

CAMPAIGN MEETINGS.

A Series of the Most Brilliant and Successful Rallies Ever Held in Nebraska.

A REVIEW OF THE CAMPAIGN.

The Independent Champions Have Been Victorious in Every Joint Debate.

Good Words for Candidates.

So many and so great have been the independent meetings during the latter part of the campaign that we have found it utterly impossible to report but few of them and those but briefly. Such an unbroken series of brilliant and successful rallies we believe were never held in the state.

To begin with, the joint debates between independent and republican candidates have invariably drawn large crowds, and almost as invariably have the independents been largely in the majority in those crowds. The republican papers of the state have made persistent and labored efforts to report grand victories for their champions in all these debates. In fact they have made themselves ridiculous by these efforts. Their stereotyped phrases have become tiresome even to their own partisans.

We have used every means in our reach to ascertain the truth regarding these joint discussions. And we express no more than the simple truth when we say that in not a single joint discussion has an independent champion been worsted, while in at least nine cases out of ten the independents have achieved signal triumphs.

The independent champions have shown the justice of their cause, and the sophistry of their opponents; they have shown their sincerity and earnestness while their opponents have shown insincerity and hypocrisy. The independents have aroused storms of genuine enthusiasm, while the republicans have aroused but little enthusiasm and that was mostly "made to order."

Nothing has so clearly demonstrated the weakness and helplessness of the republican cause as the methods they have adopted to get crowds. In all parts of the state, they have organized what one of our correspondents has very aptly named "flying squadrons," that is clubs of republicans who go from place to place to swell the crowds and furnish ready-made enthusiasm. In some cases these flying squadrons have consisted largely of the hoodlum element and they have lost their party votes by their disgraceful actions.

In all parts of the state the railroads have furnished free transportation for republicans. In some cases they have had free passes. In others that formality has been dispensed with and a republican badge has been sufficient to pass the wearer.

A few days ago several independent for the sake of a "picnic" donned republican badges, and took a free ride all the way from Neligh to Lincoln to swell a republican torch-light procession. A reporter of this paper not long ago interviewed a member of one of the flying squadrons who lives in Lincoln. He said when they went out to rallies at outside towns, the captain of the club would get passes for the crowd. On one occasion they had only fifty passes and the crowd numbered seventy

five. They all chipped in to pay for for the extra twenty-five. These individual instances are cited merely as illustrations. In no case has there been any denial of this free transportation of republicans.

Another thing that has been a source of weakness to the republicans and of strength to the independents, is the mode of warfare adopted by the former. They have made relentless warfare on the reform movement. They have depended on brutal abuse and senseless ridicule. They have indulged in gross unfairness and misrepresentation of the independents. Instead of appealing to reason and patriotism, they have hurled insults at the people. At the same time, they have carefully avoided any attacks on their old-time enemies, the democrats. On the other hand the independents have appealed to reason and a sense of justice. They have treated their opponents with marked courtesy and fairness. In all cases they have taken hold of the real issues with deep earnestness, and discussed them with marked ability.

Aside from the joint debates, a vast number of great meetings have been held. The independent candidates for congress have made brilliant campaigns and have been tireless in their efforts to arouse and educate the people on national issues. The candidates on the state ticket have all been in the field almost incessantly talking to the people on state and national issues. And they have done able and effective service.

The candidates have been seconded by a corps of as able orators as ever poured forth burning words in defence of a noble cause. W. L. Greene of Kearney, who for thrilling eloquence and convincing logic has no superior in the United States; Richard Trevellick, that grand old radical whose words of fire burn through the gauzy sophistries and lay bare the naked rugged truth; Carl Brown who in his peculiar way has done a work of education that no one else has equalled; honest John H. Powers so well known and loved by the people; Hon. E. C. Rewick whose fearless exposure of republican rottenness at Lincoln has won more votes than any other incident of the campaign; J. W. Edgerton, W. S. Prickett and a dozen more whom lack of space forbids us to mention.

The candidates and the speakers have made a noble fight. The state committee has worked hard and faithfully. One thing is needed to consummate the work, and that is for the voters to do their duty on election day.

GENERAL WEAVER'S MEETING.

The exceedingly unfavorable weather has of course militated against the success of General Weaver's meetings this week. Notwithstanding that, the meetings at Norfolk and Grand Island have been very successful. And the meeting at Lincoln to-day (Wednesday) is the greatest that has been here for two years.

We would be glad to give our readers a full report, but it cannot be done without delaying the paper, and we do not wish to do that. We are very much afraid this issue will fail to reach our subscribers till after election anyway, as reports are coming in from many places that independent mail matter is being held back.

DON'T fail to put a cross opposite the name of every Weaver and Field elector.

SOMETHING CROOKED.

Two weeks ago we gave a write-up of the illegal compromise effected by the state officers with the defaulting treasurer of Valley county and his bondsmen. We stated that a settlement was illegally made for \$1,247 less than the amount judgment had been obtained for. The amount of the judgment was \$4,633.50. The amount received by the state \$3,356.28. These are the figures as we published them. But the good people of Valley county are not satisfied with this statement. They insist that no such sum was paid by the bondsmen.

Hon. E. J. Clements, a republican, who was county attorney when the suit against the bondsmen was first instituted stated to a ALLIANCE-INDEPENDENT reporter that he knew personally that the bondsmen borrowed \$2,500 at the First National bank of Ord; that \$600 of this went to Robbins and Babcock, their attorneys, and that the balance was used to pay all other expenses and settle the judgment. Two of the bondsmen, one a democrat, and the other an independent, say they are positive none of the money ever reached the state treasury. Clements is one of the best lawyers, as well as one of the most reliable citizens of Valley county and his word goes a long way with all who know him.

This matter first came to our attention through a letter written by D. McCall of Valley county. He wrote that the amount paid by the bondsmen to satisfy the judgment was believed to be \$1,800. This harmonizes with the statement of Clements.

Shortly after receiving this letter, we went to Auditor Benton and asked for information concerning the settlement. He said as near as he could remember the judgment was settled for \$1,800. Then turning to a clerk he asked him to look up the records of the case. The clerk did as directed and found among the papers a receipt for \$3,356.28 signed by J. E. Hill, treasurer. This we took for conclusive evidence that the matter had been compromised for that amount. But taking all the facts together, Auditor Benton's first remark is certainly a strong confirmation of the position taken by the Valley county people.

We can get no nearer than this to the truth of the matter at present. But we propose to probe this matter to the bottom. Meanwhile, if the state officers concerned, desire to clear their reputations of suspicion they have an excellent opportunity.

It seems that one W. H. Michaels, an attachee of Senator Manduson, has come all the way from Washington to make a campaign against McKeighan. It seems that Michaels left Nebraska a few years ago, and left behind him a loud-smelling reputation. Now a number of papers are so unkind as to give his reputation an airing. It is very disagreeable to the olfactories of the people, but the independents can certainly stand it if the republicans can, for it is making hundreds of votes for McKeighan.

TOBE CASTOR is working the Viquain boom to beat Dech. When the returns come in Dech will be 4,000 ahead of the Frenchman, and 1,500 ahead of the Hungarian.

ALLEN FELD has always been a tool of the corporations, banks and rings. The voters of this district should put a period to his political career next Tuesday.

VOTE FOR HIATT.

There is danger that in the political excitement of election day, some independents may lose sight of one very important office, that of state superintendent of public instruction, hence we desire to call particular attention to it. The following are good reasons why independents should work just as hard for the election of Prof. Hiatt, as for any other candidate:

First—Mr. Hiatt is by all odds the ablest and best fitted candidate to fill the office. He is a gentleman and a scholar. He is a man of originality and energy, a successful and progressive educator.

Second—He has been in the field making an able and very effective canvass for the election of our whole ticket and therefore deserves the hearty support of every loyal independent.

Three—Goudy, Mr. Hiatt's republican opponent, is a rank partisan, and the republican papers of the state, doubtless at his instance, have abused and misrepresented Mr. Hiatt. Goudy has been guilty of rank nepotism in putting his wife in as his deputy, thus practically drawing two salaries. He has, in order to save house rent, stored his household effects in the basement of the capitol building. Only a few months ago, the Evening News, and State Journal, two of the principal organs of his own party, severely criticised Goudy for these and other offenses.

Independent voters, remember these things on election day, and help elect to the office of state superintendent that broad-minded genial gentleman, H. H. Hiatt.

FAREWELL TOMMY.

The State Journal has published in its editorial columns two long letters signed by one Thomas H. Pratt. The writer avers that the independent party has deserted its principles, and done several things that do not harmonize with his high ideas of political rectitude. Hence he is constrained to betake himself to the shelter of the dear old republican fold.

Just what effect these letters have had outside of Lincoln we cannot say. Here they have been a source of much amusement.

Tom Pratt is well known here as a contemptible little upstart. He has had an ambition to be a Ward Heeler, but never succeeded. He has always had a great itching for office. Not long ago he offered to put \$100 into the independent campaign fund if he could have the promise of being made oil inspector. He didn't get the promise.

Pratt never wrote those letters. Hasn't sense enough. His departure from the independent ranks is a great recommendation to the party, just as the departure of Jones and Currie was some time ago.

ALLEN W. FIELD was a member of the legislature in 1885. J. R. Buffington, a member from Gage county introduced a bill to have Boss Stout build a lot of state prisons around over the the state and work the convicts under contract. It was one of the most corrupt and damnable measures introduced in any state legislature. Allen W. Field worked and voted for its passage. This alone is enough to condemn him in the minds of every honest voter.

AGAIN we say: Beware of all sensational stories and exposures sprung on the eve of election. A story that will not bear publishing in time to be answered, is not worthy of any attention.