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#### PRASE

#### FOR BRYAN

The platform adopted Tuesday by the Democrats of Nebraska is important chiefly because it is known to be the work of Mr. Bryan, or at least to be entirely satisfactory to him. In many respects this declaration of party faith is admirable. Of course, there is nothing partisan in the demand for a law forbidding corporation contributions to campaign funds, for that is a Roosevelt reform. Neither party has or can have a patent on it. The Nebraska Democrats not only demand such a law, but they insist that there should be before each election a publication of the names of all individual contributors to campaign funds. This, too, is sound doctrine. For almost four years there have been efforts to get the names of those who contributed so liberally to the campaign fund of Mr. Roosevelt, but it has been impossible to get, except from outside sources, any information on the subject. The people have a right to know to whom, if to any one, their public servants are under obligations. Therefore, there should be the widest publicity in regard to the business of financing campaigns.

Whether this is to be the prevailing type of platforms with Democratic conventions is hard to tell. Mr. Bryan is undoubtedly the most influential man in his party, and he will do all in his power to prevent it from being captured by the "reactionaries." Many states will undoubtedly follow the Nebraska lead. It seems likely that the national convention will not lag far behind. In many respects the platform is excellent. And taking it as a whole it does not sound nearly so radical as it would have sounded ten years ago. Many of its utterances will be accepted by hundreds of thousands of Republicans. Even the tariff plank will cause slight apprehension. Indeed the most objectionable of the principles favored, those involving a large measure of control over business are precisely the ones about which there will be the least dispute. For are we not all devoted to the policy of regulating everything?—Indianapolis News.

#### THEY ARE GOOD FELLOWS

When we read newspapers of neighboring cities and see the bickering and backbiting, and crimination and recrimination going on there, it is easy to understand why Rochester is so much admired by all who visit us. There are a few trouble makers in Rochester, but they are so few in comparison with the progressive, peace loving, populous that ours is a city remarkably far from ill-feeling. Of course we have here and there a tight wad who opposes every public step that costs a cent; we have here and there an envious soul that wants to fight every man who tries to get on in the world and succeeds. We have a few who would strike down every enterprise that helps the town if it makes any money for its owner; we have about one in every hundred who would have streets and houses ramshackle, we have an occasional saloon keeper who would rather violate the law than not, and we have some gossips who delight in scandal talk, but notwithstanding these few unpleasantries Rochester is the most hospitable and circumspect town to be found hereabout. The great majority gets along happily and at peace with all the world and that is why Rochester is as pleasantly remembered by those who have been within its genial precincts. Let us all keep on being good fellows.—Rochester Sentinel.

Ex-Congressman Cromer, of Muncie, who was so badly beaten at the last election by Mr. Adair, a Democrat, is getting busy in politics again. It is suspected that he will try for a renomination, but it may be that he simply proposes to see to it that the Republicans who beat him are not allowed to dictate the nomination.—Plymouth Democrat

#### ATTRACT ATTENTION

St. Louis will have a gathering on September 30 and October 1, which the Globe-Democrat thinks ought to attract fully as much attention throughout the country as will be excited by President Roosevelt's visit to that city a day later, and possibly it will have still more important consequences. This will be the meeting of the attorneys generals of the various states to consider the general issue of the trusts in all the phases which have thus far revealed themselves. According to Missouri's attorney general Hadley, who was one of the promoters of this gathering, fully two-thirds of the states will be represented at the St. Louis meeting by their law officers. Attorney General Bonaparte and one or two of his leading assistants are expected to attend. The program covers a wide range of subjects bearing on the general tendency toward combination among the great agencies of production and transportation, and among employees as well as among employers. Among the subjects which are booked for discussion are the Standard Oil trust, railroad rate regulation, state regulation of public utilities, the Sherman anti-trust act, and the trust laws of the various states.

#### SEEING THE LIGHT

The Democratic party has contended from the beginning of our control of the Philippines that the sooner we turned them over to the Filipinos and were quit of them the better off we would be. And now others are doubting whether, after all, there is such a "divine destiny" requiring us to hold on to them as some persons once thought. That great Republican organ of "sweetness and light," the Indianapolis News, says that "we are beginning to look at the Philippine question in its true light." And then the News adds:

"We noted recently the statement of an eminent Spanish statesman that we had better be quit of the Philippines as soon as might be; that the Malay hated us, and was instinctively against our institutions and our ways, and we should simply find ourselves repeating Spain's experience. So far it has been so. The cost to us in blood and treasure the American people do not accurately know. Moreover, it is becoming constantly more apparent that there is "nothing in it for us." In these ten years of occupancy we have gradually come to see that we have a greater obligation to ourselves than to the Filipinos. So far as Americans are concerned the islands are a cipher; Americans will not go to them voluntarily to live; they are a source of weakness rather than strength in a military sense and a great and constant expense. At home and abroad the "Philippines" are becoming more and more a living question; and there will be great searching of hearts among us to determine what we shall do with them."

The department of commerce and labor has already begun to get out doctored statistics for use in the next campaign. Its latest exploit is to put out a lot of juggled figures trying to prove that wages and salaries have increased faster than the cost of living. The man who labors for wages or a salary can work the problem out for himself. The answer that he gets is the answer that counts.

President Roosevelt's son-in-law, the Hon. "Nick" Longworth, says that his father in law "will not become a candidate for renomination unless the entire country demands it." The Hon. "Nick" adds that Mr. Roosevelt has "firmly made up his mind to stick to this course and that only a more wide-spread demand for him to accept the nomination will alter his determination." If Longworth speaks with knowledge and authority it is evident that Mr. Roosevelt has a hankering to hold his job and that he will expect another nomination. It will be easy for him to persuade himself that there is a "wide-spread demand" of proper size to justify him in breaking his pledge not to seek a third term.

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#### A MAN OF GOOD SENSE

Our Washington dispatches have predicted that a "boom" for Governor Johnson, of Minnesota, would be launched within a month, provided he would consent to the use of his name. Like Governor Hughes, of New York, Governor Johnson is not bothering himself about the future. It is even doubted whether he will permit his name to be used in connection with the Democratic nomination. It is said that he will certainly refuse to become a candidate against Mr. Bryan, and that he will not allow himself to be made the candidate of any faction of the party. He no doubt feels, as many others feel, that if the Democrats do not get together very soon they never will get together. But without reference to what the future may have in store for this man, and judging him solely on the record that he has thus far made, it must be said of him that he is in every way worthy of the respect and confidence of his party and of all the people.

Governor Johnson is a reformer, and yet he is at the same time a man of good sense and sound judgment, leaning perhaps a little to the conservative side. He has been confronted with the same situation as that faced by Governors Glenn and Comer, but he has not indulged in any violent talk, or threatened to resist the process of the courts of the nation. Minnesota's interests will be as well protected as those of the two southern states in which such an outcry has been raised. There is nothing spectacular about Johnson. He is a plain man whose only aim is to do his duty. His honesty is above reproach, and his ability is good. It is not surprising that many Democrats should be looking to him as the man to lead their party out of the wilderness. He has "made good" as an executive officer. He is a genuine Democrat, both in creed and life. He is popular in his own state and throughout the northwest, as is shown by his carrying Minnesota in the very year in which Mr. Roosevelt was elected. Minnesota cast her vote for Roosevelt and Johnson. Finally he represents no faction, and is involved in none of the quarrels which have so long distracted the party. We should say that, with Bryan out of it, Johnson's chances would be bright.—Indianapolis News.

Strong efforts are being made to induce the venerable Henry G. Davis, Parker's running mate in 1904, to stand for the governorship of West Virginia. Mr. Davis is a very strong man, highly esteemed by the people who have known him for so many years, but there is no probability of his consenting to make the race. In the first place, he doesn't want the office; secondly, he wants to spend the remainder of his years in peace and comfort.—South Bend Times.

Now, just for instance, what would Decatur do for sensations if the all-star ball club should flash in the pan, and it were not for Bill Froniefield?—Wilshire Herald.

Should Decatur lose these star actors we would be compelled to ask the Herald to bring over a few of its choice new stories. Talk about high life, they have it in Wilshire any old time, in any old way.

An American girl is to wed an Italian duke, who, according to her father, has no bad habits and no debts. This sounds too good to be true, and we cannot help suspecting that there is a bogus phase to the title somewhere. For an American heiress to marry an estimable nobleman would be breaking all precedents.—Baltimore American.

The promoters of the Decatur interurban traction line have abundant faith in their project and the future of the line will make good their hopes. It is a fine property.—Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette.

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## HEALTH NOT GOOD IN A FEW WEEKS

#### An Affection of the Lungs Weakens His Condition and is in Serious Shape.

After five months of intense suffering from consumption in its worst stage, Clifford Vogle has returned from the oil fields in Kansas to be in the fond embrace of his loving parents before his spirit is taken to the great beyond. The boy left his home six miles east of Geneva the fifteenth of last June and went to Kansas, where he engaged in working in the oil fields. At the time of his departure his lungs were affected but his many friends did not anticipate that that dread disease consumption was creeping upon him. After working in the oil fields for some time his condition became so serious that he was required to abandon this vocation and that he has thus far made, it must be said of him that he is in every way worthy of the respect and confidence of his party and of all the people.

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Edward Rice, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Rice, of this city, and who for many years lived with his parents in this city, is lying at the point of death at his home at Berne. He was married several years ago and accepted a position with the P. W. Smith Co. who own a saw mill at Berne, moving to that place to make his future home. He has been troubled with an affection of the throat for some time, which became so painful that he was required to cease work. During the past few weeks he has had many hemorrhages, which have weakened his condition so much that death is inevitable. Rev. E. E. Bergman has made regular trips to his home for a few weeks past and Mr. Rice is content to die. Not until one week ago today did the afflicted man give up hope of recovery, but since that time he has expressed himself as being willing and ready for the death angel to come. He has instructed his wife how he wants the child brought up and has talked intelligently upon other business matters about the mill of which he is overseer. It will be no surprise to the many friends of Mr. Rice should be die at any moment.

#### TRANSFERS OF REAL ESTATE.

Reported by the Decatur Abstract and Loan Company, abstractors and loan agents. Office rooms, 3 and 4 Traction Terminal Building, Decatur, Indiana. Farm loans made at 5 per cent.

William H. Myers to Harvey Lee, part outlet No. 70, Decatur, Ind., \$2,200.

Wm. F. Palmer to Berne Grain and Hay Co., part lot No. 123, Berne, \$1.

Hannah W. Swaldner to Jennie Woldford, part s. clion 21, Monmouth, \$250.

Lulu Sullivan to Charles B. Wilson, part lot 24, Decatur, \$250.

Sadie E. Gillig to John Gillig, part lot No. 7, Decatur, \$700.

Albert Egley to Mary Riff, lot No. 193, Berne, Ind., \$1,300.

A. J. Peoples to Clark Hinderlang, part section 28, St. Marys township, \$2.

John Spuller to G. R. and I. R. R. Co., part section 4, Washington tp., \$450.

Venora Ashcraft to John Hamrick, SE 1/4 section 8, Blue Creek tp., \$2,250.

Wonderful how many different tales can be told when anything unusual occurs, and how often the people that retail them have any ground for making statements. A newspaper man is compelled to spend more time running down unauthentic stories than he does in getting the truth, yet some people have been known to purposely set a

#### Her Engagement to Mr. Dallas F. Reed, of Huntingdon is Announced.

The following from Monday's Huntington News-Democrat, may prove a surprise to many of the friends of Miss Bertha Fullenkamp of this city: Some time late in October Miss Bertha Fullenkamp, of Decatur, will become the wife of Dallas F. Reed, proprietor of the Richelieu restaurant in this city. The exact date has not yet been set, but Mr. Reed's frequent trips to Decatur recently leave no doubt that it will be held in the near future. Mr. Reed is conducting one of the best business places in the city. He came to this city about a year ago from Wabash where he had charge of the Wasman cigar store. He is a native of Kosciusko county and is widely known in Wabash and Huntington. Miss Fullenkamp is the daughter of a former prominent merchant of Decatur. She is one of the leading members of society in that city and is prominent in church affairs. Nothing is known about the plans of the couple further than that after the wedding, which will take place in the St. Marys Catholic church of Decatur, they will come to this city to make their home.

#### WITH MRS. DORWIN

#### Mrs. Burt Owen Entertains Euchre Club—An Impromptu Party.

Mrs. Burt Owen, formerly a member of the Euchre club, delightfully entertained the members of the club Monday night during the evening hours at euchre, at the home of her mother, Mrs. Mary Congleton on south Third street. Fall roses were used to make the rooms appear more attractive to the guests. When the dainty tally cards were handed over, the highest score among the club members was won by Miss Minta Acker, and the guests' score was won by Mrs. F. W. Brittson. After which a delicious luncheon was served. The outside guests besides the members were: Mesdames John H. Heller, Roy Archbold, Geo. Kinzel, Frank Alwein, of Cleveland.

A small impromptu birthday party was the one given by little Miss Hazel, the daughter of Mrs. Geo. Smitley, of Russell street, Monday night, to crowd of her girl friends. This was Hazel's unlucky birthday anniversary, which was the thirteenth, yet they celebrated it by having an old-fashioned taffy pulling which proved very jolly and entertaining for the evening went like a flash and soon the girls parted from their hostess, wishing her many happy birthday anniversaries in the coming future.

#### HAD THEIR PICTURES "TUK."

The Huns who are employed on the pipe line were unable to work yesterday on account of the wet weather, and they came into town to take in the sights, says the Montpelier Herald. About twenty-five of them landed in the Harding Photograph gallery and then Lew's trouble began.

They divided off into groups of five or six and proceeded to be "tuk." They were a motley looking crowd, a number of them dressed in outfits that a modern tramp would be ashamed of. The one necessary thing was that all of them should have on something flashy, and they gave Mr. Harding to understand the picture was to be just as "loud" as possible.

This gang of men has been in America longer than those who were in Montpelier before, and the greater number of them can talk English. However, they all follow one leader, and the bunch was in town last evening still following the same man, he so drunk he could hardly walk, and his companions trying to follow his example.

Mr. Harding expects to have a lively time with his new class of patrons until the pictures are finished, and they are the oddest group he ever had to handle. Even if the pictures do seem strange and comical to us, they will be eagerly welcomed by the relatives in the old country.

Scott's Emulsion strengthens enfeebled nursing mothers by increasing their flesh and nerve force.

It provides baby with the necessary and mineral food for healthy growth.

ALL DRUGGISTS: 50c. AND \$1.00.

## AFTER THIRTY YEARS

#### Formerly in Business He Sees Many Changes Declares Us Modern

D. J. Aber, of Tucumcari, arrived Monday night for a visit with his sister, Mrs. Isaac Brown and relatives and friends. Two years ago Mr. Aber conducted the cash grocery in Decatur, a frame building on the present site of the Dailey's clothing store. This is his home for twenty-two years and he has greatly surprised at the many changes. He misses the mud, the rain and says Decatur is equal to the cities he has visited for improvements. During his stay in this office, Mr. Aber inquired many of the old citizens, a large number of whom have ceased their earthly labors. Number of years Mr. Aber engaged in contract and engineering in the south and west and prospered. He will be in this city for several weeks.

#### THIS SOUL OF MINE

Rev. D. B. Reckard. The thought is most glorious soul of mine, and stirs my heart nothing else could; that Jesus the lost to redeem, and the soul of his purchased blood.

The thought is most sweet soul of mine; to know that God's book is written, that I am heir with the saints above beautiful home so bright.

Oh, the joy it gives to the mine: To know that the day is near, when I shall be in the billowy tide, to that beat of the glorified.

The ferrymen comes to the mine. I hear his oars in the deep. I am ready for my transit across the time to eternities rest. Farewell, dear world, my soul, where I've dwelt, mid joy and grief. I now for my home in the skies amid angels and saints glorified.

O, glory to this soul of pearly gates open. I behold the loving Christ, who died. To redeem from death of mine.

Composed by the late Rev. D. B. Reckard some time before and the words of this poem most beautiful thoughts.

Little Miss Helen, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gass, twenty dainty invitations to mates for last Saturday afternoon to come and celebrate her birthday anniversary. Little remembrances were served the little Miss Gass. The guests who attended the birthday party were: Mrs. Bertha Flederjohann, Mrs. Irene Hoathouse, Mrs. Celeste Coffey, Gertrude Catharine Christen, Mrs. Kathalene Heffing, Jeanne Marcela Kinney, Margaret Kinzel, Helen Cleveland, Ohio, was the guest.

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Butler at Sunday dinner in honor of Mrs. George Hollingsworth Wash, Mr. and Mrs. John W. and Mrs. Wilhelm, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Reed, of Cleveland, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Roop, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Williams, Elizay, Misses Helen and Etta and Eda Mallone, Tishie Singleton, Deste and Vena Butler, Mrs. Singleton, Sidney and Mrs. Harvey Kitson, Chas. and Milton and Josie Fuhrman, Francis Fuhrman, Forest Butler.

Dr. B. H. Grayson of the Erie this afternoon attended by Baldwin, a machine badly scalded by some fiery liquid was spill'd on his hand and ankle of his left hand. The patient was removed to the hospital dressed in the limb and patient was removed to the Harris street.—Huntington