

SOME THINKING FARMERS.

THEY SECURE BOOKS, PAPERS AND SPEAKERS.

They Will Investigate and Then— They Will all be Populists.

RAYMOND, NEBR., March 6, 1896.

EDITOR INDEPENDENT:—A good republican and successful business man remarked he had no time to read other than sound republican newspapers, that our volume of money was large enough, and offered as evidence the circumstance of the six hundred million of gold bid for bonds lately by citizens of the United States, and said, that had time and opportunity been given the amount would have been doubled.

Assuming that is the fact, and in consequence of the commercial value of gold it is being locked up, it has proven to be of all material the one from which money should not be made, for it has brought about disaster never equaled in any civilized nation before.

Since the Cleveland-Sherman combine, the interest of gold bugs only have been considered as the dominant interest in this country. Such a fearful state never before did exist in any civilized country. Mercantile failures are of common occurrence in consequence of shrinkage of values, manufactories have closed and thousands have been thrown out of employment, who are looking for work or begging bread, bank failures of common occurrence, those having a few dollars are afraid to deposit, railroads have gone into the hands of receivers as a rule and successful ones are the exception, mortgages are being foreclosed on the farmers and farms that were in the hands of prosperous farmers are fast passing into the hands of monied men, and former owners will soon become dependent tenants. City property heretofore thought to be safe as an investment to live on, has become valueless, street improvements are going to decay, farmers crops are being sold at much less than the cost of production, and the people working with all their energy can not get more than a living. Train robbers are fast after the gold and commit bold robberies. Old people thought to have the precious, are being murdered as a daily occurrence.

It can truthfully be said since the Cleveland-Sherman combine, in the interest of the gold bugs have united and got control of the volume of money of this fair land of the free and home of the brave, it is fast becoming, and to no little extent, a land of sorrow and home of the destitute. Their united effort to strengthen the public credit has destroyed the credit and happiness of the people. Any fair minded person who will divest himself of party prejudice must come to the reasonable conclusion that a gold basis for a gold circulating medium must and will bring ruin and disaster to any prosperous people.

We well know that this state of affairs did not exist years ago. Then farmers prospered, manufacturing was a safe and sure investment, farm lands were considered safe property to invest in, our city swarmed with prosperous business men. Failures were of rare occurrence and no one looked for employment, for labor was in demand, and no such thing as tramps known.

At an early day Brigham Young discovered gold, but forbid his people mining it, giving as a reason that it destroyed the happiness of his people. He divided the land into small tracts of from one to twenty acres giving to those that wished to till the soil the larger tracts and established an irrigating system insuring large production. He established cotton, woolen and silk factories and gave all a home and ample employment, making all comfortable and independent. Although Brigham Young died long since, the Mormons are happy and prosperous, no home mortgage there, no tramps there, no one begging bread there, all have plenty to eat and plenty to wear, and there is in the public treasury a provision for the unfortunate. He had no provision for an increasing public debt or the selling of bonds to meet the running expenses of the government.

When students of political economy read the history of this and of the former administration made under this gold basis, gold money craze, who will they consider great statesmen?

Cleveland and his co-worker, Sherman, have brought us to the very verge of ruin. Patrick Henry remarked that the correct way to judge the future was by the past. Have we not had experience enough to establish the statement of Thomas H. Benton that the silver dollars did the business of the people? Have we not tested the value of the greenback currency and has it not been good enough for the people. Was it not safe useful money, saving thousands in the way of interest? In short had we not better stop and consider with an unprejudiced mind where we are drifting?

Mr. Editor, with this object in view a number of farmers met in Little Salt precinct. They were republicans, democrats, populists and prohibitionists. They resolved they would read and procure literature and papers published in the interest of each political party, invite speakers and judge for themselves. Intelligent speakers have consented to come and address us, and it is intended that this organization shall be non-partisan and not run in the interest of any political party. It is hoped that some of the speeches and proceedings of the meeting will be published, that it may be an educator for those seeking truth.

J. A. PATTERSON.

Break the Chains of Ignorance. Anything is better than a foolish, factional fight, while the republicans are laying plans to sweep the state. The populists are holding their own, and point with pride to the good work done in this state and nation; to the numberless reforms and grand legislative measures inaugurated by the only political party of progressive and humane principles. But the great battle must be continued by educating and harmonizing the voters and breaking the chains of ignorance and political prejudices which hold them in bondage to the old parties.—Blair Republican.

A UNION OF FORCES

The Leader of the Knights of Labor Eager For The Battle.

THE MONEY QUESTION FIRST.

The Insatiate Bond Grabbers and Greedy Gold Power Drive us to Action.

It is Perhaps our Last Chance to Fight a Battle With Ballots.

General A. J. Warner, President American Bimetallic League, Washington, D. C.—Dear sir: The kind invitation from yourself, Hon. G. Miller, Hon. R. C. Chambers and Hon. J. M. Devine to attend the conference at Washington January 22 was duly received, but other pressing engagements prevented my attendance at the meeting. However, I am pleased to inform you that the resolutions adopted meet my most hearty approval, and as a member of the people's party will do everything in my power to harmonize the forces for victory this year. The exigency of the times demand and duty to the working people require that every member of every reform element in this country make every possible effort to unite the several divisions into one grand party and with one national ticket for all make a concerted campaign against the gold power and the national banks.

I entertain strong convictions on other great national questions but I can wait longer for them to materialize into campaign issues than our poor destitute and working people can wait for bread and shelter. I am willing to make the test and measure swords with the organized plutocracy with the money question for the issue.

If we cannot win on that issue this year and secure a lasting victory for the common people, then there is no reform question now in the arena of public discussion on which a victory can be won during the next hundred years. The perjury of the gold power, the greed of the bond grabbers and the crimes of the administration with the consequent suffering of the people have brought the money question nearer the hearts of the industrial masses than has been any other question since the civil war.

There are honest, sincere reformers in this country who believe that the rapid concentration of wealth in the hands of the few and the ever growing poverty of the masses are portentous of a sweeping victory for the people within a very few years, and that it is better to wait for a general victory than to unite the elements and give battle to the enemy on a specified issue. But let it be remembered that just in proportion as the money power grows in strength the people become weak and dependent. With dependence comes degradation, lassitude of moral character and laxity of vigilance, and no one understands this result better than the gold barons. They know if they can control the money of the nation they can absorb and monopolize the industries of the country and degrade the people, and that a degraded people will part with the last vestige of liberty for trivial and temporary consideration. Slaves can never free themselves, and therefore if I had but one thought to utter this side of the grave it would be to warn the common people of their very near approach to the point where their own weakness and dependence will bar the possibility of social and political recuperation. Whenever the money power becomes stronger than the people it will apply its arrogant lash with relentless fury and liberty will be lost until through a reign of terror the oppressors have exhausted their force in the gloom of another night.

To form this union, I would not recede from any declaration contained in the preamble of the Knights of Labor or the Omaha platform. Nor is it necessary. But in this hour of national peril, when the hosts of mammon are marshaled against the liberty and prosperity of the people it is necessary to centralize around the issues that will concentrate the industrial forces in one united attack on the most vulnerable point of the enemy's front. To my mind the resolutions of the Washington conference referred to, contemplate just that kind of a campaign and should command the approval and support of every lover of justice and good government.

Respectfully yours, J. R. SOVEREIGN. Sulphur Springs, Ark., Feb. 1, 1896.

Sauce for the Gender. Why growl at the silver men for tacking free coinage on a tariff bill? Don't you know that silver was demonetized by tacking a few words on the mint bill?—York Democrat.

The Best in the Country. THE NEBRASKA INDEPENDENT is the best populist paper in the country. At last that party has a home organ that it can tie to, and every independent voter of the state ought to support it. It is worrying the life out of the B. & M. Journal and the corrupt state house ring. Let all the people stand by THE NEBRASKA INDEPENDENT.—Central City Democrat.

Attacking Peffer. The recent tirade of venomous abuse heaped upon Senator Peffer by the New York Journal was so untruthful and uncalled for, that even republican papers have taken up the defense of the senior senator from Kansas.

The attack seems to have been instigated by a son of the late Senator Hearst, of California, a young man possessed of more money than brains, whose father's funeral cost the government \$25,000, and was among the most scandalous of the disreputable orgies conducted at the expense of the taxpayers, under the name of "funerals." It was Senator Peffer's calling attention to the abuses that had grown up under the present method of conducting funerals of congressmen who die at the capitol, that affronted young Hearst and induced him to turn loose a mud-slinger to write up a lot of baseless charges.—Otaway Journal.

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Little Goldite States.

The senate is composed of two senators from each state; and a little state like Rhode Island has just as many votes in the senate in favor of the gold standard as the larger state of California in favor of free silver coinage. In like manner the little state of Delaware is entitled to the same number of votes in the senate as the great state of New York.—Silver Knight.

Feed the Whole World.

Remember, that according to the report of the secretary of agriculture, the farmers fed themselves and all other classes during the year 1895, and furnished the foreign world with more than \$500,000,000 worth of products.

It may be that you are living in ease on the "fruits of your brain," but just let those who dig the earth take twelve months vacation, and what will the "fruits of your brains" be worth to you?—Farmers Outlook (Ga.)

Sherman's Summersault.

John Sherman said last Tuesday in the senate that the tariff must be raised so as to "give the executive department of the government sufficient money collected from the people of the United States to carry on the expenses of the government." Good Lord! And here John Sherman was asserting for twenty years that the foreign manufacturers were the ones who paid the tariff!—Clay County Patriot.

Let Them Howl.

Omaha howling because the railroads have been discriminating against it and injuring its trade. If it had the courage of San Francisco it would elect some of its capable business men to represent the business interests of that city in place of a few wealthy individuals and the railroads, and not an attorney's clerk of the railroad companies. Select a capable business man, stand for your own rights, and there will be no cause to complain that the railroads discriminate against you or the rest of the state.—Fremont Leader.

Homeseekers Excursions.

The Missouri Pacific, Iron Mountain system will sell tickets on March 10, April 7, and 21 and May 5 to points in Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Arizona and Louisiana at one fare for the round trip, plus \$2.00. Do you want to find out something about these states? If so, call at City Ticket Office, 1201 "O" street and get illustrated and descriptive pamphlets with complete county maps, etc.

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The Mountain Top of Lying.

WINSIDE, NEB., March 6, 1896.

EDITOR INDEPENDENT:—Is it any wonder the people are floundering in ignorance when men of the standing of the editor of the Louisville Courier-Journal will promulgate such trash. There is Hunter preaching free silver to one man and gold to another. There's Thurston fearful that the bosses are going to run the next g. o. p. convention. My God! Bosses! When is it that any one else run that that machine? But is there any hope of reform when we consider what we have to contend with? I have almost lost hope. But still I continue to kick in my weak way.

The people prefer to believe men like Thurston or Waterson although they know they are false teachers, in preference to men like Weaver, Peffer, or Allen. Will it ever be thus?

There must be a hereafter for these thousands of false teachers and hypocrites. Yours to the close of the battle. H. B. MILLER.

[Mr. Miller encloses an editorial by Henry Waterson, in which Waterson claims that it costs the government a billion dollars a day to keep the greenbacks in circulation. The editor of THE INDEPENDENT had hoped that the gold bug editors had sealed all the mountain tops of preparation, but this statement of Waterson, sails higher into the clouds of falsification than the imagination of the liar ever reached before.—Ed. Ind.]

A Broad and Just Man.

Nebraska populists will go into the national convention with 51 votes for their able senator W. V. Allen. We believe that with the large following he has in the western states he can have the nomination for president, and every day of his campaign will see thousands of votes flock to him. On such a broad and just man there is no reason why all the reform forces could not get together.—People's Banner.

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MORE NEW RECRUITS.

A Meeting at Waverly Causes Them to Declare Themselves.

G.W. Berge of Lincoln Aply Presents the Cause of Silver.

WAVERLY, NEB., March 8, 1896.

EDITOR INDEPENDENT:—A large audience gathered at the Waverly hall, Friday evening March 6, to hear a joint discussion between J. F. Dale, an adherent of Grover Cleveland, and our populist exponent G. W. Berge. Mr. Dale formerly was a populist, but the object lessons Cleveland has been giving the country, by issuing bonds, etc., assisted by such populists as "Dollars or What?" with the emphasis on the latter word meaning "dollars for the rich," wrought a change in him, the republicans of the politician stripe pat him on the back as they think by so doing to down the populists, but populist principles don't down, especially under the able leadership of G. W. Berge of Lincoln, who has more patriotism burning within his soul than to compare this great productive country of ours with that of Mexico. Mr Berge in an eloquent and forcible manner fairly riddled the arguments of Mr. Dale and demonstrated clearly to the satisfaction of the audience that the present depression and hard times can be traced directly to vicious monetary legislation, and that our mints must again be opened to the coinage of both gold and silver at the ratio of 16 to 1 before this country will be relieved from its present depressed condition. He said this battle would be on until this question was settled favorable to silver.

You can find more silverites in and about Waverly today than you could before this discussion. It has set many to thinking and to freely and openly express themselves in favor of true bimetallism.

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MR. LAMBERTSON AGAIN.

He Couldn't Fool the Normal School Students.

NORMAL, NEB., Feb. 10, 1896.

EDITOR INDEPENDENT Lincoln.—The Hon. G. M. Lambertson delivered an address to some sixty of Normal's inhabitants, in the chapel last night, on the subject of finance. It seems the object of his visit was to get our consent to the retirement of greenbacks, which was a total failure.

He spoke of our circulating medium being so great that a contraction of \$346,000,000 to retire the greenbacks, would not be felt at present, while he would further grind the faces of God's poor by issuing bonds for their redemption, believing them to be a war debt, and now in time of peace and prosperity they should be paid. His belief is that the national banking system is the grandest and most noble thing this country has ever known, and that the patriotic bankers are running them at a loss on account of not being allowed to issue notes to the par value of their bonds.

On being asked if the last issue of bonds was not a contraction of the currency, he replied it was and that a further issue or sale of bonds to the amount of \$400,000,000 would be felt severely.

We do not profess to understand this subject, and never will become enlightened upon it so long as our most able men (?) continue to contradict themselves. Yours truly, BARTON W. FLOWERS.

HASTINGS ITEMS.

HASTINGS, NEB., March 10, 1896.

The A. B. Smith Syrup Company of this city have engaged a large acreage to put out to sorghum this year.

The Republicans of this city and a goodly number of Hastings citizens of other shades of politics were addressed by F. W. Collins of Lincoln last Saturday night. His theme and the burden of his song being Protection and Sound Money. Your correspondent does not quite understand how Mr. C. or any other protectionist can recognize where there is any harmony existing between a single gold standard and protection. Free coinage of gold and silver would be a better running mate for protection than the single standard is or can be.

Professor Norlin of the Hastings college delivered a lecture at the Y. M. C. A. hall last night to a large and appreciative audience on the subject of "The Evolution of Monotheism among the Greeks." His lecture was novel and instructive and entertained his audience to a degree very satisfactory to the management of the Y. M. C. lecture course.

The Milkmaids convention will come off in Hastings tonight, at which a good time is anticipated by all.

A citizens convention for the nomination of city officers met at the court house last night and placed in nomination the following ticket: For mayor, Professor J. Evans; for clerk, Andy F. Boston; for treasurer, Jack Mines.

For councilman 1st ward, Esmer Kinny; 2d ward, A. W. Bindrup; 3d ward, G. H. Edgerton; 4th ward, T. C. Hurst. For school board, W. H. Lanning and Mrs. Rose E. Shed of the 3d ward; C. F. Mores of the 2d ward. This is a good, clean ticket and should be elected.

The Anti-Licence people met in convention tonight to put up a ticket for the city officers to be voted for this spring. The regular republican city nominating convention will meet on the 13th inst. and it can be stated now that they will be compelled to put up an exceptionally good ticket if they hope for success at the poles, as the people are getting tired of ring rule even in Hastings.

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