

"Something to Vote For."

A Symposium from the Pen of Prominent Populists.

The editors of The Independent have for the past four or five weeks devoted to the state campaign four of five of the best pages in the paper. They have called attention to the excellent record made by Chief Justice Sullivan and cited numerous cases showing the character of the man. They have shown the enormous increase in state taxation as the result of republican administration. They have explained that republican extravagance is the result of populists staying at home election day with the excuse that "there is nothing to vote for." And, to close the campaign, they have asked a number of prominent populists in various parts of the state to tell independent readers why every populist in Nebraska should go to the polls next Tuesday and cast his vote for good government. The communications below are in response to that request.

GOVERNOR POYNTER.

Editor Independent: Many voters seem inclined to stay at home this year on election day, and so far as they are concerned about the election to go by default, because they say this is an off year in politics, and so this election is unimportant.

Populists should recognize that this is one of the most important elections ever held in the state. The most important offices in the state are to be filled at this election. District judges in every district, and a supreme judge with two of the governing body of our state university, surely and as this election most important to every citizen. While we may recognize and rejoice that candidates on all the tickets before the people are chosen men personally, populists should not lose sight of that for which those candidates stand, and what they represent.

This is not a contest between men for office. If it were such, personal choice could be exercised by the voters without detriment to the interests of the people. But there are great principles behind these candidates which should not be forgotten. Populists should not forget that the election of the republican candidates means the endorsement of the republican party. It means the endorsement of republican methods in Nebraska. It means the endorsement of that party in national policy. It means the endorsement of our increased state debt. It means the endorsement of increased taxation upon farms and the reduction of taxes upon corporate property. It means a delay of the reforms for which populists have been so long and earnestly contending.

No more able, learned or fair-minded judge than Judge Sullivan has ever occupied the supreme bench in our state. To elect him again would not only place upon the bench a judge whose record is all that could be desired, and whose personality is exemplary, but in addition it would mean a repudiation of republican party policies and methods. Populists are opposed to special favors in any class. They believe in equal rights. They stand for equality before the law. For these reasons they should every one

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cast his vote for Sullivan for supreme judge. Neither his practice as a lawyer, nor his own actions have prejudiced his mind in favor of any class of men or any special property rights. This has been clearly demonstrated by his past six years of service. Populists in voting for him vote for a certainty, and not an unknown quantity.

What is here said of Judge Sullivan applies to our candidates for district judges. They each and all deserve the support of every populist in their districts. Most of them are tried men, who are now serving the people in their judicial capacity and are candidates for re-election. The only way they can be re-elected is for populists to go to the polls and vote for them. The majority of the voters in Nebraska today are opposed to the republican party. Will that majority permit a minority to elect a supreme judge and district judges who are opposed to the principles in which it believes? Will that majority permit our state university to again become a part of the republican political machine? If populists stay at home on election day both of these things will surely come to pass. If every populist in the state will do his duty on November 2 Judge Sullivan, our district judges, our regents and a majority of our county tickets will be elected. Don't let anything keep a single populist from the polls on election day. W. A. POYNTER.

Lincoln, Neb.

FATHER MURPHY.

Editor Independent: Concerning the re-election of Hon. Judge Sullivan to the supreme court of this state, I beg to say that it is my opinion that, if partisan contention were eliminated from the question, every citizen of Nebraska, competent to render a judgment in the premises, would declare in favor of Judge Sullivan. His is a brilliant legal mind. His integrity is incorruptible. His perception of the law is clear. His declaration of it is not uncertain. In the application of the law to a given case his courage is inviolable. What more can be said and what more can a state desire?

The supreme court of Nebraska, as now constituted, is a very perfect and safe instrument for determining rights in controversy, if men equal to its sublime and are elected thereto. The relation of the supreme court commissioners to the supreme court proper is such that litigation appealed thereto undergoes the severe scrutiny of both is doubly liable to receive at once a just determination. This immeasurably works for peace and harmony among citizens. It creates in each heart a strong patriotism. It distributes justice during the life of the litigants. The dead do not appeal and a ruling cannot reach them. Time is substantial in litigation and the grave ought not to be the court of last resort nor the oil, hope of a weak, but righteous litigant when his opponent is powerful.

If the citizens of Nebraska cannot eliminate partisan strife in electing their supreme court and elevate thereto only such men as all are known to believe Judge Sullivan to be, the next worst thing for them to do is to continue it as it now is, namely, adorned by three men declared by their respective parties to be eminent for legal wisdom, for integrity and for purity. The conflict of three such minds in discussing legal justice in the consultation room will rarely, if ever, fail to deliver a just award to litigants. Wisdom would, therefore, suggest to voters to retain in a great legal mind in this exceptionally great tribunal. W. MURPHY.

Seward, Neb.

JOHN H. POWERS.

Editor Independent: Permit me to address a few words to my farmers' alliance friends through your valuable paper:

Dear Brothers: We are just on the eve of an important election, and judging from the experience of the past few years, the friends of the people must arise from their lethargy in the rights of the farmers and wage-earners of this state will be imperiled or destroyed. Do not say, "This is an off year and the election not of much importance." A new office has been created by which the assessment of each of your counties will be controlled by one man.

The men who keep and control your county records and taxes, and two regents of your state university are to be elected; and last, but not least, a judge for each judicial district and a justice of the supreme court. Either one of these offices has as much to do with your own immediate and per-

sonal welfare as the president of these United States has.

Especially the growing abuse of the power of injunction by the courts, preventing the effective co-operation of laborers for their own defense, and the muzzling of the press and speech, render it of great importance who shall be elected as judges.

It is easy for you to determine in regard to the candidates for all these offices who are friends of the people and who are friends of the corporations.

Judge Sullivan's official record marks him as a friend of the people. Barnes' political and business affiliations mark him as an ally of the corporations. Personal acquaintance with the candidates for the other offices will show the same distinction, more or less clearly marked. The result in our state depends on your action. If you stay away from the polls, or voting, permit some trifling consideration to induce you to vote for the friends of the corporations instead of those who will support your own real interests, the corporations will continue to dominate this state. Let us all remember and fulfill the solemn promise we all made but a few short years ago and the right will be sure to prevail.

"... I do solemnly promise . . . that I will vote, if permitted, for such measures as will best promote peace and purity, righteousness and prosperity among all the people; and for such men, and such only, for legislators and public officers, as will cherish and maintain the rights of the farmers and laboring men and women of our state, against the oppressions and extortions of railroad and monied corporations, and all others, either corporations or individuals, who by chartered privileges, fortunate speculations, or any other means, are placed in circumstances where they can oppress their fellow men. All this I solemnly promise upon my sacred honor." J. H. POWERS.

Trenton, Neb.

SENATOR W. V. ALLEN.

Editor Independent: All populists and others in opposition to the unwholesome policies of the republican party should cheerfully close their respective places of business and devote election day to the discharge of a patriotic duty. They should not only cast their ballots in favor of the candidates of the reform parties, from the highest to the lowest, but they should devote the day to inducing fair-minded men of other parties to do likewise.

If the cause we advocate is right; if the principles of our party are correct and founded upon the impregnable rock of justice; if ignorance and indifference to the public welfare to be overcome are widespread, we should devote the day to the public weal.

Six years ago we endorsed the nomination of Judge Sullivan, a democrat, for supreme judge. His election demonstrated that we made no mistake in the selection of a highly qualified officer and a gentleman of wide scholarship and attainments. If we are desirous of keeping up the standard of the judiciary of the state and rewarding a faithful and competent public servant, we should see to it that Judge Sullivan is re-elected. And what is said of him may be said of other candidates for subordinate positions. We have nominated them and it is our duty to support them; and if we fail to do so, and incompetent men are chosen, we will have no just cause to complain.

Let the cornfields and threshing machines stand idle for a few hours—it will not injure them—while we discharge a solemn and patriotic duty. WM. V. ALLEN.

Madison, Neb.

GOV. E. A. GILBERT.

Editor Independent: The importance of electing judges in sympathy with our principles and policies, cannot well be overestimated; for it has come to pass under the American system that the judges are the chief depositories of power. They have a veto on the executive, as well as on the legislature. In my opinion, the man in the robe is more to be feared than the man on horseback; and it behooves the people to see to it that they elect the right kind of judges. Above all things they should be free from corporation bias.

The railroads are running more than their trains in Nebraska, and they want to run the courts. They are imposing burdens upon the people in the way of freight rates which may some day send the latter into resistance. At such a time it would be convenient to have judges friendly to the people, or at least not owned by the railroads. The best guaranty of the independence of Judge Sullivan, and our candidates for district judges, is that the corporations had no voice in their nomination, and will have no

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part in their election. If elected they will be free men and untrammelled judges.

I fear this is not true of the republican candidates. The moral lesson, populists should arouse to the exigencies of the situation. They should all go to the polls for once, and when they get there they should howl to the line. Unless the ticket has the name of some plainly unfit man upon it, I would advocate using the circle opposite "People's Independent" at the top. As a rule the easiest way to vote is the best. E. A. GILBERT.

York, Neb.

WILEY SANDUSKY.

Editor Independent: Helena precinct, Johnson county, will give a good majority for the fusion candidates, for both state and county officers, of at least 80 votes. The farmers are beginning to realize that they must look out for their own interests, and to do that they must lay aside partisanship and cast their votes for their homes and families as against corporation oppression.

WILEY SANDUSKY, Smartville, Neb.

DR. ROBERT DAMERELL.

Editor Independent: In Webster county we have been making a somewhat vigorous campaign. We are quite well organized and believe the county will give a good populist majority for the state, judicial and county tickets. No time in the history of the populist party has there been greater cause for the success of the ticket in nomination than at the present time, and it would seem, viewing matters as we do in this part of the state, that we have an excellent chance to carry the state this year.

Our nominee for supreme judge, Hon. J. J. Sullivan, has made one of the most able, fair and upright judges ever occupying that position. His ability has been felt by all parties and even the opposition, except a few very strongly partisan attorneys who believe will underestimate his ability, and I believe will concede him on the 2nd of November. The people's independent party should have some say in the management and control of our great state university. Our nominee for regents are persons who believe in education and are themselves ably educated men. We should also keep in mind our district judges and spare no pains to