

The Norfolk News

By the way, where was "Coin" Harvey and his "Financial School" when the light went out of free silverdom.

The democrats are now busy trying to figure out an easy way to get out of the scrape in which they have been placed by the fusion populists.

The republicans of the Eighth senatorial district met at Lyons Wednesday and nominated Judge W. H. Ryan for state senator. The meeting was harmonious and enthusiastic.

Senator Allen aimed his ax at the neck of the straight populists but it flew off the handle and gave the straight democrats a terrific clip in the spinal column just above the shoulders.

Bryan isn't saying anything about the action of the Sioux Falls convention. He has probably committed that old injunction and is living by it at present: "when angry, count ten before you speak."

Do we want a change to free soup houses, Coxey armies and panics? That is what we got under the last democratic administration and it may take place again with democratic success. Few will care to risk it anyway.

At the state encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, just closed at Beatrice, Plattsmouth was chosen as the place for holding the next encampment while the state reunion will be held at Hastings during 1901, 1902 and 1903.

There is not much satisfaction expressed over the action of the fusion convention at Sioux Falls. Even Nebraska's "reform" state house crowd is disgruntled. The "saving of the country" as Nebraska has been "saved" devolves entirely upon the Kansas City convention.

The democrats are not at present claiming that their success this fall will mean improved business conditions, better wages, better prices for grain or more prosperity. It is surprising, too, because they are usually long on promises even though they do fall short on achievements.

Calamity, unrest and discontent is the backbone of democracy and no news is more delightfully received than that indicating that these conditions exist in any part of the country. They only find enough of it these days to whet their appetite, but they make the most of what they find.

The really funny convention of the year will be held at Kansas City on July 4 when an effort will be made to endorse the Sioux Falls meeting and yet keep the straight democrats in line. It is a wide chasm to straddle and yet it may be accomplished. The fusionists have not lately been daunted by impossible gymnastics.

The fusionists four years ago complained that prices were too low. Now they are too high. They don't know what they want, except official position and a whack at the pie counter. They are as shifty as a Nebraska zephyr. What stand they will take in 1904 no one—not even an astrologer—can determine.

Congressman Sulzer of New York declares that the action of the Sioux Falls convention insures the re-election of Wm. McKinley. Didn't the congressman know that the re-election of Wm. McKinley was practically assured, regardless of what action the Sioux Falls or any other fusion convention might take?

The fellow who drew up an epitomized platform in South Dakota recently did not miss it far when the platform recently adopted by the fusionists at Sioux Falls is referred to. "We denounce," "we demand," and many negative propositions are very prominent. It is a very nice air castle without the incumbrance of any very definite plans and specifications.

The pointing out of some definite criticisms of the republican state platform on the part of the fusionists is still awaited. The World-Herald made one ludicrously funny effort to do so which proved a decided failure in point of argument. The said platform comes too near to presenting facts as the people want them to be criticized and still retain the sympathy and support of the said people.

The fusionists evade the question of a declining vote in this congressional district by avoiding the vote on congressman and presenting the vote on a state officer, who was exceedingly fortunate in the majority attained. When it comes to referring to the possible vote for congressman it is customary to compare it with past votes for the same position, which conclusively show that the fusion majority in the Third district is steadily declining.

The fusionists are endeavoring to create the impression that the Sioux Falls convention had a larger number of delegates in attendance than the mid-road meeting at Cincinnati. They do not deny the figures presented by D.

Clem Deaver before the convention assembled, however, showing that the latter would have more delegates than the former by about two to one. They hope to bluff the people and are provokingly unsuccessful.

In 1896 everybody wanted a change and the democrats dared not stand on their record. In 1900 the republicans are standing on their record and the people, outside of a few confirmed politicians and partisans, are not asking a change. It is the difference between an administration all promises and no results as in 1892 and an administration carrying out its promises and doing even better than promised as with that of President McKinley.

If democrats are sincere in their objection to taxation without representation they should at once adopt a woman's suffrage plank. There are more women in this country who are compelled to pay their share of the taxes, without even an opportunity to vote, than there are men in all the islands recently acquired through the late war, and our women are far more intelligent than the average run of the islanders. But the democrats won't favor their being represented, not on your life.

Wharton Barker of Pennsylvania has been named by the mid-road populist convention at Cincinnati for president, while Ignatius Donnelly of Minnesota was placed in nomination for vice president. With these two staunch advocates of populism to lead there is not much question but that the mid-road ticket will receive the liberal support of populists who have not yet relinquished all principles enunciated by that party before it was overcome by fusion. The convention reaffirmed the Omaha platform and declared their allegiance to it.

There it is again! A fusion paper not more than a thousand miles away says "there is not an intelligent editor in the district (Third) that believes he (Hays) will come within 2,500 votes of beating Congressman Robinson." The district is certainly to be pitted in that the "intelligent" editors have become so scarce that there is but one or two left. In face of the fact that Robinson was elected by but 1,500 votes and that the fusion majority in the district has been steadily declining year after year it requires a whole lot of "intelligence" to realize that he will win this fall by 2,500 and they are indeed few who possess it.

Senator Allen endeavored to prevent Dr. Butler from fixing up such a nauseating dose for the Kansas City convention, but in spite of his protest the good doctor thought it was the only cure and went ahead and prescribed it, mixing together Bryan and Towne, free silver, 16 to 1, greenbacks, government ownership of railways and other nauseating concomitants which the eastern democrats and many westerners so hate to swallow. They will no doubt be excusable for making a wry face when they gulp down the concoction. In the interest of harmony most anything goes however, and there should be no kicking or slapping the nurse.

John R. Hays, of Norfolk, republican nominee for congress, was in Fremont today. He came to confer with republican leaders here and made a preliminary survey of the political field to ascertain how many and how horrible are the fusion tares growing in the republican wheat. Later he will come again, loaded with facts and eloquence, and make a heroic endeavor to convert the tares aforesaid into useful products, to the state and nation. He is of an optimistic frame of mind, but not to the point of rashness. He believes he can see how the Third district may be redeemed and transferred to the prosperity column. In due time he will do his full share to apply the proper remedy.—Fremont Tribune.

The suggestion of John D. Long, secretary of the navy, for the vice presidential nomination on the republican ticket will meet with the hearty approval of republicans everywhere. Secretary Long directed the affairs of the navy when it made records in battle that will ever be pointed to with pride by the people of the United States. That the splendid results obtained by the navy in the late war with Spain are due in a large part to his careful direction and administration no one will doubt and that the acts of the navy department during that time were remarkably free from criticism by the rabid partisans will give wonderful prestige. The republican national convention could make no wiser choice for vice president.

Sometimes a man does not care so much about whether the constitution follows the flag or not, so long as he knows he has work at living wages, and knows that he has his next meal coming. In 1892 the democrats fought on the presumption that a free trade policy would benefit the country, the workman and the people. The party won and the people lost, calamity and distress prevailing. In 1896 the people promptly reversed their decision and inaugurated an era of good times, unprecedented in the history of the country, the democrats losing on a proposition they now acknowledge to be incorrect and a radical change from conditions then

existing. This year they again have new and radical ideas to promulgate without considering or caring for the effects it may have on the people of the land. It would seem that the people who have for the past four years and during previous republican administrations enjoyed republican prosperity would hesitate before they again entrusted affairs to the democrats whose policies have invariably resulted in the undoing of prosperity and happiness. No argument but the memory of the individual should be necessary to prevent change.

It is now asserted by some of the fusionists that Charley Towne will withdraw from the vice presidential race; that in fact he was put on the ticket as a straw man simply to mollify the populists who met at Sioux Falls with the idea that they had not yet been completely swallowed by democracy. While it may be true that many of the delegates had the impression that Mr. Towne was a straw man it is also true that many of the delegates responsible for his nomination will insist that his name be kept where it was placed and Mr. Towne may also have an idea that his name was put on the ticket to stay. The wishes of himself and friends will probably be worthy of consideration in the matter anyway.

The farmers who realize on which side their bread is buttered are pleased to admit that their lines have fallen in pleasant places and are not demanding a change the result of which no man knows, but which could scarcely improve existing conditions. The democrats endeavor to show them that they have made no gains owing to the advance of steel, lumber and other like materials, but they realize that they are farming at a profit in spite of these assertions, as the prices of necessities have not risen to equal the rise in their products. The Sterling Sun says: "Experts have estimated that the products of agriculture last year were worth a billion and a half of dollars more than any year during the Cleveland-Wilson depression from 1892 to 1896. This is an average increase of 31 per cent. Live stock in general has gained in value 38 per cent, and crops show an increase of 25 per cent. The products of live stock, including meats, dairy products, etc., have increased 40 per cent over the lowest point during the period mentioned. Horses have increased one-third, cattle about 40 per cent, and sheep have about doubled in value. In values of farm lands there is a decidedly upward tendency and sales are far more numerous as a result of better prices for farm products and the number and amount of mortgages are materially decreased."

Some of the most absurd and silly arguments imaginable are beginning to appear in the fusion papers lately and it looks as though the same sort of campaign as was conducted in 1896 would be on in full blast as soon as the nominations were made. If they imagine that their readers will believe such rot they must have a very poor conception of their intelligence. One of the most ridiculous arguments yet presented is in regard to the bugaboo "imperialism." They wish to influence foreigners to believe that this government will soon be governed by a monarch and that citizens will be compelled to serve in the army as they are in European countries. Such fakes are as disgusting as they are absurd, unless the people of the country should desire such a condition. The people are the monarchs of this country and until they give their consent it will be impossible to convert our republic into an imperialistic kingdom which certainly cannot be accomplished without an open and avowed candidacy of the intention. The exaggerated cartoons of Mark Hanna and articles concerning that gentleman are also appearing. They are very funny but are of no weight whatever as a political argument. The sooner democrats cease the practice of deception, exaggeration and misrepresentation, the sooner they may hope to influence the intelligent voters of which this government is composed. They can never win with such arguments. What the people want and demand is facts.

Mr. August Cline, representing the True Populist, of Omaha, was in town last week, and made this office a short call. He says the middle-of-the-road populists are more numerous than is generally supposed, and that he had secured about 100 subscribers to his paper in this county. He says they have an organization strong enough to defeat the fusion aggregation in this state, and that while they could not hope to elect their ticket this fall they would make a vigorous fight, and have a strong organization to carry on the true principles of populism after the fusion spoliators had been consigned to oblivion. It would seem as though these people were in a position to hold their own, although being derided and denounced as being assiduous republicans by the fusion spoil gang. If there are any principles in politics where is the consistency of the fusion forces? They have banded together for what—not to uphold the cardinal principles of any party, but to get the offices. Notwithstanding the populists were the most numerous in this section of the United States the democrats have out-figured them, and the

result will be, after a few more farce-comedy acts in the fusion line the mask will be dropped, and there will be left only a democratic party. If the members of the people's party were honest in their contentions that they were opposed to both the old parties—and we believe many were—what do they think of their present predicament under the fusion deal that their leaders have led them into? They cannot but see that they have been betrayed, in consideration of offices for a few of their leaders. A party honestly contending for principles, however impractical or visionary they may be, is entitled to a measure of respect and consideration, but a combination solely and primarily for obtaining the spoils of office, is entitled to no respect from honest men.—Albion News.

There has been trouble at Sioux Falls since the fusion populist convention opened, and the delegates represented there are divided into factions. Senator Allen is making strenuous efforts to grasp the steer by its hind legs and toss it over into the democratic crowd, which would certainly mean the complete obliteration of any fusion populist organization. He desires the convention to do its work through a conference committee which shall wait for instructions from the democratic crowd. The other faction is led by Senator Butler, who evidently came to Sioux Falls with the belief that the convention was not to be entirely democratic and insists on maintaining the party organization without regard to the wishes of those who will meet in Kansas City. Senator Allen and his adherents are so sincere in their desire for democratic welfare that yesterday a threat was made that if Towne were nominated for vice president at least five state delegations would bolt the convention. While if Senator Butler's idea wins it will be some benefit to the fusion populists it is just as certain that Senator Allen's idea has the sanction of the democrats, who realize that if the convention should take independent action and name both Bryan and a candidate for vice president a like condition will confront it as in 1896 and the democrats must either endorse populists or take independent action on their part. The first result will mean the loss of a large number of democratic votes and the latter will mean no fusion. Since the above was written it has been learned that Bryan and Towne have been named by the fusionists. This places the Kansas City convention which will meet in July in a most embarrassing position and no matter which horn of dilemma they grasp they lose support. The vice presidential candidate was identified with the free-silver republican movement in 1896 and will hardly receive the endorsement of old-line democrats when the Kansas City convention assembles. The kite will either have two tails again, the ticket will lose democratic support especially from the east or there will be no fusion. The Kansas City convention is "up against it."

Democratic demagogues, both editorial and oratorical, are making all they can out of the fact that the Illinois republican convention refused to entertain a resolution of sympathy for the Boers. They make a very nice point, but it will not mislead a thinking man. It was not because the delegates to that convention did not sympathize with the Boers that they refused to entertain the resolution; it was not because their sympathies were not as keen or keener than the blatant, loud-mouthed partisans who have been endeavoring to place this country in a ridiculous position for political purposes only. Such can in no wise be the correct interpretation. A resolution of sympathy with England had the Boers been the masters of the field would have been as quickly tabled, and a resolution of sympathy to the starving people of India would have been far more sensible and would have done just as much good, but the democrats realize neither would have had a political effect with the ignorant. The resolution was introduced, either by a republican who had been misled by these ranting demagogues or it was introduced for the same purpose that similar resolutions have been introduced in congress—not that they mean any good toward the Boers, but they desire the embarrassment of the republican administration and party. The conclusion of these people that the sympathies of the administration and republican party are with the British empire is as groundless as many other assertions and their stand is as untenable as other political professions made by them. Would they praise England had she done the same thing during the war of the rebellion? Many of them would because they were at that time against the republic and all its works, but any loyal man would have been justly incensed at such a course. Out upon such campaign methods! If democracy has any tenable grounds she should speedily find them. Never before has she shown such interest in the welfare of the down-trodden people of foreign countries and she would not now but for the political effect.

Call it Vandalism. The state encampment of G. A. R. veterans, which was held this week at Beatrice, adopted a resolution that is a very severe denunciation of the "reform" board of public lands and buildings and one of the appointees of the present state administration. The language used is vigorous and its meaning can in no wise be mistaken or evaded. Following are the resolutions: "Whereas, it is with grateful hearts that the members of this encampment, representing the great central soldier state, point with pride to the liberal provisions made for the care and comfort of the maimed and crippled and dependant veteran soldiers of this commonwealth by the legislature of the past sessions, and it has been especially gratifying to note the wise selection of the home site at Milford with its medicinal springs and magnificent groves of native timber, making it a park unequalled in the west; with its feathered songsters invited from every section making the welkin ring from their secluded homes formed in the bowers of foliage here abounding. The naturalist, the artist and the philanthropist have begged that no vandal hand be allowed to despoil its natural repose, so in harmony with the purpose for which it is now devoted.

Resolved, That we in the encampment assembled condemn in unmeasured terms this wanton destruction of state property, and the vandalism practiced by the authorities and their subordinates in the wild, irrational destruction of the beautiful surroundings of our soldiers' home at Milford.

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be presented to the state papers for publication and to the authorities to the end that the further destruction may be stopped, and that a committee of five be appointed to carry this resolution into effect.

MORE RIOTING AT ST. LOUIS. Officers Fire Into a Crowd of Strike Sympathizers, Wounding Two Men. ST. LOUIS, May 16.—The distinguishing feature in the street car strike situation yesterday was a riot which broke out on the opening of the Grand Avenue line of the St. Louis transit system, during the progress of which two men were shot.

The trouble began in the block just south of Easton avenue, when a shower of stones fell on the cars and the officers and crew drew their revolvers. The first two cars passed over the Easton avenue crossing and then obstructions on the track were encountered. The motorman waited for the policemen to get down and remove the stones and lumber from the track. As the officers began this work a Mrs. Hogan, who lives in the neighborhood, trotted out to the track and called the officer a cur and other names for attempting to help move the cars. A shot was fired in the air by a policeman as the car started to move on. Shots of "scab" came from the crowd at the same time and more shots were fired from the procession of cars. It was claimed in the crowd that 50 to 75 shots were fired almost simultaneously, but only two persons were wounded. They were John Flatley, North Vandeventer avenue, and Joseph Trendall. Both were wounded in the left hip. Flatley's wound is the more serious. The bullet entered near the spine, which was shattered, causing paralysis of the left leg. Trendall's was only a flesh wound. Flatley, who is a motorman on the Easton avenue division of the St. Louis transit company, is a striker. Trendall is 19 years of age and was not involved in the strike.

South Dakota Odd Fellows. MITCHELL, S. D., May 16.—The twenty-fifth annual session of the Odd Fellows' grand lodge met in this city yesterday in its first session. Grand Master Teall called the lodge to order. Grand Secretary Rice made his annual report, showing a good increase in the subordinate lodges. The Rebekah state assembly met in annual session in Odd Fellows' hall, being called to order by the president, Hannah Cripps. Secretary Ella Abbott made her report, showing 79 lodges in the state and a membership of 2,957. There is a large attendance of both lodges, at least 450 delegates being present.

Frost Jury Ready to Report. YORK, Neb., May 16.—The coroner's jury in the Frost poisoning case is in session and the report of the chemical expert who analyzed the contents of the dead man's stomach has been heard. While the jurors have been very reticent, enough has been said and done to plainly indicate that the deceased came to his death by poison, the only question now under consideration being whether or not the deadly drug was administered by Marguerite Frost, wife of the deceased, who is still in jail pending the decision of the jury.

Forest Fires Threaten Alpena. ALPENA, Mich., May 16.—Forest fires are raging all over Alpena county and the flames, fanned by a high wind, have reached the railway yards in the outskirts of the city and the railway service is demoralized. The shingle mill at Laroque, several houses and piles of lumber belonging to J. O. Wilson, have been destroyed. Several houses have been burned at Tomer and piles of lumber at Oneway, Presque Isle county. A fire engine from this city has been sent to Millersburg, which is in imminent danger.

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