

WEALTH MAKERS

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

SO MOVES THE WORLD.

"We sleep and wake and sleep, out all things move; The Sun flows forward to his brother Sun; The dark Earth follows, wheeled in her ellipse; And human things, returning on themselves, Move onward, leading up the golden year." Even in Europe they are feeding wheat to stock in large quantities.

There was an average decrease in railroad earnings in this country in 1894 amounting to \$840 per mile, as compared with the average earnings of the four preceding years.

Germany has educated her poor people to eat horse meat, and old broken down horses are being bought and butchered for them. Horse meat and hitching post bread!

The W. C. T. U. of the world have presented a petition at Washington, and it is to be presented elsewhere, asking all nations to suppress the traffic in liquor and opium. The petition unrolled is six miles long. It has taken twelve years to secure the signatures.

The outdoor relief committee of the county board of Cook county, Illinois, shows that 150,000 in Chicago require assistance to avoid starvation. 50,000 persons have already been supported at their homes at public expense. Many are in danger of being evicted from their homes.

Governor Stone of Missouri in his message reconvening the legislature said: "We are confronted by the question whether the people or the lobby shall rule in Missouri. The public safety and honor of the state are at stake. Every senator, member, public official and citizen familiar with the truth knows that these words are justified by the situation at Jefferson City."

Two street car companies of Chicago, the Chicago City Railway Company and the McGann Company, have come into conflict, and one company, the former, last week with grappling irons and axes pulled a car of the rival company from the tracks and smashed it into kindling wood. "That wrecked car," said Mr. McGann, is the entering wedge to municipal ownership of street car transportation. We are ready to turn over our line at once."

The Chicago Times-Herald of April 5th reports a "trigantic combination of great financiers and politicians of the United States to monopolize the telephone business." It is already organized under the name of the Standard Telephone Company, with an aggregated capital of \$360,000,000. The Standard Oil Company, the immensely wealthy Crocker interests of California and the Pullman Company are in it, besides a long list of millionaires and political leaders. Its political pull is sufficiently strong to make any unfriendly legislation very difficult and favorable legislation easy. A parent company and local companies (a part of it) nine in number are already formed east of the Mississippi, and ten other local companies are to be formed by the combination to cover the remainder of the territory in the United States, the British provinces and Mexico.

Advantage of Public Ownership

The great English manufacturing city of Manchester has owned its own municipal gas works since 1807. The city supplies gas to 81,000 private consumers at 60 cents a thousand feet, besides lighting at cost some 15,000 public lamps. This is but one-third to one-half the sum charged by private gas companies in American cities. Yet, notwithstanding Manchester's low rates, the municipal gas-works earned for the city in 1893 \$500,000 clear and above all expenses. These profits go to reduce taxation in Manchester and for public improvements that would otherwise not be made, or, if made, would be charged to the individual taxpayers.

Twenty years ago Manchester began the construction of municipal street railways. The city has now 40 miles of such roads in operation and furnishes, morning and evening, transportation to working people for *one penny a ride!* At the same time the roads are rented to operating companies on terms that pay the city ten per cent. annual profits on its investment. Glasgow, as stated in a previous editorial, has reduced fares, reduced hours of labor of operatives, and greatly improved and extended its street-railway system since the city bought out the railroad companies.

Why not American cities do likewise? Let the New York legislature give the cities of this state an equal opportunity to cheapen and improve their transportation service by passing the Conkling bill for a popular vote on municipal ownership of street railroads. If not, why not?—New York Voice.

Contemporary Opinions

Taxation without representation was never illustrated with such crushing effect as by the railroad system of the United States which now taxes industry all that production will bear. Producers along our great lines of transportation are as much at the mercy of the railway monopolists as the highwayman's victim, who is commanded to stand and deliver under cover of a revolting "bullet-dog."—Seattle Call.

PRINCIPLES FOREVER

The People Have Not Forsaken The Omaha Platform

STRENUOUSLY OPPOSED TO FUSION

The Populist Party Has a Mission, to Save The Nation, And It is Going To Do It—No Side-Tracking

The Postal Card Responses

OMAHA, Neb., April 4, 1895.

Editor WEALTH MAKERS: It gives me pleasure to say in regard to the following Bryant resolutions:

Resolved; First, That we declare our unalterable adhesion to the principles of the Omaha platform of 1892.

Resolved; Second, That the Populist party has a mission of its own, and its mission is not the reformation of either of the old parties.

Resolved; Third, That we call upon the good men of all parties to abandon both the hopeless task of attempting the reformation of an old party, and the chimerical one of building up a new one upon a single incidental issue.

Resolved; Fourth, That in our judgment, only Populists should be placed on guard.

Resolved; Fifth, That we are opposed to fusion in all its modes and tenes. That the Douglas county Populist club by vote at its regular weekly meeting fully endorsed the resolutions, and instructed the secretary and president to so notify you also to send you a copy of the obligation that every member of our club signs upon becoming a member. It is as follows:

I hereby pledge myself in the presence of these members, to maintain and labour for the principles of the People's Independent party as set forth in the national platform adopted at Omaha, July 4th, 1892. I also pledge myself to resist fusion with either of the old political parties in any future convention or political meeting of which I may be a member. Respectfully, James M. Taylor, president Populist club.

C. W. Lunbeck, secretary Populist club.

BELVIDERE, Neb., April 2, '95. Editor WEALTH MAKERS: I emphatically endorse the Bryant resolutions. Following a principle is like walking a crack—if you wobble you fall. J. O. TALMADGE.

EMERALD, Neb., April 2, '95. Editor WEALTH MAKERS: Judge Bryant's resolutions cannot help being approved by all Populists who are men of principle. I wish to say to them, most emphatically, AMEN. WILLIAM QUICK.

BELVIDERE, Neb., Mar. 30, '95. Editor WEALTH MAKERS: I hereby agree with, and most emphatically endorse the Wilbur F. Bryant resolutions. Respectfully, M. C. DILL, Chairman Thayer county People's party central committee.

PERU, Neb., April 2, '95. Editor WEALTH MAKERS: In reference to your request, wishing to know how the People's party stand on certain resolutions offered at the meeting of the People's party central committee, would say, the platform adopted at Omaha in '92 is good enough for me. IRA S. PARKER.

PORT ROYAL, Tenn., April 1, '95. Editor WEALTH MAKERS: The silver party will not hurt us in the South. We are all solid for the Omaha platform, and we stand ready to brand traitors all who repudiate the Omaha declarations. We must be prepared for a death struggle in '96, and if we surrender the Omaha demands Waterloo is our fate, and we would merit it. W. L. PARKS.

WHITTIER, Neb., April 1, '95. Editor WEALTH MAKERS: Referring to the resolutions in your issue of March 28th, I wish to express my hearty endorsement of the same. I do not know of a Populist in my neighborhood who will consent to abandon a single issue of the Omaha platform, or who approves of any sort of fusion. If we can't win on our own principles let us accept defeat gracefully. Yours for Populism, R. C. HARDIN.

ALLEN, Neb., April 2, '95. Editor WEALTH MAKERS: The resolutions submitted to the state central committee by Mr. Wilbur F. Bryant, are the sentiment of Cedar county as expressed at their last county convention. This county (DIXON) passed similar resolutions, only stronger. Those resolutions are all right, the Omaha platform

is all right. And when the Populist party leaves out finance, transportation and land they can leave out your humble servant. WARNER STARR. (Mr. Starr is editor and proprietor of the Allen News.)

EDISON, Neb., April 1, '95. Editor WEALTH MAKERS:

In answer to your request for postal card opinions on resolutions would say, I endorse the same in its entirety, and would farther say, I don't see how a man of ordinary intellect and of principle could do otherwise. Yours for reform. M. V. B. MANLY.

OMAHA, Neb., April 2, '95. Editor WEALTH MAKERS: I am strongly in favor of the resolutions introduced by Judge Bryant, and what is more, believe that the Omaha platform of 1892 if changed in any way in 1896 should be made more radical. No fusion—he who is not with us is against us. WALTER BREEN.

TABLE ROCK, Neb., April 1, '95. Editor WEALTH MAKERS: In response to your request for a postal card vote on resolutions published in your paper, I must say that they meet with my unqualified approval. Especially would I endorse the last resolution pertaining to fusion, as I think that dickering with Bryan and the Democrats has done our party a lasting injury in this state. Respectfully, ELLIS E. WOLFE.

WEST UNION, Neb., April 1, '95. Editor WEALTH MAKERS: The Populist platform adopted at Omaha is good enough, and demands 16 to 1 silver and other needed reforms that we'll never lay aside. The men who undertake to sidetrack us on a one-plank platform will be sure to go down, and must bear the responsibility of killing the People's party. Better suffer defeat in the middle of the road, than victory won by fusion. Respectfully, A. B. HARTLEY.

NAPOSEE, Neb., April 1, '95. Editor WEALTH MAKERS: Those five resolutions accord with my views perfectly. Would like to add resolution that no man should receive nomination for any office that is not a straightforward good citizen. I believe immoral men running for office last fall, did more to defeat the Independent party than any other one thing. The quicker our people wake up to the importance of putting good men in nomination, the better it will be for us. Yours for reform until reform we have. S. S. BARNES.

INLAND, Neb., April 1, '95. Editor WEALTH MAKERS: I am in favor of Mr. W. F. Bryant's resolutions. A man is not a Populist who can not say that fusion and indorsing men of other parties is leading off from the right track, and will lead to no good for the Populist party. By inviting honest men from the two old rotten parties into ours we can do some good; but to fuse with either of the old parties will destroy our own, and the old parties will be as bad as before. Yours for keeping right in the middle of the road. LOUIS M. NELSON.

NEB. CITY, Neb., April 1, '95. Editor WEALTH MAKERS: In response to your request as to the indorsement of the resolutions submitted to the state central committee by Judge Bryant, I want to say that they have my unqualified support. While I am not a member of the committee, I was present when the resolutions were being discussed and by the courtesy of the committee was permitted to say a few words in support of the resolutions, believing then as I do now that they expressed a sentiment that must be sustained if we expect to build up the Populist party and make it the great political party of the future. Fraternally, ROBT. W. TRIMBLE.

HASTINGS, Neb., April 2, '95. Editor WEALTH MAKERS: I see in THE WEALTH MAKERS that you would like opinions on the Omaha platform of 1892. I am a middle-of-the-road Populist, and stand on the center of the Omaha platform with a two-hundred pound weight to hold it together. No compromise or fusion with either of the old parties. No side-tracking. I would rather fall in the middle of the road fighting for principles than die in the Democratic ditch, or at the side of it hunting for office. W. J. Bryan was the Democratic stool pigeon to snare and divide, and the Populists could all see it after it was too late. Yours respectfully, JOHN E. MOWERS.

IMPERIAL, Neb., Mar. 30, '95. Editor WEALTH MAKERS: I want to respond with emphatic Amen to the five resolutions introduced by Judge Bryant. This is no time for temporizing. We favor silver legislation as earnestly as do the silver Democrats, but free silver is only one of many equally or more important demands of the Omaha platform, and the single plank silver men would not respect us, if we were to abandon

or betray our principles for the sake of getting their votes. Better stand square on the platform and face defeat, than to sacrifice principle and sweep the political field. There are some things infinitely worse than defeat. Yours with both feet on the platform. J. W. MARTIN, (County Judge.)

DWIGHT, Neb., April 3, '95. Editor WEALTH MAKERS: The Omaha platform set our faces in the right direction, and it's a mighty poor time now to begin to wobble and look to the right or left, especially when the field is occupied by two parties, one of which is "busted" wide open, and the other has a record which would shame the devil. Hew to the line. W. L. DARNALL.

GILEAD, Neb., April 2, '95. Editor WEALTH MAKERS: I believe th- Bryant resolutions are all of them all right, but the first and fifth. I fail to find language sufficiently strong to express my unalterable devotion and attachment to; and the fourth is of vital importance to the party. Respectfully, F. X. PEARL.

STANTON, Neb., April 4, '95. Editor WEALTH MAKERS: In regard to the one plank platform, as secretary of the county central committee of Stanton county, I am opposed to it, first, last and at all times. Stand by the Omaha platform, fight against fusion in any form and keep in the middle of the road. Yours respectfully, W. H. WOODRUFF.

EMERALD, Neb., April 7, '95. Editor WEALTH MAKERS: In my deliberate opinion the Populist party has got to stand by its principles and avoid any and all appearances of fusion with the Democrats, or die. If our leaders make any apparent arrangements, go into any deals to spice teams, so that we get the name "demo-pops" attached to us we cannot win. If there is anything this year that indicates a deal with Democrats, or any going back on the grand principles of the Omaha platform, count me out. J. M. QUICK.

OKADALE, Neb., April 4, '95. Editor WEALTH MAKERS: The Populists of this county are for the within resolutions, postal card opinions asked; for I took pains to ask 16, and 14 of them said quick that they were their sentiments. The other two were a little doubtful; they had a little fusion blood in them. The resolutions are all O. K. for me. I say, no fusion. And the free silver party is gotten up to kill off the Populists. I say let Bryan and his clique go it alone. Our party is the noblest one in the country. T. W. STRATTON.

WESTON, Neb., April 1, '95. Editor WEALTH MAKERS: I endorse the W. F. Bryant resolutions soul and body. In regard to log-rolling which A and B spoke of at Lincoln would say, we are not stilled, and we have a good and true team that will haul and hard pull. Nor will they balk half way up the hill. We want no fusing, had enough of that last fall. All the Populists ask of the Democrats is to keep hands off. We don't propose to run our party for a set of office-seekers. We lost lots of votes here by fusion, and good Independents, too. If it is a going to be run into a Democrat machine we will vote the Republican ticket. We did not leave the Republican party to join the Democrats, and lots of our Populists have said they are glad we got beat, for it would learn our leaders a lesson. So keep in the middle of the road. Would say for myself, if they fuse again I will work as hard to defeat the fuse as I have to insure success for our principles. All our fellows say, give us the Omaha platform, no more, no less. Would say to all fusion leaders. Look out, or you will hear something drop. Yours, J. W. EDWARDS.

Concerning Those Resolutions EDISON, Neb., April 3rd, 1895. Editor WEALTH MAKERS: The resolutions of Mr. Wilbur F. Bryant to Populist state central committee meet with our hearty approval. Will the free and unlimited coinage of silver make interest rates cheaper? Will the abolition of national banks make depositors more safe? Double the amount of money in circulation and you double the amount of interest under existing conditions; and allowing that the product of labor should double in market value, as long as interest rates remain high labor receives no benefit save on existing debts. The interest taker is the hoarder of money. The great enterprises of our country are supposed to pay out all the money they gather in—and they are in the power of the interest gatherer. The demand for a place of safe deposit

Mr. Debs Speaks at Spokane Mr. Debs recently addressed a very large audience at Spokane, Washington, and we give below enough of his speech to show where the great A. R. U. president stands. He is a Populist clear through. He spoke in part as follows: "My fellow countrymen," said Debs, "I want first of all to thank you from the bottom of my heart for this most cordial greeting. I am not vain enough to think one moment that it is for myself personally this demonstration is made, but rather that it is for the manly body of men that I represent—as manly a body of men as ever enlisted in a great cause. "I assume that this meeting is held under the auspices of the People's party. I need not say that I am with you heart and soul. (Applause.) If ever we hew out our emancipation it will be by using the best endeavors for the only party of the people. "Both old parties are alike. Both are dominated by the money power. I am going to suggest that they be consolidated in name as well as in fact. The corporations are doing everything to defeat the People's party. And why? Because they know that when they succeed this government will be of and by and for the people, and will not be any longer run in the corporations' interests. "On the Union Pacific recently—you remember it—the company issued an order prohibiting the men from taking a part in politics. They did that because they knew their men favored the People's party and they knew, also, that the People's party would be run in their interests. They never interfered as long as the men voted the old party tickets. "But the People's party is more than a party. It is a philanthropic, a patriotic movement. It is a movement in which all of us can unite, can unify all our parties, and work out the emancipation of the workingmen all over America. "I appeal particularly to the working forces of this country. Under present conditions it is futile to strike. The entire social organization is against us. The courts are the corporations. Money power rules everywhere. Lincoln foresaw this with prophetic vision when he foretold the uprising of a great power the consequence of whose control he could not tell. And yet if a man were to say that now he would be classed as a "dangerous demagogue." "They did not repudiate Abraham Lincoln, in many respects the greatest American that ever lived. "It takes courage to be a Populist these days. They don't stop at ordinary reproaches, but a man's sanity is questioned. I have been charged with being a disturber of the peace. And here and now I accept the compliment. I am going to do what I can to keep on disturbing it until justice is done. (Applause.) "Our forefathers proclaimed the eternal truth that all men are created equal. They crowned themselves the people and accepted the ballot as the symbol of their sovereignty. "There never was a time when people were thinking harder than they are now. They were satisfied to think by proxy in olden days, but that has gone by. I am glad of the unrest. It promises the dawn of a better day. People are getting nearer to each other. "This movement is not a class movement. It embraces all who love their country and their fellow men. The People's party is often charged with not knowing what it wants. That may be so, but it knows what it doesn't want. (Laughter.) It doesn't want the corporations to ride rough shod over the people's ways. "Republicans and Democrats like to tell you about Jackson and Lincoln. If they were living today they would be Populists (Applause.) "My heart is with you. I hope this spirit will continue to prevail. Stand shoulder to shoulder, side by side. Redem this government, and restore it to the common people." The applause that followed shook the building.

The Coxey Library Literature Editor WEALTH MAKERS: Will you please tell your readers where they can find literature that will help to educate the "smart" business man. The average man in trade admits he is not posted on "finance," and the farmer now has a chance to educate every retail dealer in Nebraska by spending about two cents a month. Send to J. S. Coxey, Massillon, Ohio, a two cent stamp and get a copy of his argument before the ways and means committee of congress on his non-interest bond plan. Or, 100 copies will be sent to any club or alliance for \$1.00. Mr. Coxey is issuing a pamphlet form of literature called a "library," which puts financial questions in a clear and concise form, which it would be well for business men to study. The depressed conditions of trade in Illinois, Ohio, Iowa and Wisconsin shows how ignorant business men are, while the money lender and "financier" are educated and "right in it." My Populist friend, the time has come when you must educate the business man. Two cents spent to educate the man you buy goods of will bring you a good crop whether it rains or not. The average retailer is honest, and if shown the merits of the Populist principles in a cool reasoning manner he will be the friend of the farmer, his customer, as he ought to be. A. J. GUSTIN. (State papers please copy.)

IT IS DEAD AT LAST The Most Contemptible Mean and Corrupt Partisan Body Known LAST OF THE REP. BOODLES Closed With a Drunken Debauch After Doing the Work of their Masters, The Corporations Republicanism Now a Reproach

LINCOLN, Neb., Apr. 8, 1895. The twenty-fourth session of the Nebraska legislature is dead. Upon its demise, a bountiful rain fell all over Nebraska, and thus two blessings came at once. Amid a pandemonium such as would disgrace a lunatic asylum; amid the popping of beer corks, the gurgle of whisky bottles and a general drunken orgy; amid a hail of debris, waste paper, baskets and pamphlets; amid shouts, laughter, jest and song; the most disreputable legislature that ever burdened the state, breathed its last. God be thanked that its over. I know of very little to redeem it. Its presiding officers were tyrannical and unjust. Its extreme partisanship was nauseating. Its expenditures were lavish, notwithstanding the almost bankrupt condition of the state treasury and the prevailing hard times. It was thoroughly dominated by the corporations and the A. P. A. It appointed more employees than the law allowed; it elevated a railroad attorney to the U. S. senate. It voted away the People's money in a bounty to corporations; it indulged in a disgraceful scramble to take the appointing power away from the governor; it failed to pass a freight rate law or a stockyards law; it created a number of expensive, secure positions to be filled by republican politicians; it repealed the state depository law, thus allowing the state treasurer to steal \$75,000 a year of interest money from the people; it passed an irrigation bill that puts the whole irrigation system into the hands of a monopoly; it indulged in horseplay over the Barrett Scott matter, for political effect, and backed down when faced by the governor; it placed relief matters in the hands of a bureau that has been a scandal ever since it started; it passed a county relief bill that was so clumsy it could be put into effect nowhere in the state; and finally it died in the throes of a drunken debauch that was characteristic of itself and a fitting close to its labors. In the language of the confession, "It did those things which it ought not to have done and left undone those things which it ought to have done; and there was no health in it." It ought to have died two weeks sooner than it did.

THE LAST OF THE AGONY. The principal features of the last week were the overriding of two of the governor's vetoes and the windup. On Monday the governor vetoed the bill placing the appointing of the Omaha fire and police commission in the hands of the attorney-general and land commissioner; and the bill placing the power to designate newspapers to publish the constitutional amendments in the hands of the secretary of the state. Both veto messages were able documents. Consideration of them was delayed until Wednesday when both bills were passed over the veto.

THE A. P. A. RUNS THINGS. The great fight was over the bill to place the Omaha fire and police commission in the hands of the attorney-general and commissioner of public lands and buildings. This was an A. P. A. measure pure and simple. The fight to pass it was the greatest of the session. The A. P. A. lobby fairly swarmed the corridors and floor. It hooted, yelled and insulted members. It was led by Tom Majors and worked to gain its end through the entire session. The bill was intended as a slap at the Omaha Bee. The Populists, excepting one man, were solidly opposed to it. It passed with three votes to spare and Rosewater's colors went trailing in the dust.

THE APPROPRIATIONS. It is impossible to get at the exact figures on the appropriation bills at this time; but it is known that they have been very much increased over two years ago. This increase will probably amount to a quarter of a million of dollars. When to this is added the quarter of a million appropriated for relief purposes, the appropriations will reach a round half million more than those made by the session of '93. There is a little Populist economy compared with Republican extravagance.

APPOINTMENTS. It is rumored all around the state house that Capt. P. H. Barry, the one-armed leader of the Pops, on the floor of the last house, will be adjutant-general. His selection will be a good one. It is also rumored that Uncle Barney Johnston will be one of the secretaries of the state

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