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## OMAHA AGAINST OMAHA.

No city in America is more advantageously situated or possesses greater advantages as a commercial and industrial center than Omaha. She is in the heart of the great corn belt, with a most productive region tributary to her. She has abundant home capital that could make her a city of half a million people within ten years if it were centered upon enterprises and projects that would enormously increase her traffic and manufactures.

But whenever any proposition that promises to promote the growth of Omaha is before her people Omaha nearly always is divided by selfish malcontents and mischiefs. The men who have amassed enormous fortunes in Omaha by sitting on their haunches waiting for the rise in real estate by the enterprise of people of moderate means are always playing dog in the manger. Men who have grown rich out of franchises which the people have voted without price and men who have thrust their greedy maw into the public treasury on every occasion when the people were disposed to vote away bonuses never join with the people for the common good unless they are the principal beneficiaries.

Omaha never will grow and never can prosper so long as Omaha remains arrayed against Omaha. There never was a time so opportune for administering a rebuke to the greedy, selfish Omahog as there will be today. It is high time also for our citizens to strike a telling blow at the traitors and scoundrels who for a mere petty advantage would sacrifice Omaha's interests and leave her bottled up and at the mercy of the most unscrupulous monopoly that has ever dominated over a city.

## THE PEOPLE'S PARTY CONVENTION.

In less than three weeks the national convention of the people's party will meet in Omaha. It will be the largest convention of the year, the number of delegates nearly equal to the total number in both the republican and democratic national conventions. It will attract to the city, at a moderate estimate, 25,000 visitors.

As yet there has been practically no progress made in the preparations for this convention. A great deal of hard work is to be done and a sum of money raised sufficient to carry out the assurances given in behalf of Omaha when the selection of this city as the place for holding the convention was sought. It is time the people were aroused to a recognition of their duty in this matter.

We have a contract to carry out, and if we fail the city will suffer in the good opinion of people from all parts of the country and there will be loss of prestige which it will not be easy to recover. We can offer no excuse for not keeping our contract, or at any rate no excuse which we might offer would be accepted by the disappointed delegates whom we have promised to take proper care of. There is presented the opportunity to demonstrate that Omaha can entertain such a crowd as a political convention draws and that there are the liberality and public spirit here to provide for conventions. It should be so well improved that when hereafter this city enters into competition for any large assemblage she can furnish the evidence of her ability and willingness to properly entertain it.

A meeting of the committees to arrange for the people's party convention and of citizens generally is called for this afternoon at 4 o'clock, at the Chamber of Commerce, and it is to be hoped it will be largely attended by citizens who are in a position to do something practical. The time is short in which to accomplish what is necessary and there must be no further delay. It would be a misfortune to the city to permit any default in this matter of providing for the convention that will meet here July 4.

## THE SUCCESS OF RECIPROCITY.

Reciprocity, if not made an issue in the coming campaign, will occupy a prominent place in the discussion of politics. The republican national convention made a strong declaration in favor of the policy. Undoubtedly the democratic national convention will pronounce against it. Many of the leaders of the democracy have already done so, and as reciprocity directly antagonizes the democratic policy of free trade, it is most reasonable to expect that the national platform of that party will be uncompromisingly hostile to it.

In opposing this policy the democratic party will be at a very great disadvantage, because it will be confronted by facts showing the success of reciprocity which cannot be disputed. Statistics just made public are very instructive as evidence of the benefits that have already resulted from reciprocity. The agreement with Germany has been in operation only a little more than four months, and during that time the articles which have been admitted into this country from the United States at reduced rates of duty are breadstuffs. In three months the total value of corn, wheat and wheat flour exported from this country to Germany was nearly \$6,000,000, about eighteen times as much as was exported during the corresponding months of last year, and over \$2,000,000 in excess of the value of the exports of breadstuffs to Germany for the entire year of 1891. This indicates that from Germany alone there will be an increased demand for products of the American farmer amounting in a single year to at least \$25,000,000.

The success of reciprocity in increasing the exports of breadstuffs from the United States to Cuba has been no less remarkable. During the first four months of this year this country exported to the Cuban market corn and wheat flour to the value of over a million dollars, the increase over the corresponding period of last year being 530 per cent, and the amount being considerably in excess of the value of those commodities exported to Cuba for the entire year of 1891. There has been a very considerable increase, also, in other articles under the reciprocity agreement with Spain are admitted into Cuba free of duty, and the exports of the United States to Cuba have more than doubled in

amount under reciprocity, and the greater part of this gain benefits our agricultural producers.

In the face of facts of this kind, which cannot be controverted, opposition to reciprocity will hardly gain favor from the intelligent voters of the country. Denouncing as a humbug and a sham a policy that has produced such highly satisfactory results will have no weight with thoughtful and practical men who are capable of understanding and appreciating the meaning and value of figures. Especially will the agricultural producers of the country, in whose interest the policy of reciprocity was introduced and who are its principal beneficiaries, reject the democratic opinion that it is a "deadly policy." The republican party will welcome the fullest discussion of reciprocity, confident of its ability to show by argument and by indisputable facts that it is a wise and a winning policy.

A PARTY of excursionists to the Manufacturers' day, and on Saturday a representative body of the citizens of Nebraska City will come to Omaha. Excursionists to the exposition are being arranged for from Lincoln and Fremont, the dates of which have not been fixed, but which will doubtless take place early next week. These visitors may be assured of a most cordial welcome from the people of Omaha, whose desire is to cultivate the most friendly relations with the people of all the state. In this respect Omaha has the true metropolitan instinct. She is proud of the progress and prosperity of her sister cities, and receives with gladness every evidence of industrial growth coming from Nebraska towns. The people of Omaha understand that their welfare is identical with that of the whole state and that there can be no growth anywhere in the benefit of which Nebraska's metropolis will not share to some extent. They are loyal to everything that is Nebraska. The excursionists from the thriving and progressive cities of our great state will find Omaha more attractive than ever before and its people prepared to show them every consideration and courtesy.

GROVER CLEVELAND is said by his friends to be a "man of destiny." Yes, he is destined to be knocked out twice by the same man.

## The Calamity Inevitable.

We do not see how the democrats can escape the calamity of a railroad strike, for, with all their weaknesses, he is today the strongest candidate at the service of the party.

## Definition of a Man.

When we say a man, we mean a man of flesh and blood, of brain and will power; not an effigy stuffed with the straw and sawdust of political imaginations.

## The Man Is David Bennett Hill.

## A Foreful Fact.

The workmen of this country have received better wages under the Harrison administration than they ever received before, and they do not need any further argument to convince them that they ought to vote the republican ticket in November.

## Sidney as a Water Carrier.

Sidney Dillon, who died yesterday worth many millions, began to earn his living by carrying water to railroad laborers. In after years he turned his attention to supplying railroad tracks with water, finding it more profitable and less laborious.

## The People's Convention.

The people's convention at Omaha on July 4 is expected to consist of 1,700 delegates. There is patriotic reminiscence in the figures and the anniversary ought to vindicate the entire loyalty of the party to the union and the form of government. If there are claimants of seats in excess of the number, they will be promptly thrown over the breastworks, no doubt.

## Concentrate the Exhibits.

The appropriation is expected that the exhibits of the Columbia fair will be so scattered that visitors will only be enabled to get a confused idea of the exhibition as a whole; and such, no doubt, is likely to be the fact. The same difficulty was experienced at the Centennial. There is a limit to the capacity of the human eye, and they will resent attempts at overtaxing quite as sharply as do the physical powers. Better limit their exercise to a few departments than attempt to take in the entire show at one or two visits.

## Custer County's Resources.