

DESTROYING NEBRASKA.

Corporations and Their Tools Determined to Ruin the State.

STAND UP FOR NEBRASKA!

The Men Who Do and the Men Who Don't Pointed Out.

Making Every Dollar Invested West of the Missouri Valueless.

The following rather interesting letter was sent to this office for publication. As the readers of the Hub will likely never see it, it is printed in the INDEPENDENT.

EDITOR BROWN, of the Kearney Hub.—I am indebted to some one, for a copy of your issue January 31, in which is outlined the plan of the Nebraska club. You head it "stand up for Nebraska."

The club has for its president, our honored governor. I may be mistaken in what the club purposes to do, in which case I trust Mr. O. C. Holmes, or some other of the gentlemen, will set me right. It is evident that Nebraska needs more of her citizens to stand up for her. I ask space to respectfully suggest how it may be done.

As a citizen of Kearney, interested in its business prosperity, let me cite a case in point.

Some few years ago, one of our citizens started a packing house. When ready to ship his product, he tried to get freight rates, but failed. After a hard struggle, and in his ignorant innocence, thinking their delaying promises real, and in the meantime borrowing money of three-bank bankers, to hold his stuff while negotiating for rates, he went crazy and died in Lincoln. Packing-house ambition with us died with him.

Not a man of influence stood up for Nebraska by standing up for Mr. Heck. Other enterprises were born and choked out in like manner. But let me get down to date. An old gentleman and his sons came among us, built a business block and began in the wholesale grocery trade. He and his son built nice homes that are a credit to any city. They are quiet, hard working law-abiding citizens. They brought money, industry, and integrity from Illinois, and stood up for Nebraska, as I suppose the Nebraska Club wish people to do.

Kearney had the Nebraska district freight tariff. I found that Hastings had a jobbers tariff 40 per cent less than that tariff. I brought complaint against the state board asking like rates, and their masters, the railroads, fixed the matters up by raising Hastings a rate 20 per cent and lowering ours 20 per cent. While this was unjust to Hastings's, that enabled our grocery jobber to do some business. On the 1st of January this year, our jobbers tariff was taken away by that paper railroad, that has crawled under the cover of the Federal Court for the purpose of avoiding debts.

If a distributing tariff is not restored to Kearney, and at once, it will compel our jobber in groceries to leave our state and lose this investment. It will also bar future investments of like nature. These are cold facts, Mr. Brown, and I ask you and your brother editors of the towns in the interior of our state to place them before their readers.

A busted road, managed by irresponsible puppets, under the wing of the federal court; and its colleague the B. & M. aided by our venal state board of transportation, put in rates that kill the business man in the interior of the state.

Mr. Coddington is no more to me than any neighbor whom I see trying to build up our interests, and he does not know that I write this. Your Nebraska club article talks of "back firing" and "refuting slanders" on Nebraska. If a reasonably distributing tariff is not restored to Kearney, and Hastings, and such towns in the interior of our state, the truth told by blasted business enterprise outside of the railroad favored towns of Omaha and Lincoln, ought to and will damn the state, and be a sign board of danger to our brothers in the east.

If the freight managers in Nebraska are permitted to put in and remove distributing rates at their own sweet wills any one acts the part of a Bunko stealer who advises any man to invest a dollar one mile west of the Missouri River. If the gentlemen of the Nebraska club are organizing to beat tom-toms to swarm bees from eastern states, that they may be hived as Mr. Coddington and other dealers have been, and their honey taken, I advise our honored governor to resign the blushing honors they cast upon him as their president.

The man who stands up for Nebraska will stand up for his neighbors. We are told, that those who pay their freight, and railroad fares, are tearing down the roads because asking for equity, and that those who travel on passes, and pay no freight are building up the roads. But do they tell the truth? That is the way we have stood up for Nebraska. Is it the right way? If a corporate thief can steal a hundred millions as the U. P. did, and then get under the Federal Court, and still do business with its same old gang in order to murder those it has robbed, we want to know it. I appeal from our Lords and Masters, the tariff managers, to our Governor and his people.

Chicago, March 4, 1896. Governor Holcomb, Hon. Sir.—This is a copy of letter mailed today. Will you kindly have it copied in the INDEPENDENT and such papers as will place it before the people. If the head needs no finishing (Omaha and Lincoln) so do the feet and legs (Kearney, Hastings Broken Bow etc.)

The fact is the U. P. and B. & M. propose to kill (financially) those who testified before the Inter-State commission. I invite you to the funeral, and hope to see you in congress.

A. J. GUSTIN.

IT IS A MELANOHOLY FACT.

Fools Can Vote and That has Kept the Republicans in Power.

FALLS CITY, Neb., March 6, 1896.

EDITOR INDEPENDENT.—I see in the article headed "Peffer on Live Topics" in your last issue that Senator Peffer says: "If the silver republicans and democrats openly leave and join the silver conference at St. Louis in July, a new party will be organized under a new name, acceptable to all, composed of all elements of the opposition, and including the peoples' party."

Now if it will facilitate a union of all the elements opposed to plutocracy, by which union alone we can hope to maintain free government in this country, I am perfectly willing to take on a new name, and if a new name is to be sought in order to harmonize all the elements, what better name could we organize under than the name "Union Party". It would possess a great many advantages over any other name we could take.

1st. It would mean a union of all the elements.

2d. It is short, to the point and cannot be nick-named.

3d. And last, but by no means least, it would mean the preservation of this union for the benefit and blessing of unborn generations, and it would be a name sacred to every old soldier in the land, a watchword and rallying cry that would unite us as no other name could.

Then if we are to have a new name, let us call ourselves the "Union Party," pure and simple with no tail to it.

The old "Union Labor" party made a mistake when they tacked on the tail, it gave it the appearance of a one-idea party.

The name "Peoples' Independent party" is too long, and we recognize this fact ourselves when we, for brevity, call ourselves Populists, a name that admits of a vulgar, repulsive sounding abbreviation that drives away ten fools, while we are winning, by facts and logic, one sensible man to our ranks.

Understand me, I am willing to fight under any banner and name so long as our platform enunciates the right kind of doctrine, but there is no use taking on a name that repels while our argument invites.

It may be asked "What is there in a name anyhow?" Well some times there is a great deal, and just now in our cities, it is difficult to find a youth who rejoices in the name of "Pop." Is it because our principles are bad? I think not for taken in detail, nine of every ten will approve our doctrine. Is it because the men whom we have elected to office have conducted themselves in such a manner as to render the name obnoxious? Surely not. Then there must be more in a name than some people imagine.

I know the word "populist" traced back to its original root means one who believes in the great common people, but how many stop to think of this? The repulsive sounding pseudonym "pop" is more than the average fine haired fool can stand, and he stampees into the plutocratic camp without being able to explain what scared him.

Now as these fools can vote as hard as the man of sense the party that catches them wins and that is why the republicans have been in power so long.

So while we are about it, if we shall find it necessary to take on a new name in order to unite the field of reformers against the common enemy, what other name could better serve the purpose than that proud old name immortalized by the blood of a million brave men and the expenditure of countless millions of money.

"In 'Union' there is strength." Then give us the strength and the name that means it, and if the two old frauds nominate gold bugs or straddle bugs as they are likely to do, you might dam the Mississippi and turn its waters up stream, but no power on earth could resist the onward march of the "Union" to the White House.

Yours for victory, GEORGE A. ARBOTT.

Whose Fault? If our American liberties are finally lost it will be the fault of those who handle the ballot and are such party worshippers that they will vote for their own enslavement rather than break the party ties.—Ellisville, (Ga.) Patriot.

He has no Peer. It behooves the populist party of Nebraska to see that the name of Senator Allen is presented at the national convention to be held at St. Louis as their candidate for president. Allen has no peer in the populist ranks and will command the hearty support of the white metal force, irrespective of party fealty. Allen is the man. He has been found firm, unswerving and invincible.—Free Press.

Take Courage. Populists may well take courage. Leading statesmen were never so outspoken against the gold standard; and at the same time the old party machines were never before so determined to endorse the gold standard. This must bring the peoples party numerous and powerful recruits, or an immense amount of crow must be eaten by the other fellows.—Progressive Farmer.



A blanket that will cover one and cannot cover more. In pieces may be rent, but it will never cover four. Beneath it England laughs with joy and warmth and ease, While all the world may pull and rend, and then—will freeze.

A GENUINE NEBRASKA POP.

He Proves His Faith by His Works.

FREMONT, Neb., March 12, 1896.

EDITOR INDEPENDENT.—The supplement came duly to hand with my paper of February 27, and I am not going to throw it in the waste basket nor in the fire, but make the best possible use of it. I can't say yet what good I can do, but I am going to do what I can. I know I can do a little good, and if every populist in the state and nation would do as much, we would more than double and triple the circulation of the INDEPENDENT. I believe any paper like the INDEPENDENT sent out would catch a vote. I am a stranger in this county, having come here from Clark's (the home of Hon. W. F. Porter) and I find many old voters on the run. I am going to do my level best to run some of them into the populist camp. It is our chance now that the old party lines are breaking up and are in disorder, to make a charge and gather in the sheaves. Sow the seed in the morning and in the evening, withhold not thy hand, for you know not which may prosper, is the command, and if the seed is sown in good ground who knows but it may bring forth an hundred fold. I am going to send you a few names now to send sample copies to, and hope soon to send you a list of names to send the INDEPENDENT to.

B. N. CLEVELAND.

A PATRIOT AND STATESMAN.

What a Fraternal Society Thinks of W. V. Allen.

WHEREAS: We the members of the Eureka Spring Council of the United American Constitutional Brotherhood having heard it for some time in the past and carefully watched the actions and votes of the Hon. Wm. V. Allen, a representative in the United States Senate from the state of Nebraska upon questions which are of great interest to the American people. We heard of him standing for many hours by day and by night speaking for the right of the people and against infamous measures. We hear of him continually demanding relief for all the people. We hear of him demanding and voting for just what the people want, free coinage of silver. We hear of him as a liberty-loving patriot favoring Independence for Cubans who are today, just as the fathers of our country were, fighting to be free and independent, to be free from taxes imposed on them without their consent, to be freed from a monarchical government which transports their best citizens beyond seas away from country, home and loved ones and that without a trial by a jury and from an aggressive country that plunders the patriots, burns their towns and destroys the lives of the people, a people fighting to be free from the only government on earth where it is popular to tear down the stars and stripes and trample them under foot.

While Grover Cleveland the present occupant of the White House refuses to listen to the appeal of an oppressed people, he, as in days of yore when his own country called him, sulked in the rear and sent a substitute to the danger line, and now while Cuban patriots ask to be recognized, contrary to the wish of the American people, turns his back to them like a tyrant without mercy and refuses even to pity. But we hear of Senator Allen rising in the halls of congress and like a towering oak standing among his fellows appeal for recognition, independence and liberty for the Isle of Cuba and all of his people.

We hear of him at all times and all occasions on the side of justice and right for the people and for the downtrodden and oppressed.

THEREFORE, be it Resolved: by this council that we heartily approve of the actions of the senator from Nebraska, Wm. V. Allen. That we look upon him as a genuine liberty-loving American citizen, a patriot and a statesman who is fit and worthy to be a leader of his people, and we most earnestly recommend him to the people's party for their national standard bearer in 1896 as their nominee for president, believing that with such a leader, victory will be ours in November next.

JONES S. RAULINS, W. S. BRADLEY, Sec. Pres.

A Populist's Duty.

No populist is doing his whole duty unless he affords his old party neighbors an opportunity to post up and obtain correct information on the great finance problem. Don't hide your intelligence under a selfish seclusion—scatter reform books and papers, meet your neighbors and talk with them.—Industrial Leader. Delinquent subscribers must pay up, at least in part.

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