

just as the horse or cow, and their treatment should be such as shall secure the largest product with the smallest outlay.

Government Railroads in New South Wales

One plank in our platform calls for government ownership of railroads, etc. In New South Wales a province of Australia the people own the railroad system, and their record of ownership is a good one.

The Cost in Wheat

In the administration of Franklin Pierce—and it certainly never was accused of severe economy—the total cost of the national government was not quite 40,000,000 bushels of wheat per year.

The Cry From the Ground

There never was a greater humbug on earth than this thing called representative government. At Washington and every state capital where government is in theory supposed to go on by the people, for the people, what is the spectacle presented?

Free Coinage Not Enough

We need more money, but a much greater need is a system of issue which will put the money we have into circulation. Free coinage would of course increase the volume to the extent of the added coinage and the new money would go into general circulation, but free coinage alone is by no means an adequate remedy for the present deplorable financial condition.

Free Coinage a Nonpartisan Question

It seems to be generally admitted that in future political campaigns the money question will become the leading issue to be settled by the parties. Then it is very proper to ask what constitutes the money question? Is the free coinage of silver, 16 to 1, the entire money question? We answer, no! Yet there are those who would have the people believe the silver question constitutes the money question.

At present prices the people cannot afford to borrow money with which to do business at any interest, much less at present rates of interest. The money now being loaned is mainly to pay debts or meet pressing necessities. Another check to circulation is the fact that the security of the common people has been exhausted in obtaining the money already borrowed. On the debts already contracted high rates of interest are exacted, and at present prices these debts with the interest cannot be paid, and consequently no more money can be borrowed by the mortgaged class.

These are the general facts in the financial situation and it is as plain as daylight that the only remedy is to lift prices and lower the rates of interest. To raise prices and lower the rates of interest, money in sufficient volume to meet the requirements of business must flow into general circulation, and to secure this sufficient volume and general circulation, national banks of issue and banks of deposit must retire from the field and give place to government banks. This system would make deposits absolutely secure, do away with usury, provide loans to the people at a small per cent above the cost of issue and cause all the money of the country to flow out from the centers into general circulation.

The Wealth Makers

It is no less important. Can the editor give us some estimate of the amount of money that has been wrung from the people through (pirates) bank failures during the last three years past? The second resolution is all right. When you have reformed Hades then you may undertake the reformation of earth of the old parties. Yes, there is Mr. Bryan, and the Bryan Democrats, but when we speak of Messrs. Castor and Morton you make grimaces. The ring master is essential to a circus as a clown; and these gentlemen all go with the Democratic show. I mean no disrespect to these gentlemen personally. It is no longer a secret that the leading Democrats intend to name our leaders or kill the People's party. This same treatment killed the Greenback party, the anti-monopoly movement, and was getting in its work on the Union Labor party when the People's party was handed out by the Alliance. Men were elected to office through the influence of the Alliance who called themselves Independents before election, but after election attended every Democratic ratification from McCook to Omaha. The Alliance demands have been repudiated in part by these men in the halls of Congress. It is given out that the late banquet at the Lindell Hotel, Lincoln, was very much Democratic. Yet we are expected to tell our former Republican members that there is no Democratic side-show about it—that we are all in the middle of the road. Mr. J. V. Wolfe and many other former Democrats we believe have tried to keep first pledges, "no fusion." But there are many others who have not kept good faith in this matter. We respectfully ask here and how that the spirit and letter of the 4th and 5th of Mr. Bryan's resolutions be faithfully adhered to in the future. You can not make Democrats of Independents, and the fair-minded Democrats could scarcely expect or desire such an event, after the two years of Democratic debauch in governmental affairs.

From Ex-State Lecturer Fairchild

I feel so confident of the intelligence and honest conviction and patriotism of the thousands of Populist voters whom I have had the privilege of meeting in council and meetings throughout the state, I cannot believe that many of them will be found who will desert the Omaha platform and the lines now formed, to join the Demos, single-plank silver party, or any other party gotten up for the purpose of saving any old party ship and a remnant of its private crew. Government ownership and management of the entire system of money, transportation, and land is what humanity, justice and God demands at our hands. Are we then like true noble patriots equal to this demand, ready to make any and all sacrifice that justice and truth may be preserved to mankind? Should there be any of our chosen leaders who through a lack of knowledge of the demands of the people or through selfish ambitions are advocating fusion with our former enemies, they had better place their ears to the ground and catch the rumbling sound of warning, or get out of the way, that their places may be filled by those whose only ambition is to voice the sentiment of the people. Your Christian Co-operative movement is the grandest step taken and its efforts must lead to the final triumph of justice, truth, and love. S. C. FAIRCHILD, Oakdale, Nebraska.

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IT IS DEAD AT LAST

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board of transportation, in return for his vote on the Omaha fire and police bill. The wardship matter is not yet settled; neither is the Norfolk asylum, though it is generally conceded the latter will go to Dr. Mackay, of Madison. It is thought that as soon as the governor gets through with the consideration of bills, the remainder of the appointments will be speedily made.

CONCLUSION.

This letter ends my correspondence for this winter. I desire to offer one word of apology: Having held one or two other positions, I have not had the time to devote to this work that I should have liked. I have done the best I could, however, and think I have given a brief and impartial report of the proceedings of the session. If my castigations have been somewhat severe, they have been honest; and I say now and I hope without prejudice, that this has been absolutely the poorest makeshift of a legislature I have ever seen—I do not even except that of '91, which, God knows, was bad enough. This legislature has been the most unfair the most partisan, the most thoroughly dominated by corporations, and of the least benefit to the people, of any that Nebraska has known—at least in the last decade.

Now that the incubus has been thrown off, and the rains promise to be bounteous, we may expect our state to step once more into the road to prosperity, which it will never more desert; for the curse of the dronch and the other curse, equally bad, of Republican domination, are both at an end; let us hope over.

Concerning Those Resolutions

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