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## The Alliance Herald Democratic

As editor of The Herald I wish to define my position on the subject of politics more clearly so that there need be no misunderstanding or misapprehension as to where this paper stands under my editorship and management. As I stated in assuming charge of The Herald, it is primarily a newspaper; but as it comes properly within its province to give some attention to the political issues of the day and the men who, as public officials or candidates for public office, represent those issues, I desire that my readers shall know beyond a doubt that the paper will continue to stand for the rights of the people, laboring men and women, farmers, business and professional men, as against the favored few who to gratify their own greed and lust for the power that comes to them through the needless possession of millions of wealth, oppress the laborer, paralyze business at their own sweet will and even threaten the perpetuity of our free institutions.

When I consider the large number of subsidized periodical publications there are that, although depending upon the people of the localities where they are published for circulation, use all their influence to further policies and elect to office men in the interest of grinding monopolies managed by men hundreds or thousands of miles distant, I am constrained to more actively oppose their encroachments and the means by which they hope to perpetuate their oppressions.

In the fight for good and just government principles are of more importance than party names, but party organization is a means to an end. For many years past a contest has been waged between representatives of a comparatively few persons who have sought to increase their gain by controlling the legislative, judicial and executive departments of national and state government and thereby securing special privileges that would give them unjust advantage over others, and representatives of the rights of the mass of the people who ask of the government no unjust discrimination in their favor but only a square deal in fact as well as in name. Time was when the republican party stood for equity, justice and liberty. Then there came a time when a contest for supremacy was

waged in both the great political parties, republican and democratic, between those who were willing to submit to the unjust demands of the few seeking to become the favorites of government and those who stood firmly for the rights of the people. For a time this contest went on with varied or alternating success, but in recent years the controlling element in each party has become more nearly absolute. It is almost needless for me to say what element controls in each. I dare say there is not a man with intelligence sufficient to read these lines whose mind does not instinctively as it were, almost intuitively, I might say, make the designation, just as Standard oil, steel trust and other crushing monopolies naturally turn to the one for protection in their nefarious practices, and leaders of labor and advocates of the rights of the commonwealth look to the other party for relief from the extortion of those "whose faces are hard but their bodies soft."

There are at present in the republican party a large number of men who wish for better government, and a few such men have been elected to seats in the national congress. However much I might deprecate their judgment in the matter of party affiliation, I honor them for their efforts to stem the tide of monopoly that engulfs them; on the other hand, there are in the democratic party some who have been elected to office on a platform definitely pledging specific reforms but who have since being elected basely betrayed the trust reposed in them. Notwithstanding all this, it is an evident fact that the republican party as now constituted in its national councils stands for special privileges and unjust discrimination in favor of those made powerful and arrogant by possession of fabulous wealth; and that the democratic party following the leadership of such men as William Jennings Bryan stands for equality before the law, the rights of the oppressed and the good of the people as a whole.

In view of these facts, I desire to fairly and squarely align the periodical of which I am editor with the democratic party so long as it stands for the principles and practices of reform and good government.

Am I, and will The Herald still be independent? Most assuredly. Should the time come when the republican party shall throw off the domination of the money kings of the east and espouse again the cause and rights of the people as a whole, and should the democratic party at that time prove recalcitrant to the trust reposed in it, then will party ties be severed and a new alignment made consistent with conditions as they may then exist. I wish to add that I see no prospect that the attitude of the two parties will soon change so as to necessitate a change in party affiliation. To me it seems that the republican party as now constituted in its national and most of its state councils is so completely under the domination of the forces representing special privileges that its handful of reformers are as helpless as a babe in the arms of a remorseless giant; and that the democratic party's experience of the past will suffice for many years to keep it from becoming subservient to those who, although known in some sections of the country as democrats, would, if they could, reduce their party to a condition of fawning at the feet of a Wall street oligarchy.

JOHN W. THOMAS.

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Circle No. 2 of the M. E. Ladies Aid will meet at the home of Mrs. Lloyd Thomas, on Toluca avenue, on Wednesday of next week. All ladies are cordially invited.

Circle No. 2 was delightfully entertained by Circle No. 1 of the M. E. Ladies Aid at the home of Mrs. A. Renswold. A delightful program was rendered, after which an elegant luncheon was served.

I finish my work with the Alliance United Presbyterian church next Sabbath, March 28th. For this reason we will not adjourn the evening service for the union meeting at the opera house. The morning sermon will be on "The Winning Power of Love." The evening subject will be, "The Birth that

Brings us with the Kingdom."

Before leaving for my Oregon home, I wish to thank the Alliance people who by their many favors and kind words of interest and appreciation have made my brief stay among them so pleasant.

WM. W. GORDON.

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