

The People Rally Around Shamp.

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EDITOR ALLIANCE-INDEPENDENT:

The grand rally of the people's party took place here last night. It was the closing day of the Otoe county fair. The opera house was jammed with earnest farmers, business men and ladies. Fully 600 people were present. The silver cornet band discoursed fine music. Hon. W. S. Prickett of Fairfield delivered the opening speech and his remarks were attentively listened to for an hour and a half.

Hon. Jerome Shamp followed in a masterly presentation of the momentous questions before the people. The enthusiastic audience frequently manifested their pleasure by rounds of applause. His presentation of the silver question was masterly. He showed the barren legislation for a quarter of a century in favor of common people in a striking manner. A campaign republican lawyer in the audience when Mr. Shamp was showing how little the republican party had done for the old soldier, jumped up excitedly and help up a paper which was supposed to be a pension paper and exclaimed that this is what he had obtained from the republican party. Mr. Shamp very coolly and moderately wanted to know what he had. He said he had a pension certificate. Mr. Shamp asked him if he was not entitled to it; if he earned it in defense of the country. "Under such circumstances, do you think," said he, "that you owe your pension to the republican party? Why my dear friend, a grateful country would have given you your pension if you were entitled to it, and no political party can claim that it is the only party friendly to the old soldiers."

It is impossible to describe the rounds of applause that greeted this reply. The lawyer quietly dropped back in his seat and was not heard from any more during the evening. The more the campaign progresses in this district, the more evident it appears that the people are becoming disgusted with both Bryan and Field, and that Hon. Jerome Shamp will represent this district in congress. He is the only one of the three candidates that is an old grand army man, and they are rallying to his support irrespective of party. The republicans and democrats have tried several times to hold political meetings here but it has been in vain. The people will not come out to hear them.

Immediately after the meeting last night the people rushed upon the platform to shake hands with Mr. Shamp and congratulate him on his speech and the old veterans crowded around him to take him by the hand. D.

Gosper County and the World's Fair.

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While at Elwood, Gosper county last week attending the county fair, in the interest of the Nebraska exhibit at the world's fair; I organized an enthusiastic local auxiliary world's fair association, of which John W. Thomas, editor of the Citizen, was elected president; H. J. Bedford editor of the Independent was elected secretary, and E. Shallenberger of the Citizens bank, treasurer. There is also an executive committee of one representative citizen of each township of the county. The county is blessed with good soil and abundant crops, and is determined to secure prominence by contributing her part toward making a success of the Nebraska exhibit at the World's fair. The people are enthusiastic in this effort, without any regard to political parties.

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