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"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 them free,  
Since God is marching on."  
—Julia Ward Howe.

"Laurel crowns cleave to deserts,  
And power to him who power exerts."  
"A roddy drop of manly blood  
Tae surging sea outweighs."  
—Emerson.

"He who cannot reason is a fool,  
He who will not reason is a coward,  
He who dare not reason is a slave."

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vanced 50 per cent May 1st. Our rates  
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**IN THE FIRST DISTRICT.**  
The congressional convention to elect  
delegates from the first district to the  
national convention will meet at Lincoln  
June 9th in connection with the state  
convention.

**A HOPEFUL SIGN.**  
We take pleasure in noting the fact  
that the students of the State University  
are among the first to organize a peo-  
ple's independent party club. Educa-  
tion properly directed is a blessing to  
the young man and his country, and  
only a curse to both when directed  
otherwise. The club starts with thirty  
charter members. Young men, we are  
glad you are with us and we will be with  
you in the fight.

**Do you want to attend the**  
national convention at Omaha, July 4th  
without expenses? Here's your chance.  
To the person sending us the largest  
list of subscribers at club rates between  
April 20th and June 25th, the Alliance  
Publishing Co. will pay all necessary  
expenses to the convention at Omaha  
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largest list we will pay all traveling  
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These offers apply to any person liv-  
ing in Nebraska, South Dakota, Kansas,  
Iowa or Missouri. Two subscribers for  
six months count one. All lists sent  
under this offer should be marked  
"For special prize."

The *See* and the *World-Herald* have  
agreed at last. Both are of the opinion  
that Judge Gresham could not afford to  
be a candidate on the people's ticket.

Our cartoon in this issue was secured  
from the *Denver Road*. The portraits  
are all easily recognizable except the  
first which is that of Leland Stanford.

A. L. BIXBY of Columbus paid us a call  
on Tuesday. A. L. is a very genial  
gentleman, as well as a paragon,  
poet and country philosopher.

**COLONEL Eric Johnson is still pro-**  
gressing. This time he is at Clay  
Center. He never fails to make a good  
paper, and we hope he will continue to  
make progress.

The alliance people of Jefferson  
county should turn out in force at Bro.  
Wright's meetings next week, and get  
as many fair-minded republicans and  
democrats as possible.

Cur out the blank application found  
elsewhere in this issue, paste it on a  
sheet of paper, get a list of signers and  
forward it to C. H. Pirtle, Lincoln,  
Neb. He will send you printed con-  
stitution and charter for the organiza-  
tion of an independent club.

Will the independents carry Nebras-  
ka next fall? Yes, if they organize, push  
the work of education, "carry the war  
into Africa," and do their whole duty  
till the last ballot is counted. If they  
don't do this, they will fail.

CONGRESSMAN Kem is a man of whom  
the people of his district have a right to  
be proud. He is not a brilliant man  
but he is a man of excellent judgment  
and keen intelligence. He is an in-  
defatigable worker. But above all he  
is a true man, an honest representative  
who holds the interests of his people as  
the "apple of his eye."

**COLONEL Tom Wynn** of the ninth  
district of Georgia is the sort of a con-  
gressman that disgusts Col. Post Office  
Watkins of Lincoln. At the Omaha con-  
vention Watkins said the southern demo-  
cratic congressmen reminded him of  
somebody's definition of a statesman:  
"A man who trots like a dog behind the  
wagon of public opinion, and barks  
whenever he sees that the wagon is  
going to make a turn." Col. Wynn saw  
that his people were bound to go into  
the new party, so he boldly announced  
his readiness to go with them. Give us  
more such statesmen.

**"WORLD'S MONEY."**

The advocates of the single gold  
standard try to create the impression  
that gold constitutes the "world's  
money," and unless we maintain our  
financial system as it is, we will find  
ourselves unable to do business with  
other countries, that Americans who  
travel abroad will have no money with  
which to pay their expenses, etc. It is  
amusing to hear men who are too poor  
to take a trip into the next state, and  
under the beneficent influence of pro-  
tection and honest money, are growing  
poorer every day, seriously object to  
an American system of finance on the  
ground that Americans could not use a  
distinctly American money in their  
foreign travels. It is even more  
ludicrous to hear men who have taxed  
themselves poor in order to destroy our  
foreign commerce and build up a home  
market, object to American money for  
Americans because it could not be used  
to make purchases in foreign countries.  
But the fundamental absurdity of all  
such arguments lies in the fact that  
there is no "world's money." Every  
nation has its system of finance, its  
coins and its paper money, and there is  
nowhere on earth a piece of metal or  
paper that will pass as money outside  
the limits of the nation whose stamp it  
bears. It is true that the coins and  
bills of one nation usually circulate to a  
limited extent in other nations, but  
their value abroad depends entirely on  
their value at home.

It is not so surprising that there  
should be confusion in the minds of the  
people on such matters, when we con-  
sider the sources from which such false  
ideas emanate. The money power em-  
ploys the shrewdest intellects of the  
country to confuse the minds of the  
common people, and uses the great  
daily papers of the country to mis-  
educate the masses. Their methods as  
well as their success are strikingly  
illustrated in the platform adopted by  
the republicans of Massachusetts in state  
convention a few days ago. The plat-  
form contains among other things  
equally absurd, the following state-  
ment:

"Our unit of value shall be maintained  
at par with the money of the commercial  
world."

Think of this declaration coming  
from the select representatives of a  
great party assembled in Tremont tem-  
ple, Boston, the "hub of the universe,"  
the great center of learning! Surely  
baked beans have lost their virtue as a  
brain-builder. Surely "culchah" and  
"exact thought" are no longer safe-  
guards against sophistry and dema-  
gogues.

Will some brilliant thinker who has  
enjoyed the advantages of baked beans,  
culture, and Joseph Cook's Monday  
lectures please inform an inquiring  
world what is the "unit of value" in the  
"commercial world"? Is it the United  
States dollar, the pound sterling, the  
franc, the German mark, the Russian  
ruble, or the Chinese cash? Will some  
great light in the republican party, one  
of the "great men who have made a life  
study of these questions," please inform  
the wild-eyed cranks and fanatics of the  
farmers' alliance what this international  
unit of value is? It must be known by  
everyone who can keep "our unit of value  
at par with the money of the commer-  
cial world."

Now we would like to address a few  
questions to the intelligent voters of the  
country who have the temerity to do  
their own thinking on the money ques-  
tion:

During the war when this country  
was on a greenback basis, did American  
travelers have any trouble paying ex-  
penses in foreign countries? Did  
American importers find any difficulty  
in making purchases abroad?

When balances of trade between this  
country and foreign countries are paid  
in gold (which is very seldom) is not  
the yellow metal taken by weight, and  
do not foreigners prefer bullion to  
coin?

When in 1894 the quantity of gold in  
our dollar was reduced from 27 grains  
to 23.5 grains were our foreign commer-  
cial dealings disturbed thereby?

If the quantity of gold in our dollar  
should be reduced to 10 grains would  
it make a particle of difference with our  
foreign commerce? Would not 10  
grains of gold pay for just as much in a  
foreign country as now?

If we should adopt any system of  
money whatever, would not a piece of  
our money be worth just as much in a  
foreign country as it is at home?

If gold and silver should both be  
demonetized in this country would not  
our balances of trade be paid in bullion  
just as they are now? And would  
American importers have any trouble  
in securing bullion for this purpose?

There is no "money of the world,"  
but there is a *money power* of the world.  
The men who constitute this money  
power have planned to reduce the  
masses of all nations to a condition of  
industrial slavery. Gold is their weapon  
of conquest. They want to make it the  
universal and only *money metal*. They  
want to demonetize every other money  
metal. They want to make all paper  
money redeemable in gold. If they can  
accomplish this, they have the world in  
their grasp. They will be the plutocrats  
of the world.

For many years the money power has  
been gradually putting its plan into  
operation. It now controls the financial  
policy of every civilized nation.  
Stole a march on the United States  
during the civil war, secretly gained  
control of our financial policy, and has  
maintained and strengthened that con-  
trol ever since. Oppressed and ground  
down by the effects of that control, the  
people have at last revolted against it.  
The great struggle between the people  
and the money power is on. The cour-  
age and intelligence of the American  
people is to be put to the test. During  
more than a century the people of the  
United States have shown their ability  
to lead the world. They have shown  
the grandest examples of genius,

originality, courage and patriotism.  
When once fully aroused on this ques-  
tion, they will again show their ability  
to lead the nations to a higher civilization  
by thwarting the scheme of the money  
power and establishing a true system of  
finance.

**TWO REPUBLICAN DELEGATES.**

A party may be known by the men it  
honors. A man who is chosen to  
represent a party of men is supposed to  
represent them. If the republicans of  
Lancaster county are to be judged by  
this rule, what must we say of them?  
The county convention met not long  
ago and chose from its members men to  
represent and speak for them in the  
state convention. Among these  
delegates we find Bud Lindsey, a  
notorious saloon-keeper, negro bully  
and all-round tough. We also find as  
one of the delegates to the congressional  
convention, one Frank Kaufman. He  
is the man, who not long ago, tried to  
bribe an official (a republican) to give  
him access to the vault in which the  
ballots were kept during the Waite-  
Baker contest. He said to the honor  
of the official that he not only spurred  
the offer but exposed the rascal.

Such men do not represent the rank  
and file of honest republicans. They  
represent the machine, the combination  
of corrupt men which controls the  
party. Such men are put forward be-  
cause they are useful to the machine.  
They are honored as a reward for ser-  
vices rendered. Have honest republic-  
ans no duty to perform? Can they be  
held guiltless if they remain in a party  
that is so controlled? They owe it to  
themselves and their fellow citizens to  
abandon a party which thus disgraces  
its once proud name.

**HON. W. A. McKEIGHAN.**

As the days roll by it becomes more  
and more evident that the people of the  
old Second district made no mistake in  
the selection of W. A. McKeighan to  
represent them in the lower house of  
congress. The confidence they reposed  
in him has been fully justified. He has  
been the first real representative the  
people of that district ever had in con-  
gress. To serve them in his first thought,  
his highest ambition. He is one of the  
people. By experience he knows their  
needs, their opinions and their hopes.  
The people took him from a humble  
cottage on a Nebraska farm and sent  
him to the halls of national legislation.  
His candor, eloquence and ability had  
won the love of his people. Now they  
have won the admiration and respect  
of a nation. He met the champions of  
plutocracy in intellectual combat, and  
he covered them with shame and con-  
fusion. He has spoken with no uncer-  
tain sound. He has voiced the de-  
mands of the farmers' alliance in a  
way that leaves no doubt as to where  
he stands. He is one of the "alliance  
nine" and he is proud to so proclaim  
himself in the halls of congress.

In a few days the congressional con-  
vention of the new Fifth district will  
meet. We have not taken any pains to  
inquire as to the sentiment of the dis-  
trict, but so far as we have heard there  
is a universal demand for McKeighan's  
re-nomination. We believe he will be  
re-nominated by acclamation. He  
ought to be. In honoring him the  
people will honor themselves. He will  
be able to do more for "his people dur-  
ing his second term than he has during  
his first. He will then take rank as a  
leader. As he says, there will be more  
than nine members of the people's party  
in the next congress. But there will  
be none wiser, braver or truer than our  
own McKeighan.

**POINTERS.**

"What can you do to advance the in-  
terests of the reform movement?" Let  
us see.

Keep up your alliance. Attend its  
meetings, and help to make them inter-  
esting and profitable.

When you find a man who is open to  
conviction, preach the gospel of reform  
to him.

When your primary election is held,  
be there and do your duty.

When you find a new covert seeking  
office, give him the go-by.

When you find a man who is not  
reading a good reform paper, persuade  
him to subscribe for one.

When you find a man who is bent on  
stirring up dissension, give him the cold  
shoulder.

Help to spread reform literature.

Work for votes. Numbers count on  
election day.

When you find an old party lie in cir-  
culation, nail it.

Devote the proceeds of at least one  
acre, or its equivalent, to the people's  
campaign fund.

Keep your eyes open. Be willing to  
make sacrifices, and you will have no  
trouble finding opportunities to serve  
this cause.

**SENATORS GOING ON RECORD.**

The Arizona funding act, coming up  
in the United States senate last week,  
Senator Kyle of South Dakota moved to  
strike out the clause which made the in-  
terest "payable in gold coin of the  
United States" and insert "in lawful  
money of the United States." The  
amendment was agreed to yeas 28,  
nays 34.

Republicans and democrats in Ne-  
braska, of the Wall Street persuasion,  
will be glad to learn that both our sen-  
ators from Nebraska voted against the  
amendment. Senator Paddock will  
undoubtedly be remembered next win-  
ter for his vote on this measure as on a  
number of others. Nebraska fully  
recognizes the power of money, but as  
well fully understands the objects of  
the money power.

WHENEVER an independent an-  
nounces or insinuates that he will at-  
tempt to wreck and defeat the party if  
things don't go as he wishes, that man  
advertises himself as an exceedingly  
selfish, dangerous and treacherous  
man.

**COME WITH US.**

There are men of honesty and true  
patriotism in all parties. In fact we are  
inclined to think these qualities of true  
manhood are about equally distributed  
throughout the ranks of all parties.  
There are thousands of democrats and  
republicans in Nebraska to-day who are  
just as honest and patriotic as other  
thousands of independents. There are  
thousands of men in the old parties  
who see the political evils of the times  
and desire their removal just as much  
as do independents. We believe all  
such men will agree with us in the fol-  
lowing proposition: That if all the men  
who realize the existence of these evils  
and desire their removal were united in  
one party, they could secure the re-  
forms that are most pressing needed in  
a very short time.

The difficulty is that these men who  
are one in political sentiment are divid-  
ed in political action. How can they be  
united? This is a question that deserves  
the serious and unprejudiced considera-  
tion of every man who believes in re-  
form. "Let us reason together" about  
this matter. Let us forget for the time  
that we are independents, democrats  
and republicans. Let us cease hurling  
epithets at one another, and speak and  
think on this question as citizens of the  
republic.

The republican party has in its time  
accomplished much. Its early achieve-  
ments were glorious and beneficent.  
Even in its later record that party  
challenges our admiration for its bold-  
ness, brilliancy and magnificent organ-  
ization. It is indeed one of the most  
perfect and most powerful political  
organizations that ever existed. But  
this fact has been the greatest cause of  
the evils that party has inflicted on the  
country, and the greatest reason why  
the reforms we desire cannot be accom-  
plished through that party. It has be-  
come a great machine. The individual  
member of the party counts no figure.  
His voice is not heard. His wishes are  
not consulted. The control of the  
machine is in the hands of a compara-  
tively small number. A vast sum of  
money must be expended in every  
political campaign to maintain the  
party in power. The men who run the  
machine, both by choice and necessity,  
consult only the great financial inter-  
ests that are able and willing to furnish  
this money. They necessarily ignore  
the protests of the people, and run the  
risk of luring them on by appeals to  
prejudice, ignorance and selfishness.

This being the case, is it not utterly  
vain for the republicans who believe in  
the need of radical reforms to hope for  
these reforms to come through their  
party? Is it not a fact that the very  
evils they complain of have come  
through the direct action of that party  
in spite of their protests? Have not  
matters continually gone from bad to  
worse? Has not the party abandoned  
even the semblance of reform, and  
completely surrendered itself to what,  
for the want of a better name we call it  
the "money power"? There have been  
times when bold and able republicans  
have revolted against this tendency and  
large masses of the rank and file have  
supported such revolts. But all such  
attempts have ended in failure. And  
there remains not a single leader of  
such a revolt who has not been either  
silenced or practically expelled from  
the party. Also thousands upon thou-  
sands of the rank and file have deserted  
the party for good. Is it not vain for  
those who remain to hope to reform the  
party now?

It is useless for us to talk of what  
might have been done, or what might  
still be done. We must face the ques-  
tion as a practical reality. Is it possible  
that the reforms we desire can or will  
be accomplished through the republican  
party? Every honest intelligent republi-  
can should answer this question for  
himself, and if he finds it necessary to  
answer in the negative, he owes it as a  
solemn duty to himself and his country  
to abandon that party at once and for-  
ever.

Let us turn now to the other great  
party of the past. The democratic party  
has at various times opposed the  
bad policies advocated by the republic-  
ans. The democratic party fought all  
the various measures of contraction. It  
fought the national banks. It has fought  
the excessive tariffs. But its history  
has been much the same as that of the  
republican party. It has come along  
a few years behind the republican party  
endorsing one after another the various  
financial measures of that party. True  
it has not quite so fully surrendered to  
the money power. But that is simply  
because the temptation has not been so  
great. The moneyed interests have  
sought to accomplish their ends through  
the republican party because that party  
had greater power and more perfect  
organization. Seeing this the men who  
run the democratic machine have made  
haste to cease opposition to these  
moneyed interests and bid for their  
support. Honest democrats have at  
various times shown the same disposi-  
tion to protest and revolt. But their  
efforts have been of no avail. That  
party is to-day in the throes of its last  
struggle for independence and honesty,  
and against the complete control of the  
money power. Within a few months  
the result will be a matter of history.  
But that result can be easily foreseen.  
From all sides come unmistakable  
evidences of the surrender of machine  
democrats on the silver question. Not  
a single prominent candidate for the  
presidency has the courage to-day to  
declare himself for the free and unlim-  
ited coinage of silver. And unless a  
wonderful change takes place very  
soon, the Chicago convention will either  
declare against free coinage, or adopt a  
miserable straddle on that question.

Even on the tariff question, the posi-  
tion of the party which was already  
weak, has grown weaker. Let any  
careful reader compare the great or-  
gans of his party as they appeared three  
years ago, and as they appear now, and

he will see a remarkable change. Then  
the protective principle was boldly and  
continuously attacked. Great arrays of  
statistics were paraded before the peo-  
ple showing the injustice of protection  
and the fallacy of its arguments. Now  
we find almost nothing of this kind. A  
little skirmishing over the tariff on tin,  
an occasional reference to the McKinley  
bill are all we find. And instead of  
proposing a general and sweeping re-  
duction along the whole line, we find  
the tariff reformers in congress adopt-  
ing a sort of guerrilla warfare. In-  
stead of raising the great and noble  
watchword of "just taxation," they  
propose to appeal to the selfish interests  
of certain classes by attacking the tariff  
on certain articles consumed by those  
classes.

What is there to encourage the hope  
of real and radical reform through the  
democratic party? In fact there is  
nothing left now to an honest democrat  
but the hope that his party will not  
surrender the last particle of the great  
reform principles which it once repre-  
sented, and this hope will soon be  
swept away. How then can these  
patriotic democrats ask patriotic dissat-  
isfied republicans to come with them?  
How indeed can such democrats consent  
to remain longer where they are?

The preceding statements concerning  
the two old parties are certainly mild  
and conservative. Are they not true?  
If so, then every democrat and republi-  
can who sees the real condition of the  
country and desires to remedy this con-  
dition, must agree that neither in nor  
through the old parties can it be accom-  
plished.

If then these dissatisfied elements  
can not unite in either old party, they  
should and must unite outside of both.  
Already a great number of them have  
done this, and have organized a new  
party. They have taken the only course  
open to them. And if every honest in-  
telligent patriot in either old party will  
carefully consider the situation, he  
must see that the only sensible patriotic  
thing for him to do is to join the ranks  
of the new party without delay.

Why should such men hesitate longer  
are they willing to acknowledge  
that they belong to a party? Do they  
owe any allegiance to a party which  
has betrayed their interests repeatedly,  
and which "adds insult to injury" by  
denying even the need of reform, and  
openly espousing the cause of oppres-  
sion?

Country is greater than party. Citi-  
zenship is higher than partisanship.  
He who subordinates his duty as a citi-  
zen to the claims of his party is a traitor  
to his country. He who sets the  
welfare of his country above the success  
of his party is a patriot.

The time is ripe for a peaceful polit-  
ical revolution. The need is great.  
The burdens of the people are heavy.  
The duty of patriotic citizens is plain.  
Only one thing more is necessary: Bold,  
decisive, united action on the part of all  
who want to preserve the freedom of  
the people, and the true greatness of the  
republic.

**Organize! Organize!**

The fact has become patent to all that  
nothing can be accomplished without or-  
ganization and that of the most thorough  
character. Let us go to work immedi-  
ately and organize "Independent" clubs in  
every school district in the state. You  
will find in this issue a form of applica-  
tion for a charter, which, when signed by  
seven or more persons over the age of  
eighteen years, may be sent to C. H. Pirtle,  
secretary of state committee, Lincoln,  
Neb., who will forward all necessary pa-  
pers. We have to meet on organized  
enemies, and we might as well understand  
it before the election as after. Let us  
meet organized force with organized  
force. The enemy is already in the field  
throwing up breastworks and drilling its  
troops for the impending struggle. Paid  
forces of the money power are every-  
where to be found, doing their master's  
bidding. Let us not be blind or idle, but  
with a united voice, and a united effort,  
let us go to work and be prepared to  
make and sustain the attack all along the  
line, and as God reigns and justice is  
eternal, victory will be ours.

J. V. WOLFE,  
Chairman State Central Committee.

**Success comes to him who earns it.**

Every precinct in the state should  
have an independent club.

Somebody will go to Omaha July 4th,  
free of charge under our special offer.

If you want to win your neighbor's  
vote, don't "stroke his fur the wrong  
way."

Let us stop, resolving, protesting and  
demanding. It is our duty now to pro-  
pose and to act.

Send twenty-five cents to this office  
and get a copy of "Bread-Winners and  
Bond-holders."

The formal call for the congressional  
convention of the 6th district will be  
published next week.

We welcome to our exchange list the  
*People's Voice*, a new reform paper  
started at Imperial, Chase county.

Some one in every neighborhood  
should compete for our special prize: a  
free trip to the Omaha convention.

The district judges elected by the  
independents in Nebraska are without  
exception winning the approval of the  
people and the bar.

EDITOR Kautzman of the *Oakdale  
Guard* is at Blair trying the virtues of  
the Keely cure. We hope it will be a  
grand success.

A few days ago we had the pleasure  
of reading a private letter from L. L.  
Polk in which he said: "The south is  
undergoing a tremendous political  
revolution, and you may look out for  
startling developments from that quar-  
ter during the year."

**THE SILVER STATES.**

They are coming into the people's  
party. There is every reason why they  
should, and everything indicates that  
they will.  
Some time ago the statesilver league  
of Colorado issued an address to the  
voters of the state setting forth the ef-  
fects of the demonetization of silver,  
and the status of the movement for its  
restoration. The following is an extract  
from the address:

The disastrous effects of that iniqui-  
tous scheme have been felt by each one  
of us. Today they are plainly visible on  
every hand, in the depreciated value of  
almost every commodity produced by  
the labor of human hands, and espec-  
ially in the ruinous prices of wheat, cot-  
ton and silver, as well as the constantly  
falling prices of agricultural lands,  
mines and labor. The distress and suf-  
fering which it has bred throughout the  
nation is beyond the power of a human  
mind to compute.

Year after year we have gone regu-  
larly to the polls and persistently fought  
each other, while working for the su-  
premacny of one or the other of two great  
political parties instead of standing  
shoulder to shoulder to meet and resist  
the attacks of one common enemy.  
Those parties, as they exist at present,  
deem the spoils of office paramount  
importance to the welfare of the people.  
They are maintained chiefly for the  
benefit of self-seeking politicians, whose  
most lofty ambition is paltry office. To  
attain that end, they do not hesitate to  
persistently betray the interests of the  
people, whose aid they solicit, into the  
hands of the money power. They are  
partisans for revenue only. At the  
bidding of this same money power they  
have placed the general government on  
a level with the stock broker; they have  
rendered thousands of families home-  
less; they have changed the tolling  
debtor into a cowering mendicant, and  
from the ranks of honest labor they  
have recruited an army of tramps.

Proceeding the address says there  
have already been more than forty free  
silver clubs formed in the state, with  
over 20,000 members, each of whom is  
pledged to vote for no man who will not  
work for the restoration of silver. No  
member is asked to forsake his old party  
until after the coming national con-  
ventions are held. Then if the old party  
refuse to nominate candidates favor-  
able to silver, all the members will  
forsake their old parties in a body.

A state silver league has been organ-  
ized and the organization of local  
leagues has been rapidly pushed. The  
silver republicans are carrying out their  
program to the letter. They have cap-  
tured the primaries, and overthrown the  
Harrison men horse and foot. The dele-  
gates to Minneapolis will be radical  
silver men.

**A NATIONAL SILVER CONVENTION**

will be held in Washington D. C., May  
26, 27. The national silver committee,  
of which A. J. Warner of Ohio is pres-  
ident, issued a call for this convention  
on April 23. This is the third national  
silver convention, and promises to be  
far greater than either of its predeces-  
sors.

In the call it is proposed to organize  
a national bi-metallic league, and to  
take steps for the organization of the  
whole country into state and local  
leagues.

Independent political action is not  
suggested in this call, but it can have  
no other logical outcome. The silver  
men of all sections will be brought  
together, they will become more solidly  
united and more determined. They  
will pledge themselves to support no  
man who is not in favor of free coinage  
of silver and gold at the present ratio.  
They will then make bold and emphatic  
demands of the national conventions of  
the two old parties. These demands  
will be ignored, and Harrison and  
Cleveland will be nominated as the  
standard bearers of the two old parties.  
These silver men will then turn to the  
people's party as the only one promis-  
ing what they demand.

There is strong talk now of organiz-  
ing all the free silver delegates in the  
democratic and republican national  
conventions, making their demands and  
then withdrawing in a body if they are  
ignored. Whether or not they will  
then come and ask admission to the  
people's convention at Omaha can not  
be predicted, but such a thing is entirely  
within the probabilities.

These movements are popular in  
their character. They are movements  
of the masses, not of leaders. But there  
can be no doubt that a large number of  
men of national prominence stand  
ready to go with their people, and are  
in fact giving encouragement to these  
movements. Senator Teller of Colorado  
a few days ago issued an address to the  
people in which he denounced both old  
parties for having betrayed the people,  
and declared that there is no choice be-  
tween them, both having surrendered to  
Wall Street. Senator Wolcott of same  
state a few days ago declared that each  
of the old parties is simply "an organized  
hypocrisy." Senators Jones and  
Stewart of Nevada are equally outspoken.  
Senator Stanford of California has  
made himself famous by his land  
loan scheme. A large number of  
representatives from the western states  
are following the lead of these senators.  
In view of all these facts, it is no ex-  
travagant prediction to say that the  
people's national ticket will carry every