LET US EXCHANGE VIEWS

(In the time intervening between new and the date of the People's Independent State Convention this and succeeding columns will be open to the Populists of the state to propose candidates for the ticket of '04. and for United States Senator, and to show reason for individual preferences. We shall not have space for anything more than names and brief reasons for the choice made, because we wish to hear from a great many. LET NO MAN BE HERE PROPOSED FOR OFFICE WHOSE CHARACTER AS WELL AS INTELLECTUAL QUALIFICATIONS THE WRITTER WILL NOT PERSONALLY VOUCH FOR. If any candidates seem to be leading whom our readers cannot conscientiously support, by all means let us know why they are strenuously objected to. But let us respect one another's views, avoid anything tending to disharmony if it be possible without sacrifice of principles, and hear willingly those who differ with us. "In a multitude of counselors, there is safety." But with many to hear from each must be brief.—Editor Wealth Makens.

Ruskin Alliance Endorses Mr. Mc-Keighan.

RUSKIN, Neb., May 26, 1894. At the regular meeting of Ruskin Alliance No. 982, the following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas; The Hon. W. A. McKeighas in the past has always voted on the right side and declared his views on all e leading issues of the day in a manly straight-forward manner and has labored for the best interests of the farmers. Resolved; That we bereby indorse him for renomination to represent the Fifth district in Congress, and pledge him our support. SAM BOOTHBY,
W. M. MCELNAIN, Secretary.
President.

Nuckolls County Man Endorsed. RUSKIN, Neb., May 28, '94. Editor WEALTH MAKERS:

new my subscription, which expired until Congress is in a measure compos-Enclosed please find one dollar to relast January. I like the way you have adopted to bring the names of good men before the people, before the state convention meets. I see that a writer from Oak recommends our county clerk, W. G. Bradley, for scoretary of state Editor WEALTH MAKERS: or state auditor. No better man could be nominated. For the rest of the ticket where so many good men are mentioned I have no doubt that a ticket will be made up that every honest man can SAM BOOTHBY.

A Nemaha Neighbor for Johnson. AUBURN, Neb., May 27, 1894. Editor WEALTH MAKERS:

I hear on every hand the name of Hon. B. J. Johnson of this county mentioned as a probable candidate for governor before the Populist state convention that is to be held some time in the future Should the convention nominate Mr. Johnson it would be a tower of strength to the ticket, as Mr. Johnson is recog nized as the peer of any man in the state on the live issues of the day. He is a representative of the great common people of this country. Even his political enemies (and I believe he has no others) give him great credit of honesty of purpose, and he is a true reformer and that combined with his spiendid execulive ability would make a governor the people might well feel proud of. Let Hon. B. J. Joanson head the Popu list ticket this fall and it is a sure J. N. BURRESS.

Mayor Weir His First Choice. BROCK, Neb., May 21, 1894, Editor WEALTH MAKERS:

In regard to candidates to head our state ticket this fall we should have men first that are honest and capable; second, men that will hold our own votes in the party and draw all FREE COINAGE voters that are not too strong ly attached to their old party. This should be a contest, in my judgment, largely on the money question R ght good men in our party, and I am glad Seeing that the spirit and tenor of all and letters, a fit candidate for state the money question and the proper adjustment of a great many others will speedily follow.

I think in Mayor Weir we have strong candidate for governor, as he would draw largely outside of the Populist party. My second choice would embadiment of strength in our OWN But mind you, they must be straight have proved their devotion to our and we Populists have before us the exparty. In conclusion let me say, as a goods all wool and a yard wide. We cause by long and faithful labors, it ample of at least one honest and wellparty let us be very careful in our se lection and use our best judgment so that success may crown our efforts in and when we refused to fuse with the put it mildly, would be very unsatisfacthe coming campaign.

Respectfully, S. P. ROBERTSON.

W. W. Nutter's Choice of Men. BLANCHE, Neb., June 5, 1894.

Editor WEALTH MAKERS: In making up a list of state officers to we monkey with them the worse we be elected this fall I would suggest the are off. and is an honest and upright man, and Coog ess. would be an honor to the state. J. N. Oh say, you are acquainted with San- to be put at the head of our next state Gaffin lieutenat governor; W. A. Jones ator Allen. I would like to have him ticket. Our party is now old enough

treasurer, McKeighan and Ken to succeed themselves. A good straight-out Populist to succeed Mr. Bryan. And ther, after the smoke has cleared away, if Mr. Bryan can tell where he is at, great man and has been preaching fish. Populist doctrine for some years. Ailen and Bryan would make a splendid team. I would like to see THE WEALTH MAK-ERS in every house in Nebrasks. It is as honor to the People's party, and if we had several of that kind in every state we could win over two-thirds of Yours for success, the voters. W. W. NUTTER.

Put a Farmer in the Senate. DIVIDE, Neb.

Editor WEALTH MAKERS: Agriculture is the prime industry of the United States. To whom should we look for an intelligent and sympathetic representation in Congress, if net from the farmer. The election of Senator Allen was no doubt wise, and open endorsement of the platform and his action throughout has been honor. pledge to labor to carry out the princiable. But I see no reason why Nebras- ples therein enunciated. Especially ka requires two lawyers to represent is this true of the men who are to her interests in the Senate. Would it represent the party at Washington. not be well to send a practical farmer to advise and act with Mr. Allen. would they not be a mutual help to one another? Will agriculture ever command the respect due its importance ed of the agricultural class?

Fraternally yours,

Barney Johnson for Governor. BROCK, Neb., May 21, 1894.

the different names proposed for candi | the people. dates, and I think they are all very for governor, and I think as Mr. platform. Barnes, that he is the stroagest man we

have in the state. acquaintances and no enemies except make a great effort to side track the political enemies-and they never have Populist party on the silver plank of a word to say against his character or the Omaha platform. The Populist name, and sound ability. But aside prescribed by this act are unjust and integrity. He is true to the principles party must beware of plutocratic wolves from a possession of these necessary of justice and right, and if elected will clothed in Populist conservatism. see that the law and constitution are enforced.

He is a man of good judgment, cool and deliberate, with a firmness that can't be swerved from that which he believes to be right. He is kind and cient.

was elected by a good majority.

nomination for governor.

Yours truly, A. WATKINS.

Straight Goods Called For.

ditor WEALTH MAKERS:

I see in every paper men making we have. If we could only number in to down us. The Republicans were leagued with the Domocrats to beat us, and vice versa. But Mr. Editor, I say

name of J. H. Powers for governor. Ho I say, all honor to the men who are has been a great worker in the cause so nobly advocating our principles in see what claim his friends can advance E. M. WHITE.

fastings, secretary of state; O. Hull ask the powers that be, there in Wash to put up men with good party records,

ington, if in case three or four of us and we need such men to arouse the enwould take a notion to get a ball of thuslasm and stimulate and consolidate and if it should be found he was in the bearrested and cast in prison for tramp tion of our principles and the success Populist camp where he belongs, send ing on the alkali grass and cacti. him to the U. S. Senate. Bryan is a Would like to know soon, as we want E. M. W.

Honesty in Politics.

SHELTON, Neb., June 7, 1894. Editor WEALTH MAKERS:

The use made of the columns you so opportunely opened for the consideration of men and measures is proving a great benefit to the party and must result in increased honesty in politics.

Mayor Weir defines his position, placing himself squrely in favor of a radical interpretation of the Omaha platform. This is as it should be.

Where any doubt exists as to the principles of men who are being pushed by their friends for official positions, we believe the men in conventions mak ing the nomination should make an

No man should receive a nomination for U. S. Representative unless he pledges himself to labor for the government ownership of all railroads and for the passage of Mr. Kem's banking bill, or a better one.

We earnestly hope there will be in every congressional convention delegates with sufficient back bone to pledge I have been watching with interest and discount business, at cost price to

The railroads, the banks, and other good. But I am especially pleased to great monopolies do r . seriously ob see the name of Hon. Barney Johnson ject to other planks in the Omaha

Government railroads and postal banks hit the plutocrate between the

JOHN STEBBINS.

Mayor Weir and His Candidacy. SHELBY, Polk Co., Neb , June 3. Editor WEALTH MAKERS:

The Populists' in this vicinity are courteous to both friend and foe, a good glad to hear from no less an authority canvasser and will win votes wherever than Mayor Weir himself that he is be goes. A great deal more could be "today" a full fledged Populist and unsaid in h s faver but I think this suffi-reservedly endorses the Omaha plat-I know these to be facts for I was his the great majority of our party, at least now a word as to state treasurer. colleague in the race for representative in this neck of the woods, had serious at the last state election. I failed to be and justifiable doubts on the matter. elected for the want of votes, while he From all that I can learn Mr. Weir is a of governor. While I have no name to gentleman of whose accession to our I feel confident it would be the same party we may justly feel proud, but with him in the state if he receives the while that may be so, and while I would disability on eleventh hour recruits, I still think there are good reasons why he should not be our candidate for gov-

The very fact that he is the only ma their choice of candidates for state and who has aroused any active opposition congressional offices next fall, and it within our ranks is in itself one reason looks like we must have whole lots of why he should not be our nominee. thousands where now we number hun | the subject show a praiseworthy dispodr dalt would suft malots better. But sition on the part of Populists to sink edged integrity throughout the counwe out here are none of us acquaint all nersonal and local predilections and ties of the state have by force of peculmen we see mentione 1. So we can only any crust and tried Populist chosen by say, go ahead; nominate the best man the assority, and seeing that we have be Speaker Gaffin. In him we have an jo mave and be assured of our support. so man capable and available men who ak- no fusion in ours, not any. That would be very unkind as well as very has been tried here in our local matters, unwise to make a nomination which, to g o p's then they flew into each tory to great numbers of honest Popuother's arms, embraced and pitched lists. Mayor Weir and his friends must see that there is nothing unreasonable in the opposition to him as a candidate when they consider that he has practicwe have just as much use for the one as ally admitted in his letter that he has the other, for we find that the longer no l'opulist record. While we accept his declaration that he is today a sound Populist and are proud of his accession to our party. I cannot for the life of me for him to such opecial consideration as

wrapping twine and a paper of pins to the efforts of our party in the coming bend up for hooks and go fishing in campaign. A man who heretofore has Pumpkin Seed creek, whether we would taken so little interest in the propaga- The Fx-Saprems Judge Gives His of our cause that, according to his own admission, he has never subscribed to our only state organ, published at his very door, until he saw himself named in it as a possible candidate for governor, is not the man to lead our party to victory. When Mayor Weir gets down to work in this reform movement in real earnest he will find that he has neither time nor inclination to talk 'buncombe" to plutocratic ex-presidents, or to pay flattering "compli ments" to our political enemies.

A Letter From Editor Ebbeson. ST. PAUL, Neb., May 31, 1894.

R. W. INNESS.

Editor WEALTH MAKERS: The joint discussion and proposals of on in the columns of your valuable paper has been very interesting to me, for I see that it is an effectual way to draw out and crystalize the free intelliand file. It is the practical application ture? of the initiative in candidate selection, and a method that will prevent the possibility of "slate-making" entering our conventions.

our candidate for governor is most contained. gratifying to me. Searching among every nominee before open convention fighting for the noble principles of our just? to labor in Congress for government ownership of all railroads, and for a particular one among these who is betpostal savings bank system doing a loan ter fitted in all the qualifications required evidently intended in a limited degree one of the rest, that man is Speaker J. the people of the state are suffering. N. Gaffin. For that reason I have in There is a spirit of fairness running all speech and in print advised his nomi- through it that is commendable. Thus, nation, and the rapidly growing senti- it does not apply to new roads built since ment now gathering about him is to me December 31, 1889, and exempts new a proof that there exists in the minds of roads to be built before December 31.

men of sterling integrity, unassailable characteristics I believe that Mr. Gaffin exampt therefrom, as hereinafter proholds the added advantages of a wide vided." Then the act provides that knowledge of the governmental affairs the company complaining shall bring of the state, a sagacious, conservative, an action before the supreme court yet unfaltering, faculty of execution, a against the state "and upon the hearing command of the thorough respect of thereof, if the court should become not only his political friends, but also satisfied that the rates herein prescribof his political enemies, and moreover, ed are unjust in so far as they relate to he enjoys the confidence of the whole the railroad company bringing the acparty in a greater degree than any tion, the court may issue its order other of our prominent fellow-partisans. directing the board of transportation to form. This declaration is timely as This much on the subject of governor: The office of state treasurer is in one

propose for that position, I have tion in this case? through study of the career of past state and county treasurers in this state be the last to seek to place any political formed in my own mind a definite idea of the necessary make-up of the man confidently expect to handle the finan not grant an injunction when the ordin the letters you have yet published on treasurer. Experience has shown, however, that many men of acknow !of official rights and claims of friends been forced to face their constituents as defautters after taving held the office f public treasurer for a term or someaning man who has made a fallure and a seandal of the office through a lack of the recessary character quaitfications for that office. The office of treasurer requires a man thoroughly imbued with touth, that trust funds are sacred funds to be held inviolate from personal touch, and he must have the courage of his convictions and the mecesary moral stamins to enforce them in all of his responsible dealings. A man whose character is not fully permented with these stern principles would, if elected, be a continual menace and a terrible risk for the party. Fraternally yours.
PETER Emrson.

[Brother Ebbeson is editor of the St. Paul Phonograph, and also of one of the leading Danish papers of the country. He is also county treasurer of Howard county, elected by the Populists.—EDITOR WEALTH MAKERS]

Opinion.

THE ACT IS CONSTITUTIONAL

Moderate Conservative Measure-The Railroads Boldly Set the Law and the State at Defiance.

The Board of Transportation Their Tools.

The Leader being always anxious t place befere its readers all matters of importance in the best possible manner, called on Judge Maxwell and asked him if he would be willing to give his op'nion upon the maximum freight rate law from a legal standpoint. To this the judge gave his consent, and below candidates for the ticket of 1894 carried we present as clear cut a statement of legal common sease as has been given to the people on the question of the maximum freight rate law.

Q. Have you examined the maximum gent sentiment of the Populist rank freight bill passed by the last legisla-

A. I had not until the action to enjoin it from being put into operation was brought. The proceeding was so unusual that it excited my curiosity so The concurrence of choice relative to that I examined the act to see what it

Q From the examination you made the galaxy of tried, true, and able men do you think the act is in conflict with who have acquired a state reputation any provision of the constitution or un-

vision 'That if the schedule of rates unreasonable, such railroads shall be raise its rates to any sum in the direc-

the rates fixed by the railways and in respect at least more difficult than that force on the 1st, day of January, 1893. the top round of able advocates of the

A. I am confident that no case has ing here. been made or can be made, that will justify enjoining the enforcement of the law. It is a fundamental, universal and faces gave traces of many years of whom the independent party might rule of law, that a court of equity will toll. They nominated P. D. Stout of ces of the state aright. I am well ary legal tribunals are capable of afford. a middle of the road farmer, and an aware that most people consider any ing sufficient redress. Now, the fifth able, earnest worker. named by any of your correspondents man enjoying the confidence of the section of the maximum freight rate party and who is honest in the popularly act provides that "a railway company yesterday, the opera house was crowded accepted sense of that word and who aggrieved may apply to the supreme with enthusiastic farmers and a strong has the required education in figures court and show to the court all mat- straight party ticket nominated. ters pertaining to the management thereof," and that it is unjust to reduce rates. Upon this showing the court no slide in this part of the woods. doubt would order rates raised to a fair price, but not to exceed those in in the middle of the road in Nebraska od with more than a few of all the give hearty and harmonious support to lar circumstances and fallacious views force December 31, 1883 Here is a plain, speedy and adequate remedy seen your paper is pleased with it, but provided in the act itself. The injunction suit brought in the federal court find inclosed two subs. looks like a bold attempt to set the law of the state and the people thereof at deflance. And so long as great corporations hold up the laws, and refuse to General Weaver's Nebraska Dates obey them, it sots an example, whose | influence for evil is felt throughout the at a great picnic and barbecue gatherlength and breadth of the land. The ling at Goodrich Grove, centrally locanot is a law of this state. It went into ted for the people of three countier, effect August 1, 1803. It required no Rock, Brown and Keya Paha, to attend, approval of the state board of transpor- The grove is 12 miles north of Long tation, and they have nothing to do Pine's beautiful place on the Nistrara with it unless rates are raised or lower river. ed. The validity of the act I see no

reason to question. It will be remembered that Governor Crounse, who is a very capable lawyer, scrutinized the act very carefully before he signed it. In any event the invalidity of this act could only be determined by the supreme court of this state, whose deci-

sion the federal court is required to follow. A state court of equity would have no jurisdiction and the federal court has not a shadow of excuse for jurisdiction. The action is brought by the stockholders against their own employes to prevent them obeying the laws of the state, under which corporations are formed. The constitution of the state contains stringent provisions against watering stock and to prevent unjust discrimination, and requires the legislature to correct these and like abuses when they exist. This is the common law, but to make assurance doubly sure it was placed in the state constitution. These stockhelders in effect seck to take the great corporations from under the control of state laws and declare they are not subject to regulation. This will be denied no doubt; but what will be the effect if they succeed-instead of being more servante of the public they would become practically masters. It does not follow that because freight rates are somewhat reduced that railway receipts will be diminished. The probability is they would be increased. Every reduction of passenger rates is followed by an increase of travel. The same rule is true to quite an extent with the reduction of freight rates. Take the case of shipment of baled hay for instance: The valleys of the Piatte and Elkhorn are great meadows, and large quantities of baled hay are shipped from them, but rates have been so high that but few shipments have been made compared to what would be if rates were reduced so that citizens could ship and realize a profit. No person, I am confident, wishes to injure the great corporations They are entitled to fair treatment, tainly should be content with that

Q. Has there not been unnecessary delay in bringing this case to a hearing in the federal court?

A. There seems to have been great delay, and that seems to be one great our people an intuition which proclaims 1899. The reason evidently being that a demurrer to the bill on the ground of He has a large circle of friends and eyes. And they (the plutocrate) will that he is the right man for the place. a new road requires time to build up a want of jurisdiction of the court, and cousintances and no enemies except make a great effort to side track the We have a number of well-known lucrative business. There is also prosufficient to constitute a cause of action would have been sustained and the action dismissed. Q. Are there not some of the railroad

companies that appear in this suit been constructed since December 31, 1889? A. Yes sir; at least three. It is some

what strange that they should join in an action in which they have no inter-est whatever, and will not have for five years to come.—Frement Leader.

Populists Multiplying in Illinois, STROUT, Ill., May 27. 1894. Editor WEALTH MAKERS:

Having just returned from the congressional convention in the 16th disttion of the board." But not to exceed rict of Illinois, I wish, if you have space in your valuable paper that stands on Q Has the federal court any jurisdic- people's right, to inform the old friends in Nebraska how our party is flourish

> The convention was well attended by earnest enthusiastic men whose hands Roadhouse, one of their number who is

Our county convention was held

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