

**The Republicans Did Not Hear.**

The North Star Labor club of Minneapolis sent an address to the Republican convention containing these passages: "Capital is only the fruit of labor, and could never have existed if labor had not first existed. The policies of political parties since the war have contributed to a reversion of this natural order, by placing capital above labor in the structure of government, and, as a result, labor is greatly disadvantaged, and, to a deplorable extent, divorced from the means of gaining a livelihood. Therefore we declare that the primary object of good government, with the help of all good men in the nation, should be to restore the equilibrium which has been lost, and that there is immediate and pressing necessity for such restoration if the republic and our free institutions are to be preserved. As representatives of organized labor in this city, firmly believing that we express the mature views of our fellow-workers throughout the land, we declare that private ownership of the means of transportation and communication is a menace to the liberties of the people and incompatible with the preservation of a government by and for the people.

Experience has proven this to the satisfaction of citizens in every walk of life; evidence given before national and state legislatures justifies their conclusion, and government officials confess themselves powerless longer to preserve these conditions in which liberty, happiness and the general welfare are promoted. Heeding not the frivolous objections of ignorance, nor the abuse of conservatism, we declare that public interests and good government demands the national ownership of the means of transportation and communication, as well of all natural wealth, as coal, timber, iron, gold and silver, and the issuance by the government direct to

the people, without the intervention of private persons or institutions, of a medium of exchange adapted to the actual needs of the country. Every consideration of public safety points to the adoption of the policy here outlined as the true defense against the encroachments of capital upon the rights of the people, and the only one promising the final deliverance of the nation from abject dependence upon a privileged class.

"We, therefore, urge upon your convention the adoption of such a policy, and its incorporation in the platform, as evidencing to the nation that the Republican party of Abraham Lincoln—a party of the people."—New Nation.

**Badly Rattled.**

The demoralized remnant of the grand old party in Kansas is the worst rattled outfit now extant. They have not a single principle upon which to base a campaign. They would like to endorse prohibition but fear to offend the resubmissionists. They would like to say nothing upon the subject but fear to offend the prohibitionists. They have gone squarely back on their professions upon the silver question in 1890 and 1891. Reciprocity has been superseded by a re-affirmation of the doctrine of a high protective tariff by the Minneapolis convention. Nothing is left but the bloody shirt, and that is so badly tattered and torn that it will not stand the storms of the campaign. The ticket placed in the field by the People's party is absolutely unassailable. It commands the respect and confidence of honest men irrespective of party. On the other hand the men who are coming to the front in the Republican party are recognized tools of corporations and the very worst tricksters in the state. The poor old thing is in a bad way.—Topeka Advocate.

**WILL WE WIN?**

**Won't We Just—Come and Carry the People's Banner.**

Many people are trying to excuse their non-action for the People's party by saying we can't win in 1892. Yes, and if the men whose sentiment is with this cause continue to pander to popularity at the sacrifice of principle, we will never win, this nation will go down after its brief struggle, an inglorious failure. If men are to pander to the popular side with all its iniquities, turning their backs upon their own consciences, then we will never win. This reform movement requires nothing less than the spirit which prompted our fathers to rise up in arms to resist British domination. We certainly have more grounds for complaint. Will the great mass of American freemen lie inactive while the ravenous clutch of home and foreign monopoly is tightening about the throat of American liberty? asks the Toiler of Tennessee. Will the people feel the gradual encroachment upon their rights and not raise their voice in complaint for fear our plea will be refused? That is not the spirit of our fathers, it is not the determination which wins. Some say let us wait until '96. Why wait when we are convinced of what our country needs? Wait four years longer and watch the vast hoards of wealth accumulated on the one hand and see the ignorance, poverty, wretchedness and crime increase upon the other? Wait and see our people, the masses, gradually lowered in the scale of existence while a domineering aristocracy, not of blood, but of money, is gradually fastening its grasp upon our institutions? To wait four years may be dangerous. By the end of four years the iron bands of mortgage will hold fast many homes now free. You will be less able to educate your children, you will be driven nearer to

recklessness, and such is not the condition for American citizens. Let us strike now while we yet have the privilege. Four years more will mean four years spent in forging the chains of serfdom about a free people. Capital is alarmed, it is confused, so let us strike consternation in the ranks.

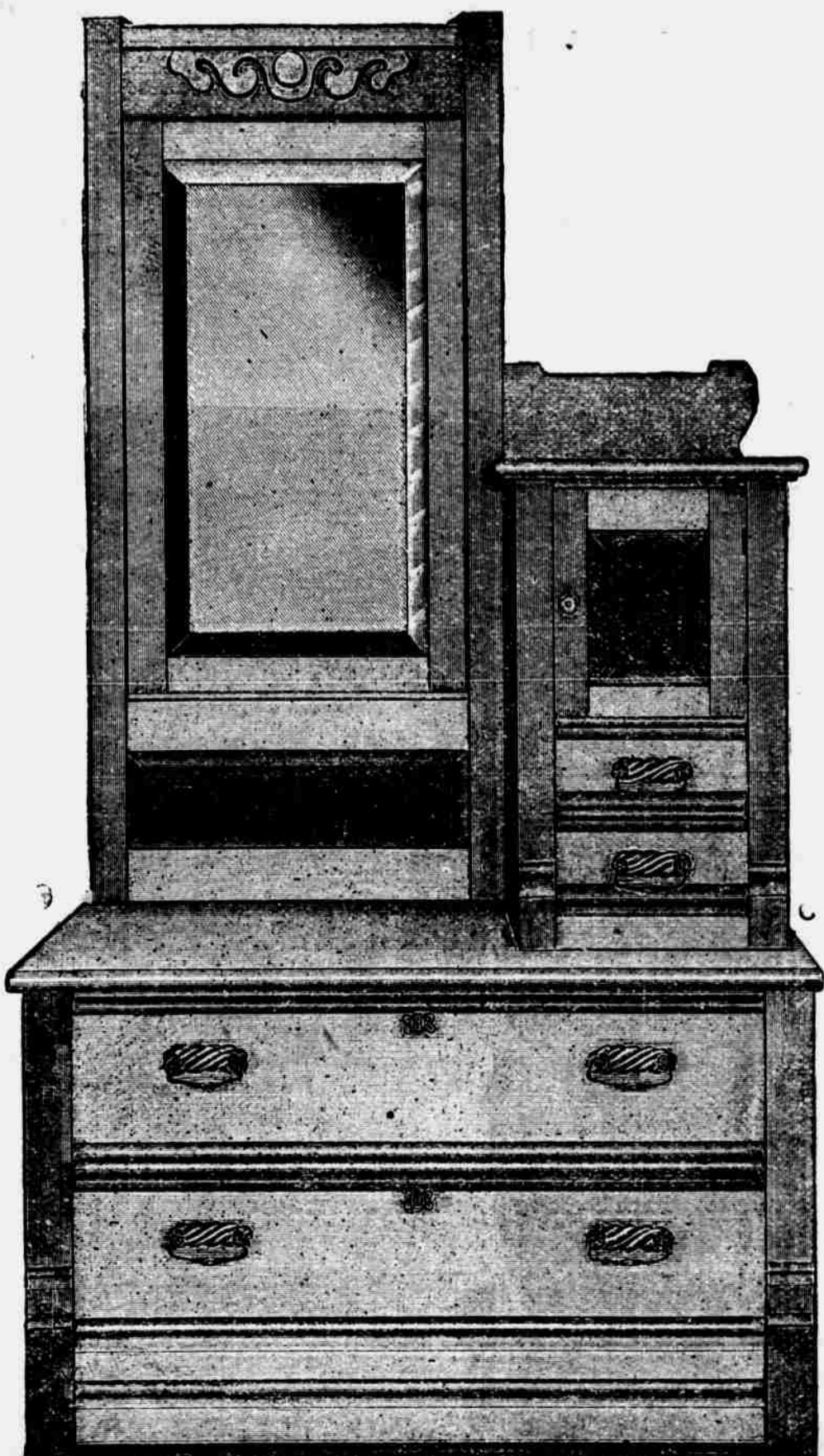
Can we win? We have all to win and nothing to lose by an effort; now will it be worth the effort to secure a balance of power in both houses of congress? This we can do if nothing more. Democrats and Republicans alike second the possibility of such success. About \$120,000,000 of our national debt falls due during the term of our next congressmen. Shall it be refunded by the issuance of long time bonds or shall it be paid off in treasury notes, full legal tenders in such denominations as will circulate performing the functions of money, thus increasing the currency? If the people fail to appreciate this point they are surely deaf to their own interest. A balance of power in either house of congress can thus stop an interest bearing bonded debt of \$120,000,000 and give the people that much addition in a circulating medium. Is that worth striking for? To accomplish this we must swing into line under the banner of the People's party.

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