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## THE STATE TICKET.

### Ticket Nominated by Populists, Democrats and Free Silver Republicans.

Representatives in Congress—  
J. E. KELLEY, of Moody.  
FREEMAN KNOWLES, of Lawrence.  
Governor—  
ANDREW E. LEE, of Clay.  
Lieutenant Governor—  
F. C. ROBINSON, of Brown.  
Secretary of State—  
GEORGE SPARLING, of Edmunds.  
Treasurer—  
MARIS TAYLOR, of Beadle.  
Auditor—  
HUGH SMITH, of Miner.  
Attorney General—  
C. S. PALMER, of Minnehaha.  
Superintendent of Public Instruction—  
L. G. KINTZ, of Hutchinson.  
Commissioner of School and Public Lands—  
JOHN SCOLLARD, of Meade.  
Railroad Commissioner—Third District—  
W. H. TOMPKINS, of Pennington.

### The County Ticket.

State Senators—  
J. S. MASON, Aberdeen.  
C. F. SMITH, Riverside.  
Representatives—  
F. L. COOLEY, Garden Prairie.  
J. S. BRADNER, Hecla.  
T. C. FOORD, Brainerd.  
EUGENE HORNING, Warner.  
Sheriff—  
WILLIAM T. ELLIOTT, Gem.  
Treasurer—  
JOHN A. FYLPAA, Frederick.  
Register of Deeds—  
P. M. RINGROSE, Aberdeen.  
Auditor—  
JAMES H. MILLER, Warner.  
Clerk of Courts—  
CHARLES C. FLETCHER, Aberdeen.  
County Judge—  
N. S. BASOM, Groton.  
States Attorney—  
C. W. ATKINS, Columbia.  
Superintendent of Schools—  
JAMES R. TITUS, Detroit.  
Coroner—  
Dr. D. E. ARNOLD, Hecla.  
Surveyor—  
AMSEY A. QUIGLEY, Aberdeen.

### SILVER IN JAPAN.

Hard Times Have Caused That Nation to Add Silver to Its Specie Reserve.

The partial resumption of silver coinage by the United States, pursuant to the act of congress passed at the breaking out of the late war, has already had a cheering effect upon the money circulation question all over the rest of the earth, says the New York News. It is, of course, but a limited effect, but it is recognized as a first step in a right direction, and as such is likely to be followed. It is not so much the amount and number of our silver dollars that is to be considered, but it is the example which our government, a debtor in the money markets of the world, is setting to the other debtor nations. Our liberation from the financial thralldom which the creditor nation, Great Britain, imposes upon all her debtors and servitors would be emulated by others, until financial independence be accomplished by the restoration of the white metal, or by the abandonment of the pernicious policy of national indebtedness.

Since President Grant was deceived into signing the act of congress of 1873 by which silver was demonetized in this country, urgent but secret means have been used by British influence to bring about the banishment of silver and the recognition of the gold standard of money among civilized nations, and many have followed our lamentable leadership. The recent inflation of its currency by the government of Japan, by adding silver to its specie reserve, is an indication of progress in this direction. This act has been induced by the prevalence of "hard times" in Japan. The English influences in Japan are using against silver the same preposterous argument by which they procured fraudulently their victory in our presidential election of 1896. They assert that an increased amount of circulating currency will produce adversity! Too much money, they assert, will make a community poor!

### Nothing For Something.

Steve Elkins favors retaining the Philippines because we can now get for nothing what other nations would pay big money for. Steve's ability to get something for nothing is only equalled by West Virginia's luck in getting nothing for something when she elected Steve to the senate.

## PATENTS

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### Seldom Necessary.

One of the chief arguments used by the opposition against the initiative and referendum is the claim that it would keep the people in a constant turmoil discussing and voting on different legislative propositions and that it would afford every crank employment in working up opposition to legislative bills.

Experience has proven that such is not the case. In Switzerland where the law originated recourse to the referendum has been had only about a dozen times in the past forty years. The legislature makes almost all the laws and they pass unchallenged. The reason is that the referendum has completely destroyed the lobby and the legislature knows that it dares not pass vicious legislation, consequently bills which the people are likely to seriously object to are rarely passed.

Of course once in a while bills are passed concerning which there are serious differences in popular opinion as to their necessity or their wisdom. That these should be submitted to a popular vote is both just and right and why anyone should seriously object to the initiative and referendum is a mystery.

### Fire Breaks.

The time has arrived when we may soon expect to hear of serious losses from prairie fires. Never a year passes but many farmers have their homes, barns or grain destroyed by fire and many times it is only the lack of a little precaution which might have saved the loss. Farmers are busy now but no farmer is too busy to protect the property he already has. A little work plowing firebreaks will check prairie fires and often save loss which can ill be afforded.

In the thinly settled portions of the state the extended fires which annually devastate large tracts of country may be checked by farmers of certain neighborhoods organizing bees and putting fire breaks around entire neighborhoods which not only protects their own property but prevent the spread of large fires. Fire breaks can be plowed around entire townships in this way and immense quantities of hay and pasturage saved.

A little fore-thought is worth a large amount of regret after it is too late.

### An Alarming Outlook.

If wheat is only forty-seven cents under present conditions when the world has only a fair crop which comes after a year of famine when the reserve stocks of the globe were practically all consumed to the last bushel, what may we expect in the way of prices if we have a bumper crop pile upon heavy reserve stocks as has frequently been the case in the past?

The outlook is positively alarming. The downward tendency of farm products is so apparent as to appall those who are not superficial thinkers. The baleful influence of the single gold standard is as certain to result in twenty-five cent wheat on the plains of Dakota within the next decade as that the sun will continue to shine unless the voters of the nation arouse from their lethargy and with a mighty effort cast off the yoke which binds them as slaves of the money power.

The Republicans in their state platform claim that they "rejoice in the passage of the Iowa railroad law." Just imagine for a moment the spectacle of Boss Kittredge, Aleck Johnson and Harry Hunter rejoicing in the passage of a law which all their time is spent in fighting. The only ground we see upon which they have reason to rejoice is that the fear of the passage of such laws is the reason they hold their jobs under the railroad companies.

The G. O. P. newspapers have suddenly quit accusing H. L. Loucks of mismanaging the defunct Scandinavian Elevator Company and of trying to be elected to office before he was an American citizen.

Loucks is not fighting in the present. He contracted hatred for the Democrats in war time. When he says "Democrats," he means "Rebels." Old issues are dead. The war with Spain has demonstrated that, as a nation, we are one. His hatred for the Democrats is undying. He is an old-timer, and by refusing to keep step with the great army of progress, he has been shifted to one side as an obstruction. Revenge is now his one object and aim. To kill his friends, who have been guilty of so great a crime as that of going to the assistance of a regenerated party, is now his greatest ambition. He would knife his old-time enemy, even though the nation should perish. How many Populists are there in the state who love Loucks and his petty desire for revenge better than they love their party and their country? Not many. They can be numbered on the fingers of one's hands.—Webster World.

A man who comes to a town and takes up his residence there, is given work at a good salary, and then does not support every business in that town is a mighty poor citizen. It takes co-operation to build a town and make it lively and progressive and every person in the town must lend his influence and support to its institutions or it will not prosper. Let one business industry languish and sooner or later the whole town will be in the same condition. If any man refuse to do his share let that man be marked and the loyal one shun him. This applies to those in every walk of life and is true without exception.—Edgely Mail.

Wheat is abnormally low because the great daily newspapers have taken to convince a waiting world that this country is just entering upon an era of unparalleled prosperity, and as bountiful harvests must inevitably precede that devoutly to be wished consummation, the hopeful editors fill their editorial and commercial columns with flamboyant report of "Bumper crops," to the great delight of gorillas on the boards who make a living by selling something they do not own, but to the serious financial detriment of those who raise the grain.—Chicago Market.

Notwithstanding the paragraph inserted in the Mitchell platform at the request of Loucks advising the voters to study the subject of the initiative and referendum it is said that quiet tips are being given out by the representatives of the railroads and trusts for Republicans to vote against that eminently fair amendment. Watch the ballots this fall and you will find almost every one headed "Republican" will have a cross opposite "No" in the column where this constitutional amendment is to be voted on.

The Argus-Leader shouts: "Whose war is it?" Since twice as many soldiers have died through the carelessness of incompetents—appointed to positions they knew nothing about, because of a political pull for the administration—then were killed and wounded in battle, to the disgrace of America's fair name, we are perfectly willing to concede that it was a Republican war, but it is the last one that the Grand Old Promiser will ever wage.—Bangor News.

A Chamberlain paper says the Milwaukee Railroad company have been this season putting in a system of dams all along the cattle trail from Chamberlain to the Black Hills. Owing to the peculiar methods of Boss Kittredge the people living along the Milwaukee line have also been putting in a system of "dams" all the way from Canton to Eureka.

If it is absolutely necessary to have a Leiter corner and a war to make real, genuine Republican prosperity, the country should settle down to that fact and vote to change it.—Marshall Leader.

The scheme of the Republican party to change their state platform everytime fault is found with it is a new one in politics and seems to be quite successful. It paralyzes the critics to find the identity of the platform to be so elusive as to find that no one is willing to be sponsor for it after they have torn it to pieces. About six different versions have already been given to the public as the only original.

W. S. Glass, one of the brainiest men of the state, has renounced Republicanism and is running for the legislature on the fusion ticket in Codington County. That county which has generally been very close is considered by the fusion managers as good for five hundred majority for Andy Lee and the state ticket.

The Alpena Journal which has always been a strong advocate of Republicanism has flopped and will in future support the fusion forces. The tidal wave of reform which is sweeping over the state is tearing many crafts loose from their former moorings.

The Illinois state militia are in camp at Pana, armed to the teeth and constantly ready to shoot down laboring men, and all this right in the height of Republican prosperity.

### COUNTY NEWS.

#### Verdon.

School opened up here last Monday morning with Oscar C. Hall of Frederick, as teacher.

Wm. Creese is building an addition to his carpenter shop. He will put in a stock of furniture.

A large number of our people drove to Groton last Saturday night to hear Palmer on the Railroad question.

I. H. Lamb in attempting to open his safe last Saturday twisted off the knob and as yet has not succeeded in getting into it.

The busiest place in town is R. F. Wagner's store where even with the addition of Miss Jessie Perkins to his force they still have more business than they can tend to.

Dr. Spencer of Andover, came over Tuesday and we understand has formed a partnership with Dr. Miller and they have purchased the drug store and stock of Wm. Mathieu and will go into business there.

The recent rain has stopped all threshing in this vicinity. Crops here turn out from eight to fifteen bushels per acre and out from town a few miles the average yield is from twenty to thirty bushels per acre.

A large party of men arrived here last Tuesday morning. They proved to be a party of bridge men who are putting in new bridges on the C. & N. W. They replace all bridges between Doland and Groton with new ones.

(From Verdon Times.)

Miss Jessie Perkins, of Ludden, N. D., is again clerking in R. F. Wagner's general store.

Luther Face informs us that his mother and younger sister arrived from Ionia, Mich., this morning on a visit.

H. L. Nemeyer, our hustling hardware merchant, has been enlarging his residence by building an addition thereto the past week.

Chas. W. Osborn was called to Doland by telegraph on Tuesday on account of the serious illness of his father from Bright's disease. He returned last evening, when his father was feeling some better, but says there is but slight hopes of his final recovery.

Miss Eva Russell departed on the eastbound Milwaukee passenger from Groton Sunday evening and will visit friends and relatives at her old home in Worth county, Ia., for an indefinite period. While there she will see that a suitable monument marks the final resting place of her father.

#### Gem.

Rev. and Mrs. A. G. Hunt of Lincoln township, were pleasant callers in Gem last Sunday.

The wet weather the first of the week delayed threshing for a few days, but machines are again in full blast.

Miss Minnie Owens of Aberdeen, began a term of school in district No. 3, last Monday with a small attendance.

Warren A. Cummings of this town held the lucky number that drew the chamber set at S. C. Lacey's drawing the other evening.

Mrs. D. H. Sandy and young daughter arrived from Florence, Montana, Thursday morning to renew old friendship with Mrs. Herman Zick.

S. W. Narregang and Wm. Tenant of Aberdeen and Professors Chilcott and Shepard of the Brookings agricultural college were looking over the sugar beet plots in Gem on Monday.

C. B. Ingham, father of Mrs. Chas. Bernee, died at the home of the latter on Monday at the advanced age of eighty-six years. The deceased had been a resident of Gem township but a few months, but is highly spoken of as a cultured and esteemed gentleman. The remains were taken to Canon, S. D., for interment.

#### Rondell.

Mrs. M. U. Strong is a late arrival in this vicinity.

Miss Grace Ashford has returned from her visit with Aberdeen friends.

We have had a nice rain and farmers report plowing much better now.

E. P. Ashford is building an addition to his house, as well as to his granary.

The old Burnette house has recently been moved to Mrs. Tiffany's place but will be occupied by Mr. Aikers and family.

J. E. Humphrey is doing a flourishing business this fall. We wish him success.

Jack Frost visited us last week but we believe the corn was all ripe, so no great damage was done.

Miss Gertie Shoemaker is teaching the Dayton and Miss Edna Olson is also teaching in district No. 6.

#### Groton.

(From Groton Independent)

Chas. S. Smith and family have moved in the Stebbins residence on Second street.

Frank Smith and family have moved into Dr. Evans' residence on upper Main street.

W. H. Potter has bought the Phillips brick dwelling of S. J. Griffin, and moved his family therein the first of the week.

The advent of a ten pound boy at the home of Virgil Rathbun, Monday, has left a calm and peaceful smile on the countenance of the father.

Dr. Camerer of Verdon, will leave for central Arizona in a few days. His health has somewhat improved and he expects to be greatly benefited by the Arizona climate.

Jerry Eisenhood got up early last Saturday morning, and, upon going to the barn, discovered that his bicycle and cow were missing. There was no evidence to show whether the cow had run off with the wheel or the wheel had taken the cow.

There was also a possibility that some hobo might have rode off on the cow and carried the bike, or mounted the bicycle and rode away with the cow. But this theory was given up upon finding the cow during the forenoon. The bicycle has not yet been recovered.

#### Hecla.

(From Hecla Standard)

N. N. Youngman is building an addition to his house in the First ward.

Miss Maggie Donovan commenced a term of school in the Koutz district last week.

Henry Dodes has rented the Hays ranch. We understand that the raising of stock will be largely entered into together with grain raising.

L. W. Beebe of Illinois, is expected to arrive this week. Mr. Beebe wishes to build a flour mill in Hecla and is coming here to find out how much the people want a mill.

S. L. Kemmerer, a former resident of Ludden, was in town Friday. Mr. Kemmerer contemplates moving some of his buildings from Ludden to Hecla and fixing them up to rent.

#### How He Worked It.

Friend—I am certainly greatly obliged to you for your invitation to spend a few days here. I have enjoyed myself immensely. By the way, what a beautiful woman your wife is! I should think you would be jealous of her.

Host—Well, I don't mind telling you confidentially that I am, but, then, I never invite a man here who could make the slightest impression on any woman in her senses.—New York Journal

### ADDITIONAL LOCAL.

#### Man Missing.

August 16 one John Hanley left Aberdeen for North Dakota, to secure employment. He made arrangements with D. L. Lamma to take a team and wagon belonging to the latter. Hanley is now reported missing, and as a consequence his wife is very much worried. The last time she heard from her husband was at Courtney, a place in Stutsman County, N. D., in which letter he stated that he was going north where he had secured work at \$4 per day. September 7 Mrs. Hanley received a letter from one Joseph H. Boule, dated Deehr, Nelson County, N. D., which conveyed the information that he had on August 30 found a wagon on his farm containing a satchel and blanket and near it a bride. On opening the satchel he found a number of self-addressed envelopes bearing Mrs. Hanley's address.

Just what has become of Hanley is a matter of conjecture. He is reported as being an industrious fellow, and not addicted to strong drink. It is to be hoped that the suspicion that he has met with foul play may prove erroneous, and that he will turn up all right.

In the meantime County Auditor Miller and States Attorney Potter have communicated with the sheriff of Nelson county and no stone will be left unturned to solve the mystery of the man's disappearance.

#### Death of C. B. Ingham.

C. B. Ingham died at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. C. H. Purvee, who resides seven miles southeast of Aberdeen, on Monday, September 12, aged 86 years and 11 days.

Mr. Ingham formerly lived at Pierre, but came to Brown county with his daughter a few years ago. He was an old newspaper man, and spent some of his best years in that vocation. His remains were sent to Canton for burial.

#### Prize Money is Divided.

J. D. Lavin, grand recorder of the A. O. U. W. of South Dakota, this week sent out warrants to the various subordinate lodges of the order who earned a slice of the \$2000 prize money offered by the supreme lodge. Of the amounts received Sioux Falls got \$253.92, Aberdeen \$188.09, Columbia \$8.62, Claremont, \$27.43; Frederick, \$31.35; Verdon, \$11.75; Ipswich, \$7.83; Mellette, \$12.54; Northville, \$37.62; Bowdle, 48.59; Eureka, \$4.70.

#### Notice of District Convention.

Notice is hereby given to the Populist voters of the First Commissioner District of Brown County, South Dakota, that there will be a mass convention held at Tacoma Park, on Saturday, September 24, 1898, at 11 o'clock a. m., to nominate a commissioner for the First Commissioner District for Brown County, South Dakota, to be voted for at the general election November 8, 1898.

GEORGE B. DALY,

Chairman County Central Committee,  
F. M. MORSE, Secretary.

#### Harvest Picnic.

A harvest home picnic will be held at Tacoma Park on Saturday, September 24, on which date Mrs. Mary E. Lease, the renowned woman orator, will speak on the issues of the day. It is expected that a big crowd will be present. Mrs. Lease will not speak at Rondell nor in Aberdeen on Saturday evening, as was announced in Thursday's Heraldist.

#### An Eloquent Speaker.

Wilson W. Tabb, the noted Kentucky orator, will speak at Verdon on the evening of the 20th. He is said to be a whirlwind, and the people of Garden Prairie and Hanson will miss a treat if they do not attend.

#### His Attractiveness.

Mr. Daykin—For my part, I can't see anything very artistic about this sawing you've bought.  
Mrs. Daykin—You can't! Why, it was the most expensive one they had in the place!—Chicago News