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 of Iowa.
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 GEN. JAS. G. FIELDS
 of Virginia.

GO TO KEARNEY.

The grand rally feature of the state convention at Kearney is Aug. 3rd. The people who wish to take it all in should arrive Tuesday evening or Wednesday morning. The congressional convention of the Sixth district will meet at 10:30 a. m. The state convention is called for 8 o'clock in the evening. During the day there will be speaking, music and singing in the big tent. A number of the best orators in the west will be there to address the people. The prospect now is for almost as large a crowd as there was at the Omaha convention.

THE STATE CONVENTION.

On Wednesday next the independent state convention meets at Kearney. It is hardly necessary to remark that a great deal depends on its action. No one who is studying the politics of the state needs to be told that. There will be two principles in that convention: on the one hand, dictatorship, suspicion, slander, falsehood, and "rule or ruin;" on the other hand, fraternity, harmony, loyalty, earnestness and sober judgement. If the former principle holds sway in that convention, the success, even the life of the independent party is threatened. If the second principle prevails, the ticket nominated will be triumphantly elected.

There are rocks ahead. How can they be avoided? By one simple rule: Let every delegate go to that convention determined that harmony shall prevail, that all personal and factional differences shall be buried, and that whoever is not willing to see them buried, shall be buried with them.

If the convention will do this, it will command the respect of all men. If on the other hand wrangles and factional quarrels prevail, the convention will be a source of shame to independents, and a subject of ridicule to their opponents.

Differences of opinion may arise, but such differences can and should be settled without passion or excitement. That the majority should rule is the most fundamental principle of our government. This convention will be such a one as the people can afford to trust. Whatever a majority of the delegates decide upon should be cheerfully accepted, and heartily supported by every true independent in Nebraska.

A LARGE quantity of valuable matter has been crowded out this week, in our platform. We believe that the people, at a tax not exceeding the congratulations of the old party

WHOM SHALL WE NOMINATE?

Men who are well qualified to fill the offices if they are elected;

Men of honesty, courage and loyalty to the cause of the people;

Men who will fight for victory with all their might from the day of nomination to the day of election;

Men who will hold their party vote solid, and at the same time draw the most heavily from the ranks of the two old parties;

Men who are able to lead the independent hosts to victory.

SCATTER OUT!

The Kearney convention certainly ought not to repeat the blunder made two years ago of selecting nearly all of its candidates from the southeastern corner of the state. This is poor politics. There are good men in all sections of the state. The western and northern portions of the state should be more fully recognized. This is an anti-monopoly movement, and no section should have a monopoly of the nominations.

A SLANDER.

Just after the Omaha convention there appeared in the old party papers a dispatch to the effect that Gresham was to be made supreme judge. Since then the vacancy on the supreme bench caused by the death of Bradley has been filled by the appointment of a Pittsburg lawyer named Shiraz.

The report concerning Gresham was undoubtedly a base slander intended to stir up the suspicion of the people. There is no danger of Gresham's being elevated to the supreme bench.

He is too great, too truly American in his views and sympathies to receive any favor at the hands of a Wall street president like Harrison.

Gresham is undoubtedly in full sympathy with the People's movement, and so far as his position will permit will give his political support to the People's ticket.

HOLDEN AGAIN.

In this issue we again devote a limited quantity of space to Holden. We do not intend to keep this up. We have simply added to the exposure made last week, a collection of comments made by the reform editors of the west. Their condemnation is universal and unequivocal.

Again we urge the delegates and visitors to the Kearney convention to investigate for themselves regarding Holden's record and standing in Buffalo county. Also we invite them to inquire as to the truth or falsity of the cowardly and malignant charges made by him against the editor of this paper.

REDUCED rates to Kearney Aug. 3rd, on the certificate plan.

If the weather will permit, the delegates to the Kearney convention should "keep cool."

THE uncalled for harshness in the treatment of Private Iams is very generally condemned. Even the monopolistic associated press admits that public sentiment is very strong in its denunciation of Colonel Streater. It is to be hoped that the matter will be thoroughly sifted. Iams deserved punishment but nothing of the brutal, barbarous nature that was given him, without even a trial by court martial. Streater should be made to realize that

A DEMOCRAT ON DEMOCRACY.

Col. Noah H. Plympton is a Boston capitalist. He is also a democratic politician. But he is neither pleased nor encouraged with the situation. In an interview published in the Philadelphia Press, he severely condemns most of the planks in the Chicago platform, especially the free trade plank, the proposed revival of wildcat banking, and the public school plank. He says:

To boil it down the Chicago platform declares absolutely for free trade; it declares for a Red Dog, a Yellow Dog and a Stump Tail currency, and finds its most vicious expression in interjecting the public school question in a national campaign. I do not think there will be much personal discussion as regards candidates. Any democrat who believes in the old democratic faith will find it very difficult to extract any consolation from the Confederate free trade, which was adopted at Chicago.

"The hope of the democratic party is in the Farmers' Alliance. It can afford to lose North and South Carolina and Georgia and throw the election into their legislatures to carry some of the states like Kansas. The democratic New York papers see the point when they call, as they did today, for the establishment of a bureau in Chicago to do missionary work among the Farmers' Alliances. Here is where I would put my money, and work if I were now in active politics."

Col. Plympton's remarks on the platform are very interesting reading, and his remark about losing North and South Carolina and Georgia is timely. But his remark about the alliance men shows that he doesn't know "a little bit" about the situation in the great north-west. "Missionary work among the Farmers' Alliances" would be worse than wasted, and democratic money spent in the west would be poured into a rat-hole bigger than the mouth of the Mississippi River. The nomination of Cleveland on a Wall street platform was the death-blow to all hopes of democratic success in both west and south.

THE SHOOTING OF FRICK.

The shooting of Frick, the manager of Carnegie's mills at Homestead, by a Russian anarchist on Saturday afternoon is a most deplorable incident in the contest going on between the owners of the mills and their employes. It is especially deplorable because of the use that will be made of it to create prejudice against the workingmen who are in no way responsible for the act, but on the contrary regret it far more deeply, and condemn it more sincerely than any other class. They used every effort to prevent anarchists coming into Homestead, and have nothing but condemnation for the man who imitates the capitalists and their hired thugs by going outside the pale of the law.

The working men of this country are not anarchists. They love peace, law and order. They seek redress of grievances through lawful channels. The shooting incident should be considered entirely apart from the strike since it has no necessary connection with it any more than did the anarchistic attempt to kill Russell Sage a short time ago.

To Mr. F. W. Little, Greeting:—You better get another half million of Boston money on tap for the coming election. Not the money exactly, but have your "eastern friends ready to invest half a million in Lincoln property" if the independents are defeated—just as you put in that half million after Mr.

THE RAILROADS PROSPER.

In proof of the general prosperity the commercial agencies point to the increased earnings of the railroads. R. G. Dunn & Co. report:

"Railroad earnings have been the largest in any year thus far, and clearings in June the largest ever known in that month, exceeding last year eight per cent., and for the whole year the largest ever known outside of New York."

This is undoubtedly true, but does it prove the general prosperity of the people? On the contrary, it shows that the railroads are prospering at the expense of the general welfare. They have stifled competition, and perfected combinations which enable them to rob the producers more systematically, and effectively than ever before. The increase of mortgages on the homes and chattels of the people proves that they are getting deeper "in the hole" even faster than the corporations are improving their earnings. These two facts supplement and fit into each other.

This rapid increase in railroad earnings is simply a striking proof of the general tendency to concentration of wealth in the hands of organized capitalists.

A Strange Dream.

And it came to pass in the evening of the tenth day of the eighth month that I ate an immense supper and went to bed.

And straightway I fell into a deep sleep. And in the midst of my slumbers I had a strange dream.

I thought that I died and, contrary to my expectations, I went straight to the realm of old Beelzebub.

And after I had waited a short time in the anteroom old Nick himself entered from an inside door, and he had a smell of brimstone on his clothes and an angry, troubled look on his face.

And when he had cast his eyes upon me he demanded in a harsh voice whence I came. And I answered that I came from Nebraska, the land of the Platte.

And immediately his countenance changed and he began to question me concerning his affairs in the land whence I had come.

And he said: "Is my son Rosewater still running the Bee?" And I answered "yes."

"And is my dearly beloved Gere still running the State Journal?" And I answered that he was.

And he seemed much relieved, and the look of trouble faded from his brow.

Then he said: "And what has become of my favorite son Holden?" And I replied that he was now in Lincoln, doing him better service than ever.

Then old Nick, the "father of lies," smiled and looked perfectly satisfied.

And presently he said, "I was on the point of starting on a visit to the land of the Platte, for I feared the stock of lies was running low."

But from what thou sayst, I feel sure all is well: for my sons of whom I asked have great skill and experience, and they are filled with my spirit.

I know they will attend to the lying during the present campaign as well as I could myself if I were there."

And just then I was awakened by the opening wail of a cat concert on the roof over my head. And I dreamed no more.

SELAH.

THE State Journal thinks there is nothing more grotesque than for the Burt county farmers to be squealing at this late date over the shrewdness of Tom Carter in getting away with so many of them. But there is something more grotesque. It is the present predicament of the republican party, trying to follow the leadership of this successful "book agent," with all his "Foot Prints of Time" behind him.