

IT WASN'T "LEFT OUT."

Uncle David Nichols of Buffalo county is a grand old independent war-horse, one of the old greenback guard, for whom we have a great deal of respect. He fought the battle for finance reform when most of us were in the old parties bobbing up when the strings were pulled by the fellows who run this country.

Now Uncle David, like many of the rest of us, was a strong believer in a "stringent usury law" and he is disappointed because a usury plank was "left out" of the Kearney platform. He has written quite a lengthy article, published in the Kearney New Era, asking why it was "left out." He seems disposed to blame the platform committee. In his comments Mr. Nichol's says:

I use the words "left out" because it was in the platform two years ago, the first platform ever adopted by the independent or people's party, in the United States.

Now in reply to Mr. Nichols we would like to say he is laboring under a false impression. In fact the usury plank was not "left out." There was no usury plank in the platform adopted July 29, 1890, at Lincoln. We will give Uncle David a subscription to THE ALLIANCE-INDEPENDENT for the rest of his days (which we hope may be many) if he will send us a copy of the usury plank in that platform. Neither was there a usury plank in the Cincinnati platform, nor the St. Louis platform, nor in the Omaha platform. Now Mr. Nichols should broaden his inquiry, and ask: Why was the usury plank left out two years ago in our state convention, and why has it not been mentioned in any national platform yet adopted by the representatives of the new movement? He should not make the platform committee of the Kearney convention the sole object of criticism. That convention amended the report of the committee on a number of points. Why not on this point? We believe that committee consisted of as true and faithful finance reformers as the new party contains, and that they did their duty to the best of their ability in the hurry and confusion of a midnight convention.

Mr. Nichols closes his article by referring to the fact that "finances were left out of the platform altogether" at Kearney. We are surprised to hear so broad-minded a man as Brother Nichols drop such a remark. Does he mean to say that "finances were altogether left out" of the Omaha platform? Yet the Kearney convention adopted the Omaha platform entire.

Now here it seems to us is the real reason why the usury plank has always been left out of our platforms:

The independents do not consider a usury law a fundamental remedy for our financial evils. They prefer to strike at the root of the evil. They propose to relieve the stringency which forces men to pay usurious rates of interest, by expansion of the currency. In the language of one of the leaders of the movement the new party proposes to place its heel on the head of the serpent and crush out its life, rather than to tread on the tail.

The writer individually, believes that the legislature of Nebraska should amend our present usury law by affixing some penalty that will make it effective. This will not cure the evil or bring prosperity, but it will knock out a class of sharks that are preying on the people, and give some relief.

BELIEVE THEM NOT.

It ought to be a matter of shame to the people of this country that the chairman of a national committee of a great party should be forced to issue an address such as the following. But we believe it is fully justified by the circumstances. It would certainly be in order for the chairman of our state committee to issue a similar address for Nebraska alone, if it were not for the fact that long experience has taught the people not to believe what they read in the old party papers unless they know it to be true:

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 26, 1892.—To the Reform Press: For the last month the republican and democratic daily papers have so grossly and maliciously misrepresented the people's party and our committees that I am compelled to issue this notice to our people. Between now and the November election you may look for anything in the way of false reports, deals and sell-outs of which they will accuse the people's party. They know that we have but few daily papers, and they reach but a limited number of our people and our means to contradict their misrepresentations at best is only a feeble one. The last fake that was wired from here was that I received a telegram from Indianapolis to go there in haste, as there was a big deal on hand. I knew nothing about this until it was shown to me in print the next day. The whole story is a base lie and falsehood. I was invited to go to Indianapolis by H. Vincent, secretary of the state committee, which I did, and they used this visit on which to base their false report.

I wish the people to bear in mind that I am just as unable to prevent the press from circulating these reports as General Weaver was unable to secure free speech and decent treatment from the democrats in Georgia. I regret to say that we have timid and weak-hearted people in our ranks, whose minds are disturbed by these reports, and as I have neither time nor inclination to refer to this again I do not want to be held responsible for anything published unless it appears over my own signature. I do this to protect myself and warn our friends against anything that may be published between now and the November election.

H. E. TAUBENECK,
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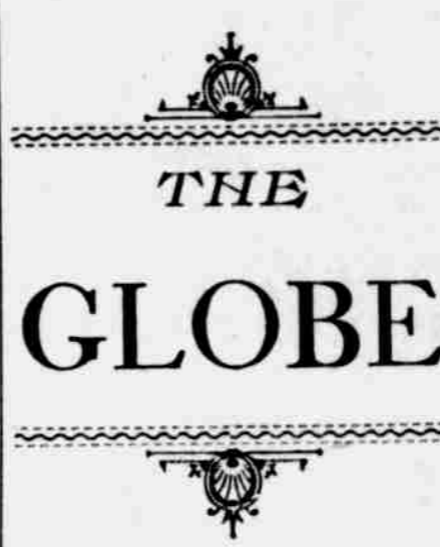
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JUDGE CROUNSE in his discussions with General Van Wyck spends considerable time lauding J. Sterling Morton, and tells how for many years they have been closely connected in business matters of a charitable nature. The people are beginning to draw the very natural conclusion that they are very closely allied in charitable matters of a political nature at the present time, in fact that J. Sterling is giving himself as a side show for Lorenzo.

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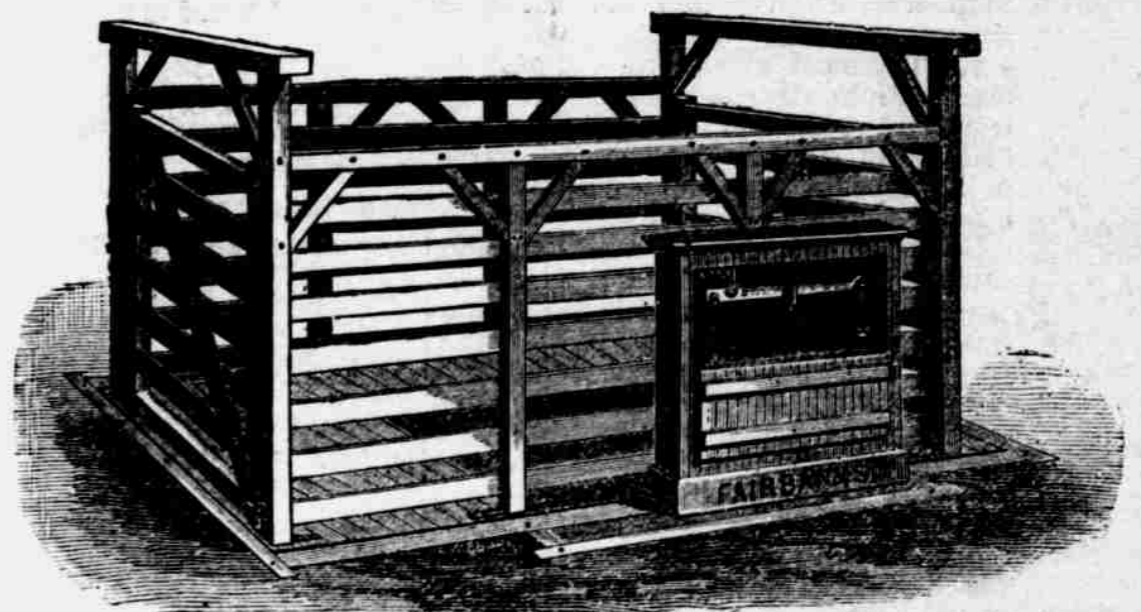
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