

# WEALTH MAKERS



IN THE SWEAT OF THY FACE THOU EAT BREAD IF ANY WILL NOT WORK NEITHER LET HIM EAT

## LET US EXCHANGE VIEWS.

[In the time intervening between now 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 '94, and for United States Senator, and to show reason for individual preference. 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 scorned for proposing for office whose character as well as intellectual qualifications the writer 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, and avoid anything tending to disharmony if it is 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 MAKERS.]

### The Choice of a Clodhopper.

SHICKLEY, Neb.

**Editor WEALTH MAKERS:**  
My choice for governor is J. N. Gaffin of Saunders county; for lieutenant governor, W. A. Poynter of Boone; for congressman Fourth district, Hon. Richard Dobson of Fillmore county.

If Mr. Dobson is nominated by the convention he will be elected.

Yours for justice,  
CLODHOPPER.

### C. H. Meehan's Choice of Men.

QUYTON, Neb., June 6th, 1894.

**Editor WEALTH MAKERS:**  
We as Independents are alive and in the middle of the road in this county (Dawson). All personal ambition should be laid aside in the coming campaign and each one work for the good of the people and the success of the party. While we have dozens of honest Independents capable of filling the offices we should be careful to nominate men who are known all over the state as much as possible for their honesty and integrity as Independents and ability to fill the office. One such man is honest John Powers, who was cheated out of the governorship once, who either as governor or state treasurer would be in the right place. For lieutenant governor, the Hon. J. H. Darner, who as state senator proved his ability as a leader. As congressman for the 6th district, the Hon. O. M. Kem has proven himself both honest and capable, and that is the kind of men we want. Give honor where honor is due, and send him back. For U. S. Senator to help Allen stir up the animals, I would suggest the name of W. L. Greeno of Kearney.

Yours for success,  
C. H. MEEHAN.

### A Thayer Co. Man's Choice.

GILEAD, Neb., June 11, 1894.

**Editor WEALTH MAKERS:**  
I am very much pleased with the "Let us exchange views" department in our paper. Our party is founded on the grand principle that the people should control the nominations and elections, and not the political bosses. My choice is as follows: Governor, Mayor Weir of Lincoln; lieutenant governor, J. N. Gaffin of Saunders Co.; treasurer, Honest John Powers of Hitchcock county; secretary of state, J. H. Darner of Dawson county; attorney general, J. W. Edgerton, "Our Joe," of Hastings; commissioner of public lands and buildings, O. Hull of Harlan county; auditor, D. Clem Deaver of Omaha; congressman from 5th district, W. H. Barnes of Fairbury, Jefferson county; and for U. S. Senator, W. J. Bryan of Lincoln.

My reasons for choosing this ticket are, the men are all honest, true, capable and very well distributed over the state. We need strength from the two principle cities, and who can give us more strength from the capitol than Mayor Weir? And who can carry more votes in Omaha than our chairman? Clem is capable of filling the office of auditor, and popular among the laboring classes of Omaha, therefore should be nominated. Honest John Powers and "Our Joe" need no introduction to the people. Hon. J. N. Gaffin is just the parliamentarian to take the place of the "Blue shirted" politician. W. H. Barnes is not widely known. It would be an honest capable man to represent the 5th district in congress. He is the man who one day donated to the building of a church and on the next donated to help feed Benson's starving unemployed laborers, thus practicing the principles of true Christianity. Such a man would stand up for the rights of the wealth makers in congress. Yours for the cause.

## Good Ideas from a Worker.

WAKEFIELD, June 11, 1894.

**Editor WEALTH MAKERS:**  
Your paper is the friend of the poor, and it is right for them to voice their sentiments in its columns. They have been denied that great privilege so long by the subsidized press that they hardly realize the value of telling their story. Only one side has been told, as it would not be healthy for monopoly to tell both. There would be too much of a contrast.

I hear nothing but praise for THE WEALTH MAKERS and think it is the duty of every Populist to take it. We expect to make it hot for the two old plunder hunters this fall. They beat us last fall by a combine and trade, but they cannot do that always. We crowded them so close that they had to show their hand. Honest people are slow to see that plunder alone is what they are after, but they are waking up at last. We have them killed, now we are extending the invitation to all honest voters to turn out and help roll them in the grave they have been digging for themselves, and enjoy the funeral with us. We Dixon county folks are talking a team brigade to the state convention. We believe if every county in the state will send a delegation over land and hold meetings on the road as they go and come that victory is sure. We believe it is the duty of every reformer to convert all the voters he can. If every Populist would take the responsibility of converting just one, you see it would double our vote and be worth well done. We are talking about the state now. Pick your man and go to work; but be cautious, do not let him know what you are at; let him think if possible that he is doing it himself; give him time to think between lessons. Men must be dealt with differently. So each worker must be his own judge as to means. But remember, principles above all other things. We believe that the offence is as great to leave undone the things we ought to do, as to do what we ought not. How can we be conscience clear when we have neglected our duty? The one who neglects his or her duty to the poor is the tool of the oppressors, and is alike guilty. We can see that the oppressors should be condemned, but some will not admit that it was by ignorance and carelessness on their part that they got the legal machinery of oppression. As we have allowed it to be done, it depends on us to see that it is undone.

No fusion for us; it can not be done without the loss of principle.  
D. W. WARNER

No Fusion For Him.  
We cannot see the difference between the Democratic and Republican parties. Yet some people can be found in our ranks who think it would be best to fuse with one wing of the great political caruncle, the Wall Street gang. It always seemed to me that fusion was an acknowledgement of weakness, and further that we would say thereby that in as much as that large political caruncle that is owned and controlled by Wall Street whose leading pimp is Sherman and Cleveland is just the brand of people we want to join. Again and again I say No!! No!! we want no fusion direct or indirect. Let us put men in the field as leaders of our party who are above reproach; and who are known to be tried and true in our cause, men who have stepped out from old party affiliations before an office was tendered them. It has often been said that if any man comes into our ranks honestly believing that our principles are true and that they represent the interest of the whole people he will not go back to his (so-called) first love in two years (or ever), but if he comes into our ranks because he sees a chance to get an office he is liable to betray any and all trusts that may be reposed in him. Let us make up our state ticket from such men as Gaffin of Saunders, Dale of Phelps, Stewart of Sioux, Hull of Harlan, Powers of Hitchcock, Gustin of Buffalo, Porter of Merrick, Kent of Lancaster, Hyatt of Custer, Gaskill of Douglas, Burrows of Gage, Edgerton of Hall, Wolfe of Lancaster, and there are at least a thousand others in our ranks who are tried and true. Hence it is easily to be seen that we need not go out of our ranks to get good strong timber to fill any place on the state ticket. Once more I say let us keep in

people on the true principles of a government honestly administered of, by and for the people, instead of, by and for the corporations.

J. Y. M. SWIGART.

### Mayor Weir Replies.

LINCOLN, Neb., June 23, 1894.

**Editor WEALTH MAKERS:**  
In reply to the effusion from Mr. LeFevre I wish merely to say that I went to the conference at Hastings in response to an invitation from the state central committee which requested me to be present and address the convention. Hence I do not feel that I was an intruder or an interloper there. The convention unanimously requested me to preside over their deliberations which I did. So that the members of the convention made no objections to my presence. I had prepared an address as requested by the central committee and Mr. LeFevre shows his animus and the extent of his information and the reliability of his utterances when he says that I "delivered the address" and gives the comments of those who heard it. That it was "nothing in a great many words" and that it "lacked the true Populist ring." The facts are that I made no address of any kind or character whatever. Therefore whether it was "nothing in a great many words or not" and whether it had lacked the "true Populist ring" or not, neither Mr. LeFevre or any other man on earth can tell for no one on this mundane sphere has heard it either at Hastings or elsewhere. Such statements as this show clearly the animus of the attacks upon me and most of them are worthy of no more attention than this one.

Very truly,  
A. H. WEIR.

[While THE WEALTH MAKERS has taken no part in the little differences that have gradually grown between two of our most worthy friends; and while one article has brought on another which it seemed unfair and almost impossible to shut out, until it has almost reached a point, of at least sarcastic personalities; it is sincerely hoped that our friends will not consider it necessary to proceed further.—Acting Editor WEALTH MAKERS.]

### He Is Much Pleased.

STEELE CITY, NEB., JUNE 23

**Editor WEALTH MAKERS:**  
Words cannot express the pleasure it gave me to read Professor Herron's oration. Say, who is Governor Cronquist? Is he the man that attended the world's fair and rode in procession before the eyes of the world with fero dealers, gamblers, pony rustlers, associates of prostitutes and disreputables? If he is the man who insulted Prof. Herron; why you have heard of being kicked by a long eared animal haven't you? I wonder if the people of Nebraska are not tired of voting for and electing to the most important offices the men nominated by the corporations and the two per cent a month bankers and liquor dealers association. Now I have read the letters in your paper proposing different men for nominations for governor; John Powers is my choice; and Chancellor Canfield for United States senator. With W. V. Allen and Professor Canfield in the senate, Nebraska could point with pride to its representatives and have no fear of any odious comparisons. I want to say to Professor Herron that I am ready for the sacrifice required, even life itself.

Your four horse ideas first-class; let us hear from every county.  
Yours for Christ and humanity.  
WM. H. CRANE.

### By Unanimous Vote.

CHICAGO, June 21.—By a unanimous rising vote the American Railway Union pledged its delegates present and their constituents to support the People's party candidates. The convention also unanimously declared itself in favor of the government ownership of railroads. It is said that some delegates have received instructions from their constituents in favor of boycotting Pullman cars that the latter is assured.—Ex.

### State Fair.

The premium lists for the Nebraska State Fair, to be held at Lincoln September 7 to 14, are out. For further information and premium lists address the secretary Robt. W. Bristow.

## CHRISTIANITY APPLIED.

Professor Herron Tells His Students How to Live and Work.

### EMBODY THE CHRIST SPIRIT

And Transform Society Through New Conceptions of Right and Wrong, Love and Law—Through Sacrifice and Service.

His Last Five Lectures at Grinnell. (Revised for THE WEALTH MAKERS by T. E. DOUGLASS, JR.)

Continued from last week.

There are some reasons why a profound consecration is needed today than ever before and may be needed even more in the near future. We live in the midst of a social order which all acknowledge is bound to pass away. Our judges, our railroad presidents, and our financiers all see it, and in occasional bursts of candor in unofficial capacity they confess it. The man of wealth and business insight laughs in his sleeve at the minister who proclaims from the pulpit that all is well, though he pays him to proclaim it. There is a universal consciousness of impending change such as has never been seen since the days of Jesus and the Apostles. Whatever virtue there may have been in an individualistic social order is now exhausted. The systems, customs, maxims, and economic principles of the old order cannot hold the world together much longer. The present condition of American society shows its exhaustion. We live on intellectual excitement and over-stimulation, but not upon intellectual realities. We are incapable of profound intellectual or moral effort. We live in the midst of a social order corrupt to its core, yet so ignorant and blinded that it does not realize the state into which it has fallen. And yet it does feel in its inmost consciousness the process of disintegration which is going on and its need of regeneration. The present social order is bound to dissolve and pass away, with what "fervent heat" no man knows. Even now we are in the midst of disintegration. It is no refutation of this statement to point to the "progress of the church," its mighty ecclesiastical systems or its splendid temples of worship; for those temples and the spirit they represent are a part of the old order which must pass away. And when the final conflict comes these institutions of religion are likely to be the last and bitterest antagonists of the new order. Nor need we expect the business situation to permanently improve, though it may rally for a season. The causes of the financial crises are not local or temporary. It is senseless to talk of over-production when three-fourths of our population are in some degree of need. Our trouble is not over-production, but under consumption. The greed of our industrial system has been steadily decreasing our purchasing power as a nation. The millinaire, gaining his wealth by the sweat-shop has been saving his life only to lose it a little later; he has destroyed the purchasing power of society. The iron and steel combines have been destroying the future construction of railroads on which they themselves depend. R trenchment is bound to go on so long as the present order exists. It would take ten years even of prosperity for society to recover the purchasing power lost in the last twelve months. Conditions are not likely to improve; our millionaires will begin to invest their money in foreign lands while at home retrenchments will go on till at last we may wake up some day and find paralysis at the heart of the nation with no band left to restrain the men who have been ground down and oppressed. We are a fallen nation; if ever there was a nation in history that has been false to its trust, we are that nation and there is no better time to say it than today when we decorate the graves of the men who gave their lives to preserve it. To be true to them we must repent as a nation, confessing our sin and shame in our slavery to materialism. Unless the nation does thus repent we are a ruined people and a doomed civilization and only out of anarchy and chaos will we have the lesson which we may yet learn in time to save

the social problem will answer, no tinkering and imposing here and there; we must have a new social spirit in order to bring about social and political righteousness. And that spirit is even now springing into being. In the midst of the social disintegration there is growing up a new Christianity just as truly as the primitive Christianity with its vitalizing power was growing up in the midst of the decay of Rome. There must and will arise men believing in the political kingship of Jesus Christ and devoting their lives to the establishment of His kingdom. To the young men who shall arise here and there in these days of change to witness to their faith in the Christ as a social organizer will be given the keys of the new kingdom and they shall become the creators of a new social order. Such an opportunity was never before offered to men since human history began. They must shine forth as lights in the world's darkness, watching, waiting and praying for the new coming of Lord, never missing an opportunity to help it on. All this means more to you than you think now, but in the days to come you will see and understand. There are greater ends for you to be dedicated to; there is more to live for than ever before. To be a true witness against the wrong and for the right, yet always with a spirit of love for the supporters of the wrong, will require a greater faith than you know have. It will be no easy matter for you to be in the church as a witness for Christ and against the wrong of the church but only thus can you save the church. Like the early Christians you may be looked upon as atheists and social destroyers even while you are bringing in the new social life. You will have to get rid of false notions considering the exclusive possession of property. You must make property the sacrament and witness of your faith in the coming Christian society. Then their will be difficulties in relation to the consecration of our fathers. Many saintly men who have toiled and sacrificed in the past will yet have no sympathy and patience with new crises and new calls to sacrifice. This is the lesson of the Scribes and Pharisees, but still we must never forget that there are saintly men. We may have to destroy conservatism, but we must not forget to recognize the Christian characters of the conservatives. So my call to you is to be each in his own place, members of the great organization for righteousness which is even now unconsciously forming in the midst of the darkness and confusion of the present strife. When the crash comes, if come it must and the clouds and smoke roll away, there will be found a great array of witnesses for God and a new and divine world existing in the midst of the old ruins, springing no man knows whence, but marshaled and united by the spirit of God himself. And there is where your place must be found.

### We are Changing Base.

**Editor WEALTH MAKERS:**

Having been a Populist since 1882 (for I am unable to see any difference between the Independent party then and the Populist party now), and having the interest of the party at heart, and wishing to see it triumph over every obstacle and come triumphantly through the contest in which it is engaged, as the champion of the People's rights against corporations, I would like to say an encouraging word through your paper. The independent thinking people of Nebraska have accomplished in the last twelve years great undertakings, and the results of their effort are marvelous. In 1882 we had about twenty members in the legislature (all inexperienced which was greatly to their disadvantage then) now we have the legislature, one of the two U. S. senators, and one-half of the congressmen. Then the old parties dared to nominate whom they saw fit, and were able to elect them. Now they are compelled to put up their best men and with the aid of the trusts, corporations and money power are unable to elect, and are compelled to count the Populists out and stuff the ballot box, in order to count their men in, and then to whitewash them when thus counted in, in order to save the party after they have stolen all of the state institutions poor.

were uneducated, and were unable to meet the other classes in debate or elsewhere. Now they are able to meet there as to see a farmer's daughter in a drawing room entertaining refined society. Now it is as common to see her there as to see any professional man's daughter. Thus you see that the farmers are making mighty strides intellectually, and are able to make laws and to administer them. In the coming contest this fall, we ought to return as many of the old representatives as possible, for experience will be a great advantage in the coming legislature. The corporations understand this, and keep their men their for term after term. And we ought to have men that have experience to meet them, laying aside our ambitions and preferences. We learn that Mr. O. Hull of Harlan county is spoken of in connection with the state treasure-ship. We second this nomination. This is the class of men to nominate for state office, so that our laws may be honestly executed, so to protect the farmers, for agriculture is the basis of national prosperity. Good and just laws to protect the agriculturist from the greed and avarice of railroads, grain, live stock and provision monopolies, and trusts, is the first essential to successful agriculture, for this is truly an agricultural country, and is the only free country on the earth and the only true republic that was ever established among men. We have read of the republic of Greece, of Egypt, of Venice, and of Rome, but there never was a republic or government other than ours that was not cursed with caste or slavery. In our glorious republic all of the avenues to destruction are open to every one. There is no station, no position to which all may not aspire. The poverty of the father is no hindrance to the son. The public schools are open to all. These thoughts render holy every drop of sweat that rolls down the face of honest toil. The idea must be done away with that there is something degrading in cultivating the soil. Happiness should be the object of life, and if life on the farm can be made happy, the boys and girls will grow up in love with the meadows, the stream, the woods, and the old home.

Around the farm in after years will cling and cluster the happy memories of delightful years. Just think of the man who has lived on the same broad fields from his boyhood, who cultivates the same acres upon which in youth he played, picked the wild flowers, built and berries, hunted the groundhog and squirrel, and chased the cows, and who lives where his father a d mother lived and died. We could imagine no better place to live and end our life.

When we look over this beautiful state of ours, made beautiful by the hand of God assisted by man's labor and enterprise, and see the magnificent herds of cattle, hogs and horses, the luxuriant grain, we think there can be no better spot on earth for the young man and woman than Nebraska's prairie (and all we need to make her the ideal place is just and equitable laws, honestly executed, and this we must have in this nation before long. The greed and avarice of monopolies must be checked or they will stand upon the grave of American freedom. We don't get live that Christ died to establish a civilization which gives one man three million dollars and starves his neighbor to death. We hope to live to see the day when capital will be counted superior to labor, but will be used as the fruits of labor, and the two will be looked upon as father and son. This will come ere long, if we do our duty as citizens, for it is the duty of the people to preserve the government so that it will be worth living and fighting for. J. P.

### Enlarge the House.

MEAD, Neb., June 19, 1894.  
**Editor WEALTH MAKERS:**  
DEAR SIR.—We have had State Lecturer J. H. Powers with us in Saunders county for four meetings, and they were all good. Some were so big that the house would not hold the crowds, and we expect great good to come from them, especially to the Alliance in the county. Fraternally yours,  
C. M. LEMAR.

One Fare for the Round Trip to Hastings.