

GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT.

A Proposal That the National Government Undertake Great Works of Internal Improvement.

Under the direction and management of the engineer corps of the army and navy (a department of government free from taint of corruption or partisanship, and of world wide fame for efficiency), a million or more of laborers may be most profitably employed for years to come on such public works as the building of the Cape Cod Canal, the Hennepin Canal, the Nicaragua canal, the permanent improvement of the Mississippi river, the vast irrigation works needed in the arid regions of the west, the drainage of such large swamp tracts as the Kankakee swamp, (where, at a cost of two million dollars, more than twenty million dollars of land can be redeemed), the great swamps of the south, and last but not least, the construction of good systems of public highways in all sections of nearly every state, (for which there is an urgent demand.)

The labor problem stands before us a spectre of possible and probable revolution. The continued appeal for work to do, goes up to that God whose ear is always open to the needy when they cry. The million of idle men are needy and small consumers. Employed, they would be good consumers, and every one of production would be stimulated.

The relief to the over-crowded labor market would be like a safety valve, until a peaceful evolution of a satisfactory solution can be arrived at.

The government now employs 150,000 men in postoffice and civil service. It employs thousands in the army and navy.

In the manufacture of naval ordnance and army supplies government shops are models of efficiency and successful industry.

The proposed employment of labor on great works of permanent wealth will not interfere with skilled labor now employed; but will be a great stimulus to all other lines of labor and production.

Thirty years ago the government employed a million of men, whose vocation was the destruction of wealth. If that vast power had been turned to the production of wealth and could have been continued to this day, what a spectacle of accomplishment we could today show to the world.

"Paternalism" some will say. A strange objection for "a government of the people, by the people, for the people," when it offers profitable employment to the people who need labor to exist.

"Increased immigration" says another. What matter how rapid immigration of labor, so we have the means of turning it (labor) to profitable account in producing permanent works of national wealth?

"Corruption" says another. Let all the work be done under strict rules of civil service reform and it may be the greatest education towards a purified civil service.

Such a system of enlarged industrial activity will necessitate an increase of circulating medium.

Let the labor be paid. First—By issue of full legal tender greenbacks to the extent of fifty dollars per capita of total population.

Second—By long time taxation of adjacent property to be benefited by internal improvements.

Let a monster petition go the next congress for immediate steps to employ idle labor. Let a bill be presented or such action as will secure this "first step."

S. H. COMINGS, St. Joseph, Mich.

Heard by a Listener. WATERBURY, NEB., Dec. 29, 1892. MR. EDITOR:—Since election it is quite interesting to hear the leaders of the old parties talk over the situation.

At first it looked as though the democrats would have it all their own way, but the g. o. p. never gives up while there is a ghost of a show for them and they now come out boldly and claim they will have a majority in the U. S. senate.

I heard a leading republican say a few days ago that they would buy legislators, supreme courts or anything else that stood in their way if it took the last cent in the U. S. treasury.

They have already bought the supreme court of Montana, and they say they will buy the supreme courts of several other states and will send republicans wherever contested. They are taking the chances of wrecking the government, for whenever the people lose confidence in our courts and our judiciary gets corrupt, then the nation is in a critical condition. Nothing will disrupt a government more quickly than corrupt courts. In almost every instance when a case comes before our supreme courts between corporations and labor the courts side with the corporations as in Homestead, Buffalo and Idaho. How long the people will stand remains to be seen.

I heard an aristocratic politician say the other day in speaking about the telegraphers strike on the Rock Island that they ought to call out the militia and make them go back to work. These same aristocrats say the manufacturers and corporations ought to cut the wages of their workmen right down one-half this winter and starve them to it. They know that cold and hunger with starving wife and children and no money to buy food, will protect the infant industries.

The old parties seem to be somewhat concerned about the financial condition of the country and how to raise sufficient revenue. They already have a bill to do away with the silver law which will make \$51,000,000 less per year although Benny says we must have more money to do the business of the world.

Right here I would like to say a few words on the money question. Does any of your readers know of a nation which has been ever injured by any production of money? The actual production of this nation is \$63,000,000,000, have about \$1,500,000 to measure great wealth and out of this small amount must be taken the loss by fire, war and other causes. It is a wonder we are not more failures. Now if congress repeals the present silver law

to make money to take its place, you will see that that is our platform that says "the nation is on the verge of financial ruin" is true. The financial question will be the next political issue and the sooner the people's attention is called to it the better. As predicted the monetary conference will not amount to anything as we already see that the American people are standing up for America, to the surprise of the world.

The people throughout Nebraska advise their representatives to join with the democrats and elect a U. S. senator for they have nothing to expect from the tyrannical overbearing republicans. If there is a single reader of your paper who ever knew a republican official to keep his promise let him hold up his hands. A LISTENER.

More Soup for the Tollers.

Editor ALLIANCE-INDEPENDENT:

I happened to read in the Omaha Bee December 7, an article headed "The Problem of Good Roads." Now my dear fellow tollers, this is just the soup we need to fatten on. We are told that with good roads we can haul double the loads. The trouble with the farmers has not been in raising crops or hauling them off, but in getting living prices.

Now I am a lover of good roads and am not kicking against them, but against the Bee's idea of putting the good roads agitation to the front while issues of vital importance to our liberty and prosperity are unsettled. The Bee says: "Today the matter of good roads is being agitated all over our broad land. The daily and weekly press, both secular and religious, and the monthly periodicals are discussing the question in all its bearings."

Now I have no doubt of this, but the fact itself is a suspicious circumstance. The "Almighty Dollar" is behind it.

The plutocrats are seeking through bonding of counties and districts to get a more absolute hold on our farms. The better the roads are built, the more it will be for those fellows when they close us out in front of our so-called temples of justice, (courthouse).

They would bind the white slaves of our land more securely by fastening a heavier debt upon them.

This is undoubtedly Mr. Roosevelt's idea. He wants the national government to take hold of the work. Of course this would involve the issue of more bonds, payable in gold, interest and principal. Then the gold-bugs can buy the bonds, perhaps at a discount. Then will come the everlasting drain of interest which must be paid from the products of our toil.

Now if these fellows are determined to have good roads, let's have the government issue legal tender notes to pay the expense. We have no more use for bonds. Yours for justice, HENRY HEITROLT, Brewster, Neb.

From the Pacific Coast.

DOSPALOS, Mexico Co., Cal., Dec. 18, 1892.—I notice in a late issue that you invite correspondence. I will give you a few items from my home on the coast. After battling with the blizzards and snow storms of Nebraska for fourteen years, I can hardly realize that I am in a land where winter never comes. The order of things here is to plow, sow and plant for the benefit of Shylock and his minions twelve months in the year instead of six as in Nebraska. But the people are being awakened here as never before on the great cause of the age, our false financial system.

You should tell as many of "Bice's financial cataplasms" as possible for it is a great eye-opener. I have a \$1.00 greenback which I have been saving for six months, but I will send it to you for another year's subscription, so I can keep posted on the doings of this legislature. I can't be there at the opening of the legislature as I was two years ago. I hope all our true senators and representatives will stay in the middle of the road.

Yours for equal rights, E. A. BARKER.

Bart County Alliance.

Editor ALLIANCE-INDEPENDENT:

The Bart County Alliance met at Tekamah at 1 o'clock on Dec. 20, 1892, for the purpose of auditing accounts and other business that came up at the meeting.

Remember the date of the next meeting. S. A. MERRILL, Bart Co., Neb.

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THE CURRENT ISSUES TALES OF BLOOD AND THUNDER.

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PERSONAL.—We never speak of ourself in the columns of our own paper when we can possibly avoid it. It is not in good taste for an editor of a great journal to do so. We shouldn't do so on this occasion if not forced to in order to set certain rumors at rest.

About a year ago Major A. Hoyt Dudley struck this town with his family. He subscribed for the Kicker and all went well for a time. He was made Assistant County Clerk, and it was not until he began to get drunk and light his cigars with deeds and mortgages that we had anything to say. He felt revengeful for our remarks, and in order to get even with us gave a grand party one night last week and cut us dead. Not only that, but he bragged of it and so did his wife. The idea was to belittle and degrade us in a social way, but we don't think any one will try it on again. We telegraphed up to Joliet that the Major was here, and day before yesterday he was taken back to serve out the other two years of his service. We understand that his wife is furious because we also learned that she used to perform in a beer hall concert in Philadelphia, but we can't help it. They set out to slay and got slayed, and must make the best of it. We never attack any one, but if stepped on we always seek to make it hot for the steppist.

A FEW PLAIN WORDS.—Being on this subject and not wishing to refer to it again, we wish to say a few words to our home readers. The question is often asked, "Who is the leader of society in this town?" We desire to settle that question right here and now. We are. There isn't the slightest doubt that we are the only man in this town using perfumed soap, a tooth-brush, and having a white shirt which buttons behind. We are the only one, so far as we can learn, who has regular summer socks, cats with a fork, or knows to what use to put a table napkin. We don't brag of these things. We were brought up that way, and it's perfectly natural. We are gentle and refined. No one ever saw us expectorate on the floor while dancing, and we don't want a brick-layer's trowel to eat ice cream with. We trust this will settle the question at once and forever.

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