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A FULL VOTE AND A FAIR COUNT.

The independents have won two campaigns in Nebraska and lost them both on election day. If they lose the present campaign it will be lost in the same way.

In 1890 the independents were beaten by bulldozing and fraud in the city of Omaha on election day. In 1891, they were again beaten on election day by their own folly in staying at home husking corn, threshing, etc.

There is but one way to prevent a repetition of the same experience this fall and that is by securing a full vote and a fair count.

To secure these there must be organized, vigorous action on the part of independent voters. There should be a meeting held in every school district in the country, and every voting precinct in the towns and cities a few days before election, and an organization formed for work on election day. The situation should be canvassed thoroughly and three committees of men who will work appointed:

First. A committee of two or more to see that every independent in the district or precinct comes to the polls and votes. The members of this committee should be on hand at the polls early with conveyances, and should bring in every voter who does not come of his own accord.

Second. A committee of two or more to work at the polling places distributing sample ballots, instructing voters in the mysteries of the Australian ballot, and working to secure the support of doubtful voters.

The ballots will be lengthy and voters are very likely to become confused unless they prepare themselves. Last fall in the city of Lincoln two editors who had printed sample ballots in their papers, and taken great pains in telling their readers how to vote, had to ask for instructions on election day. The safest plan for every voter is to make out a sample ballot in full and take it with him into the booth.

Probably the greatest difficulty will be experienced in making out the electoral ticket. It will contain thirty-two names arranged alphabetically from which the voter must select the eight nominees of his party. If he should make a mistake and vote for nine, none of them will be counted.

3rd. A committee of not less than three to stay at the polls till the last vote is counted and properly recorded, and to make out and preserve a written statement of the results. This is very important. It may not be generally known that the Australian ballot gives a great opportunity for fraud in counting the votes, but it is a fact.

There are opportunities for fraud in both the reading and the recording of the vote. Let us suppose a case: There are five election officers. No. 1 gets the ballots out of the box, unfolds them and hands them to No. 2 who reads them and passes them over to No. 3. He looks them over, and strings them for preservation. No. 4, and No. 5 keep a duplicate record of the results. Now if there is no one over-looking No. 2 as he reads, everything depends on his honesty. If he sees fit to skip the name of some candidate voted for he can do so with ease. The writer caught a judge of election doing this at the last election. No. 1 may also with equal ease read the name of some man not voted for. The only possible way to prevent fraud of this kind is for some sharp-eyed, vigilant watcher to overlook the reading of every name on every ballot. Frauds in keeping the

tally sheet may be easily committed by collusion between No. 4 and No. 5, to mark the tally opposite the wrong name. Or, suppose, No. 5 is slow, No. 4 may take advantage of him, mark the tally wrong and bulldoze No. 5 into marking it in the same way.

The importance of understanding these schemes, and guarding against them is especially important in the cities and towns, where the old party schemers get in their fine work. They will have their slickest, shrewdest men on the election boards, and if the independents do not have good committees present to prevent it, frauds will be committed as sure as election day comes.

The importance of these matters can not be too strongly urged upon independents. A failure to secure a full vote and a fair count on election day will render useless all the work and expense of educating and campaigning. By carelessness on election day all the work of the other 365 days will be rendered null and void. Hence we call upon the independents to hold meetings in every country school district, and city voting precinct on the Friday evening preceding the election, and to organize to secure a FULL VOTE AND A FAIR COUNT.

VAN WYCK OR CROUNSE.

There is no longer any reason to doubt that the fight for governor lies between Van Wyck and Crouse. No doubt Morton would be as acceptable to the corporations as Crouse, but his election is impossible even if the corporations should support him in preference to Crouse, and they are not likely to undertake an impossibility.

At the time of Morton's nomination it was apparent to many democrats that there was "something behind it." What that "something" was becomes more apparent every day. *The railroads, and the enemies to free coinage of silver were behind Morton's nomination*, and they had a double object in view: TO DEFEAT VAN WYCK FOR GOVERNOR, AND BRYAN FOR CONGRESS.

As to the latter, we can afford to let the democrats settle their own quarrels. It is with the scheme to defeat Van Wyck that we are concerned. Morton's campaign speeches consist of a tirade of personal abuse against Van Wyck, ridicule of the independent party, and bitter opposition to the free coinage of silver. He has not a word to say in opposition to Crouse.

On the other hand Crouse is not making any fight against the democratic ticket, and is lauding Morton to the skies. At Beatrice in his closing speech he spent seven out of his fifteen minutes in eulogy of Morton, praising him as a man, a thinker, and a patriotic citizen.

It is of the highest importance for both independents and democrats to understand the true situation: *Morton is in the field to hold honest democrats in line and prevent them from voting for Van Wyck while the corporations swing the railroad democrats to Crouse.*

Many democrats already see this, and thousands of others will see it before election day. There is no doubt that three-fourths of the democrats in the state favor free coinage, and an Iowa rate law. Whenever they realize that Morton is running in the interest of the railroads and gold-bugs, they will turn to the independent ticket by the thousands.

Independents should make it their business to lay these facts before the people, and especially to reason with anti-monopoly democrats, and secure their support.

SHRADER'S SOLDIER RECORD.

Some fellows in Custer county are setting up the claim that Shrader was never in the army. This is a cowardly slander. Mr. Shrader first enlisted in 1862, but was forbidden to go into the war on account of his age. This was at Lancaster, Grant county, Wisconsin. He enlisted again in the spring of 1864 in Company A, 41st Wisconsin Volunteers. He went to the front, served through the summer and fall and was honorably discharged.

He is a charter member of the G. A. R. post at Gandy, Logan county, Nebr. He is not ashamed of his war record, and will be ready again to offer his services when his country calls.

If the charges we publish are true no honest man can vote for Allen, Hastings, or Humphrey. If the charges are false, why do these men remain silent?

MR. O. HULL has been down in the Republican Valley "spying out the land." He liked it so well that he bought a fine farm near Alma, Harlan county, and he will move to it soon. He says that the county is all right politically.

THE republican papers are saying almost as many good things of Morton as of Crouse. The Bee says he made "an excellent speech" at Kearney, and "handled the money question in a scholarly manner." Another republican paper speaking of one of Morton's speeches says for the most part it "might easily have been taken for a republican speech." These things ought to open the eyes of democrats.

AN effort is being made in Furnas county to defeat honest John Stevens by a combination between the railroad democrats and republicans. The arrangement is for the republicans to help elect a democrat for representative in return for a republican candidate for county attorney. The independents should rally around Stevens and defeat this scheme. Stevens may not have as oily a tongue as some fellows, but he is honest, vigilant, and has a well developed back-bone. No man is the last legislature made a better record than he. Stand by him.

THE members of the board of educational lands and funds who have robbed the state of \$70,000 interest that should have gone into the permanent school fund, have thereby shown themselves to be utterly devoid of honor, conscience or patriotism. The man who will rob a bank or an express car may have courage, and a species of honor, but what must we say of a man who has been honored and trusted by the people, who will turn about and use the power placed in his hands to rob the school children of the whole state for his own enrichment.

ANOTHER good man the republicans are making a desperate effort to defeat is John Stebbins, of Buffalo county. He was one of the truest and most active members of the last legislature. He introduced and secured the passage of two of the most important bills. He is a worker and a fighter. He may not be as popular as some men personally, but that should cut no figure. The railroads are straining every nerve to control the legislature. The people must defeat them, and the only way to do it is to defeat their candidates. The independents of Buffalo county should take off their coats and go to work for Stebbins.