

FROM WASHINGTON.

While the People Suffer the Politicians Scheme

CONCERNING THE BANKRUPTCY BILL

The Hawaiian Muddle—Blounts Bulky Report Sent to Congress—Nebraska Congressmen Complimented.

Congressional Doings Discussed.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14, '93.—A few weeks ago old party editors and politicians cried aloud with one voice: "Repeal the Sherman law, and confidence will be restored, business will revive, industries will resume operation, and prosperity will prevail." The Sherman law was repealed, and now the events of the present are answering those false claims. Here is a portion of the answer:

The army of unemployed in New York City numbers 140,000 at a low estimate, and the number is increasing daily.

Chicago has 117,000 idle poor, 10,000 of whom are in absolute want. Thousands are living on charity. Hundreds sleep at night on the hard stone floors of the city hall. The situation grows worse all the time.

90,000 laborers out of work in Philadelphia.

The situation in other great cities is equally bad, but the number of unemployed have not yet been ascertained.

The above are the figures as given in the New York Press. But the mere figures convey no adequate idea of the terrible conditions which prevail in these cities. Indeed it is impossible to paint the horror of the situation. Hunger, cold, anxiety, and despair will in the months of this winter produce a grand aggregate of suffering which is beyond the power of the human mind to conceive.

This condition would be less awful if the temporary suffering of the poor were its chief result. But the patriotic student of politics must see something beyond this. The suffering millions are American citizens. They are voters. They elect the men who make and execute our laws. The suffering of this winter is destroying their independence, crushing their manhood, making them knaves or cowards. During the coming years, the threat of another panic, will be potent in swaying their votes.

Yet while this awful condition prevails throughout the country the great political leaders of the nation are busy trying to divert the attention of the American people to a little group of islands in the Pacific Ocean inhabited by a few thousands of half civilized Malays and a few speculating adventurers from America and Europe. They are trying to array the masses of this country into hostile political armies over the question of annexing these islands to the United States. The decision of the question either way will not give an hour's labor to the unemployed of America. It will not lessen by a dollar the mortgage on any American farm. It will neither add to nor detract from the mental, moral, social, or financial well-being of the American people. Yet already thousands of American voters are discussing the question with loud voices and flushed faces just as if the life of the nation depended on it.

THE TORREY BANKRUPTCY BILL

was defeated in the house. I have not examined the subject thoroughly, but I feel safe in saying that it deserved defeat. The final vote showed who were behind the bill. The men who voted for the Torrey Bill were mainly the same who voted for the repeal bill. The opposition to it was led by Bland. In summing up his views of the measure, he said the bill, if it became a law, would empower the creditors of the country to force their debtors either to borrow the money now lying idle in the banks or go into bankruptcy. Bailey of Texas has a bankruptcy bill which has been favorably reported. It does not give creditors the right to force debtors into bankruptcy, but provides relief for such as desire to go into voluntary bankruptcy. The bill will be opposed by many of those who voted for the other.

HAWAIIAN POLITICS

Commissioner Blount's report of all he heard and saw in Hawaii has been published. It occupies 684 pages. I have not studied it sufficiently to be able to pass judgment on its fairness, but I have read it enough to find that Hawaiian politics bear a striking resemblance to American politics. There is one passage that I think is worthy of publication in the reform press. I don't think the old party reporters will ever find it. Mr. Blount questions a prominent native citizen about the Hawaiian politics of the past few years. The native is explaining that there was a strong popular movement in favor of a new constitution giving to all citizens an equal right to vote. He has explained to the commissioner that a majority of the last legislature were elected on that issue, and were pledged to adopt a new constitution. Blount then asked him how it was that the constitu-

tion was not adopted. The native replied as follows:

"The trouble was at that time, before the election they came forward to the people with the idea of a new constitution, but when they got inside the house some of the people go back on their constituents, and they turn around. Some of them, like Wilcox. He was strongly in favor of a new constitution, but he never did any thing in the house to get a new constitution. Some of them introduced a bill to make a new constitution, and some people said that was against the constitution. But yet people talk outside. New constitution! New constitution! 'When we go before the house we never get constitution. They never did anything.'

If the Hawaiian mugwump had snatched a Kodak on American politics, either state or national, he could hardly have got a truer picture than that he has given. For my part I can't see why Grover Cleveland objects to annexation. It certainly could not lower the general tone of American politics. The Hawaiian politicians could easily be developed into first-class administration Democrats. With a little coaching that man Wilcox might become worthy to sit in the senate beside Dan Voorhes and Roger Q Mills. Then these fellows who said "it was against the constitution," what grand good Democrats they would make! I think it is hardly necessary for me to point out to Nebraskans the similarity of Hawaiian politics to the politics of their own state.

In another part of the dialogue between Blount and this native, the former asks the latter why it is that natives have signed petitions for annexation if they are opposed to it. The reply is as follows:

"I will give you the reason: Because their horses run in pasture of very people in favor of annexation. Some of them work under them on plantations. So they have control of them. Some natives sign because they are afraid of being turned out of work. They say they will have no bread and butter."

If these are genuine pictures of Hawaiian politics, no argument is necessary to prove that Americans are in control of things there. Evidently they are Republicans, and perhaps that is the reason why Grover fights shy of annexation.

DESERVED COMPLIMENTS.

The Star, Washington's great evening daily, Republican in politics, not long ago published the following sketches of Nebraska's two Populist congressmen:

The leading Populists from Nebraska if William Jennings Bryan remains in the Democratic party, is William Arthur McKeighan of Red Cloud. His speeches show great research and careful arrangement. There is nothing brilliant about him. He never aspires to eloquence, but states his facts in clear and precise language, molding them so perfectly that the shrewdest lawyer would hardly be able to find a joint in his armor.

Near McKeighan sits Homer Madison Kem of Broken Bow, Neb. He is a sharp eyed gentleman, with auburn hair and beard. He was born in Indiana in 1835, was brought up on a farm, and received a fair education. In 1882 he entered land under the homestead law in Nebraska, and like McKeighan is said to have resided in a dug out when sent to congress. Kem is a representative Populist. Although not demonstrative in the house he is ever on the alert acting promptly whenever he considers the interests of his party require it. The Populists have no more faithful servant. He is serving his second term. He ran as a Populist-Independent, beating the Republican candidate over 3,000 and the Democratic candidate over 11,000 votes.

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State Central Committee Meeting.

All members of the Nebraska state central committee of the People's party are hereby notified that there will be a meeting of said committee held in the parlors of the Hotel Bostwick, Hastings, Neb., at 2 o'clock p. m., on Wednesday the third day of January, 1894; for the purpose of hearing reports of secretary and treasurer; arranging for the seating and organization of the conference to be held the evening of the same day, arranging for a more efficient organization of the party and preparing work for next year's campaign and such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

We would especially request that every member of the committee be present either in person or by proxy.

D. CLEM DEEVER, J. A. EDGERTON, Chairman. Secretary.

Notice.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 5, 1893.

To State Central Committee:

Please send at once to my address names and addresses of all Populist county officers elected and Populist county officers who hold over.

J. A. EDGERTON, Sec'y.

Reduced Rates.

Arrangements have been made for one and one-third fare rates to all meetings to be held at Hastings January, 2d, 3d, and 4th, on the certificate plan. It will be necessary for all persons wishing to avail themselves of the advantage of this reduction to secure a certificate of fare from their local agents. Arrangements have also been made for reduced rates at Hastings hotels.

J. A. EDGERTON, Sec'y.

Call for a State Conference.

It has become evident to all intelligent, unselfish and patriotic citizens that a great change must soon take place in the industrial relations; that industrial freedom must yet be won; that there are ways and means even in a republic for the few to oppress the many; that these ways are covert and corrupt and can only be met and suppressed by intelligent appeals to the judgment and patriotism of the sovereign electors.

To more effectively push forward this educational work and hasten the day of redemption in this state and nation which can be so much more wisely and effectually done at a time when there is no strife going on for place and power and when the people can and will give to the subject that calm unprejudiced judgment which the importance of the occasion demands, we, the executive committee of the People's Independent party of the State of Nebraska, do hereby call a conference to meet at 8 o'clock p. m. Wednesday, the third day of January, 1894, at Hastings, Neb.

We would therefore most earnestly urge that all members of the state and county central committees of the People's Independent party; all presidents of Farmers' Sub Alliances and Industrial Unions all presidents of Trades Unions; all captains of Industrial Legions; all master workmen of K. of L. Assemblies; all People's party representatives in congress and members of the state legislature; all editors of People's party papers, and such other persons as shall be recommended by the chairman of the several county central committees of the People's party, attend this conference.

All persons wishing to attend this conference will obtain credentials from the chairman of their county central committee.

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MEETING OF REFORM PRESS.

Hastings, January 2nd—All Reform Editors Invited.

The Nebraska Independent Press Association will hold its third annual meeting at the Hotel Bostwick, Hastings, Neb., on Tuesday, January 2d, at 10 a. m. All members are especially requested to be present, as the meeting will be of the greatest importance of any yet held in the history of the association. All reform editors in Nebraska, whether members or not, are cordially invited to be at this meeting and to join with us. This can be done with much benefit and little or no cost to themselves. The State Alliance, State Central Committee and the great Reform Conference will meet in Hastings on January 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, so that there will be enough outside of the press meeting to interest and instruct any reform editor who may wish to attend.

It is the object to make this by far the best meeting yet held; to make it instructive and enjoyable to all; and to perfect an organization that will be a power for all future time.

Nebraska is a populist state if we organize as we should; and above all things else the press should be so organized, for it must be in the van of every fight; and on its concert of action or lack of concert; on its vigor or lack of vigor, largely depends the result of the battle.

We shall confidently expect a large attendance and a splendid meeting.

J. A. EDGERTON, WARWICK SAUNDERS, Pres. Sec'y. pro tem.

PROGRAM.

For Meeting of Independent Press Association at Hastings, Jan. 2. JANUARY SECOND, MORNING SESSION. Convene at 10 a. m. at Hotel Bostwick.

Business meeting.
1. Roll Call.
2. Reading of Minutes.
3. Report of old secretary and treasurer and action thereon.
4. Reorganization of the association and arrangement for a future basis of membership.
5. Admission as members of all reform editors present.
Afternoon Meeting, Convene at 2 p. m. at Hotel.

1. Opening address by the president.
2. The future of the Populist movement.
Paper by Geo. Howard Gibson, of THE ALLIANCE INDEPENDENT.
3. A more thorough organization of the party. How can it be best effected? Discussion opened by Warwick Saunders of the Platte County Argus.
C. W. Beal, of the Ouster County Beacon.
4. Can this association control independent ready prints?
John C. Sprecher, of the Schuyler Quill.
P. S. Longfellow, of the Wahoo New Era.

EVENING SESSION.

Convene at 8 o'clock p. m., at appropriate hall.
Oration by W. L. Greene, of Kearney Nebraska.
Subject—"The Reform Press."
January 3, Morning Session Convene at 10 a. m., at the hotel parlors.
1. Election of officers for the ensuing year.
2. Fixing of time and place for holding next meeting.
3. Any unfinished business.
Remember that every independent editor in Nebraska is cordially invited to be present and participate in this meeting.
J. A. EDGERTON, President.

Annual Meeting of State Farmers' Alliance.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 1, 1893. To the Officers and Members of the N. F. A. & I. U. in Nebraska, Greeting:—

The annual meeting of the Nebraska State Farmers' Alliance and Industrial Union will be held at Hastings, Neb., on Tuesday, the 2nd day of January, 1894, at ten o'clock, a. m.

As per resolution passed at the last annual meeting, all Alliances, in arrears for non-payment of state dues may be re-instated by payment of the full dues for 1893 at any time during the year, and such alliances will be entitled to representation at said meeting.

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J. H. POWERS, Pres. ELSIE BUCKMAN, Sec'y.

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