

is the best

Advertising medium in the west. It is especially valuable as a means of reaching the farmers. Its circulation is as large in Nebraska as the circulation of all the "farm journals" combined.

Give THE ALLIANCE-INDEPENDENT a trial if you want good results.

Advocates

The free and unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1; in other words, the restoration of silver to the place it held in our currency from 1792 to 1873.

That the Sherman law should not be repealed unless a law more favorable to silver is substituted for it.

THE STATE CONVENTION

A Large, Harmonious, Enthusiastic Gathering of the Populists.

S. A. HOLCOMB FOR SUPREME JUDGE

A Ringing Platform—Heath, Monroe and Brainard for Regents—The New State Central Committee.

A Winning Ticket.

The populist state convention of 1893 has come and gone. It was a surprisingly large convention, considering the hard times and in view of the fact that the present is an off year. Very nearly all counties in the state were represented, generally by full delegations. In a parliamentary point of view it was the best organized and best managed convention in the history of the populist party of Nebraska. It was harmonious, with just enough fighting to make things interesting. It was enthusiastic and its cheers awakened many a Lincoln sleeper along until the wee sma' hours of the morning. Its candidate is a man large in body, heart and brain—a splendid lawyer and a splendid judge—a man whose character is above reproach and whose ability is above cavil—Silas A. Holcomb, the next supreme judge of Nebraska.

HOW THE TROUBLE BEGAN.

It was 2:30 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon when Chairman Blake, of the state central committee, called the assembled delegates to order. W. A. Howard, the singing pilgrim, sang "Bring the Good Old Ballot, Boys," after which Mayor Weir, of Lincoln, delivered an address of welcome, into which he injected some right good populist doctrine, for which he was tendered something like an ovation. W. A. Poynter made response to the mayor in a ringing speech, and Howard sang again. Call was read by the secretary of the committee, and then the ball began in earnest.

FOR TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN.

W. A. Poynter, of Boone, I. A. Sheridan, of Red Willow, George Abbott, of Richardson, and W. F. Dale, of Harlan, were named for temporary chairman. Dale was withdrawn and the vote stood Poynter 584; Sheridan 110, Abbott 86, Gaffin 1; and Mr. Poynter was temporary chairman. C. N. Mayberry, of Pawnee and Fred Jewell, of Platte, were named as temporary secretaries.

After a little preliminary scuffling, the following committees were appointed. On credentials: Shamp of Lancaster, Allen of Cass, Abbott of Richardson, Sheridan of Red Willow, Saunders of Platte.

On permanent organization: Small of York, Strickler of Douglas, Porter of Merrick, Gaffin of Saunders, Munn of Otoe.

On platform and resolutions: Jones of Adams, Morearty of Douglas, Wolf of Lancaster, Wright of Johnson, Saunders of Burt.

It was decided that all resolutions be referred to the committee on platform without debate.

A recess was then taken for thirty minutes, during which railroad tickets were signed and other kindred business transacted. At 4:30 the convention was again called to order and the following gentlemen appointed a committee on rules: Gaffin, of Saunders, Porter of Merrick, James of Boone, Carry of Dodge and Barry of Greeley.

The committee on credentials now made its report and the convention proceeded to elect a permanent organization.

The committee on permanent organization made the following report: For permanent chairman, Senator W. F. Dale of Harlan county; for secretaries, D. Clem Deaver of Douglas; Pratt of Merrick and Bailey of Fillmore. The report was accepted with a whoop and Senator Dale, in a neat speech of acceptance, took the chair.

While waiting for the report of the committees, Mr. E. C. Hewrick of Lincoln, was called to the platform and lit into the state house ring without gloves. He reviewed his famous exposures of two years ago and made a number of fresh ones. He showed wherein the state treasurer and attorney general were disobeying the law and produced a copy of the Mosher bond showing that the republican state officers were in the conspiracy to defraud Nebraska out of over two hun-

dred and thirty thousand dollars. All this matter is set forth in another column of the ALLIANCE-INDEPENDENT. Committee on rules made the following report as to order of business:

First—Selection of members of state central committee, the chairman, secretary and treasurer to be appointed by the committee.

Second—Call of counties for nomination of candidates for judge of supreme court and regents. The committee recommended that the first ballot should be an informal one.

Something of a fight was precipitated over the adoption of recommendation as to election of chairman and secretary of state central committee. It was finally decided to leave the matter to the committee itself, in accordance with these rules the different counties now selected and reported the following:

STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

- Adams—George Lynn. Antelope—J. D. Hatfield. Boone—F. M. Sillick. Box Butte—C. Olds. Buffalo—Isaac Henthorn. Butler—C. H. Chellis. Burt—Wm. F. Brewster. Cass—L. G. Todd. Cedar—E. Boardwell. Chase—J. W. Martin. Clay—E. D. Brown. Colfax—Orlando Nelson. Cuming—John Emley. Custer—C. W. Beal. Dakota—John Joyce. Dawson—Markwood Holmes. Dixon—J. F. Hall. Dodge—C. S. Fowler. Douglas—D. K. Beaver. Fillmore—C. L. Riley. Franklin—J. M. Dimmick. Frontier—W. A. Bradbury. Furnas—C. F. Wheeler. Gage—G. B. Reynolds. Garfield—S. F. Fleener. Gosper—P. B. Yeoman. Grant—A. E. Parsons. Greeley—P. H. Barry. Hall—W. J. Burger. Hamilton—L. M. Howard. Harlan—L. A. McNeil. Hitchcock—George Carter. Holt—Hans Kutzman. Howard—Peter Ebbeson. Johnson—W. G. Swan. Kearney—J. S. Canady. Keya Paha—Otto Mutz. Lancaster—F. L. Mary. Lincoln—J. W. Ellingham. Madison—Wm. Bickley. Merrick—B. F. Pratt. Nemaha—W. P. Hattan. Nemaha—J. H. Dundas. Nuckolls—E. L. Beach. Otoe—B. S. Whitaker. Pawnee—Joseph Meek. Pierce—R. A. Tawney. Phelps—A. Wanner. Platte—John S. Freeman. Polk—D. D. Little. Red Willow—H. H. Pickins. Richardson—George A. Abbott. Saline—E. S. Abbott. Sarpy—George Becker. Saunders—J. N. Gaffin. Seward—W. S. Beebe. Sheridan—W. F. Wasman. Sherman—J. M. Snyder. Stanton—James Brooks. Taylor—William Patrick. Valley—Dr. J. M. Klinker. Washington—C. A. Whitford. Wayne—H. D. Miller. Webster—H. L. Hopkins. Wheeler—C. E. Parsons. York—J. S. P. Small. A recess was taken for supper.

CONVENTION THEN ADJOURNED FOR SUPPER.

Bohannon's hall was comfortably filled in the afternoon but at night it was packed almost to suffocation. Immediately after the call to order at 7:30 the committee on resolutions announced itself ready to report. The resolutions were read by W. F. Wright, of Lancaster county, and as each successive point was scored the old building shook with cheer. Especially did the money bank reference to the railroad question and the demand for immediate prosecution of the bondholders, catch the convention.

THE PLATFORM.

The people's independent party of the state of Nebraska in convention assembled hereby endorses and reaffirms the platform of principles as laid down in the Omaha platform of July 4, 1892.

The wisdom of the utterances there made and the justice of the demands there promulgated are even more apparent now than then.

The truth there enunciated, that "we meet in the midst of a nation brought to the verge of moral, political, ruin," has been fully verified by the acts of the present congress now in special session assembled and by the present financial condition of almost our entire people.

We condemn the leaders of both the republican and democratic parties, who are attempting to demoralize silver, thereby placing the business of the country upon a gold basis, and we denounce them as traitors to the liberties of the people and we reiterate our demand for the free coinage of silver with that of gold at the ratio of 16 to 1 and we demand of the present congress the passage of such a law.

We approve and applaud the acts of our congressmen, W. A. McKeighan and O. M. Ken for their opposition to the repeal of the purchasing clause of the so-called Sherman law and also of W. J. Bryan of the First district elected as a democrat.

That we are in favor of a service pension to our soldiers upon a showing in a court of record of an honorable discharge and upon reasonable proof, such service pension to be on an equality regardless of rank.

And we are in favor of an additional amount, based upon the degree of disability which shall be the measure of the same.

We demand that all railroad, telephone and telegraph lines, shall be owned and controlled by the government, under its powers and rights of eminent domain and operated in the interest and for the benefit of all the people and not in the interest of American and European shysters.

That we are opposed to union of church and state in any form or under any pretext whatever; that the freedom of speech and of the press shall ever be maintained; that there shall be no religious tests for office; that we are opposed to all secret or open political organizations based on religious prejudices as contrary to the spirit and genius of our institutions and thoroughly un-American. That we unreservedly approve of our American free school system as a means of popular education and we are opposed to any diversion of the public school funds of the state for sectarian purposes.

Resolved that we denounce the republican administration of this state, also the subsidized republican press and their politicians and speakers, who from the press and rostrum have been deceiving the people, claiming the state was out of debt. While the fact is that in spite of the heavy tax levied from year to year, there is nearly \$700,000 outstanding warrants, upon which the taxpayers are required to pay an annual interest of 7 per cent. We denounce in emphatic terms the state officers for approving the form and manner of bond of C. W. Mosher, president of the Capital National bank, by which the state was swindled out of \$236,000. We further say that every officer whose duty under the law was to secure the funds of the state should be held morally and financially responsible for the money lost.

We demand the strict enforcement of the law known as the Newberry bill for the regulation of freight rates.

We demand the repeal of the present law and demand law empowering the people to elect a railroad commission.

That we are in favor of the enforcement of the eight hour law for labor as it now stands upon our statutes.

Resolved, That this convention tender hearty thanks to the independent newspaper editors of the state and ask their hearty support of the members of the independent party.

We are opposed to the present system of contract convict labor, which is daily depriving our honest laborers from their means of support.

We demand the speedy and vigorous prosecution and trial of all persons now under indictment for complicity in the asylum and penitentiary steals.

We demand that the state treasurer shall comply with the law in regard to the investment of the state school fund, and also with the law regulating the deposit of state funds in banks.

Be it further resolved that the record of the people's independent party members in both houses of the legislature is a record to be proud of and said members are hereby tendered our hearty thanks for duties faithfully performed.

On motion of Devine of Colfax the above platform was adopted.

By an oversight the committee had neglected to refer to Senator Allen's good work. The following resolution was offered by Mr. Thornton and unanimously adopted:

"Resolved, That we commend Senator Allen for the able and manly fight which he is making for popular rights in the United States senate. We especially commend him for his opposition to increasing the privileges of the national banks."

An anti-press resolution was offered by Judge Abbott of Richardson county, which was also unanimously adopted.

NOMINATIONS

At this point the main business of the convention was announced, viz., the nomination of a candidate for supreme judge.

Prof. Jones, of Adams county, in a short but eloquent speech, nominated John M. Ragan, of Hastings.

County Attorney Campbell of Custer county, made the speech of the convention in nominating Judge S. A. Holcomb of the Twelfth Judicial District. He described Judge Holcomb as a man of the great common people; that he had the support of the entire bar of his district; that he was one of the ablest judges in the state; and that above all he would not have to make a defensive campaign.

J. W. Edgerton of Douglas, seconded the nomination of Ragan and Isaac Hascall of the same delegation, seconded that of Holcomb.

Gage county presented the name of J. E. Bush of Beatrice; and Barry of Greeley followed with the name of Judge Maxwell. First votes followed the naming of Maxwell of "Let him announce himself and even kisses were indulged in."

Lancaster county had a second ballot for Holcomb and Ragan. Various other seconds followed, as the roll call pro-

ceeded. When Saunders county was reached S. H. Sorborg's name was presented and York wound up the list with the name of Judge Edward Bates.

FIRST BALLOT

The first informal ballot resulted as follows: Holcomb..... 354 Ragan..... 189 Bush..... 124 Bates..... 101 Thompson..... 48 Maxwell..... 19 Sorberger..... 29

No one having received a majority of all the votes cast, the first formal ballot was ordered.

HOLCOMB NOMINATED.

From start to finish it was for the man from Broken Bow. Judge Thompson withdrew and his votes went to Holcomb. Douglas and Lancaster wheeled into line for Holcomb. Before the roll call was completed Adams county made the motion, seconded by Gage, that Judge Holcomb be declared the choice of the convention by acclamation. The motion was carried with a yell and for a few minutes the convention went wild. The nominee was brought forward to the platform and was given an ovation.

In a few well chosen words he thanked the convention for the honor conferred upon him and promised that, if elected, he would try to rise above partisanship and be the judge of the whole people, having an eye single to the carrying out of the law. For no class and against no class, he would try to stand for a simple justice. He believed he would be elected and the convention cheered in a manner that showed that it believed so too.

Then, at the hour of midnight, the convention settled down to a love feast. John M. Ragan was called out and given an ovation second hardly to that of the successful candidate.

He was an independent because he believed that the Omaha platform contained the highest standard of ethics enunciated during the nineteenth century. This cause was as sacred as any that had ever engaged the attention of men. He promised the nominee his loyal support and predicted that he would be the next supreme judge of Nebraska. Then Judge Bush, Judge Bates and various others were called out and made ringing speeches.

NOMINEES FOR REGENTS.

The candidates for regents of the state university were as follows:

B. F. Pratt, of Merrick; A. A. Monroe of Douglas; George Horst, of Polk; James Finch, of Antelope; B. F. Allen, of Cass; J. M. Snyder, of Sherman; C. L. Brainard, of Chase; and E. L. Heath of Sherman.

A motion was made that the three receiving the largest number of votes be declared the nominees of the convention. Mr. Heath receiving 594 votes; Mr. Monroe, 343, and Mr. Brainard 280, they were declared such nominees, the two former for the long term, and the latter for the short term. After three rousing cheers for the ticket the convention then adjourned.

THE NOMINEES.

Hon. S. A. Holcomb, the independent candidate for judge of the supreme court is a resident of Broken Bow. He stands six feet two inches and is broad in proportion, and if weight is any criterion of success he is likely to distance any lighter competitors. He was born in Gibson county, Ind., thirty-five years ago, and commenced his legal education in that state, and completed it in the office of Thummell & Platte in Grand Island. He has lived in Nebraska for fourteen years—four in Hamilton county and ten in Custer. He has been engaged in the successful practice of law for eleven years. Although formerly a democrat, he attached himself to the independent movement in 1891, and was in that year elected judge of the Twelfth judicial district; a position he still holds.

Mr. E. L. Heath, nominee for regent, was elected to the legislature of 1890 as a republican. He voted with the populists, however, during that session and is since affiliated with them. He is a fine scholar, a good speaker and a man universally liked wherever known. He is at present editor of the Rushville Standard.

Prof. A. A. Monroe, another of the candidates for regent, is one of the finest educators in this state. He is a university graduate and at present principal of the South Omaha schools. He has been an independent since the beginning of the movement.

Mr. C. L. Brainard, the third candidate for regent, is a young man, a graduate of the State University, and a thorough independent. He hails from the southwestern part of the state, being a resident of Imperial, Chase county.

THE STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The new state central committee met at room 151 Lindsell Hotel, immediately after the adjournment of the convention. The following were elected officers of the committee for the ensuing year: D. C. Deaver, chairman, Omaha; J. A. Edgerton, secretary, Lincoln; J. V. Wolfe, treasurer, Lincoln; J. N. Gaffin, chairman of executive committee, Colfax; executive committee: first district, J. H. Dundas, Auburn; second district, I. S. Hascall, Omaha; third district, C. S. Fowler, North Platte; fourth district, J. D. P.

Small, York; fifth district, A. S. Canada, Minden; sixth district, C. W. Beal, Broken Bow.

Mr. D. Clem Deaver, the new chairman of the state central committee, is one of the most zealous and active workers in the movement in this state. He is a young man, an active organizer than whom no man stands higher in labor circles at Omaha and in the state. With a heart on fire for the cause; and with boundless enthusiasm, he will conduct an energetic and winning campaign.

The new secretary, Mr. J. A. Edgerton, is well and most favorably known to the independents of the state as a brainy young newspaper man. He is well qualified to fill the place, and his energy and rustling qualities will be in full play from now till the close of the campaign.

Mr. J. V. Wolfe, treasurer of the committee, needs no introduction to Nebraska independents. And it cannot but augment the confidence of everyone to know that Mr. Wolfe will be actively engaged in the work at headquarters.

Mr. J. N. Gaffin, chairman of the executive committee, was the late speaker of the Nebraska house of representatives. Mr. Gaffin holds one of the most important positions of all and in a way will be nearly as actively engaged as any of the others.

With this corps of officers at the head of the state committee and with the hearty and active cooperation of every committeeman in the state, the independents should win in the coming campaign.

The executive committee adjourned to meet Wednesday, September 13, at 1 o'clock p. m., when it is desired that a full attendance be present.

NOTES.

The ticket is a winner.

Geo. Abbott, of Richardson county, scored the great hit of the convention on his anti-pass resolution.

At the very last hour of the convention, when fully one-half the delegates were gone out of the hall, the old soldiers were required to stand and be counted. Over one hundred responded. There were probably two hundred soldiers in the full convention.

J. Douste and Chas. Welch, delegates from Logan county, drove the entire distance from Grand Island to Lincoln in a light wagon. There is patriotism for you. Mr. Douste is one of the best known G. A. R. men in his part of the state.

Coroner's Verdict on Dr. Grayson.

DENVER, Col., Sept. 7.—The coroner's jury in the case of Dr. T. Thatcher Graves has reported that, judging from the letters the deceased left behind, he committed suicide, but that from the testimony introduced the jurors were unable to decide whether or not it was a natural death.

Half the Business Part Burned.

MALTA BEND, Mo., Sept. 7.—Yesterday morning between 1 and 3 o'clock half the business houses in this city were destroyed by fire, together with the contents of the buildings. The fire originated between two buildings, and is supposed to be the work of an incendiary.

Nebraska Populist Nomination.

OMAHA, Neb., Sept. 7.—The Populist convention at Lincoln last evening nominated Judge B. R. Holcomb of Broken Bow for the position of supreme judge. The usual endorsement of the Omaha platform was adopted.

A Missouri College Burned.

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Sept. 7.—The Christian church college at Ash Grove, this county, burned at 5 o'clock this morning. The loss is \$25,000; insurance \$11,000. The fire was of incendiary origin.

Thousands of Tons.

Meteors of various sizes reach the earth in many places. The largest known is that which fell on the plains of Incuman, in South America, which weighed about fifteen tons. A recent calculation shows that the increase of the earth's weight annually, from meteoric sources, is about ninety thousand tons.

Erect a Tombstone.

A merchant in Brattleboro, Vt., annoyed by the condition of the highway before his store, wrote to a selectman during the latter's temporary absence from town as follows: "Two men stuck in the mud in front of the American House. Shall we attempt to get them out or erect tombstones?"

Wanted—To lease an independent paper. Address Geo. E. Vawter; Lincoln, Neb.

\$14.40 to Chicago and Return.

On account of "Nebraska Day" at the world's fair, the Elkhorn Co., Northwestern line, will sell tickets September 10th and 11th at \$14.40 for the round trip. City office 1130 G street. W. M. SHIPMAN, General Agent.

ANOTHER BIG HOLD-UP

The Frisco Way Laid Near Pacific, Mo. Three Masked Men Do the Job—A Bold Deed.

WRECKED BY DYNAMITE BOMBS.

One Man Captured by the Conductor and Brakeman—Nobody Hurt—Robbers Get Nothing.

Villagers Grew Excited.

St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 7.—The Frisco railway was the victim of another hold-up last night.

Express train No. 1 on the Frisco westbound, was flagged with a red light a few miles east of Pacific, which is about forty miles west of St. Louis. The train came to a standstill and two men held the engine crew at bay while a third went to the express and demanded admittance. The messenger refused to open the door. The command then came from the engine guards to blow.

This command was instantly followed by a dynamite report and the woodwork of the car was wrecked. Then the three highwaymen joined forces and tried to enter the car, but were impeded by the wreck.

At this juncture the conductor and a brakeman rushed up to the robbers with pistols drawn and commanded them to surrender. The robbers answered with a poorly directed fusillade which the two trainmen gave back with interest.

Such unexpected resistance unnerved the robbers, and two of them took to their heels. The third was overpowered and made a prisoner. So far as known no one was hurt.

When the train pulled into Pacific station the express car presented a sorry sight. Dynamite had torn the side of the car. The prisoner was placed under guard at the station and the train proceeded. Excited villagers to the number of 300 had gathered about the depot when the United Press correspondent arrived, and it was only by a rush of the officers that a battle was prevented.

PEARY'S EXPEDITION.

Preparing Quarters for the Winter at the Head of Bowdoin Bay.

St. Johns, N. F., Sept. 7.—Lieutenant Peary's Arctic steamer Falcon arrived here yesterday. She left Peary with his party all well at the head of Bowdoin bay, North Greenland; August 20. Peary had at that time eighty dogs, twenty tons of walrus meat and eleven deer on hand. Then the house was nearly completed and the party was living in it. There were several men employed daily in carrying stores from the headquarters to an interior ice came, where they were cached in readiness for the Greenland expedition next spring.

Big Men to Speak at Arkansas City.

ARKANSAS CITY, Kan., Sept. 7.—Arrangements have been perfected for a mass meeting to be held next Saturday, under the auspices of the Home Mutual Soldier's association. Ex-Secretary Noble is announced as one of the speakers. Addresses will also be delivered by ex-Senator Perkins, ex-Governor Humphrey and others. It is intended as a school of education to those who expect to make the run for homes on the Cherokee outlet on the 15th.

Demand that Trains be Run.

EL RENO, Ok., Sept. 7.—A well-attended mass-meeting was held here yesterday by intended strip settlers. They demand running of trains on opening day, and protest against the men owning race horses, which the ordinary settler cannot afford to keep. It is expected that unless trains run at the opening the fast horse men will capture the townsites and best lands, for speculation.

English Letters on Silver.

LONDON, Sept. 7.—Long letters which have passed between Commander Barrett and Sir William Vernon Harcourt, chancellor of the exchequer, with regard to the silver question and the Brussels conference are about to be published. Sir William, in one of the letters, says that the failure of the congress to reassemble was due to the United States.

Big Iron Mine Combination.

DULUTH, Minn., Sept. 7.—Organization has been effected of the Lake Superior Consolidated lines, controlling the Mesabi and Gogebie iron mines and the Spanish American mine in Cuba. John D. Rockefeller, Colgate, Hoyt, Wetmore and others are in it. The capital is \$50,000,000 and the head office will be in New York.