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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1908.

DEMOCRATIC TICKET

For President
WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN
of Nebraska.

For Vice President
JOHN WORTH KERN
of Indiana.

THE TICKET.

For Mayor—Dr. J. D. Donald.
For Marshal—J. F. Williams.
For Police Justice—J. E. Davis.
For Treasurer—John Williams.
For City Clerk—A. Fairley.
For Street Commissioner—Owen Reedy.

ALDERMEN.

City-at-Large—M. J. McGrath.
Ward 1—E. L. McGowan and Dr. E. J. Mitchell.
Ward 2—R. A. Cameron and H. C. Greer.
Ward 3—A. T. Powe and C. F. Lassiter.
Ward 4—R. C. McKinzie and N. R. McCullough.

Sworn Circulation

On October 1st.

I, A. B. Hobbs, circulation manager of the Hattiesburg News, certify that the daily circulation of said paper, as shown by the books and records of the office and the press counter, is

1,818

I further certify that the increase for the month of September was more than 300 subscribers.

A. B. HOBBS,
Circulation Manager.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a notary public in and for the City of Hattiesburg, this October 1, 1908.

J. E. DAVIS,
Notary Public.

Job's Comforter.

Walter Wellman is something of a Job's comforter. The close personal friend of Mr. Taft, the trusted confidante in questions political of Mr. Roosevelt, it would seem that his report of political conditions, with the election but two weeks away, would be such as to lead, if possible, to a quiet sleep of nights by the two who have chosen to make the matter of the presidency a joint contract to be ratified by the pliant will of the American voter.

Instead, Mr. Wellman, in his reports from Ohio and Indiana, appears to be animated by a spirit of perversity, having as its purpose either the malicious desire to weaken Mr. Roosevelt's belief in the subserviency of his subjects or the more kindly, though more disconcerting one, of preparing his friends for the disappointment which his prophetic eye tells them is surely coming to them.

It is not impossible that, in declar-

ing that the Democrats have all the best of it at the present writing in Ohio, and that Mr. Taft has about one chance in twelve of carrying Indiana, Mr. Wellman wishes to dissipate a dangerous feeling of over-confidence on the part of the presidential contractors. That is the cheerful view to take of the case. On the other hand it is not probable that Mr. Wellman, as a veteran observer of all the presidential campaigns of the past thirty years, would fail to recognize the advantage given the enemy by practically conceding to Mr. Bryan before the election two states essential to Mr. Taft's success. Voters, like rats, have a way of deserting a sinking ship, and it is not probable that Mr. Wellman has deliberately put two such holes below the water line of the Roosevelt-Taft ship of state for no other reason than to make its captain and crew awake to the further dangers of the channel.

To concede Ohio and Indiana to Mr. Bryan at this stage of the game, with the south an admitted unit in his support and the west already practically won for him, is little else than a prophecy of Mr. Taft's defeat, and yet, that is just what Mr. Wellman has done.

It is not likely that he has derived much pleasure from so doing. In fact to judge from his own admission, the reverse is true. But Mr. Wellman was sent out to get the facts and the facts, as he sees them and as they relate to Indiana, he sets forth as follows:

"It is probable this announcement that Bryan has Indiana today, with every prospect of being able to hold it to the end, will come as a shock to the managers of the Republican national campaign and to many thousands of loyal members of that party. Many political leaders and newspaper writers have printed statements that Indiana is for Taft by a reduced plurality. President Roosevelt included Indiana in his list of states safe for the Republican ticket. At Cincinnati, a few days ago, I found Judge Taft quite confident of Indiana, basing his conclusion, of course, upon the reports made to him by his lieutenants. Under such circumstances, naturally one feels great reluctance to set his information and judgment against those of others, all well worthy of respect. One does not like to be the messenger with ill tidings, the destroyer of pleasant dreams. But the first duty of the independent observer is to tell the truth as he sees it, and the truth about Indiana, according to my lights is that Taft has about one chance in a dozen of snatching victory from the jaws of defeat. It is barely possible that if President Roosevelt were to take the stump, appealing to the labor men and the masses of Indiana to rally round Judge Taft, and this were to be supplemented by a big Republican campaign fund, the verdict as now made up might be changed, though even that is extremely doubtful."

We do not envy Mr. Wellman his job. It is not to be denied that he is performing it in a manner which proves that he has not reached and held first place among the political writers for the press without warrant of candor and courage.

The Herald's Predictions.

The New York Herald has for years been regarded as a very true prognosticator of the results in elections, and this year we look to it as usual to show how the sentiment is drifting. On the surface, it says, Mr. Bryan will apparently be beaten; on the surface Mr. Taft has most of the western states, including Kansas, Illinois, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan and a chance for Ohio. He has the better of it in New York, New Jersey, Delaware and Connecticut and in the remainder of New England. This is all on the surface and it is suggested that the bad business conditions of various sections are offset by tremendous crops and the great regions of the west are not yet willing to make a change.

Then the Herald goes underneath the surface and makes a good show for Bryan and a bad show for Taft. It says:

"Underneath the surface there are many disquieting disclosures. A great blanket manufacturer came to Washington the other day from Ohio. He reported that his workmen, who have for many years been Republicans are this year going to vote for Bryan. Railroad presidents all over the country, who had under officials making inquiries, have brought reports that the engine drivers, firemen, switchmen and telegraphers, who have been emphatically Republicans under Roosevelt's leadership, are now indifferent to Taft, and a very little would be required to turn the scale and send them all to Bryan."

"Under the surface in the far west there has been great resentment against the fact that President Roosevelt would not run and that by the use of federal patronage he has dictated the nomination of Judge Taft."

"Under the surface in great centers of population, such as New York and Chicago, there has been noted a marked disinclination of foreign voters who have in recent years been supporting the Republican ticket to give their votes to Republican nominees. Added to this all over the country are sharp lines of demarcation between support to the Republican national ticket and the Republican state ticket. Chaotic conditions in consequence exist in New York, Ohio, Illinois, Minnesota, ansas and a dozen

other states that have heretofore gone for the Republican ticket.

"Thus, roughly sketched, are the conditions existing with reference to the presidential canvass there weeks before the ballots are to be cast. 'On form,' on general appearances, on the confidence of men willing to wager their money, Taft ought to win. Mr. Bryan's hope appears to be in catching the great, silent, deciding vote, which he expects to detach from the great mass that went rolling into the Roosevelt column four years ago."

The Herald gives the Republican ticket 188 votes and the Democratic ticket 166 electoral votes sure; the former needing 54 and the latter 76 more to secure the election.

The Misleading Betting Odds.

It is given out that the election players of odds are betting 2-1-2 to 3, or, in some instances, as high as 4 to 1 against Mr. Bryan's success. This is a trick that has won on several occasions. It was in 1892 that it was first employed by William C. Whitney, and a number of other political friends of Mr. Cleveland. They appeared in the Broadway cafes and hotels a few nights before election with several thousand dollars and made Cleveland a favorite. There are always many voters who drift to the side which they believe to be a winner, and such evidences of party confidence are always convincing. The Republicans have given odds in every subsequent presidential year.

We do not know that these odds count for anything. There are several uncertain things in this world which all men acknowledge. One is a woman's answer, another a jury's verdict, another a horse race and still another an election result. The gamblers on the curbs and in the cafes who give the odds can not have any information save what they secure from newspapers, and this is the general property of us all. It may be that the Republican managers are confident. Almost certainly Mr. Roosevelt is. Likewise we have no question that Chairman Mack is convinced that Mr. Bryan will win. He has sources of information upon which to base a conviction. So has the Republican committee. All talk encouragingly for their party, and in every way attempt to buoy along their partisans. So far as this paper has been informed, and so far as the other papers of the country, irrespective of partisanship, tell the story, Mr. Bryan is unquestionably much stronger before the people than he has ever been. Mr. Taft, by the same assurance, is a much weaker candidate than was either Mr. McKinley or Mr. Roosevelt. There is no doubt, further, that the Democratic party is more united and harmonized, as well as aggressive, than it has been since 1892. There is even less doubt that the Republican party in a dozen or more most important states, is torn asunder and divided into bitter factions as it never was since its origin. Mr. Bryan is making a strong fight. He has not made one blunder. He is a leader who with spirit is leading a spirited following.

Why should the odds of the betters be against him? It is true that he has never won and that the Republicans are in the habit of winning. But no race track tout but would refuse to be convinced by any such dope as that.

From our aeroplane, looking down upon the great battle, we can not see anything but victory for Democracy.

Night Riders.

The lynching of two prominent lawyers at Reelfoot Lake in Tennessee yesterday by alleged "night riders" is one of the most revolting chapters in the criminal history of the south. Whether the crime was perpetrated by "night riders" or not, the stigma remains, and the lack of motive only adds to the infamy of the cold-blooded conspiracy, so cunningly planned and executed.

Reelfoot Lake is a famous fishing resort. It is not so remote from civilization that the ordinary citizen bent on a pleasant vacation, close to Nature and to God, should be compelled to go armed to the teeth to protect his body from the murderous hands of cowardly assassins.

For the good of the great State of Tennessee, and for the preservation of the good name of the South, it is to be hoped that the perpetrators of this crime will be brought to speedy justice, and that the punishment inflicted may deter further assaults on the lives of men who have committed no other offense than that of pleading the cause of their clients before a court of law.

Duty—just the one word—sums up all that the ten commandments contain.

There is little learning for those who never try.

It is said that Hitchcock and his aides have raised a corruption fund

of \$2,000,000 to be expended in New York, Indiana and Ohio on the eve of the election. The Nashville Tennessean, edited by former Senator Edward W. Carmack, says that the American people will revolt at such tactics, and that this attempt to buy the election will prove a boomerang to the Republican party.

Henry Watterson is putting in some good licks for Bryan and the Democratic party when he isn't engaged in the pleasant pastime of roasting Editor Vardaman, of the Jackson Issue.

The injured Atlanta man who was "carried into a nearby plumbing shop for attention" had probably sprung a leak in his think-tank.

Policemen should be paid what they are worth. If they are not worth a good salary, then we should discharge them and get men who are.

The total county and city tax levy is 28 mills, which is much lower than that usually paid in a city the size of Hattiesburg.

The fleet is now in Japan and there is no semblance of war. Will some one please get the smelling salts for Hobson.

The Houston Chronicle says that Republican prosperity was a political pipe dream. Guess that's about the size of it.

The dispatches tell us that Taft has lost his voice. This ought to be a good excuse for President Roosevelt to dip in.

Harry Thaw's predicament suggests that it is easier to go crazy than it is to get out of the bughouse.

It will soon be time for that "ocular demonstration" on the part of the street car company.

ZION NEGRO BAPTISTS HAVE RIVAL PREACHERS

Troubles among the members of the Zion Colored Baptist Church, out in the Arledge quarters, seem to multiply. For some months the members of this church have been fussing and quarrelling, the trouble growing out of factional differences. The old pastor continues to serve and recently a new pastor was called by a portion of the congregation. There have been excommunications and re-excommunications and the members have been up before the courts on different charges.

Efforts have been made by white people to stop the unseemly conduct of the membership of the church, but so far without avail. They appear determined to scrap it out.

The trial of seven of the members for disorderly conduct was to have come off in Justice Bolton's court today, but owing to the absence of the prosecuting witness, the hearing was postponed until tomorrow.

Officers Culey and McCas this morning arrested Eliza Carter, a negro, on a charge of having stolen a ring, valued at \$10, from Paul Gare, a negro man. She will be tried in the police court tomorrow morning.

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BURGLARS ARE BUSY

Suburban Drug Store Entered By Two Men and Rifled of Many Valuable Articles

OFFICERS HAVE CLUE AS TO PERPETRATORS

One of the Robbers Wore a Number Six Shoe, According to Measurement of Tracks, and This May Lead to His Arrest.

The Suburban Drug Store, situated on Main street, just beyond the Mississippi Central crossing, was entered Monday night.

It is believed that the work was done by two robbers. A hole was broken in the glass window at the back of the store and through this it is believed the parties ran their hands and lifted the sash lock, and raised the window.

The amount of goods taken cannot be learned exactly, but the manager of the store says as near as he can figure, it will amount to \$200.

The thieves took a good lot of jewelry, among which were chains, lockets, breast pins, etc. They also took some cigars and a couple of hair brushes, among other things.

One of the robbers wore a number six shoe, judging by the measurement of a track that was made. It is believed that a pretty good clue has been found and that the robbers will soon be located.

TODAY'S BEST STORY.

Two village worthies were discussing a mooted point in grammar; as to whether a hen "sits" or "sets" when she takes to her nest. "Seems to me it's a heap more important," interrupted a bystanding farmer, "whether she 'lays' or 'lies' when she cackles."—Harper's Weekly.

A SUGGESTION ON ECZEMA.

It is suggested that eczema sufferers ask the druggist at the Owl Drug Store or the Century Drug Store of this city what reports he is getting from the patients who have used the oil of wintergreen liquid compound, D. D. Prescription.

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COAST TRACTION COMPANY WILL EXTEND ITS LINES

Gulfport, Miss., October 21.—Announcement is made that the Gulf Coast Traction Company, after being delayed in its plans for several years, is now arranging to extend its line from Gulfport to Pass Christian, traversing one of the prettiest sections of the Mississippi coast. The road was originally planned to go to Bay St. Louis, but work was stopped because of the refusal of citizens of Pass Christian to allow tracks to be laid on the famous beach drive. A compromise has now been brought about whereby the company's tracks will be laid on Second street, instead of traversing the Pass Christian beach.

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