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J. BURROWS, Editor. J. M. THOMPSON, Business Manager. "In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea, With a glory in his bosom That transfigures you and me. As he strove to make men holy Let us strive to make men free, Since God is marching on." Julia Ward Howe.

EDITORIAL THE LATEST.

As we go to press it is still uncertain as to who the face of the returns will show to be governor. The figures at independent headquarters give Powers 1059 majority, and the returns as opened thus far by the Secretary of State seem to confirm this result. Wednesday noon the count of sixty-one counties gives Richards 40,757; Boyd 35,897; Powers 45,295. This leaves twenty-nine counties to hear from. The Bee of the 12th claims Boyd's election by from 500 to 700 votes. We have claimed since the 4th that the face of the returns will make Powers governor. Up to Wednesday noon we have seen no reason to change this opinion. All the amendments are lost.

Dictator Burrows pompously declares that Gov. Thayer will remain in the executive chair indefinitely until Powers is seated.—Bee of 10th. If by "Dictator Burrows" the Bee means the editor of this paper, the above is a lie out of whole cloth. This editor has made no such declaration, nor any akin to it.

The Bee is utterly unscrupulous in the statements it makes about Mr. Burrows. But when we consider what a political scoundrel the editor of the Bee is in this respect, first, a great anti-monopolist mouthing for the rights of the people against the corporations; next in a villainous combine to defeat the people's choice for supreme judge while pretending to support him; next the defender and apologist of the U. P. road and John M. Thurston and the supporter of the financial policy of Wall street; next the supporter of a state ticket with Tommy Benton on it, whom he had denounced as a railroad tool a hundred times; and finally in a combine with railroad cappers and democrats to elect Jim Boyd governor, and an industrious concealer of the frauds by which the impossible feat of giving him a thousand more votes than any other man in his county received. Fire in Rosewater.

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THE LATE ELECTION AND ITS LEADERS.

FRAUDS IN OMAHA AND OTHER PLACES.

A Gross Outrage on the People Intended.

The smoke of the battle of the late election has partly cleared away, and we are able to get not only quite a comprehensive view of the field, but also a clearer insight into the actual nature of the conflict and the combinations of the parties to it. Nominally the fight was between the two old organized parties of this state and the one unorganized one. Actually this was not the situation. The actual battle was between the railroads and whiskey power of this state, using as their agencies such part of the old parties and their leaders as they could control, and the respectable element of the people represented by the independent people's party and the prohibition forces. Fought nominally on party lines, it was not in fact a party fight. The leaders and the rank and file deserted their party camps without hesitation to throw their votes and influence for the particular principle or man they desired to succeed. Take for instance Mr. Rosewater. He had turned traitor to the people for the bald honor of leadership in his party. In the face of the danger of prohibition and disaster (in his view) to the supposed interests of Omaha he turned tail, upon his party and, stimulated by a stupendous amount of boodle, gave all his energies and his work to defeat prohibition.

The railroad power has been working through the agency of the republican party. In the face of the threatened disaster by the uprising of the people, the railroad power made a combination outside the party lines to defeat the objects of that uprising. This combination was for Boyd, Hastings, Benton and Majors. And not only these republican candidates who have been exploiting on every stump their unselfish devotion to the republican party and its principles, but Mr. Rosewater and other leading republicans in the city of Omaha, agreed to this unnatural deal, deserted their associates on the ticket, and threw all their energies to secure the success of the combination.

Republican and democratic members of the Alliance, we wish you to observe the full significance of this statement. Men who have been recalling the sacred principles of their respective parties, who have been exhorting you to stand by your parties for the sake of their past glories and future welfare, were at that very time in an unholy combine with the railroad power to carry out a combine which involved the blackest treachery in all of them to the party they claimed to belong to. There is no doubt whatever of this fact. Political villainy and hypocrisy could certainly reach no lower depth. Can any respectable portion of the voters of this state be longer hoodwinked by this shallow and lying partisan cry. Republican and democratic leaders uniting to carry out the behests of the railroad power, while keeping up a sham battle to deceive and mislead the people.

In addition to the railroad combine to elect the four men named the hungry leaders of the democratic party thought they saw an opportunity to secure a victory through the weakening of the republicans by the Alliance vote. They therefore made an unparalleled effort to elect Boyd.

The crust over hell is very thin at Omaha. On every street its portals yawn—always through a saloon—and its steaming red daily and hourly greets the stranger or citizen as he passes along its streets. For the election of Nov. 4th hell organized. Out of its portals through the saloons on that day it spewed its elect—bullies, roughs, cut-throats, fiends, devils, who cared no more for life than for a ribald joke—and they were to the last devil in the service of the boss imp of satan, whisky, the railroads, Rosewater and Jim Boyd. Fraud run riot—decent men were not allowed at the polls. Men who were peddling independent or prohibition tickets were knocked down, driven away or dragged off to jail on some fraudulent pretext. The police were powerless to protect reputable men, or more often they were in league with devils themselves.

This is the actual state of facts on the day of election. But before election the largest preparations had been made to perpetrate the vile crime of forcing Jim Boyd upon the reputable citizens of Nebraska as their governor. Twenty-eight hundred foreigners were given their first papers, on condition of their voting for Jim Boyd, the fee being paid by the chairman of the democratic committee. Thousands of men were falsely registered, ballot boxes were stolen, and illegal counting was resorted to. The conspiracy was wide-spread and audacious. It reached every town where men could be found vile enough to carry out the behests of this railroad-whisky-Boyd-Rosewater combine.

The result is that this combine claims that Jim Boyd—whose name cannot be written without blotting a page—is to be the next governor of Nebraska. If he is it will be by fraud, violence and intimidation. We are assured by reputable citizens now living in Omaha that no ward in Chicago ever showed such utter disregard of law, order and decency as did Omaha at the late election. Now then there are one or two important facts to be borne in mind. 1st. The Alliance democrats were true as steel to the Alliance and the independent ticket. They have no part or lot in this vile attempt to steal the office of governor. 2d. The reputable demo-

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Farmers and independents, we can congratulate you on the splendid fight you have made for self preservation and emancipation from monopoly rule. You have nobly stood by your ticket and your principles. But are you satisfied? Do you believe that you have had a fair and untrammelled ballot? Do you believe that your ballots were counted? Have corporations and unprincipled politicians determined that they will smother your verdict at the ballot box by purchase, terrorism and robbery. There is not a particle of doubt but what a systemized swindle has been perpetrated. Politicians of the two dominant parties are joint partners to the monstrous fraud; as shown by the votes of the two parties in the den of iniquity, Omaha. Rum, rascallism and rascality are garbed in faintly purity by the Omaha Bee and World-Herald. Honorable men were clubbed, stoned, pursued with knives, dragged to jail and maltreated in every conceivable manner. The lives of men who dared to express their sentiments or carry tickets in opposition to monopoly rule were jeopardized and the independent vote thus practically wiped out. Never was villainy so monstrously perpetrated upon a defenseless people. Never before did men claiming honesty and patriotism so prostitute their manhood.

Awake to your duty, each lover of peace and justice, irrespective of past or present party affiliations, and appoint yourself a committee of one to investigate into every fraud, no matter by whom perpetrated, and report the same to this office as soon as possible. Secure legal evidence wherever it is possible. THE ALLIANCE RELIEF FUND. The following amounts have been contributed for the relief of the drought-stricken region of the state: S. Alliance to Bed Willow Co., \$100 00 " " to Cheyenne Co., 100 00 W. C. Lange, Sutton, 3 00 August Post for Iowa S. Alliance 100 00 Alliance No. 858, Chas. Mohrnik, Secretary, 25 00 Alliance No. 1411, Chas. Hulbert, Secretary, Craig, Neb., 3 00 Alliance No. 1068, of Prairie Tp., Phelps Co., by Andrew Urborn, 17 00 Alliance No. 1589, by M. E. Harris, North Bend, 14 00 GEN. VICTOR VIFQUAIN. This genial gentleman, formerly editor of the State Democrat of this city, and later appointed by President Cleveland consul to a port in Central America, has returned to Lincoln. He is as genial and gentlemanly as of old, and it is a great pleasure to greet him. His family is residing here on account of our superior educational advantages. Gen. Vifquain was removed by President Harrison to make room for a republican, and he informs us that his successor in office is an ex-confederate Virginia colonel. Modern republicanism is a queer compound. INSURANCE. There is no doubt that the farmers of this state could organize a large Mutual Insurance Co. in conjunction with the Alliance. The farmers have a vast amount of money to themselves. As an instance of the present cost of insurance look on page 80 of the auditor's report, statement XVIII. Premiums received by all companies for the year ending 1889, 1877 and 1887, was \$9,184,517.00, of which was paid to policy holders \$3,307,795.00, or 36 per cent. of premiums. The remaining 64 per cent. was used to pay the expenses of the Co's, \$3.00 for losses and \$6.00 for salaries. In the salaries, dividends and legislative cost. The last item is a large one, mostly used to make legislators believe that the farmers do not know enough to run an insurance company, and therefore dictate the law that will best suit them; and in case the legislature is an honest body of men and try to pass a good insurance law, (mutual) there will be some technical point inserted that will make the law inoperative. All this money has been collected from the farmer, and the farmers only get it back by giving a mortgage on their farm. If there was but one farmer's insurance company in the state and it was doing all the farm insurance, the cost would be millions less per year. 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