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fraigned for Its Crimes ms of Robbery Denounced.

ATRICE, Neb., June 15, 1892.-Hon. J. Sloat Fassett, Temporary Chairman, Hon. Wm. McKinley, Permanent Chairman Republican Convention, or Whichever is Custodian of the Gavel:

You came into possession on or about the 7th of June, of a certain "gavel" made from wood surreptitiously taken from the first homestead ever entered in the United States.

This homestead was taken by me, and I still own and reside upon it.

This demand upon you for the return of the said gavel is insisted upon as a matter of sentiment only, and not on account of the value of the property or the pecuniary loss.

I was one of the founders of the party dregs and damaged remnants led with the gavel from me.

elped to found it. andless," and the evoted to homes restriction pre, together with a nation's revenues, were turned over by your party to gratify the greed and rapacity of railroad cor porations and to spawn a multitude, millionaires.

While paying the soldiers of Union in depreciated greenback, the wealthy money loaners were given bonds of the country drawing given in gold, and the e bonds originally pay in gold, and there bonds originally payable in greenbacks, were by early by the fiat of a statut, made payable in coin, and by a subsquent piece of legislative legerderma made payable in the subsquent piece of legislative legerderma. able in gold.

The system of legislation to enrich he rich and to impoverish the poor was fitly completed by the establishment of that crowning outrage of the time the national banking system.

The overmastering power of these corporations which are the children of your party, is at length manifest. Notwithetanding the promises of parties, as a ondi ion to success at the polls, the mondary system of this nation is still in the hands of private corporations who us it to increase their already monstrons fortunes, and to multiply into millions the army of tramps and vagabonds which were the inevi table product of your party policy.

While the working people of the nation are swiftly joining the vast army of vagabonds, the manufacturermillionaires are piling up collossal fortimes at the expense of the consumers s tion under the pretense of price for their products that them to pay high water to

True it would enable them to do so. But although this monstrous system of robbery of the many for the enrichment of the few does render them amply able to pay wages yet the result is a constant reduction of wages and a constant increase in the millions piled up by these cormorants.

The railroad corporations fostered and fattened by your party at the expense of the body of the people, have in the last few years approached so near to omnipotence that government, both state and national, has been compelled to abdicate and these creatures ur party having grown so strong laws of the country are powercontrol them, have secured a te form of government for themtnown as a railway commission.

spectacle is presented to the of a class of citizens not amenthe laws of the land, but having regulations of their own con-

penold, then, the grand result of the management of your party:

public domain turned over as a ity to robbers, the finances of the buntry in the hands of the spoilers of the people and the public highways of the nation turned over bodily to high-

The people of the nation are weary of being plundered under pretense of law. Robbery is still robbery no matter what the form which may be given to it. There is no longer justice or a consideration of the general welfare anywhere. The people groan and cry out for relief from intolerable oppressions and are answered with sneers and called in derision "calamity howlers," For many years we looked to your party for relief from these oppressions. Time has at length convinced us that such hope is vain. The enemies of the people have taken complete possession of your organization and it is today the very emblem of Wall street greed and avarice without a thought for the mass of the people.

These facts and this condition of things thus faintly outlined has driven me from the party thus prostituted to the country's ruin, and has compelled me, with thousands of others, to attempt through the people's party to restore the people of the nation to their rights and avert those dire calamities which in all times have followed wickedness in this world.

And this being the condition of mind obtaining with me, I cannot consent in silence that this gavel, made of my timber, given me in the days of republican grandeur, shall be prostituted to the base office of keeping order in a convention of that party when it has gone so far from its original purposes: has nade its if the champion of the arried out a few enemies of human liberty and human dons under pacipuights, and is certainly and rapidly

the string this country into a bloody and crible civil war.

Under these circumstances I demand the return of the gavel, and unless you are willing to add to the other cranes of your party—that of receiving stolen goods know. goods, knowing them to be stolen-I shall expect the immediate return of the same. the same. Awaiting your si PREEMAN.

Owner of homestead No 1: "opplication No. 1; entry No. 1; patent No. 1; recorded in page 11, vol. No. 1, records general office.

B. & M. Stories.

Just before election I was greeted upon the street with "good morning." coming from our present Judge Waters, who wore a 7 x 9 smile, the kind usually seen upon candidates before election. Waters asked me for my vote, saying that he "needed all the votes he could get." I said "I believe you are a B. & M. man; you were nominated by the B. & M. and if elected will work attest. He was a most eloquent public every way bossible for them." "Well" says he, "I will take all the votes I can get whether B & M. or not." I took pression of intense earnestness and unhe chances and voted for Alien, and swerving loyalty to the cause of the I lost in one respect. But from the great common people which charactera ticle in last evenings Sun, headed ized him. Unable to combat him on "Mayor Weir did a humane act." I be- questions of justice, and unable to lieve I am right on the "ownership" of crush the great popular movement for the police judge: it is B. & M. But that the freedom of the masses, his political is nothing. If I am going to tell B. & comments have resorted to the visual M. stories I might as well tell a good weapons of warm and tried by every one;

AB & M applye who is so unfortunate as to weigh 245 pounds but who is also so fortunate as to weigh down \$100.-00 when the pay car comes around, is desirous of going to Chicago, and tak ing treatment to reduce his avordupois. Well a subscription paper is sent the rounds among the poor laborers and a fee of \$2.00 each is asked to bear the expense, and if the amount is not forthcoming the delinquent is,-well they find some excuse to lay said laborer off Many a poor laborer (who is asked to bear the expense of cutting down this corpulency,) is only getting \$1.30 for a 12 hour day.

The above is not a one man's story but I can furnish you at least one column per week of such B. & M. "ism" provided you will not crowd out more important news. KOHRN.

The Lincoln Road Grader was one of the leading features of the parade on Thursday. For information address

LINCOLN ROAD GRADER, Lincoln, Neb.

If you play or sing, you should have a few of Mr. Gibson's "Songs of the

COL. L. L. POLK.

Col. Polk's death has called fort many expressions of profound grie and many tributes of respect and love from those who knew him as a leader and fellow worker in the cause of industrial liberty. The following are clipped from a few of the leading reform papers of the nation:

THE VANGUARD.

His sacrifices were many, and generously made. His positions were conscientiously taken, and steadfastly kept. He was sincere and men trusted him. He was honest and able, and they did not fear to follow him. His belief that independent political action is the farmer's way out of worse than Egyptian bondage, was of great weight when other men as honest, but not as farsighted, questioned such action. Not the least of the good deeds to be recorded of him is the part he has taken ir blending the blue and the gray, in the burial of sectional strife between brothers.

THE NATIONAL ECONOMIST.

Cil. Polk was one of the greatest, grandest and best men of modern times, a man who held the first place in more hearts among the farmers and laborers of America than any other man of his

The thoughts and words that are addressed to the memory of this great leader must ever be of the highest praise and most profound respect and veneration.

He was the friend and champion of the poor and oppressed, and his sympathy always went out freely to those in trouble and distress. In intellectual attainments and ability he was the peer of any man, and his oratory was of the highest order, enabling him to touch the most susceptible heart-strings of his entaptured hearers in his Godinspired appeals for truth and justice. He possessed a heart big enough to love the world, and of too fine a texture to ever for a moment admit an impure motive. He combined, with an indomitable perseverance and energy. a pure christian manhood which enabled him to square the problems of every day life with the law of God. No higher plane than his can be reached by man. A proper conception of responsibility to God, of duty to himself and fellow man, are essential attributes of a great leader, and this man possessed them in the hignest degree.

THE MARION INDEPENDENT.

Col. Polk was a man of brilliant abilities, of unquestioned honesty of purpose, and of unequaled executive capacity, as his remarkably successful guidance of the farmers' alliance to its present position as a reform factor will speaker, and every one who has ever heard him will at once recall the imblacken his good name, but utherly without effect other than to ma clearer their own infamy and his i rightness of character and his unsullipatriotism in the cause of the people.

THE VIRGINIA SUN.

Col. Polk is dead. It is the sad, painful truth, and there is no escaping it. Our truest, our bravest, our best is taken from us, and ten million hearts throb their grief in sympathetic unison.

Among living Americans not one could die who would be more widely, sadly and lovingly missed. His death makes a void in ten million hearts, and none can fill it.

But, brothers, let our tribute to the memory of our beloved leader be the tribute that he himself would most have wished. Let us consecrate ourselves afresh to the cause for which he died. Remember that he was fond of saying that the cause was greater than any leader, as though he had premonition of his untimely taking off. Let us prove his saying true, and by a united and determined stand pluck victory from death. Perchance the All-Merciful Father will permit our dear departed brother to see of the travail of is soul and be satisfied.

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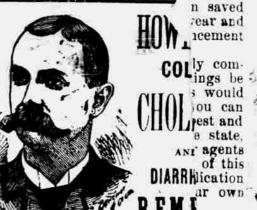
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