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"In the beauty of the hills Christ was born on 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 them free, Since God is marching on."

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THE STORM COMING. Scene—Ohio—Bill McKinley and Jim Campbell under an old patched umbrella called party bigotry.

GEN. LEESE FOR DISTRICT JUDGE. We are happy to be able to state that there is no doubt that Gen. Wm. Leese will accept the nomination for District Judge in this 3d district.

MAYOR WEIR'S ADMINISTRATION. Mayor Weir has been in possession of the office of mayor long enough to fully determine the kind of material he is made of.

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men who will add strength to the ticket. All sentiment, all ideas of party rewards, all concessions that any man has any claims upon any office, should be entirely discarded.

THE COUNTY CONVENTION AND THE COUNTY TICKET.

The Lancaster County Independent convention meets on the 15th. This convention is to select a full judicial and county ticket, and delegates to the state convention, and choose a county committee for the ensuing year.

Some time ago Mr. McNab, Secretary of the independent county committee, called a conference of farmers from the different sections of the county to consider the situation and discuss measures by which the success of the party could be secured.

No attempt was made to set up a slate, or make any combination that should bind any one, it being simply an informal discussion as to the availability of candidates and the fair representation on the ticket of all interests and sections.

As the gentlemen present did not wish to bring out candidates who had not previously been mentioned, no names were selected for coroner or surveyor. On analysis it will be seen that the above ticket, if nominated by the convention, would prove to be the strongest that could possibly be made.

The farmers have their champion man in Hon. O. Hull, and he is well supported by Einfeldt and Beeson. The city interests should be satisfied with district clerk, county clerk, superintendent and the four judges.

The new city engineer is Alva Dobson. Instead of sitting in his office and contenting himself with giving orders based on estimates and drawings, and leaving important work in the proper execution of which hundreds of thousands of dollars may be involved, in the hands of inexperienced subordinates, Mr. Dobson is on the streets with the men, seeing that the grades are properly and economically done.

In the office of water commissioner some very large leaks were discovered. The new commissioner is Mr. C. D. Bullock. He has already saved to the city treasury over \$3,000, which would have been lost under the old management.

great deal more water than it was paying for. In fact it was paying a mere trifle compared with the value it was receiving.

The police embroglio was unfortunate. But the position of Mayor Weir in that matter is impregnable.

The closing clause of Sec. 3 of the new charter reads, "The city marshal and such number of police as the excise and police board may authorize, shall be appointed and may be removed by the excise board, as hereinafter provided."

It should not be forgotten that the People's Party unqualifiedly condemn the national banking system as unequal and unjust. That system loans 90 per cent of their value on government bonds to a select class.

THE COUNTY CONVENTION PLATFORM.

We believe the true policy in regard to a platform for our county convention is to adopt the declaration which formed our state platform last year. This platform embraces these leading independent principles upon which the largest number of persons agree.

Returning from a trip into the country last week, the first thing we heard was that Burrows had been setting up a wicked democratic combine. Inquiring into the matter we found it was a fact—only Burrows hadn't heard of it before.

ALL FINANCIAL AUTHORITIES AGREE THAT AN indispensable quality required in a currency is stability. One of the greatest complaints against our present system is the facility with which national bankers could expand or contract the currency at will.

SHALL THE OFFICE SEEK THE MAN?

The Farmers' Alliance of this county adopted the principle that "the office should seek the man, and not the man the office." Every member of the Alliance has consistently adhered to it.

THE SUB-TREASURY.

The sub-treasury proposition, briefly stated, is as follows: The government is to build warehouse-houses in each county of sufficient capacity to store the cereal and cotton crops—all perishable products, in fact, though none of them are in any sense imperishable.

In our issue of July 30th we published a very able article discussing and condemning the sub-treasury scheme, for which we have received thanks from several correspondents. More attention has been given of late to the real character of this proposition, and as it becomes to be understood it is uniformly rejected.

It must be remembered that the present bonded warehouse system as applied to whiskey has been denounced by the People's party as simply infamous, as it is. But inasmuch as the government practically loans money to the distillers on their whiskey by letting the taxes remain unpaid while the whiskey is in bond, it is to that extent the exact counterpart of the sub-treasury plan.

As pointed out in the article of July 20th, no easier method could be found by which the speculator could get hold of a controlling share of a crop than by these receipts. The government having furnished the storage at the expense of the tax-payers, and being responsible for the safe keeping of the crop, the speculators could buy the receipts and have the crops in the most convenient form in the world.

But these are not by any means the worst objections to this scheme. It is proposed as a measure of financial reform. The government if to loan to the holders of warehouse receipts treasury notes to 80 per cent of their value.

But what are treasury notes? They read, "The United States will pay one dollar on demand." Suppose the government issues one thousand millions of such notes this fall, on the security of warehouse receipts. Having no gold to redeem them with, the Wall Street Shylocks could bankrupt the government in less than three weeks.

We have discussed this subject at this time and two weeks ago, because our state convention is at hand, and there are some persons in this state who think the independent party ought to adopt the sub-treasury plan. Nothing could be more fatal to the party. A national party that would adopt so wild and chimerical a proposition would not endure three months.

THE CALAMUS FAKE.

Will the Journal Publish the Refutation!

We publish in this issue a complete refutation of the vile slander upon Bros. D. McCall and Thompson Bissell. We can pile up affidavits unlimited from the best citizens of Valley county, proving the utter falsehood of the charges made against those gentlemen, and as to the mutilation of the flag. The stories were pure invention from beginning to end.

Now the State Journal gave great prominence and publicity to these infamous falsehoods. They were vile charges made against two honorable men and members of the Grand Army. The Journal took great pains to go to the governor and other state officers and get their opinions as to what should be done with men who would utter or sanction such opinions, having published no proof that they did utter or sanction them.

Eight hours constitute a "day's work" according to the statutes of Nebraska, and the process of fermentation has set in, as must be the case with all laws that make radical changes in the customs of the people.

That the law does not cover the question of compensation seems apparent. Wages fluctuate in response to supply and demand of work. The man who is out of money and work will work much cheaper than he who has plenty of both, and the employer who needs help will pay better wages than he who does not, while the margin of profit on the work employed in connection with competition fixes the scale of wages.

A strike for ten hour's wages in return for eight hour's work is simply a strike for an increase of wages—nothing more nor less. If the employer's profits will bear the increased expense, they ought to have submitted to it long ago.

It is in its issue of Sunday the Journal pulverized Burrows for an article he never wrote. In its issue of Tuesday it apologized for the article, and gave the Independent credit for it, instead of THE ALLIANCE.

VERY GOOD.—The Bee says "the workmen of Omaha have not done any thing unlawful or threatened to injure property or persons."

WE were about to write an article about the villainous Louisiana lottery business, thinking we might possibly aid Gov. Nichols in the noble fight he is making against that vile swindle.

REPUBLICAN ABSORPTION.

The future course of the republican and democratic parties may easily be predicated upon what has already come to pass.

The citizens of Lincoln took possession of the city government about April 1. Mr. Weir was placed in the mayor's office to clean out the stables. As every one knows, many of the best citizens have heretofore contented themselves with taking their choice of the candidates placed before them by corrupt politicians.

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There is no class of men in any community who would be benefited so soon or so largely by the success of the independent party as the railroad employes. Very probably the first law to be passed when the independents get control of the general government will be to provide for the government ownership of railroads.

There is no question but that under government ownership of the railroads all appliances for the safety of railroad employes would be adopted as soon as their utility could be demonstrated, and employment in the train service would be much safer than at present.

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IT IS AN ADVOCACY OF LYING PURE AND SIMPLE. IT OVERTURNS THE VERY FOUNDATIONS OF MORALITY... IN THIS CASE THE LYING IS OF THE BLACKEST KIND. IT IS THE LYING OF A TRAITOR. THE MAN THAT SEEKS TO USE SUCH MEANS IS ROTTEN.

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GOOD GOVERNMENT.

OPPOSITION TO RING RULE. How the Changes Work.

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There can be no surer indication that the reform administration is clean-handed than the tribute unwittingly paid them by their enemies in these howls of rage that emanate from a set of men who are openly accused of corruption in public affairs.

THE appointment of Prof. Hicks to the chairmanship of the board of public works stands out in bold contrast to the appointments that would have been made under the old regime based upon political boosting rather than special fitness for the position.

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OUR proposition for a speaker's exchange for this fall's campaign is meeting with much favor. Send along the names. Sec'y Thompson will classify and arrange them, and the work of furnishing speakers will be much more simple, as well as cheaper and more effective.

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