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WEAVER IS CONFIDENT

He Says Harrison is Out of the Race--A Solid West and a Solid South For the People's Party.

He Will Leave at Once for the South--V. O. Strickler Talks of the Western Trip.

General Weaver Interviewed.

On Tuesday, August 22d, General Weaver arrived in Des Moines after his extended trip through the west. Speaking of his plans for the political campaign and of the outlook as he views it, General Weaver said: "I shall proceed south, leaving this evening to deliver an address before the state alliance at Moberly, Mo., and go from there to Arkansas and remain until September 3d. Mrs. Weaver and Mrs. Lease will then join me and we will proceed further south through Texas, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, the Carolinas and Virginias, reserving the last twenty-five days of the campaign for Iowa and the northwest. The outlook is all that could be desired. It is daily becoming manifest that the industrial people in every section of the country have resolved to quit voting for the trusts, the pools, the corporations and the money kings of Europe and America. The south is completely emancipated and will vote solidly for the people's party. You may count Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, Oregon, Nevada, Washington and California as carried by the people's party. The republican party is practically out of this fight, so far as electing their national ticket is concerned. This has become manifest during the last thirty days. They will have to regain the nine states which they lost in 1890, and in addition hold the group of states west of the Missouri river. It is impossible for them to do either, and every sensible man knows that they are beaten now.

"The people's party is not like the republican party, confined to the northern states for its electoral votes. Our organization is national. It is as broad as the flag and as sound as the nation's heart. We will proceed south and contest every southern state with the nominees of the Chicago convention with a better prospect of carrying all of them than the democrats have of carrying any one of them. We are in this fight to win and our column is in full dash."

V. O. Strickler, who accompanied General Weaver on his tour, makes some interesting statements in an interview published in the World-Herald. He says the change of sentiment in favor of the people's party has been

remarkable, and especially in the cities. In many parts of Colorado the vote for the people's ticket will be almost unanimous. In Nevada he thinks only one electoral ticket will be put up and the people will make it unanimous for Weaver and Field.

Speaking of the latter part of the trip about which the press has been almost silent, Mr. Strickler says:

"We held rousing meetings at Los Angeles, Fresno, Oakland, Sacramento and San Francisco. The action of the San Francisco trades unions in passing a resolution pledging themselves to support the people's party candidates has had a tremendous influence in our favor in all the cities of the coast.

"We then went north, taking in Portland, Tacoma, Seattle, Spokane, Helena and Butte. The recent strikes in the Coeur d'Alene country has crystallized sentiment in our favor in that region. The laboring classes are with us unanimously in Montana. Our candidate for attorney general there is Miss Eva Knowles. She went up to a mining camp near Helena to speak and had an audience of 250 voters--the whole population of the camp--whereas her republican competitor a few evenings before at the same place, could not get enough men together to speak to. Mrs. Lease made such a favorable impression at Butte that the labor organizations offered her \$500 and expenses to return and deliver the address on Labor day. She accepted.

"We were greeted everywhere with brass bands, flowers, fruit and shouts, and the trip was a revelation to me."

Van Wyck Wants Crouse to Cross Swords With Him on the Stump.

The Chairman of the independent state committee received the following letter on Friday, Aug. 19:

WYOMING, Neb. Aug. 18, 1892.

To the Independent State Committee:

GENTLEMEN--In order that the claims of the independent party, and issues between the independent and the republican parties may be brought to the test of reason so that truth may be confirmed and error exposed, Therefore:

I request you at once to confer with or write to the committee of the republican party, inviting them to arrange for a joint discussion of the questions at issue between the two parties by Hon. Lorenzo Crouse, their candidate for governor, and your candidate for the same office.

Respectfully yours,

C. H. VANWYCK.

Acting upon this request the committee at once issued a challenge to the republican state committee, for thirty joint meetings between General Van Wyck and Mr. Crouse. No answer has yet been received.

CROWDS OF PEOPLE.

An Immense Crowd Listen to Dech and Van Wyck at Aurora on Saturday

—Great Enthusiasm—The Banner Meeting at Osceola.

Nearly 5,000 People Hear Van Wyck and Green at York on Saturday.

Hamilton County All Right.

AURORA, NEB., Aug. 22, 1892.

Day before yesterday was a field-day (a Weaver and Field day), for the independent party of this county. The republican party got their congressman the night before our rally and held a non-partisan reception, asking everybody to attend. They got out about 150 people.

The next morning wagons and carriages began to roll into town from all directions and though work was pushing and the roads dusty, the town was filled as never before, even at the time of the land-slide two years ago.

The business men of the town evidently feel much more friendly to the movement, as they decorated their places of business, and many of them attended with their wives.

Van Wyck and Dech were the speakers and each was in his happiest vein. The crowd cheered and applauded vigorously, although it was so large that those on the outer edge did not know what they were cheering about until afterwards.

Hamilton county would have been pleased and proud if her choice could have been the congressional nominee, but Mr. Dech was received with the greatest enthusiasm, and the Polk county gathering is so far the only one in the state that could compare with that of day before yesterday for attendance.

The displays were very fine. All wondered where so many large and beautiful flags came from, and banners with quaint and laughable devices could be seen on all sides. The Phillips delegation had a banner with a picture of a Union and Confederate soldier burying a hatchet and a bloody shirt.

There was a fine crayon drawing of a railroad bridge over the gulf of ruin on which a train of laborers, farmers, merchants and miners was being drawn by an engine named Weaver. Harrison and Cleveland were both chopping at the bridge, but Alabama had lassoed Cleveland and the noose cast by Nebraska was just dropping over the head of Harrison.

Carnegie's pets, a mob of Chinese and Italians, and "Carnegie's Protectors," a

lot of the worst looking ruffians one could imagine, attracted a good deal of attention. A representation of the torture of Iams stirred up the old partyites, and from the way they flinched it was easy to see that they were ashamed.

A cart with a poor horse covered with chattel mortgages had a shark just ready to take in the farmer occupants.

A see-saw placed on the backs of a farmer and laborer bore Harrison and Cleveland with their high and low tariff banners and their tweedledee and tweedledum platforms. A carriage of calamity makers and a load of calamity howlers proclaimed the increase of the debts of the county and state and the decrease of assessed valuation in the former.

We omit to mention many of the best ones from lack of space and time, but it is sufficient to say that no such display ever appeared on our streets. The republican and democratic papers got together and will unite to minify the meeting and agree on the number of teams in the parade, but they know they are not truthful and what is better the crowd was so large that the people of the county will all know it, too. Their lies will deceive no one here, and unless they are effective abroad, will recoil upon their own heads.

The republican paper opened a McKeighan campaign against Dech this week but he did not answer it in kind. Indications are that this county will come up with a larger independent majority than ever before.

THE BANNER MEETING.

The greatest meeting of the year so far, occurred at Osceola, Polk county, August 18th. The people came with wagons and teams in processions miles in length. Flags in great profusion and banners with all sorts of devices and mottoes were to be seen on every hand. A careful estimate places the crowd at from 8,000 to 10,000. The fairground was filled to overflowing. Music was furnished by two brass bands and an excellent glee club.

Professor Roark, the great Oregon blackboard orator, spoke first, entertaining and instructing the people in his inimitable fashion, until Hon. W. H. Dech arrived. Mr. Dech was received with a perfect storm of applause. He spoke for about one hour in his most eloquent strain.

In the evening Mr. Dech spoke to a large crowd in the court house.

Polk county has placed herself at the head of the procession, and proposes to stay there.

GREAT MEETING AT YORK.

A crowd that is estimated at 5,000 assembled at York, on Saturday the 30th. General Van Wyck spoke immediately after dinner, as he had to take the train for Aurora, where he spoke later in the day. The people were greatly pleased with the general's speech and York county will roll up a big majority for him.

W. L. Green followed Van Wyck and of those present pronounce his speech the finest they ever heard. In the evening M. V. Roark spoke to a large crowd in the city.