

# THE OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE

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## What the Majority Think.

### Editor Independent:

Nearly all the talk we have now-a-days is about "war", and it would please any patriotic citizen to hear the sentiment expressed relative to the keeping possession of all lands we may take during the present strife. A vast majority think we should hold every foot of territory acquired by conquest, except Cuba. My sentiment is so deeply seated that I do not wish to act with any party that favors giving back any land where one of our dead soldiers or sailors is buried. We buy the land with blood and let our dead boys rest under the old flag, shaded by the palm or orange tree, where no foreigner can pull down old glory and trouble the sacred dust. This may be called a mere sentiment not worth a moment's thought, but we are the only nation on earth that has fought the good fight for "humanity" then those who fight us, or are in sympathy with our foes, are inhuman. If our fight is to better mankind, then let us keep our boys safe from any vandal hand, and when we decorate the graves of the boys of 1861-65 let us have it possible that friends may plant the rose and old glory where it will remain unmolested over those who die for the grandest cause men die for.

As this may be called deviation from our "traditional policy" as it is called or termed, we might say that for over eighty years our policy was to rob the black man of his liberty. Was that humanity? We are climbing the dome of civilization with rapid feet, and shall we step one foot backward and give to human devils all we take from them for their crimes? But my mind wanders back to a period of two years, when we were in the midst of a political campaign, and we were called "fools, anarchists, repudiators and a vast number of other pet names, because we wished to control our own money. I said then that if a war came to us we would find all, or nearly all the nations we were to associate with in an international conference unfriendly. How many patriotic men of any party would wish to have Germany, France, Spain or Austria dictate to us how much silver we should put in a dollar, or how thick steel to put on our battle ships, or how many men we should call out to lick any nation that treads on Uncle Sam's coat.

We can build just as good dollars, or battle ships as any nation on earth and there is just as much sense for us to go it alone in one case as the other.

Not one man in a hundred wishes an alliance with England to assist us in our fight for humanity. How many want any nation to help us make a dollar. Suppose we make a silver dollar with the eagle on one side and a starving Cuban child engraved on the other, would you like to handle it? How many would pay such money out for a square meal, and sit down and eat their food with relish? Suppose we change the stamp and put on one side the Goddess of Liberty and on the other a medallion of a poor Russian peasant going to Siberia with a ball and chain dragging along to make him happy, for saying a word for "liberty". We might picture on one side an emblem of French love of the poor Arabs.

"If a tribe of Arabs would surrender, Buke them alive in caves to make them tender."

I give you these few thoughts on the wing, and hope that all the citizens of the United States will be patriotic enough to use the last dollar we can coin, no matter of what material made, before we ask aid of friend or foe of foreign land, to assist us in anything we can do ourselves. Uncle Sam can crack any bug that he can find on the head of old mother earth, and he can hold any land he may wish to cover one of his dead boys. He is by far the biggest turtle in the tank.

Respectfully,

M. M. HALLECK.  
Central City, Neb. July 28, 1898.

## Solid For Sutherland.

The reform parties of Nuckolls county held harmonious conventions last Saturday and nominated for commissioner, A. J. Henderson; county attorney, H. H. Mauck; representative, J. H. Wright; coroner, J. R. Buffington.

The populist convention passed resolutions condemning bond issues and war for acquisition of territory, reaffirming belief of free silver, commending our representatives in congress, Senator Allen and the state administration.

The congressional delegation is composed of thirty old soldiers all solid for the renomination of Sutherland. The county is only entitled to fifteen delegates, but others requested that they might be put on as honorary members that they might go and work for the man who had worked for their interests.

Congressman Sutherland addressed the convention during the afternoon in a well timed and patriotic speech. The silver democratic convention met and ratified the nominations of the populist convention and elected delegates to the congressional convention.

## Coming Home to Roost.

Once upon a time there was a Don whose name was Columbus, who was tired of vagrancy and dreamed of vast realms beyond the sea inhabited by Indians whom it would be (compensatively) safe to murder and rob of their precious metals. Having gotten on the blind side of one Isabella, who furnished the sponsorship for his outfit of discovery, he discovered Cuba, and the Americas, planted the cross upon their shores, then drew his sword and commenced a relentless war of extermination against the natives. The ruling traits of the Don is a cross of tiger and hyena, delighting in bull fights and all manner of cruelty. It happened that the northern portion of the discoveries situated between two seas, was ruled by a myth whose name was Eagle, his motto being liberty and justice. When this became known throughout the world all

the best people who hated oppression and had pluck, push and sand, emigrated to the Eagle's domain where they received homes and multiplied in wealth and numbers 70 millions strong. The Eagle rules his country by chiefs. The high chief being chosen every four years by general election. He also has great war chiefs such as Washington, Jackson, Lincoln, Grant, Dewey, Sampson, Schley, Shafter, Thomas, Garcia, and a host of others. His warriors are all like Hobson and it came to pass when William whose name is McKinley was high chief, that the Don was at war with the patriots of Cuba the Eagle sent the Maine to Havana on a friendly visit—the Don (just like a hyena) blew up the Maine with a torpedo killing, 226 Hobsons, then every feather of the Eagle became rampant. He lit into the Don at Manila, killed 1,000 of them and destroyed six million dollars worth of property, captured and destroyed all their ships, pounced onto Guantanamo and flopped over onto Santiago like a cyclone.

The Eagle is of magnificent physique and wonderful spread of wings when on the wing as now, headed south. The right wing overshadows Japan, Hawaii, Brazil and the Philippines. The left wing Canada, England, Cuba and Porto Rico. The bill has the Don's by the neck, the right eye watching Germany the left eye observing France.

A. B. FLACK.

Auburn, Neb.

## Not a Dissenting Vote.

The congressional convention of the peoples independent and silver republican parties met at York, Nebraska, on Wednesday of this week and without an objecting voice made choice of W. L. Stark for their congressional nominee and after the most harmonious and enthusiastic convention that it has ever been the writer's fortune to attend, passed the resolutions below and adjourned. Both conventions were largely attended, a surprising number of the populists being present, and the other having an admirable organization in every county of the district except Polk, an actual attendance of 67 delegates, and making choice of a strong and energetic central committee for the district that will contribute in a large degree to the success of the campaign.

## RESOLUTIONS.

"The peoples independent party of the 4th congressional district of Nebraska desire to voice their appreciation of the fact that the time has come for them to 'point with pride' to a satisfactory and successful administration of county and state government, and for their republican opponents to 'view with alarm,' and make fruitless attempts to turn back the hands upon the dial of progress. We congratulate the people on capable and honest management of local affairs, upon increased comforts and decreased expenses in all state institutions since they passed from republican control; upon added resources and facilities for educating their children; upon lessened interest at home and higher standing abroad; in short, upon the fulfillment of pledges made by the reform forces and a complete refutation of all the gloomy predictions that caused some voters to hesitate about placing the power of administration in our hands.

We promise our best efforts for the election of a legislature favorable to the return of Hon. W. V. Allen for United States senator, being more than satisfied with his ability, his achievements for Nebraska, and his position upon the great questions which are before the American people for solution.

We feel an especial pride and gratification in the record of our friend and representative in congress, W. L. Stark. We realize that his faithful systematic work for constituents is being appreciated by the members of all parties, and we ask that he remain at his post of duty, transacting the business entrusted to him, until his military as well as congressional duties are performed, and when finished in the competent, unostentatious manner which has always characterized his public career, we will gladly welcome him home. During his necessary absence we pledge ourselves to labor for his interests and in the interests of the cause he loves, with the same zeal and vigor that resulted in the glorious victories of 1896 and 1897."

We are in cordial sympathy with the war now being waged with Spain for the purpose avowed by our president and representatives in congress and are in favor of furnishing means to energetically prosecute the same, but we believe the late bond issue to have been unnecessary and wrongful, and commend each and every member of the Nebraska delegation who voted against it."

General Delevan Bates as representative from the silver republican convention then announced that their convention recognizing in W. L. Stark the man of the hour and believing him to be able to lead the allied armies of silver to victory, had unanimously chosen him as their nominee for congress in the 4th district of Nebraska.

## The Lancaster County Farmer's Club.

Was very hospitably received by Mrs. Converse at her fine home three and one-half miles west of Woodlawn, July 21, 1898. The tent, decorated with flags, was erected close to the house, so as to hear the music. Dinner was of remarkable excellence. Two gentlemen, while strolling over the grounds to indulge in a smoke, found a self unhooking horse. The horse had practically freed itself from the buggy without doing any damage. Farther on they found one lying down on the shafts, which were broken. The meeting was called to order by President W. Polley, and the minutes were read. America was sung with piano accompaniment.

Master Terry Meyer gave a recitation. Then there was music by Miss Syford, who at the close of the meeting entertained the club for nearly an hour. Her skill is of a high order, and very musical, which many do not possess. Mr. Thompson, with his fine voice, sang

"More Than a Thousand Years," the chorus led by Miss Mahan. Mrs. M. H. Westcott read a piece called Paxton and the Grog seller. Wars Sacrifice was recited by Mrs. Hahn. The Southern club was given permission to use the tent for their meeting, but must be returned in time for the meeting of August 18. Mr. D. Howard was welcomed as a new member. Mr. Washburn was made an honorary member. He was urged to read a letter written in Spanish, which he did, and translating it in English. Summer plowing was then discussed in which Messrs. Quackenbush, Hurd, Latour, Duncan, Mann, Ackerman participated, some favoring it, while others did not. It was thought that plowing rye fields would be beneficial, as the seed will come up, covering the ground, which will keep it from washing. While talking of back-set (which means prairie sod plowed for the second time) one said he set it back so he did not raise anything that season. Another, an old Pennsylvania farmer, set it back till the soil was all down in the hollow.

With grateful thanks to Mrs. Converse for her splendid entertainment, the club adjourned to meet with Mr. Michael Denberger, one mile west and one mile north of Woodlawn, August 18. Program for said meeting:

Music.  
Select reading, Mrs. Drain.  
Recitation, Miss Mattie Jackson.  
Select reading, Sylvia Drury.  
Recitation, Nora Paswater.  
Music.  
Recitation, Mr. Syford.  
Subject for discussion: Is it advisable to have rural delivery of mail; led by Mr. Syford and Dr. Duncan.  
H. POLLEY, President.  
E. L. BOWMAN, Secretary, P. O. Box 356, Lincoln, Neb.

## "THE HERO DOWN BELOW"

While you sing of Schley and Hobson,  
And of gallant Dewey, too;  
While with thoughts of them your hearts  
Are all aglow

I would sing you of another—  
Just as brave and just as true—  
Of the man who does the stoking down below.

For his home is in the hell,  
Down below,  
And he doesn't hear the yell,  
Down below,  
That goes up when firing's done,  
When the ship he's with has won—  
He must keep a shoveling on,  
Down below.

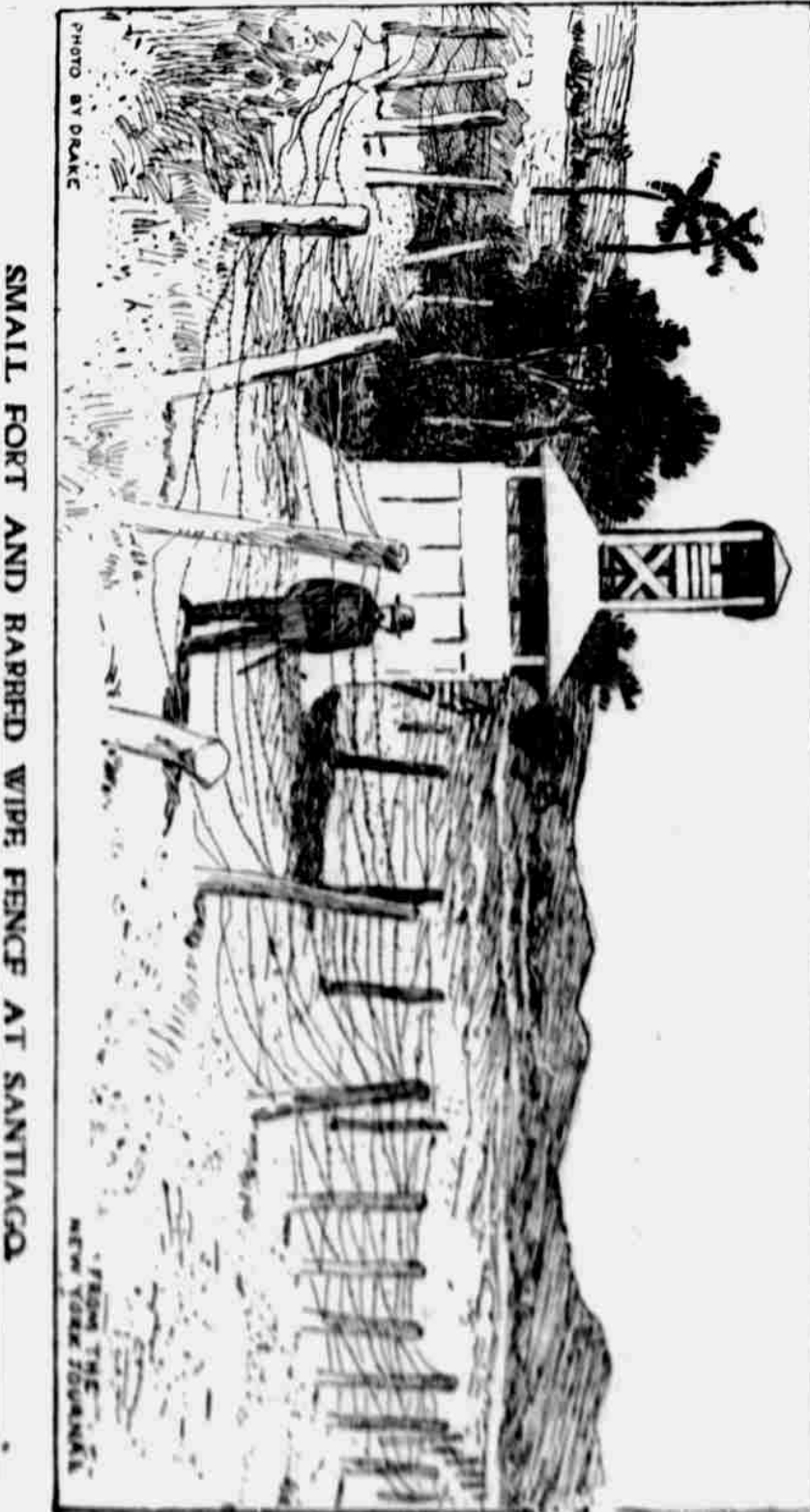
Though his name is never mentioned,  
Though we see or know him not,  
Though his deeds may never bring him  
worldly fame,  
He's a man above the others—  
And the bravest of the lot—  
And the hero of the battle, just the same,  
He's the man who does the work,  
Down below,

From the labor does not shrink,  
Down below,  
He is shoveling day and night,  
Feeding flames a-blazing bright,  
Keeping up a killing fight,  
Down below.

In the awful heat and torture,  
Of the fires that leap and dance  
In and out the furnace doors that never  
close,  
On in silence he must work,  
On his brow to feel the outer breeze that  
blows.

For they've locked him in a room,  
Down below,  
In a burning, blazing tomb,  
Down below,  
Where he cannot see the sky,  
Cannot learn in time to fly,  
When destruction stalketh nigh,  
Down below.

While the fighting fierce is waging,  
And the cannon overhead  
With their sizzling shells the enemy sur-  
round,  
To the stoker down below,  
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To his ear is borne no echo of the sound,  
When they open wide his door,



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Out in madness, for he's dying  
Down below.  
—Chicago Times-Herald.

## Notice.

The Central Committee of the People's Independent party of Lancaster county, will meet at the Grand hotel, in Lincoln, on Friday the 5th day of August, at 2 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing a Chairman and Secretary, and transacting such other business as may come before the committee at that time. All members of the committee and all nominees are earnestly requested to be present.

FREDRICK SHEPHERD,  
ROBERT WHEELER, Chairman.  
Secretary.

## Congressional Convention.

The peoples independent party of the Fifth congressional district of Nebraska will meet in delegate convention at Holdrege, Phelps county, Nebraska, on the 23rd day of August, 1898 at 10 o'clock a. m. for the purpose of placing in nomination a candidate for congress for said district and to transact such other business as may come before said convention. The basis of representation in said convention is as follows: one delegate at large from each county and one delegate for each one hundred votes and major fraction thereof cast for Hon. R. D. Sutherland for congress in the year 1896.

Under this apportionment the several counties of said district are entitled to the following number of delegates to wit:  
Adams.....21 Hayes.....4  
Chase.....4 Hitchcock.....6  
Clay.....18 Kearney.....12  
Dundy.....4 Nuckolls.....15  
Franklin.....11 Perkins.....3  
Frontier.....11 Phelps.....13  
Furnas.....15 Red Willow.....10  
Gosper.....8 Webster.....14  
Hall.....19  
Harlan.....12 Total.....280

It is recommended that delegates present cast full vote of delegation. By order of congressional central committee of the Fifth district of Nebraska.

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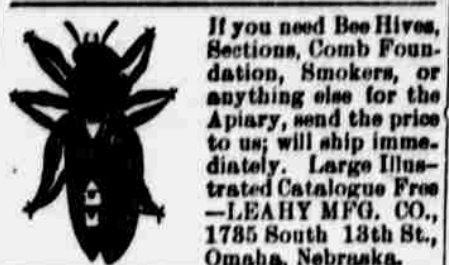
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