HE RUMP CONVENTION

They Call Bryan a Judas who Sold His Party for Silver and Ought to Hang Himself.

THEY ENDORSE CLEVELAND,

The Gold Standard, and Destruction of the Greenbacks—Bryan a Vagrant Calf That Will Come Home at Sucking Time.

The great Cleveland-cuckoo convention got together at the Funke opera house in Lincoln on the Fifth, a little late it is true, but the postmasters, revenue collectors, meat inspectors, marshals, deputy marshals, U. S. attorneys, land officers—all of them got there. The "offensive partanship" order had been privately revoked and as transportation, hotels and brass bands had been provided for by the railroads and banks there was no reason why they should not be there. What excuse could any one of them render to the great Stuffed "Profit" of the bond syndicate ring for not being there? Manifestly there was none at all. They came as paid hirelings of the administration, did just as all the cuckoos do, executed the orders of his obesiety and slunk back home to await the curses of the American people.

When the convention met prayer was dispensed with and Euclid Martin called the convention to order. The call was read and a list of counties.

R. F. Bibb of Gage and C. M. Hubner of Otoe were nominated for chairman and secretary. The chairman came forward and proceeded to make a speech. He was awful grateful. The trained clackers threw in plenty of applause, especially when "honest money" was mentioned, but when he said that the democratic party was against all legislation which made the rich richer and the poor poorer there was a laugh. When he said that the Omaha convention was a 16 to 1 affair—sixteen populists to one democrat—they went mad with yells.

He called Bryan a vagrant calf and said when sucking time came he would be back again. Some one yelled, "pie counter," and there was an uproar.

There was a committe on credentials and on permanent organization and then Albert Watkins proceeded, with some objections, to make a speech. He talked tariff and there was dead silence, but the slightest reference to Cleveland was greeted with cheers and yells. He He advocated single gold standard; a few bankers cheered and that was all A reference to Carlisle elicited a few cheers. He compared Bryan to Judas and suggested that he go and hang himself—not by name but so plainly that many called out "Bryan!" There were slight cheers.

The commitiee on credentials reported every county in the state represented but the list of delegates was not read.

Temporary organization was made permanent. Bibb made another speech. When he ran over the long list of great democrats, the names of Madison, Jefferson and Tilden were received in silence, but when Grover Cleveland was spoken all the pie eaters howled.

A committee on resolutions was appointed, and all resolutions were referred without debate.

In a short time this committee reported a series of resolutions, the language of which indicated that they were written not far from the White House. They endorsed Grover Cleveland, demanded the single gold standard, silver to be used only as taken money and the destruction of the Sherman treasury notes and greenbacks, supported by the selfstutifiing argument that the free coinage of silver would result in silver monometalism, cheap money and less of it. Upon this platform they nominated T. J. Mahony of Omaha for supreme judge who proceeded to make the dullest speech we ever heard on this earth.

RUMP ROASTS.

They were the toughest appearing lot of delegates that ever assembled in the state.

A wholesale liquor dealer stood near the entrance of the state committee room. "He was six feet one way, tree feet tudder and tried to be halirious but his voice was getting too thick to accomplish the feat.

The owner of the bar at the Capital hotel laid the foundation for a big fortune.

If Petroleum B. Nasby had been there his soul would have floated on billows of bliss. It was a crowd after Nasby's own heart.

Cleveland's portrait, headed by a band of Red Coats, was carried through the streets of Lincoln. The patriots of Buker Hill, Concord and Lexington must have groaned in their graves.

Outside of the office holders, the mass of the delegates were men so ignorant or vicious that they would take an offer to pay their way and hotel bills as confering a great honor upon them.

There were two classes of men there, one class was the typical old line democrat who has been carricatured for the last thirty years and was supposed to be extinct. There were also a few sharp, shrewd bankers and attorneys, who ran the whole thing.

A wag in the crowd sang out: C-u-c-k-o-o-o. He had to run for his life. Each one considered it meant him.

THE WARDEN'S REPORT.

What Will be Stolen Under the Beemer Contract.

Warden Leidigh made an official report to the governor Sept. 3, the day the Beemer contract was let, giving an itemized account of the cost of running the penitentiary for the twenty-four days that it had been out of the hands of the contractor and in control of the state. It shows the following result:

Due from the state for twenty-four days	$3,154.40
Due from contractors	579.82
Total	$3,734.22
Supplies for prisoners, guards and officers' pay and electric light	2,336.61
Net saving	$1,397.61

Under the contract, that sum of $1,397.61 would go into Mr. Beemer's pocket, part of it to stay there and part of it go where the parties to contract well know.

The warden's itemized account for the week ending August 24 is as follows:

Sunday, August 18	$ 48.93½
Monday, August, 19	33.52
Tuesday, August, 20	43.00½
Wednesday, August 21	33.75
Thursday, August 22	33.81
Friday, August 23	37.17½
Saturday, August 24	31.04½
Butter during the week	10.12
Total	$271.36
Average per day	38.77
Average number of persons confined per day	328

The cost for feeding guards and prisoners and the warden's family for one week is found to be exactly 11 4 5 cents per capita per diem.

With these facts before them, the board of public lands and buildings awarded a contract to Mr. Beemer at the rate of 40 cents a day and a $3,000 salary thrown in. In any other land than this, such a contract as that would put every official connected with it behind prison bars. It is as bad as the Panama scandal or Credit Mobilier. What do the readers of this paper think of it? Write us a letter.

Labor Day.

Labor Day was observed in Lincoln as usual, the workingmen assembling in the city park and listening to speeches from Col. C. J. Smythe of Omaha and J. L. Caldwell and Judge Hall of Lincoln, Gov. Holcomb sick, and confined to his bed, could not be be present. The crowd was said not to be as large as usual on such occasions.

When the agitation was first started to establish a legal labor day holiday; many men, the truest friends of labor, opposed it on the ground that it was the first legal recognition of classes in this county. These men did not want a class of American citizens set aside and designated as "workingmen," as they do in the morarchies of the old countries, and a special day assigned for them alone by law. They believed that all men should be workingmen and the suggestion that part of the citizenship of the United States, worked and part did not, was viscious and wrong.

But the workingmen wanted it and they got it. What benefit it has been to labor is hard to tell. The condition that the INDEPENDENT would like to see established would be one that would enable workingmen to take a holiday whenever they pleased without special enactments or presidential proclamation and without depriving themselves or their families of any needed necessity or luxury.

The speeches were wholly devoted to the silver question. Col. Smyth's speech, taken altogether was an able address, but a little more study of the standard economists will greatly clear up some of his ideas. He became somewhat muddled when he undertook to defend the statement that primary money regulated prices. Primary money does regulate prices, but not for the reasons set forth by Col. Smyth.

The speeches of the two supporters of the corporations, monopoly and the gold standard, whom the down trodden workingmen saw fit to invite to address them, are hardly worth reporting.

All they seemed to know of economics was what they have read in the gold bug daily papers. But what they said enabled Col. Smythe to come back at them with a rattling round or two from his free silver Gatlin, which mightily pleased the audience. The Colonel easily carried off the honors of the occasion. The workingmen had a very good time. The weather was fine and every one enjoyed the occasion.

Tony Hair went out on a fishing and hunting expedition to-day.

Wanted, to rent three or four rooms convenient to Eleventh and M. Inquire at this office.

The mail carriers had a joyful outing at Lincoln park labor day. "Tommy" Allen and F. W. Collins orated to the boys in the afternoon.

The Sunday schools of Lancaster county had a gala day at Lincoln park Wednesday. Young and old were out in gay colors and showed that they were on the Lord's side.

Prof. Flint, the great mesmerist, is drawing immense audiences at the Lansing this week. His engagement closes Saturday night.

Go to Scrivener's for your drugs 405 south 11th st.

The Beemer Contract.

To the board of public lands and buildings Gentlemen: I submit the following bid for the care, maintenance of the prison and prisoners confined in the Nebraska state penitentiary. I propose to secure and furnish labor for the convicts confined in the peitentiary and to keep them employed as far as I possibly can, and to conduct all of the business of the prison in an energetic and economical manner and to make all of the necessary improvements in said prison that the board of public lands and buildings may direct, to keep and preserve the same from all possible damage, to keep a strict account of all moneys received by me and to report the same and to turn over the same to the chairman of public lands and buildings less $3,000 per annum, I to have the exclusive right to assign convicts to trades and occupations, the running and management of all machinery belonging to the state is to be under my control. I agree to see that all food furnished said prifoners is wholesome, and that the clothing is suitable to the comfort and health of the prisoners. I to be allowed to work the prisoners ten hours for a day's work.

WILL REPORT MONEYS.

I further agree that I will make a report on first and fifteenth days of each month to the chairman of the board of public lands and buildings of all moneys received and paid out by me; of all my acts and doings connected with the management and control of the prison and prisoners, and to pay over to the chairman all moneys in my hands. I agree to keep an inventory of all the property coming into my hands as lessee and to turn over or account the same at the expiration of my lease in as good condition as the same was at the time it was received by me, reasonable damage by use, wear and tear, loss by fire, the act of God and public enemies excepted, I to have full right to control and manage all the property and machinery necessary to the employment, care and maintenance of the convicts.

I further agree that all outside labor employed by me shall be subject to the approval of the board of public lands and buildings.

WANTS 40 CENTS A DAY.

The state to pay me 40 cents per capita per day for each prisoner confined in the penitentiary, I to account for the same as hereinbefore stated, and refund to the state all moneys coming into my hands, less the $3,000 before mentioned. I further agree to pay my own bookkeeper out of the $3,000 retained by me.

This lease to continue until the last day of the session of the next session of the legislature, and I agree that the same may be cancelled by either party upon giving thirty days' notice.

I will furnish the bond required in the published notice for bids for the faithful fulfillment of any contract that I may enter into with the board of public lands and buildings. I herewith enclose certified check for $5,000. Very respectfully. A. D. BEEMER.

A Great Show.

Ringling Bros'. great circus, hippodrome and menagerie shows in this city Wednesday, Seept. 11, at the fair grounds This is perhaps the greatest aggregation of the kind on the road this season. Many new features have been introduced and the management is meeting with unbounded success.

County Central Committee.

A meeting of the Lancaster county central committee of the populist party is called to meet at county headquarters corner Eleventh and O streets on Saturday, September 7 at 1 o'clock p. m. Every member is requested to be present. By order of county secretary.

Wanted, good solicitors. Salary or commission. At this office.

John R. Rogers of Elmwood, Cass county, was in the city Tuesday doing business and took time to call and order the INDEPENDENT.

Dan Althen, who has been employed as one of the guards at the penitentiary, has accepted the position of book keeper at the Lincoln insane hospital.

"Long John" Trompen was in the city Labor Day. Having read the handwriting he looked like the last rose of summer. Johnnie can never be sheriff of Lancaster.

Sam Low has returned from his Colorado trip considerably improved in health. He will now proceed to muster his A. P. A. forces under the direction Deputy Hill.

Frank Compton, the genial editor of our namesake up at Seward, gave us a pleasant call Tuesday. Frank is very much pleased with the tone of the INDEPENDENT.

Senator Sprecher of Colfax called on us Tuesday while in the city on business. The senator has been feeling a little sore about one thing and another but is in the harness all right for the coming contest.

Some of the republican managers attempted to get the G. A. R. together in this city Monday night for the purpose of maligning Senator Allen. Seven of the faithful howlers assembled but nothing was accomplished.

The Omaha Bee has struck a new lead in the way of enterprise. The news boys can now be heard on the streets at 7 o'clock every morning crying, "Omaha Bee!" The paper reaches this city by way of the Missouri Pacific. As usual, the great Omaha daily leads the procession.

THE GRAND ARMY.

How The Republican Managers Fleeced Old Soldiers.

Tin Horn Gamblers Buy The Right to Swindle Them.

The G. A. R. reunion at Hastings under the management of the republican party, was run on the same plan that they ran the last legislature. The grounds were crowded with gamblers and gambling devices. The Bee and other papers that had reporters on the ground reported the following games in full blast, towit: faro, roulette, wheel of fortune, besides more than a dozen others. All the reporters declare that there was not a square game on the grounds. Every one of them was a dead sure thing. The Bee reporter says:

"The first wheel we came to had a tempting layout of cabbage leaf cigars and I put down a nickel and gave the arrow a vigorous whirl. It began to slow up and finally stopped on one cigar.

"Hard luck," said the fakir, and handed me a tempting weed made of tobacco stems and cabbage leaves. But it wasn't hard luck at all. When the arrow began to slow up sufficiently the operator put his foot down on a pile of handbills which seemed carelessly dropped beneath the table, but which covered a small board to which a wire was attached, which controlled the machine. I played six of those wheels of fortune and for an outlay of thirty cents received in exchange five alleged cigars and a very miserable looking banana."

That was the nature of every game on the grounds. The republicans, who so dearly love the old soldier (on election day) invited the old gray haired veterans and then laid these traps to fleece them out of every cent they had. That the republican management planned this mode of robbing them is proved by the following statement made in the same paper:

"I approached President Dutton of the local committee and asked him who issued permits for places on the grounds."

"Our committee has issued all of them," he said.

"And those permits specify the business carried on?" I asked.

"Yes, they are specific."

So the republican managers of the Grand Army reunion granted specific permits to tin horn gamblers to come on the grounds and swindle the old soldiers. Of course the gamblers paid a good round sum to the said republican managers for the priviledge. That is the way the republicans love the old soldier.

Is it any wonder that Senator Allen told them that they were false friends with daggers up their sleves. It was only Senator Allen's modesty and natural reserve that prevented him from denouncing them in language that no one could misunderstand.

Ex-Mayor Weir Declines.

Ex-Mayor Weir sent the following letter to the chairman of populist county central committee:

Frank D. Eager, chairman county central committee, City.—Dear Sir: After mature and careful consideration I have come to the conclusion that I cannot make such a canvass for the office of county treasurer, to which the late convention nominated me, as the importance and necesities of the case will require. Among the reasons which induce me to take this position are the following:

First—The protests of my business associates are emphatic and positive to the effect that I connot at present hold any official position without serious detriment to, and probably sacrifice of, my entire business interests. I have already given four years of my time to service of the public and the results, so far as my private business is concerned, have only been prejudicial to it.

Second—I am not in financial condition to make the canvass. The legitimate expenses of such a canvass are necessarily large and I am personally unable to meet them.

Third—Engagements made long prior to this nomination will take me out of the state for a considerable period of time. These prior duties I cannot now lay aside, even in the interests of this canvass, and therefore, I will not be here to do the work, even if there were no other obstacles in the way.

In view of the above statements of facts I ask that my name be left off the ticket. Very truly,

A. H. WEIR.

W. A. Martin, a saloon keeper, was shot Saturday night by a young printer named Dailey, the ball from a 32-calibre revolver taking effect in the abdomen of the wounded man. The row occurred in Martin's saloon on north Ninth. For a few days it was thought Martin would die and a reward of $200 was offered for the apprehension of Dailey, who escaped at the time of the shooting, but as Martin is getting well the reward has been withdrawn and the shootist is still at large.

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THE STATE MILITIA.

Gen. Barry and Gov. Holcomb Try to Make it Respectable.

The Republicans Get Mad and Plot Revenge.

It is pretty generally understood that an encampment of the state malitia was expected to be a sort of "free and easy," where whisky and beer flow in unlimited quantities and very little attention paid to the practice of the sterner duties of the soldier.

The encampment this year being in connection with the republican managed G. A. R. reunion, made the task of Adjt. Gen. Barry a difficult one, but the manner in which he performed his duties has commended him to the good citizens of the state irrespective of party. Some of the occurrences at the encampment this year are worthy of record.

On Aug. 26th, Gen. Barry observed that there was a good deal of halarity in one or two companies, and an investigation was ordered. A search of one of the restaurants was made and six trunks filled with quart bottles of whisky were captured by the guard. Gen. Barry says there must have been more than a barrel of it. Under the orders of the general the guilty parties were arrested and turned over to the Adams county authorities.

On August 29th Capt. Murdock reported to Gen. Barry that another restaurant was selling intoxicating liquors. The general immediately issued the necessary orders, the place was searched and 2,000 bottles of beer were captured. Six soldiers with drawn sabers drove the crowd away, captured the criminals and turned them over to the civil officers.

Of course the republican management was very much dissatisfied with Gen. Barry's stern enforcement of the law and his determination to enforce decency and morality in the camp and they plotted revenge. It would not do to directly attack these orders, so they circulated a story and got it into the dailies that the adjutant general had issued an order countermanding the order for a sham battle after it was advertised and hundreds of people had come to se it. Another was that Gov. Holcomb had done that dasterly deed.

The truth was that the republican managing committee were informed that Major Fachete, U. S. inspector of malitia was opposed to a sham battle and that there would be none. Notwithstanding that they had full notice, the republicans went on and advertised the sham battle when they knew that there would be none for the purpose of drawing a crowd and then these brave, honorable and truthful men tried to throw the blame upon Gen. Barry and Gov. Holcomb.

Gen. Barry says that the republican managers came to him and tried to get permits to allow the same set of gamblers that were admitted to the the G. A. R. encampment to come into the camp of the malitia, but he told them that the state had appropriated a lot of money to instruct the men in the duties of a soldier and nothing should be admitted to the grounds that would draw the attention of the men away from their duty.

Of course that was not according to the republican idea of running a malitia encampment. It was violating all the precedents and they doubtless thought Gen. Barry ought to be court-martialed for changing the old way of doing things.

Up to the hour of going to press Al Beemer has filed no bond. Are there any sound men in Nebraska who will back him with $100,000 under such a contract? Will Churchill & Co. accept a straw bond? He can't get in until he puts up an approved bond. The governor can be relied upon concerning approving bonds in general and this one in particular.

The gold bug rump democrats of Lancaster county have put up a full county ticket in opposition to the regular nominees. One of the delegates created a sensation when he denounced the plan of putting up a ticket and said it would simply help elect the republicans. That was the only truth told in the whole convention. The convention was run entirely by office holders. Let them go it. It's fun for the populists. The ticket is as follows: Judges, A. S. Tibbetts, G. F. Collins and L. Geisthardt; county judge, John J. Angelton; county commissioner, W. H. Atwood; treaserer, Joseph Wittmann; district clerk, J. P. Hildebrandt; county clerk, M. T. Gilbrit; sheriff, Jas. Kelly; surveyor, Dr. Smith; superintendent, F. M. Easterday.

The "rumps" nominated W. S. Ashly and John H. Ames for regents of state university.

Judge Stark is expected in the city every day to meet with the state central committee and arrange to open the campaign.

John Dodds, editor of the Wymore Arbor State, gave us a pleasant call today. He says Gage is going populist this year as the people are tired of being robbed by republican officials.

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