

Father Todd Gets After the State Journal.

Editor ALLIANCE-INDEPENDENT:— What is the matter with the Nebraska State Journal? In the issue of the Journal of February 20th, appears an editorial headed, "Braying in Congress."

Is it possible that any sane man with as much brains as an ordinary mule can believe that all of our troubles, both state and national, are caused by a probable reduction of a tariff so high that it cut down the importations created by a monopoly market, and thus destroyed the revenues of the government, causing a deficiency to be supplied by bonds? We have the tariff yet, the same old McKinley bill.

Now what is the matter with the country? Suppose the truth is told, how will it suit? Not much, I think. But here it is: First, too much appropriation by congress, too much for rivers and harbors, too much for public buildings.

Then let us come to our own state. Who has been making appropriations for the favored institutions and political grasshoppers for the last forty years? No blunders about that g. o. p., but a straight steal all the way through.

The above proposition of the State Journal confounds common sense with copper cents. He measures both silver and gold with imaginary cents, or copper cents.

The party of different kinds of money is, and can be maintained only by, fiat, or law; but no power under God can maintain parity of the two metals over the universe.

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But where is Mercer, Melkjohn, and Hainer? What are they doing for the country? If anything you will find them all for the appropriations.

good, while taking good care of themselves. I think when the records of the Independent representatives from Nebraska are made up we will find they have made as much honest effort for the public good as the three Republicans, representing wistfully Omaha boys.

You can print this letter if you please for the benefit of the State Journal. Respectfully, L. C. TODD.

Mr Dech's Reply to a Communication.

STODDARD, Neb., Feb. 15, 1894. W. H. DECH, Ithaca, Neb. DEAR SIR:— I have long wanted to write you in regard to the condition of our country, and ask you a question.

First, allow me to state the situation as I see it. In looking over the political field of the world and the United States in particular, I find that the money power has now, and for a long time has had, control of the productive industry and from each and all Shylock demands exorbitant toll.

Now when the people of the United States shall see the true condition which they will before long, and resolve upon having reform, refusing longer to play serf for a set of money kings and elect a people's congress and president to issue money direct to the people.

You are aware that Wall street can refuse to discount or loan at any time they see fit; or, in other words, they can in ten days time stop every wheel in factory and railroad and blow out every furnace in the nation.

Suppose then we elect true men, patriots, in November; between November and March 1st, is four months. At least six months would pass away before relief could be given.

Now tell me Brother Dech, is it possible for the people to enact these reform laws and put them in force without the greatest bloodshed our nation has ever seen? I am a Populist. I believe in the demands of the Omaha platform.

Hoping you will write me, or what would be better, write THE ALLIANCE-INDEPENDENT so that we all may read it, I am, Yours truly, NORMAN COWDEN.

Brother Cowden without a doubt sizes up the situation as a whole very nearly correct. Yet there are questions to be looked at from two sides: thus, after the people had proved by their ballot that they wished reform, it would be a very unhealthy move for the capitalists to incite riot, as he is the owner of the property which would be ruthlessly laid waste.

No, Brother Cowden, I have still an abiding faith in the American people as a class, and woe be to the scoundrels who after the people have once seen their treachery and have by ballot demanded hands off, who will then try to stir up a strife.

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You can fool part of the people all of the time; you can fool all of the people some of the time; but you can't fool all of the people all of the time." Yours for truth and right, W. H. DECH.

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The Question of Co-Operative Purchasing.

Judging from reports published in THE ALLIANCE-INDEPENDENT Mrs. J. T. Kellie, State Secretary, has gone into the wholesale business for the sake of farm necessities.

The farmers of Nebraska have always been letting everybody else live, and we propose to do so yet, but we claim the right to live ourselves and to attend to our business, financial and political, and will do it in spite of all the Democrats of Nebraska, from Morton down to the editor in Fillmore county.

So many organizations weaken us. SHELTON, Neb., Feb. 20th, '94. Editor ALLIANCE-INDEPENDENT:— DEAR SIR:—What is the use of trying to keep up so many different organizations, each having the same object in view, viz: the enactment of the Omaha platform into the law of the land?

We have only taken the initial step in co-operation yet; but I am corresponding with secretaries of national and state organizations who have experience in this line. There is no reason why we can not transact most of our own business, and if the one who is thrown out of a job wants to live let him produce wealth to exchange with us.

I presume the merchants do not like this, but they have by their votes brought about conditions which force the farmer to dispense with all unnecessary hired help.

Co-Operation Without Capital. HARTWELL, Neb., Feb. 22, 1894. Editor ALLIANCE-INDEPENDENT:— As co-operation is the order of the day (and I think it ought to be) allow me to explain a plan not original with me at all, but which has worked well in the past, and will work again.

It is for six Alliances with less than 10 families each, representing the trade of 60 families, to meet and ask for bids. The trade of sixty families is worth bidding for they can easily obtain bids from dealers in the different lines of merchandise.

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August. The people in these states need help and plead for it every day, and we are powerless to aid. Let all of the true members of the party give one week to this work.

Recruiting officers must act at once, delay no longer, the people are ready. If you can not, or will not, select some one who will and hand him your supplies. Let no one hinder; go in storm and wade through mud and water.

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