The Light of the Past

NORMAL, Neb., Aug. 25, 1894 Editor WEALTH MAKERS:

So n uch has been said recently on the subject of fusion that were it not for the fatal results which are sure to follow a fusion policy, if adopted, I would not ask space for even a brief presentation of my views. Patrick Henry once declared: "I have but one lamp by which my feet are guided, and that is the lamp of experience." And I believe this is a safe rule by which to determine the merits of this question. The writer (who then resided in Madison county Iowa,) was one of one hundred and sixty poters in that county who in the fall of 1876, stood up and were counted for Peter Cooper. Our vote in the state was about ten thousand. From this small beginning our numbers steadily increased until in a few years our vote rose to one thousand in the county, and forty-five thousand in the state. But then, as now, there were those in our ranks who thought they saw a short road to success, and against the solemn protests of those who were first in the fight, this nondescript, suicidal monstrosity called fusion, was adopted. By this means a few men we squeezed into office, but at no time were we able to poll the full strength of the combination, and after each campaign charges of treachery and bad faith were freely hurled back and forth, many who had recently left the Republican party became weak-kneed, and shrewd party leaders whispered in their ears, "I told you so." This was, of course, but an appeal to prejudice, but at this particular time it was unanswerable, and the result was a stampede back into the Republican ranks. Many who had formerly been Democrats also concluded that if there was so little difference between that both could sleep in same bed, drink from the same cant and eat crow from the same disb, th too, would go home to roost. When of its former self) saw its mistake and again stood up to be counted, one again numbers. The vote had shrungen to about one-half its former size bet's county and state. The Greenbac 1's as an aggressive growing of the factor was dead. And across to stone which marks its resting slace is inscribed the following word from the effects of an over doss of fusion." A party that fused with the Democrats in Iowa and Republic as in Missouri, could not command the respect and confidence of the American

trace the history of fusion in Kan-In 1890, with three tickets in the field the Populists were only beaten by about seven thousand on the state ticket, while they had a clear majority in the legisla. ture and sent Peffer to the U.S. Senate. But not satisfied with these s plendid results in their first campaign in 1892 they "joined drives" with the Democrats and it was freely predicted that the Republican party would be buried under a majority of fifteen thousand or more.

What was the result?

people.

A pitiful majority of three thousand for the fusion state ticket, the Populists lost the legislature and as a last resort fused with the Democrats and sent Martin, a rock-ribbed Democrat, to the Seaste. That the Populist cause was greatly weakened is clearly proven by the returns of last year which show a Republican plurality over the Populists of about thirty thousand. In the recent election in Oregon it is said that in almost every instance where a straight three cornered fight was made the Populists won, while in most cases where fusion was resorted to the ticket Editor WEALTH MAKERS:

was defeated. And now the news comes from Alatogether."

I answer. No. And it never does. Let us then learn a lesson from the Douglas yesterday, arrangements had his superior qualifications for the posipast; and let this hydra-headed thing been made to have a speaker from each tion of county commissioner will make called fusion, severely alone. Nominate of the three parties, and of course the him a very strong candidate. He is only those who are known to be true to People's party was asked to procure a just the sort of man that honest men our cause and have proven their fidelity speaker. We would have failed had not and taxpayers will feel like supporting. by their acts. If free silver Democrats God blessed us, as he always does the choose to support them at the pells right. rather than play second fiddle to the Republican party and defeat free silver, we say, amen. But let no backward speaker. He gave us a rousing speech steps be taken to secure that vote, for and called on any to rebut the arguthey will in the end result in disaster ment he produced. None answered. and defeat. W. D MCLAUGHLIN.

Antelope County Independents. OAKDALE, Neb., Aug. 6, 1894. Editor WEALTH MAKERS:

Antelope county held her Independent convention on Saturday, August 4th. Number of delegates present, one hundred and ten.

Herman Freese of Elgin was nominated for county attorney on first formal ballot, and Hon. L. H. Suter was renominated for the legislature by acclamation. Our ranks are being rapidly filled with recruits from both of the old parties. Many of the best men in the Republican party in the county joined with us in our primaries and many more will vote with us in the election. All delegates to the several conventions were instructed to cast their votes for well known Independents whe fully indorse our national party platform. There was but one delegate in the convention who did not favor these instructions, therefore it seems to us that the ad-ocates and friends of fusion

are all on the Democratic side, and as the saying goes, the Independents are not and will not be in it when it

As it now appears our delegates will be for the Hon. J. N. Gaffin for governor, and J. M. Devine for Congress from this district.

If we can estimate our gains over the state by the gains we have made in this county, when the election is over the corrupt gang of boodle sympathizers will vacate our state capital, and honest men will occupy their places, and every district will be represented in Congress with honest capable men like Kem and McKeighan. And as Lincoln said to General Grant at Donelson, we will send a man to the United States Senate who will drink the same kind of liquor that Senator Allen does if it will help him to work and fight for the rights of the people as he does.

Yours for victory, S. C. FAIRCHILD.

Box Butte County Populists.

ALLIANCE, Neb., Aug. 10, 1894. Editor WEALTH MAKERS:

The Populist convention of Box Butte county met pursuant to call in the opera house, at Alliance, Nebraska, August 4, 1894. A delegation being present from every one of the eleven precincts in the county. The delegates were almost wholly farmers, merchants and laboring men, and their bronzed faces and determined looks betokened an earnestness that has hitherto been unknown in the conventions in this county

Notwithstanding the busy harvest time the large room was well filled with enthusiastic men of our party from all parts of the county.

Quite a few Republicans and Demoerats gave respectful if not loring men. udience to the work of their more

work and course of O. M. Kem, W. A. McKeighan and Sepator Allen, our stalwart delegation in Congress, were adopted.

Delegates to the state and sixth Congressional conventions were elected, but not instructed.

George W. Sullivan was unanimously tion who received it with shouts of appreciation. J. K. STURGEON.

A Webster County Man. BLADEN, Neb . Aug. 12, '94. Editor WEALTH MAKERS:

I will say, God speed the cause of the paign. People's party and I'm with you hand to hand and heart to heart for success, Coming down nearer our post time and have been since the organization Editor WEALTH MAKERS: the party. Times are very hard here nowras we lost all crops here this season, but will do what I can to send you a club soon, and I kope you will stay straight in the middle of the road in the future as in the past. No fusion. in ours, if you please. We ain't built that way. On or about the 24th of August we shall stir the elements of this state to cause rain or something else to come. The old hoodoos say the Populists are in the swim here this year, and they think to get Prof. Andrews to Congress now. But we will send "Pretty Mac" after him again, and he will lose the way to Washington, as he did before. You can bank on

> I think the mossbacks will scratch their heads to say, where are we at? before the campaign is over this year. So please stir them up each week.

> > Yours truly, R. C BEST.

The Jubilee Troupe at Douglas. DOUGLAS, Neb , Aug. 18, 1894.

As it been a long time since I have

honor to whom honor is due.

At the Harvest Home Picnic, held at

We finally procured Huckins' Glee Club to sing and Hon. W. H. Dech as With Huckins' singing they did a grand work.

I believe with Huckins to sing and Deck to do the speaking they will be a great factor in the campaign this fail. I will close by saying no fusion this fall for Otoe.

Yours for freedom of the common ed me. W. E. MCNEIL.

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Ye are Freeman, heart and soul, Though the bells of labor toll!

Oome, the labor-bells say, come, Fathers, to your rifled home; Come and see your children's squalor, see your sad wife growing paler, Brood within your low, bare walls When the evening whistle calls

Speed their footsteps toward the goal. While the bells of bondage toll!

Ah! to help them. ah! to shield, For a power humane to wield; Nerve their hearts to mount up higher, To the summit of desire; Once to see them on the heights Of their world endowed birth rights!

Stay their feet from further falling, While the slavery-bells are calling

Hear them call the children out, With their brazen, brigand shout! Human lambs the wolves are fleecing. All their hoarded store increasing: Tender bloom from young cheeks stea With their mad, inhuman dealing.

Robber hands divide the spoil. While the sons of labor toil

Sadness to our hearts will ring At the chimes' wild threatening. In the helpless world of labor Every poor man is my neighbor. Every woman is my friend Who to toil the knee must bend.

List, oh list, each sinking soul, Funeral bells of wrong a-toll!

Will Scratch all Fusion Candidates ORD, Neb , Aug. 6, 1894. Editor WEALTH MAKERS.

This fusion talk is very discouraging to me and it must be to all Alliance

numerous neighbors of the new party. enough for Democrats who want Popu-Resolutions heartly endorsing the list votes, let them come into the party campaign. Come one and all and bring and help make it better. It seems to me that it would be hard work to vote for a fusionist of our own party let alone

supporting a Democrat. For my part I have never voted for a Republican for any office, but I shall scratch all fusion candidates and vote for their Republican opponents. I would nominated for county attorney and rather be with an honorable minority made a ringing speech to the conven- than a sold out or traded out majority. day. September 5th. IRA I. SCOTT.

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From a York County Man. YORK, Neb., Aug. 20, 1894.

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A Place to Winter Western Stock. CHASE, Neb., Aug 19, '94.

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A Fillmore County Soldier GENEVA, Neb., Aug. 6, 1894. Editor WEALTH MAKERS:

I was in the front in the war from November '61, to September '65, for the purpose of securing the union and independence of our country; and I am working on that same line today.

There don't seem to be any gaps in our ranks. We held our county convention Saturday August 4th, and put up a full ticket. The Democrats held their convention at the same time and endorsed our whole ticket. One of our nominees for representative, Ben Merrill of Madison, being the Democrats, choice, although he has voted and worked with us for four years.

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Second Ward Meeting for Organiza-

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By order of E. E Ashton, county central committeeman, Second ward.

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J. M. THOMPSON, J. C. MCNERNY. Secretary. Chairman.

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J. H. EDMISTON, Chairman.

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