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People's Independent State Convention.

The people's independent electors of the state of Nebraska are requested to elect and send delegates from their several counties to meet in convention at the city of Lincoln, Tuesday, September 5, 1893, at 2 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of nominating the following state officers, viz: Candidate for judge of the supreme court; three regents of the state university, and transact such other business as may come before the convention.

The basis of representation will be one delegate for every one hundred votes or major fraction thereof cast in 1892 for the people's independent candidate for governor and two delegates-at-large from each county, which gives the following votes by counties:

Adams	11	Johnson	9
Arapahoe	11	Kearney	11
Barnes	4	Keya Paha	5
Bayne	5	Kiehl	3
Bacon	11	Kimbball	3
Boyd	5	Knox	9
Box Butte	7	Lancaster	34
Brown	5	Lincoln	18
Burt	3	McCook	3
Burt	14	Lomp	10
Cass	10	Madison	10
Cedar	11	Merrick	9
Chase	8	McPherson	3
Cheyenne	6	Nance	19
Cherry	8	Nemaha	5
Clay	10	Nuckolls	19
Custer	8	Otoe	19
Dakota	8	Perrine	8
Dawes	5	Perkins	6
Dawson	12	Pierce	6
Deuel	12	Phelps	12
Dodge	12	Platte	12
Douglas	9	Polk	18
Dundy	6	Randall	15
Fillmore	10	Red Willow	15
Franklin	11	Rutherford	15
Frontier	12	Rock	4
Fulton	12	Saline	12
Gage	12	Sarpy	6
Garfield	4	Saunders	20
Geiser	4	Scotts Bluff	4
Grant	5	Seward	15
Greely	3	Shelby	8
Hall	11	Sioux	4
Harrison	10	Stanton	5
Harlan	10	Thayer	11
Hayes	8	Thomas	3
Hitchcock	12	Thurston	3
Hoover	4	Taylor	8
Holt	12	Washington	8
Howard	10	Wayne	8
Jefferson	10	Webster	12
Total	10	Wheeler	4

We would recommend that no proxies be allowed, but that the delegates present cast the full vote to which the county is entitled.

C. H. PIRIE, G. W. BLAKE,
Secretary, Chairman.

READ.

READ reform books.

READ your independent state paper.

READ your independent local paper.

READ up on the money question.

IN another column our old friend, Geo. Lynn of Hastings, sets his views on the supreme judgeship in a forcible manner.

MONEY is said to be the root of all evil. Yet strange to say the less money we have in circulation the more evil of every kind prevails.

On an inside page will be found a verbatim report of an excellent speech delivered by D. Clem Deaver of Omaha on the situation from a labor standpoint.

THE Sherman law will not be repealed without the substitution of something more favorable to silver. There are enough free silver senators to insure that.

WE welcome to our exchange list the Gazette published at West Union, Custer county, by Judd Woods formerly of the Atkinson Enterprise. Bro. Woods is an energetic newspaper man, and we wish him success.

MAKING PROGRESS.

The committee appointed to raise the sum of \$2,500 for the reorganization of this company reports the work advancing slowly but surely to a successful termination. But there is still more than \$1,000 to raise. This ought to be raised in the next ten days, and we hope it will be. Come on friends. This is a golden opportunity to show your real devotion to our cause.

THE STATE CONVENTION.

The fourth state convention of the people's independent party of Nebraska has been called to meet in Lincoln September 5. In matters of date, place and representation the committee endeavored to strike an average of the opinions and desires of the people of the state as the last two conventions having been held at Hastings and Kearney, they thought it nothing more than fair that Lincoln, with her superior facilities for entertainment, should have the present convention.

The committee selected as a basis of representation the vote cast for governor last November. In order to offset any advantage the counties of Douglas and Lancaster might gain by this, every county was allowed two delegates-at-large—a decided advantage for the counties casting a smaller vote. In selecting a date the committee aimed to avoid extremes, also to act independently of anything either old party might do.

Although this is an off year, the convention ought to be one of the greatest ever held by the party in Nebraska. The time is certainly ripe for a grand revival of interest and enthusiasm. The convention will meet under most favorable conditions. The party need no longer confine itself to claims and predictions. We can point to the terrible conditions which surround us as ample justification for every claim and prediction heretofore made. Stern facts are doing for the new party what arguments and appeals failed to do, namely, opening the eyes of thousands who were blind with party prejudice. Thousands of men who have only treated former independent conventions as objects of scorn and ridicule, will look to this one with respectful interest. Our party is now recognized as the only organized force that is able and ready to lead the people through the wilderness of hard times to the promised land of prosperity.

The people's party of Nebraska now has the grandest opportunity of its life. Both old parties are thoroughly demoralized. Neither can go before the people and show cause why it deserves further support. The past records and present attitude of both ought to damn them in the minds of intelligent patriotic voters.

The people's party alone can appeal to patriotism and intelligence. Its record alone inspires confidence in its future. Every populist in Nebraska should rise to a level with the needs of the hour, and, shaking off all lethargy, renewing his devotion to the cause, do his whole duty. If all do this, only one result can follow: a complete and overwhelming populist victory in Nebraska.

RALLIES AT LINCOLN.

A very successful series of populist rallies has been in progress for more than a week in the populist tent, at the corner of Tenth and M streets, back of the alliance building. The tent will seat about 400 people. The series of meetings began on the evening of Tuesday, July 25. Judge Bush of Batare made the dedication speech, discussing silver mainly, and Capt. Ashby followed with an eloquent populist speech.

On Wednesday evening Judge Stark of Aurora was present and delivered an address which, for soundness of logic and convincing power, would be hard to excel. Judge Bates of York was present and made a few remarks.

On Friday evening Judge Ragan of Hastings made an address that exactly caught the crowd. His arguments were strong and his illustrations well chosen. Like his predecessors, he confined himself mainly to the money question.

On Saturday Tom Patterson of Denver was expected to be present. But he failed to show up. The tent was crowded both afternoon and evening. The principal speeches were made by J. V. Wolfe, W. F. Wright and Col. L. C. Pace.

The following resolutions were adopted with an enthusiasm that showed the crowd was in earnest:

Anniversary Resolutions.

Whereas, Today is the third anniversary of the birth of the people's party of Nebraska; and

Whereas, We believe this party was called into existence by a great necessity, namely, to reform our false and unjust financial system, to wrest from corporations the power to levy unjust tribute on the productive interests of our nation; to free labor from the tyranny of organized capital, and to restore to the people that liberty and equality before the law to which they have an inalienable right; and

Whereas, This party has, during the past three years, wrought wonderful changes in the political world, and brought to the front for settlement the great vital issues on the settlement of which the future welfare of the country depends; and

Whereas, The laboring masses of the world are looking to the free and intelligent voters of America to lead in solving the great problems now before the civilized world; and

Whereas, We believe the people's party is the only organized force that can push these issues to a prompt and correct settlement; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we reaffirm our faith in the principles of our party as expressed in the Omaha platform, and renew our allegiance to the party;

Resolved, That we earnestly invite and urge all men who believe in the brotherhood of man, liberty, justice and equality, and who desire to see the abuses and evils which have grown up

in our country removed, and happiness and prosperity restored to our people, to join our ranks and assist us in the great work we have undertaken.

Silver Resolutions.

Whereas, This country is now suffering from a disastrous panic which is wrecking our financial, manufacturing and commercial institutions; which is throwing hundreds of thousands of laboring men out of employment; and which will make millions of our people destitute and homeless; and

Whereas, We believe the present situation is the inevitable result of the vicious financial legislation of the past twenty-five years; and

Whereas, We believe the present panic was immediately produced by the moneyed men of the east and of England with a view to forcing the government to issue bonds and congress to repeal the Sherman law; and

Whereas, We believe congress has now been called to meet in extra session to carry out the dictates of the money power; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we emphatically protest against the repeal of the Sherman law unless a law more favorable to silver should be enacted in its stead;

Resolved, That we demand the restoration of silver to the place it occupied in our currency prior to 1873.

Resolved, That we especially protest against any compromise by which it is proposed to change the ratio of coinage between silver and gold, and declare ourselves as unalterably in favor of the present ratio of 16 to 1:

Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be sent to each member of congress from Nebraska and to the national bi-metallic convention which meets in Chicago August 1.

This week the meetings are still in progress. On Monday evening J. H. Craddock was the principal speaker. On Tuesday night the editor of THE ALLIANCE-INDEPENDENT and F. L. Leighton spoke. There will be meetings every night this week.

OUR POSITION.

An alliance man of the harmony-at-any-price variety rushed into this office a few days since with the charge that this paper has advised alliances not to send dues to the state alliance.

Proof of the charge being demanded, and a file of the paper put in his hands, he failed to substantiate it.

Now in order to set this matter forever at rest, we wish to say that this paper never has advised alliances not to send in dues and never will. We are not trying to lead any revolt against the constituted authority of the order. We propose to do our duty, no matter what others do. By making public its unrighteous verdict in the late investigation, the executive committee forced us to publish a true statement of the matter. But we have no intention or desire to carry on a fight.

Miss Buckman has been appointed secretary-treasurer. We believe she will fill the office to the best of her ability. We don't intend to lay a straw in her way. On the contrary we will give her such encouragement and assistance as we can.

Now we hope this will set everybody right as to our position, and that we will not have to refer to this matter again.

SOME OBJECTS.

An object of sympathy: An honest democrat who has voted his ticket straight for thirty years firmly believing that his party would undo all the wrongs perpetrated by the republican party if it only had "a chance."

An object of scorn: A democrat who will sacrifice the principles he has fought for so long in order to stand with a gold-bug president.

An object of ridicule: A republican who says that the only means of relief for the people is to return his party to power.

An object of respect: An old party man who will boldly denounce the policy of his party and openly fight against its evil tendencies.

An object of admiration: A pioneer reformer who saw the drift of things years ago, and has fought for reform ever since in spite of all the ridicule, slander and abuse that could be heaped upon him.

OUR PREMIUMS.

Last spring we offered a list of premiums to club raisers. The results were not very satisfactory, all the clubs sent in being small. Part of the premiums have been awarded, and all the rest will be in the near future, with one exception: the wind mill and feed grinder. That part of our offer we are unable to carry out. We certainly think no patriotic friend of the paper who is aware of our strained financial condition will criticize us for this, especially since all who sent in clubs will receive premiums that will amply reward them for their trouble.

IT may not be generally known that the last congress indulged in a "salary grab" just before it adjourned. The next to the last day of the session a resolution was passed allowing each member of the house in the succeeding congress to draw \$100 a month for clerk hire. This will mean a nice little addition of about \$400,000 to the people's burdens during the present year. Truly the last congress was a reform congress.

Now, boys, let us make a raid upon these chaps from every county in the state. Begin to fire hot shot, shell and canister, into every scamp who calls himself a populist who assails any of our candidates who are legally nominated, or any populist leader or populist paper that is engaged in advocating the principles enunciated in the Omaha platform.

Good-bye, boys. I am yours to command until every state and county office is in the control of the people's independent party. Then I'll bid you good-bye for good, and go straight up to heaven to tell St. Peter what a good work you have done, and when you come along, one by one, you'll all find the gate unlocked, wide open and you'll walk right in.

J. H. TUNICKA

CONDENSED CORRESPONDENCE.

During the past two weeks we have received a number of valuable contributions which it is impossible for us to insert in full.

Mr. G. E. Bentley of Gage county writes in favor of asking Governor Crouse to call an extra session of the legislature. He thinks the following laws should be enacted:

1. A law to stay the foreclosure of real estate mortgages three years.

2. A law to give the debtor who is closed out, two years in which to redeem his home.

3. A law to stay foreclosures on chattels for eighteen months, and to give a year's time for redemption.

4. A law making all debts in Nebraska payable in current legal tender money.

Mr. Bentley thinks these laws would all be constitutional and just, and would be the means of saving many people from financial ruin.

L. W. Goddard of Valentine, Cherry county, sends us a copy of Senator Manderson's "sand hills letter" to county clerks. He says it "simply shows the scheming of the republican leaders in the last struggle of their party for existence." Eminently correct. Republican senators have a fashion of taking great interest in their constituents near the close of their terms. We suspect, however, that there is a big scheme behind Manderson's plan to redeem the sand hills, a scheme to put several million acres of grazing land into the hands of millionaire cattle kings and syndicates.

Some time ago a correspondent from Libby, Box Butte county, a G. A. R. man named Crosby, sent us a clipping from the Durham, N. C., Globe with a vigorous denunciation of the same. We intended to publish the article but mislaid it. Regarding the Durham Globe, we want to say to our friend Crosby and all others that are interested in the subject that