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STAND by your legislative ticket.

THE man who bets that McKeighan will carry every county in his district is betting on a sure thing.

INDEPENDENTS of Thayer and Jefferson, stand by your candidate for the state senate. You've got a chance to elect him.

THERE are eleven counties in the fourth district. Dech will carry six of of them, Hainer two, and Vifquain two, with one to fight over.

THERE are seventeen counties in the third district. Of these Poynter will carry eleven and Meiklejohn and Keiper will divide the other six.

SECRETARY THOMPSON this week offers some very sensible remarks in reply to Holden's slanderous charges concerning the use of state alliance funds.

WE wish to repeat the request made last week that our subscribers who have German neighbors loan them this issue of the ALLIANCE-INDEPENDENT. It contains an excellent write-up of our candidates and the principles of the party in that language.

WATCH THE COUNT.

Again we wish to urge independents to see that their candidates are not counted out next Tuesday night. We hope committees will be appointed in accordance with the suggestion of our state committee in most precincts. But where no special committee has been appointed, one should be arranged for on election day. Men who have grit as well as shrewdness are needed for this task, especially in the towns and cities. The principal dangers to be guarded against are as follows:

First—Reading ballots incorrectly, skipping names or reading the names of the wrong candidates.

Second—Keeping tally incorrectly.

Third—Defacing ballots so they will have to be thrown out.

The only way to prevent these frauds from being practiced is for faithful watchers to actually SEE that they are not practiced.

Take nothing for granted. Stand right over the election officers and follow every word and movement. Then when the count is complete, don't fail to secure a statement of the results.

Again it is very important that no fraud be permitted in the county clerk's office. There is no doubt that the returns will be held back in some counties, and if the vote is close, fraud will be attempted in county clerk's offices, and this may be done where least expected. It is alleged by reliable men in Lincoln, that in 1890, three men were sent from Lincoln into western counties, and that they worked frauds enough in the offices of county clerks to defeat the independents. We do not know how true this is, but again we say take nothing for granted, but let a committee of competent men be in every county clerk's office in the state when the returns are opened and counted.

THE SITUATION IN NEBRASKA.

"What are our prospects for success next Tuesday?" "What do you think of the situation?" These are questions that are being anxiously put by thousands of independents in Nebraska. We propose to give our readers our candid opinion of the situation.

The whole independent state ticket will be elected. The Weaver and Field electoral ticket will have a large plurality. Our candidates for congress will be elected in the third, fourth, fifth and sixth districts. We will have a small majority in each branch of the legislature.

We base this conclusion on the following reasons: In 1890, Kem's plurality over Dorsey was about 6,500 and it was nearly all in the counties which now constitute the Sixth district. The state ticket ran about even with Kem. Now there is no questioning the fact that gains have been made in that territory. Advices have come in from all points to that effect. Mr. Kem is almost sure to carry every county in his district, and the state ticket will not be far behind him. Six thousand plurality for the state ticket in the in the Sixth dislrict is a very safe estimate.

In the fifth district in 1890 Powers had more than six thousand plurality over Richards. At the lowest calculation our state ticket this year will have 7000 plurality in that territory. In the fourth district Powers had about 400 over Richards in 1890. The state ticket this year will have at least 1000 plurality. In the third district in 1890 Powers had about 500 more votes than Richards. We have made great gains in that territory, and the republican have lost. A plurality of 1000 in the third district is a very low estimate. In the first district it is safe to say the independents will have as many votes as the republicans. This gives us 15000 majority outside of the second district. That district consists of Sarpy Washington and Douglas. In Washington and Sarpy the republicans will have very small majorities, if any.

In Douglas county we have made immense gains. The most sanguine independents in Omaha, claim one-third of the votes for our ticket, and the most conservative claim at least 5,000 votes. The balance of the vote will be divided about equally between Crounse and Morton. At the most the republicans can not hope for a plurality of over 3,000 in the second district, and that will leave the independent state ticket a clear plurality of 12,000.

This estimate is based on the straight independent and republican vote. But we have the most reliable reports from all parts of the state to the effect that thousands of democrats will vote our whole ticket, and thousands more will vote part of it. Also thousands of republicans have made up their minds that Nebraska needs a general house-cleaning, and they are going to put in power the only party that proposes to undertake the task.

In view of these facts, we believe that the independent plurality cannot be less than 12,000 and may reach 25,000.

These estimates are conditional on one very important proviso: That the independents do their whole duty on election day. We believe they will do it. From all points of the state come reports that the independent ranks stand firm and unbroken, that steady gains are being made, and that every man will be at his post of duty on election day. If these reports are true, as we firmly believe they are, November 8th will see our fair state redeemed from the rule of the corporations.

ALLIANCE TREASURY LOOTED.

Under this heading a Lincoln paper last week makes some startling assertions which any delegate who was present at the last annual meeting knows to be untrue. In the first place the amount voted was not to pay election expenses at all, but was to pay part of the contest expenses, where the president of the state alliance and others were compelled to borrow money in order to secure the necessary testimony to lay with their case before the legislature.

On this amount Messrs. Powers, Wolf, Pirtle and others had paid interest for over a year. It was also recognized that the debt had been incurred for the sake of principle in support of honest elections, and at the urgent request of the members of the alliance in every county in the state. The proposition was made therefore that the alliance loan the amount necessary to meet these notes amounting to $1500 dollars, for it was considered that the legislature should pay the legitimate expenses of bringing this contest, in which case the money would be returned. This is expressly understood and agreed by all the parties to that contest including the president of the state alliance, the present secretary of the national alliance, Bro. d'Allemand and all candidates on the independent ticket of 1890.

This debt can in no sense be called a "private one" and the whole article is an insult to the intelligence and wisdom of that grand body of men who composed the last state alliance.

J. M. THOMPSON,
Sec'y.

OUR WHOLE TICKET SHOULD BE ELECTED.

There is a rich field for effective work by independents on election day. There are thousands of republicans and democrats who have made up their minds to give the independent ticket at least a partial support. We believe that many of these who have resolved to support part of the ticket, can easily be persuaded to support it all. There is in fact as much reason for supporting every man on our state ticket, as there is for supporting any one.

Some one will say: "Well, I am going to vote for Van Wyck because he has fought the corporations, and I want to see the railroads retired from power." Very good. But such a voter should by all means vote for Strickler, McReynolds, Gunnett, Wolfe and Easterling for they will constitute the board of transportation which must be relied upon to put in force reduced freight rates.

Another will say: "I propose to vote for Wolfe because I want to see the permanent school fund invested in state warrants according to law." Certainly that is an excellent reason. But this voter should also vote for Strickler, Easterling, Gunnett and Van Wyck, for they will constitute the board of educational lands and funds which will direct the treasurer in the investment of the permanent school fund.

Another says: "I will vote for Van Wyck for he will clean out the gang of thieves that have infested the state institutions." So he will, but the board of public lands and building has far more to do with the control and management of state institutions than the governor. Mr. Rewick's exposure has shown the members of the board to be guilty of gross negligence, and cast a strong suspicion of criminality upon them. The re-election of Humphrey, Allen and Hastings would be a disgrace to the state.

Every reason that can be offered for supporting Van Wyck is equally potent as a reason for supporting Shrader. The lieutenant governor is always the possible governor. Besides his position as president of the senate is very important in shaping legislation.

Then in regard to legislative candidates: Neither old party has the smallest prospect of a majority in the legislature. Every well informed democrat and republican knows this. The railroad managers know it perfectly well. They are trying to elect railroad tools to the legislature regardless of party. Every democrat and republican who has anti-monopoly principles, should realize this situation, and checkmate the corporations by voting for the independent candidates for the house and senate.

In fact there is every reason why dissatisfied republicans and democrats should vote for the whole independent ticket. Independent workers should arm themselves with such reasons as these, and go out to persuade such democrats and republicans to vote our ticket straight, and give the new party a fair trial for once at least.

A GREAT many people will feel mean after the election. But the independent who votes for either Harrison or Cleveland besause he is afraid the other will be elected will feel meanest of all.

WE have felt sure for some time that Kem would carry every county in his district but Box Butte, and now comes the report that he is sure to carry that county.