

THE OREGON CAMPAIGN.

A News Letter From The Wealth Makers Special Correspondent.

PORTLAND, Ore., April 25, 1894.—Your correspondent had a very pleasant trip—made the acquaintance on the way of a member of the Colorado legislature which was called together by Governor Waite, and which refused to do anything except draw their salaries. It was easy to see the true inwardness of that refusal. Silver mining, the best industry of the state, had been destroyed by Congress. The governor asserts that Congress cannot take from each state the right to say that gold and silver of the requisite fineness are legal tender in the state; that Congress only had the right to fix the standard and issue the money; that gold and silver coins are money, and that Congress was never given any power to destroy their money value.

He wanted the legislature to so declare this in Colorado, and thus force the United States supreme court to pass upon it. He backed his opinions by such strong argument that the only answer his opponents have ever given, is to call him crank, fool, &c. &c.

The Mid Winter Fair is a miniature World's Fair. County buildings and county exhibits take the place of state buildings and state exhibits. The quantity and varieties of flowers shown every day is a feature worth going half across the continent to see.

Oregon is now in the midst of a hot political campaign. The only morning daily paper in the state is the "Oregonian." It is entirely under the control of the extreme gold bug wing of the Republican party. It therefore praises Grover Cleveland, who is the best republican of them all. The dictator, Joe Simons, a socialist, has run the politics of the state for many years, and the "Oregonian" is his most humble and faithful servant. The Democratic paper is published from the same press by the same men, and is really an evening edition of the "Oregonian." Everything is therefore lovely, Republican in the morning and Democratic in the evening. In this city, however, some influential and determined Republicans are becoming tired of ring rule and will assist the Democrats and Populists in throwing off the dictator, who rules by money and the forces it will purchase.

Each of the three parties has put a full state ticket in the field. But in a number of counties the Populists will carry the members of the legislature and in this and a number of counties the Democrats and Populists are uniting for the same purpose. They are likely to carry the legislature. One of the measures on which the Democrats and Populists are agreed and determined to carry is the "initiative and referendum." Nebraska has heard but little of this measure, but in this state it is the largest plank in the platform. Governor Penneyer has intimated that he will call a special session of the legislature this fall if a clear majority of the representatives elected are in favor of such a law. A veto will thus be avoided should a Republican governor be elected and the people of the state would have a chance to reject any objectionable laws passed by any future legislature.

If Governor Penneyer had accepted the nomination he would have been elected, although it would have been his third term. The people believe in him. He is a man of the people, honest, fearless, and has the confidence of the masses. He is most cordially hated by the gold-bugs. He will be the next United States senator from this state. No journal in America is a more pliant tool of the plutocracy than the "Oregonian." It was ordered to train its heaviest forces against the industrial army which has been gathering here for some days. Accordingly its editorials have been abuse of a thoroughly respectable looking lot of workmen. They are a superior lot, physically and mentally. No epithet is too vile and no lie too glaring for this paper to use in describing these men. It would have the most rigorous measures used to suppress them.

STRANGE ARMS FOR ALLEGED THIEFS.

PORTLAND, ORE., April 30, 1894.—(Special to THE WEALTH MAKERS)—The ball is rolling in Oregon in the direction of the Populists. Ten thousand people in Portland are tonight praising Gov. Penneyer and denouncing the Oregonians who own the republican party in Oregon. A call was made for United States troops to capture the Portland contingent of Coxey's Army. It was heralded by the Oregonians that these were a lot of cut throats, that they were armed with knives and revolvers. Of course Cleveland must help the corporations. Immediate orders were issued and Uncle Sam's boys in blue moved down in majesty on this terrible vagabond army. Without a blow or a show of resistance the 700 men surrendered and were brought back to Portland. They were searched and wonderful to relate their arms consisted of three revolvers and 700 cakes of soap. Truly a dangerous lot of men. The leaders were put in jail and the men after being held over Sunday were set free. Today the officers were tried and acquitted. Tonight ten thousand people turned out to congratulate them. The speeches were vigorous and all on the side of Populist principles. Men

in all professions and in all positions of society are asking what it means. Ministers are preaching about it and as far as they dare are telling of the wrong which brings this state of things. If they were not hirelings they would tell the whole truth. G.

Mr. Gustin Gets After Them.

KEARNEY, Neb., April 29, 1894. Editor WEALTH MAKERS:

The man who walks into the Chicago river when a bridge is turned sees further ahead than do the business men who advocate gold commodity money.

An article in the Chicago Herald of April 9th, explains that Hon. John Spooner, ex-congressman and railroad attorney, and present striker for paternalistic favor to corporations, as well as aider and abettor to the Northern Pacific den of paternalists, was the real power behind the judicial throne of Judge Jenkins in the recent order for organized labor to get off the earth. The article is an outline of history connected with the Northern Pacific and is full of food for reflection. The history of that road, as well as the other so-called Pacific roads, is valuable to the study of civilized evolution, in the same way that the history of crime in high places in all time is valuable to note the brutality and corruption of the age told of. The Pacific roads are agencies through which such polished scamps as Oils Ames and his successors to the present have robbed the public of millions. They prostitute legislative and executive officers of the nation, and their crafty villainy crawls into the seat of justice and the ermine of our courts is used as a many our would use a baby's bed. This will be true while public functions (as in railroad) are operated by private corporations. But let me quote from the Herald's article:

MILWAUKEE, April 8.—The history of the Northern Pacific railroad is a national scandal from the beginning. It opened in an era of wild congressional legislation toward the close of the war, when a debased currency was the cause of almost infinite demoralization, and the most flagrant profligacy marred the appropriations and the financial administration.

I have underscored the "debased currency" to draw attention to the fact that the time (1864) to which he refers the congressmen who were legislating for railroad adventures were also legislating for so-called "honest" money based on bonds and the national banking scheme. These congressmen were "funding" (?) the greenbacks, which meant destroying them, and in their stead issuing interest-bearing bonds. In private transactions the parties at interest being poor, that transaction would be known as a fraud. In this way the national debt was more than doubled and the ashes of the so-called "debased currency" became "honest" as soon as an interest-bearing bond based on gold took its place. When a politician of one school is caught at some vile trick by an equally vile politician or partisan sheet of another school, and the act is aired, the reading world comes into facts that will enable the historian of the future to give dishonor instead of honor where dishonor is due. No nation was ever so vilely betrayed, no nation was ever more wantonly imposed upon in financial legislation than has been this people since 1862. The result of that legislation is now coming to a head and every report of the national banks to the comptroller shows where the matter lies. The press reports of April 6th give a summary of bank reports and quote Mr. Eckels as saying "the financial situation as shown by the banks, quite encouraging." Yes, to the banks; but how about legitimate business? The showing made December 19th, last year, and that of February 28th this year, discloses the fact that national bank currency outstanding was decreased in that seventy-one days over \$5,586,000 the nation having farmed out its right to the national banks to issue currency finds the banks raising prices on money by curtailing its supply. Those reports show an increase of loans in the same time of \$4,936,000. They show an increased piling up of money in the banks of \$19,844,000 during the seventy-one days covered by that report. Quite encouraging, indeed, to the banks. Is it any wonder the Coxeyites are led to believe this nation is paternalistic in its make-up? And do we wonder why times are a little discouraging to labor and business? More of us should join Coxey's army if we don't know enough to stay home and learn how to vote paternalism to all of us or to none of us. Money is made by law, and all merchandise and comforts of life are made by labor. That in which the banker deals is made by law, and the fiat of the nation is put on to a commodity (gold and silver) which inflates it for his benefit. And that in which the business man deals in is made by labor, and nine out of ten business men allow the demagogues in politics to fool us into a fight on how we shall be taxed to keep up this financial system which kills business alive.

A Chicago paper (Tribune) of April 7th has an article headed "Hard to Keep Gold" in which it says: "The treasury officials say that a good deal of the gold which was turned over for the bond issue has found its way back into the vaults of the banks, and the reports of the comptroller of currency bear out

this statement." Yes, indeed. It would be as easy to put out the fires of Sheol by sweat from labor's brow as to try to keep a hundred millions of dishonest gold dollars in the nation's treasury under our present fiscal system, devised and managed as it is by such fiscal bunco steerers as are John Sherman and Carlisle and their school of property rights. The army of Coxeyites are simply evolutions of conditions to demonstrate to the business world that an "intrinsic" dollar, whether gold or silver, is as dishonest as the claim of "divine right of kings." And a few more bond issues will extend the financial slave territory and hasten the date of commercial freedom. The money dealer and protected manufacturers have trumped to Washington in Pullman cars every session of congress for more than thirty years to buy laws making this nation a paternal government to them and at the expense of the producers. These intellectual brutes in their coming and going spent money freely to lubricate the law-makers into action, and the citizens of Washington welcomed them as a sweet boon. Now the Coxeyite tramp to Washington in the mud and dust and with half-baked ideas of paternalism, but no money. And they are likely to get unmarked graves for their presumption; but over those graves will bloom the plant of commercial freedom, as over the grave of John Brown bloomed the plant of freedom to the darkey. The dishonest gold dollar will be demonetized and sink to its true level in the arts and sciences. Its free coinage value now set upon it by law is dishonest and cannot be made honest unless the government becomes paternal to all commodities and makes not value by law, which is impossible under competitive conditions.

Corporate national banking or private banking occupy the same economic position in the business world as do chinch bugs in a wheat field. The bank feeds on interest and the control of money, which blights business the chinch bug feeds on the tender plant and blights the wheat. The merchant who depends on the exchange of commodities made by labor will have to choose between his patrons, the laboring community and the money dealing chinch bugs. Which is it his interest to maintain? The independent individual toiler, or the paternalistic class who deal in intrinsic money made by law. The financial brutes are forcing the fight upon us, and the abolition principles of 1861 must be now settled in a new form. A. J. GUSTIN.

The Fields Whitening for the Harvest

LINCOLN, Neb., April 22, 1894. Editor WEALTH MAKERS:

The great old party papers of the country have a busy time these days accusing and excusing. Republicans charge the present depression to the election of Cleveland, Democrats to former Republican misrule. One does not have to look closely between the lines to discover that this is merely a dust-throwing process to keep the people blinded to their own personal interest and welfare.

In the State Journal of April 19 is an article on "the Industrial Army." The editor says, "There is no doubt of the fact that the stringency of the times, the shutting down of many industries that have been hitherto profitable, on account of the locking up of capital, have added greatly to the ranks of the unemployed. It is not a local disturbance. It is co-extensive with the boundaries of the Union; it really embraces the entire civilized world today." Note the language "entire civilized world." Yet from day to day the columns of this paper are filled with slush, endeavoring to show that all the trouble in the financial world has been caused by the election of a Democrat's president and congress.

The entire civilized world is groaning under the oppression caused by the worship of that idol of our heartless commercialism—gold—and the cry for relief goes up from many hearts. Without doubt we are approaching a crisis in the gray old world's history. The hand of the overseer, the tax-gatherer, the usury-taker, is growing heavy; the task of the world's producers is approaching very rapidly that of those of old who were compelled to "make bricks without straw."

To those who give this problem earnest thought but one solution can seem possible, viz: that outlined in the Omaha platform. I trust that in the coming campaign those who are entrusted with the leadership in the great army of emancipation may so conduct themselves as to merit and receive the full measure of support in Nebraska. We should, with the great object lesson now before us, sweep the state, securing not only the state offices but both branches of the legislature as well.

The fields are whitening for the harvest, and every Populist in the whole nation should be ready to take up the sickle and do his whole duty. Very truly, J. M. THOMPSON.

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SOME GRAND RESOLUTIONS.

Hear the Voice of the Furnas County Alliance.

The Furnas County Alliance in delegate convention assembled reaffirm the cardinal principles of the Declaration of Independence, and hold these truths to be self-evident; that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. That to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed; that whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or abolish it, and to institute a new government, laying its foundation on such principles, and organizing its powers in such form as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness. But when a long train of abuses and unjust laws pursuing invariably the same object, evinces a design to reduce the people under despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, and should be their privilege to petition, to beseech and to insist on a speedy return to the primary and righteous principles of self-government, and

When the constitution of the United States provides that "the right of the people peaceably to assemble and petition the government for a redress of grievances shall not be abridged or denied; and whereas the president and the congress of the United States show a disposition to nullify and make void this safeguard of the people's liberty, by spurning their petitions, ridiculing those who are patriotic agitators, and by threatening to invoke the aid of police regulations to prevent peaceable assembling of brave, manly, humane and intelligent citizens who seek the good of the whole country; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Furnas County Alliance has full faith in the patriotic motives of General Coxey and the Industrial Commonwealth Army which he leads and inspires; that we are confident that his action is in perfect harmony with the constitution of the United States, and the tenets of the Declaration of Independence; that we are in full sympathy with the object of his mission, and bid him and his true followers Godspeed in their effort to ameliorate the distress which prevails in our fair land, that we urge our representatives in congress to seize the present opportunity and make a determined effort to bring the cause of the people before congress immediately, and with a zeal and emphasis that will insure a fair hearing of the statement of their wrongs and grievances.

W. H. ANDERSON, Pres. J. CAMERON, Vice-pres. W. G. C. BAIN, Sec'y.

A GREAT SCHOOL.

The Parent of Independent Normalism at Lebanon, Ohio.

The following is from the pen of J. A. Edgerton, the well known Populist correspondent, in a letter to a friend describing his school experience:

"One of the most inspiring sights I ever witnessed was General Ex at the old normal. On the floor were over one thousand students from all parts of the Union; all intent and enthusiastic; all bearing the evidences of being poor—for they nearly all came from the farms and were forced to pay their own way—but as many and womanly a group of young people as I think were ever gathered together on the planet. On the stage, at the head of the faculty, Prof. Alfred Holbrook, the founder of Independent Normalism, a man who not only inspired the respect, but the love of every student I believe, who ever attended his school; a man who has given his life to the founding of a new system of education—a system that brings a college training within the reach of almost every boy and girl, however poor.

Although I attended a college some what after my days at the normal were over, I shall ascribe whatever success I may have in life to my training under President Holbrook at Lebanon. After the year I spent there I returned more earnest to me, I had more enthusiasm, I had more of a purpose. And having attended both the Normal and an ordinary college, I think I am prepared to intelligently compare the two systems of education; and if I were advising any young man, especially one of limited means, as to what school would do him the most good and bring him the most practical results, I would say every time, the Normal.

By the way, I have been thinking what a splendid institution this school is for Populists to attend. In the first place, it is patronized by the children of farmers almost exclusively; by young men and women, who, by learning or other means, are paying their own way. It is a society whose self-help and whose earnest spirit will do good to any boy or girl who is thrown into it.

Second, it only requires about half the time of the regular college course; and yet you get the best features of the latter. If you only attend a year, you have something to show for it. At the end of each year of 18 weeks you receive a diploma showing the work done. The first year you complete the English or teachers course, finishing all the common branches. The second year you complete the scientific course, receiving the degree Bachelor of Science. The third year you complete the classic course, which gives you the degree of Bachelor of Arts. And I have no hesitancy in saying that when you have taken it you are better equipped for the battle of life than the average college graduate.

Third, the school is the cheapest of any in the United States. Good board may be had for \$1.50 per week—tuition only \$5.00 per term. The total expense

for a year's schooling at Lebanon, O., can be easily held down to \$150.00. Fourth, the school is not governed to death by laws. In fact it is not governed at all and yet it is the best governed school on earth. There are no laws except those of the pupil's own heart; and the result is most wonderful—no hazing, no rowdiness, no scandals, although both sexes mingle freely together. The school is a little republic of absolute brotherhood—a Populist idea put into practical operation.

Fifth and this is the best point of all—the school is not taught by a lot of old foggy professors, but by real live teachers who have made a life study of their work, who put enthusiasm and energy and life into their students; and at the head of these is one of the greatest educators of the nineteenth century.

I never gave a tribute more heartily than I give this to my old Alma Mater—the Normal University, of Lebanon, O."

Both the Democratic and Republican parties have established headquarters and are today preparing millions of campaign documents to be sent out during this campaign.

It is the opinion of the shrewdest politician at Washington, that if the People's Party takes advantage of the blunders and infamy of the present administration, there will be no trouble in electing Populist members enough to hold the balance of power in the next Congress. It is also admitted by the closest observers among both the Democratic and Republican politicians that the next election of president will be thrown into the House, which will give the Populists the power to dictate who shall be the next president of the United States? The election in the state of Oregon comes off in June, and in Alabama in August. We are almost absolutely sure to carry Alabama, and we stand an even chance with either of the old parties in Oregon. To help to carry Oregon and Alabama is to help put life and enthusiasm in our party in every state in the Union.

The People's Party is composed of the great common people of the country who are poor and honest. It has no millionaires, bank or railroad corporations upon which to call for campaign funds.

The National Committee has established headquarters at Washington where it can procure an unlimited amount of campaign literature at a small cost. One thousand dollars used in our party will do as much work as a hundred thousand dollars in either of the old parties.

After carefully considering the above facts and the bright prospects for our party in the coming campaign, we feel it our imperative duty to appeal to our people everywhere to come to the aid of the national committee in doing this great work. In the last election our party polled more than a million votes for president.

We now earnestly appeal to 1,000 of that number to give us \$5 each, 10,000 to give us \$1 each, 20,000 50 cents each, 20,000 25 cents each, and the remainder of the one million to give us 10 cents and 5 cents each. We also earnestly appeal to all People's Party Clubs, Leagues, and Leagues to raise what funds they can for the committee, by taking up collections, giving entertainments, etc. We make this request because we believe it our duty to do so. If our party ever attains success each member of the party must contribute to that success not only with his ballot, but with whatever means he can spare. To respond promptly and liberally means success that will bless the nation for all time to come.

All contributions should be sent to M. C. Rankin, Terre Haute, Ind., who is Treasurer of the National Committee.

Very Truly Yours, J. H. TURNER, H. S. TAUBENRECK, Secretary, Chairman. L. J. MC PAILIN, M. C. RANKIN, Secretary, Treasurer.

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ORGANIZE THE CITIES.

The Farmers' Alliance—Must be Revivified in the Country—The Industrial Legion Started in the Towns.

LINCOLN, Neb., May 5, 1894. Editor WEALTH MAKERS.

There seems to be some misunderstanding in the minds of certain persons in regard to the organization of the Industrial Legion.

It has never been the intention to organize the Legion anywhere but in the towns. There is no man in the state more earnestly desiring to see the Farmers' Alliance reorganized than I do. For that reason I would not let any work, with which I am connected, conflict in any way with that reorganization. Since I have been state recruiting officer of the Legion I have directed all recruiting officers under me to confine their work to the towns. As the Farmers' Alliance cannot organize in the towns, for its officers to oppose the starting there of another organization, advocating the same principles, seems to me so plainly a dog in the manger policy that I do not believe any true Alliance man will be guilty of pursuing it, after he fully understands the situation. In the language of the Omaha platform, "The interests of rural and civic labor are the same; their enemies identical." If the laborers in the country need an organization, so do the laborers of the city.

The Industrial Legion has been recommended by the National Populist committee. It is being organized in almost every state of the Union. It is just the organization needed for the towns. Nebraska shall not remain behind the procession. I have undertaken to organize the Legion in this state and, by all the powers that be, it will be organized in this state, even if I have to visit every town myself to effect that result. It is all right to correct fine-spun theories, to indulge in ethereal opinions and to complain of hard times. Those things are well in their places. But what we need in this state is organization and work. And we need it right now. Let one thousand men who are not afraid to do something, give what time they can spare from now till election day to the work of organization and agitation and Nebraska will be redeemed. Let us put in me vim and vigor and energy and fire into the cause. There is not the slightest need of going to sleep—none in the world. A misdirected effort is better than no effort at all. A movement, though erratic, is better than stagnation.

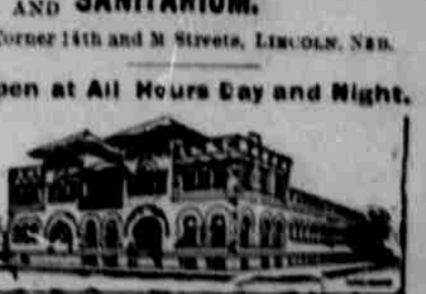
What we have got to do is to organize. This is not put in here to sound well—it is put here to mean something. We have got to organize. Our enemies are tireless; they are sleepless, they work all the time. So, then, must we. We must reorganize the Alliance in the country, we must organize the Legion in the towns, we must reorganize the political committees all over. And we don't particularly need sleepy Davys and bundles of dead men's bones upon them either. We want rustlers.

Men may differ from me, may criticize me; that matters not. Time does justice by all of us. If I feel that I am wrong right, I am not afraid of all the misrepresentations in the universe. But I am determined that the Populists must carry the state this fall. And to do that we must nerve ourselves for a supreme effort. We are right—as sure as there is a God in heaven we are right, and we must stand up and do battle for that right like men.

In city and in country, let those of us who are true and who are in earnest, prepare to go to work now. There is no time for delay. J. A. EDGERTON.

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