

## HASTINGS CONVENTION.

THE GRADDEST INDEPENDENT GATHERING OF NEBRASKA YEOMEN EVER SEEN.

The People's Favorite Hon. J. W. Edgerton Nominated for Supreme Judge.

Perfect Harmony Prevails and a Grand Platform is Adopted.

The grandest state convention of this year assembled at Hastings on Tuesday the 18th inst. Seventy-eight counties were represented by over six hundred delegates.

Many of the old time anti-monopoly workers of the state were among the delegates, noticeable among them being Hon. E. P. Ingerson of Johnson county, the first anti-monopoly nominee for governor and first president of the State Alliance of Nebraska.

The greatest enthusiasm prevailed among the delegates, and the most perfect harmony throughout.

Senator J. G. Poynett was made temporary chairman and C. H. Pirtle temporary secretary, and the temporary organization was made permanent.

After the appointment of a committee on credentials, and while that committee was preparing its report, addresses were made by Hon. O. M. Kem, Wm. Dech, Mr. Dobson of Fillmore, and others.

After the organization was completed the convention took a recess until 8 p.m.

At the evening session the time was occupied by stirring speeches until the committee on platform reported the following: This was adopted with some modifications which we will give next week, as we were unable to obtain a corrected copy in time for this issue:

The right to make and issue money is a sovereign power to be maintained by the people for their common benefit; hence we demand the abolition of national banks as banks of issue, and as a substitute for national bank notes demand that legal tender treasury notes be made in sufficient volume to transact the business of the country on a cash basis without damage or special advantage to any class or calling, such as to be legal tender in payment of all debts public and private. Such notes when demanded by the people shall be loaned to them at cost of issue upon adequate security in amounts to each individual not to exceed \$2,500.

2. We demand the free and unlimited coinage of silver.

3. We demand the passage of laws prohibiting the alien ownership of land;

that congress take prompt action to de-

vise some plan to obtain all lands now

owned by alien and foreign syndicates,

and that all lands held by railroads and other corporations in excess of such as is actually used and needed by them to be reclaimed by the government and held for actual settlers only.

4. Believing in the doctrine of equal rights to all and special privileges to none, we demand that taxation, national, state and municipal, shall not be used to build up one interest or class at the expense of another.

5. We demand that all revenues, national, state or county, shall be limited to the necessary expenses of the government, economically and honestly ad-

ministered.

6. We demand a just and equitable system of graduated taxation of incomes.

7. We demand the government ownership of all means of public communication and transportation, and until such ownership can be effected we demand that the legislature of this state enact a freight rate law for railroad service, which shall fix rates no higher than those in force in Iowa.

8. We demand that corporations en-

joying public franchises shall assume

public burdens, and be compelled to answer in the courts for all damages sustained by employees while in the line of their duty.

9. We demand the election of presi-

dent, vice-president and United States senators by a direct vote of the people.

Resolved, That we denounce the veto

of the maximum freight rate bill as an

outrage perpetrated upon the people of

Nebraska in the interest of railroads.

Resolved, That we heartily commend

the independent members of the legis-

lature for having redeemed every

pledge made to the people to enact

their platform into law.

Resolved, That we express our heart-

felt sympathy with the wage earners of

this state who are engaged in the effort

to enforce the eight-hour law, and we

condemn in unmeasured terms the ac-

tion of all individuals and corporations

who, by refusing to obey said law,

deny to the laboring people the rights

to which they are entitled.

Resolved, That we yield to no organ-

ized party in our admiration of the

heroic services and glorious deeds of

the brave soldiers of the union, and we

hereby declare in favor of a service pen-

sion bill, a bill equalizing soldiers'

bounties and pensioning prisoners of

war, and agree to stand by and main-

tain the soldiers and soldiers' homes in

order that no man who wore the sacred

blue may become the inmates of an

almshouse or fill a pauper's grave.

Resolved, That we denounce the pres-

ent system of contract labor as main-

tained and fostered by the republican

party in this state. That we believe

the contract was fraudulently obtained

and that contract conditions have not

been complied with, and that its per-

petuation at each session of the legisla-

ture is a source of constant corruption,

and that it supports a gang of boodlers

who in any way at the last session of

the legislature sought to reverse the

will of the people, abducted a state sen-

ator and ran a free bar in the rooms of

the state auditor in the capitol building,

and by blackmail, bribery and shameless conduct generally disgraced the state.

Resolved, That we commend the action of our delegates in the Cincinnati conference in recommending national independent political action for 1892.

Resolved, That we endorse the letter of the Nebraska independent press association regarding supporting their papers.

Resolved, That we ask our representatives in congress to demand the establishment of postal savings banks, with a money order system so extended as to replace the bank exchange of the entire banking system of the country.

After the adoption of the platform the convention proceeded to the nomination of a state ticket.

Hon. O. Hall, of Lancaster, placed in nomination for Associate Justice of the Supreme Court Hon. Joseph W. Edgerton, of South Omaha, in a few well chosen and eloquent remarks. This nomination was first seconded by a member of the Omaha delegation, in a speech testifying the admiration and respect in which Mr. Edgerton was held by his neighbors. And then began a spirited contest between the delegates of many counties as to which should first obtain the floor to second the nomination and eulogize the favorite of the people.

Such eulogies were pronounced from at least a dozen counties, among them Furnas, where Mr. Edgerton was formerly a homesteader, which promised a thousand majority in November for their favorite.

Long before the seconding of this nomination was finished it was apparent that there was really no opposition to Mr. Edgerton, and no other candidate was presented, the motion prevailing amid tumultuous applause, to make the nomination by acclamation, and it was so made.

Mr. Edgerton was now called to the platform, and in his modest and unassuming manner, thanked the convention for the honor bestowed upon him, pledged his best efforts for the ticket, and that if elected he would always be on the side of the people.

A. S. said two weeks ago in an article on this subject, this nomination was in the air. No one set it up or worked for it. To Mr. Edgerton it was entirely unsolicited, and was the spontaneous act of this grand Assembly of Nebraska's yeomen.

The names of two eminent jurists and good men were presented by their friends to the delegates, viz.: Hon. Jefferson Broady, of Gage county, and Hon. B. L. Hinman, of Lincoln county. There was no opposition to them, in the usual sense of that term. They were spoken of in terms of the highest respect and commendation. But the delegates wanted Edgerton, and so hopeless was the case of these gentlemen that their names were not presented to the convention.

Hon. A. D'Allemard, of Furnas county, and Hon. — Hadley of Greeley county, were nominated for regents. These are both first class nominations.

Hon. J. V. Wolfe was now chosen chairman of the state central committee, after which the convention adjourned sine die.

The utmost harmony prevailed throughout, and the delegates separated feeling that they had done a grand day's work and that success lay before them.

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## Affidavit as to the Calamus Oration.

The STATE OF NEBRASKA, ss.

We, the undersigned residents and citizens of Valley county and state of Nebraska, being each duly and separately sworn, on our oaths say that we were each present at the picnic and celebration held on the 4th day of July, A. D. 1891, at Kipling's grove, in Elkhorn township in said county, and we each heard the address made by the Hon. D. McCall of said county on said day; and that said address was able, patriotic and loyal in every respect, and that no disloyal expressions or language was made use of by said D. McCall in making said address; but that said address contained many patriotic and loyal sentiments and expressions and a glowing tribute to the American flag, the stars and stripes, and also a tribute to the Declaration of American Independence.

The next greatest Grecian republic was Athens. Solon sought to accomplish for Athens what Lycurgus had done for Sparta. But he failed to eliminate the chief sources of selfishness; he allowed the conditions to remain favorable to develop selfishness and strife and lived himself long enough to see his cherished institutions overthrown.

The great source of oppression was that the rich monopolized the lands of the state. Solon divided the rich into three classes and made them the governing classes. The poor were only allowed to vote. We learn from these two Greek republics much of value.

Lycurgus by guarding the best interests of all established an enduring republic. Solon, by catering to the rich and suffering the oppression of the poor sowed the seeds of destruction under the foundation walls of his model government. Historians are agreed that Solon was wise and kindly hearted.

Jeffers was evidently well informed concerning the causes of success and failure in the Grecian republics and said: "I will found these institutions in equal and exact justice to all men with special privileges to none." Such was the letter of the law but how came Africa slavery to be tolerated? It was a devastating parasite upon the body politic. It was a crumbling stone under the very dome of the temple.

It was in violation of the declaration. It was a practice too antagonistic to freedom and liberty to be named in the Declaration or even the Constitution. It was a cancer on the breast of the Goddess of Liberty. And there came a time when the surgeon's knife must be applied and the cancer removed. It cost billions of treasure and the lives of hundreds of thousands of patriots. May I stop here to count the cost of disregard for the principles of the Declaration and of the Constitution?