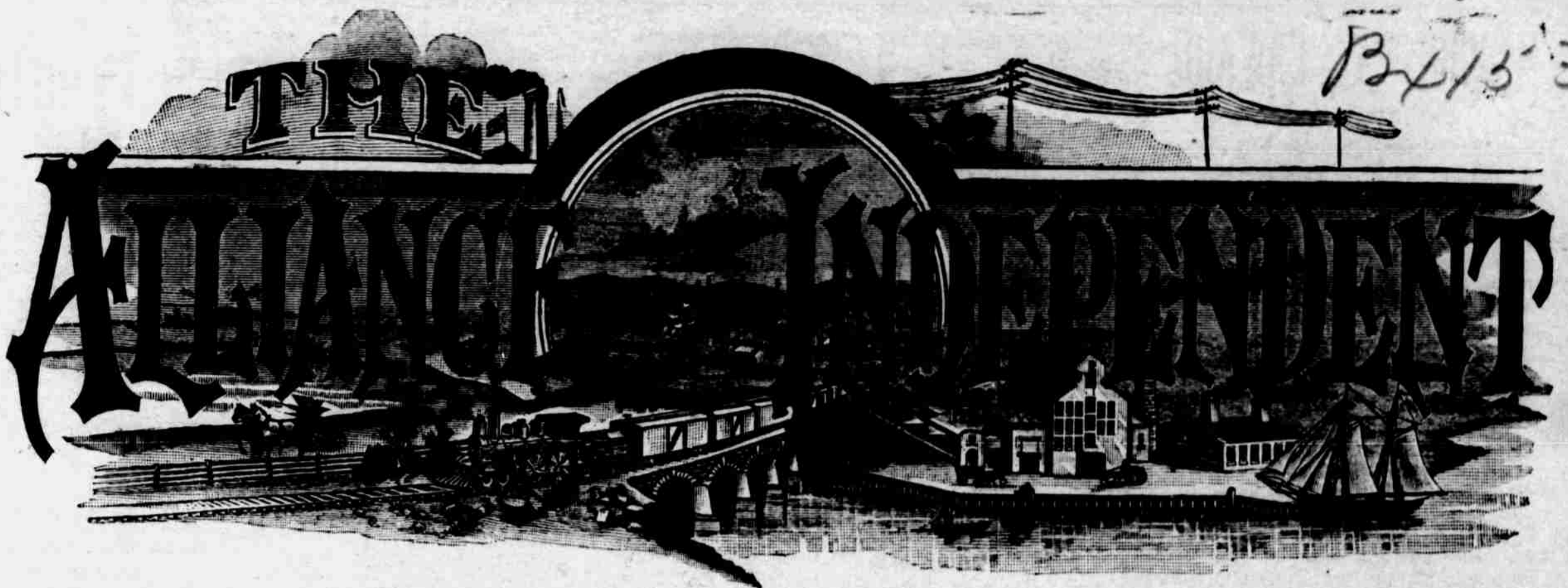


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## WEAVER AND FIELD.

**They Accept the Nomination—A Rousing Bugle Blast From the Front of the Fight in Dixie.**

### ELECTION FRAUDS IN THE SOUTH.

**A Sturring Appeal to the Toiling Masses to Unite in the Struggle for Home and Freedom.**

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Sept. 16.

Address of General James B. Weaver and General J. G. Field, issued to the people of the United States:

Having been nominated respectively for the offices of president and vice president of the United States by the national convention of the people's party, which assembled at Omaha, Neb., July 4, 1882, we take this method of formally notifying the public of our acceptance of the nominations tendered and of our high appreciation of the honor conferred upon us by the action of the convention. We are heartily in accord with the platform and principles adopted by said convention and if elected will endeavor to the utmost of our ability to faithfully carry out said demands in letter and in spirit.

#### IN FIFTEEN STATES.

We have been requested by the national committee to visit the various states of the union so far as it should be within our power and to address the people upon the political situation and the issues presented in the platform. We are now in the discharge of that duty, having already, one or both of us, visited fifteen states in the north-west and south, and, if health and strength are spared, we intend to continue the work until the campaign is closed. We have been received by the great body of people with marked cordiality. The enthusiasm manifested everywhere is simply without a parallel and extends to every part of the union thus far visited.

#### SOME PLAIN LANGUAGE.

By contact with the people, we have become acquainted with their wants, their sufferings, and have been brought face to face with the manifold perils which so seriously threaten our civilization and the overthrow of popular government. We wish to express our judgment freely and without reserve in order that we may stand acquitted before our fellow men and our own consciences touching the whole matter. The people are in poverty, their substance is being devoured by heartless monopolies, trusts, pools and money

sharks. Labor is largely unemployed and where work is obtainable the wages paid are for the most part unremunerative and the products of labor not paying the cost of production. This is a matter of serious concern to the whole people.

#### RECREANT OLD PARTY LEADERS.

The leaders of the heretofore dominant parties are everywhere controlled by the great monopoly and money centers and manifest utter disregard for the wants and wishes of the plain people. These parties are hostile camps arrayed on sectional lines and represent the bitterness and cruelties of the past every four years, discussing the issues of the late war, which should long since have been allowed to pass from the political discussion of the day. Notwithstanding the bitterness existing between the old parties, they vie with each other in their subserviency to capitalistic and corporate greed. They are incapable of dealing sincerely with the vast problems evolved by the growth of the past quarter of the century the great economic questions of the age.

#### THEIR POLITICAL SHAM BATTLE.

They are practically in purpose differing just enough to enable them to carry on a sham battle, while the work of robbery and spoliation proceeds unabated. In the meantime farmers and planters north and south and the wage-earners everywhere are proscribed, maltreated, denied the right of organization in defense of themselves and families, brought into competition with convict labor and in many instances shot down by hired mercenaries acting under the orders of arrogant corporations which have unblushingly usurped the functions of government and presume to act in its stead.

#### SUBSIDIZED CORPORATION PRESS.

The corporations dominate the daily press and control the lines of daily communication with the people.

We hold that the right of free ballot and a fair count are rights preservative of all rights and upon their inviolability rests the perpetuity of free institutions and representative government.

#### IN THE SOUTH.

We are pained to discover in the public mind of the southern states through which we have passed a widespread loss of confidence on the part of the people in the integrity of the judges of election in receiving the ballots of the people and counting them for the candidates of their choice. We think this evil, to the extent that it exists, must be corrected by the intelligence and integrity of the people of the country, otherwise scenes of violence and perhaps bloodshed may follow efforts of parties in charge of the ballot boxes to defraud the will of the voter. They will lead to serious collision, if not bloodshed.

#### SOUTHERN WHITE MEN POPULISTS.

After consultation with the people, we believe it to be true beyond reasonable question that the majority of the white voters are with the people's party in every southern state thus far vis-

ited, and our information leads us to believe the same thing is true in the other states also. The white people are leaving the old parties and are casting in their lot with us, and our numbers are constantly increasing.

We are informed by a large number of intelligent and reputable people that in the recent state election in Alabama Kolb was chosen governor by over 40,000 majority and yet his opponent was counted in by a majority of over 10,000. County tickets throughout the state were counted out and others counted in by the same unblushing methods.

#### WHOLESALE ARKANSAS FRAUDS.

We are further informed that in the state election which occurred in Arkansas on the 5th inst., that at least 50,000 of the qualified voters of the said state were deprived of their right of suffrage, and that the returns are utterly inaccurate, that at said election the people's party, though polling a very large vote in the state, were denied representation in the appointment of judges and commissioners by whom the said election was conducted. In consequence of these methods, the will of the legally authorized voters of the state has been defeated.

#### NO HONEST COUNT.

The only thing that our friends in that state have to guide them is the few counties where they were able to force an honest count. In every one of these counties our vote ran fully up to expectations. In Washington, White, Independence, Clark, Nevada, Crawford, Sebastian, Scott, populous white counties, the people's party polled an immense vote, their ticket leading the republican largely and was about equal with the democratic. We believe that a fair count would have shown similar conditions throughout the state. These frauds and irregularities in elections in the two states referred to, though local, are yet matters worthy of the consideration of the people of the whole United States.

#### STAND UP FOR THE SOUTH.

This deplorable condition of affairs can't be remedied from without. The solution must come from the people within the states supported by a bolting public sentiment everywhere, and we believe it to be the duty of all the people without regard to section, to stand by the voters in the south, who have risen up and demand good government and honest elections. After an experiment of many years it is apparent that neither the republican party nor the democratic party can or will accomplish the much desired end to-wit: The restoration of the ballot to a fair and honest basis in the states of the union.

#### OLD PARTIES CORRUPT.

The People's party alone can secure the desired end. It is free from all sectional bitterness. If the people of the whole country, who desire honest elections and the repeal of class laws, will rally to the support of this great industrial movement and place the

#### SPECIAL NOTICE.

From now till after election many persons who are not regular subscribers of the ALLIANCE-INDEPENDENT will receive it through the kindness of friends. Such persons need have no hesitancy about taking the paper from the office as in no case will they have to pay for it.

#### A GREAT OFFER.

In order to get this paper into the hands of thousands of doubtful voters we make the following offer:

*We will send the ALLIANCE-INDEPENDENT in clubs of ten or more from now till after election for 10 cents.*

This offer is especially intended for committees and individuals who wish to help the cause of political education by putting the paper in the hands of doubtful voters.

This offer should be taken advantage of at once in all parts of the state. Every issue from this on will be a regular broadside of campaign shot and shell.

Our offer of three months for 25 cents will also remain in force for a month longer.

#### The G. A. R. Reunion.

The great G. A. R. reunion is now in progress at Washington City. It is a great gathering, and the ceremonies are on a large scale.

#### At Sutton.

On Sept. 11 about 1,000 enthusiastic independents gathered at Sutton to hear Ex-congressman Gillett of Iowa. He made them a rousing speech on the money question. Speaker Elder and Richard Dobson followed in speeches on state issues.

#### At Denton.

There was a four-cornered political discussion at Denton, Lancaster county, last Thursday. Albert Watkins spoke first for the democrats and distinguished himself by occupying half the afternoon. Mr. Maxwell spoke for the prohibs, and Col. Bushnell for the republicans. When Mr. Romine got up to close for the independents, Watkins and Bushnell stole away to escape their punishment. But that didn't prevent Romine from pounding their arguments into the earth.

Special rates given members of the People's party at the Jennings hotel, Omaha, Neb., Ninth and Harney Sts.