

Mr. Davis spoke for about two hours. It is impossible to give the speech in full or in a connected manner, but a fragmentary synopsis will surely be read with satisfaction.

The speaker commenced by saying that to be an American citizen is to be an American sovereign. Under the American banner all are American citizens. All ought to be free but 20,000,000 under the liberty true are under bonds.

The mission of the independent party is not to tear down but to build up. Our mission as reformers must not be mistaken. We are not anarchists or communists—neither cormorants nor the commune.

We believe that the government is a great partnership, every member ought to have a proportionate share in the distribution of the benefits of the government. The best function of a government restrains the strong and assists the weak. When the natural or proper conditions are changed, government is tyranny.

The power of taxation is a sacred power for the people and it never was intended to take it from them.

Every corporation is a violation of our sacred rights. Today we have surrendered our power to tax to the corporations who tax the sovereigns without their consent. The railroads alone average \$5,000,000 from each state every year in the amounts of taxation they impose upon the people, yet the colonists objected to King George's taxing the whole nation \$5,000,000 during a period covering several years.

There are laws against obtaining money under false pretenses. The fellows in the penitentiary may be in for obtaining small amounts by false pretenses, forgery or theft, yet the fellows who have taken millions by malicious and false pretenses—by a cool, calculating system of forgery are unacquainted with prison cells. They are in palace cars, brown stone mansions. They are chairmen of the old political parties or are even clothed in the ermine of the bench that they may the better rob the people. Under those conditions a man's patriotism tells him he is not true to himself and others if he does not rise up and object. Under our free and boasted liberty we are drawing the producers into a system of debt, degradation and ruin.

The three elements of civilization are land, transportation and money. The proper adjustment of these elements means the greatest good to the greatest number. That should be the result of the systems governing those three elements.

Man should have dominion over the earth. That means you, not the other fellow. We are doomed to live here. We came into the world without our knowledge or consent and we have a right to a share of the room. If ever God had intended us to live in the water he would have provided us with gills. If he had intended us to live in the air he would have given us wings. He did neither. We must live on the earth.

No sooner does man make a discovery or great invention than a corporation says, "We'll take that." We hand it over. Corporations control almost everything that goes to make you and your families comfortable and happy. The man created by law is greater than the man created by the Almighty. He is the biggest fellow on deck and is making common deck hands and coal heavers of the real sovereigns.

We want to put every man down in the place where Thomas Jefferson left him and give him a fair show in the pursuit of happiness. The corporation kings should be taken down and the balance of the kings given a chance. If there were no monopolists in money, land and distribution the producers would not be robbed in reaching the consumers.

The speaker then told of the absorption of land by corporations and aliens and said that a destruction of homes and firesides means the destruction of patriotism.

The money question he thought is the most conspicuous issue of this campaign. It is the duty of congress to create a supply of money and put it into circulation, as much as it is its duty to make a just system of weights and measures, for business is measured by the supply of money.

The American people need no lash to make them work. Corporate taxation is assessed by lightning and collected by steam. All reforms have started with the poor humble people who have afterwards been assisted by the more powerful and influential. It remains with us to say whether or not the work of those people shall live.

All points were profusely illustrated with apt anecdotes and great pains was taken to develop all propositions laid down. No one was disappointed in the speaker and he will always be given a warm welcome by any Nebraska audience.

Mrs. McCormick of Kansas followed with some able remarks and Bro. Howard's quartette sung again.

Hon. W. L. Green of Kearney, who is prominently spoken of as a candidate for attorney-general, was then called out and made a short speech in his forcible and eloquent style. He makes the money question clearer than almost any speaker in the movement.

It was nearly midnight when the audience dispersed.

Do you want a song which will bring down the house? We have a regular swivel gun loaded with fun and thunder entitled "We Have the Tariff Yet." Write us for it.

An Old Soldier Story.

When the delegates from the Fourth district met in K. of L. hall to choose delegates all the old soldiers were asked to stand up. There were fifty ex-union soldiers and several ex-confederates. Then Capt. Ashby of Beatrice took the floor and made a statement that stirred the hearts of all present. He said he had been a rebel soldier and near Lexington, Mo., after a battle he had secured a sword and belt which belonged to a union soldier named Faith who was killed in the battle. The sword he had left in Mississippi, but the belt he had kept. All that is left of it is the buckle and the letters "U. S." Captain Ashby said that last night he had met in the Lindell hotel a delegate named W. P. Faith and in conversation had found out that he was a son of the soldier whose sword he had captured. He had arranged to present all that remained of the belt to Mr. Faith at the earliest opportunity. Faith said that he would prize these relics above anything on earth. This story told by the eloquent captain, stirred to the depths the feelings of all present.

Resolutions.

At the independent convention held at Geneva Saturday, June 25, the following resolutions were adopted in memory of L. L. Polk:

WHEREAS, The Supreme Ruler has removed from our presence our beloved brother and esteemed leader, be it

Resolved, That we mourn his untimely death.

Resolved, That we pledge ourself a life-long fidelity to the sacred cause for which he so earnestly labored.

Resolved, That these resolutions be published in THE ALLIANCE INDEPENDENT. J. R. GOFFARY, Secretary.

"The Millenium Army" is the song which will take the place in our coming conflict which Mrs. Houck's "Battle Hymn of the Republic" held in the war of the rebellion. It is a solo with chorus.

At Haynes, Ark., a negro named Donnelly was lynched by negroes for assaulting a young colored girl.

A "moonshine" distillery of 300 gallons capacity was seized and destroyed in the heart of Brooklyn, N. Y.

Joseph Brandon, of Dubuque, Iowa, janitor of the Second Presbyterian church, has fallen heir to \$2,000,000 in England.

Alexis Romero, a Mexican, confessed on his deathbed in a Detroit hospital to the murder of his sweetheart, for which he caused another man to be hanged.

A confession by Bill Stockstill and the surrender of his brother Ike, who shot Deputy Sheriff Williams, are expected by the Taney county, Missouri, prosecutor.

A temperance movement has been started at West Plains, Mo., and a number of women belonging to the W. C. T. U. are holding special services of prayer in the saloons and billiard halls.

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