

THE FRONTIER.

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STATE CONVENTIONS.

Republican state convention, Lincoln, October 5.
Democratic state convention, Lincoln, October 4.

COMMITTEE MEETING.

The republican central committee is hereby called to meet in the republican club rooms at O'Neill, Neb., Saturday, September 9, 1898, for the purpose of fixing a date for the holding of a republican convention and to transact any other business that may properly come before said meeting.

G. C. HAZELT, Chairman.

"THERE'S a name that's never spoken"—Rhody Hayes.

"LET the platform go" may soon become a popular cry with democrats who fear free trade.

THE independents certainly owed the treasurership to Rhody Hayes. They have used him as at catpaw.

THE FRONTIER desires to deny that it ever threw a vile "asperation" at anyone, Mr. Kautzman not excepted.

FOR once the prophets all gussed right as to the action of the house; but circumstances made it a mighty easy guess.

WONDER what foreign financiers think of that little shipment of \$10,000,000 in gold from San Francisco to New York?

SENATOR HILL may find Jones; he edits the world, a harder man to dispose of than Jones; he pays the freight, proved to be.

SEVERAL independent aspirants are sulking in their tents since they have learned that even a populist convention may be ungrateful.

SENATOR HILL'S speech stated his position on the financial question much plainer than Mr. Cleveland did in his message to congress.

THE independents shelled a promising and popular candidate when they refused to recognize Conrad Grebe's claim on the sheriff plum.

M. F. HARRINGTON is a politician. A man who can so adroitly pull the fleece over the eyes of the rural delegates is nothing if not a politician.

IF it is true that Kautzman is an A. P. A., as intimated by the Graphic, how can he support Idol Mullen? Will he conveniently forget his oath?

INDICATIONS point to some lively congressional music on the suspension of pensions in the near future, and all of it will not be made by republicans either.

SENATOR MORGAN says he does not believe the financial distress is real. Evidently the senator has not tried to borrow money on his note since his return from Europe.

CAN't somebody persuade the New York anarchists to get in the way of that predicted tidal wave? Perhaps a few kegs of beer judiciously placed would do the business.

Gov. BOISE would better have stood by his first announcement. With defeat will come loss of prestige and the end of his political career; and defeat will certainly come this year.

FOR the fourth time in as many years has the statue of independent idolatry been unveiled to the people of Holt county. The independents resemble the Chinese in their Joss worship.

CREDIT for truthfulness, if not for courage, is due the democratic congressman who publicly acknowledge that Grover Cleveland's will is the only party platform they recognize.

SENATORS HILL and Vorhees can hardly be classed as administration senators, although they are aiding the administration to bring about the repeal of the purchasing clause of the silver law.

RHODY HAYES must have been promised a deputyship. It was his intention to ask the independents for the treasurership but his name was not mentioned. Harrington had not written it on the slate.

EX-CONGRESSMAN HOWE of Michigan was wise when he chose the title of his latest lecture—"The Nation's Bread and Butter." The nation's bread and butter is at this time a very lively and timely topic.

HUNTING lawyers is an old Kentucky sport that has lately been revived. There is a difference of opinion as to whether buckshot or 44 calibre cartridges make the best ammunition. Both have made records.

PENSION COMMISSIONER LOCHREN has a temper that he ought to be as much ashamed of as he should be of his treatment of some of his old comrades. The man who could write such a letter as that sent by Lochren to Congressman Morse, of Massachusetts, is not fit to be at the head of the pension office.

CHEVE HAZELT has called the republican central committee to meet at the republican club rooms in O'Neill on September 9. The date for holding the county convention will be fixed at that time. Wait for it.

THREE bankers from O'Neill alone went as delegates to the independent convention last Friday. "Down with the 2 per centers!" How that old familiar calamity cry rises up to whisper consistency and honesty of purpose.

"A TRUE REFORMER," writing from Sand Creek, occupies a little of THE FRONTIER'S space this week with a pointed communication. The ideas expressed by him are entertained by numerous independents throughout the county.

"PRIVATE" JOHN ALLEN, the Mississippi congressman, has an idea, or pretends to have, that there is something humorous in the financial situation. This is inexcusable, even in a Mississippi democratic congressman, from whom little is expected.

EVEN democratic congressmen sometimes tell the truth. For instance, Bynum, of Indiana, says he was "full" when he made a radical free coinage speech at Denver, two years ago; and Cummings, of New York, says he is a politician, not a statesman.

THERE were five candidates for every nomination at the disposal of the populist convention last Friday. And still some people claim that it is not a pap seeking organization and the offices are compelled to institute a sleuth-like search before they can find a man willing to sacrifice himself for the good of his country.

THE Niobrara Pioneer celebrated its twentieth birthday by printing the edition on green paper, suggestive of a "green old age." Bro. Fry is an able editor and a smart man generally, and we are surprised that he should give way to unseemly hilarity. Contemporaries will certainly accuse him of "turning green with envy."

THE Independent promises to keep standing our editorial of two weeks ago on the Scott matter. We trust he will. Give your readers a chance to understand the situation, Mr. Kautzman, and they will in time forget their prejudice long enough to place the blame where it belongs; or in other words, with the board of independent supervisors.

WHEN the farmers' alliance was organized they would admit to their council chamber no bankers, lawyers or railroad men. The independent party of today is the outgrowth of the farmers' alliance of other days. At the convention last Friday we noticed among the delegates bankers, lawyers and railroad men. The sun of their degeneration is several hours high.

ELECT the most capable and honest men in the county as supervisors, and you will still have an expensive machine. It is a costly congress economically administered, but when presided over by a lot of ignoramuses who seem to care for nothing but to manufacture political capital at the people's expense it likens unto an octopus, and should have its leech-like limbs amputated at the trunk.

BANKERS ON THEIR KNEES

They Beg for Mercy from the Populist Senators.

The above heading appeared last week over an article in the Independent Bankers up here in Holt county don't get on their knees. They simply get on the delegation and represent themselves in the populist convention.

REPRESENTATIVE CATCHINGS of Mississippi practically admitted in a speech in the house that the democratic program contemplated a reduction of the wages of the laboring man, which, he said, had been steadily rising in this country until they had reached a point unexampled in the history of the world. And he might have added that they would not have been reduced as long as the republican party was kept in power.

HERE is the independent ticket as nominated by the convention last Friday:

Treasurer, J. P. Mullen.
Sheriff, Chas. Hamilton.
Clerk, Bill Betha.
Superintendent, Prof. Jackson.
County Judge, Geo. McCutcheon.
Coroner, Dr. Trueblood.
Surveyor, M. F. Norton.

Considered as a whole, there is no denying the fact that it is a strong ticket and is composed of some of the best blood of the party. But it does not necessarily follow that the delegates returned home entirely satisfied. They were not. It was a slate made and carried out almost to the letter. We believe the defeat of Morrow for superintendent was the only miscarriage. A great many of the delegates went to the convention with the idea that every candidate would be given a square deal and that the rule of the survival of the fittest would be applied without fear or favor and when they found they had run against a pre-arranged scheme they naturally grew warm in the region of the collar and many of them openly assert that they will not support the ticket. They object to M. F. Harrington putting up a set of men for them.

HASN'T experience, both locally and generally, proven that the law compelling treasurers to deposit the public funds in the banks, is an unfair measure? When it was passed by an independent legislature did its champions have the interests of the dear farmers at heart? What justice is there in taking the people's money and loaning it to banks at 5 per cent. and then when the farmer comes to pay his taxes compel him to borrow the same money from the banks and pay them 2 per cent.? Is this reform? Is this legislation by the people and for the people?

LAST week's Sun devotes two columns of rank abuse to M. D. Long, chairman of the democratic central committee, because he saw fit to publish his central committee meeting call in THE FRONTIER. We presume Mr. Long desired the people to see the notice and for that reason published it in a paper that circulates largely among the people, and the only matter of surprise to us is that he published in the Sun, whose editor is even now more independent than democrat. Another thorn in McHugh's side is the fact that Mr. Long gets his job work done at THE FRONTIER'S job rooms. This is easily explained: he knows where to get good work.

IF Mr. Long is deserving of so much abuse for publishing a democratic call in the republican FRONTIER, will the Sun man please rise on his hind legs once more and tell us what he thinks of one of those "good democrats," (who is even now aspiring to a position in the O'Neill land office,) holding stock in the Holt County Independent? The Independent, Charles, which speaks of Grover as a "pot-bellied servant of Shylock" If Long is deserving of censure for publishing his call in THE FRONTIER, what in the name of politics is a "good" democrat deserving of? Great way to support a democratic paper by buying stock in the Independent. Eh, Charles.

"MAN'S inhumanity to man makes countless thousands mourn." No one in political life has cause to more deeply feel the true import of the poet's words than County Judge Bowen. The first independent to carry the populist gonfalon through a heated campaign and finally successfully and triumphantly plant it upon the ramparts of the enemy's stronghold. Elected when the boasted leaders of his party were ignominiously defeated, only to be shelved by a stated combination when he was getting in shape to enjoy the experience and remuneration earned in his official capacity. Mr. Bowen, although an independent, has proven himself an honorable man and a conscientious judge. Mistakes that he has made have been of the head and not of the heart and he certainly was not deserving of the shabby trick imposed him upon by his convention last Friday.

LAST week we promised an article on the Independent's denial of our charge that the supervisor system is more expensive than that of the commissioner, but upon a more careful perusal of his article we find that he does not dispute our figures. He simply seeks to divide the county and township taxes and charge only the county levy to the supervisor system, but that will hardly be accepted as a refutation of our statement. We have never charged the supervisors with all this expense, but rather the system which gives us the supervisors. The system which compels townships to levy in the aggregate from fifteen to twenty thousand dollars annually, with few visible improvements in the townships, is a burden, and the tax is no less a tax because it is levied by the people themselves. The county levy is as high today as it was eight years ago, notwithstanding we have an increased valuation of over \$2,000,000.

AN INDEPENDENT PROTEST.

SAND CREEK, NEB., Sept. 8, 1898.
EDITORS FRONTIER—I wish to express my emphatic protest against the methods used at the late independent convention at O'Neill. I am an independent in the sincere meaning of the word, and according to the rules and customs of the organization, but I am opposed to cut and dried action on the part of independent leaders and a gang of O'Neill democrats whereby some of our best friends were slaughtered and a ring ticket—in part—sprung on the convention with printed ballots prepared before hand.

In my view an independent convention should be controlled by those who believe and practice its principles and not by democrats, republicans or school kids the latter of which disturbed the good order of the meeting by leaving their seats to meddle with older members. The like didn't happen at Atkinson two years ago. I want it known to all parties that we are down on scheming before hand, and as a political party, are unjustly held responsible for the acts of individual members in listening to democrats, and pestered by kids working for deputy and clerkships.

When did McCutcheon and Jim Harrington join the independents? Or the majority of the O'Neill delegation for that matter? That delegation and a large part of the convention was deliberately put up and packed to beat Betha for treasurer, and to slaughter honest Judge Bowen for a republican who intended to leave the county. These are cold facts. Betha was nominated on a democratic lie, too, for he did not accept until long after he beat Norval. This is a poor record, to be dictated to by bankers, bank directors, democrats, lawyers and limber legged kids. No wonder people want county division. Respectfully, A TRUE REFORMER.

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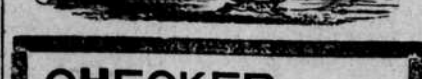
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