

NON-POLITICAL REFORM

A Farmer Suggests Some Reforms For His Brother Farmers to Consider.

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The Speculators "The Scum of the Earth," to be Knocked out and the Brotherhood of Producers Consummated.

Business and Politics.

DELTA, Neb., April 20, 1893. Editor ALLIANCE-INDEPENDENT:

The remedy for the agricultural depression which has been crushing the farmers of this country for many years past is not altogether dependent on politics. Proper attention to their business, and taking that full control of it that other industrial lines have, would alleviate some of our present ills.

But let conditions be changed and the enactment of a law bearing on the above subject would not be needed at all. If farmers and all hard working men were receiving better compensation for their honest labor they would be better off and so their need of borrowing would be less urgent.

But there is little or no hope for farmers to better their condition so long as their business is controlled by strangers and these strangers the very scum of society—the unscrupulous speculators. That such characters should have power to set the price on the farmers' labor and capital invested is simply a monstrosity.

The demands of the people's party to give relief from the present depression are grand to contemplate. But let us not sit down listlessly and idle whilst time is hurrying those precious promises to fulfillment.

There is at present a special work for us to do to eradicate a ruinous evil existing in the farmers' business that tends to their ruin with alarming celerity, and that is isolated farmers' contending in business with rings, syndicates and combinations. The combat is unequal! The picture is most appalling!

Thus with one stroke one of the greatest if not the grandest device of the money power to increase their riches is out of.

The streams are now changed in another direction and that in the right direction and running as near to the consumers as possible. The farmers could with less preparation protect themselves against the grain gamblers by adapting their business to the present system. This would be done by a thorough understanding among themselves about how to conduct their business.

In daring practical piety excel the Reverend D. D.'s of the church. JAMES LIVINGSTON.

COMMENTS.

Brother Livingston does not make it entirely clear what he means by the farmers "selling on orders." He probably means that farmers should hold their marketable surplus till it is called for and then exercise the right of fixing the prices, subject of course to the general law of supply and demand.

It certainly would not be possible for the farmers acting individually to carry such an idea into effect. Brother L. recognizes the necessity for a "compact union."

But the most compact union possible to be formed can not carry this idea into effect without taking control to a certain extent of the machinery of exchange. The agricultural producers can never expect to form a union sufficiently strong and lasting to compel buyers to visit their farms to give orders for their surplus.

If Brother L. has any plan by which his idea can be carried into effect more speedily, we would be glad to lay it before our readers. EDITOR.

Mr. Powderly's Prediction.

Three millions celebrated in 1792, 63,000,000 in 1893, and 300,000,000 will in 1993 celebrate the landing of Columbus. They will be educated and refined, for the arts and sciences will be taught in the public schools.

Railroads, water courses, telegraphs, telephones, pneumatic tubes and all other methods of transporting passengers, freight and intelligence will be owned and operated by the government.

The form of government will be simpler, the initiative and referendum will prevail, and lawmakers will not be the autocrats they now are, for they will truly register the will of the people; they will not dictate to them as at present.

Each home will be regarded as a contribution to the wealth and beauty of the nation; the earnings of public concerns will defray the cost of maintaining streets, sewers, water works and light and heat giving establishments.

The progress of the lower grades of animal life has been skillfully guided and hastened until we may now assert that cattle and fowl are approaching perfection. In 1993 the same attention will be bestowed on the human race, and, instead of rushing blindly forward increasing and multiplying at haphazard, humanity will knowingly and intelligently advance to higher altitudes.

Under such conditions prisons and poor houses will decline, and divorces will not be considered necessary. The system which makes criminals of men and women and at the same time makes millionaires of others will have disappeared. As a consequence the confinement and punishment of criminals will occupy but little of the thought or time of the men of 1993.

T. V. POWDERLY.

Good Definitions.

Republican—A man who wants the Democrats to stick to the party. Democracy—A sort of paste that holds the Republican party together.

Politics—Forbidden fruit to third party men.

Bribery—Brilliant management. Honorable—Skinned the public for over a million.

Tramp—What is left of a "melican" man after he gets through the mill.

Prosperity—Mountains of wealth where honest men can see it.

Paper—A substance on which laws are printed for the management of the common herd.

Electioneering—Setting up the cigars and bug jules to the boys, in the hope that the boys will mistake you for a good fellow and the country foot the bill.

Keeping out of P-tities—Throwing up your hat and yelling in the Democratic or Republican procession.

Honest Dollar—The sort that made John Sherman a millionaire on 96,000 a year.

Tariff—Something that always needs fixing when congress has something else to do.

Patriotism—Getting yourself skinned and then bragging about the dexterity of the operator.—Pointers.

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LABOR NOTES.

The rat printers have been driven from New Orleans.

Broom makers will hold a convention in St. Louis May 9.

The New Jersey legislature has passed an anti-sweating law.

Michigan legislature is likely to pass an anti-Pinkerton law.

Knights of Labor are organizing the country towns in Ohio.

In thirteen South Dakota towns women are the school superintendents.

Meetings are being held all the country to protest against the Russian treaty.

Tennessee legislature passed a law prohibiting employment of children under 12 years of age.

Southern Union organizers are teaching negroes the ethics of unionism, and many organizations are the result.

A Pennsylvania paper says that the American miners in that state are getting very scarce, Italians and Hungarians predominating.

The democratic legislature of New York has also managed to kill another good bill, the object of which was to exempt homes worth \$1,500 or less from taxation.

Ex-Senator Edmunds says the United States government has the power to confiscate every pound of coal hauled by the Reading company outside of Pennsylvania.

Some Democratic History.

The 8th plank in the national democratic platform of 1840 reads as follows: Resolved, That the separation of the moneys of the government from banking institutions is indispensable for the safety of the funds of the government and the rights of the people.

This was reaffirmed in the conventions of 1844, 1848 and 1852.

The 9th, plank of the platform of 1852 reads:

Resolved, That congress has no power to charter a national bank, that we believe such an institution one of deadly hostility to the best interests of the country, dangerous to our republican institutions and the people, and calculated to place the business of the country within the control of a concentrated money power, and that above the power and will of the people.

The convention of 1856 again reaffirmed the above resolution. The same was done by both the Baltimore conventions in 1860. Not until the convention at Chicago in 1864, when the republic was in the throes of a mighty revolution, do we hear one word simulating a combination with the greedy plutocrats of the land.

How the times have changed. Today we find the party leaders of democracy (?) creak by jowl with the spoilers of our people—national bankers, syndicates, corporations and every species of corruptorials known in the political calendar.—Southern Mercury.

Dickering With Wall Street.

WASHINGTON, April 22.—"At the cabinet meeting this afternoon Secretary Carlisle brought up the proposition of the New York bankers to supply, under certain conditions, the treasury department with gold. It was very thoroughly discussed and finally rejected.

This was the culmination of several propositions submitted, one of which was declined last Saturday. A counter proposition was then made by the bankers to the secretary of the treasury, which was received last Monday. This was also rejected, and in turn the secretary submitted a proposition to them, which they also refused to accept.

World's Fair Rates.

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The Wounded Bird Flutters.

CHICAGO, Ill., April 25.—A meeting of the lines interested in the Nebraska freight rate bill was held today. Nothing was done beyond discussing the rate in a general way, although it is practically certain that the roads will make a strong fight against the bill. No active steps will be taken, however, until the attorneys have had time to fully consider the legal aspect of the case.

Signs of Harmony.

The alleged democratic senatorial trio, North, Babcock and Mattes, have been in Washington during the past week banqueting each other and hunting office. They will doubtless get what they want. They have all served their masters well, but they come as near representing the democratic party of Nebraska as would the republican state officials who are now defendants in impeachment proceedings.—Lincoln Herald.

Sizing J. Sterling up.

A week or two ago we mentioned the fact that J. Sterling Morton, the new Secretary of Agriculture, claims that he raised 1,500 bushels of corn on twenty acres and made fifty campaign speeches the same summer. We expressed the opinion then that if he didn't make a better Secretary than Jerry Rusk, he would be a bigger liar. Now he is telling that he was the champion corn shucker in his county, and says that he thinks nothing of shucking 200 bushels of corn in a day.

JUST FOR FUN.

She—Now you've looked over my music, what would you like to have me play? L.—Either euchre or cribbage.

First Stranger—It seems to me I have seen your face before. Second Stranger—Quite likely. That's where I carry it.

"Goodness me, Johnny! What are you crying about now?" "Cause Tommy dreamed about eatin' pie last night and I didn't."

He—My income is small, and perhaps it is cruel of me to take you from your father's roof. She, anxiously—I don't live on the roof.

Guest to hotelkeeper who has just handed him his bill—Tell me, is not this the house where the poet Schiller lodged for one night before he wrote his play "The Robbers?"

Mr. Pulletin—I make a bad mistake mit buying dose goods. I buys too much. Little Son—Th' teacher say we must profit by our meestakes. Mr. Pulletin—Ish dot zo. Vell, I get dem insured.

"Who is that man with the long hair?" "That man, my dear, has done a great service to German poetry." "How? Because he wrote so well?" "No, because he stopped writing."

"Parkey's fire insurance policy covered the coal in his cellar, and the other day, just for a joke, he put in a claim for all he'd burned." "What did the company do?" "Had Parker arrested for arson."

Businesslike Yankee, in the near future—Beg pardon for intruding sir, but you are the governor of these islands, are you not? Territorial Governor of Hawaii—I am sir. What can I do for you? Businesslike Yankee—I notice one of your volcanoes is smoking. Like to sell you a down-draft furnace for it sir.

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