

CAMPAIGN MEETINGS.

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GREAT CROWDS AND ENTHUSIASM.

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Rallies.

An Immense Rally.

York county independents again did themselves proud on Saturday Oct. 8th. In fact they had one of the greatest political demonstrations ever held in the state. Although York has been cut off from McKeighan's district he has a host of friends there who were glad of the opportunity to show their loyalty to him and listen to his burning eloquence.

The crowd present is variously estimated at from five to ten thousand. The procession was two miles long. Dozens of flags were waving and not less than fifty banners bearing all sorts of inscriptions were held aloft by enthusiastic populists.

The speaking was in the court house square. The exercises were opened by Prof. Howard's singing "We have the tariff yet." Then McKeighan was introduced and was received with a mighty shout by the assembled multitude. His speech was just such a clear, able and eloquent exposition of principles as he alone can give, and he was greeted with round after round of applause.

Then came the matchless orator, W. L. Greene, and his speech on the issues, and especially the money question, was the most masterly ever delivered in York county.

In the evening Hon. C. D. Shrader spoke to an audience which packed the court house almost to suffocation. He convinced the people that instead of being an anarchist he is a gentleman, a scholar and a patriotic man.

York county is on fire with enthusiasm. Many men who voted for the old parties two years ago are in line for the entire people's ticket.

Crouse and Van Wyck.

After the debate in Lincoln, September 29, the republican state committee was guilty of some performances that may safely be set down as very small.

First, it was reported that Crouse had a sore eye, and must be confined to a dark room for many days. Then Cady, without any consultation with the independent state committee, went to Columbus to see Van Wyck, and actually took Crouse's place in the debate.

By false representations he then made Van Wyck believe that Crouse was too sick to continue the discussions, and Van Wyck telegraphed Chairman Blake to call off the debate advertised for October 4, at York. Cady then returned to Lincoln but never had any consultation with the independent committee.

Mr. Blake decided to go ahead and fill his half of the contract between the committees. He therefore did not call off any of the meetings. On the evening of October 3, Chairman Blake and General Van Wyck took the train for York. Here they found Ike Lansing of Lincoln sneaking out to York to steal the meeting. When General Van Wyck arrived in York, the telegraph and telephone wires soon became red

hot between York and Lincoln, and the next day Mr. Crouse was on hand looking as well as ever.

As for Ike Lansing, he started back to Lincoln early the next morning his parting words being: "Boys, don't forget to start the yarn that I came down here on a little business."

As for the debate, Van Wyck won another great victory. Crouse made about as many bad breaks as ever.

On Saturday the 8th, they met again at Kearney. There was an immense crowd present. The speaking was in the school house yard. Van Wyck was at his best and made hosts of friends, while Crouse destroyed whatever sympathy there had been for him by his insulting and abusive language.

Greene in Fillmore.

GENEVA, Neb., Oct. 11, 1892.

EDITOR ALLIANCE-INDEPENDENT:

W. L. Greene, of Buffalo county, delivered an unanswerable argument at this place on October 10. For two and a half hours his audience listened and cheered and was increased in size as he continued to drive the shots home into the republican listeners. Mr. Greene made a host of friends and made votes by his able address. The republicans looked, at the close of his speech, as though it was the 9th of November and they had been buried beneath an avalanche of independent votes. Keep the ball rolling and Van will not only be our next governor, but we will elect every state officer, every congressman and a United States senator. The republicans have sent for J. M. Thurston to counteract the effects of Mr. Greene's speech. The speaker showed that Nebraska railroads were earning nearly four times as much per mile as Iowa roads. Where Mr. Greene makes his speeches you can count on an independent victory. C. R. R.

Dech and Hainer.

The joint debate between Dech and Hainer is progressing to the entire satisfaction of the independents. They met at Beatrice on Friday afternoon, the audience being rather small. Dech made an excellent showing. The same evening they debated again at Wymore. The crowd was large and enthusiastic. Dech won a signal victory. On Saturday they debated at Wahoo, in Dech's own county, to an audience of some 1,200. On Monday they met at Aurora Hainer's county. Here again they had a large crowd, and Dech showed his superior ability as a debater. On Tuesday they debated at York to a fair audience.

Mr. Hainer depends chiefly on ridicule and authority. He ridicules especially the ideas of the people's party regarding money. He claims that there is no such thing as paper money, that the greenbacks were not money but a debt, that there has been no contraction of the currency, etc. To prove these things he quotes Secretary Foster. In reply Dech expounds the money question from a philosophic standpoint, refers to the legal tender acts by which the greenbacks were declared "lawful money," refers to the reports of the secretaries of the treasury during and after the war, and to the legal tender decision of the U. S. supreme court which declared the greenbacks to be money.

At Wahoo Mr. Dech surprised Hainer by quoting from a speech of Geo. W. E. Dorsey delivered in the last congress. Mr. Dorsey was chairman of the committee on banking and currency in the house, and hence was certainly competent to speak. Mr. Dorsey gives the amount of money in circulation in 1865 as \$52 per capita "according to the best authorities."

Although Mr. Hainer is one of the best debaters his party can furnish, Dech is nevertheless master of the situation.

Watson Nominated.

The float convention for Otoe and Cass met at Weeping Water, the 8th, nominated John C. Watson for representative. The independents expect to take his scalp in November.

McKeighan and Andrews at Minden.

The fifth McKeighan and Andrews debate at Minden, October 6th, was probably the most exciting political meeting in the history of the county.

Andrews' chairman, McPheeley, for years attorney for the B. & M., insulted the people's party by questioning their loyalty and had the insult hurled back by Chairman Phillips and also by McKeighan who are both old veterans while neither McPheeley or Andrews ever smelt powder. On the contrary they are both using every effort to advance the interests of alien corporations at the expense of the American farmer.

Some of the people pulled their coats and rushed to the platform and had not McPheeley stopped instantly and sat down he would have felt the weight of a righteous indignation.

He afterwards attempted to apologize but was told to shut up and had to do it.

Minden is his home and he is liable to find it a warm one for some time to come.

Andrews' speech was composed of personal insults and lies made from whole cloth that everyone in the audience knew to be such. He showed not the slightest semblance of regard for truth or decency. He seems not to wish for the farmer vote as the only thing he promised to do for them was to vote to keep the tax on sugar, tin, earthenware, etc., and for reciprocity to follow out the policy of the great Blaine. When they asked him any questions as to how he would try to benefit them, he insulted them, and McPheeley told them they were not allowed to ask questions.

Among other insulting remarks to the farmer, he said there was an odor coming from the farmers and their wives on the platform that was very offensive to him and he turned up his long nose and sniffed contemptuously in that direction.

McKeighan had said much of the pottery made in this country had a poor enamel and was checked or cracked. Andrews claimed it was not, and cited as proof that McKeighan's face was cracked and checked. This made the people fairly boil; one old soldier yelled "he got those marks in the army," and the little puppy after heaping other insults on McKeighan, had the cheek to declare he never insulted an old soldier in his life; he always had great love and respect for them! Time and again he misquoted McKeighan's words and sentiments right in the face of the crowd before whom the statements were made not half hour before.

McPheeley had three trains full of embryo Pinkertons imported many of whom were full of whisky so they did not have sense enough not to disturb their own man. Their instructions were to make a noise and they were bound to earn their money. Some of them swaggered around and with oaths declared they would knock down any man with a McKeighan badge but they gave that up. They had torch lights and new uniforms bought with our wheat crop, and taunted the people's party with not being able to have such things. Those with badges of the Hastings republican club went into a lunch room run by the ladies of the G. A. R. circle and overthrew their tables went on into the kitchen and helped themselves to everything in sight frightening some of the ladies badly.

They do not seem to love the soldier's wife as much as the soldier's vote. But it would require two newspapers to give any kind of a report of the debate, this is enough to show you the political pot is boiling in Kearney county.

Yours for Liberty,
MRS. J. T. KELLIE.

A German Speaker.

Uncle George Roos of Kearney, an eloquent German speaker has been engaged to do work in this county next week. He is a good one. Arrangements should be made for him to speak in every German neighborhood.

The prospects for the Lincoln Normal University grow brighter every hour. The electric street car, which now runs to the campus, brings students by the score. Profs. Saylor, Shelton, Lewis and other members of the faculty are busy classifying students, and classes were organized this morning, with an enrollment which surprises every one interested in the institution. Students are more than delighted with the handsome new building and elegant furniture. Work has begun in earnest and every one is interested in the future of this great institution.

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