

THE ALLIANCE-INDEPENDENT.

SHALL WE WIN?

The republican papers keep rehashing their remarks about how the alliance vote was reduced last year, what splendid campaigns certain republican county chairmen made, and how the old party is going to redeem itself this year.

Let not the independents be deceived by this trick. It is true that some counties which went independent two years ago, were either republican last year or independent by a small majority. But those who have investigated the vote know that the cause of this change lay wholly in the fact that thousands of independents staid at home last fall on election day. The lighter vote of the independents as compared with the year before was due largely to their over-confidence in the result.

The independents had had marked success the year before, and felt sure of electing their county tickets. The state ticket included only the supreme judge and two regents, and the democrats had withdrawn their candidates for these offices with the avowed purpose of supporting the independent nominees. All these conditions made the independents unduly confident of victory, and stirred up the republicans to unusual efforts. This accounts for the apparent gains which the republicans made last year.

It might be added that the action of the democrats in withdrawing their ticket and publicly avowing their intention to support the independent nominees was a disappointment to some independents and contributed somewhat to a feeling of indifference. Had it been known that a majority of the democrats would vote the republican ticket and that the independent nominees, both state and county, were in danger, the independent vote would have been increased by at least 20,000 votes.

All that is necessary this fall for a sweeping victory for the people's party in this state is that the independents be awakened to the importance of attending the polls and showing the full strength of the party. We have the votes to win the victory. Shall we cast them? Brethren, what do you say? Are you thoroughly awake to the importance of the situation?

"SHALL THE PEOPLE RULE?"

On July 12, Congressman Kem delivered a lengthy speech in the house on the proposed amendment to the constitution making senators elective by the people. It is by far the ablest and most scholarly speech yet delivered by Mr. Kem, and compares favorably with any speech delivered in the present house. Mr. Kem has prepared this speech for distribution among the people. Copies can be secured by addressing him at Washington, or by sending a request to this office. A large portion of the speech will be published in these columns next week.

A TRIP TO THE PACIFIC COAST.

Weaver and Fields, the people's candidates, will make a tour to the Pacific coast, beginning the last of July. They will speak first at Denver, Colorado. They will then go to the coast, speaking at various points in Nevada, California, Oregon and Washington, and will return by the Northern Pacific through Idaho and Montana.

The Coloradans claim that Weaver

Mr. MEIKLEJOHN, the people of the Third district are hunting for you with a Poynter. You haven't got Speaker Elder to deal with now.

WHAT a pity it is that Omaha isn't in Meiklejohn's district! The Boyd democrats of that burg would give him a most enthusiastic support.

MCKEIGHAN was renominated by a unanimous vote on a roll call. We hope to see Kem nominated in the same way next Wednesday. Stand by the men who stand by you.

THE Rev. W. E. Andrews of Hastings is some on political preaching but our Billy McKeighan can beat him at that and when it comes to political running, the little professor will be out of sight—in the rear.

THE independents had a crowd of about two hundred at their meeting on the public square. At republican headquarters, Steve Jones spouted slush to a crowd of fifteen. This shows how political sentiment stands in Lincoln.

THE Custer County Beacon very properly asks:

"If a democratic majority of 138 elected on a free silver platform cannot pass a free silver bill, what can a democratic majority elected on a Cleveland platform do?"

NOW it is too bad. After Jessie Strode greased Allen Field and forced him down the throat of the republican county convention, here comes in the Rev. Judge Cobb and the sprightly Billy Hamilton as candidates for the place to be made vacant by Field. Poor Jesse. And poor Lancaster county, if this whole batch of political business can not be overthrown.

SEVERAL of the independent committeemen in Lincoln are out soliciting campaign funds. There seems to be some rivalry among them as to which ward will contribute the most. This is good. We hope every friend of reform will respond liberally. These funds will be used to swell the collection at Kearney. Committeemen in other parts of the state will do well to follow their example.

STOCKVILLE, the county seat of Frontier county, is to have a republican paper, something it has not had for months. No man could be induced to start one with the small support which may reasonably be expected for a paper of that political faith, but the leaders have got together and formed a stock company and hired an editor from Missouri and as long as the stock holders will pay their assessments promptly Frontier county will have a republican paper.

THE hanging of Private Iams by the thumbs until the excruciating pain brought on unconsciousness and necessitated the interference of physicians to prevent his death was an act of barbarism which deserves unqualified censure. Iams did wrong in proposing three cheers for the anarchist. We do not defend him; but a dishonorable discharge would have been sufficient punishment, and the infliction of heat-benish cruelty is a disgrace to the authorities who permitted it.

THE Journal is still making what it calls editorials about General Fields wishing the south had killed more Yankees, and about Jerry Simpson saying he was glad the anarchist shot Frick, and all such trash that everybody knows is untrue. But then this

ON TO KEARNEY.

The managers of the independent state convention to be held at Kearney have arranged to have a circus tent that will seat 5,000 people. The people of Kearney propose to take care of the crowd. Some of the ablest reform speakers in the country will be there to address the people.

A rate of one and one-third fare for the round trip has been secured on all railroad, on the certificate plan.

GAINING GROUND.

There can be no reasonable doubt that the independents are gaining new recruits to their ranks daily in Nebraska. Almost every independent speaker that comes into headquarters reports the accession of influential republicans and democrats. This is not at all surprising. There were many conservative men who looked with some favor on the reform movement at first, but thought it well to wait and see what came of it before joining the new party. These men are coming now. There are others who thought the new party would force the old parties to do something for the people. They now see how vain is such a hope, and are flocking into the People's party as the only medium through which reforms can be secured. The gains will be more and more rapid as the days go by.

AN EXPLANATION.

Our attention has been several times called to two paragraphs which appeared in THE ALLIANCE-INDEPENDENT some time ago. One was credited to the Tulare County (Cal) Times, and the other to the Porcupine, a southern paper. Both called attention to the enormous amounts appropriated every year for pensions, and spoke in a very disparaging manner about the policy of paying liberal pensions, which now prevails. It seems that some designing men in different sections are attempting to use these paragraphs to prejudice old soldiers against the reform movement.

Such an attempt only shows how small some men can be for party's sake. No such sentiments as those contained in the paragraphs referred to ever appeared on our editorial page, or in our column entitled "Among Our Exchanges." The blame for such things rests with the newspaper unions and "plate" houses. There is scarcely a newspaper great or small that does not use more or less of the matter put up in "plates" by these companies.

Either accidentally, or purposely, these companies allow objectionable paragraphs to slip into the matter prepared for reform papers. This is the explanation of the case in regard to these pension paragraphs.

Everyone who understands the real sentiments of the members and organs of the people's party knows that they favor a more just and liberal treatment of the old soldier than he has ever received from the old parties.

They propose to look after the interests of the gun holder more and the bond-holder less. The new party is at all times, and under all circumstances, emphatically the friend of the nation's defenders.

Painful Truth.

Turncoat Steve Jones has secured a job with the managers of the republican musee as lightning change artist and contortionist. He chloroformed a

A LETTER FROM WALL STREET.

There is a gentleman by the name of Henry Clews who does business in what is known as Wall street down in New York City. He is a banker. Every week he sends out a circular letter concerning the financial situation. Mr. Clews, we believe, is not an independent. But his letters if read and understood by the masses of the American people would prove more potent as an eye-opener than all the calamity howls sent up by the people's party cranks. Here are some of the things he said in his letter of July 23:

It is no light cause of assurance that the silver question seems to have fallen into the control of the conservative sentiment of the country. The vote of the house of representatives, controlled as it was almost entirely by political considerations, was plain evidence that neither party dared to commit itself to unrestricted silver coinage; and behind this fact lies the stronger protection that each of the presidential candidates is absolutely committed against the free coinage heresies; which makes any further concessions to the silver faction in the highest degree unlikely for the next five years. In view of this prospect, it seems unnecessary and unwise that some of the banks should raise any objection to paying out gold certificates to depositors desiring to export that metal. If the gold is due to Europe, it must go, and no contrivance of that sort could prevent it. The banks may have the right to refuse payment in gold, but they cannot refuse to pay in greenbacks, which are a claim for gold that the government would not refuse to honor.

The shock to public confidence imparted by the outbreaks of operatives at the Carnegie works and the mines in Idaho has been repaired by the promptness with which the authority of the law has been asserted and the leaders been held responsible for their acts. The too frequent recurrence of lawlessness by misled operatives show, however, the necessity of maintaining the militia force of the state, as well as that of the federal army, at a high standard of efficiency.

Read the above, ye American sovereigns; ponder it well, and then deny if you can

That Wall street controls the two old parties;

That Harrison and Cleveland are both enemies to silver;

That neither party dares commit itself to free coinage of any other measure of relief or reform;

That Wall street is controlled by London;

That Wall street recognizes the right of European bankers and bondholders to drain the gold out of the United States treasury whenever they see fit;

That organized capital wants a large standing army in order to keep the masses of the people in subjection.

Deny if you can that the money power rules this country to-day.

And what are you going to do about it? Will you stand like dumb beasts till the chains are riveted on you? Will you hold up your willing hands to receive the shackles on your wrists? This is exactly what you will do if you vote for either Cleveland or Harrison.

Will not the intelligent voters of the nation rise in their might and wrest the government from the control of the money power before it is too late?

JUDGE GRESHAM says: "The most insidious of all forms of tyranny is that of plutocracy. Thoughtful men see and admit that our country is becoming less and less democratic and more and more plutocratic. The ambition and self love of some men are so great that they are incapable of loving their country."