

capital. If they stand firm, and show themselves to be men, other classes will rally to the rescue. If they fail, all is lost.

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The eyes of the civilized world are fixed on the organized American farmers today. The eyes of organized wealth and greed are ablaze with scorn and hate. The eyes of the toiling masses are lighted with a rising hope. If the organized farmers stand the test, they will go down in history as the pioneer movers in the greatest political revolution of the ages. If they falter, and fail, they will become the laughing stock of the world.

□ A REPUBLICAN PREDICAMENT.

Regarding the campaign for the governorship, the republicans have been in a curious predicament. There is no man so hated or so feared by the machine politicians of Nebraska as Gen. Van Wyck. Because they feared him they sought to prevent his nomination. To do this, they could not openly oppose him in the organs of their own party for that would have reacted in the General's favor. So they employed the greatest and most contemptible villain that ever edited a newspaper in the state to fight Gen. Van Wyck under cover of an assumed loyalty to the independent party.

The nature as well as the outcome of that fight is too well known to need comment. But it produced one curious result that perhaps the republicans themselves did not foresee: They exhausted their mud-magazine before the campaign began. All that choice supply of mud collected and used by the State Journal several years ago had been fired over again through Holden's mud-gun to prevent the General's nomination. Then the republicans found themselves in a predicament. In the first place Holden's campaign of slander and vituperation had produced an effect exactly contrary to what his employers expected, and this made the republicans very dubious about taking up the same course in the campaign. In the second place for them to use the same mud again would prove conclusively that they backed Holden in his fight to prevent the General's nomination. In the third place, the mud, under Holden's manipulation, had become so slimy, that even a half-way respectable republican paper could not risk its reputation by handling the stuff.

The republican managers were very much non-plussed, and up to this time they have not reached a satisfactory solution of the difficulty. The only thing they seem to have determined on is to keep Holden in the field firing weekly discharges of the same slime, in the hope that he may turn a few votes in each county from General Van Wyck.

"They digged a pit and they have fallen therein." It is not our business to help them out; but it is amusing to contemplate their discomfiture.

WEAVER and Field are in this canvass the sole champions of the people against the dangerous aggressions of money and privilege. They stand for the interests of the farmer, the artisan, the miner and laborer. A vote for them is the sole present means of filing a protest against a form of corporate rapacity that was unknown to the founders of our republic, and to check which is the most pressing duty of the citizen and patriot. We have reached a crisis when partisan sentiment and considerations must yield to the necessity of self-preservation.—Denver News.

PUGILISM AND POLITICS.

The recent prize fight at New Orleans will serve as an excellent illustration of the political situation of today. Sullivan is a good representative of the republican party. For years he has knocked out all opponents. With new victories came recklessness. He became drunken and brutal. Helpless women and crippled men were not spared by him. He became the bully of the nation, arrogant and impudent. He knew no rights of other men which he was bound to respect. He was for Sullivan first and other people never. Kilra'n and Ryan, fairly representative of the democratic party, proved no match for this man who seemed to be invincible. Corbett may be taken to represent the independent party. Without fame he stepped into the ring to fight the bulldozer. Sullivan had violated every law of nature. Corbett had respected his health and body as a trust given him by his Creator. He neither smoked nor drank. He was willing to face the big man in the ring confident that the best man would win. They did meet and the best man won. It was a surprise to Sullivan, and a surprise to the world, but it demonstrated that the man who takes advantage of his power to impose upon the weak and helpless, to violate the laws of God, and to trample upon the rules of man—it demonstrated that in the course of time such a man is certain to meet an avenger.

Adopting a vulgar phrase the republican party has been drunk for many a year. It has imposed upon the weak and helpless. The democratic party, burdened with faults and weaknesses of its own, is unable to cope with this political giant. But the independent party, which goes to bed regularly at night, and does not have to take a cocktail to steady its nerves in the morning, the independent party young and vigorous in organization, healthy sincere in purpose, and determined to fight is in the ring. There can be but one result. Before the well aimed blows of the youth the old decrepit and corrupt combatant must go down. The fact that others have failed in their contests with this creature is no criterion.

In his own good time God has raised up a party which will avenge the sufferings and wrongs inflicted upon the helpless by a powerful political organization.

"The mills of the gods grind slowly but they grind exceedingly small. With patience he stands waiting, with exactness grinds he all."

THE report published in several papers to the effect that the republicans of Texas have endorsed the people's ticket is not true. The democrats are split wide open and have two tickets in the field. The republicans endorsed one of these tickets, that headed by Clark, an anti-silver democrat. This gives the people's ticket all the chances for a sweeping victory.

Literary Note.

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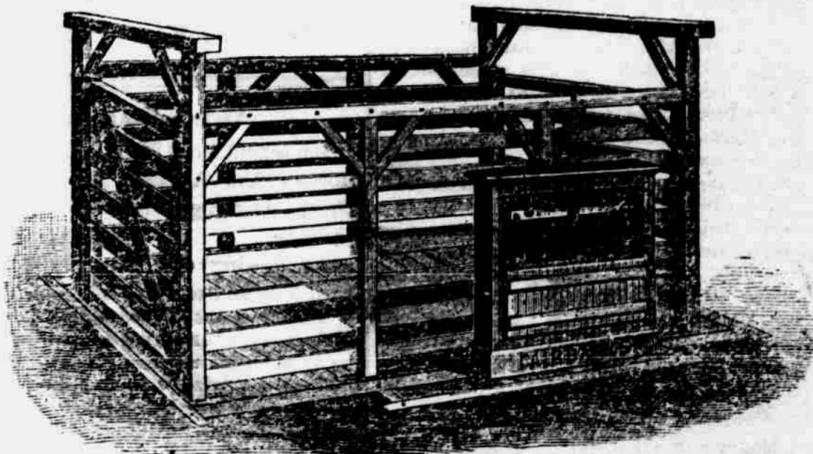
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