

THE PROPOSITION REJECTED.

The Managers of the State Fair Refuse to Divide Time With Independents.

A few days ago the state central committee of the people's party sent a communication to the managers of the state fair, in which they proposed that the arrangements for political speaking be so changed as to allow the independents to divide time with the democrats and republicans on Wednesday and Thursday of the fair, thus providing for joint discussions between the independents and the democrats and the independents and republicans.

Mr. Blake received an answer yesterday from President Jensen, absolutely refusing to accept any conditions except those laid down by the managers of the fair, giving the independents the alternative of accepting Tuesday as their day, or not being represented at all. The reasons assigned for this decision by Mr. Jensen are the merest subterfuge, and will deceive no one as to the real motive in rejecting the proposition. Mr. Jensen states that he believes that there will not be 2,000 difference in the attendance of the three days, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, and as there will be horse racing going on Wednesday and Thursday afternoon no speaker could compete with a horse race, so that the joint discussion would not be a success. He closes by asking the independents to accept Tuesday as their day, and to forward him a list of speakers.

It is not likely that the state committee will take any notice of this invitation and it is quite likely that the independents will refuse to have anything to do with the state fair arrangement, as it is very evident it is the intention of the managers to discriminate against them.

Ruggles is All Right.

MR. EDITOR:—I notice that the independents of Chase and surrounding counties have re-nominated L. G. Ruggles for representative. I am personally acquainted with him and know him to be a true man, and one who will stand by the laboring men.

Yours,
Geneva, Neb. M. D. J.

Another Club Organized.

At a meeting of the voters and members of the People's Independent Party Club of Greenwood, Cass county, Neb., the following officers were elected, viz: President, R. E. Farmer; vice-president, Howard Penn; secretary and treasurer, P. S. Galley. The meeting then adjourned to meet on August 6, 1892.

Great Meeting in Cedar.

HARTINGTON, Neb., Aug. 18, '92.

Judge Edgerton spoke here to a large and enthusiastic assemblage of people. The place was Wacoona grove, six miles east of town. His audience was the largest meeting of people which ever assembled in the county, reaching into the thousands. He was cheered to the echo. If there is a man who deserves well at our hands it is Judge (who ought to have been) Edgerton.

WILLIS F. BRYANT.

Burt County Populists.

The independents of Burt county met in convention at the court house in Tekamah on the 11th inst. G. A. Crannell was made chairman and Frank Roth secretary. A full ticket was placed in the field composed of good clean men. Geo. W. Minier was chosen for representative and G. A. Crannell was made the choice for float representative. Both men are true blue independents and if elected will do credit to Burt county. Ira Thomas, a young but very able attorney, was nominated for county attorney. O'iver Waite, an old and respected citizen, was nominated for county commissioner. The convention was marked throughout for harmony, good intent,

and business tact. Resolutions were adopted and three rousing cheers given for C. H. Van Wyck. All seemed pleased with the outcome. R

A Grand Rally.

And basket picnic was held August 17th, in O. H. Guiles' grove, Woodville township. A large and enthusiastic crowd turned out notwithstanding the very busy time. Hon. W. A. Poynter delivered an able and eloquent address. Mr. M. V. Moudy of Genoa spoke. About 1,000 were present and all had a grand good time.

Woodville precinct will give all the independent candidates a good majority with Van Wyck in the lead. Genoa, Neb. M. D. J.

Couldn't Grasp It.

The Virginia Sun in its account of two speeches at Richmond, Va., one by Congressman Wilson, of Virginia, and machine Democracy, and the other by the young man eloquent of the West, Hon. W. J. Bryan, of Nebraska, quotes some extracts from the latter's address. We subjoin them:

"I want to talk to you as if you were citizens without party, without politics—to men who love their country above any party." That remark was highly appreciated by the Sun but fell very flat on the Richmond audience who evidently could not conceive of anything outside or above party. "Whatever people say against the Farmer's Alliance, I tell you it has done what no other agency has been able to accomplish. It has broken down sectional prejudice, and the blue and the gray have clasped hands across the bloody chasm." At this remark uneasiness among the city slanderers of the Alliance fluttered through the hall. In conclusion this bravely outspoken, unsophisticated Westerner said: "The rights of man are founded in the nature of things and are eternal as the hills. If they are not advocated by one party, they will be by another. Call it by any name you choose—Democratic or what not, but there will always be a party of the people." We must confess that we left the meeting wondering how long it would take the Hon. W. J. Bryan, Nebraskan statesman, to flop into the People's party.

State Banks.

The platform of one of the political parties contains one feature which is a little short of the contemptible. It is the insincere slap at the national banks and its encouragement of stump-tail state paper money. It would have been commendable if the platform had denounced the national banking system as "a barren idealism" and a fraud. But it does not do that. It pretends to rap the system and the pretense is for the purpose of catching votes. It favors the removal of the ten per cent tax on state bank issues and thus encourages the stump tail money system. Those who remember the character of state bank notes a few years ago want no more of the swindle. Bad as the national banking system is it is far better than the old state bank system that was founded on faith and wind and under which a man with his pockets full of bank notes would starve to death in traveling across three states for want of enough good money to buy a dinner with. The national banking system should be abolished and our circulating medium issued direct by the government. There should be no banks of issue. The business of a bank should be confined simply to the handling of deposits and selling exchange; and no legislation, however stringent, that seeks to make the issuing of notes by a state bank unprofitable, should be disturbed.—Farmer's Voice.

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Lament of a Prosperity Shrieker.

MR. EDITOR:—Why won't these calamity-crankers listen to reason? Here I have been talking prosperity to them till I am hoarse. They actually laugh at me when I tell them about the great prosperity they are enjoying. Not long ago I got a few of them together, and made a little speech. I said: "Friends and Fellow-Citizens: This is the greatest and most prosperous country under the sun. Look at the railroads, and factories, and mines, and great cities. Look at the fine crops you raise. What are you howling about, anyway? You ought to be ashamed to run down the reputation of your state this way. There's plenty of money in the banks. There's millions of dollars in the east waiting to be borrowed. A dollar will buy more now than it ever would before. Why don't you quit this nonsense, and go to work? If you'd devote more time to farming and talk politics less, you'd get on better."

This patriotic speech didn't bring forth a particle of applause. Some of the fellows laughed and others scowled at me. One fellow had the impudence to ask me why I didn't go to work myself. One rough-looking hayseed got up and made the following remarks:

"This fellow says this is a great country. Of course it is. Who made it great? God Almighty furnished the soil and climate, the minerals, etc., and the laboring people of this country did the rest. We know that wealth is increasing very fast in this country. We know that poverty and crime are increasing faster still. This man says there is plenty of money in the banks. Of course there is. But how does that benefit us? We're not bankers. The only way we can get that money is by borrowing it at high rates of interest. Already our farms and chat'els are heavily mortgaged. Shall we borrow money over again in order to keep it in circulation? That is the only way to do it. The indebtedness of the country is so great, and interest draws so fast that all the money flows into the hands of the money loaners, and there it must stay until it is borrowed out again and thus put into circulation. This fellow insults us by telling us to go to work. Already we are the hardest workers in the country.

The harder we work, the bigger crops we raise, and the less we get for them. The trouble is that the money loaners, the boards of trade, the trusts and the railroad corporations get all the profit there is in farming and more too, so that instead of getting out of debt, we are getting deeper in debt.

The wealth of the country is being centralized in the hands of a few wealthy men who produce nothing. The people who produce the wealth are robbed of it. We are organized to put a stop to this robbery and by the eternal we are going to do it."

When the old fellow stopped there was a storm of applause. I was utterly disgusted. Why will the people listen to such rot? They will drive capital out of the country if they keep on. Already gold is going to Europe in larger quantities. If it keeps on what will become of us? When I said this to these cranks they said they hadn't seen any gold for some time, and they preferred greenbacks anyway. I tell you Mr. Editor, these people are clean gone crazy. I have decided to go back east where the people have some sense.

Yours wearily,
HARRISON CAPPER.

Prosperity In Franklin County.

HILDRETH, Neb., Aug. 20, '92.

In looking over the independent press this morning, my attention was drawn to the long array of foreclosures in Franklin county by J. G. Smith, our county sheriff, and in summing it up I find sixteen foreclosures in the month of August and one in July, aggregating \$20,835.03 under republican rule. "How long, O Lord, how long!"

W. J. HOWELL.

An Enthusiast.

Fritz—Have you seen my latest mash?
Karl—A tall girl with black hair and dark complexion?
"Yes; and hasn't she got a perfect figure and face?"
"I noticed that her teeth were black."
"Well, don't black teeth match black hair and a dark complexion?"—Texas Siftings.

Notice to Bridge Contractors.

Notice is hereby given, that sealed bids will be received by the County Clerk of Furnas County Nebraska for the erection of one combination bridge across the Republican river on the county line between Harlan and Furnas counties near the village of Oxford.

Said bridge to be 300 feet long and to consist of 6 spans of 60 feet each with a roadway 14 feet wide in the clear, and the road bed to be 11 feet above low water mark.

Said bridge to be built in all respects according to the plans and specifications now on file in the office of the county clerk.

The commissioners of Furnas County and the supervisors of Harlan county will enter into a joint contract for the erection of said bridge.

The bids for same will be received by the undersigned on or before noon of September 5th, 1892 and must be accompanied by a good and sufficient bond in case contract is awarded.

The county commissioners however reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

Witness my hand and county seal this 1st day of August 1892.
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