

PETER COOPER CLUB

Banquet to be Given in Omaha at the Coliseum, May 7.

A cordial invitation is extended to all its friends and co-workers by the Peter Cooper Populist club of Omaha to join with them in entertaining their distinguished guests on Monday evening, May 7th.

For this purpose the club will give one of the largest dollar banquets ever attempted in the west. The spread of from 1,200 to 1,500 plates will be laid in the Coliseum building. The club has also arranged with the Northwestern for a special train to take the club and its guests to Sioux Falls, arriving there on the morning of the 8th in time for breakfast.

It is requested by the club and expected generally that the Peter Cooper club membership will now extend throughout Nebraska, and that its members, who now number several hundred of the most active populists of the state will soon be as many thousands.

The Coliseum, which is the great convention hall where the first populist national convention was held on July 4th, 1842, where the "Omaha Platform" was promulgated and where Gen. James B. Weaver was nominated for president—this big building will be brilliantly lighted by electricity and decorated with flags. The amphitheatre, the center of this big building, is beautifully walled in as an audience room for the Knights of Ak Bar Ben, to whom the Peter Cooper club is indebted for the courtesy of the building. It is in this great room where the club's guests will be entertained. Take it all in all, the club will seat its guests in the largest and most brilliantly lighted banquet hall in the country.

No wines will be served and ladies are given a special invitation to be present. Surrounded by a thousand or more of the leading populists of Nebraska, and possibly a majority of all the delegates to the Sioux Falls convention, and other distinguished leaders of the party from nearly every state of the union, the speeches of Mr. Bryan and others at this banquet will be of special interest, and the entertainment now, considering the time, the place, the speakers, the guests and the size, appeals to the state pride of the fusion forces and becomes an incident of national importance.

The tickets must be ordered at once, and all orders must be accompanied by the price—one dollar. In order to preserve order and fair play, the banquet committee will apportion the tickets among the out-of-state guests, state guests and city guests. No formal invitations will be issued to anyone. Those friends and co-workers who desire to attend the banquet should order their tickets of the secretary, Warwick Saunders, 509 South Twelfth Street, Omaha, Neb., and instruct him whether or not the tickets should be immediately mailed to the purchaser, or held until the day of the banquet, and then handed to the purchaser at the club's headquarters at the Paxton hotel. If upon receipt of the order for tickets, they are all sent, the money will be refunded. All correspondence will receive prompt attention.

Parties outside of Omaha should exercise care in the purchase of their railroad tickets. The railroads have made a one fare rate to Sioux Falls and return. See that your ticket reads via Omaha and from Omaha to Sioux Falls as follows: C. & N. W. Omaha to Missouri Valley; S. C. & P. Missouri Valley to Sioux City; and C., St. P. & M. O. Sioux City to Sioux Falls. This is the route of the Peter Cooper club's special train. Parties holding through tickets from other points to Omaha, residing above will be granted stop-over privileges at Omaha to attend the banquet, their tickets being made good on the Peter Cooper club's special train to Sioux Falls.

Purchasers of tickets for the club's special train out of Omaha should at the same time secure their sleeping car accommodations. The rates are as follows: Pullman, three days, \$4.50; Pullman tourist, three days, \$2.50. These sleeping car accommodations cannot be had for less than three days. Should you stay at Sioux Falls require the cars longer they can be had at the same per day rates. The club's special train will be side-tracked at Sioux Falls within a block of the passenger depot and within six or eight blocks of the convention hall, leading hotels and best restaurants. All the Pullman and tourist car ticket-holders will make the club's special train their morning quarters. The company porters will keep the beds and the cars in first class condition, and everybody will be made comfortable. The club has engaged splendid Sioux Falls headquarters.

Effective Literature

A young man who voted for McKinley in '96, and whose staunch republican father has for years mentally subsisted on the "Daily State Journal" got his fill of McKinleyism some time ago, and of late has come out for Bryan. In speaking of the other day, as to what literature would serve best in making votes for the great fusion leader, he said "Well—to any one who had sense, it would be best to send the State Journal."

Some time ago Charles A. Towne spoke of the Sultan of Sulu, and his date as "those powerful men." Although he seemed very much alarmed about them, we thought he was just fooling. But now that they have taken to clearing our soldiers and taking their tobacco we see it is no laughing matter. Wouldn't it be best for the president and his hired help to hold a secret meeting and decide what might be done if the "powerful men" should again run short of tobacco or something else which they want and we have. Please do something. We plead—don't let 'em come over here, to be nervously assimilate us!

A newspaper recently recorded a rather unusual deed. A man shot his lawful brother-in-law dead in his bed, claiming, no did it for the sufferer's good. It rather jars on our nerves, on first thought but it looks as if we should soon have to say "Beneficial Act!" if we keep up with these advancing times. For while the bene-

factors (?) did not shoot civilization or christianity into the poor man, as we are trying to do in "our new possessions," the shot certainly secured for him rest from pain, peace, and possibility here! And we can scarcely deny that death in truth was a relief. And then perhaps he was dependent on his sister's husband for support, and might ever have had his life ensured in his name, giving him many good excuses to take his life. I would propose this as a subject for debating societies. Consider when, "War for Conquest," "Foreboding Annexation," "Rights of Autonomy," etc., become timeworn topics. Those who have faithfully learned the new administration definition for "right" and "liberty" will be astonished to find how many points they may use in defending this new benefactor in his "new set of benevolence." POLLY. Crete, Neb.

Quay a National Delegate

The republican state convention at Harrisburg, Pa., Wednesday selected Ex-Senator M. S. Quay, recently denied a seat in the senate, as a delegate at large to the republican national convention for congress from this district. Some of you have been working to secure me this honor. While I feel grateful for these kindly notices and services, I have decided not to enter the race, and it may not be out of place to assign my reasons in a public letter.

Permit me to say that I am a republican, believe in the republican party and have stood by its principles since it became a voter. But these facts do not blind me to any of its defects, nor do they compel me to accept as republican doctrine whatever a few self-constituted leaders dictate. That the republican party in the past has grievously blundered, to call it nothing more, is admitted by its best friends. It has permitted itself to be led by a handful of railroad cappers and corporation tools until its magnificent majorities have melted away until today there is but a single elective state office filled by a republican. That the chastisement of the republican party in this state is just goes without saying.

I have confidently hoped that these self-constituted leaders would learn wisdom by repeated disaster and that reformation as to party methods and leadership would come from within the party. In this belief and upon his solemn assurance that he would sever his connection with the Union Pacific railroad immediately upon entering into the United States senate, I joyfully supported John M. Thurston. How well he observed those assurances it is not necessary to mention. To emphasize his corporation affiliations and his utter disregard of public sentiment, but a few weeks ago, while drawing his salary as senator, he appeared in the supreme court of this state as the plaintiff of the Standard Oil company, the most gigantic trust that ever cursed the public and debauched its public servants.

With a record of broken pledges, most solemnly made to the voters of the state, his supercilious disregard of public opinion, he now thrusts himself forward as the dictator of the party in this state. Already his emissaries and every recipient of his patronage, either in possession or in prospective, are at work to control the nomination and fasten his leadership on the party. Such leadership would mean nothing less than that the old gang that in the past disgraced the party at present is again in the saddle. Under such leadership party success is out of the question, nor is it best that it should succeed, for it deserves defeat.

Whether the element I have mentioned will be successful in their efforts to bestir the party at present no man can tell. If they do, it will be only after I have exerted my best energies to prevent it. But if they are successful, I do not desire to be hampered with a nomination for congress or any other office. These are my reasons for not standing as a candidate, and I trust that they will meet with your approval and approval that you will join me in my efforts to rid the party of the political Jonah to whose presence all the leaks in the old ship in this state may be attributed. Very respectfully, J. N. KILLIAN.

Major Killian Begins to See

Open Letter Criticizing His Party Published in the Sunday Bee

The following letter from Major J. N. Killian late of the First regiment Nebraska Volunteers is evidence that some of the more sensible and thinking republicans are beginning to realize that the end of the g. o. p. is not far distant if it persists in its policies and leaders of the present. In order to successfully fool the people again the major believes new leaders are necessary—and the major is right. Here is his letter:

Columbus, Neb., April 21, 1900.—To my friends of the Third Congressional District: My name has been mentioned in connection with the republican nomination for congress from this district. Some of you have been working to secure me this honor. While I feel grateful for these kindly notices and services, I have decided not to enter the race, and it may not be out of place to assign my reasons in a public letter.

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Johnny Bull

Up again! the real thing now. Ain't no Johnny Bull! Sweet a standing on your brow By the back of your neck, Tasting old o'ir defeat. Dutchmen sweat you then repeat—Almost knock you over the head. Started Johnny Bull! Play the game with every hand. Don't you Johnny Bull! Make a draw and draw hand. Every time they pull! When you run a bold faced bluff You're a rascal and you're a snuff! Say, it's blasted, blooming tough! Ain't it Johnny Bull!

When you rise and make a trap Get your forefoot in a slap. Git 'em in your wool! Show it to the party in present no man can tell. You're right upon the brink Of the hot shoed sink. Hapless Johnny Bull! When your lion shakes his tail, Sad 'ol Johnny Bull. Sassy Dutchmen never fail. It's a pity that a party should be so weak. Yank it till the critter roars Then sneaks off to lick his sores, Scurrying like the snuffing Boers. Don't be Johnny Bull!

Neck must be in awful way, Stricken Johnny Bull! Git it there most every day, Till it must be full. Of sorest kind 'o' slashes Made 'em grin and cry and shush. Bound in sack cloth and in ashes Wounded Johnny Bull.

Sorry for you 'deed we are, Poor 'ol Johnny Bull! But you hanker after war 'Till you get plun full. O' the flow You must worry through the row. Need a lickin anyhow Sassy Johnny Bull!

JAMES BARTON ADAMS.

People's Independent Convention

The people's independent convention for Lancaster county, Nebraska, is called to meet at the Auditorium, Lincoln, on Thursday, May 17, 1900, at 2 o'clock p. m., to elect 47 delegates to the state convention called to meet at Lincoln, July 11, 1900, to nominate a state ticket, and to elect 45 delegates to the people's independent congressional convention to be held at Auburn, Neb., May 23, 1900. Said county convention will also transact any other business which may properly come before it. The basis of representation is fixed at one delegate for each 15 votes or major fraction thereof, cast for Silas A. Holcomb for supreme judge in November, 1899, and one delegate at large for each city ward and county precinct, as follows: Lincoln—1st ward 16, 2nd ward 16, 3d ward 28, 4th ward 27, 5th ward 28, 6th ward 16, 7th ward 17, 8th ward 9; Centerville 7; Denton, 6; Elk, 8; Grant, 9; Garfield, 4; Highland, 7; Lancaster, 25; Little

Salt, 6; Middle Creek, 5; Mill, 7; Nema-ha, 11; North Bluff, 7; Oak, 8; Olive Branch, 3; Panama, 8; Rock Creek, 7; Sallito, 8; South Pass, 7; Stevens Creek, 7; Stockton, 6; Waverly, 7; West Oak, 8; West Lincoln, 5; Yankee Hill, 9. Total, 341.

It is recommended that precinct and ward primaries to select delegates to said convention be held at the usual polling places on Saturday, May 12, at 7:30 p. m., unless otherwise called by the precinct committees. A. E. SHELDON, Chairman. C. G. BULLOCK, Secretary.

Colorado Populists

The people's party convention for Colorado was held at Florence Wednesday. Delegates were elected to Sioux Falls. The resolutions adopted declare that W. J. Bryan is the unanimous choice of the people's party of Colorado for the presidency; that in order to secure his election it is of the highest importance that the candidate for vice president shall be acceptable to the democratic and people's party and "that to secure such a result we advise the people's party at Sioux Falls do not nominate a candidate for vice president, but let them appoint a representative committee, with authority to confer with like committees from democratic and silver republicans at Kansas City, and agree if possible, on a vice presidential candidate in honest sympathy with W. J. Bryan and the reforms he so bravely and unselfishly espouses, and we pledge that such a ticket would not give it value. On the other hand, a tourist aimlessly wandering on the mountain side might find a nugget of gold, upon which he expended neither time nor energy to any appreciable degree, and it would be just as valuable as though he had spent months in hard labor digging for it. The very fact that each 232-2 grains of pure gold could be coined into a debt-paying thing valued at \$10, in terms of money, would be sufficient to make his nugget valuable at the rate of \$1 for every 232-2 grains of pure gold it contained, and absolutely without reference to the time and energy he had expended in acquiring it.

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A SUGGESTION

The attention of the readers of the Independent is called to the premium offer "watches for everybody" to be found on page 8. We are anxious to continue the increase in the circulation of the Independent. Thanks to the co-operation of many loyal friends it has been growing steadily. We believe that as it has grown it has been made better in many ways. As it continues to grow it will continue to improve. It is therefore to the interest of every reader to speak a good word for the Independent to his neighbors to secure their subscriptions if possible. The premium watch offered is a good one—fully guaranteed for one year—a watch that retails at six dollars everywhere. The Independent (in connection with another publisher) placed an order for 1000 watches of the same pattern and design. That's why we can give so good a watch for so little money or so little effort on your part. The watch is given as a premium for twelve NEW campaign subscriptions at 35 cents each. It is seven months until election and the rate of 35 cents for that period is low enough that anyone should be able to secure the twelve subscriptions in a few hours. Try it and you'll be surprised how easy it is. Get a premium for yourself or your boy. Guarantee that you'll not regret it. If you want sample copies write and we will send them.

A Tale of Two Nations

Mr. Mulhall, in the Contemporary for March, reviews the progress of British trade since 1859. Paragraph 10 of his summary is as follows: "10. The balance of trade against Great Britain is \$150,000,000 (\$750,000,000) yearly, which is covered by the earnings of our merchant navy and foreign investments."

In other words, Great Britain buys annually \$750,000,000 worth more products than she sells, and settles the balance against her by the earnings of her merchant navy and the foreign investments of her people. Most of this large balance of trade against Great Britain is for food products and raw materials. Does it require a diagram to prove that the people of Great Britain are vitally interested in low-price food products?

"Coin" Harvey, in his admirable book, Money, Trusts and Imperialism, gives a table (page 81) showing excess of imports and exports for the United States from June 30, 1873, to June 30, 1899, a period of 26 years. Only four years in that period show an excess of imports in merchandise over exports, and the net excess of exports of merchandise over imports for the 26 years is \$3,721,142,158. To this may be added \$409,291,125 excess exports of gold and silver, making the total balance of trade in favor of the United States \$4,130,433,284, or over \$120,000,000 per year.

Paraphrasing the words of Mr. Mulhall, the situation may be stated thus: The balance of trade in favor of the United States is over \$120,000,000 yearly, which is covered by the earnings of foreign merchant navies and interest on foreign investments in the United States.

In other words the United States sells annually \$120,000,000 worth more products than it buys, and receives for the balance due cancelled coupons and receipted freight bills. Is any diagram needed to show which country receives the greater benefit? DEFRANCE.

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