

LET US EXCHANGE VIEWS.

(Continued from first page.)

They are enemies who will be sent for the purpose of creating disturbance, and I hope if any one has the hardihood to say "fusion" that, to use a slang phrase, the convention will rise up in its might and "sit down on that man."

FARMER.

From a Neighbor Who Knows Him. WAVERLY, Neb, April 9, 1894.

Editor WEALTH MAKERS: In 1888, moving into the vicinity of the Hon. J. N. Gaffin's home in Saunders county, and reading there two years, I became acquainted with the affable, intelligent and generally useful citizen. Mr. Gaffin is a man of courteous disposition, clear head in matters pertaining to business, always considerate and steadfast to true principles.

Knowing the high esteem his personal acquaintances cherish for him and being now situated in a Populist stronghold where they are only acquainted with him through his official acts, I am pleased to hear his name always spoken with admiration; and it makes one think we have in him our strongest man for Governor.

Yours for the Omaha platform, with Speaker Gaffin astride, and we will land him in the executive chair of the state of Nebraska.

The Hon. O. Hull of Harlan county is worthy of any trust the Populists may confer upon him.

A. E. SUTHERLAND.

A Full Ticket Nominated.

SAUNDERS CO., April 16, 1894. Editor WEALTH MAKERS and All Loyal People's Independent Party Men: If you are correct in your profession that you wish success at the polls in the coming fall election, just take your spectacles of prejudices and individual interests off for a few moments and read this ticket; then cut it out and go to work to secure its nomination, for the following reasons:

- First. They are all clean men. Second. They have the ability to step on the rostrum and defend the principles of the People's Independent party against any and all comers. Third. No charge can be sustained that they are eleventh hour men. Fourth. They represent the two elements whom a few men have aimed to bring into and continue in a factional strife. While the factionalism only existed in their own brains, wrapped by selfishness, yet it has gone forth and it is our duty to once and forever squelch it by earnest, honest action.

For governor, J. V. Wolfe, Lancaster county; lieutenant governor, W. A. Poynter, Boone; secretary of state, Wm. F. Porter, Merrick; auditor, Logan McReynolds, Clay; attorney general, Joseph Edgerton, Hall; commissioner public lands and buildings, H. B. Miller, Wayne; treasurer, John H. Powers, Hitchcock; superintendent public instruction, A. d'Allemand, Furnas.

Not one of the list but is an earnest wisher for success. X. Y. Z.

Porter of Merrick Heard From. CLARKS, Neb., April 13, 1894.

Editor WEALTH MAKERS: I am very much pleased with your invitation to your readers, to exchange ideas of "Who are the most available candidates for the various offices to be filled at the coming election." It seems to me that it is the only way to have an intelligent understanding of our candidates, and to look them over carefully, before we meet in convention, and decide if possible, who are the best men, that will make the strongest race. In my judgment, the first qualifications to be sought in selecting men for any office, are ability to fill such office creditably, coupled with unquestioned integrity, and last, but not least, with backbone enough to perform the duties of said office fearlessly, regardless of what others may say.

We have an abundance of material to select from for every office to be filled. My personal choice for governor would be Speaker Gaffin. I believe him to be just such a man as I have described, above. Besides, he is a practical farmer and only once in the history of Nebraska have we had an opportunity to vote for a farmer for governor? I believe it is time for the class that pays 75 per cent. of all our taxes to be represented in the executive department. Mr. Gaffin is well known throughout the state, and no one questions his honesty and ability. Mayor Weir of Lincoln has been talked of considerably, because people have argued that the cities are what defeats us, and that Mr. Weir can poll a heavier vote there, than any other man.

Now let us look squarely at this question and see if this is dealing fairly with the party. It is an undisputed fact that more than 75 per cent. of our votes come from the country, and to slap them in the face by virtually saying that there are not brains enough among them to fill any and every office if necessary, it seems to me is not good politics (not that I wish to claim all the offices for the farmers, but I do insist that they and all other classes, shall be represented in proportion to their numbers). In 1892 Van Wyck was nominated for governor, because it was claimed that he would poll 10,000 more votes in the cities, than any farmer could. What was the result? Simply this: For every vote he gained in the cities, he lost two for the whole ticket, in the country. And while I have the highest regard for Mayor Weir, and have nothing but good to say of him, as a man (and if he is nominated he will receive my heartiest support), to claim that because Mr. Weir has twice been elected Mayor of a strong Republican city, that he can carry the same vote for governor is in my judgment not logical. As the causes which led to Mr. Weir's election as mayor, were entirely different from what they would be if he was running for governor.

For second place on the ticket give us Senator Stewart of Sioux county, or any other equally good man. For auditor of public accounts I think the best qualified man we have for that place is A. J. Gustin of Kearney. This will give the business men one of the best places on the ticket. For secretary of state, we have no man better qualified than Representative Rhodes of Valley county. Then let the northeast district find a competent man who is well known for commissioner of public lands and buildings and the southwest a good man for treasurer, give Omaha or the 2nd district, state superintendent. If they have a man well qualified for the place—and we can make a fight that will win. If this ticket don't suit the readers of THE WEALTH MAKERS, (as far as it goes) let some of them name a better one, and I can assure them that Porter of Merrick, will pull off his coat and work for the success of the whole ticket, if it is made up of clean, able men. Yours for victory. W. F. PORTER.

Tested Honest Efficient Men Wanted

RUSHVILLE, Neb., April 9, 1894. Editor WEALTH MAKERS: By way of responding to your recent invitation to suggest names of men for nomination on our state ticket this fall, and seeing in your last quite an array of letters from different correspondents proposing many different persons for the honors to be conferred, prompts me to offer a small contribution along this line, as follows:

While I have, at this time, no particular man to suggest for this or that office, I can readily agree that the man or men selected to head our ticket, whoever they may prove to be, should be as well known for what they have already done, as for what it is supposed or believed they are capable, or inclined, or willing, or will promise to do.

With all due respect for the sincerity, loyalty and competency of every convert, so-called in the party, observation compels me in truth to say that reliability, in these matters, is too often sacrificed for availability. An old and reliable veteran is frequently suppressed or ignored for the sake of an "available" recruit. This is the unwisdom of (especially new) political parties—the folly of the "people." It is on the principle of a man, or woman, selecting a marital companion from among fresh acquaintances, or total strangers.

Sometimes it ends well, but generally not. It is a sort of leaping in the dark, and it would seem that the people by this time ought to know that it is best, nay, imperative, to nominate (and vote for) the tried and known, instead of the untried and unknown.

It is agreed all around that official preferment is not bestowed by the public merely for the purpose of conferring honor and emolument or charity on the one individual, or to withhold the same from any other individual. Then if it be known that such or such a person possesses in a greater degree, the necessary qualifications for a certain office than a certain other person, and that his election would more certainly conduce to the public welfare, then the former ought to be the nominee regardless of location, of enmities of jealousies of "unpopularity," etc., which, unfortunately for us, as a self-governing (?) people, have many times formerly been the only things, and will, if continued, retire to the rear many of our very best men. All rivers have their shallow places, and every man has some fault or faults.

Friendship is a noble thing and its promptings are correct and legitimate, but they should not be permitted to alone sway the voter in the matter of making his choice when the result thereof would be to place a bad man instead of a good one in a position of decisive influence and power. At all events vital interests are depending and it is to be sincerely hoped that the Populist nomination soon to be made of our standard bearers in the ensuing campaign will be made on account of what the men so nominated are known to be rather than on what they are believed to be. Such a

course is but the part of wisdom, doing only simple justice to veterans and affording no cause for reasonable complaint for other meritorious aspirants. I remain yours in favor of the man, though he be my personal enemy, if he would manifestly make the most honest an efficient officer. L. P. CUMMINS.

What Logan McReynolds Advises.

FAIRFIELD, Neb., April 12, 1894. Editor WEALTH MAKERS: Your editorial of March 22nd, under the heading, "Let us Exchange Views," is very timely indeed. It is very important that when our next state convention meets the delegates should have at least some idea of who should be made our standard bearers, and in no other way can they arrive at proper conclusions, or select candidates who will give satisfaction to the people.

I notice in the two last issues of THE WEALTH MAKERS quite a number of letters putting forward the names of some of the old wheel horses in the cause. There will be no mistake made when the ticket is made up of such men as Powers, Gaffin, Porter, Poynter, Dale, and a host of others who stand equally as well as they. I would say, for governor J. N. Gaffin is the strongest man in the state. He is a gentleman in the full sense of the word. As a member of the legislature his advice and counsel was always wise and conservative and as speaker of the house he not only made no mistakes, but commanded the respect of all the members, regardless of politics. We want men for our candidates who stand square upon the Omaha platform, and who have given evidence by their past conduct that they will carry out the principles of the party, execute the laws, and transact the business of the state in such a manner that they will not be a disgrace to the state as have been at least a part of our state officers for the last several years. I am much pleased with the good advice of Barney Johnston, and think like him: "Take time. Be careful. Let every man do his duty."

L. McREYNOLDS.

At the end of a business letter H. F. Pillsbury of Hemingford, Neb., writes: "No fusion for Box Butte county. For governor, W. A. Jones; for lieutenant governor, J. N. Gaffin; for attorney general, J. M. Reagan."

How to Join the Alliance Aid Degree.

The best plan is to get a quorum (7) of Alliance members; apply to the state organizer for the necessary blanks (where there is no local organizer near) and when the blanks are received have any physician you may select (provided he is a graduate of some medical college) make the necessary examination, and fill out the blanks. These papers, when properly made out, should be forwarded to W. F. Wright, box 15, Bethany, Neb., with \$3.00 for each application. After these papers have been examined, those who have been accepted will be notified, and there will then be due the balance of the entry fee, ranging from \$4.00 to \$4.50, according to age. This will be due as soon as the applicant is accepted; but arrangements can be made, if necessary, to pay this balance of the fee later in the year, but the \$3.00 should accompany the application.

In case a person is rejected, this \$3.00 will be promptly refunded.

In case one or any number less than seven in a community wish to join, they can proceed as in case of a quorum, but they will be known as isolated members, and when an assessment is made they will pay direct to the National scribe until such time as a local lodge can be formed, after which they will report through their local secretary.

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Where there are no County Organizers yet appointed, I will take pleasure in attending promptly to all applications sent in. Will send out blank and bylaws and explanations enabling any member to make his application singly or jointly.

As soon as seven members can be had for the Degree the Scribe will receive 20 per cent. of the membership fee and the Lodge the same amount, running from \$1.00 to \$1.80 for each new member. This compensation is to enable the Scribes to get new members, and pay them for trouble of keeping the records and doing the business—the same amount to the Lodge to enable them to procure a library for the Alliance, or any other matter they desire.

If the Alliance had been organized with this "deal" feature two or three years ago, the Alliance in the State would have been sold now. It can yet become so, if all will take hold and do their duty. I will give all information necessary to forward the work by addressing me at Bethany, Neb., box 15.

W. F. WRIGHT, State Organizer.

I told you so! \$20.00 first class fare to San Francisco, Cal., via Missouri Pacific route. Call on city ticket agent, Office 1201 O St., Lincoln, Neb.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Chairman, I. N. Leonard, Lincoln. E. Soderman, Bertrand. L. W. Young, Wilsonville. C. M. Lemar, Wahoo. J. M. Dimmick, Macon.

Resolutions of Sympathy.

The following resolutions were passed by Hope Alliance No. 900, at their regular meeting on Saturday evening April 7, 1894.

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God in his wise providence to remove by death from our midst our beloved brother and esteemed leader J. C. Blackson, therefore be it

Resolved, That we mourn his untimely death and extend to the bereaved family in their sad affliction our heartfelt sympathy, and commend them to Him who is too good to be unkind and who doeth all things well. And be it further

Resolved, That we pledge ourselves a life-long fidelity to the sacred cause for which he so earnestly labored.

C. W. PETERS, JOHN LONG, JOHN BARBER, Committee.

Red Willow County Resolutions.

The following resolutions were adopted by Hope Alliance of Red Willow county, Neb., April 7th, 1894.

Resolved, That we heartily endorse the stand Senator Allen and Grand Master Workman Sovereign have taken against the issuing of fifty million more bonds, which was done to benefit the bankers, capitalists and a few favored ones in Wall Street, who have been scheming for the last thirty years to get our people under bondage so they could oppress the producers, laborers, women and children of this once-called grand and noble country of America, the land of the free and the home of the brave, but now the land of the rich and the home of the slave.

Resolved, That the question of money or finance, is the all-important question which affects the interests of every citizen. We demand the free coinage of both gold and silver without discrimination at a ratio of 16 to 1, and in addition the issuing of non-interest bearing treasury notes direct to the people based upon the credit of the entire nation, without the intervention of banks, and said money shall be put into circulation through a system of government banks, thereby affording the holders of money a safe place of deposit, which we believe would result in the immediate restoration of confidence in the business world and make panics an impossibility.

Resolved, That we favor the enactment of a law prohibiting alien ownership of land and the preserving of all public lands for actual settlers only. We believe that the only solution of the transportation question is the government ownership and operation of all transportation facilities by which all commerce is carried on and all products are distributed among our citizens, and we congratulate all the industrial organizations of the nation for their advanced steps in the above direction.

Resolved, That we pledge our undivided support to all of the brothers, because they have proved themselves faithful and unswerving servants, laboring for the people and opposing and exposing the enemies of the great mass of producers of America, using their great ability for the good of our whole nation.

Resolved, That these resolutions be sent to our independent editors for publication and that a copy of the same be put on our minutes.

C. W. PETERS, J. W. KEDDOWELL, W. H. ADLIT, Committee.

The National Organizer's Dates.

BETHANY, Neb., April 14, 1894.

Editor WEALTH MAKERS: Hon. Alonzo Wardall, national organizer of N. F. A. & I. U. and Alliance Aid, assisted by W. F. Wright, state organizer, will hold from two to three meetings with the Alliances in open meetings in the following counties, commencing in Otoe county, April 23rd, viz:

- Nebraska City, Otoe county, April 23. Syracuse, " " " 24. Fairbury, " " " 25. Union, Cass county, April 26. Louisville, " " " 27. Eagle, " " " 28. At or near Vinton, Saunders county, May 1. Malmoe, " " " 2. Wahoo, 3 p. m. " " 3. Cary school house, evening " 3. Nolan school house, 6 miles north of Lincoln. Lancaster county, May 4. Salsboro, Lancaster county, May 5. Bonnet, " " " 7. Cook, Johnson county, May 9. Grant, " " " 10. Vesta, " " " 11. Stromsburg, Polk " " June 4. Osceola, " " " 5. Shelby, " " " 6.

Following counties, places not yet designated: Gage county, May 12, 14, 15. Jefferson " " 16-17. Thayer " " 18, 19, 21. Fillmore " " 22, 23. Saline " " 24-25. Seward " " 26, 28. York " " 29, 30. Hamilton " " 31, June 1-2.

Bills will be sent out as soon as places are designated for last eight counties.

W. F. WRIGHT, State Organizer.

State Lecturer J. H. Powers will speak at the following places on the dates given: Elm Creek, Buffalo county, April 19. Sartoria, " " " 20. Ravenna, " " " 21. Wood River, Hall " " 22. Northfield, " " " 23. Cameron, " " " 24. Hanson, Adams " " 25. Blaine Center, Adams " " 27.

Friends of the Alliance in these counties will please fill out the appointments giving the hour of the day in each case, and notify the state secretary, Mrs. J. T. Kelle, Hartwell, Neb., as soon as possible so she can inform me of the same.

Friends of the cause will please remember that on account of the financial condition of the state treasury the lecturer will get nothing for his services except what is voluntarily contributed on his field of labor.

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