from the Tacoma Ledger of recent date will be of interest to Aberdeen people:

Charges of a criminal nature against Associate Justice Milo A. Root, of the supreme court, are to be investigated by a committee from the State Bar association under instructions from the supreme court. These charges also involve the name of Judge M. J. Gordon, justice of the supreme court from January, 1895, to June, 1900, and since the latter date until a few weeks ago, division counsel for the Great Northern railway at Spokane.

Judge Gordon resigned his position several weeks ago, and within the last few days the story has been published in the press that his resignation was due to a shortage in his accounts of \$50,000. These rumors now involve the name of Justice Root and are to the effect that Judge Gordon and his attorneys have declared that all or most of the money went to influence the decisions of the supreme court and was solicited by and paid to Judge Root.

Judge Root a day or two ago, was summoned to Seattle by intimate friends and the nature of these reports was laid before him. To-day he went before his associates on the supreme bench, denied the truth of the stories and asked that proceedings be instituted to determine the facts.

**Will Sift the Matter.**

To-day Chief Justice Hadley directed a letter to President J. B. Bridges of the State Bar association, requesting him to appoint a committee from members of the association to determine the truth of falsity of the charges and recommend such criminal prosecutions and disbarment proceedings as the facts may warrant. Throughout this letter the name of Judge Gordon is not mentioned. But the scope of the instructions to Mr. Bridges indicates it is the desire that the whole matter be sifted to the bottom.

When asked as to this point, Chief Justice Hadley declared that that was the intention of the court.

"During the primary election campaign," said Judge Hadley, "my attention was called to certain statements made by Judge J. W. Robinson concerning the integrity of Justice Root, but the court certainly would not have taken cognizance of them in the form they were presented. The first intimation I had of the involving of Justice Root's name in the Gordon matter was when he made his own statement to me and his other associates."

**FIFTEEN DEMOCRATS IN THE LEGISLATURE**

Pierre, S. D., Nov. 16.—The latest returns show that the democrats will have but fifteen members on joint ballot of the two houses in the coming session, against seventeen in the session of two years ago, their loss being in the senate, where they are cut from eight to six.

The final returns show a few changes from those first sent out. C. F. Puckett of Selby (rep.) was elected, instead of Van McCafferty (dem.); in Bon Homme county John E. Holloman of Springfield (rep.) was elected to the senate instead of J. P. Colley (dem.). In the house the changes are in Buffalo county, where J. E. Ziebach of Gann Valley

(dem.) was elected instead of the republicans; in Custer, where H. F. Ratte of Custer (dem.) won out, instead of N. S. Tubbs of Edgmont (rep.), and in Bon Homme, where William J. O'Brien of Springfield (dem.) takes the place of D. W. Van Gerop (rep.). The early democratic claims of increased legislative membership does not appear to have developed.

The probabilities are that M. J. Chaney will be re-elected speaker. It is intimated that Representative Whiting of Sanborn, one of the new members, has a feeling that the honor would not be misplaced if he should be selected to preside. For the position of chief clerk of the house, J. W. Cone, who filled that position several times in early days and again at the session of two years ago, is accredited with a desire to be again at the head of the house desk force. It is also rumored that E. W. Klein of Kingsbury will also ask for the place.

Governor Crawford, in preparation for the writing of his message, will put in the rest of the present month visiting the various state institutions and learning their needs to be incorporated in his suggestion to the legislature.

**HOUGHTON**

Bert Fessenden left yesterday for a visit to relatives and friends in the Canadian northwest. We suppose he will come back to tell us of the glorious Indian summer weather of that windless land.

Mr. Kirkpatrick has just returned from Brookings, where he went to see his son, who was attending the Agricultural College there, and whom he found so sick that he brought him home with him to recuperate under his mother's care.

Our butchers Sam and Herman have closed their shop for the winter as most of their customers kill their own meat when it is cold enough to keep it without ice. What base ingratitude, but then "twas ever thus since childhoods hour," etc.

We learn that neighbor Hirliman has bought the quarter of land just west of the depot and will build and move on as soon as possible. We had hoped right along that Houghton would have been able to secure that as a park, but such sentiment has to give way to corn and hogs.

There will be a social at the church on Wednesday evening, the 25th inst., for the benefit of the church treasury and to prepare you for the next day, Thanksgiving. Turn out everybody and have a good time.

Mr. K. Clay starts for his old home in Illinois tomorrow to spend the winter with friends.

7 or 8 carloads of cattle and hogs were shipped from here last Saturday and struck a market poorer than the poorest this fall.

**BATH**

William Jones and family of Vebelen, N. D., are visiting relatives.

Clyde Brewster's well is completed. A strong stream of water was struck.

The Royal Neighbors will hold an important meeting Dec. 8th. Officers will be elected, and dues and assessments paid. Every member is requested to be present.

The hold-up last Saturday night naturally caused a great deal of excitement in our community. It is very easy for people to imagine what they would have done under similar circumstances. It is hardly likely, however, that many would have the nerve which J. J. Hilbert, night operator, displayed.

He was so busily engaged taking train orders that he did not hear the command to hold up his hands. The first shot attracted his attention. Glancing around he saw John Reynolds on the floor, but knowing that a train was soon due, he kept on taking his orders. That finished, he gave notice of the hold-up. A half dozen or more shots were fired and the second man, whom he supposed to be his brother, fell before he left his chair. John Reynolds faced the robber and Mr. Benedict attacked him from the rear, trying to pinion his arms. Both men, unarmed, showed a great deal of courage and had they been armed the robber could not have escaped. He was well prepared for the fight and men without revolvers had no chance. Mr. Parsons took the company's money and got out of the other door to give the alarm. The robber got nothing. It is to be hoped that he will be found and receive the maximum punishment. Fortunately John Reynolds is able to be out again and Mr. Benedict is improving.

The meetings at the church continue every night and afternoon meetings are held in the homes. Evangelist Grass continues to grow in favor of those that hear him. No one can attend the services without being repaid. The events of last Saturday evening should set every one to thinking. Parents should especially take note. Something is radically wrong when such occurrences take place. Somewhere in the robber's life serious mistakes were made, probably beginning in his childhood. Let men speak against the church all they will, nevertheless the fact remains that it is the only organized agency at work to right the wrongs, and if here and there somebody may be at work independently of the church, yet directly or indirectly he is indebted to the church. The meetings help people get onto the upgrade of life. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend. Good singing and logical, interesting sermons will be heard.

**A GREAT SUCCESS**

**The Missionary Evangelistic Campaign in the First Presbyterian Church.**

The coming of Dr. and Mrs. Bradt to Aberdeen to conduct this campaign has certainly been a great blessing to all who attended the meetings, as well as to the church and city.

The Presbyterian Committee of Foreign Missions had invited the members of the church, to be present, also delegates from the churches; and the entire Presbytery was well represented; so that the influence of the conference will reach far beyond the local church, as those present went home filled with the spirit of enthusiasm and determined to do larger and better things for the work of evangelizing the world.

The fact that in the allotment of missionary territory the Presbyterian church is solely responsible for one hundred millions of the population of non-Christian lands, was very forcibly laid before the people, together with the fact that five dollars from each of the more than one million members of the Presbyterian church would support missionaries enough to bring the gospel to those one hundred millions in this generation.

And this plain business proposition impressed itself so forcibly upon the people as being both reasonable and practicable that men and women began to say we can and we must do it. This standard calls for \$1800.00 from the Aberdeen church. The result of the pledges so far is a little more than \$1300.00. And with those who have not had the opportunity coming voluntarily to offer their subscription as well as some who have, coming to increase their gifts, there can be no question but that the full amount will soon be secured. It is also confidently believed that the delegates from some of the other churches went home fully determined that their churches shall come to the same standard.

Best of all there has come with this effort a spiritual uplift which gives increased cheer and hope and courage for the future.

**EXCURSION RATES TO OMAHA VIA THE NORTHWESTERN LINE**

One and one-half fare for the round trip, Dec. 12 to 17, inclusive, account National Corn Exposition, Omaha. Return limit Dec. 22. Full particulars on application to Ticket Agents. 5-5t

**LATEST MARKET REPORTS**

**Live Stock**

St. Paul, Minn.—Cattle—Receipts 1,300; market steady and unchanged.

Hogs—Receipts, 5,400; market 10c to 15c higher; range, \$4.75@5.60; bulk, \$5.30@5.50.

Sheep—Receipts, 300; dull and weak, \$4.00@4.25; lambs, \$4.50@5.25.

Chicago, Ill.—Cattle — Receipts, 8,000; market steady to strong; steers, \$4.60@7.75; cows, \$3.00@5.25; heifers, \$2.50@4.60; bulls, \$2.75@4.50; calves, \$3.00@7.50; stockers and feeders, \$2.50@4.85.

Hogs—Receipts, 30,000; market strong; choice heavy, shipping \$5.90@6.05; butchers, \$5.85@6.00; light mixed, \$5.40@5.55; packing, \$5.60@5.95; pigs, \$4.25@5.35; bulk of sales, \$5.65@5.85.

Sheep—Receipts 20,000; market weak to 25c lower; sheep, \$4.00@5.00; lambs, 4.75@5.90; yearlings, \$4.00@5.25.

**Grain**

Minneapolis, Minn. — Close — Wheat: December, \$1.04; May, \$1.08 1/2; cash, wheat, No. 1 hard, \$1.08 to \$1.08 1/2; No. 1 northern, \$1.07 to \$1.07 1/2; No. 2 northern, \$1.05 to \$1.05 1/2; No. 1 northern, \$1.07 to \$1.07 1/2; No. 2 northern, \$1.05 to \$1.05 1/2; No. 3 northern, \$1.02 1/2 to \$1.04.

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 19.—Close—Wheat: December, \$1.03 1/2; May, \$1.07 to \$1.07 1/2; July, \$1.08 1/2 to \$1.09 1/2.

Corn—November, 63 1/2c; December, 63 1/2c; May, 63c to 63 1/2c; July, 62 1/2c.

Oats—December, 49 1/2c; May, 51 1/2c; July, 46 1/2c.

Duluth—Close — Wheat: No. 1 hard, on track, \$1.08 1/2; to arrive, No. 1 northern, \$1.07 1/2; No. 2 northern, \$1.05 1/2; on track, No. 1 northern, \$1.07 1/2; No. 2 northern, \$1.05 1/2; December, \$1.04 1/2; May, \$1.08 1/2; November, \$1.05 1/2.

Durum Wheat—On track, No. 1, 94 1/2c; No. 2, 92 1/2c; November, 93 1/2c; December, 89 1/2c; May, 93 1/2c.

Flax—To arrive, \$1.43 1/2; track, \$1.43 1/2; November, \$1.42 1/2; December, \$1.39; May, \$1.43.

Oats—To arrive, 48 1/2c; on track, 48 1/2c.

**New York Money.**

New York, N. Y.—Money on call easy, 1 1/2 to 2 per cent.; ruling rate, 1 1/2 per cent.; closing bid, 1 1/2 per cent.; offered at 1 1/2 per cent.

Time loans dull and heavy! sixty days, 3 per cent.; ninety days, 3 1/2 per cent.; six months, 3 3/4 per cent.

**Aberdeen Markets, Card Prices**

No. 1 northern wheat, 95; No. 2 northern wheat, 93; No. 3 northern wheat, 90; No. 4 northern wheat, 86; rejected wheat, 78; No. 1 durum wheat, 78; No. 2 durum wheat, 73; No. 4 durum wheat, 70; No. 3 white oats, 40; No. 4 white oats, 39; No. 3 oats, 36; No. 1 flax, \$1.27; No. 2 flax, \$1.24; No. 5 barley, 45; No. 3, barley 44; No. 4 barley, 40.

Dealers claim this to be an open market and that they are paying over card prices.

**EXCURSION RATES TO CHICAGO VIA THE NORTHWESTERN LINE**

One and one-half fare for the round trip, Nov. 29, 30, Dec. 1, 2, 7 and 8, account International Live Stock Exposition, Chicago. Return limit Dec. 12. Full particulars on application to Ticket Agents. 4-2t

WANTED—To list your Brown County lands for sale or exchange. Describe fully price, terms and wants. G. W. Langford, Aberdeen S. D. tf

LOST—Dark brown mare, knee-sprung, ran away last Saturday. Last seen at Bath. Address information to Emil L. Wagner, R. F. D. No. 2, Aberdeen. 1td

**NOTICE OF HEARING PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION**

State of South Dakota, County of Brown, ss.  
In County Court, Within and for said County.

In the Matter of the Estate of Neal P. Friel, Deceased.  
The State of South Dakota Sends Greeting to the heirs at law of Neal P. Friel, deceased.

You and each of you are hereby notified that Edward B. Friel has filed in the County Court of Brown County, State of South Dakota, his petition asking that he be appointed administrator of the estate of Neal P. Friel, deceased, and that said petition has been set for hearing at a regular term of said Court to be held at the Court House in the City of Aberdeen, in said County, on the 7th day of December A. D. 1908, at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M.

Dated November 19th, 1908.  
—C. J. HUTE,  
County Judge.

Attest: W. J. Rawson, Clerk.  
(SEAL) By N. E. Nelson, Deputy  
(First Publ Nov. 20—last Dec. 4)

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Estate of Robert L. McLaughlin, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned administrator of the estate of Robert L. McLaughlin, deceased, to the creditors of and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit them, with the necessary vouchers, within four months after the first publication of this notice, to the said administrator at the office of I. O. Curtis, in Room 3, Wells Block, in Aberdeen, in the County of Brown, State of South Dakota.

Dated at Aberdeen, S. D., Nov. 19, 1908.

—David G. McLaughlin, Administrator of the estate of Robert L. McLaughlin, deceased.  
—I. O. Curtis, Attorney.  
(First publ. Nov. 20—Last Dec. 25)

**NOTICE OF HEARING PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION**

State of South Dakota, County of Brown, ss.  
In County Court, Within and for said County.

In the Matter of the Estate of Robert L. McLaughlin, Deceased.  
The State of South Dakota Sends Greeting to the heirs at law of Robert L. McLaughlin, deceased.

You and each of you are hereby notified that David G. McLaughlin has filed in the County Court of Brown county, state of South Dakota his petition asking that David G. McLaughlin be appointed administrator of the estate of Robert L. McLaughlin, deceased, and that said petition has been set for hearing at a regular term of said Court to be held at the Court House in the City of Aberdeen, in said County, on the 16th day of November A. D., 1908, at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M.

Dated October 28th, 1908  
—C. J. Hute, County Judge.  
Attest: W. J. Rawson, Clerk.  
(SEAL) By N. E. Nelson, Deputy.  
(First publ Oct 30—last Nov 13)

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Estate of Sadie L. Fleming, deceased.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned administrator of the estate not already administered of Sadie L. Fleming, deceased, to the creditors of and all persons having claims against said deceased, to exhibit them, with the necessary vouchers, within four months and thirteen days after the first publication of this notice, to the said D. D. Jones, administrator of said estate, at his residence at 302 4th Ave. E., in the city of Aberdeen, Brown County, South Dakota.

Dated at Aberdeen, South Dakota, November 20th, 1908.

—D. D. Jones, Administrator of the estate not already administered, of Sadie L. Fleming, deceased.  
(First publ. Nov. 20—last Dec. 11)

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Estate of Henry Kuhfeld, deceased.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned E. C. Stearns, executor of the estate of Henry Kuhfeld, deceased, to the creditors of and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit them, with the necessary vouchers, within six months after the first publication of this notice, to the said E. C. Stearns, at his office in the First State Bank, at Warner, in the County of Brown, South Dakota.

Dated at Aberdeen, S. D., Nov. 16, 1908.

—E. C. Stearns, executor of the estate of Henry Kuhfeld, deceased.  
(First publ. Nov. 20—last Dec. 11)

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Estate of Bridget E. Lyons, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned Thomas E. Lyons, executor of the estate of Bridget E. Lyons, deceased, to the creditors of and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit them, with the necessary vouchers, within six months after the first publication of this notice, to the said Thomas E. Lyons, at his office in the First National Bank building, on Main Street, in the City of Aberdeen, in the County of Brown, South Dakota.

Dated at Aberdeen S. D., October 20th, 1908.

—THOMAS E. LYONS,  
Executor of the estate of Bridget E. Lyons, deceased.  
(First publ. Oct. 23—Last Nov. 13.)

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Estate of Adolph Schultz, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned Executor of the Estate of Adolph Schultz, deceased, to the creditors of and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit them, with the necessary vouchers, within four months after the first publication of this notice, to the said Executor at the office of I. O. Curtis, No. 3 Wells Block, in Aberdeen, in the County of Brown, South Dakota.

Dated at Aberdeen, S. D., Nov. 5, 1908.

—JULIUS SONNENBERG,  
Executor of the Estate of Adolph Schultz, deceased.  
—I. O. CURTISS, Attorney.  
(First publ. Nov. 6—last Nov. 27)

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Estate of Simon B. Bean, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned Executrix of the estate of Simon B. Bean, deceased, to the creditors of and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit them, with the necessary vouchers, within four months after the first publication of this notice, to the said Executrix, at the office of I. O. Curtis, No. 3 Wells Block, in Aberdeen, in the County of Brown, South Dakota.

Dated at Aberdeen, S. D., Nov. 2, 1908.

—MARGARET B. BEAN,  
Executrix of the Estate of Simon B. Bean, deceased.  
—I. O. CURTISS, Attorney.  
(First publ. Nov. 6—last Nov. 27)

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Estate of Benjamin F. Long, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned C. H. Creed, administrator of the estate of Benjamin F. Long, deceased, to the creditors of and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit them, with the necessary vouchers, within six months after the first publication of this notice to the said C. H. Creed, at his residence in the City of Columbia, in the County of Brown, State of South Dakota.

Dated at Aberdeen S. D., October 20th, 1908.

—C. H. CREED,  
Administrator of the estate of Benjamin F. Long, deceased.  
(First publ. Oct. 23—Last Nov. 13.)

**NOTICE OF TIME AND PLACE FOR PROVING WILL**

State of South Dakota, County of Brown, ss.

In County Court, Within and for said County.

In the Matter of the Estate of Henry Kuhfeld, Deceased.

The State of South Dakota Sends Greeting to the heirs and devisees of Henry Kuhfeld, deceased.

Pursuant to an Order of said Court made on the 28th day of October A. D. 1908, notice is hereby given that Monday, the 15th day of November, A. D. 1908, at 10 o'clock A. M. of said day, at the Court Room of said Court, at Aberdeen, in the County of Brown, has been appointed as the time and place for proving the Will of said Henry Kuhfeld, deceased, and for hearing the application of E. C. Stearns and the issuance to him of Letters Testamentary, when and where any person interested may appear and contest the same.

Dated October 28th, 1908.  
—C. J. Hute, County Judge.  
Attest: W. J. Rawson.  
(SEAL) By N. E. Nelson, Deputy.  
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