

A POLITICAL PROTEST.

Why have men gone into the independent movement? Some because they believe in an increase of currency; some because they believe in governmental control of railroads and telegraphs; some, perhaps, in the hope of securing office, and a few possibly, as a means of personal revenge. But there is still another cause that has taken hundreds and thousands of men into the new party. It is the conviction that has been forced upon them that the old parties have both passed beyond the control of the people into the hands of designing capitalists and corporations, whose end and aim in life is to control legislation in their own selfish interests.

When combines advance the price of coal simply because they can; when wealthy manufacturers reduce the wages of operators without just cause; when transportation companies charge more for the marketing of grain twice over, then the cost of raising it; and when corporation attorneys buy their way into office and control legislation in the interests of these wealthy combines and manufacturers and transportation companies; when all these things are seen year after year and with republican and democratic rule alike, what wonder that the masses are turning away from the parties in which they have been reared, not only with sorrow, but with anger as well, and with a determination to be revenged upon these despotic usurpers.

Men may ridicule the accusation of ring rule; men may scoff at the idea of subsidized press; men may deny that legislatures, yea and congresses are bought with gold, but the people know that these things are true. It may be unpopular to talk of the oppression of the poor by the rich, but the man is a fool or a liar who denies that it exists throughout the country and is growing worse and worse as the years go by. It may seem plausible to say that you cannot legislate a man rich or poor, but no man can deny that the capitalists of this country guard the legislation of country with the utmost care, lest some of their wealth be legislated from their over-full coffers into the needy hands of the common people.

The organization of the people's party, as well as its wonderful growth, is a great political protest from the masses of the country against the management of public affairs solely in the interests of the few and against the interests of the many. It is a breaking away from false leaders when their perfidy has been discovered; it is the unspoken curse of the downtrodden as they rise up to strike their oppressors. The grounds for the present political uprising, far exceed the reasons which justified the American rebellion against British oppression in 1776. Let us hope that with years we have learned wisdom and that the present protest may be heeded, and the wrongs righted by peaceful political methods, and thus avert the otherwise inevitable method of force and bloodshed.

FRIENDS, when you see a little squatty cuss, with bow legs, bald head and a bad eye, fall down and grovel in the dust for five minutes. He is the sawed off Bohemian Joss from Omaha.—Wednesday's Call.

Yes, that's who he is, and they all fell down and groveled, and the Call rolled in the dust with the balance of them.

THE REPUBLICANS.

The republican state convention, held in this city, was a howling mob, but not a howling success. The republican papers will now print long editorial articles in regard to the harmony which prevails, but the truth is that inharmony prevails. The only fellows who are satisfied are the Omaha crowd, the administration crowd, and the leeches who crawl at their feet, and wait for an opportunity to suck blood from the leaders.

As to locality the ticket is not at all well selected. The southeastern part of the state gets absolutely nothing. Not only was Tom Majors defeated but his friends were defeated with him. The ticket is a lop-sided affair with Omaha and Rosewater badges all over it. The rank and file of the republican party cannot feel that they got anything whatever out of the deal. Ben Harrison's national committeeman forced the party to place at the head of the ticket one of Ben Harrison's federal officers, and so the whole republican machine is hitched on the administration machine.

The state ticket is not only put up by office holders and railroad attorneys and professional politicians, but is largely composed of men from those classes. The candidate for governor is a banker as well as a federal officer. The nominee for the second place is a preacher politician of English birth. A preacher ought to be good, and a politician might be good, but the combination is bad. The candidate for state auditor has held the office of court reporter since 1877.

The state officers nominated have not distinguished themselves except by the passage of the famous green apple order. Altogether the ticket has no peculiar strength and much peculiar weakness. There is nothing about it or the Omaha and railroad crowd that forced it through, that will win back a single independent who was formerly a republican. On the contrary the ticket itself and the forces which brought it into being will make many a man who has thus far been republican, look with favor upon other parties and nominees when he goes to the polls to make up his ticket this fall. The party is put on the defensive and the prospects of defeat are strong.

LET us have no more all night conventions. They are disagreeable and they are also dangerous. Men who are weary and sleepy are likely to do things hastily and without due consideration. Men grow careless. They are in a hurry to get through. They are too tired to think and too sleepy to investigate. The independents have had enough experience in this matter. The Kearney convention did its work well, very well in most cases, but it narrowly escaped making several blunders. Its platform is not so complete nor so perfect as could be desired. Some of its candidates were selected after its numbers were greatly depleted by the departure of delegates. Let us have no more all night conventions.

OUR pedagogic editor was requested to make a free translation of the World-Herald's comments upon the gubernatorial situation, and without the aid of a Lexicon of the Omaha language, he at once produced the following: "Our father-in-law is a rattling good fellow. He is much better than his party. He is a little better than

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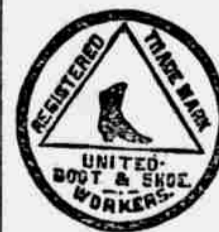
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