WHO SHOULD BE THE CANDI-DATE?

[This department is opened for the public discussion of the available candidates for governor at the coming election. Free speech and open discussion of every public question has always been one of the principal tenets of the populist party. It is better for the party, better for the state, better for the candidate, that the public should know the good qualities and bad qualities of a man before he is nominated, than to proceed to a nomination and take chances in finding out his character and qualifications alterwards. Open discussion will injure the chances of no worthy candidate. It may prevent the nomination of an unworthy candidate if there be any. The public has a right to know. Their only way of knowing, is by public discussion. When thoroughly acquainted with the facts, the people can be trusted to do right.

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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. | Deaver has served faithfully and well 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. I believe, that if the present incumbent, Hon. Silas A. take. But, if on the other hand, Goveruse good judgment in selecting a good successor to continue the good work of reform, that Governor Holcomb has so ably begun. And if from the ranks in the country cornfields, shall be chosen the candidate for governor, (which I think will) I would mention the name of our neighbor, Mr. R. T. Chambers, for eration.

Mr, Chambers is and has been a successful farmer, has taken active part in many campaigns, is a true people's party man, an energetic worker, a good scholar, and an able champion of reform scholar, and an able champion of reform principles. His name at the head of the ticket would be, as it always has been, a vote winner. And now as to fusion, I would say to my anti-fusion friends that a "friend in need, is a friend indeed;" and that in "union there is strength," and that we can safely trust the common people of all parties, who sympathize with the reform party. I, for one, would rather see the chances for success, by trusting the common people of all three trusting the common people of all three parties, then to see our lot cast with a "middle in the road" party. I think "middle in the road" party. I think, some time ago, one of our anti-fusion brethren used the language of the immortal Patrick Henry, (in expressing his views) "give me liberty or give me death." Now I think it would read and Now I think it would read and sound better (in our case) to state it like this, "give us liberty and give us life," for I believe a living hero can do more for the welfare of the people, than a dead one. Let me ask our anti-fusion triends a question. Do they believe, that if Governor Holcomb would have gone down in defeat four years ago (without fusion or co-operation, which he surely would have) that we would have had the good reform government that we have. I for one, think not, but I do believe that as fusion has been a success in Nebraska so far, we should as much as possible, unite our strength and elect every good able nominee out of either of the three parties for putting and keeping such an example in practice successfully, cannot but help, give hope to other states, to go and do likewise, and furthermore this seems the only practicable way to keep the Na-tional question of "Independent bimetat the front for 1900. Hoping allism." that whatever plans be adopted, will be a success, and whoever will be nominated may be elected for the people and by the people.

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. With Mr. Deaver as our leader we need have no fear of failure. Re-J. KELLY M'COMBS. spectfully, Irvington, Neb., Feb. 26, 1898.

Likes Holcomb.

Editor Independent: Dear Sir: Please find inclosed \$1 to a third term, his election would be cer-tain, and the people would make no mis-take. But if control of the second put in the second put pay my subscription. I could not get must consolidate the silver We nor Holcomb would not accept another forces if we expect to win. As to the renomination, we should, and ought to governorship, if Holcomb has served long enough give us W. J. Bryan. S. CURRENT.

Upland, Neb., Feb. 16, 1898.

Favors Holcomb.

Editor Independent. It is save to elect all the state offi-

cers 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. Rah for Holcomb and your valuable paper. S. G. SWIGART.

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 o 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. The old say ing, that an "army of deer lead by a lion was better than army of lions lead by a deer," is not in my opinion applicable to populists in Nebraska, as believe the mass of our voters are lions and the roarers who smell the spoils are not as safe counselors as the quiet ones who are at home, busily engaged in his private business of taking up the warrants and bonds that he has to issue to take him through drouth and hot winds. Too many figure on the strength a nominee would add to the machine. Unless the so-called leaders can trust to the intelligence of the voters at home and rely on its untramelled expression at the primaries, our work is vain. Populism in the end leads to virtual self. government to the millionium, but before self-government, we have to achieve intelligent knowledge of our relations to each other and the world. The brotherhood of man and fatherhood of God is one foundation and the greatest pop. leader is the man who comprehends that foundation and is happy and contented in doing that work at home. "He who would be great is glad to do his duty at home, and to my mind safer to be a leader than the warhorse who has become unfitted for anything else. True govfor the place, it is proper that the readers of your valuable paper should erament or self-government never unfits a man for returning to some useful private business. One party has no reason to ask such a sacrifice to America before the war of the rev- and don't make a camp follower synonomous with a veteran. Let us use our brain as well as our lungs and our muscle. We have a good deal to learn. Nearly all our county pop papers live wise in his own conceit, but the poor on county printing and it is conducive man that hath understanding searchto an itching paim which retards our intelligence back to 1889, when papers Weaver. of our stripe were very scarce. Let our people be instructed in true state craft. Give them a tender conscience of their duty and I for one will trust the outcome. Our forest of good timber has never been explored, but a birds-eye view discloses a never failing source that is still being improved You hate 'em, but you vote for 'em just the by the oldfashioned district school Excuse the length of this as the spirit moved me to this sounsel. H. I., HOPKINS, Cowles, Nob., Feb. 19, 1998,

THE NEBRASKA INDEPENDENT

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. For state ownership the vote was 384, 146 to 177,130 against. The total population of Switzerland is about 8,000,000, and as the normal voting population of a state in which the franchise is practi-cally free is about one-sixth of the total population it is apparent the proposal for state ownership in Switzerland was adopted by a rousing majority in a full vote.

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 \$86,000 a mile. American railways are notoriously overcapitalized, yet their value, as expressed by their capital stock and funded debt, is in the neighborhood of \$60,000 a mile. This would make the Swiss railways seem expensive, but the ruggedness of the country, the frequent tunnels and the superior solidity of the roadbeds must be taken into considera-

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. In two or three years we shall hear the laissez faire wiseacre lifting up his voice to proclaim that fares on Swiss railroads are higher than on railways in the United States -all because the former are owned by the state.-New York Journal.

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. My first recollection of the Kansas banker is the signing of a chattel mortgage on those steers and the paying of 3 per cent a month interest. It took a good many bushels of corn to pay the interest."

in favor of speculators by bankers, Mr. Breidenthal said :

higher rates, while he is offering better security and while the speculator is borrowing money with absolutely no security at all. This is wrong. This naturally tends to a prejudice on the part of the farmers and producers against the banker. I want to state as my opinion that of the \$40,000,000 of deposits in the Kansas banks today \$20,000,000 of it belongs to the farmers and stockmen of the state, whom we class under the general head of farmers. At one season of the year the stockman disposes of his stock and has a good bank account. This generally happens at the time of year when the wheat grower is harvesting his grain and is not ready to place

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 Irish-man, 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 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 sfraid that Hat would do him bodily

"Hat, of course, was arrested. He got pe to defend him. When the case was miled, 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 ge afraid of your life?' "'I am, sor,' was his prompt reply.

"Then you admit that Mr. Wheesek can whip you, do you?'

"His Irish was up in a flash.

"'Not by a d----d sight, sor! I can. whip half a dozen like him."

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

Household Discipline.

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

But three lively youngsters, cooped sp in the house of a stormy day, can pardly be expected to prove successful aponents of self government. So it appened that Lorimer felt called upon remonstrate with Maggie the other by, and that miss nearly threw him off its feet by turning to her brother and aclaiming:

"Willie, Willie, just hear papa tryby to talk like mamma."-Detroit Mews.

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. It is not an accident, but the working out of natural laws vast in their scale and resistless in their force. Its immediate impulse comes from the greed of gain among the rich working on the greed of gain among those who want to be rich, and this hunger for wealth regardless of how it is got, common alike to the needy schemer and the philanthropic plutocrat, is seemingly the strongest, most eager and persistent influence in our national development. In the shape in which we know it now it did not exist 100 years ago. In the intensity of its greed, in its energy and its eagerness, in the resources it commands and the courage of its success, it was unknown 20 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.

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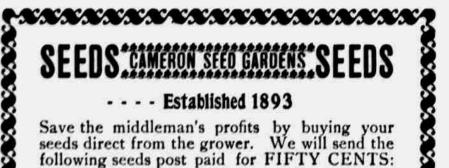
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D. Clem Deaver.

Editor Independent.

The candidacy of D. Clem Deaver for governor having become the most popular of any that have been mentioned know something of the life of Ne-braska's next governor. Mr. Deaver comes from a family that emigrated olution. He was born August 28, 1864, on a farm near Deavertown, Ohio, a town established by his grandfather in the early days of Ohio as a state. When our candidate was still a boy the family moved to Gilead township, Thayer county, Nebraska. Settling in that township when there was only two other houses in the precinct. Our candidate remained and farmed in Thayer county until eleven years ago, when he came to Omaha and attended college about two years. In 1890 Mr. Deaver helped to organize the people's independent party and has since been very active in the cause of reform, as well known by your many readers. Mr. Deaver has served the party faithfully as a committeeman in all posi-tions of trust, having served as precinet committeeman, county commitstate executive committeeman, chairman of the state central committee, and he is at present naman, chairman of the state central committee, and he is at present un-tional committeeman for the party in Nebraaka. Aside from this Mr, bea-ver has been for years a very popular abor organizer and advisor. He has held almost every position of trust has held almost every position of trust in the tabor organizations of Nobraska. He was chairman of the Omaha Cen-trai Labor Union law committee about five years, and served one term as president of the Nebraska State Labor Congress. His advice is sought by the working people all over Nebraska. In all the above positions of trust Mr.

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it upon the market. The farmer who is engaged in stock raising is providing the money to accommodate the wheat grower, and the wheat grower should be accommodated. The speculator should be barred.

"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, 50 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."

A Safe House?

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. Why, these men must attack our history; they must attack the capacity of the people for self government. He says, furthermoreand, mind you, this is the chairman of the Indianapolis convention, and they are going to ask you to indorse their plan-"You are right in assuming that that financial building which will safely house the rich will safely house the poor. "

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 eth him out."-Speech of James B.

Just the Same.

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Ains 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 starved 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. He is not royally dignified when he casts his kingly prerogative, the ballot, in herds, with the fear of his employer before his eyes. His sovereignty is not apparent when he tramps the highways, hopeless, penniless and hungry, or when hanging like grim death on the brake beams beneath a palace car. Alas for fallen royaity when he is arrested, chained and placed on the rock pile under the scornful gaze of the public! Of what benefit is his sovereignty when it fails to preserve him from the conditions of the most abject slavery? More than the mere title of "sovereign" is required to secure even his manhood. Freedom, equality, justice, are better words to conjure happiness with than royalty or sovereignty .- Labor Exchange Guide.

The Millionaire's Prayer.

In a recent address Roy, Father Thomas J. Ducey of St. Leo's Roman Catholio church, New York city said: "This is the millionaire's Lord's Prayer

"My Pather, who art in heaven, hallowed be "My Father, who art in heaven, hallowed ba-thy name. My kingdom has came on earth-Fhy will be done-in heaven; my will be done-here. Give me this day all the income I want. Sive me my donts in violence against housan-ity, in force/course against my debtors. De-liver as this day from all the tame that de-stroy our power to emsive humanity. Mine-is the kingdom and the power, and thins be the glory forever. Amen.^[2]

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