

WAS IT TREASON?

On the evening of July 8th, Jerry Simpson of Kansas, addressing a great mass meeting of laborers in Philadelphia said:

The introduction of the Pinkertons into the state came under the head of high treason, and that they, with Mr. Carnegie, should be tried and hung for murder.

Many persons will doubtless pass this statement by as the language of an impassioned orator, but we believe it is worthy of serious consideration as a matter of law and fact.

To begin with, there has been an "armed invasion" of the state of Pennsylvania. Several coach loads of armed men were brought into the state organized and officered as an army. But this army was not organized under the authority of the United States or any state. Its officers had no legal authority to command armed troops. This army came into the state fully prepared to shoot down citizens of Pennsylvania, and within a few hours after they came within the borders of the state, they did shoot a number of the citizens of the state of Pennsylvania.

This army was brought into the state at the instance of Carnegie, Phipps & Co., and hence the members of that corporation, who are citizens of Pennsylvania, are responsible for an armed invasion of the state. If this be not treason to the state of Pennsylvania in law, it certainly is in fact.

There neither is nor can be any excuse for bringing into that state an armed force of private soldiers. The laws of the state provide for ample protection to the lives and property of its citizens. In case the municipal authorities are unable to render this protection, the county and state authorities in turn may be called upon, and the constitution of the United States provides that the power of the general government shall be exercised to prevent internal disturbance in case the authorities of the state are insufficient.

But without having used, much less exhausted, the legal authorities that were at its service, this corporation imported an armed force from Chicago, with the results before stated.

We are not well enough versed in the technicalities of law to say whether or not Andrew Carnegie and his hired assassins can be convicted of treason under the statutes of Pennsylvania. But of this we feel certain, that in the court of enlightened public opinion, they must be held MORALLY GUILTY OF TREASON TO AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS.

ONE Mr. Johnsey, weiner-wurst peddler, while at a wedding in Omaha, forcibly extracted a kiss from the lips of a Bohemian lady guest whose beauty, Johnsey thought, justified the procedure. The weiner-wurst man thought he was a "weinner" but the lady guest thought she got the "wurst" of it. She and her husband therefore laid the matter before Judge Berka, to whom the public is indebted for fixing the value of an Omaha kiss of Bohemian extraction at \$40 and attendant costs; and, it should be added, that they are considered cheap at that.

WHEN the state board of transportation reduced the cost of shipment of apples from Nebraska City to Kearney, by way of Omaha, why did it not think to reduce the distance by making a rate direct from Nebraska City to Kearney, through Lincoln? The board got a tremendous big curve on itself when it made its rate around by the way of Omaha and up the Platte.

OFFICE-HOLDING POLITICIANS.

The adoption, by the Omaha convention, of a resolution prohibiting public officials from serving as delegates in future conventions of the party, is attracting much favorable comment, not only from members of the party but from honest men in the old parties.

No man who has watched the course of political affairs can deny that in both old parties the disposition of the men in office to manipulate the conventions of their party in the interests of their own retention in office, has become a menace to the republic and an impediment in the way of carrying out the will of the people.

What has been generally conceded in this line has been vividly typified in the recent conventions, especially in the national republican convention at Minneapolis where a horde of office-holders came together with a horde of railroad and corporation favorites of the administration, and laid their plans for their own perpetuation in office.

It has remained for the people's party to sound the note of reform in this, as in many other lines. The declaration has gone forth that office-holders shall have no hand in the conventions that are to pass upon their future retention in office. This is not only a step in the right direction but is one which will win much respect for the new party. The old party manipulators may talk as much as they please about the new party being in the hands of a lot of fellows who simply want office, but the course which the new party is pursuing gives the lie to such statements and proves beyond question that the people's party is in the hands of the people and that the greatest possible effort is being put forth to prevent its falling into the hands of office-holders and office-seekers.

Our reform papers should take hold of this question and keep it constantly before the people. The masses are thoroughly imbued with the belief that there is no honesty in politics, that every man who is in politics is after something for himself and that one set of fellows is just about as good and just about as bad as any other set. If it can now be forced upon the attention of the public that the new party has decreed that every man in office shall stand or fall by reason of his work in office rather than his work in future conventions, the new party will receive credit for having made one of the grandest revolutions in politics which modern history has witnessed. Let the people know the truth and the new party will profit thereby.

BARON CARNEGIE.

The following press dispatch will show what Andrew Carnegie is doing while the widows and orphans made by his hired assassins at Homestead are shedding bitter tears of grief and despair over their dead fathers and husbands:

CARNEGIES OFF FOR THE LAKES.
LONDON, July 8.—A four-in-hand, luxuriously and splendidly equipped, left Braemaer, Aberdeen-hire, this morning for Loch Rannoch, Perthshire. It contained Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Carnegie, Miss Whitfield and Mr. Armitage, and they were on their way to one of the most charming spots in Scotland, where they will make their summer headquarters. Mr. Carnegie seemed much brighter under the influence of the bracing air and delightful highland scenery, and had evidently overcome the agitation which affected him yesterday but still refused to be interviewed and declined to say whether he had any knowledge of the struggle and loss of life at Homestead.

SENATOR MANDERSON.

Senator Manderson has been in the U. S. senate eight years and we have yet to hear of anything of importance that he has accomplished for the people of Nebraska. We do not propose to enter into a discussion of his record here, not for the want of space, but for the want of record.

But the Senator has been heard from at last. He has introduced a bill (by request) for the creation of a "national highway commission." He has also made a nice little speech in which he tells about the great future of the nation's highways. He believes in "the construction ultimately by this government of great highways or boulevards that shall connect metropolitan centers, and the use thereon of different modern vehicles." "Boulevards" is good. It is French you know, and very much more high-toned than the term "big road" used by the vulgar masses. The Senator is progressive too. He wants to see "modern vehicles" used on these roads, not the clumsy chariots and carts of the ancients. He mentions particularly "the bicycle." He says "no one can foresee what will be the final development of that excellent implement," especially when we find out how to store up electricity, etc. Proceeding he says:

I do not believe there could be a better expenditure of public money than to aid the states in the construction of a great model highway that would connect the city of Washington with the city of New York, passing through the cities of Baltimore and Philadelphia. Every farmer and producer along the road would be infinitely benefitted.

How nice that would be indeed, and all in the interest of the farmer and producer you know. They "would be infinitely benefitted." Perhaps the Senator refers to the infinite pleasure the farmers along that model highway would derive from seeing the sons and daughters of eastern millionaires spin along these "boulevards" on electrical bicycles while they (the farmers) toil and sweat in their fields to raise money to pay the interest on their mortgages held by the aforesaid millionaires.

And how enjoyable it will be for Senator Manderson's farmer constituents to pay the taxes for building and maintaining this "model highway between Washington and New York!" The tariff will have to be raised a little higher you see, and the farmers of Nebraska will be "infinitely benefitted," by an increase in the blessings of protection!

Yes, Senator Manderson is determined to be heard from. When his term is out the people of Nebraska will also be heard from, and Senator Manderson will retire to private life "by request."

A Glee Club Organizer.

W. A. Howard, of the Schumann quartette of Lincoln the quartette which did such fine singing at the Omaha convention, we are glad to inform the public, will respond to any appeals for his services in the drilling and formation of glee clubs, and will furnish music for conventions, meetings and rallies for the people's party. Those wishing his services should write for dates and terms to the Alliance Publishing Co.

Mr. Howard traveled eight years with the celebrated Baker family and has done much singing in campaigns. He will sing the "Songs of the People" our sheet music series, including some choice new songs not yet in print.

WHAT IS BACK OF IT.

The bankers of the country realize that government banking is one of the coming issues, and they see in Hon. O. M. Kem a champion of that idea. Whenever a member of congress has the courage to introduce and advocate a measure that endangers their power, the bankers organize a war on him with a view to his retirement. It appears to us that the present attack on Mr. Kem and his banking bill furnishes an excellent illustration of this fact.

Not long since the writer fell into conversation with a man whom he knew as a professed independent in a city of central Nebraska. He showed a very accurate knowledge of the standing of every bank in his city, also an accurate knowledge of the standing of Lincoln banks. He had in his pocket copies of bank statements which he explained minutely. Finally the conversation drifted around to Kem's banking bill. He at once began to assail and ridicule Mr. Kem and the bill using exactly the same arguments that have been used by W. C. Holden. He also said that all of the farmers in central Nebraska had had enough of Kem. Further conversation with this man convinced the writer that he is in the employ of the bankers' association which opinion was greatly strengthened by the fact that although he remained here several days, he carefully avoided making his business known. This circumstance taken with several others leads us to believe that the bankers' association is behind the fight on Mr. Kem and his bill.

SHOW YOUR LOYALTY.

July 24th, and August 16th, are the dates set by the national committee of the people's party for meetings everywhere to raise campaign funds.

The people should respond to this call with promptness and liberality. This is the true way to ratify the work of the Omaha convention.

Let meetings be held everywhere on the 24th and collections be taken up to start the campaign. Then let subscription books be opened for funds to be paid in monthly till the close of the campaign.

Where is the loyal independent who cannot pay one dollar per month or more? Let us show our political opponents that we mean business, by putting up the "sinews of war" for the great contest.

TAKE off your coat and roll up your sleeves for the independent ticket.

"WE must have harmony in the democratic party," said one of Gov. Boyd's appointees out at the insane asylum, as he knocked down a fellow appointee.

THE new people's party paper of Georgia got 1,374 new subscribers week before last. Looks like the people's party "craze" is on with a vengeance down there.

TO THE state board of transportation, Greeting: Please let us have a reduction in the freight rate on green tomatoes from Lincoln to Beatrice, by the way of Chadron.

THE Philadelphia Press says the the republicans may yet win in the coming campaign notwithstanding the declination of W. J. Campbell, the man selected for chairman of the national committee. To a man up a tree such a remark indicates that the machine is in a badly rattled condition.