

An Old Settler Speaks.

I am no writer, but a hard working farmer. I came here twenty-two years ago to make this country and now I am trying to save it from the grasp of plutocrats and shysters. They call us calamity howlers. I for one accept the title.

Calamity howlers threw over the tea in Bos'on harbor.

Calamity howlers drew up the Declaration of Independence in 1776.

Calamity howlers drew up the new Declaration of Independence in 1892.

I have always been a republican but I claim no credit for that. But I do claim the credit for having the manhood to cut loose from a party that has long since ceased to be a party of the people.

The old parties have sounded their bugle from year to year for their henchmen to fall in' o line and we have faithfully done their bidding.

They have drafted their annual platforms and therein have acknowledged that the farmers are a distressed class of people and have promised relief, but no relief came.

The farmers of Nebraska are tired of being deceived. They have organized a new party to protect themselves from the tyrannical hand of combined monopolies.

The independent party is the only party of the people, as was shown in the last legislature.

Any party that has deceived and betrayed its own members as the republican party has, and then asks them for further support, must think that they have lost all respect for themselves.

There is one thing I can not understand, and that is why people will allow themselves to be deceived and humbugged as they are in political matters. It seems to be as Barnum said, that the "American people love to be humbugged." We certainly have been the most humbugged people on earth. In fact we have been paying fat salaries to men for humbugging us.

Today we have a duty to perform. Will we do it like men and American citizens, or will we quietly sit by and see the country that our forefathers gave their lives to save from the tyrannical hand of Great Britain thrown in' o serfdom? What they failed to accomplish with arms they are accomplishing with money. To that end they sent to this country their trained spy with British gold who succeeded in saddling onto this country that cursed financial conspiracy whereby this country has been thrown hopelessly in debt. And the men that we have been paying exorbitant salaries have, instead of representing us, been misrepresenting us, and like Nero have been looking on and fiddling while Rome was burning.

They have contracted the volume of money far below the amount needed to do the business and have throttled every enterprise and put money at a higher premium than any legitimate business can pay.

There is no business from which you can estimate the prosperity of the country so well as properly conducted farming. Here in Nebraska, and especially in Fillmore county, we have as good a farming county as can be found. But what is the financial condition of the farmers? There is a mortgage debt of over \$700,000 hanging over the farms of this county, although it was only organized twenty-two years ago. Isn't that enough to set any sensible man thinking?

When we old settlers came to this country we would meet at each other's homes, sod houses or dugouts, and talk over our plans for the future. We were a happy set of people. To be sure we hadn't much wealth. But the spark of hope was in our hearts. We did not mind the many hardships that we endured. We were looking for

those old settlers have passed to the great beyond. A few remain. But we do not have those good old-time visits. Why? Because the situation has changed. Today we are in a grand scramble, and for what? Is it to amass a fortune? No. It is to save our homes, the most sacred place on earth.

Some one may say: "What are you kicking about? You helped put the men in office who made and executed your laws." Yes, we did. We have been the victims of misplaced confidence. The men that we have elected to fill our offices have not been men of the people but men that have been after the offices for the spoils. But I am happy to know that times have changed. Today we have a party of the people and for the people, and we have placed men on our ticket that I would stake my life that they will be true to their constituents.

As for the men on the other ticket, I will say that they must take the farmers to be a very charitable set, or a forgetful class of people. If any man wants to vote for the candidates on either of the old tickets, he has a right to, and I leave him to battle with his conscience. Yours for equal rights,

L. G. STEWART.

Sawyer, Neb., Aug. 30.

Senator Palmer is Right.

Senator Palmer's brave and patriotic speech some time ago, in behalf of the rights and equities of laboring men, has raised a storm in the Wall Street press. The senator takes the just and reasonable ground that a great manufacturing establishment which has grown up under protective and fostering laws is not entirely the private property of an individual or a corporation. That industry having been subsidized by the public, and the company's wealth having been created by labor, both the public and laboring men have rights and equities in the establishment. In the exercise of these rights, and for the protection of these equities, the national government has a right to exercise a supervisory control. It is the duty of the general government to see that in the operation of the enterprise there shall be created no dangerous rich men, nor a class of pauperized and suffering laboring men. And in case of dispute on the subject of wages or income from the joint efforts of employers and employed, the general government has the inalienable right to investigate and settle the dispute. This much is justly claimed by virtue of the tariff protection, or subsidy, granted by the general government.

In the case of the rich corporation at Homestead, Pa., that great wealth has been created by labor. The tariff laws are justified under the plea that they are enacted for the benefit of labor. Plainly, then, the corporation should share its wealth with the laboring men who have created it. Senator Palmer is right. And no man should hesitate to approve this unusual but patriotic position, though it may be uttered by a senator in one of the old parties. It is to be regretted, however, that a statesman with so correct a head and heart should still affiliate with and serve a party which is utterly oblivious of human rights. How can a senator, so correct in sentiment and speech, act with a party which entirely ignores the rights of man when in conflict with corporate greed? This is one of the enigmas of politics.—JOHN DAVIS, Washington, D. C.

Another Landslide.

Delegates to the St. Louis conference will remember the fair treatment we received at the hands of the St. Lou's Chronicle. It has recently hoisted the Weaver and Field ticket and will fight for the people's party. The Cincinnati Post has also flopped over, and the Detroit Evening News has joined the people's party. The Cleveland Press hoists the People's party ticket. These are all metropolitan papers and have a combined circulation of 160,000.—Winfield Free Press.

Get your old party neighbors

McKEIGHAN MARCHING ON.

He is Endorsed by the Democrats. Debates with Andrews.

The First of September witnessed the endorsement of Congressman McKeighan by the democrats of his district. The congressional convention was held at Red Cloud and an element in it desired to nominate a democrat and presented the name of James Ray of Phelps county. A ballot being taken gave Ray 28 votes and McKeighan 57, where upon McKeighan was declared the nominee. He was not present and the independents manifested no interest in the convention as they have all along felt confident of their ability to elect Mr. McKeighan whether the democrats endorsed him or not. Men who understand the situation are all confident that McKeighan will be re-elected by an overwhelming majority.

Arrangements have been perfected for joint debates in the district. The first meeting will be at Hastings at 8 o'clock p. m., September 22, second, Sutton, 2 o'clock p. m., September 27; third, McCook, 8 o'clock p. m., September 29; fourth, Grant, 2 o'clock p. m., October 4; fifth, Minden, 8 o'clock p. m., October 6; sixth, Nelson, 2 o'clock p. m., October 11; seventh, Grand Island, 8 o'clock p. m., October 13; eighth, Holdrege, 2 o'clock p. m., October 18; ninth, Red Cloud, 2 o'clock p. m., October 20; Prof. W. E. Andrews to open and close the following meetings: Hastings, McCook, Minden, Grand Island and Red Cloud; Hon. W. A. McKeighan to have the opening and closing at the other places named, Sutton, Grant, Nelson and Holdrege.

They Can all Unite on Weaver.


General Weaver has almost sacrificed his life service to the cause of freedom from Shylock's oppression and in him the inhabitants of the Pacific coast, the dwellers of the turbulent shores of the Atlantic, the cotton growers of the south, and the farmers and laborers of the north and west can all unite and no cry of having nominated a republican or democrat can be charged up to the Omaha convention. General Weaver has been so long separated from partisan politics as to leave the whole political field for the discussion of the principles of the platforms, and while the old party press will hurl at him the shafts of ridicule, they will fall harmless to the ground.


By his nomination the issues for which the three candidates will stand will be the issues of the campaign. No cry of bloody shirt will deter the north from voting for Weaver, no cry of force bill will scare the southern men into submission to the democratic bosses of the south.—Wallace Herald.

A Cheering Response.

MR. EDITOR:—I see in your paper a call for volunteer service in distributing people's party literature. You say you would like to send out literature for distribution by any one who has the cause at heart. I am a subscriber to your paper, and am just as much interested in this war as I was in the war to free the black slaves in '61, in which war I served for over three years. I always voted the republican ticket. I used to study on how it could be that the millionaires were getting to the front while we poor farmers were going on the down grade financially all the time, and was mightily tempted at one time to vote the greenback ticket. But the g. o. p. cry to "vote as you shot," which was sung at that time, influenced my ballot then as it did many others. But the people are waking up to see the error of their ways, and I am happy to say that the most of the old soldiers now living are on the right side of the question, and are with us of the people's party.

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