

NEBRASKA'S DELEGATION.

Not long ago we reviewed the delegation sent by the republicans of Nebraska to represent them in the Minneapolis convention. We showed that that delegation of sixteen contained, seven lawyers, six bankers, and not one farmer. It is with pride that we now review the delegation of thirty-two elected by the independents to represent them in the Omaha convention:

FIRST DISTRICT.

- O. Hull, of Lancaster,.....Farmer.
- E. P. Ingersoll, of Johnson,.... "
- L. G. Todd, of Cass,..... "
- Geo. A. Abbott, of Richardson, "

SECOND DISTRICT.

- R. M. Carpenter, of Sarpy,....Farmer.
- L. R. Fletcher, of Washington, "
- S. D. Rynearson, S. Omaha, Liveryman.
- Paul Vandervoort, Omaha, Politician.

THIRD DISTRICT.

- J. M. Devine, of Colfax,.....Farmer.
- Fred Jewell, of Platte,..... "
- R. F. Jones, of Burt,..... "
- W. V. Allen, of Madison,.....Lawyer.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

- Daniel Freeman, of Gage,.....Farmer.
- Fred Newberry, of Hamilton,.. "
- J. D. P. Smalls, of York,..... "
- N. M. Goodell, of Saline,..... "

FIFTH DISTRICT.

- T. B. Keedle, of Kearney,.....Farmer.
- F. Soderman, of Phelps,..... "
- Ed. Thierson, of Hall,..... "
- J. H. Lincoln, of Frontier,....Lawyer.

SIXTH DISTRICT.

- L. C. Stockton, of Cheyenne,....Editor.
- A. J. Scott, of Buffalo,.....Farmer.
- J. L. Claffin, of Howard,.....Editor.
- Ralph Lewis, of Keya Paha, ..Farmer.

DELEGATES AT LARGE.

- J. V. Wolfe, of Lancaster,....Farmer.
- J. Kelley McCombs, of Douglas, "
- W. H. Poynter, of Boone,..... "
- I. D. Chamberlain, of Polk,....Editor.
- W. A. McKeighan, of Webster, Farmer.
- Wm. Neville of Lincoln,.....lawyer.
- John H. Powers of Hitchcock, farmer.
- C. H. Van Wyck, of Otoe,.....farmer.

The delegation contains just twenty-four farmers, and with only a very few exceptions, they are actual working farmers who hold the plow handles and wield the pitchfork. All such may with equal propriety be classed as laboring men. There are three lawyers and three editors, a very fair proportion of the whole.

The independents in their choice of delegates have recognized by acts what the republicans only recognize in empty words, i. e., that agriculture is the basis of prosperity. This delegation comes fresh from the fields of Nebraska, knowing well by experience just what are the needs and sentiments of the farmers. They will work for the interest of the farmers, but in so doing they will act for the interest of every other class of men who earn an honest living.

In point of ability, Nebraska's delegation is probably the best and most creditable that ever represented the state in a national convention. They are without exception men of excellent standing in business and society. They are men of intelligence and good individual judgment. They are men who have ideas on political questions, and who have the courage of their convictions. On the whole Nebraska's delegation is one to be proud of.

The choice of I. D. Chamberlain for a delegate-at-large to the Omaha convention was an act of honor to a man who has done more for this movement and asked less from it than almost any other man in the state.

CORRUPTED BY OVER-CONFIDENCE

In his great speech nominating Harrison at Minneapolis, Chauncey M. Depew told how the republican party had held power for nearly twenty-five years after the war. He said:

The conditions of republican victory from 1860 to 1880 were created by Abraham Lincoln and Ulysses S. Grant. They were that the saved republic should be run by its saviors. For twenty-five years there were names with which to conjure, and events fresh in the public mind which were eloquent with popular enthusiasm. It needed little else than a recital of the glorious stories of its heroes and a statement of the achievements of the republican party to retain the confidence of the people.

Mr. Depew thus in a few words uncovers the cause of the corruption of the republican party. It was killed by the over-confidence of the people. During that period there was no thinking done on political questions. The great mass of republican voters were hero worshippers or party-worshippers. This condition of the public mind operated to clothe the organized leadership of the party with almost unlimited power. To abuse such power was only natural. The best and noblest men can not safely be trusted with such power. There were many such men in the early leadership of the party, but with few exceptions they were either compelled to yield to corrupting influences, or be crowded out by more cunning and selfish men.

Organized capital and organized bankers and bond holders saw their opportunity. They invaded the halls of legislation demanding the enactment of laws in their interests. Manufacturers asked the maintenance and increase of the high war tariffs. Railroad corporations asked subsidies and land grants. The bankers and bondholders asked for the payment of bonds in gold, the destruction of the greenbacks, the demonetization of silver. All these powerful interests got what they asked through the republican party. And when campaign time came around, the party leaders shouted the names of Lincoln and Grant, recounted the valorous deeds of the nation's defenders, aroused the passions and prejudices resulting from the war, and by these means induced the people to ratify the action of the party.

So fell the republican party from its high estate. And so far has it fallen that not only has every great leader who has tried to stem the tide of corruption been retired, but now even those who are suspected of sympathy with the people are denied the leadership of the party—as Mr. Blaine for example.

Mr. Depew's words are worthy of preservation. Whoever will carefully study the history of the past twenty-five years will see not only that his words are true, but also that the fact he so forcibly points out could not have resulted otherwise than in the utter corruption of the republican party.

People for ages have been taught to sing "God Save the King." But we have a song for the people's party entitled, "God Save the People." "The common people." It should be the song everywhere. See our catalogue and price list.

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