

## THE ALLIANCE-INDEPENDENT.

### IN THE FIRST DISTRICT.

The Independent Congressional convention for the First district has been called to meet at Nebraska City, August 18th. The independents should organize without delay and prepare for a most determined fight to elect a congressman. Their chances are certainly as good as the chances of either old party. There is going to be a bitter contest between the two old parties and if the independents will keep strictly in the middle of the road and make a vigorous fight, they can win.

Fields, the republican nominee, is a railroad tool, and a man that no farmer or laboring man can afford to support. He was nominated by the machine men of his party, and by machine methods of the worst character. Hundreds of republicans will refuse to support him.

Bryan, the democratic nominee, has greatly disappointed the people of the district who want real reform. On the stump he condemned protection. But when he got down to Washington, he fell in with that crowd of make-shift, piece-meal reformers, led on by Springer. Instead of making a general fight on the whole protective policy, they have tried to fish for the votes of the farmers by giving them free binding twine, and thrown out free wool as a bait to the woolen factories of New England. The whole course of the democratic house on the tariff question has been cowardly and disappointing, and Mr. Bryan is largely responsible for this course.

His course on the silver question has been still more disappointing. Although he talks loud for silver when he is in Nebraska, he has hardly opened his mouth on that question in the house. When he is invited out to address democratic clubs in the eastern states, he is very careful to confine himself to the tariff, and no one who ever hears him would even suspect him of being a free coinage man.

Mr. Bryan also supported Springer for speaker, a man who is outspoken in his advocacy of an international silver conference. Does Mr. Bryan want the gold standard monarchies of Europe to dictate our financial policy? If not, why did he vote for Springer? These are facts which Mr. Bryan must face in the campaign.

Let the independents put up a good man, let them organize thoroughly, and make the right kind of a fight and they can send to Washington a true representative of the people.

THE Bee's Washington correspondent makes a sickly attempt to misrepresent Kem. He says Kem voted on the 27th to protect national bankers from investigation. The facts according to the Bee's report do not justify any such conclusion. A resolution was introduced for political capital by a Pennsylvania republican that was intended to white-wash the national banking system by instituting a comparison between it and the old wild-cat banking system. Mr. Kem was certainly right in opposing such a resolution. The people care nothing about the old wild-cat banking system. They know the national banking system is false in principle and damnable in practice. What they want is government banking, and because Mr. Kem advocates this, the money power sets its dogs on him. But the people know Kem, and their confidence in him will not be shaken by such lying reports.

Do not be alarmed brother, when the ringsters tell you that this new movement is only a democratic side show. The people's party is making as bad a hole in the solid south as it is in the north. The democratic leaders of the south are raising the cry that the people's party is organized simply to break up the democratic party and help the republicans. The people's party is organized to build up the cause of the people because both old parties have failed to do it. The most strenuous efforts of both old parties will be put forth this fall against the real representatives of the people, named by this new party, and the effort will be no less determined upon the part of the southern democrats than by the northern republicans. Read what the Columbia (S. C.) Cotton Planter says about the fight on Watson the great independent leader, now in congress from that state:

Tom Watson is the most popular man in Georgia, if we are to judge by the efforts used to defeat him for congress in the Tenth district. General Gordon, Governor Northen and other prominent and influential men are aiding Major Black the democratic candidate, in his campaign against Watson. In the meantime Watson is attending strictly to his duties in Washington. The query is, if it takes three of the ablest men in Georgia to fight Tom when he ain't there, how many is it going to take when he is on the spot?

### LANCASTER COUNTY INDEPENDENTS.

The Lancaster county independents hold their county convention next Monday at 10 a. m. Saturday, Aug. 6th, is the date set for the holding of primaries.

The county convention will put in nomination two candidates for the state senate, five for representatives, one for county attorney and one for county commissioner.

Every independent voter in the county should turn out to the primary on Saturday. The nomination of good men for these offices is a matter of the highest importance. If good men are named and a vigorous fight made, the whole ticket can be elected. The republicans are straining every nerve to maintain their hold on this county. Their organized activity must be met by organized activity. It is the only road to success. But if that road is taken, there is an excellent chance to wrest this county from the control of the g. o. p.

### Another Ladies' Olub.

A Weaver and Field club was organized by the ladies of Nelson, Nuckolls county, July 16. It now has over sixty members. Mrs. L. M. Kemerer is president; vice-president, Miss Lou Rouse; secretary, Miss Lida Jones; treasurer, Mrs. Edith Bur. At the rally last Saturday they had charge of the refreshments from which they raised \$60 campaign funds.

The funds raised by the club will be used in scattering good literature among the people. They meet once per week to discuss reform questions. They have sent to Chicago and got a flag twenty feet long. On one of its stripes appear the words: "Weaver and Field Are In the Middle of the Road." When this flag was displayed on the street at Nelson, some of the g. o. p. ringsters raised a howl that the flag was "defaced" by the printed letters. They sought to frighten the women, with threats of arrest, into taking down the flag. But the ladies

### BY HIS OWN WORDS.

Whitelaw Reid is condemned by the words of his own mouth uttered deliberately, and in the presence of a large company. How many voters will go to the polls and support a man who admits that his business makes of him a perpetual and systematic liar? How many men want a vice-president of this country who says that he is a jumping jack, dancing as the rich men of New York pull the string? Read what the self-confessed tool and vassal says of himself:

"The business of a New York journalist is to distort the truth, to lie outright, to pervert, to vilify, to fawn at the feet of Mammon, and to sell his country and his race for bread, or for what is about the same thing—his salary. We are the tools and vassals of rich men behind the scenes. We are jumping jacks. They pull the strings and we dance. Our time, our talents, our lives, our possibilities, are all the property of other men. We are intellectual prostitutes. There is no such thing in America as an independent press, unless it is out in the country towns. You are slaves. You know it and I know it. There is not one of you who dare express an honest opinion."

These are the words of Whitelaw Reid before a meeting of the newspaper men of New York some years ago. Voters what do you think of such statements? And what do you think of the man who has not the moral courage to break over such an environment and either speak his real sentiments or withdraw from the business which forces him to be a liar, a tool, a jumping-jack, a vilifier, a fawner at the feet of Mammon? Is he the man to preside over the American senate? Is he the man to stand ready to fill the highest place in the gift of the American people if the presidency should become vacant? His own words condemn him as a man unworthy of the vote of any honest man.

### THE WAR IS OVER.

Let every republican understand that General Fields is just the man and has just the history that the independents desired when they were looking for a candidate. The republicans have been preaching union and fraternity between the north and south for the past twenty-five years. The independents propose a little practice of those sentiments as well as a little preaching. The people's party nominated a southern soldier willingly and purposely, and is proud of this practical demonstration of a fraternal feeling, which with the republicans has never gone beyond the platitudes of their platforms. In their declarations they fraternize the southern man and the negro, but in their nominations they choose the northern railroad attorney and the Wall street lord or his tool.

The war is as a thing of the past. The south was wrong, and they admit it. They deserved punishment, and they got it without stint. But the men who, far more than the people of either the north or the south, were responsible for the war and its continuance, the capitalists of New York and Europe,—they have never had what they deserve. And if they ever cease to plunder the people, both north and south, it will be because the people rise up in their sovereign power and outvote the two parties, which during all these years have been the tools and slaves of these same capitalists. Voters of America, shall we be slaves or freemen? Shall we govern our own country in the interest of the

bond-holding lords of Wall street? This is the paramount political question of the hour.

### CAMPAIGN SONGS.

The two songs printed in this issue will be struck off on a slip, several thousand of which will be distributed at Kearney. They will be sung by the assembled multitude to those grand old war tunes which everybody knows and loves.

### GENERAL FIELDS.

A lot of fellows who never smelled gun-powder are whinning around and saying they will never vote for a rebel. No reasonable man can but admire General Fields for his bravery and force of character. Entering the war at its beginning he served faithfully until he lost a limb upon the battle field. Even this did not end his military career, for when he recovered sufficiently to wear an artificial limb he was again in the ranks where he remained until the final surrender.

It is true that General Fields was on the wrong side of the fight; but that is where the rest of us would have been if we had been born and raised in the south. General Fields is a relative of the late Cyrus W. Fields of New York. The associations of one were wholly with the north while those of the other were wholly with the south. They were alike in strong intellectual vigor and determination, and in high moral ideas. Our candidate's connection with the rebellion, while it was a wrong which he himself now admits, was nothing but the natural course of all the rank and file of the south, and is a thing now so far in the background of history as to lose prominence in the political affairs of today. The independent party is proud of its vice-presidential candidate.

### Calhoun's View of the Silver Attitude of His Party.

The defeat of free coinage in the house Wednesday is to be deplored—not only because it shuts away from the people all hope of immediate financial relief, but especially because it shows that the national leaders of the democracy are in collusion with the moneyed power that rules the country and the old world. It confirms the worst fears of those who distrusted that the leadership of the party was not in sympathy with the people, that democracy as at present organized and controlled is the servant of Wall street and is no more to be trusted than the gang of republican tariff robbers.

The action of Wednesday was inspired and directed by the managers of the democratic campaign for the presidency. Sneaks and cowards stood up in the house and vowed that they were good democrats, they were friendly to free coinage, they wished to see it, but this was an "inopportune time" to get it. So they voted against it. They had been told by Mr. Cleveland's managers—the men who will dispense the offices and divide the loaves and fishes if he is elected—that the passage of the bill would lose him the state of New York and make his defeat certain.

And there the crumb-begging curs stood up and swallowed their convictions and delivered their constituents into a longer and harder term of slavery to the debt holding magnates who have no real choice between Cleveland and Harrison.—Lincoln Herald.

### A Good Show.

Said General Weaver in a recent interview: "I am more and more convinced of the fact the people of the United States have no legitimate excuse for either voting the republican or the democratic ticket. Our platform is solid and is exactly what the masses