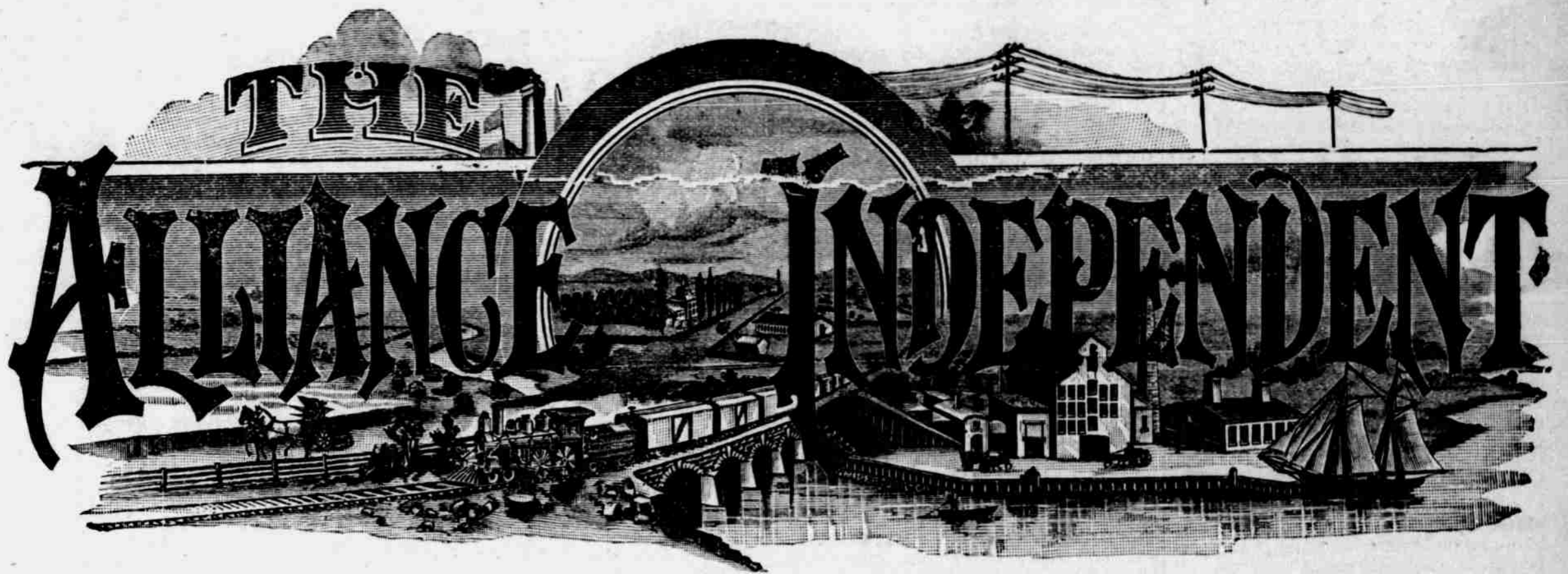


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**INDEPENDENT TICKET.**

**A Strong Ticket Named and Amid the Greatest Enthusiasm.**

**The Utmost Harmony Prevails and the Election of the Whole Ticket Predicted.**

The independent state convention has been held, and what was predicted by many as indicating a crisis in the history of the new political movement has been safely passed. The nomination of Gen. C. H. Van Wyck for governor has not opened the smallest break in the ranks of the party, and has not been followed by any dissensions that are apparent to the closest observer. The strongest Powers men left Kearney yesterday morning wearing Van Wyck badges and vociferously shouting for the ticket nominated. There are no knives out for any part of the ticket, but independents everywhere declare their intention of working enthusiastically for the ticket and the election of the whole ticket is enthusiastically predicted.

The following is the ticket selected:

- Governor.....Charles H. Van Wyck
- Lieutenant Governor....C. D. Shrader
- Auditor.....Logan McReynolds
- Secretary of State.....J. M. Easterling
- State Treasurer.....J. V. Wolfe
- Attorney General.....V. O. Strickler
- Supt. Public Instruction...H. H. Hyatt
- Com. Pub. Lands and Buildings...  
.....J. M. Gunnett

**PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS.**

- First district.....T. J. Ferguson
- Second district.....J. R. Conklin
- Third district.....John I. Jones
- Fourth district.....R. R. Schick
- Fifth district.....W. A. Garrett
- Sixth district.....Peter Ebbeson
- At Large { .....E. E. Link  
.....T. H. Tibbles

**VOTES ON CANDIDATES.**

- For governor: Van Wyck 562, Leese 147, Poynter 6.
- Lieutenant governor, informal ballot: C. D. Shrader 305, R. Wilbert 164, Chamberlain 275, Taylor 6, Weir 3.
- Formal ballot: Shrader 451, Chamberlain 157, Wilbert 84, Taylor 3, Weir 1.

Treasurer: Hatfield 308, Wolfe 382.  
 Secretary of state: J. M. Easterling 326, W. Saunders 130, Eric Johnson 45, C. N. Mayberry 180.  
 Auditor: McReynolds 354, Herman Freese 55, L. C. Stockton 66, F. M. Sillick 58, Geo. W. Brewster 6, A. J. Gustin 55, John Beatty 39, Upton 55.  
 Attorney general, informal ballot: V. O. Strickler 329, T. B. Carey 145, A. E. Fletcher 113, O. B. Hewitt 47, T. B. Minnehan 50.  
 First ballot: Strickler 300, Carey 191, Fletcher 198, Minnehan 1.  
 First ballot: Strickler 343, Carey 146, Fletcher 185.  
 Superintendent of public instruction, informal ballot: H. H. Hyatt 378, G. W. Chadderdon 39, C. E. Simmons 19, H. A. Edwards 42, Rollan 130.  
 When the committee on platform reported a motion was adopted that a plank be added condemning the present vicious convict labor system in vogue in this state. The committee proposed this resolution and the platform was then adopted:

**THE PLATFORM.**

We, the people's independent party of the state of Nebraska, in convention assembled at Kearney, Neb., on this 3rd day of August, 1892, do hereby adopt the following platform of principles:

We hereby reaffirm and ratify the principles enunciated in the platform adopted by the people's independent party, at Omaha, Neb., July 4, 1892.

WHEREAS, The great railway corporations do now take and have taken by unjust freight rates from the people of Nebraska millions of dollars annually;

Resolved, That we demand that such laws be enacted by our legislature as will reduce the rates in Nebraska to a level with the rates for like service in the state of Iowa, and in the enactment of such laws and the regulation of freights, railways in this state shall be classified and rates adjusted in proportion to the traffic to the end that justice may be done to all.

We are opposed to the restoration of the sugar bounty in any form by the state of Nebraska.

We demand of our next legislature the passage of an act to prescribe the mode of payment of obligations of debt contracted to be paid in money as follows: "Be it enacted, etc., that from and after the passage of this act, all obligations contracted to be payable in money shall be payable in any money authorized by the United States government, and any stipulations to the contrary in said contract or obligation is hereby declared to be void."

We demand the submission of an amendment to the constitution of this state, providing that the permanent school fund may be loaned to citizens of Nebraska on first mortgage on productive real estate at an interest of not more than 5 per cent. as is now done in many of the states of the union.

We are opposed to a system of government that allows corporations or individuals of the United States to em-

intimidate or coerce organizations of labor. We favor such legislation as shall require all differences between employes and employer to be submitted to a committee for arbitration, and an enforcement of the decision of such committee.

We demand the election of president, vice-president, and United States senators by direct vote of the people.

We favor equal pay for equal work for both men and women.

We demand more prompt delivery of independent mail matter, as we believe that such mail matter is not always delivered promptly.

We denounce the convict labor system, as practiced in the state of Nebraska.

The committee reported three resolutions to the convention without recommendation, of which the following was adopted:

WHEREAS, There has been an exhibition in this state since the Omaha convention, a people's party panorama, painted and lectured by Carl Brown, a national delegate from California, that is being universally styled, "The California Vote Maker," the most powerful document yet presented in this campaign of education; and

WHEREAS, The Daily Public of Omaha is engaged in publishing a copy of this work, prepared by its author, as a campaign document; therefore

Resolved, By this state convention of Nebraska, that we heartily indorse the same and recommend all who can to send for copies of this great campaign document to do so through the secretaries of our organization in the various counties.

Resolved, That this convention hereby ten's its thanks to Brother Carl Brown of California for his work thus far done in this state, and hopes that he will stay as long as he possibly can in this state in his noble mission of death to old Shylock.

The following resolutions were indefinitely postponed upon vote of the convention:

Resolved, That, whereas, at the last session of the legislature \$50,000 was appropriated as Nebraska's contribution to the World's fair to be held in Chicago in 1892; we, the members of the state convention, recommend that no further appropriation from the different counties, from the state legislature, either directly or indirectly, be made for that purpose, and, further, that we set our seal of condemnation against its managers for their refusal to recognize organized labor in the construction of the works and buildings.

Resolved, That, inasmuch as the state militia is only an expensive ornament, fostered by that class who seem disposed to add to the already heavy burdens of taxation to create an army in times of peace to protect capital and intimidate labor, we ask for its abolition or a refusal to make any appropriation for it, to continue its expensive folly or parade its arrogant menace.

The convention also adopted resolutions thanking the chairman and secre-

on Tuesday morning the convention adjourned after a continuous session of twelve and one-half hours.

**OUR CANDIDATES.**

Today we present brief biographies of three of the independent nominees for state offices. Biographies of the others will appear as soon as we can secure the necessary data for preparing them.

**C. D. SHRADER,**

Our nominee for lieutenant-governor was born fifty-two years ago in Grant county, Wisconsin. His father was a farmer, and he was brought up on a farm. In 1867 he was married and now has a family of three boys and two girls. In 1876 he moved to Lancaster county, Neb., where he engaged in farming near Waverly for eight years. Then he helped organize what was called the o'd soldiers' colony and moved to Logan county, where he has since lived. He has a fine farm of 1,000 acres. He devotes special attention to raising fine hogs and horses. Mr. Shrader is not a proxy farmer, but an actual working farmer.

Mr. Shrader has a good common school education, having graduated in the high school. He has taught school a number of terms both in Wisconsin and Nebraska. At the age of eighteen he enlisted in the Fourth Wisconsin volunteers in which he served with credit to himself.

Politically Mr. Shrader was a republican (of the kicking variety) until 1888. He then cut loose from the rotten hulk of the g. o. p. and joined the union labor fellows. He was among the pioneer alliance men, serving as chairman of the executive board of the Nebraska state farmers' alliance during the first year of its existence.

In 1890 the independents of Logan and Custer counties elected Mr. Shrader representative reversing a g. o. p. majority 1,200. He was a prominent candidate for speaker of the house, and served as chairman of the most important committee, the judiciary. He probably did more to push independent measures through the legislature than any other man. He was a vigorous fighter and a tireless worker.

Mr. Shrader is one of the ablest debaters in the state, and will be a powerful campaigner.

**LOGAN MCREYNOLDS,**

our candidate for state auditor was born in Gibson county, Indiana, in 1847. His father was a farmer. In 1850 he moved to Menard county, Illinois, where he lived on a farm till nine years old when his father went into mercantile business. Young Logan spent the next ten years of his life in the store. In 1867 he went to Wilson county, Kansas, where he pre-empted a quarter section of raw land among the Osage Indians. Here he followed farming for twelve years. In 1886 he moved to his present home near Fairfield, Clay county, Nebraska, where he has followed the honorable, but unprofitable avocation of a working farmer.

Mr. McReynolds received a good