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Mr. Spackman's Opinion.

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Editor WEALTH MAKERS:

In your issue of July 26, is an article headed "A Trumpet Voice," and while the words "for Melklejohn" should have followed this headline they appear clearly enough in every line that follows on the situation in the Third district.

In behalf of myself and others in this district, who are as good Populists as Mr. Porter or others, who are endeavoring to misrepresent us, I ask opportunity to reply. I assure Mr. Porter as well as yourself and all other Populists that I have no attack to make on anyone.

Before entering upon the merits of the controversy, I must ask some indulgence in the way of introduction. Mr. P. is well known and needs none. His opinion will necessarily have much weight. I insist, however, that men in the ranks, who are equally devoted to the principles of the Omaha platform, who show that devotion by an unselfish and unpaid labor for the triumph of its principles, refusing every offer of positions of honor and emolument, that their influence may not be compromised asking only for an opportunity to work in this, the grandest movement under the sun, these, I say, are just as entitled to a hearing as those who occupy influential positions. Mr. P. says "when those who are now talking fusion were whooping it up for the old parties," I want to say to Mr. P. that no man has ever earlier or has been more industrious in talking what he is pleased to call fusion than I have. I want to assure him that I left one of the old parties and have ever since been fighting for the very things named in our platform long before he was old enough to belong to any party. I would like to ask him how long he stood "almost alone" fighting for these principles before there were enough others standing "alone" and fighting with him to elect him to the legislature.

Looked upon from a party standpoint his article may be all that can be desired; but what the country needs today is more patriots and fewer partisans. I am sorry to see a Populist of his standing write so long an article without one ray of patriotism to break the dead level of party fidelity. All our best thinkers agree that the republic is now passing through the most trying ordeal in its history. May we not then say with the immortal Douglas, the "little giant of the west," "in this great struggle there are but two classes—patriots and traitors."

I want to say to every Populist in this district that just as good and true men as there are in the party want to see no chances taken, but that every effort be made to have the Third district represented by a man whose soundness on the silver issue is unquestioned. It is the first thing to be settled and must be settled right. Has Mr. P. forgotten how in the first stages of this independent movement we urged the people to stop voting for party and vote for "Molly and the babies?" How we declared that fidelity to party was the curse of the country? They admitted the necessity of the reforms we advocated, but insisted that it should come inside the party. Can he not see that he is now occupying the same position? Is it possible that this young vigorous Populist party must so soon adopt the tactics of the old parties and cry out, "no fusion in one," "stick to the ticket," "vote 'er straight?"

Merrick county may be able to send a delegation solid for Mr. P.'s views, but I assure him that very many of the Populists of Merrick are heart and hand with their brothers of Nance. I have talked with many of these people and not one of them has said that the Populist party of Merrick were pushing Porter for Congress; yet they have frequently spoken of the fact that the Republicans of Merrick who want to see a three colored light and thus secure Melklejohn's return, were pushing Porter's nomination, and so one knows this better than Mr. Porter.

Every informed Populist knows the terrible results of the Credit String-tightening act, followed by the striking down of silver, and I pity the Populist who will allow his fidelity to party to stand in his way of righting that great wrong, or who insists that it must be put off until it can be done by his party, while American homes are being gathered by the score into the hands of

Shylock, while strong men faint by the wayside, vainly searching for honest toil, while the little ones at home are clothed in rags and cry for bread.

To men like myself, and others I could name, his talk about the "siren song" of free silver Democracy is the veriest nonsense. The true Populist is one who heartily endorses the Omaha platform and is willing to vote and work for its enactment into law; and not the man who puts party supremacy above the accomplishment of the very object for which the party had its being.

In conclusion permit me to advise Mr. P. to stay away from Norfolk. He has no business there. He cannot be a member of that convention without tramping down one of the most vital, organic laws of our party, and this will not be tolerated for a moment. His only work then will be that of a lobbyist or party boss and we have no use for either. Let the men who are eligible and delegated to do that work use their own best judgment.

Yours for public good above party good.

E. B. SPACKMAN

A Wise Plan Proposed.

SCHUYLER, Neb., Aug. 13, 1894.

Editor WEALTH MAKERS:

Do we as Independents want perfect fairness to govern the nominations of our state ticket? Will we sacrifice all personal preferences, bury all past differences, to the end that the strongest possible ticket that has ever been placed in the field by the Populist party may be chosen at Grand Island on the 24th of this month?

I am sure this is the sincere wish of the great mass of the Independents.

With a desire only for such a result I offer this suggestion: That we do not follow the old party practice in nominating our state ticket. The plan that the old parties always follow is to nominate a man for the highest and most important office first. The purpose for which this is done is, so that all the less important offices to be filled can be used for trading purposes, in the interest of the office most coveted. This practice holds good in county as well as state conventions,—all who have attended conventions know this to be true, and I am not inclined to argue that the Independent party is an entire exception to this rule.

The result is invariably that all interest in the convention centers in one or two of the places to be filled, after which delegates become indifferent, pledges are broken, promises are laughed to scorn, the balance of the ticket is almost forgotten and left to get through as best it can. Delegates return home dissatisfied, feeling that their efforts have been a partial failure, truthfully stating that they have been traded and sold out.

Now, Mr. Editor, I hope to see this policy that invites treachery and corruption exactly reversed by the Populists at their coming convention. Let us commence by filling the least important office first, by this plan the interest in the nominations will increase, then no person or ring working in the interest of any man seeking office can make trades or promises without being compelled to honestly carry them out or be exposed to the men whom they are trying to deceive before they will have accomplished their dishonorable purpose.

I hope to see this plan adopted by our state as well as county conventions, the chances for being traded or sold out will be much less and we will have a much stronger ticket, from top to bottom. The trader and trimmer will understand at once that his business is a precarious and dangerous one.

Sincerely yours,
J. F. MEYER.

John Bryan's Judgment.

ELYRIA, Neb., August 6, 1894.

Editor WEALTH MAKERS:

As several persons have been sending in my name what I believe to be what is best, I will state what I believe to be what is best. I believe that the government banks, both national and state, are the people's property, and that the people should have control of them.

Second—Limit land entirely prohibit alien land.

Third—Government railroads, telegraphs and mail.

Fourth—Free and unlimited

Fifth—Equal suffrage for male and female.

Now while I favor all this and much more I think we had better condense our platform; take a step at a time. For instance, take the most important ones.

It is a fact that we can get more people to agree if we only have a few things to agree upon, therefore I suggest that we cut down our platform. Say that we take one, or two, of the most important at a time. As money controls everything, and the contraction of money has caused us nearly all our trouble by being placed in the hands of a few monopolists, let us have government banks the main issue.

Say government banks of deposit to loan money direct to the people at cost of issue—as expense of officers—and free coinage of silver.

With our platform thus condensed we can carry three-fourths of the state.

JOHN BRYAN

Old Party Men Flocking to Us.

ELGIN, Neb., August 6, 1894.

Editor WEALTH MAKERS:

If the People's Independent party is receiving as many new accessions everywhere as here in Antelope county the election of its candidates might as well be declared to be unanimous. In one precinct alone about twenty recruits have come to our ranks, made up largely of conservative business men who have heretofore held aloof from the Populist party, and who have been absorbed in the affairs of their own business, giving little or no attention to the larger affairs of politics, voting with whom they had allied themselves years ago; but when their own private affairs ceased to be prosperous and manifestly so by no fault of theirs, they employed the leisure which had been so unexpectedly thrust upon them in investigating the cause of the stagnation which had so suddenly overtaken their business, and found to their surprise that the Populist demands were entirely in accordance with sound reasons and with justice and equity.

The Independent club of Elgin is rapidly completing arrangements for the overland trip to Grand Island, and receives assurances from other counties that they will join in the trip. A committee consisting of S. McCord, A. B. Bender and the writer has been appointed to take the arrangements in hand, and they invite correspondence from those desiring to go by wagon, a list of the names of those desiring to go from here is being made up and will be held open till Aug. 19. The club desires to make this plan a success and to have the largest and most enthusiastic state convention ever held in Nebraska.

HERMAN PRESSE,

Secretary Elgin People's Independent Club.

29th District Senatorial Convention.

BEAVER CITY, Neb., Aug. 10, '94.

Editor WEALTH MAKERS:

Will you kindly insert the following call for senatorial convention: The People's Independent party convention is hereby called to meet at Colburn, Neb., Aug. 18, 1894, at 7 o'clock sharp, for the purpose of placing in nomination one candidate for state senator for the 29th senatorial district and transacting such other business as may come before the convention.

The basis of representation will be one delegate for every 100 votes cast or the major fraction thereof cast for Hon. Simeon A. Holcomb for judge of the supreme court and one delegate at large for each county which gives the following representation by counties: Furnas 11, Frontier 9, Red Willow 8, Gosper 6, Hayes 5, Chase 5, Hitchcock 7, Dundy 5. It is recommended that no proxies be allowed.

It is the policy of the party to elect the most ardent patriot that modern democracy has departed a long road from Jeffersonianism; but if he has not been convinced, I do not know any other likely to educate him into a knowledge of that truth as to quietly bring him in the company of modern statesmen until they kick him into a wisdom.

As long as Mr. Bryan insists that he is a Democrat and that he is not a Populist, so far as I am concerned, he would have my assistance to be United States senator. We have men able to serve us in that capacity, and we will elect them. If Bryan comes "in" even at the eleventh hour

A Friend of Bryan Criticizes Him.

WAHOO, Neb., August 6, 1894.

Editor WEALTH MAKERS:

I take pleasure in responding to your request to state my views as to the recently much talked of proposal emanating from what quarter I know not for Populists to further the ambition of Mr. Bryan to serve this state in the capacity of United States Senator, by giving him Populist support.

At the outset I desire to say that personally I am a friend, and not only a friend but an admirer, perhaps an ardent admirer of Mr. Bryan. His eloquence united with his courageous resistance of the fossiliferous old hacks who have dominated his party from the beginning, and his apparently conscientious advocacy of financial reform is the source of my admiration. On the same principle I presume the Master admired the young man who had kept all the commandments from his youth up, who yet, upon inquiry as to how he might come into the Kingdom of Heaven, was informed, "One thing thou lackest."

So I say to Mr. Bryan, when he solicits my support, "Eschew that vile thing thou servest under the name 'Democracy,' which hath spit upon thee and rubbed it in, and espouse the People's cause and its party, and thou shalt be elected Senator." Be of us Mr. Bryan and we will be for you. Before swallowing you, we wish to be sure of our knowledge as to whether you are "fish or fowl." One-half the party with which you affiliate say you are a Populist, the other half say you are a Democrat.

My friend is not great enough to claim exemption from the axiom, "Ye cannot serve two masters." Let him take his choice. That other divine saying, "He who is not for me is against me," has application in the present case. Very ordinary experience teaches us that it is as true in politics as it is in Christian ethics.

I have read Mr. Bryan's so-called platform, as announced over his signature yesterday morning from Washington. The man who states such a platform as his political principles, and at the same time says he is a Democrat, as that term is now applied, prevaricates. The man holding such principles, who, notwithstanding, refuses to affiliate and work with the Populist party, is, in my opinion, either a political hypocrite or a political coward. I say this because, so far as it goes, this "platform" is in substance identical with the Populist platform, government ownership of railroads only being omitted. And not a declaration in it appears in any Democratic platform over put forth. This being true, I think it an affront to Populists to be asked to support a man who has not the courage to stand on a platform, which he acknowledges to represent his convictions of public policy, with the body of men who have heretofore striven to make those principles the law of the land, but instead goes by himself, as though he were holier than we, to create a rival political organization based upon the same political principles.

That support to such a course as Mr. Bryan has taken, tends not to strengthen and enlarge our cause, but to its division and disintegration. It is an attempt of the tail to wag the dog. His platform is substantially the Populist platform. If his followers believe that way, their place is in the Populist party and is not in the Democratic party. If they are not yet ready to pocket their pride and come with us now, let the consequence be their own discomfiture. They will have themselves to blame if they permit the Morton gang to further humiliate them. In such case they ought not to expect comfort from Populists. Efforts enough have been heaped upon Mr. Bryan and his followers in this state, it would seem to me, to satisfy the most ardent patriot that modern democracy has departed a long road from Jeffersonianism; but if he has not been convinced, I do not know any other likely to educate him into a knowledge of that truth as to quietly bring him in the company of modern statesmen until they kick him into a wisdom.

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of this campaign, that is, after the Populist ticket has been named, and gives it his hearty support in the campaign, swallowing his false pride about names, I shall not be hard to persuade to his support. But I will not do it before.

S. H. SORENBORGER.

What Our National Organ Says.

Congressman W. J. Bryan has announced himself as a Democratic candidate for senator from Nebraska on a Populist platform. Outside of emphasizing the "tariff for revenue only" issue and "control" for "ownership" on the railroad question, his platform is as radical as the most radical Populist could ask. It must be remembered, however, that he runs as a Democrat and if elected will attend Democratic caucuses and otherwise stand by his party. He will be backed by the influence of the national Democratic party and will be liberally assisted with money from its coffers. Yet he depends for his election on Populist votes. The absurdity of the whole proceeding can be illustrated by reversing the conditions. What would be thought of a Populist in Nebraska who should announce himself for the senate on a Democratic platform, as it is understood by the leaders of the party? If a man is a Populist he should run on a Populist platform; if a Democrat, on a Democratic platform. The fact that a man tries to ride double, as Bryan is doing, is the best evidence that he is not to be trusted. The hands are the hands of Esau while the voice is the voice of Jacob. He runs with the hare and hunts with the hounds. He looks one way and rows the other. He whistles "Dixie" through one nostril and "Yankee Doodle" through the other. He sings to the audience and winks at the gallery. He talks Populism and votes Democracy. If a Democrat is to be chosen from Nebraska, we would as soon see Mr. Bryan successful as any other. But there is nothing in him or his scheme for Populists. Not one of that party can afford to aid him, directly or indirectly. If he wants Populist votes let him join the party as he has absorbed the platform. In the senate he would simply be another Morgan or Pugh, another Martin or White. If he persists in adhering to a party whose politics he denounces, he is trying to get into office on false pretenses. Let him go his way and let Populists go theirs. They will have nothing to do with this Gorman scheme to ride two horses at once, going in different directions.—Nonconformist.

Bryan as a Joker.

Editor WEALTH MAKERS:

That is certainly a splendid joke of Mr. Bryan's in advocating government "control" of railroads. Government "control" is exactly what we have been having for several years under the interstate commerce law and under our State Board of Transportation. Government control will not do away with the enormous expense of advertising bills, corruption funds, parallel lines, etc., etc., which must all be paid by the producers. Nor will it do away with railway dividends which are also paid by labor. Government ownership and operation is the only solution of the railway problem, and Mr. Bryan appears as far from the position of the Populists on the question as any other Democrat or Republican. I would be glad to find a reason for supporting Mr. Bryan, but his platform contains no such reason.

A Note of Warning.

To the middle of the road Populists: Many things are taking place that make me confident that every effort possible is being made to quietly and systematically nominate Bryan men for the legislature. In the Populist county conventions in counties where Bryan men are nominated by the Populists no Democratic convention will be held. Where middle of the road Populists are nominated you may expect Democratic nominations. Every county convention should find out for certain whether it is nominating a Bryan man or a Populist.

For the Populists of Nebraska to nominate Bryan men for the legislature would be the most degrading surrender of principle ever recorded of a reform party.

Yours for the right,
JOHN STEPHENS.

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Chairman Deaver's Last Words.

This issue of THE WEALTH MAKERS will be the last received by many of you before starting to the state convention and I take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to the voters of our grand reform party for honoring me with the position of chairman of your state committee, and in doing so allow me to say that never was a committee of any party more harmonious than has been your state committee during my term as chairman. Every action taken by the whole, or executive committee, has been unanimous, which adds force to the old adage that "honest men can easily agree." I wish also to here thank each and every member of the state committee for their able work and loyalty to the cause that must win, or the republic fail. I believe that each and every member has done the best he could under the circumstances which in many cases were trying. Every dollar of expenses incurred by your committee since the nomination of Judge Holcomb has been paid and a considerable amount paid upon the old debt. When I was elected chairman the committee was about \$600 in debt and not a dollar in the treasury. No money came in for several days and you can hardly imagine the trying times we experienced in getting the campaign properly started. It is the hope of the committee now to meet in Grand Island with the party free from debt, which I believe we can. If each voting precinct will bring a small amount to the state convention the new committee will have sufficient funds to start at once, a vigorous campaign which will carry through every nominee of our party. I have received numerous requests to become a candidate for reelection as chairman, to all of which I have replied, and now most respectfully say to you, that my private business is such, that I cannot, in justice to my family, afford to accept the position at this time, again. During the campaign last year I worked almost day and night and no one in the state more deeply regretted the defeat of Judge Holcomb than your humble servant. I shall freely give to the new committee all assistance in my power and my knowledge of the affairs of our party will be at their service. I have never at any time received a cent for work for the cause of reform and I intend to work unceasingly without pay until our noble party has triumphed in state and nation. Allow me to say further that I will not be a candidate before the state convention. I intend to show the old party mossbacks that there is something grander, and nobler, in politics than seeking office, and I can do more effective work in the campaign this fall, than I could if a candidate. Regarding the platform please allow me to make one suggestion. My individual idea is that we should add nothing to our platform except the Initiative Referendum, which practically covers all reform need by the people. Let us meet in the state convention in a brotherly spirit and nominate a ticket that will put to rout the whole crowd of public plunderers.

I am yours until victory crowns our efforts.
D. CLEM DEAVER,
Chairman.

Delegates to State Convention.

Delegates and others, who will attend the state convention by rail, will please take notice that a rate of a fare and one-third for the round trip upon the certificate plan, from all points in Nebraska has been granted by the railroad companies doing business in this state.

When purchasing tickets be sure to get a certificate with your ticket and if going over more than one system get a certificate each time you buy a ticket. All certificates will be signed by me at Grand Island, which will entitle the holder to purchase a ticket to return home at one-third the usual rate.

Tickets will be on sale Tuesday, Aug. 21, and will be good to return until Monday, Aug. 27. This agreement has been made upon condition that 100, or more, certificates are issued.

D. CLEM DEAVER,
Chairman.

Smalley Elected Governor.
ARMORE, Ind. Ter., Aug. 13—The Chickasaw election is over and Palmer Smalley has been elected governor by a large majority. Lloyd, the candidate in favor of treating with the Dawes commission, received twenty-nine votes in the entire nation.