

The Secret Ring in Politics.

The fundamental purpose of the framers of our system of government was to establish a purely People's government. They labored under a strong distrust of men invested with power over their fellows...

At the time this government was established it was in fact, as well as in theory and form, a perfect government of, by and for the people. The constituencies were not large, the public officers were few, and officers personally known to, and rigidly watched by those by whom they were elected...

When the government was founded the population was less than four millions, whereas it is now sixty-five millions. When the first president was chosen the vote of all the electors would not have reached four hundred thousand...

remote country precinct. It is omnipotent through the country. It formulates all the platforms, nominates the candidates, directs the campaigns, controls the state legislatures...

The tremendous power of the political ring is a perpetual menace to the general welfare. The ring must be gotten rid of in some way. They that would be free, must themselves strike the blow with the ballot.

They intend to bond the American people in perpetual slavery. Their good roads scheme is intended to eternally clinch us to the chariot wheels of European monarchs...

Tell the Truth.

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 24, 1894.

To Editor ALLIANCE-INDEPENDENT: In the issue of your paper of January 18, you make some objections to a clause of my report of the state conference...

I, therefore, ask for a brief space in your paper, not so much to refute your criticisms of me, as they fell to the ground the moment you admitted they had no foundation in fact...

The state central committee, which met just prior to the meeting of the conference, resolved that the work of the latter should be secret. That accounts for the matter of which you speak not having been published before.

We, your committee appointed to draft a plan of organization and line of action for the future work of the People's Independent Party, beg leave to submit the following plan of organization...

and hurriedly as I understood it. I am free to say that if I should report it again, under similar circumstances I should report it just as I did then. My understanding of it now is the same as before.

The Omaha platform, as I regard it, is the grandest document of the century. It is a crystallization of the demands for better things.

The Omaha platform contains the application of Christ's teachings to the science of human government. It contains a prophecy of the brotherhood of man. It was like an evangel that stepped upon the mountain top of Hope...

The Omaha platform marks a milestone in the way of human progress. It constitutes the beginning of a distinct epoch in the world's history. It is one of those happenings that the race in future times can look back upon and say, "Blessed are the men and women who framed that immortal document, for it has made us free."

private griefs you have against me I do not know. Neither do I care. I have steadily re-used in the past to enter into any personal fights of whatsoever kind. I refuse to do so now.

I have nothing but the best wishes for yourself and THE ALLIANCE-INDEPENDENT. I have done what I could for the paper in the past and propose to do so in the future.

[The principal satisfaction left us in repairing the wrong we unintentionally did Mr. Edgerton, through the very excusable mistake of misunderstanding his own words, is the satisfaction of being a gentleman myself, and doing justice. Reparation does not satisfy our young friend. He wants in addition a chance to compare us with an

agreed on a certain money transaction between themselves, and who have every facility to evade the law and hide the transaction.

After reading this over carefully one fact is manifest, that it is impossible to enact laws of a prohibitory nature where intelligent men in business are naturally agreed to evade the law. The strong common sense logic used in this is too apparent to contradict.

Not wishing to occupy too much of your valuable space I will remind our friend Todd that Shylock hated Antonio more for lending money out gratis than for being a Christian.

Yours for just money, Palmyra, Neb. JOHN S. MAIBEN. "DOLMEN" (22920) 16029.

First Prize and Sweepstakes French Draft Stallion at Nebraska State Fair of '93.

Our third page illustration is of that magnificent French Draft stallion Dolmen, 5 years old, weight 2180 pounds, imported and owned by Frank Iams of St. Paul, Neb. He is a grand big flash draft horse of real quality and individual merit with the very best of feet and heavy, clean, hard flinty bone and of the right shape—with a great, massive, smooth body of the right kind...



IAMS' FIRST PRIZE AND SWEEPSTAKES FRENCH DRAFT STALLION AT NEBRASKA STATE FAIR OF 1893.

pendent party has unfurled the Omaha platform to the breeze, which is inspired and infallible as Holy Writ, both sections of the great secret ring in politics advise us to reform the old parties. It would be as vain as to reform hell, with old Beelzebub in the lead.

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of one member from each county in the state and a chairman to be selected from the state at large; that the member of state central committee from each county, shall be ex-officio chairman of the central committee of his respective county; that the central committee of each county shall be composed of such persons as selected from said township and precincts shall be by virtue of their office, chairman of their respective townships or precincts...

We further recommend that all heads of committees be empowered to receive any member of their respective committees who neglect or refuse to attend to their respective duties. We further recommend that the selection of committees for the various counties herein provided for, none but efficient workmen be selected. We further recommend that the state central committee prepare suitable petitions to be used by the various committees herein contemplated to the end that a thorough knowledge of the vote of the state may be obtained.

I distinctly remember that the clause preceding the last, which you published last week and to which you seem to object, was, on demand of several in the conference, read the second time, and was then unanimously adopted along with the other recommendations, and without debate.

Now as to my part in the above. You seem to insinuate that I had some mysterious connection with all this, I state distinctly, and every member of the committee will bear me out in what I say, that I had absolutely nothing to do with the appointment of that committee absolutely nothing to do with the action of that committee, and absolutely nothing to do with the adoption of the report of that committee.

My letter to the Nonconformist was written on the evening of January 4th, nearly a day after the conference was over. I reported the matter briefly

is its own advocate and its own defense. It has already drawn unto it the best brain and best heart of the nation. It has stirred up the natures of men and women as they have not before been stirred for a quarter of a century.

The Omaha platform is great enough and grand enough Mr. Editor, that it hardly needs such frantic efforts from you to shield and protect it, do you think? It is apt to remind one of an antemire trying to defend an elephant.

So far as the recommendations in question is concerned, I think it has nothing out of line with the Omaha platform; and, knowing the members of the committee which drafted it, as I do, I feel justified in saying that not a single one of them intended that it should have.

That conference had no power to amend any platform, much less a national one. All that was intended, in my opinion, was to adopt a plan of reorganization, which I think was an admirable one, and to put forward a few well-defined principles on which we should make our fight; and I think that is also admirable, with the single exception of the words, government control of railroads. And even in that case I believe that rigid government control is the only pathway to the government ownership, of transportation and communication. Government control will cut down the profits of the railroad and telegraph companies who will then be willing to sell for a reasonable price.

Taken all in all, it really seems to me that you have tried to make a mountain out of a mole hill. It looks as though you wanted to attack some one and took the first opportunity that offered. If there had been a shadow of truth in your strictures of me it might have been different. But there was not. What

animal he is too modest to even give the dictionary name of. He wants to play the superior and elder, and condescendingly forgive and patronizingly rebuke and warn us. We have smiled good naturedly, and printed it all. In reply to his one question, we say most emphatically, the Omaha platform does need to be worked for, and fought for if need be, by every honest man. It is not great enough or grand enough to propagate its own truths, or defend itself when attacked.

The Only Remedy for the Usury and Interest Evil.

Editor ALLIANCE-INDEPENDENT: In your issue of the 18th, I see a communication from L. G. Todd, that seems in my humble opinion to contain a fallacy. It is in his remarks about the loaning of moneys by the general government; and in emphasizing his objection to this idea he concludes his remarks with this sentence: "It will be time to advocate a paternal government after first maintaining a just one."

Allow me to lay before your readers my reasons for government loans to the general public. In the month of March 1887 an article appeared in the Nebraska State Journal and in it there was this broad statement in relation to usury: "But it is notorious enough that, except in cases where an interest is specified, that the usury laws are dead letters. Whether just or not, they are not enforced in the business world, and cannot be, because of the impossibility of law to reach intelligent men who are

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