

WEALTH MAKERS



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

WHAT ABOUT THE PLATFORM?

[Those who have convictions regarding what should be demanded in our state platform are invited to send their ideas for publication.—EDITOR WEALTH MAKERS.]

A Letter From Hon. John Stebbins.
ST. ELTON, Neb., July 27, 1894.

Editor WEALTH MAKERS:

We received a letter from Mr. Gustin stating that he has a contract with the firm for whom he labors that will prevent his accepting a position on our state ticket this year. This will leave the position for auditor to the field. Personally—if Merrick county does not kick—we favor Hon. W. F. Porter for the position.

Of course our state convention will endorse the Omaha platform and it should emphasize the planks favoring government ownership of all railroads and the postal savings banks system with government loans direct to the people at cost price.

We should recommend the addition of two planks to our national platform by our next national convention. One favoring the government ownership of all coal mines and the initiative and referendum.

Our state platform should denounce Republican malfeasance in office and hypocrisy on the freight rate question.

The Republican party by its non-compliance with the plain provisions of the law requiring the investment of the school fund in state warrants has virtually robbed the state school fund of \$35,000 a year since August 1st, 1891. These figures are on the basis that the \$522,000 of school fund idle at the time the state warrant law passed is still uninvested.

With state courts dispensing justice suit could be brought against ex-State Treasurer Hill, his bondsmen, and the present treasurer and his bondsmen, for back interest on all uninvested school fund since August 1st, 1891, and the interest recovered would be for the benefit of our schools.

Our state platform should endorse Mr. Kern's banking bill and pledge all our nominees for congress to labor for its passage.

A stringent usury law should be advocated.

The coming winter when more than two-thirds of our people will be without cobs or other fuel to burn on account of the loss of the corn crop, and in many instances they will be utterly unable to procure the commonest necessities of life, and in view of the existing and increasing poverty of our people in the drouth-stricken districts, our state Board of Transportation should be called upon to at once reduce freight charges at least 50 per cent on all necessities, especially that of coal.

□ Cheap coal means greater warmth for the poor of the country and city and greater comfort for everyone.

The poverty and suffering among God's poor last winter was a mere bagatelle compared to what we shall see the coming winter. Our state platform should not take a back step on the freight rate question. It should demand low rates for Nebraska, as of old, as it should denounce both old parties for the existing high rates.

Our platform should call for our legislature for laws reducing fees and salaries of state and county officials. We are both drouth-stricken and tax-burdened, and must have relief from some source.

Brothers of the Independent party of Nebraska, let us show to the world that we are equal to the emergency. Let us make and enforce demands commensurate with the exigencies of the situation. Nearly the whole people will sustain our party in its efforts to secure relief for the poor and justice for the whole people.

JOHN STEBBINS.

Another Plank in Proposal.

STEELE CITY, Neb., July 22, 1894.

Editor WEALTH MAKERS:

I think our state platform should embrace the following planks:

First.—We demand the adoption of the initiative, referendum and the Imperative Mandate.

Second.—We demand that the state and national constitution shall be so amended that no distinction shall be made as between the sexes in the matter of the elective franchise.

Third.—We demand that the current expenses (incurred by state or counties (salaries included) shall be paid in non-interest bearing warrants drawn upon

the general fund and that all warrants so issued shall be receivable at par for all taxes levied in the state.

Fourth.—We demand the removal of all license or restriction on the manufacture and sale of all liquors, malt, spirituous, or vinous, claiming for the state complete option and control of the manufacture and sale of same.

W. H. CRANE.

Give us Servants, Not Masters.

COOK, Neb., July 23, 1894.

Editor WEALTH MAKERS:

As many others have been expressing through your paper their choice for the various state officers, allow me to say that I favor the man for candidate in each and every place that knows enough to know that he is not the government or any part of it (should he chance to be elected) only in the same sense that every other citizen is a part of the government; that because he has been chosen as agent to do the business of the people does in no sense place him over or above the people. When a servant of the people gets that absurd idea in his head, that he is way above the people, the people may expect to be told that the idea of that servant is the law, or that which should be enacted into law, and if any object, why, it is anarchistic. If Grover Cleveland had sense enough to know that he was only the servant of the people, think you that he would have said that you must repeal the Sherman law, or have written that letter of a few days ago? We want men to do our business who know that we have the same right to step on the grass that they have, and the sooner this fact is realized by all concerned the sooner will we have the anarchists respecting the law-makers and their laws. There will be no strikes or riots, no calling out the soldiers to shoot down innocent people.

The good, the bad, everybody says, let us have just laws. There is no disagreement here. All will be content. Now there is not a man living so stupid but what knows when he is taking something that does not belong to him and there is no man living who has ability enough to represent the people in legislative halls who does not know when and where law is granting special privileges, and he knows that every law that does this is not a just law that somebody is by the aid of this law taking what does not belong to him, what he has no right to, and that he is not a representative of the people when enacting such law, and therefore is equally as criminal as the thief.

Let us nominate men who will represent the people. The thieves have had their representatives long enough. We want not a repetition of what we have just passed through, the direct result of legislative enactments in the interest of those who want something that does not belong to them.

Yours,

W. P. BROOKS, M. D.

No Fusion, Thank You.

IMPERIAL, Neb., July 26, 1894.

Editor WEALTH MAKERS:

No fusion, thank you, for Chase county Independents.

What few there are of us (as many are forced to leave on account of drouth) I am happy to say are square in the middle of the thoroughfare. If I thought for a minute, Mr. Editor, that the Independents of Nebraska would fuse with the Democrats (or any other party) in this campaign (or any other campaign) I would sever my connection with the party at once.

Now as regards nominations for our state officers. Good square in the middle-of-the-road Independents who are well known over the state and of unimpeachable character are good enough for us (with J. H. Powers included in the list).

I do not agree with some of your correspondents in that our nominees should necessarily be "pioneers" as it were in the independent party. But if they stand square upon the Omaha platform pledged to our reforms, and are of known integrity and ability I would vote for such men as quick as for the "old timer."

We had a little taste of that in our county last fall and the late additions are as strong Independents as we have.

Got THE WEALTH MAKERS and all independent literature before the people as much as possible. All that is needed is to get the voter to reading and he will soon see and realize what is for his good and vote with us sooner or later.

Although the American people are

quick in some things, they seem to be very slow to realize that through the ballot only can we hope to gain freedom. Yours, confident of victory,

IDNO-HOTES.

Mr Payne Writes Forceibly.

BROMFIELD, Neb., July 14, 1894.

Editor WEALTH MAKERS:

As many have taken it in hand to announce their choice for governor it seemeth good to me also to say—Who ever he may be let it be a man like Governor Waite of Colorado, Lewelling of Kansas, Wm. V. Allen, McKeighan, O. M. Kem, W. L. Stark, General Van Wyck—men that are not at the parting of the ways, men that will fill the office like Andrew Jackson or Thomas Jefferson, who could say to the money changers, "Go back, or by the eternal gods I'll whip you back." We want no fooling now. We have left Goeben. We have crossed the Red sea. God is with us; who can be against us?

Our leaders must be men "who will not shrink the pressed by every foe." A Joshua and a Caleb, leading us on to Canaan, or we are scattered upon a dark and stormy sea.

I have witnessed in the last few days some of my fellow men traveling away from their western homes. I talked with them, noticed their dress, beheld their manner of transportation, their food scanty. See that mother give the last crust of bread to her children and then turn aside and weep. Christ wept. A mother's love is next to that of Christ. There are mothers all over this fair land of ours weeping for their children. For instance, look into the east—father and mother standing before a thousand spindles. These fathers and mothers only see their children nights. During the day these children grow up uneducated, half clothed, half fed, and thus they become the prey of the evil. Flesh and blood is cheap, but bread is dear. A governor that would assault Prof. Herron, who dared to lay before that institution of learning, truth and righteousness in the city of Lincoln, has disgraced himself and all institutions of learning, and we should see to it that he occupy no longer a position within the gift of the people to insult the greatest men of earth. Christ when he was on earth advocating truth and reform, had to occasionally cast out a devil. He afterwards conferred that power upon men. Brethren, let's cast out a few this fall. What do you say? "Strike for your altars and your fires. Strike for the green graves of your sires, God and your native land."

N. B. PAYNE.

A Wide Awake Comrade.

CARLETON, Neb., July 30, 1894.

Editor WEALTH MAKERS:

On to Grand Island by wagons by all means. That is the way we should travel, and we will create such an enthusiasm on the road that we will sweep everything before us this fall. I have spoken to quite a number of the parties and I was surprised to find nearly every one was willing to make up a load for the trip, for the purpose of hearing and seeing, and I think with very little effort we could gather in twenty thousand instead of ten thousand, as every one has plenty of leisure and is anxious to take a trip by wagon. Let every old soldier that comes wear his badge. I have been dissatisfied as well as many other old soldiers at the way the reunion has been manipulated at Grand Island by G. O. P.'s. Old soldiers who have dared to vote anything but the republican ticket straight have been bulldozed and abused by their speakers. I think if any one in this government has a right to vote as he pleases that one is surely the old soldier who has fought for it, and if anything makes me tired it is to hear a man who was of suitable age to carry a gun and who never served a day, except with his mouth, traducing and abusing old soldiers for not voting the Republican ticket. Now let us all, old soldiers and their boys, their neighbors and friends, make a move on Grand Island, August 24th, in wagons, bringing our provisions and food along, and it will do us good to camp out a few days, and I am sure we will receive a welcome on the road and at Grand Island. The Grand Island people have always used us well; while some of us have complained at the management of the G. A. R., I never yet heard one word of complaint against the people

of Grand Island, and it holds a tender place in every soldier's heart.

Let the state central committee furnish the speakers and we will furnish the crowd, and Grand Island furnish us a camping place and a little wood and water, and we will start off this campaign with such an impetus that will carry every thing before us this fall, like, not exactly a cyclone, but one of our Nebraska breezes.

W. C. BATES.

A Former Nebraskan's Advisor.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., July 21, 1894.

Editor WEALTH MAKERS:

My ardent desire for the early triumph of the Populists impels me to advise my friends anywhere to improve upon the Omaha platform so as to secure the whole labor vote which is certain if the following planks are added to it:

1. Initiative and Referendum.
 2. National laws enforcing the eight hour day and minimum wages.
 3. Abolition of child labor and compulsory education to the age of sixteen.
 4. Employers accident liability law.
 5. The right to labor secured to every body by the government.
 6. State or national fire and life insurance, and may be some more such.
- Knowing Mr. Editor, your solicitude for the success of our party, I hope you will give the above a place in your valuable paper. Yours for industrial equality.

AUGUST STORMS.

A Sarpy County Comrade.

Editor WEALTH MAKERS:

What old soldier has to say in your July 19th issue about the state G. A. R. reunion for the last two years is of great significance. What he says of the reunion is also true of the encampment held at Lincoln last winter when we were forced to submit to a political side-show presided over by ex-governor Thayer in his usual nonpartisan manner (?) at which all the old Republican ringsters were let loose and one old railroad capper went to such length that he was cried down, but no one was allowed recognition to answer him. Yes, old soldier, if this is to be their line of action I am ready to join with you for a fight to maintain the non-partisan principles of our order.

COMRADE.

A Rectification.

TUCUMSEH, Neb., Aug. 1, 1894.

To whom it may concern:

The Tucumseh correspondent to the State Journal of July 31 makes the statement that the stockholders of the Tucumseh Republican Publishing Company and made a change in the management of the paper because Mr. Carpenter did not get out a creditable paper. These are not the facts in the case. Mr. Carpenter's lease expired May 1, 1894, and he did not want to lease it for another year.

E. G. JURY,

President of said Co.

D. H. BERRY, Sec'y.

Still Fighting for Liberty.

Editor WEALTH MAKERS:

With your privilege I ask space in the soldiers' column.

I have an unbought pride in my stand against the powers that are now trying to overthrow the very thing for which we fought. I stand today where I stood in '61, with my face to the foe; and have since this move for freedom started. I am a charter member.

JOE TALBOTT.

Benedict, Neb.

The Republican and Democratic

Remedy.

The Register believes that the regular army should be increased to 100,000 men, and at least one regiment garrisoned in every state, as the best possible method of preserving peace. Howling demagogues and cross-brained preachers and college professors are rapidly increasing the number of anarchists and lesser criminals, and public safety demands that prompt steps be taken to hold their duped and misled followers in subjection by overawing them or killing them off as rapidly as they resort to violence—*Iowa State Register (Rep.)*

What Duke Pullman Says

"I can burn my factories down if I choose, and can discharge my workmen or employ labor if I choose. I can do all this under the law."

LANCASTER POPULISTS.

A Splendid, Well-Attended, Harmonious County Convention.

A STRONG TICKET WAS CHOSEN.

A Progressive, Inspiring, Clear-Cut Platform Which Voices the Demands of Our Party Throughout the State.

Let State Delegates Consider It.

The Lancaster county independent convention last week was the best that the Independents have ever held in this county in point of numbers (over two hundred delegates being in actual attendance) and in work done. It was harmonious. Its candidates chosen were strong men. Its platform, accepted without debate, was the most progressive and inspiring that any Nebraska convention has framed, and indicates mental and moral growth in the party.

B. F. Stevens of Lancaster precinct was chosen temporary chairman, and J. M. Thompson and E. N. Thacker secretaries.

Over \$107 campaign fund was raised. The report of the credentials committee was accepted, the temporary organization was made permanent and Chairman Stevens appointed W. F. Wright, S. J. Kent, Edwin Le Fevre, Ferdinand Switzer and George H. Gibson committee on resolutions.

The resolutions brought in by this committee and unanimously accepted read as follows:

We the delegates of the People's Independent party of Lancaster county, in convention assembled, reaffirm the principles of the Omaha platform of July 4, 1892, and adopt the following principles as the demands of this convention, and we call upon all citizens of the county, irrespective of former party affiliations, to assist us in the carrying out of the same by securing at the ballot box the election of the members of the legislature who are by this convention placed before the people for their suffrage.

We declare class legislation to be essentially anarchistic and that they who aid in securing special privileges are the real, most dangerous anarchists.

We demand that the law fixing salaries of the county officers be so amended that all salaries of county officers be reduced to a fair compensation. Also that all fees accruing in any county office shall be turned into the county general fund and all salaries of county officers be paid from the general fund.

We declare for the municipal ownership of street cars, and gas and electric plants for the public distribution of light and power; and the nationalization of the telephone and telegraph systems, that a monopoly of this electric service and of the news may not be left in a few hands, or with false teachers.

We demand that general suffrage be extended to the women of our state on an equality with men.

We demand the state control of the sale of all intoxicating liquors, eliminating therefrom all profits; also the abolition of child labor and we declare for shorter working days.

We demand the abolition of the present convict lease system.

The Populists of Lancaster county are in close sympathy with the wage workers of the land and we denounce the combination of railroad managers and government officials by which the rights of workingmen are trampled upon.

That we favor the insertion of a plank in our state and national platforms demanding the establishment by the general government of a department of co-operative industry for the purpose of providing ways, means and capital for the employing of every man and woman who needs employment.

That we heartily indorse the action of our senator, W. V. Allen, and of four representatives in congress, in their earnest endeavors to secure legislation in the interest of the toiling masses, and we condemn the Nebraska State Journal for its cowardly attempt to injure Senator Allen's character and reputation.

We declare that the right to land is as inalienable as the right to life and liberty, that it is a necessary part of that right, in fact; that all the earth contains of Divine provision for man, all material objects and working forces, must belong equally and without purchase to all living individuals. We therefore call for the destruction of land monopoly and speculation, and for the public ownership or freedom of the natural stores of coal, oil, iron and other minerals, now monopolized.

We declare that men should not only be secured in the right to produce freely by their labor, but also in the right to exchange their products or services without being compelled to pay despotic tribute to money and transportation kings; and that to secure the

equitable exchange of services and free continuous employment it is necessary for the government to provide money and transportation at cost, in other words, the government, local and general, must conduct the banking business and own and operate the railroads.

We recognize the necessity of public employment for tens of thousands of worthy Nebraska citizens who have been brought to destitution by the crop-destroying drouths, and we declare that they must be saved from beggary and starvation by setting them at work upon the public roads, and upon state-surveyed, state-built, state-owned irrigation ditches, wherever water supplies can be utilized, payment for these public services to be made in county and state warrants, receivable for taxes.

For legislation in the interest of the people of the state and county we demand the initiative referendum system, to be established by law as soon as possible, and to carry out the reforms demanded by our national, state and county platforms we demand the passage of a bill by the coming legislature for a call of a constitutional convention to frame a state constitution for submission to the people for their adoption or rejection.

The following resolution was afterward adopted by the convention:

Resolved, That this convention does not propose to take part in any religious controversy.

The candidates selected as standard bearers by the convention were:

For county attorney, F. W. Shepherd, County judge, G. W. Birge.

County commissioner, G. S. Panswater.

State senators, E. C. Chambers and J. Y. M. Swigart.

Representatives, A. C. Herrick and C. S. Jones of the city, and Frank S. Eager, C. M. Dunn and Thomas Martin from the country precincts.

The following were selected as delegates to the state convention: J. C. McNerney, J. A. Edgerston, J. A. Johnston, Gideon Furbush, Mart Howe, C. W. Hoxie, J. V. Wolfe, J. F. Gibson, G. W. Conley, E. T. Johnston, Charles Jewett, C. E. Woodcock, J. M. Swigart, J. W. Jordan, E. L. Hany, William Foster, W. P. Smith, P. H. Drennan, J. W. Emberson, R. B. Laffer, M. S. Drennan, W. F. Wright, W. J. Hanks, Morton Jeffrey, J. W. Keever, William Birge.

Delegate-at-large—George H. Gibson.

Delegates to the congressional convention: C. G. Bullock, E. H. Shaberg, F. W. Krull, W. E. Bishop, J. Hartline, A. N. Housel, George Neff, M. B. Donohoe, O. N. Dunn, C. Williams, William Lease, Nate Reynolds, F. L. Leighton, T. D. Moulton, R. S. Meeketh, T. E. Connelly, Edwin Le Fevre, A. L. Emberson, T. J. Ferguson, Charles Jewett, O. Wilson, W. T. Rolofson, B. F. Stephens, W. B. Pickett, W. H. Coleman, J. H. Kessler.

Delegate-at large, J. C. McNerney.

The state delegation was unanimously instructed to do all in their power to further the nomination of S. J. Kent for the office of Commissioner of Public Lands and Buildings. And the congressional delegation was instructed for Mayor Weir of Lincoln for Populist nominee for Congress from the First district.

A new county central committee was elected, J. C. McNerney being elected chairman and J. M. Thompson was elected secretary. The county central committee was instructed to fill all vacancies provided those appointed would pledge themselves to support the Omaha platform.

Meeting of Delegates.

The delegates to the state convention chosen by the Lancaster county convention, are hereby called to meet at hall on second floor of building No. 1114 O street on Tuesday, August 14th, at 2 P. M., to arrange for attending the convention at Grand Island on August 24, also to discuss any other matters that may come before the delegation.

A full attendance is desired.

J. C. MCNERNEY, Chairman.

J. M. THOMPSON, Secretary.

All the Characters Villains.

The annual political burlesque of Rosewater versus Majors is being advertised again. In this play there is no hero. All the characters appear to be villains.—*Western Laborer.*

Caution Them Friends.

The Populist who talks of fusion these times is a traitor. This is no time for unholy marriages, nor does the party in the holiday of its youth deserve to be betrayed with a kiss.—*Nonconformist.*