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A Man Better Than a Platform.

EDITOR OF THE INDEPENDENT:

I would like to say a few words to J. M. Snyder on practical politics. I take it for granted he is honest and very much in earnest. I was a free soil democrat before there was a republican party. I will remember the time Mr. Seward made his speech in the United States senate when he said there was an irrepressible conflict between freedom and slavery, that this government could not remain half free and half slave, that this was the belief of Lincoln and all that took part in organizing the republican party, but when they made their platform on which Fremont and Lincoln were nominated they did not demand the abolition of slavery but the restriction to its then present limits. The south believed that restriction meant the doom of slavery, for if the territories were admitted in the union, free states, that the political power of the free states would be so great that unfriendly legislation would destroy it the same as unfriendly legislation is now destroying the value of silver and the south forced their irrepressible conflict and slavery was abolished sooner than the most radical abolitionist could have hoped for. But had the republican party adopted the abolition platform Abraham Lincoln would not have been elected and the probability is slavery would still exist. We voted with the republican party on John C. Fremont to James G. Blaine until we believed the party was owned and controlled by the corporations for the corporations and was making more homeless white slaves and tramps than it ever liberated black ones. We were present at the humiliating scenes that took place in the state alliance and state conventions of the populist party from 1890 till 1892 which so weakened the populist party that had not the democrats come to its rescue with co-operation, the same party that has robbed the state and been the willing tools of corporations to defeat all legislation to prevent extortion would now fill every office in the state house and most of the county offices. The populist party is composed of men from all parties that think more of principle than party name and no party that can be organized by men that would rather lead a faction to defeat than march to success with that great army of co-operation that is now being organized to fight "the enemy of the human race" which will be decided in the next three years, can turn them from what they believe to be right. The question for the middle of the road populist to decide is, will they help fight this battle or will they organize a side show to help re-elect the republican party which is opposed to every principle they advocate. What the future will bring forth no man can tell, but if the presidential election was to take place in the next year we believe nine out of ten of the populists of Nebraska would vote for Bryan against any man that would accept a nomination and we believe he would be elected. We do not underestimate the power that would be against us all, the factional parties, a united republican party, all the corporations and trusts, the gold standard money power of America and Europe, and if they gain the victory all the forces would have to have their reward as they would now if the republican party had control of the senate, which means that all our bonded debt, silver and paper money, would have to be redeemed in gold, a large navy under the pretense of protecting our foreign interests, and a standing army and militia to correspond. Then they will ask the discontented what are you going to do about it, we have got all we asked and the supreme court is filled with men that will declare all the laws you can make unconstitutional. We believe, Mr. Snyder, if you and I could make a platform and enforce it, it wouldn't be like the populist platform or the Chicago democratic platform. But past experience teaches that platforms have been used as a trap to catch votes. We would rather have a man with stability whose heart beats in sympathy with his fellow men, than all the platforms that can be made with a man without principle to enforce them. Our observation teaches that names of parties or platforms don't change human nature or the selfishness of some men, which the populist party as well as other parties has great reason to regret. If my house was on fire and I had to climb a ladder to put it out, and because I could not reach at one stride the top round would let the house burn down, I would be considered very inefficient, if not criminally so. Is not this the position of some of the populists. Unless we have failed to understand the populist party on the money question, they are in favor of both gold and silver and paper money issued by the government.

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To Prevent Suits.

EDITOR INDEPENDENT.

From a g.o.p. standpoint Mr. Stewart's reasoning would be both logical and conclusive. But populists cannot afford to use that kind of argument. The cry of holier than thou, may be good argument for him who has nothing else to bolster up a bad cause. But he who has right upon his side needs no such logic. If Grover Cleveland, Carlisle and other democrats have proven to be traitors to the people, that does not justify the accusation that all democrats are traitors. If we judge men by their acts and not from our prejudice, we must admit that for probity, honesty and integrity the nation never has produced W. J. Bryan's superior. Further more we have no more just cause to impugn the motives and integrity of silver democrats and republicans than we have those of populists who have in former years affiliated with those parties. Is Mr. Stewart willing to admit that all populists are crooks and Bill Deane? If to kick silver democrats and republicans is the proper method by which to make populists of them, then I am ready to kick. But before we proceed upon that line, we want to know that they are different creatures from all others of God's creation.

There is no questioning the fact that present tendencies and hopes of reform are due to the bold and patriotic stand taken by W. J. Bryan as much as it is of that of populists. Now seeing that the slumbering masses have been aroused to the existing dangers to their liberties, let us as populists prove to them that we are honest. Not by abusing those of other parties who would aid us in redeeming our country and preserving those liberties.

Yes, but by proving to them that it is not the building up of a party that we are seeking, but the salvation of our country, and the preservation of the homes of our mortgage ridden people. Yes, Father Snyder, money of redemption is, and always has been one of the greatest industrial robbers known to the human family.

But it is that curse to man to be intensified an hundred fold through the populists standing aside and letting the ravishers of industry make it gold redemption. Shall we separate from and engage in the small business of splitting hairs with our friends and natural allies, while letters of gold are being riveted upon the limbs of our children, sold into bondage to the English Jew? This is what division means. We are, just now, placed where we must choose between two inevitable conditions, whether either of them meet with our individual views or not. These are the gold standard and eternal gold bonds. Corporate issue of paper money of pretended gold redemption, but never intended to be redeemed in anything, a legal tender for nothing, or bimetalism the unlimited coinage and use of both gold and silver as money without discrimination. All paper money issued by the government redeemable in both gold and silver. A redemption that is possible, and legal tender for all debts. We are told that to acquiesce in this, is to destroy the populist party. In other words, to capture the enemies citadel would be disastrous defeat. United we can defeat the gold standard and gold bond national bank scheme. When this is done we have the best of reasons to believe that we can get the democrats back to a Jeffersonian, populist, financial system. The public mind is now focused upon the monetary problem, and it would be both impotent and suicidal to attempt to switch the people off of that question, or to switch in other questions. No other argument can be made until this one paramount question is settled. In fact no other can be satisfactorily and permanently settled until this one is righted for the reason that all others draw their succulent food from the life blood from the parent stock of all abuses. All populists know and contend that the money question is paramount to all other issues. Now suppose that we as populists make the issue "scientific money." Will some one inform us what particular state we can carry upon that issue—switch in any and all other contentions, and then say where we will be at when the votes are counted. Don't figure from 1892. Just as well figure from 1890 as a correct basis. The voters of '92 and '90 will be together in '98 and 1900. Father Snyder says: "Defeat may follow division and is to be expected." This is a true, open, honest admission. But I do not believe that he has honestly and deliberately fathomed what "defeat" means. We can do this by thoroughly studying New England's bankers schemes.

Again he says: "But republican rule never can harm the country like killing the party." No doubt but what Father

Snyder honestly believes this. But thousands of others, just as honestly believe that undisputed "republican rule" at this very time would be a greater calamity than any which has ever befallen the country. Of what avail will the party be when the great combine is unassidably entrenched behind financial legislation, and the great corporate monopolies, trusts and combines are entrenched behind protective legislation and courts of injunction? Father Snyder says: "Kill us if you can." No, no, we have no thought of such a thing. Just want, if possible, to prevent you from committing suicide. JONATHAN HUGGINS, Cambridge, Neb.

Alliance Communication.

EDITOR INDEPENDENT.

The Fort Kearney Alliance met on December 27, 1897. A goodly number were present and the regular order of business gone through. A committee was appointed to collect the books of our Alliance library and report at next meeting.

The following motion was carried: That we renew our devotion to the declaration of purposes of the Farmers Alliance, and commend the same to the consideration of all the friends of liberty and reform.

The following was read from the constitution of the state alliance: "Declaration of Purposes.—Profoundly impressed that we, the Farmers Alliance, united by the strong and faithful ties of financial and home interests, should set forth our declaration of intentions, we therefore resolve to strive to secure the establishment of right and justice to ourselves and our posterity; to labor for the education of the agricultural classes in the science of economical government in a strictly non-partisan spirit; to enforce the motto: in all things essential, unity, in all things charity; to secure purity in the elective franchise and to induce all voters to intelligently exercise it for the enactment and execution of laws which will express the most advanced public sentiment upon all public questions involving the interests of the farmers and laborers; to develop a better state mentally, morally, socially and financially; to constantly strive to secure entire harmony and good will among all mankind and brotherly love among ourselves; to suppress personal, local, sectional and national prejudices, all unhealthful rivalries, and all selfish ambitions.

The above declarations may well be called the ten commandments of the Farmers Alliance. Resolved, That the greatest gains made by the order was when we ignored party lines and party prejudices and worked for reform and unity among the people. Resolved, further, That a copy be sent to the NEBRASKA INDEPENDENT for publication. FREDERICK SPIKE, Secy.

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One More Battle For Bi-Metalism. UNION, NEB., Dec. 27, 1897.

EDITOR INDEPENDENT: As many have seen fit to set forth their views in regard to the political situation, I am constrained to come forward and offer to the public a new national platform which should be enacted and fully consummated and enforced prior to the introduction of any other vital issue.

First—Open the mints. Second—Enact by congress, by executive and by judicial authority that the present greenback circulation be, now and forever, standard money of the United States.

Third—That silver certificates shall be redeemed by the secretary of the treasury when presented, in silver and gold in equal amount, 16 to 1 by weight of standard dollar, only at such time as the treasury surplus shall be sufficiently large to warrant and justify such redemption without loss or disadvantage to the government. It being the intention to cut or block the endless chain when speculated in in the interest of speculating robbers.

Having unavoidably drifted during the rebellion from the orthodox theory of specie standard bimetallic money, we are now slowly but surely drifting to a single gold standard. Nothing can now prevent such confirmation, except a union of all opposed to such gold standard, and then the conflict will be hot and fierce.

There is now no use to talk about redeemable or irredeemable paper money. The thing to do is to sustain our present currency. Redeem or pay our U. S. bonds in accord with the written letter of the law and contract.

Let us now go to nature's store house and dig out the material to coin constitutional redemption money. The people have little confidence in congress and still less in bank corporations. We have no use for further paper issues in this generation. Under this clamor for single gold standard, the only question is what shall we do to be saved? In my view we have only to place this government in the hands of an administration that are and will be disposed to protect the people's government against speculative robbers and thieves. When the nation was on a greenback standard I favored remaining on the same. It was good for the masses, and properly carried out would have made a success. But the American people are not constituted that way. They had sooner believe a lie than they might be damned.

I accept the situation. One more battle for bimetalism, then take the result. Those who go off now on side issues must bear the responsibility. We have inherited these greenbacks. They are a good thing, let us keep them forever, but let us not increase them also forever. Enough of a good thing is sufficient. We have nothing but a robber congress, and am sorry to say the same of every legislature thus far in Nebraska.

L. G. TODD. Coin Redemption. TO THE EDITOR OF THE INDEPENDENT:—I compliment H. G. Stewart on the money doctrines of his letter in the Independent of Dec. 30th. Everybody should know that the one great battle of this age is for and against coin redemption of paper money. For reasons stated by Mr. Stewart, if coin redemption finally prevails, the country will have a long, dark and hopeless night of slavery before it. If non-coin redemption prevails the people will have a foothold and standing by means of which they will take to themselves other good things generally, and an era of great popular freedom and prosperity will dawn upon us.

The people's party is the hope of the country. If that party is true to its announced principles, there will be a grand peaceful, termination of combat. Let no man be deceived. The country is teeming with pretended remedies and reforms and projects to distract and divert the party from its great purpose. It is a time for every well wisher of his country to be watchful and at work in the right line.

No neutrals should be countenanced as such. Every man that is not outspoken and active against should be counted as for coin redemption in making choice of all men for legislative responsibilities especially.

M. WARREN. Why Not Join The Populist Party? EDITOR OF THE INDEPENDENT:—I cannot understand why free silver republicans and democrats do not come into the populist party, for they seem to realize that it takes a union of these parties to defeat the corporations, and that the corporations are the common enemy of right and righteousness of liberty and the right distribution of the products of labor the abettor of political corruption of all kinds and the administration of law by injunction or drying it on the unconstitutional page. I know that these parties realize as fully as the populists do, that it will take all the reformers to defeat corruptionists so firmly are they entrenched in high places, and we certainly can work cheaper, more harmonious and more effective in one political organization than we can in three, and I would ask them to come into the populist party for the same reason that I advocated the organization of it, that is, that men could come into a new party and leave their political prejudices buried in the political corruption they left behind. A name should not be worshipped but we should run after principle and strive to belong to the most progressive political party, for as soon as a party ceases to be progressive, it ceases to be of use to man and as soon as the populist party commences to back slide and I am living, I will help organize a new party, yet there are farmers here that will vote for anything on the republican ticket, and their party papers can compare them to anything they see fit it matters not how

low they are placed by the lenders. I made a statement similar to the foregoing once to a party and they said the populists would do the same, it mattered not who was nominated. I answered by saying, that if populists were that kind of men, they would still be in the old parties, for that kind of men never reform. I am in favor of a union of the reform forces under one name. I believe that should be populist, but I don't care about the name, it is the platform and the men that represent the party. During the campaign, there was a republican campaign pamphlet mailed to me, praising the populist state officers somewhat after their old style, which was both disgusting and gratifying to me, for I have learned to look upon men with distrust that such parties and papers endorse. I do not want their approval, but I do want reform, and would say to them as I have to my neighbors that we are going to have reform, with their help if we can get it and if not, we are going to force it upon them and the time is at hand when I would just as soon be known as a Bonedict Arnold as a gold standard republican or democrat, for they are going down in history with the Tories and traitors. I firmly believe that when the labor question is settled that the great strife among men and nations will practically be at an end and that men will learn war no more, and the golden calf will be accommodated instead of a robber. Yours till the victory is won, JOHN LONG, Bartley, Neb. Jan. 3, 1898.

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