

Let Us Discuss State Issues. SPRINGVIEW, Neb., June 4, 1894.

Editor WEALTH MAKERS:

After so thorough a discussion of "standard bearers" through your valuable paper, it seems to me nothing could be more appropriate than a frank discussion of the platform of principles that should be adopted at our next state convention.

The honest purpose of the People's party in Nebraska, as shown by its record, places it before the people this fall as the exponent of truth and principle. Let me suggest that the platform should be made of specific promises, so straight forward and clothed in language so plain that no man can mistake their meaning.

Our people no doubt entertain many honest differences of opinion as to state legislation, and the state convention in its confusion is not a place calculated to give opportunity for the most careful consideration of them.

More depends upon our platform than upon the men who stand before the people as its representatives.

I refer to that part of the platform relating to state issues, as the people of Nebraska with one accord are demanding certain laws, and I believe they will be glad to vote for the party that is willing to promise to enact them.

I do not desire to discuss the matter of specific legislation at this time, but to call the attention of our party to some matters that should challenge the most careful attention of our next state convention.

First of all is the matter of taxation. And we should promise such laws and their execution as will catch every tax-dodger in Nebraska and compel him to list all his property.

If the people of Nebraska know how much of the wealth of this state escapes the tax gatherer, there would be such an uprising as would bury the tax-dodger beneath a wave of popular indignation.

The principle should be, tax all property, and tax once twice.

Then we should re-enact the maximum freight rate bill, and our next convention should promise to do so.

Our election-law should be so changed as to eliminate the promise that all the corruptionist can hide under the seal of the returns shall remain sealed for one year.

I think our convention should promise such a change in our election-law as will insure to any complainant a speedy, fair, and cheap recount and examination of the returns.

I wish also to call attention to the question of arbitration in this connection. This question has attracted not a little attention from an international standpoint, and has been by some advocated as the ultimate solution of the problem of settlement of all differences.

Its application is not general in any department of government, yet in many states, including our own, authority to settle by arbitration has been granted by statute. Whatever success exists have been forced by popular demand and granted in such a manner as to be imperative.

I believe that the people now do not understand how certainly the present application of law defeats justice.

I think I am safe when I say that all judgments rendered in our courts in civil actions in Nebraska for any given year will not equal the cost of litigation in the same class of cases for the same time.

This statement may seem extravagant, yet you will find upon investigation that I have not even now stated the whole truth.

Let us declare for compulsory arbitration and then enact such laws as will bring it into practical operation at the earliest possible moment.

I know there are those who believe that such a law is unconstitutional, and this brings me to the consideration very briefly of one more thought.

The subject of "initiative and referendum" has been by some reformers of distinguished ability advocated as a simple and more Democratic method of legislation. I believe in the people, yet I feel that this principle of government would be unpractical except as it applies itself to constitutional law. Here I heartily endorse it. Constitutional authority must widen, and under present laws the process of widening it is too slow for changing conditions.

This is a question for the gravest consideration, and I hope every Populist will give it some thought.

I believe that at least in the near future there will be a pressing demand for such a policy of referendum as will speedily reach constitutional questions.

Before closing let me sound a note of warning. If we have one thing to fear more than another, it is that the other follows by one means or another will dictate our nominations, or help to make our platform.

The name of our candidates signifies very little in the face of the strictest integrity. Men may be popular but honesty of purpose is more precious.

Men may have a large circle of friends and acquaintances, but they will never stand through the heat and scrutiny of a political campaign like characters. Let us lay the foundation at the next state convention on the everlasting rock of truth and all the batteries of plutocracy cannot prevail against us.

Let us indeed redeem Nebraska from

the curse of unjust laws and the generations which follow will bless us for it. Yours, OTTO MUTZ.

Quack Government—According to Carlyle.

The insincere world is the property of the quack and by the ballot box we only alter the figure of our quack. The valet world has to be governed by the sham hero, by the king in merely king-fear.

The one thing which has the greatest tendency to make a man feel less a man is to know that he has been duped. If you but gaze upon the political aspect of our country today, you will not only see that men have been duped, but you will see that a nation has been duped as well. This is not attributed to one political party but to all.

Republicanism does not mean infallibility, nor Democracy the people, nor Prohibition—prohibition. Republicans will scout at the infallibility of the pope, yet if sought in our nation goes wrong they cry, "I told you so"—infallibility. If one man cannot be infallible neither can a number of men. Democracy says, we are for the people, but the people is the Democratic party; while Prohibition is too illogical to waste words upon.

The above quoted writer says further "The history of all rebellions, French revolution, social explosions, in ancient or modern times, is—you have put the too unable men at the head of affairs. Indigent misery and masses of failures are due to quack administration." What you ask has brought about this quack-

It has been brought about because men have had more faith in party than in principle. In order to judge manfully the voter must first be a man. To believe what the average quack politician preaches to you, is to believe as a citizen. Read philosophically widely, not locally, and you will become a voter for the advancement of manhood in the state, and not for the advancement of a few political demagogues, who are annually hired by candidates and parties to give you this quack master, which if rightly named would be labeled "Lies." Take it regularly as prescribed and you'll become a corrupter, and the man who gives it is a (so-called) gentleman. We are told that understanding is not a tool by which some party or set of men are to handle you, but a hand by which you can handle any tool. Again Carlyle says, "Get the true intellectual, the noble-hearted man, the just, humane and valiant man, get him for ruler, for legislator and all is got. But again the question confronts us: How are we to know the true, just, humane and valiant man? First, we can know him by being true ourselves. None but shams are governed by shams. Or, in the words of Shakespeare, "To thine own self be true, and it follows, as the night the day, thou canst not then be false to any man." Secondly, we can know the quack by his own advertisement of himself. Like quack doctors and nostrums he will placard the country with his merits—a regular panacea. But when he gets to Washington he proves to be a bundle of self-interest and self-aggrandizement.

But recently Hon. Wm. Prentiss, an eminent lawyer of Chicago, in a speech before the Iroquois Democratic Club said: "We are in the gloom of despond. Why are we here? Because we are not honest. If Cleveland had been as zealous in adjusting our laws as he was in placing his friends on the bench, the country would be better. The present session of Congress teaches us we can not look to the East for our next president, for self-interest is too strong there. We must look to the West, where the common people rule."

Here we have the words of a man although a Democrat, who still holds principle above party.

But the Republican says: "I told you so. You were not satisfied with peace under Republican rule but clamored for change and now you have it, in the Coxey movement, etc."

Yes, that sounds very well and may pass current with the unthinking voter (the tool); but to the man of thought and sympathy the Republican peace is like that of the Roman in Britany Galgacus, a leader among the ancient Britons, said of the Romans: "They make a desert and call it peace."

The Republican as well as Democratic administrations have been largely quack, and in protecting the capitalists have said to the laborers, "Be quiet, look at England's workmen; be quiet—or tramp." And they call this forced quiet "peace." Yes, but like the unnatural lull before the thunder clap that quiet was followed by outbreak of the downtrodden, and then they point the fingers of scorn and say, "tramp."

"Make a desert and call it peace." "Make a man homeless, and call him a tramp." "Protectionist" is the cry. But says Herbert Spencer: "Aggressionist" is a title doubly more applicable, since, "that one producer may gain, ten consumers are fleeced." Injustice even pays itself in compound interest; hence the uprising of the people. True government does not mean material accumulation, but the highest type of manhood. Aristotle says the precise aim of government is, "Complete life in the associated state." This can only be accomplished by voting quackism from both our political and common school system, both of which give premiums to the "get there" element no matter the

means or qualifications. Says Mrs. Ward in her late book on labor and socialism: "The brilliant reformer who has no true manhood will be no good to any cause." VAN ZANDT GOUNOUER.

THE WORST YET.

Cheeky Thieves Rob a Hamilton County Farmer and Boast of it.

Yesterday afternoon saw the coolest swindle perpetrated upon Christian Koeffler, a young German farmer of Deepwell, precinct in this county, that can be dug up even in this era of daring robberies both public and private.

Some days ago he was visited by a sleek looking gentleman claiming to be establishing agencies for the "American Sickle and Disc Sharpener Co." Had it been "Sharper Co." instead of "Sharpener Co." the title would have been more accurate. The machine seemed to work well and as the young man had no small grain and his time wasn't worth to exceed \$4.00 per hour, they soon fixed up a deal to the effect that Christian was to act as their agent for Hamilton county. Merely as a matter of formality they got him to sign a paper accepting the agency. The sleek looking gentleman then bade his victim good day, and meantime wishing him a merry Christmas, disappeared permanently from the scene of action. Yesterday afternoon two other fellows—equally sleek looking—came to the field where Christian was plowing half a mile from the house, and asked him where he would like to have his sharpeners delivered, and they had them all at Phillips, a few miles distant, and that they would like him to pay freight and arrange for paying for the sharpeners. He inquired what was meant and was told that he had signed an order for 144 sharpeners at \$7 each, and that on payment of \$1006 they would go their way. Christian was puzzled, but insisted that he had never ordered the goods and that he could not possibly handle them. In this they agreed, and after considerable oratory and as a special favor they offered to settle for \$100.00. At last when it was nearly night the young man gave way and signed a note for \$100 payable February 7, 1895. The payor's name as he remembers it being Dray and there being a property statement on the back of the note. After the successful issue of their little game they waxed merry and confidential. They told him the whole business was a fraud; that they had no sharpeners at Phillips; that they were expert anglers for suckers and that he was only a very moderate sized fish in their piscatorial collection. They showed him a batch of notes among which he remembers one on a Clay county man for \$825 and one on a citizen of Hall county for \$550.00. (It is interesting to note that he doesn't often swear he really felt like "cussing" as after this unblinking avowal his tormentors rode toward the setting sun, seeking not exactly "green fields" but "pastures new." He came promptly to the county seat the next morning and the task of notifying banks and attempting to regain his note was duly commenced. With much formality the stable was duly looked the next morning after the horse was stolen and an experience that will deter one man—and probably but one man—from dealing with smooth strangers passed into history. The scallawag who aud insulted to perjury, and rob with the effrontery of a Barretti Scott or Capital National will probably land in the penitentiary or some lucrative public office before they close their career. They deserve summary treatment. Farmers should at once place a strong club chosen with particular reference to durability where they can lay their hands upon it at a moment's notice, and when the first stranger asks them to sign their name, repeat over the remarks that they think occurred to Christian Koeffler when he felt so like breaking over his custom—punctuating and emphasizing their discourse with the club. This is about the only recourse they have. Tar and feathers being some what in the line of a luxury these times.

THE ONLY STATE BANK IN THE CITY. WE SOLICIT FARMERS BUSINESS.

C. E. SHAW, Pres. C. M. CRAWFORD, Cash W. M. FULLERTON, V. P. W. E. TAYLOR, A. Cash

WALL PAPER 4c. PER ROLL. Only \$1.00 required to paper walls of room 12x12 including border. Send 10c postage and get Free 100 beautiful samples and guide how to paper. Agents large sample book \$1.00 Free with a \$5.00 order. Write quick.

NERVE TONIC. DR. WILLIAMS' PINK PILLS FOR PALE PEOPLE. Send for descriptive pamphlet.

MY WIFE CANNOT SEE HOW YOU DO IT AND PAY FREIGHT. FREE OXFORD MFG. CO. 345 WALSH AVE. CHICAGO, ILL.

METAL WHEELS for your WAGONS. Any size you want, 30 to 50 in. high. Turn 1 to 5 in. wide—made to fit any axle. Heavy used ready to run in 15 minutes to 1 hour out of low wheels. \$1.00 your wagon for hauling grain, fodder, manure, logs, etc. No matter what the season. Daily from address. OXFORD MFG. CO., Quincy, Ill.

CHEAP TRAVELING. The round trip rates to Hot Springs, S. D., offered by the Burlington Route are low, very low, as low as can be quoted. Ask the local agent about them.

If you have a hog, If you have cow, If you have a horse, If you have a farm, or anything else that you want to sell, and don't know just where you can find a buyer ...ADVERTISE... THE WEALTH MAKERS, and you will be most agreeably surprised at the result. Write for advertising rates to ADVERTISING DEPARTMENT. WEALTH MAKERS PUB. CO., Lincoln, Neb.

Three Cent Column. "For Sale," "Wanted," "For Exchange," and small advertisements for short time, will be charged three cents per word for each insertion. Initials or a number counted as one word. Cash with the order. If you want anything, or have anything that anybody else "wants," make it known through this column. It will pay.

AGENTS Wanted. Liberal Salary Paid. Advertisers or Travelers. Free furnished from J. O. VERBICK, Agency, Ill.

FOR SALE—100 acres near Lincoln. \$2,500.00. Party must sell. Gillilan Investment Co., Lincoln, Neb.

I WANT TO TRADE a good piano for a good heavy horse. Must be gentle in address, A. Young, care Wealth Makers, Lincoln, Neb.

FOR SALE—Good farms near Lincoln, and throughout Neb. If you want to locate, write Gillilan Investment Co., Lincoln, Neb.

WANTED—Twenty thousand new subscribers to THE WEALTH MAKERS.

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE—A neat home in Lincoln. Can take land in exchange. Gillilan Investment Co., Lincoln, Neb. 514

TUNLEY & BURKETT, attorneys-at-law, 1020 O St., Lincoln, Neb.

FOR SALE—80 acres near Lincoln. Very low if taken at once. Gillilan Investment Co., Lincoln, Neb.

WANTED—Fire and cyclone agents. Good pay. J. Y. M. Swigart, Sec'y, Lincoln, Neb. 374

WANTED—Ten farms of 160 acres each, located at adjoining near together, want each party improved. Have colony of ten families. Gillilan Investment Co., Lincoln, Neb.

TUNLEY & BURKETT, attorneys-at-law, 1020 O St., Lincoln, Neb. Abstracts examined.

HAVE YOU anything to sell or trade? Then advertise the fact through this column and be surprised at the result.

WANTED—Three male singers for cantata. In all the college suburbs, also tracts near the street car line, pleasant homes in all parts of the city. Address or call upon Gillilan Investment Co., corner 11th and Paterson, ground floor, Lincoln, Neb.

REMEMBER that THE WEALTH MAKERS is the best advertising medium in the west. When writing to any of our advertisers don't forget to tell them where you saw their ad.

MERCHANTS' BANK. Capital \$100,000. Corner 18th and O Sts., Lincoln, Neb.

The Only State Bank in the City. WE SOLICIT FARMERS BUSINESS.

C. E. SHAW, Pres. C. M. CRAWFORD, Cash W. M. FULLERTON, V. P. W. E. TAYLOR, A. Cash

NERVE TONIC. DR. WILLIAMS' PINK PILLS FOR PALE PEOPLE. Send for descriptive pamphlet.

MY WIFE CANNOT SEE HOW YOU DO IT AND PAY FREIGHT. FREE OXFORD MFG. CO. 345 WALSH AVE. CHICAGO, ILL.

METAL WHEELS for your WAGONS. Any size you want, 30 to 50 in. high. Turn 1 to 5 in. wide—made to fit any axle. Heavy used ready to run in 15 minutes to 1 hour out of low wheels. \$1.00 your wagon for hauling grain, fodder, manure, logs, etc. No matter what the season. Daily from address. OXFORD MFG. CO., Quincy, Ill.

CHEAP TRAVELING. The round trip rates to Hot Springs, S. D., offered by the Burlington Route are low, very low, as low as can be quoted. Ask the local agent about them.

...THE... Interior Decorative Company ARE A PART OF THE PEOPLE. They Don't Want the Earth They don't expect to get rich out of every customer that comes in. They want to deal with you so that YOU WILL COME BACK and send your friends. In Carpets, Wall Paper, Curtains and Draperies. In Painting, Frescoing and Decorating. WE ARE BEYOND COMPETITION. IN PROOF OF THIS LET FACTS BE SUBMITTED. Best all wool—extra supers. 59c Ingrain. 31c Wall paper. Our line is too extensive to think of enumerating. But we will gladly show you through and explain everything. An honest investigation into our methods means a customer every time. Don't forget the place. 230-238 So. 11th St., LINCOLN, NEB.

BICYCLES. FOR Bargains.... WRITE E. R. GUTHRIE, 1540 O ST., LINCOLN, NEB.

ARMAGEDDON. Prospectus of the New Song Book for the People.

The editor of THE WEALTH MAKERS has devoted his spare time during the last two years to the preparation of a book of songs such as is needed to educate, unite, arouse and inspire the wealth makers of the world in their impending conflict with the wealth takers. The battle before us is the battle of the ages, the Armageddon of prophecy, the last great conflict between greed and goodness. It is the organized brotherhood of right, against the legalized despotism of might. Truth has been spreading, love has been growing, fraternal organization has been extending; and the increasing oppression of monopoly power is in these closing years of the 19th century precipitating the final struggle. That it may be a peaceful political conflict we agonize and pray; but whether peaceful or otherwise it cannot be averted, it cannot be longer delayed. The new song book is to be called "ARMAGEDDON." The book will contain about 70 songs for the times, over half of them new, and half of the rest are nearly new and famous, and the remainder are most carefully selected. Fifteen of the numbers are a series of songs sent out by the writer two years ago in sheet music form, under the general title of "Songs of the People." The titles of the songs which Armageddon will contain are in part as follows.

- GET OFF THE EARTH. ARMAGEDDON. THE RALLYING SONG. TRUTH'S APPROACHING TRIUMPH. IF I WERE A VOICE, No. 1. IF I WERE A VOICE, No. 2. HAYSEED IN HIS HAIR. SONS OF AMERICA. THAT HONEST DOLLAR. THE NINETY AND NINE (New). THE WEAKEST MUST GO TO THE WALL. GOD SAVE THE PEOPLE. WE HAVE THE TARIFF YET. THE TAXPAYERS SETTLE THE BILLS. A POLITICIAN HERE YOU SEE. THE MILLENNIUM ARMY. THE FLAG OF LIBERTY. THE ALARM BEAT. THE ASTOR PRINCE. THE WORKERS' BATTLE HYMN OF FREEDOM. THE COAL BARON'S SONG. SONG OF THE MINERS. RIGHT SHALL REIGN. THE ONLY ROAD TO FREEDOM. BECAUSE HE LOVES. JEANS PANTS A COMIN'. THE KINGDOM OF THE BEAST.

- THE TIME OF DEUTERONOMY. LOSSES AND LIES. THE PAUPER'S LAST SMOKE. TIMOTHY HAYSEED. BILLY GRIMES THE DROVER. SUNRISE ON THE HILLS. THE COMING KINGDOM. PLENTY OF ROOM. THE TRULY GREAT. CALLING THE COWS. VOICE OF THE MOONLIGHT. RAIN UPON THE ROOF. TOIL SHALL SOVEREIGN BE. A DROWNING CRY. DREAM AND REALITY. THE HOME OF LIBERTY. AMERICAN NATIONAL HYMN (new). ROUND THE TOWNS. ENGINE OF REFORM. ONLY A PENNY A LOAF. USE UP THE LAST DOLLAR. OUR LINE OF DEFENSE. IT STUCK IN HIS CROTCH. HARK THE BATTLE CRY IS RINGING. THE HOPE OF THE AGES. THE MARCH OF THE WORKERS. BATTLE HYMN OF THE WRONGED. MOLLY AND THE BABY. ON TO WASHINGTON.

The above named songs have most of them been set to new music for the author and compiler by a half dozen very excellent composers in Lincoln and Chicago. But a dozen or so of the songs have been written by the editor of THE WEALTH MAKERS to be joined to world celebrated tunes—French, German, Austrian, English and Scotch—such tunes as "The Marseillaise," "Die Wacht am Rhein," "Austrian National Air," "German Fatherland," "Robin Adair," &c.

The above songs are solos and quartettes with piano preludes and accompaniments, also many for mixed voices. The music of most of the songs is easy, and the more difficult can be handled by good voices with thrilling, wonderful effect. Gen. C. H. Howard of Chicago, editor of the Farm, Field, and Fireside, expressed himself in the following words of praise and appreciation in reviewing the fifteen songs which have formed the nucleus of Armageddon:

"It has been left to Mr. George Howard Gibson to introduce a new tone into the songs of the party, and to write a series of patriotic songs which are hardly surpassed by any in our literature for loftiness of motive and real merit from a literary point of view, while at the same time they are not at all lacking in the musical quality which must necessarily be present before any song becomes the chord of popularity. They are remarkable for their vivid patriotism and broad humanity. In fact, if the People's party rises to the patriotic level of these songs, we have little doubt of its ultimate success as a party. The songs strike the whole octave of human sympathy. Sparkling humor, keen wit and biting sarcasm, as well as the loftier patriotic themes, are touched in turn by the talented author."

No higher praise could be given the 15 songs, and certainly as much can be said regarding the 70 songs of Armageddon, which include the 15 and furnish a much wider range and fuller treatment of the question of human needs and rights. They are full of pathos, patriotism and power, and are not lacking in humor, wit and sarcasm. The book will be ready in a few weeks and will be sold by the

Wealth Makers Publishing Co. Lincoln, Nebraska.