

THE LABOR EXCHANGE.

What is Proposed to Accomplish by it.

BIRMINGHAM, Neb., April 8, 1896. EDITOR INDEPENDENT:—To the depressed workers of every condition comes greeting, the Labor Exchange.

Years after years, yes, a life time, you have toiled. You have produced tons upon tons of various kinds of provisions besides other wealth in untold quantities.

Production and exchange have perished for lack of circulation. The factory closed for lack of money to pay men, thus unemployed men cannot purchase your production for the same reason.

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We have a world of natural beauty, a world of raw material and undeveloped resources and a world of idle and almost empty hands, ready and anxious to convert it into finished and useful articles.

The Labor Exchange solves the problem of its accomplishment without the use of gold or silver or any kind of legal tender.

Do not say it cannot be done, as it is being very successfully done in a great many places in a majority of the states.

Investigate it brother and redeem yourself, your family and your country else you go into impending ruin and our names into history as unlearned and unworthy slaves.

For free information, address G. B. DeBernardi, Independence, Mo.

[THE INDEPENDENT asks the author of the above well written communication to take into account the following facts, and then say whether he still thinks that the establishment of Labor Exchanges will result as he indicates.

1. The banks have fortified themselves against all such schemes by positive legal enactments. The moment these labor certificates begin to act as a medium of exchange and circulate as money, they become subject, under the law to a tax of ten per cent, and the banks, you may be sure, will see to it that the law is enforced.

2. Even if exchanges could be made in this way, it would not relieve labor of the awful burdens it now bears. Interest, taxes, transportation charges and debts would remain as they are, and could only be discharged with legal tender money.

Remember, so long as the money power can divert your attention from the real issue, they are going to keep their hands in your pockets and divert you of a large share of the fruits of your toil.

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SOMEONE MUST SURRENDER.

It will be the Free Silver Dough-faces of the West.

The republican convention of Massachusetts adopted the following plank, which is substantially that of New York, and may be called the platform of THE EAST.

"We are entirely opposed to the free and unlimited coinage of silver, and to any change in the existing gold standard, except by international agreement.

The Lincoln republicans of the west embody their views in the following few words, and declare an intention to secure that platform or quit:

"We demand the free coinage of silver, 16 to 1, without waiting for the consent of any other nation.

Half way between the east and west is McKinley with the "Ohio Idea," which means nothing or anything.—Here it is:

"We contend for honest money, for a currency of gold, silver and paper, with which to measure our exchanges that shall be as sound as the government and as unsharpened as its honor, and to that end we favor bimetalism and demand the use of both gold and silver as standard money, either in accordance with a ratio to be fixed by an international agreement, if that can be obtained, or under such restrictions and such provisions to be determined by legislation as will secure the maintenance of the parties of values of the two metals, so that the purchasing and debt-paying power of the dollar, whether of silver, gold or paper, shall be at all times equal."

QUESTIONS ANSWERED. VALENTINE, NEB., April 2, 1896, EDITOR INDEPENDENT: 1. How much gold is there in circulation in the United States?

2. What is our bonded indebtedness payable in coin?

3. Is there any law compelling them to keep one hundred million of gold in the treasury? J. E. PETTYGREW.

ANSWER. 1. No one knows and there is no way of finding out, Carlisle estimates it at \$600,000,000 and so carries it in his monthly statements, but he has no authority on which to base such an estimate.

2. Every obligation of the United States is payable in coin. It is specifically the law, passed Jan. 16, 1878. That law has never been repealed and is on the statute books today.

3. There is no law authorizing a \$100,000,000 gold reserve. The reserve was started by an order of John Sherman when he was secretary of the treasury. That is all the authority there is for it.

No Fusion in North Carolina. Washington, D. C., April 4.—The fusion which has existed between North Carolina republicans and populists, and through which Senator Marion Butler owes his election to the United States senate, is to be dissolved.

Liquor Interests for McKinley. CLEVELAND, O., April 9.—Robert J. Hake of Chicago, secretary of the national liquor dealers' association, is in Cleveland, arranging with the Ohio executive board for the national convention, to be held in this city next fall.

Speaking of the political position of the association, Mr. Hake says: "The saloonists in every part of the country endorse William McKinley for president.

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Great Bargains for Those Who Need Phaetons, Carriages, Buggies and Wagons.

Three second hand extension top under carriages, A grade, full leather tops; two are Columbus makes and one Amesbury. These carriages are nearly as good as new.

One cost \$300, one \$250 and one \$240. Will sell \$125, \$135 and \$115; also one canopy top cut-under surrey \$85, one extension top surrey \$50. All of these carriages are a bargain.

Parties were compelled to sell them; also one bicycle top buggy, cost \$175, for \$60; one phaeton leather top in good repair \$60; one canopy top phaeton \$75, nearly new; one top buggy \$20; one \$55, cost \$90; one \$40; one \$40, cost \$140; one spring wagon \$15; one for \$25; one road wagon good as new \$35; also 2 S. H. delivery wagons \$50 and \$70 each.

We carry the largest stock in the state of latest styles of carriages, buggies, phaetons, road wagons, spring, delivery and milk wagons. Studebaker, Moline and McFarland makes cheaper than ever. Four floors, power elevator.

We have goods in stock that the parties have failed and must be sold; all new and first class. One park extension top two-seated wagon for \$90, original price \$125; one three-spring farmer's buggy, two seats, extension top, \$90, original price \$125; 3 3-spring wagons, two seats, \$62.50 each, original price \$90; one canopy top road wagon \$40, original price \$60.

Best Kentucky blue grass, alfalfa, red and white clover timothy, cane seed and millet.

All of the above goods are still on hand except two buggies, \$20 and \$55, sold. In addition to the above, we have one S. H. cut-under canopy top surrey, spring back, painted and varnished new, for \$80, perfectly sound, cheap. We have just received new goods. Two straight-body surreys, one canopy and one extension top, spring back and cushion, steel axle and tire. A grade light one-horse Pontiac, Mich., make for \$85 and \$95, former price \$140 and \$150; two road wagons, same make, buggies, \$37.50. Humphrey Bros. Hardware Co., corner O and Ninth streets, Lincoln, Neb.

Millet and Cane Seed. The Alliance store in this city has a large stock of the finest grades of German Millet, Amber Cane seed and seed potatoes, which they are selling at the lowest possible prices.

Anyone in need of seed can save money by sending an order to them. The seed will be shipped in large or small quantity to any part of the state. Mention the NEBRASKA INDEPENDENT and send your orders to ALLIANCE STORE, 1008 P St. Lincoln Nebraska.

Custer County Takes the Belt. Last week we stated that Custer county produced more fat pop babies than any county in the state.

Hardly had our words got cold when Chairman Holland of the populist county committee, was announced in the Broken Bow papers as being the proud father of twins—a boy and a girl.

The populist hosts are going to take the county one of these days. Just keep your eyes on the birth lists of Custer county.—Weekly Tribune.

The way They did it. UNIVERSITY PLACE, Neb., April 8, 1896. EDITOR INDEPENDENT:—As I see it, our Methodist Sunday school superintendent republican candidate for the legislature, T. M. Wimberly will be an easily defeated man if the populists put up a good strong man against him.

The conscientious republicans of this place do not like the plan on which he got the nomination. Going back to last fall he went into Pat Dore's delegation and supported Dore for county clerk.

This was done to get Pat's support this spring. He got it now it is known that he tied up delegation for delegation with the notorious Bud Lindsey in the late republican convention and thereby received his nomination.

We think if the investigators of Mr. Wimberly's reception at the University chapel had known the way he had done to procure his nomination they would not have called the meeting if he did know it, it is a disgrace to the school, church and town.

I want to know if a man can be depended upon to enact righteous legislation if elected, who has procured his nomination by such acts. What do you think about it honest republicans? CONSCIENCE.

Populists Rule the Roost. ALBION, NEB., April 7, '96. Special to the NEBRASKA INDEPENDENT: Your representative reached this little city without a courthouse building, about 10 a. m. today and is happy to announce to the readers of the INDEPENDENT that I found a very polite and gentlemanly set of county officers, occupying offices in various parts of the city.

The city is rather quiet in a business way, but today being city election, there was quite a scramble between the opposing forces, of anti-license and license, politics having been lost in the shuffle. At this writing 9 p. m. it is announced that the license party carried the election by a majority of 45.

The license party elected the mayor and three councilmen out of four. The populist rule the roost in this county, holding all the best county offices, by majorities ranging from 250 to 400 and over and are gaining ground very steadily. THE NEBRASKA INDEPENDENT is considered a hummer by all who are acquainted with its bright and pungent editorials.

The people of this county vote on \$25,000,000 court house bonds on the 13th inst. The building is much needed. The farmers in this county are busy putting in wheat and oats and preparing for the spring planting. The ground is in fair condition. J. M. D.

Prosperous Petersburg. PETERSBURG, NEB., April 7, '96. This little city, situated in the northern part of Boone county in the Beaver Creek Valley is surrounded by a rich agricultural section and its business interests are in a prosperous condition. Among its most prosperous institutions is the dry goods house of D. K. Calkins, who is a progressive and wide awake merchant. It has one bank, a good public school building and a population of about 500 people. The principles of populism are on the increase in and around the village. J. M. D.

THE WORSHIP OF BUD.

LANCASTER AND CASS COUNTIES JOIN IN MUTUAL AND ENTHUSIASTIC ADULATION.

The Republicans Grow so Foul That They Openly Advertise Their Villianous Deeds.

The final act in the surrender of the republican party of the first district to a colored saloon and dive keeper was enacted at Tecumseh on Tuesday night.

The irredeemable rottenness of the party is shown in the account their own papers give of the affair. The matter-of-fact way in which the foul deal was made, and the unblushing manner in which it was written up in their own papers, shows that the party is not only corrupt, but is so far gone in its depravity that it does not seem to realize the foulness of its own acts.

Honesty and decency it has abandoned and it don't care who knows it, for it unblushingly publishes its deals with the vile element in its own daily papers.

The following account of the deal is taken from the Lincoln Daily News of April 13:

"The first congressional district republican convention, which meets at Tecumseh tonight, will elect L. L. Lindsey of Lincoln and Horatio N. Dovey of Plattsmouth delegates to the republican national convention. The alliances between Lindsey and the Cass county candidate was not effected until this morning, although a sort of informal agreement was reached yesterday.

Mr. Dovey arrived in the city yesterday afternoon, accompanied by a number of influential Cass county republicans, and a conference between himself and Lindsey followed. Dovey was anxious to make a tie-up with Bud and they soon got together. The remainder of the Cass county delegation arrived in the city shortly after 10 o'clock, and after a short conference agreed to stand by whatever agreement Dovey made.

There has been some doubt of two of the Cass county representatives in relation to Lindsey, but the fears of the latter were soon dispelled when the delegates were seen. It was then that the formal compact between Lindsey and Dovey was made. Dovey agreed to deliver Cass county's twenty-six votes to Lindsey on the first ballot in return for Lancaster's seventy delegates for himself. The combination of Lancaster and Cass means 96 votes, or a majority of ten of the 182 votes in the convention, and assures the election of Lindsey and Dovey beyond doubt.

The Lancaster and Cass county delegates assembled at the Capital hotel at 12:30 this afternoon and marched to the Burlington depot in a body, accompanied by a large crowd of politicians. The crowd was a jolly one, and every one seemed to be rampant for Lindsey and Dovey. The Lancaster county delegates wore neat white satin badges containing in red ink the popular shibboleth: "For president, William McKinley; for Congress, Jesse B. Strode; for district delegate, L. L. Lindsey." There was a large crowd at the depot to see the party off, and as the train pulled out at 1:30 there were yells for McKinley, Strode and Lindsey."

The Nebraska Club. Mr. Charles E. Williamson, secretary of the Nebraska club now writes the Hub as follows under the date of March 18:

My attention has been called to a communication published in your paper recently by A. J. Gustin, of your city, written in Chicago. It hardly calls for a reply, but I desire to set Mr. Gustin right, and an apprehension that others may also be misguided prompts a few lines.

The Nebraska club is organized for a distinct purpose and for a practical one only, that of securing the immigration of good citizens to the state. The adjustment of freight tariffs becomes no part of the business. The Nebraska Club believes that the best results are attained by concentrated efforts along single lines. There are many matters of this character needing adjustment and many needing to be righted, but the club must and does refer them to the proper channels already created for the purpose of handling them.

While a fair adjustment of freight tariffs would doubtless have a salient effect upon immigration, it is foreign to the purpose of this organization. The Nebraska Club might if it could enter into matters of this character to the material interests of the state, but it would involve a dissipation of its strength and defeat the desired unity of effort necessary to attain the fullest measure of success in its own line of work.—Kearney Hub.

Happy Humphrey. HUMPHREY, NEB., April 6, '96. Special to the INDEPENDENT: Humphrey is located on a high table land, and is a thrifty growing town. It has two good hotels and three churches, one Methodist, one German Methodist and one Catholic, a good public school building, a large Catholic school building, a large number of good business men and two banks, of which the Citizens State bank is the leading one. The farmers in the vicinity of Humphrey are generally speaking in as good a condition as they are in any part of Nebraska. The ground in this locality is in good condition for seeding. J. M. D.

The Pops Carry Moorhead, Minn. Moorhead populist won in the majority contest, electing Samuel Frazier by a small plurality. Mr. Frazier was head miller of the North Dakota Milling Association's Mill, and was discharged, presumably for being successful at the hands of his fellow citizens. That is just what the reformer is to expect at the beginning of the movement.

Taking in the Suckers. The rumor goes forth that the democrats will resolve for free silver at the Chicago convention. This, of course, is to keep the silver men from leaving the party. The administration is so advised and everything new points to the conclusion. It only remains to be seen how many suckers there are in the democratic party who can be taken in by this little scheme and thus help the gold bugs to be victorious once more.—Head Light.

The Place to Buy Dry Goods.

If you are interested in Dry Goods and want to do your buying to the best possible advantage we would like to hear from you. Ours is the largest exclusive Dry Goods establishment in Nebraska. We sell for cash and at the same low price to all purchasers. We carry a complete assortment of all seasons of the year. We have a large mail order business from all parts of the Central West. We issue a large illustrated catalogue which we mail free to all who ask for it.

Miller & Paine,

1229 to 1239 O Street, Lincoln, Neb.

Learning to Read.

EVEN THE LAWYERS ARE CAUGHT STUDYING POLITICAL ECONOMY.

Populist Leaven is at Work all Over the Country.

STRATTON, Neb., April 9, 1896.

EDITOR INDEPENDENT:—Inclosed find P. O. M. O. to apply on subscription. All are getting in line here for action. When they line up we find many new recruits. Notable among them are many of the old soldiers. In traveling over the country we find populist papers and books in places that would not be looked for. I was surprised the other day on entering an office of one of the largest corporations in this state and finding the manager reading one of our reform books. I told him that looked strange to see him reading such works as he had in his hand, which was Hill on Banking.

But, says he, "just wait a minute, I have more" and lo and behold! heshowed me four others, notable among them was the Red Dragon. Now brethren this is a hint for you and me to stay squarely in the middle of the road, and send good men to all conventions especially to St. Louis. Instruct them to make a short platform, for instance something like this. Prosperity vs. poverty, government banking, free silver 16 to 1, then take off your coat and whoop her up for 24 hours a day. Don't let any one draw you aside on tariff or anything else. Tariff don't cut any figure in these days. We have got tariff of 15 cents on corn and we sold it last fall for 10 cents per bushel. Look at the tariff on horses, etc. You can buy all the horses you desire for a song. I saw a span of fine mules sell at auction last fall for \$1.25 and the parties squabbled over the balters. I myself have raised over 15,000 bushels of wheat right out here in what you call the dry part of God's moral heritage and lost \$7,500 at it. Shipped almost a whole train load at one time which netted me 32 1/2 cents per bushel, that cost me 49 cents. This is the government average cost for Kansas and Nebraska. What is the matter is underconsumption. The way out of this is to put sufficient money in circulation so that he who wishes to buy can buy, and he who wishes to sell can sell. Then if you want to put up the tariff so that John's Bull can't jump over, there would be some sense in it. Now again boys, patronize the reform papers all you can. Attend caucuses, county conventions, state conventions and national conventions if convenient. Do all you can for a good ticket then take off your coat and work like a brute. The old parties are fast dividing, now lets show them in and victory will be ours. J. P. PACE.

Georgia Pops on Top. Sylva, Ga., April 3. The populists carried this county yesterday at a special election for sheriff by 509 majority. It will be a grand victory for the people and Georgia in October will be redeemed as Screven county was yesterday.

Consumers' Purchasing Agency. Buy Your Goods Direct From the Manufacturers. These hard times compel many to economize, and if you want to make what money you have go as far as possible, I believe I can help you. Since coming to Omaha I have had many of my friends throughout the state write to me to make purchases for them, which I have always freely done and such splendid satisfaction has resulted that I have concluded to establish a Consumers' Purchasing Agency. Knowing inside prices of wholesalers and manufacturers, and buying in large quantities, I can undoubtedly buy goods for you cheaper than you could buy them yourself and if you are in need of any kind of merchandise, dry goods, groceries, clothing, farm implements, buggy, bicycle, any make, or in fact anything, I am satisfied I can save you money by getting you inside wholesale prices. If you will write me, giving full particulars about what you need, I will quote you prices on anything you want, and give you my terms which are very reasonable. This will be much cheaper than for you to come to Omaha yourself and I will be as careful in making a purchase for you as if I were buying for myself and I believe I can please any reasonable person. For further information, terms, samples, prices, etc. write me.

Listers, plows, cultivators at wholesale prices, from \$4 to \$6, less than you have to pay at home. Bicycle entirely complete, M & W quick repair or Vim tire, a perfect beauty for \$55. Write for Bicycle circular. Good buggy \$55. Farmers two seated spring wagon good and strong \$52. Mens suits, \$4 to \$7.50; boys suits, \$1.25 to \$3.50; overalls with or without bib, 45 cents; umpers, 40 cents; jeans pants, 45 cents to \$2; 5 gal. keg syrup, 95 cents to \$1.45; prime Carolina rice, 5 1/2 cents per lb.; 2 lb. cans corn, 60 and 75 cents per dozen; all kinds of dried fruits from 5 to 9 cents per lb.; all kin. of teas from 19 to 40 cents per lb.; all kinds of coffee from 22 1/2 to 30 cents per lb.; family mackerel, 10 lb. pails, \$1; imported Holland herring, 10 lb. pails, 85 cents; round shore herring, 10 lb. pails, 55 cents; decorated dinner sets, 100 pieces, \$6.95 and \$8.75. D. CLEM DEAYER, Room 9 Granite block Omaha, Neb.

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