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A rich man I am,
And my dear Uncle Sam
From worry and toil keeps me free;
All the money he owns
To us bankers he loans,
So the people our paupers must be.

CHORUS.

There is somebody working, ever somebody working,
Paupers are working for me.

As we don't wish to fear
That they'll ever get clear,
We the volume of money reduce;
So the interest they pay,
And the railroads they say,
Ever take all their toil can produce.

Never paupers we know
To an office should go,
For once pauper Lincoln we tried.
The banks and their gold
He left out in the cold,
While he ever would take labor's side.

We must never again,
Trust the low pauper men,
Or some more Lincoln money we'll see,
And the first that is known,
They'll have banks of their own,
And no one be working for me.

CHORUS.

There'll be nobody working, never nobody working,
No pauper be working for me.

Yes, the paupers must all
Vote for bankers this fall.
They must keep the g. o. p. afloat;
For if ugly they act,
Or if they jump the track,
We'll declare that no pauper shall vote.

LAST CHORUS.

There shall be no more voting, nevermore pauper voting.
If the paupers don't vote now for me.

—MRS. J. T. KELLIE.

READ, REFLECT AND ACT.

EDITOR ALLIANCE:—I see by the press and by the old party bosses that they are trying to make capital out of the fact that in some instances there have been more candididates on the independent ticket who were formerly democrats than republicans, and hence the cry, Ha! ha! It looks decidedly democratic. "We told you it was a scheme to get the democratic party in power," etc., etc. And I am sorry to say some Alliance men think it may be so. They do not stop to consider that the men we have selected as our candidates are neither democrats nor republicans. They have come out and pledged themselves to work for principle, and not for party or corporation, as the old parties have been doing. Brother farmers, how many of you are trying to accumulate a little something that you may help your son or daughter when they leave the paternal roof? Again, do you stop and think what kind of a government you are helping to maintain for them to live under? You may leave them your thousands but it will do them but little good if you also leave them a government of corruption to live under. The old party leaders will tell you they are going to do thus and so. They will insert a new plank in their platform each fall, that turns out to be as rotten as the other planks of which their platform is composed. Their promises are simply the same old dose coated over and given a new name. After they get into office they come Boss Tweed on us (*what are you going to do about it?*)

Now, brother farmers, are we going to listen to all the old leaders tell us, and after we have selected men to represent us then repudiate our own actions? Every one who does it is simply selling out the birthright of his wife and children. No; a thousand times no. Let us stick together and gather all the strength we can and elect our independent ticket. If we fail we have still won a victory, as we lost working for a principle. One great trouble at the present time in getting proper laws enacted is that the men we have sent to represent us are composed of the professional class, and have interest in railroads and corporations, and they will not work against their own interests; consequently we are paying men to work for their own interests. As regards the independent ticket for this fall, the candidates do not suit us all, but when did either of the old parties get men who were the choice of everybody. Let us support the ticket and each man consider he is committee of one to work for the interest of his own family and friends.

Yours for reform,
L. S. ORCUTT,
Sec. and Treas. Alliance No. 378,
Hansen, Neb.

A RED-LETTER DAY IN BOONE CO.

ED. ALLIANCE:—August 28 will long remain as a red-letter day to the independents of Boone county. A "farmer's grand rally and basket picnic" had been advertised with C. H. Van Wyck, J. H. Powers and O. M. Kem as the speakers, and about 10 o'clock the various precinct delegations began to arrive, and at 10:30 the procession, two and a half miles long, started, marching through the principal streets of Albion to the fair grounds to the music of four bands, and bright with flags, handsomely decorated wagons, and K. of L. and F. A. banners and mottoes. There were about five hundred teams in the procession and four thousand people on the grounds. By an unfortunate mixing of dates Mr. Van Wyck and Mr. Powers were not present, and some disapointment was expressed thereat, but Mr. Kem did himself proud in a powerful ringing speech, completely winning the hearts of the people and everybody went home happy. Mr. Kem was followed by several local speakers. The proceedings throughout were interspersed with singing by the Cedar Valley glee club, and excellent music was discoursed by the Genoa indian band, the Hallett and Cedar Rapids bands of Cedar Rapids and the Dublin martial band.

The occasion was a grand send off for the independent movement here and the people are sanguine of success in November. You may count Boone county safe for the cause. We will hold the fort until election. S.

THE CAT IN THE MEAL BAG.

A prominent republican, high up in the councils of his party was heard yesterday to say that the republicans got scared at the strength of the people's movement and at once entered into negotiations with the leading democrats to get them to put out a state ticket so as to divide the Alliance and people's vote. Citizens and tax-payers how do you like such an arrangement? This explains why the democrats so quickly rushed into the field with their state ticket.

WHO PAYS THE FREIGHT?

DAVID CITY, Neb., Aug. 26.—[To the Editor of the World-Herald.]—I contend, against considerable opposition, that western farmer or producer pays the freight on merchandise received and also on the cereals or produce shipped to eastern markets, resulting from our geographical location. Is it not true?
Yours, EDWARD P. MCCULLOM.

The *World-Herald* answers "yes," and suggests the following line of argument to demonstrate it:

The price of merchandise is regulated by "the market" and the market is among the wholesale houses of New York. Now, suppose that two merchants go upon "the market" to buy a stock of goods. They select similar stocks, and of course they pay the same prices One merchant is in business 300 miles west of New York. The other is in business 1,500 miles west of New York. Each merchant pays the market price, each pays his own freight. When they open their stores to their customers each merchant aims in the sale of his goods to get back what they cost him and a certain profit besides. The cost consists of original price and freight. Consequently the cost of goods is greater to the merchant who lives 1,500 miles from market than to the one who only lives 300 miles, and to get the same profit he charges more for his goods. In other words New York goods cost people more in Nebraska than they do in Ohio, and in paying this additional cost they pay freight.

In the matter of corn raised in Nebraska the farmer who raises it practically pays the cost of getting it to market, because those who buy it of the farmer pay Chicago prices, or New York prices, less the cost of getting it to Chicago or New York and a certain grain-dealers' profit. The farmer who has forty acres of corn near Chicago gets, perhaps, five cents a bushel more for it, because the cost of transporting it to market is that much less.

Merchandise in New York sold to a western merchant is not sold for any less price because it must be transported 1,500 miles. But corn in Nebraska sold to eastern elevators is sold for a less price than those same elevators would pay in Illinois or Ohio, and the reason is that Nebraska is so far away. The grain buyer pays the freight, but he has previously deducted it from the price of the grain. The merchant pays the freight and adds it to the cost of his goods.

There are, of course exceptions and modifications of this rule, but in the main the *World-Herald* thinks that the western farmer pays the freight on the corn which he sends to Chicago and on goods which are brought from New York.—*World-Herald.*

GEN. WEAVER FOR CONGRESS.

On Saturday the democratic congressional convention, sitting at DesMoines, nominated General James B. Weaver as the candidate of the people for congress from the seventh district. The nomination went to him entirely unsought and will be a complete surprise to him. He was out of the city at the time and has not yet been heard from. The nomination was spontaneous, hearty, by acclamation and unanimous.

Gen. Weaver needs no introduction to the people of the district. The republican leaders and machine politicians of Iowa have a greater fear and more cordial hatred for him than any other man in Iowa. They fairly turned pale when they heard of his nomination. It was quite a time before they could catch their breath, and they began to try to whistle to revive their courage and regain composure. The reason they hate him is the merciless exposure he has given their schemes of robbery and plunder of the people. No man in Iowa has been so persistent and so powerful in denunciation of republican fraud and republican scoundrelism as Gen. Weaver. He has not talked one way to the people and acted another way in congress, but he has stood upon the floor of the House and denounced their rascality and warned the very masters of their party in their stronghold of the wrath that was to come. He never gave a vote in congress that was a disappointment to the people. He was right, and he was as loyal and faithful to his constituents in Iowa as the needle is true to the pole. His wonderful ability was employed early and late for the people, and they never had a more powerful advocate or more skillful parliamentarian on the floor of the House than General Weaver.

He is needed in congress from Iowa again. Without some strong men like him to take the side of the people the mercenary schemes of the boodlers of the republican party will have no check. Where they would end the Lord only knows. The seventh district could be proud of a representative like Weaver, for his ability commands the utmost respect at Washington. His name has never been tarnished by a suspicion of crookedness or speculation in his office. He is honest and able, loves his country and his fellow men. The people of the seventh district could do themselves no greater honor than by the triumphant election of General Weaver.—*Leader, Des.Moines*

THE FIRST GUN IN OTOE COUNTY.

EDITOR ALLIANCE:—The first gun of this campaign that was fired off in this neighborhood was by the nominee of the democratic party for the 1st congressional district, Mr. W. J. Bryan, of Lincoln. He devoted most of his time to discussing the tariff question. His ability as a public speaker is medium. He does not at all enthuse an audience. There was one of his chestnuts, that considering his audience and his own position as a candidate for public office, was in exceeding bad taste. After endeavoring to show up protection as a political dogma, he told us the old hackneyed tale of the devil, as he termed that spiritual potentate, "His Satanic Majesty" roasting the doomed inhabitants of the nether regions. He stated that there was a batch of humanity hung up to dry, and upon being asked the reason of this strange spectacle, his Satanic majesty said "they were Nebraska farmers, who were too green to burn." As he related this methought to myself if the fuel the devil was using did not consist of Nebraska lawyers who had dried themselves this side of hell in fooling or attempting to fool poor Nebraska farmers into voting the democratic ticket. It reminded me of Bob Ingersoll, who says of lawyers: "The lawyer is merely an intellectual strumpet. He is prepared to receive big fees, and make the best of either side of the case. He is a sort of burglar in the realm of mentality." Bob Ingersoll is no mean authority in such matters.

The only advice that I would give my friends and acquaintances in the Alliance is to black-ball all lawyers outside the Alliance, just as we would black-ball them inside. It strikes me that the democratic party made a gross mistake in nominating a lawyer as a candidate for congressional honors in a district composed largely of Alliance men. Trusting our independent farmers will so ballot this fall as to forever give all lawyers and usuers their eternal quietus.

Yours for a pure ballot,
JOHN S. MAIBEN.
Palmyra, Neb., Aug. 1, 1890.

BOARD OF TRANSPORTATION.

The synopsis of the official report of the state board of transportation will be found in another column, and the attention of the citizens of this state is called to it. The report shows that fifty-five formal complaints were filed in this tribunal by the people to relieve them from the extortionate rates levied and from other hardships imposed by the corporate monopolies controlling the railroads, and that relief was granted by the action of the board in not a single case. How great these extortions are is illustrated in a letter to the board from Mr. H. M. Bronson, found on page 60 of the report. Mr. Bronson says:

"The tariff rate is 70 cents on first-class from Columbus to Albion, forty-five miles. When I came to this place when there was no railroad here, the same class of goods were hauled by teams for 25 cents per hundred, and some as low as 20 cents.

Will any one blame Mr. Bronson for thinking that a railroad ought to haul goods as cheaply as teams? After this matter was thus brought to the attention of the board it took no action in the matter, and although the whole state was crying out against the extortionate local rates the board refused to reduce them in a single case.

The republican party then came to the relief of the people in their state convention and said, "We demand the reduction on freight and passenger rates on railroads to correspond with rates now prevailing in adjacent states," and straightway nominated Mr. Benton, a railroad member of this board, to enforce the demand! For one of his associates it nominated Mr. Hastings, a railroad attorney creature!

The manner in which such men would execute this demand may be inferred from the action taken in the case of Mr. B. Frank Moore by the present board, reported on page 24. The record says that after hearing his complaint, a copy was sent to Mr. Holdrege of the Burlington and Missouri, and as he filed no reply, "it is presumed that the matter has been adjusted." If a complaint is sent to a railroad manager and he does not deign to reply, the republican way is to "presume" that it is all right. It is probable that the ordinary voter will view it in a different way. The record of this board is most shameful, and the members must feel it to be so, for their names do not appear in the report, and it goes out not only unsigned, but without anything to show the membership of the board.—*World-Herald.*

APPOINTMENTS OF HON. W. A. MCKEIGHAN AND MR. EDGERTON.

Elwood, Gosper	Sept.	"	8.
Stockville, Frontier	"	"	9.
Holdredge, Phelps	"	"	10.
Seward, Seward	"	"	11.
Ulysses, Butler	"	"	12.
Sept. 13, 14 and 15 open.			
Fairbury, Jefferson	"	"	16.
Wilber, Saline	"	"	17.
Geneva, (2 p. m.,) Fair,		"	18.
Fairmount, Fillmore	" 8 p.m.	"	18.
Friend, Saline Co., 2 p. m.,		"	19.
Exeter, Fillmore Co., 8 p. m.,		"	19.
Hebron, Thayer Co., 2 p. m.,		"	20.
Belvedere, " " 8 p. m.,		"	20.
Clay Center, 8 p. m.,		"	22.
Harvard, 8 p. m.,		"	22.
Hastings,		"	23.
Kenesaw, 8 p. m.,		"	23.
Minden, 8 p. m.,		"	24.
Edgar, Clay Co.,		"	25.

By order of Committee.
FRANCIS PHILLIPS, Ch'n.
H. B. McGAW, Secretary.,
Second Congressional District.

Appointments for Mr. Powers.

John H. Powers, the People's independent candidate for governor, will speak at the following places on dates named.

Lincoln,	Sept 8	to 13th.
Beatrice,	"	15th.
Fairbury,	"	16th.
Wilber,	"	17th.
Geneva,	"	18th.
Hebron,	"	20th.
Hastings,	"	23d.

Other appointments will be made next week.

APPOINTMENTS OF MR. KEM AND MR. DECH.

Hon. O. M. Kem and W. H. Dech will address meetings at the following places:

" Spring View, Keya Paha, " 8.
Sept. 9, Norfolk.
" 10, Wayne.
" 11, near Martinsburg.
" 12, Wakefield.
" 13, Hartington.
" 15, Decatur.
" 16, Arlington.
" 17, Dodge county, near North Bend.

Mr. Kem will then visit the following points:

Sept. 18, Schuyler fair ground.
" 19, Greeley Center.
" 20, Ord.
" 22, Brewster.
" 23, Taylor.
" 24, Willow Springs.
" 25, Bartlett.
" 26, Chambers.
" 27, O'Neill.

W. H. Dech will go to Dannebrog on the 18th.

Sept. 19, Pleasanton.
" 20, Shelton.
" 22, Loup City.

John Batie, candidate for auditor on people's ticket, will address the people of Buffalo county at Elm Creek on the 16th, and Stanley on the 17th. A basket picnic will be held at both places, and every Alliance family in the county should attend one of these meetings. By order of COMMITTEE.

VENIER VOLDO'S APPOINTMENTS

Arlington, Washington	"	"	8
Scribner, Dodge	"	"	9
Midland or Howe, Colfax	"	"	10
Albion, Boone	"	"	11
Neligh, Antelope	"	"	12
Pierce, Pierce	"	"	13
Madison, Madison	"	"	15
Cornlea, Platte	"	"	16
Platte Centre, Platte	"	"	17
Genoa, Nance	"	"	18
Fullerton, Nance	"	"	19
Cedar Rapids, Boone	"	"	20
Greeley Centre, Greeley	"	"	22
North Loup, Valley	"	"	23
St. Paul, Howard	"	"	24
Ashton, Sherman	"	"	25

NOTICE.

To all subordinate Alliances of Nuckolls county, Nebraska:

The regular session of the Nuckolls county Alliance will meet in Nelson on September 13, 1890, at 10 o'clock a. m. Good speakers are expected to be with us on that day and a full delegation is desired. Visiting brethren invited.

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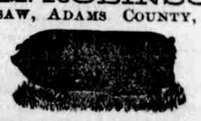
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