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If any man must fall for me to rise, Then seek I not to climb. Another's pain I choose not for my good. A golden chain, A robe of honor, is too good a prize To tempt my hasty hand to do a wrong Upon a fellow man. This life hath woe sufficient, wrought by man's avarice; And who that hath a heart would dare prolong Or add a sorrow to a stricken soul? That seeks a healing balm to make it whole? My bosom owns the brotherhood of man.

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THE WEALTH MAKERS for the campaign for a dime.

No more looting of the State treasury when Governor Powers is placed in charge of it.

JUDGE STARK is a candidate to be proud of and to enthusiastically work for. Let every Populist in the district pull off his coat and help roll up a majority for him that will make the corporations marvel.

TOM MAJORS may put a bold face on the matter, but before the Bee drops him election day he will find its sting is fearful. Rosewater will get at him in every vulnerable part and will chase him all over the state.

The Initiative and Referendum has been endorsed by both the Republican and Democratic parties in Massachusetts, as well as by the Populist party. It's coming and can't be resisted.

Be careful to read the dates of Populist rallies published on page eight. If you live within reach of these meetings plan to attend and induce as many of your neighbors to get out and hear our candidates you can.

MR. BRYAN prefaced his speech at Gretna by "a positive statement that he was till a Democrat," says the Gretna Reporter. His action in supporting Goldbug Boyd instead of Deaver shows where and what he is, does it not?

We shall have our front page, next week, illustrated with cuts of our Populist candidates. We have gathered data for a write-up of them and have been holding back part waiting for electros, desiring to use all together.

The public should not be at all surprised to catch a millionaire robbing the government. A man has to rob the hilling in wages to become a millionaire. And it is no greater harm for the Carnegie Steel Co. to perpetrate the great Armor plate fraud than it is to defraud its wage-workers at Homestead.

When such Republicans as Charles Wooster of Silver Creek bolt the state ticket and declare it to be railroad named and owned, it shows that corruption has gone so far that the good and bad elements can no longer stay together. And so the end draws on.

The Populists of Jefferson county are to be congratulated over having secured a county organ. They have organized a company, raised money and purchased the Jefferson County Journal of Hammond Bros. C. Q. DeFrance has been chosen by them as editor, and it is, we believe, a wise choice. Mr. DeFrance is a full-blooded, whole-hearted Populist, and a man of ability. We wish the Journal all success.

OUR INTERESTS ARE ONE.

The editor of this paper wishes to speak to the great body of the rank and file who have hitherto voted in one or the other of the two old parties, men whose interests are plainly, undeniably the same as ours. In some way the honest wealth producers of this country ought to, must, get together. Now is it reasonable to suppose that they can all or nearly all be gathered into either of the old parties? If there were no party prejudice and difference of opinion over the tariff question the query would arise, what better is the Democratic party than the Republican, or the Republican than the Democratic party, what reform does either propose, seriously, that furnishes an inducement for men to shift from one party to the other? No reason for such shifting can be given which will be satisfactory to either Republicans or Democrats. Yet, if all, nearly, remain where they are, the floating, corrupt vote only changing, there can be no progress, and the monopolies which are fast concentrating the wealth and resources of the nation into few hands will in the near future own about all the means of production, as they do now the means of exchange, and the producers will all be compelled to accept prices and wages and a scale of living that monopolists dictate.

As Populists we have good and sufficient reasons for our organization. No party but ours is organized to fight the monopolies. It was hatred of monopoly oppression and love of liberty and justice that drew us together out of both parties. The monster monopolies which have been growing for thirty years, more or less, have been allowed to incorporate, and been legally defended and nourished by whom? The leaders of the two old parties have been carrying on a sham battle over the tariff, a battle which promises never to end, no advance towards a settlement of the tariff question having been made. But while making tariff, the question of outside trade, the only question the people may vote on, and keeping the rank and file divided at the ballot box over a question which the politicians care never to settle, our false and incompetent law-making representatives have sold or given away to corporations the legal power to tax and enslave us. At the demand of the bankers they stopped the issue of full legal tender greenbacks; with the exception clause inserted they depreciated the value of our money and made it lawful and by law necessary to retire and burn it up, and in its stead forced upon the people interest-bearing bonds of twice their purchase price. Later they surreptitiously, at the instigation of the bankers, demonetized silver, thus destroying half of the former debt-paying resources of the people. And all this was only the beginning. The shrewd far-seeing capitalists secured for nothing corporation charters from the state legislatures with special privileges and grants from congress, upon terms which gave them monopoly power to tax traffic what it would bear. And out of the land, money and railroad legislation have grown the vast estates of the millionaire bankers, landlords, railroad magnates, coal and lumber barons, iron and steel kings, stock yards dictators, Standard Oil princes, telegraph autocrats, newspaper monopolists and controllers of partisan machinery to wrongly educate and divide the people.—In short, a combination thus far politically and industrially all-powerful; and with this concentration of wealth there has been a corresponding spread of poverty and dependence among the defrauded wealth producers. According to the last census more than half of the families of this country are now tenants, live in hired houses, upon rented land, and thirty per cent of the remainder have their homes mortgaged, the mortgages averaging about \$1135 upon each. The poverty in Nebraska today is partly due to our having to send out each year \$10,000,000 usury to the holders of farm mortgages and a large sum to the holders of chattel mortgages. (The chattel mortgages amount, we believe, to nearly two-thirds the amount of the farm mortgage debt, but the usury rate on these averages much higher.) And this must be paid even if crops fail. Another great drain is the monopoly overcharges of the railroads, and we are bearing also our share of the tribute demanded by the coal, lumber, packing houses, and a hundred other lesser monopolies.

This is the situation. Now friends, Republicans and Democrats, the parties with which you have hitherto voted have allowed these taxing, tribute-demanding monopolies to grow to their present monstrous size under protection of law and by virtue of monopoly privileges which our Republican and Democratic legislators and congress have freely granted them, and so great now has become the power of the banks, railroads, trusts and great combinations of capital, that state legislatures have, many of them, fallen entirely into their control, and congress and the courts are for all practical purposes possessed by them.

The Populist party throughout the nation is a great uprising of the people to dethrone these liberty-destroying monopolies. It was originated in and grew out of the Farmers' Alliance movement and is now being mightily reinforced by the great bodies of organized workers in the cities. All men who believe in liberty, who hate monopoly oppression, should come into the Populist party. Why should the farmers, whose interests are identical, be ranged against each other in three parties, two of which do not antagonize the monopolies? Why should the wealth producers of the cities be found in three contending political parties? Brethren, let us unite at the ballot box here in Nebraska and send men to the legislature and to congress who swear eternal hatred to each and every form of monopoly. The Republican party is joined to its idols, and its corporation owned candidates are an offense to the best informed who are being driven out of its ranks. The Democratic party is divided, demoralized, decimated. The Populist party is the party for anti-monopoly Republicans and Democrats to come together in. One good sensible day's work at the ballot box, and Nebraska will be redeemed from corporation control.

IN THE SECOND DISTRICT.

The situation in the Second congressional district is very much changed from what it has ever been for our ticket. Our state ticket and our candidate for congress, Mr. Deaver, will receive a heavy labor vote which heretofore has been given to the old parties. The Kelly Industrials stirred Omaha as it was never stirred before, and out of that great excitement political parties were left torn and scattered as by a cyclone. Ever since that movement, which drew thousands together to oppose the tyranny and cruelty of the railroads and to sympathize most deeply with the moneyless, landless unemployed, the Populist party has been the popular party. Club meetings have been largely attended.

DEVINE WILL UNITE ALL.

John M. Devine, candidate for Congress in the Third district, is going to make Meiklejohn sick. Thomas is not likely to take seriously his candidacy. He was put up by men who cared more for Democrats than for free silver, men who were offended because the Populists did not nominate their man, Judge Robinson, and who acted hastily and selfishly. Devine is a strong man, and he will unite all free silver men during his canvass. He will draw out all to hear him, and the voters in the Third after hearing him will give him their suffrages. Devine has more in his head on the money question, more knowledge of its history and legislation, than any man in Nebraska, twice over. He is also a famous debater, having met and vanquished many on the rostrum. He is known all over New England as a platform speaker of great force. He has spoken often from the same platform with Wendell Phillips. He was one of General Ben Butler's chief lieutenants. He took an active part in the campaign in Maine near a score of years ago which placed a Greenbacker in the governor's chair.

Mr. Devine's memory is something wonderful, and he has lived for years under the shadow of several of the finest public libraries in the nation.

Meiklejohn is a ten year old school boy by the side of him. If he knows what is good for him he will fight shy of a joint debate with Devine.

Judge Robinson has, it is stated, accepted the platform which was adopted by the Populist convention. He has also urged the Democrats to support Devine. It will be manifest that he is heart and soul with us if he openly throws his influence for Devine during the campaign. And he cannot help doing so if he has accepted the Populist platform. Some few Democratic leaders will feel sore, of course, their action in putting up Thomas indicated it. It could not be otherwise. But we look for the rank and file to vote for the People's Independent candidates, because they stand on right principles and can be elected. The Democratic party cannot hold together longer in Nebraska and the vote in November will show its almost total disintegration, if it does not come bodily to us by endorsing our state ticket throughout.

CONTRACTION CRUSHING THE WORLD.

Sir Moreton Frewen, the distinguished bi-metallist of England, has recently written a letter in which he deprecates the fact that Edward Atkinson, a goldbug of the bitterest, most active type, should be delegated to represent our Department of Agriculture in London. Atkinson (the advocate of a dollar a week scale of living for the poor), with the reputation of being a statistician, has been misrepresenting the facts as to the condition of American farmers.

Sir Moreton, referring to England shows that that country is not likely to do any anything for silver. He says:

We here are not, in my judgment, learning the lesson of these desperate exchange troubles. Business men are so harassed and so hopeless that they are in no mood to think out the remedy for a contracting currency. What is the position today of the two great 'creditor' nations, England and France? Both these countries, profoundly alarmed by the outlook in America, North and South, in Australia, and in the far East, are drawing in their loans, and gold is coming home on every ship. M. Thery has pointed out in the European Economist of July 21, that in four years the European banks have increased their gold reserves by no less a sum than 2,600,000,000 francs (\$520,000,000), a sum exceeding one-eighth of all the gold currency in the world. Is it any wonder, then, that withdrawals of gold on such a scale should have caused such a sudden shrinkage of prices that the debtor nations have been bled to death? And look, too, at the way the 'creditor' nations are suffering from the fall of prices abroad. In four years England's exports have diminished by \$160,000,000; France's by \$54,000,000; and because our exports to silver-using countries are hampered by the fall in the exchanges, England, not being able to sell to India, China and South America can only give you the most miserable and inadequate prices for your cotton and corn.

The misery connected necessarily with this hoarding of gold, under the present gold basis Shylock legislation, is fearful beyond comprehension.

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CONGRESSMAN JOHNSON'S DECLARATION.

Congressman Tom L. Johnson, Democratic representative from Ohio expressed himself thusly on the tariff bill just passed: It is more fully and emphatically a trust bill than was even the McKinley bill. All the trusts were called in to make it up and what tricks and devices lie hidden to the general public in its technical language no man—I do not believe even Senator Gorman—really yet knows. Farther on in his speech he spoke particularly of the sugar tax and trust as follows: I know and you know and the people know—I was about to say that every dog that barks in the streets of the capital knows—that the real purpose of imposing this tax is not to give revenue to the government, but revenue to the hoodlums. You cannot disguise it from people, for the people know it already, that the purpose of this sugar tax is to put millions and millions in the pockets of men who are already millionaires by robbing the people. They know that this tax on sugar has been brought through every step of its way, carried by such open, undisguised corruption as has never been faunted in their faces before; they know that the sugar trust has purchased this privilege of taxing them, and that, though the price it may have paid may be millions, it will receive back millions and millions before the treasury gets one cent.

A REQUEST FOR THE PROOF.

The marked copy of your paper containing article about myself received. Thanks! I herewith enclose you a copy of my sermon which you perhaps have not seen. The name of Colonel Majors was not used in the sermon as delivered, although appearing in the printed copy where it can be fairly interpreted as a prophecy that he is likely to be elected. You are by your profession both a gentleman and Christian. You doubtless do not wish to appear as an assassin of the good name or reputation of a fellow-Christian. You will remember that we are bidden not to speak evil of one another. But in your article you speak of me as "either mentally or morally unsound," and seem to deny my right to be considered a minister of the gospel at all. All of this simply upon your own showing because, as you say, I advocated a man for governor whom you do not like. You speak of me as a narrow and ignorant partisan; but of what spirit is this? Permit a word of exhortation: there are a class of people whom articles such as you wrote of me catch, but, believe me, there are other and more thoughtful ones who are repelled by them. But enough of this.

I write this article to ask that you take my sermon and, first, copy the charges you make against me, and then make an exact quotation from my sermon, without note or comment, to prove them. This will be exactly fair; but will you do it? I think not, as this would entirely destroy your case and show your readers the slanderous character of your article. I affirm in all kindness that your editorial was a tissue of slanders and falsehoods which under the laws of our state would give you a term in the pen, as a common defamer of character. I trust you will publish this request for proof; but have little hope from past experience with men of your sort that you will treat my request fairly. Now please do not launch out into a general talk about Tom Majors or the Republican party, etc., etc. You made specific charges against me because of a sermon of mine which is now in your hands; now prove the charges by exact quotations from the sermon, or stand before the public in your true light—a traducer of your brethren.

Truly yours, BYRON BEALL.

OUR REPLY.

The above letter from Reverend Byron Beall to us was written on the back of posters 94 by 124 inches in size, upon which was printed in bold black head line the name, "Col. W. T. Breckenridge, M. C." Under the name in smaller type was the following: "Lessons from the life and downfall of Col. Breckenridge will be the subject of a discourse delivered by Rev. Byron Beall, pastor of the Third Presbyterian Church, Lincoln, Neb. At Text: "Be Sure Your Sin Will Find You Out." Then followed a cut of the distinguished Reverend Byron Beall. And below this was a syllabus of the discourse. Also a puff from the State Journal. And below all in a big black line, were the words, "Admission Free." We give this to our readers to show them the sort of man the Reverend Byron Beall is, and to at the same time favor him with the personal advertising which he is so anxious to obtain. He seized upon this vile leper, Breckenridge, whose name was in all the papers, polluting the moral atmosphere, to attract a crowd who will always go to church when a sensational preacher advertises to preach on such a subject. More than this, he had these large posters prepared, with blank time and place lines, Breckenridge's name in bold letters above, his own (Beall's) picture in the center, and the State Journal's endorsement below, intending, apparently, to swing around the circle and rake over the Breckenridge scandal before as many audiences as he could obtain to listen to him. Now a few words spoken directly to the reverend gentleman himself. Accept thanks for the copy of your sermon received. But permit us to say we had a copy of it in our possession and read it, very carefully, before writing the editorial which you affirm to be "a tissue of slanders and falsehoods which, under the laws of our state, would give you a term in the pen." The gentleman cannot seem to endure just, reasonable criticism. We virtually accuse him of doing a thin job in whitewashing Majors and an unjustifiable besmirching of Holcomb, in each case witnessing ourselves to the untruth which he insinuated or inferred and published respecting each of the candidates for governor. It is our word against his, and if he wants to see who can succeed best in substantiating his testimony we invite him to the trial. We excused him as far as charity could on the ground of partisan prejudice, narrowness and ignorance. No other excuse excuses in the least his misrepresentation of Majors, Holcomb or "the much-hated Populist party," an expression which is enough in itself to show his unfitness to preach the gospel of Christ. More than this, Mr. Beall, we submitted the editorial which wounded so severely your super-sensitive organ of approbationness to several members of your congregation before publishing it, and it met with their approval. Now, in all kindness we advise you to saw off very suddenly your talk about slanders and falsehoods which would send us to the pen."

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WITH the new song book, Armagedden, in hand our party can gather multitudes of old party voters to hear the singing and speaking. We ask singers in our party everywhere to investigate the merits of the music as well as the words of Armagedden. A considerable number of the finest, most famous tunes that were ever written are to be found in this book—such music as "The Marchioness," "Die Wacht Am Rhein," "The German Fatherland," "Robin Adair," etc. We have new words for all these famous tunes, and we have new music equally good and in great variety. The Rocky Mountain News says Armagedden "is the best of anything in its line that we have seen." The Marshalltown (Iowa) Populist says "Armagedden should be in the hands of every individual who wishes to make a hit during the campaign." Be quick to make use of this vote-making book.

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sixth, the unpunished asylum thieves and state officials; seventh, the nomination of a gubernatorial candidate by the Republicans who is repudiated, exposed and denounced by a strong, influential element of the party; eighth the selection of a usurer and railroad tool as the Republican candidate for lieutenant governor; ninth, the breaking to pieces of the Democratic party and the attraction of the larger part of it our way; tenth, all the dailies of any account, the B. & M. Journal alone excepted, fighting the Republican candidates; eleventh, better organization than we have ever had before; twelfth, a state chairman who is a flyer from the word go, and who is bound to use every nerve and muscle belonging to the party.

SMITH, Jones and Brown are all farmers. Their political interests, therefore, must be the same. Why then do they not come together instead of voting against each other at the ballot box? They must see that they are practically disfranchising one another so long as they vote in different parties. Why not look at it this way? It doesn't take a philosopher to see that we are all being robbed by the great corporations that have obtained monopoly power. We are in the clutch of the railroads, the bankers, the trusts, the great corporate aggregations of capital. These are the alien, monarchic forces which threaten to absorb all our resources and reduce us and our posterity to a state of absolute dependence and the slavery of unrequited toll. Smith is a Republican, Jones a Democrat. Each sees very plainly that the two old parties are not in a condition to actually oppose monopolies. But it is the life and object of the Populist party to fight and cut off the tribute of all such monarchic powers. Therefore Smith, Jones and Brown, and all wealth producers and honest, useful members of society, should come together to place it in power.

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