

WHO SHOULD BE THE CANDIDATE?

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What is the best course for the welfare of the state and the good of the people?

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A Living Hero is Better Than a Dead One. Bennett, Neb., Feb. 14, 1898.

Editor Independent: As a member of the rank and file of the Independent party, and a reader of your valued paper, I accept with pleasure your kind invitation to express our wishes as to who should be our next candidate for Governor of Nebraska on the Independent ticket.

Denver has served faithfully and well without a farthing as pay for his work. Mr. Deaver is a married man and the father of two children; a boy and a girl. He is worthy in every way of the position to which we hope to elect him.

Editor Independent: Dear Sir: Please find inclosed \$1 to pay my subscription. I could not get along without your paper. I expect it every Saturday when I go for my mail and put in the evening reading it.

We must consolidate the silver forces if we expect to win. As to the governorship, if Holcomb has served long enough give us W. J. Bryan. S. CURRENT. Upland, Neb., Feb. 15, 1898.

Likes Holcomb. Editor Independent: It is save to elect all the state officers we elected last time. They have done well; could not be beat. As Holcomb was handicapped during his first term, he should have the office again as though it was his second term. Hazard, Neb., Feb. 21, 1898.

Let the People Say. Editor Independent: Enclosed find money order for one dollar. I am pleased with the paper in being so frank as to publish the letters of so many people who desire to get before the party their choice for governor.

I do not question that all have good intentions, but I do not approve of their logic. Old timers remember we were compelled to take separate political action, but one theory was not to build up another machine for political power, but a medium through which the masses could become informed and interested in their political duties to the public.

Editor Independent: The candidacy of D. Clem Deaver for governor having become the most popular of any that have been mentioned for the place, it is proper that the readers of your valuable paper should know something of the life of Nebraska's next governor.

Mr. Deaver comes from a family that emigrated to America before the war of the revolution. He was born August 28, 1864, on a farm near Beaverton, Ohio, a town established by his grandfather in the early days of Ohio as a state.

TWO PRINCIPLES UPHELD.

Switzerland, Through the Referendum, Approves Government Railways.

The people of Switzerland have voted in favor of the purchase and operation by the state of all the railways within the little republic. The vote was by means of the referendum, every male inhabitant about the age of 20 years having the right to cast one ballot.

The price which Switzerland is to pay for her railroads is \$200,000,000 for 2,304 miles of track equipped and open for traffic, or an average of about \$85,000 a mile. American railroads are notoriously overcapitalized, yet their value, as expressed by their capital stock and funded debt, is in the neighborhood of \$60,000 a mile.

It will be well to keep in mind that the Swiss railroads were built by private enterprise and that their prime cost, upon which, of course, interest must be earned, was one-third greater than that of American roads.

Farmer and Banker. John W. Breidenthal, state bank examiner of Kansas, opened a recent address by saying: 'My earlier recollections of Kansas farming date back to the corn bread and sorghum molasses period, to the days when we used to break prairies with Texas steers.'

Speaking of the discriminations made in favor of speculators by bankers, Mr. Breidenthal said: 'It is a fact that the farmer has paid higher rates, while he is offering better security and while the speculator is borrowing money with absolutely no security at all.'

'During the time that I have occupied the office of bank commissioner I have taken charge of over 100 banks, and I state without fear of successful contradiction that not a single one of those failures is directly traceable to bad loans to Kansas farmers.' On the other hand, 80 per cent of the failures are directly traceable to speculative loans--loans, in the main, to men who should have been required to give such security as the farmers have given, something other than speculative security.

The president of the Indianapolis convention, Governor Shaw of Iowa, said the other day, 'Our fathers didn't build better than they knew, but less wisely than they supposed.' I haven't any doubt but that if Governor Shaw had been there he would have made some valuable suggestions to Thomas Jefferson and Benjamin Franklin and George Washington.

When I read that, I was reminded of one of Solomon's declarations, where he said, 'The rich man'--this is a rich man that said that--'the rich man is wise in his own conceit, but the poor man that hath understanding searcheth him out.'--Speech of James B. Weaver.

Yes, you hate to be bought, and you hate to be sold, and you hate to be forced to pay blackmail in gold. You hate the hard times, but you're bound to die some.

You have to be trampled in a financial way, and you have to see thousands going out day by day. You care in your soul the corruption you blame-- You curse it and you vote for it just the same!

You long for good laws and prosperous times, and you want to see bondholders up for their crimes. You want more reforms than we've space here to name, but you never vote for them just the same!

THE WILY LAWYER.

And How Poor Patrick McDonald Was Very Neatly Trapped.

A group of congressmen were telling stories in the cloakroom of the house the other day. One of them, a lawyer, told this experience:

'In the town where I first began the practice of the law there was an Irishman, Patrick McDonald, whom every one called Pat. Now, Pat was a good hearted fellow, but he didn't get along very well with his neighbors.'

'There was an easy going fellow in the same town of the name of Wheelock. He was born in 1840, and his parents named him Harrison. In country towns the people are familiar with one another to the extent that names are abbreviated or paraphrased. Every one knew this man as 'Hat' Wheelock.'

'Well, Wheelock and Pat had some words over a horse trade. The language used was more expressive than elegant. According to Pat's version of the affair, Hat threatened to break his face. Anyway, Pat went before a justice of the peace and made affidavit that he was afraid that Hat would do him bodily injury.'

'Hat, of course, was arrested. He got up to defend him. When the case was called, Pat took the stand and related the story of how Hat had threatened to injure him. When he was turned over to me for cross examination, I began: "Now, Mr. McDonald, you say you are afraid of your life?"'

'I am, sir,' was his prompt reply. 'Then you admit that Mr. Wheelock can whip you, do you?' 'His Irish was up in a flash. "Not by a d--d sight, sorr! I can whip half a dozen like him."

'That's all, your honor,' I said to the justice, and he dismissed the case against Wheelock.'--Washington Star.

Household Discipline. Mr. Lorimer's business interests keep him away from home so much that the matter of family discipline has fallen very largely into the hands of Mrs. Lorimer, and the children regard their father more as an occasional and welcome comrade than as a stern parent.

But three lively youngsters, cooped up in the house of a stormy day, can hardly be expected to prove successful exponents of self government. So it happened that Lorimer felt called upon to remonstrate with Maggie the other day, and that miss nearly threw him off his feet by turning to her brother and exclaiming: "Willie, Willie, just hear papa trying to talk like mamma."--Detroit News.

How Will It End? That political corruption of the age, which is spreading with a movement as steady as that of the tides of the sea, is no delusion born of fear and ignorance, but a fact visible to all eyes.

In the resources it commands and the courage of its success, it was unknown 30 years ago. It is in its infancy. What will it be in its full manhood? If we have not been able to resist its beginnings, how shall we be able to make headway against its gathering strength, and if we do not resist it and overcome it and destroy its supremacy utterly what is the alternative!--Cor. New York World.

Alas For Sovereignty! The American sovereign can be found in all sorts of unkingly positions. He does not appear to good royal advantage as a half staved miner.

The American sovereign can be found in all sorts of unkingly positions. He does not appear to good royal advantage as a half staved miner. He is not princely as he stands with doffed hat shrinking and trembling before his master, who holds in his kingly hand the threat of discharge.

My Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. My kingdom has come on earth. Thou wilt be done in heaven; my will be done here. Give me this day all the income I want. Give me my debts in violence against humanity, in foreclosures against my debtors. Deliver us this day from all the times that destroy our power to enslave humanity. Miss in the kingdom and the power, and thine be the glory forever. Amen!

The Millionaire's Prayer. In a recent address Rev. Father Thomas J. Ducey of St. Leo's Roman Catholic church, New York city said: "This is the millionaire's Lord's Prayer: "My Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. My kingdom has come on earth. Thou wilt be done in heaven; my will be done here. Give me this day all the income I want. Give me my debts in violence against humanity, in foreclosures against my debtors. Deliver us this day from all the times that destroy our power to enslave humanity. Miss in the kingdom and the power, and thine be the glory forever. Amen!"

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