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SOUTH DAKOTA FARMERS' LEADER.

Stockholders Vote That to Be the Name of This Paper After the First of August.

Wreckless Scheming by the Independent Campaign Managers, Reported at Centerville.

A PERILOUS FLIGHT.

CENTERVILLE, S. D., July 30.—Special Correspondence: Members of the independent party in this locality are much concerned over a circular which has been sent from Huron by order of the independent state central committee to members of township committees.

The township committee men are urged to put out every column of the blanks sent them. Their special attention is called to the following clause: "Particularly see that the last two columns are filled out as we wish to send out copies of the Ruralist to all who do not take it." The last two columns which the committee men are particularly urged to fill, are headed—"choice for the capital," "Pierre or Huron."

Your correspondent also has in his possession a letter written by a member of the state central committee in which he states that the addition of the last two columns relating to the capital location was suggested by parties interested in the capital campaign. Prominent members of the independent party in this locality are entering their protestations against the course taken in this matter by the central committee. In an interview with your correspondent, one of them said today "I joined this party believing in the principles enunciated in the platform, and I sincerely desire to see it succeed, and if the most important issue of the independent party in the coming election is to be the location of the capital, and if the great principles of our party are to be ignored, then I desire my name to be stricken off of the list of those who have joined this party for the advancement of the agricultural and laboring classes.

But, whatever the action of the central committee may be, I am still confident that the rank and file of our party are honest men and they will repudiate most emphatically, any such base alliance as has evidently been made by our state central committee with one of the two capital aspirants. Why, the idea of wanting the choice for capital of every voter in the state, simply to send him the Ruralist, is absurd," said the old gentleman, with great stress upon the "absurd." "Every voter of this state knows, and the central committee knows, that taking the Ruralist has nothing to do with a voter's choice for the capital; but mark what I say, this information is wanted for the benefit of either Huron or Pierre capital aspirants and which ever one gets it will pay well for it. This information, exclusively placed at the disposal of either committee, will enable it to win the victory."

"Have you any information" queried the reporter "as to what city would be most likely to be in league with the central committee of your party?"

"None whatever, but in all probability it is Huron. But that doesn't matter, the members of the independent party are honest in their convictions; we love our party and we don't propose to see its name dishonored and its usefulness destroyed at its very birth to further the plans of a capital aspirant which is using every means to promote her own selfish interests and which would sink the independent party to the bottom of the sea to accomplish its ends."

"In what way would such a deal affect the interests and usefulness of your party, uncle?" asked the reporter.

"Why, can't you see? Everybody would say that the whole thing was got up for that purpose, and that as the central committee draws its support from the various counties by individual contributions, you can easily see what it would lead us into. They could make us all as the most gigantic fraud of the age."

The fact that this gentleman is a member of the county central committee of Turner county, indicates very well the feeling here toward the managers of the independent state central committee in this matter.

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Report of the Meeting of the Stock Holders of this Paper Last Saturday.

Pursuant to a call published during the past four weeks, the stockholders of the South Dakota Farmers' Advocate Co., met in the old court house, on Saturday afternoon, July 26th, for the purpose of changing the name of the paper and the name of the company under which the business is to be incorporated. According to law, it is required that two thirds of the stock of the company is required to be represented at all such meetings, as a quorum for the transaction of business,

but considerable more than the required number of shares were on hand. President A. J. Wimple, of Beresford, presided and E. W. Owens, was secretary. After a call of the roll of members, Jere Gehon presented an amendment to section one of the articles of incorporation, the proposition to strike out the words, "South Dakota Farmers Advocate and insert; Farmers' Publishing Association. He also moved to strike out Advocate from the second section of the articles of incorporation and insert the name Register.

Mr. Isackson moved to amend the motion of Mr. Gehon by striking out the word, "Association" in the first section and inserting "Company" and inserting "South Dakota" before "Farmers"—making the company, S. D. Farmers' Publishing Co. On a call of the roll the motion prevailed. The original motion was then put and carried almost unanimously, thus making the name of the company as provided in Mr. Isackson's amendment.

Quite a number of different names were presented but the final contest fell between the two names, "Leader" and "Register" and on a call of the roll the name "Leader" was adopted by a vote of 95 to 235.

The meeting then adjourned. The adoption of the new name gives universal satisfaction, and it is indeed a good choice.

WORTHING WAIPS.

It is stated here that the Lennox second nine and the Worthing team will meet in ball contest here soon after harvest is over.

We are pleased with the farmers paper; it is an A. No. 1. paper and favors the farmers and laboring classes. That is what we want.

The petitions to bring to a vote the county seat location question, are now in every township in the county. We expect soon to note some good inducements offered at Worthing for the folks here usually make a success out of what they undertake.

Our old reliable station agent is still on hand. He says he will support Captain Lucas for congress this year. He was for Gifford last year but says he has no further use for him. Henry is quite a politician and has a peculiar faculty of saying what he thinks.

Frank A. Leavitt has returned from his trip out west, looking well and not in the least discouraged. In regard to the vile abuse heaped upon him says he does not mind that and it will do him and his cause more good than harm. He says he has no ill will for those who oppose him in the campaign and he respects decent and intelligent opposition. As to the vile epithets heaped upon him, he says he is willing to let the people decide. If they conclude to elect him to congress he will do all in his power to work for their good. Mr. Leavitt is gaining many friends, is making a good run and will be elected as surely as he was nominated. A. B. C.

BELOIT BUBBLES.

Mrs. C. Moore, is visiting friends at Eden this week.

Ed. Carpenter was doing business at Eden Saturday.

John Herman made a flying trip to Inwood last Monday.

Mr. N. Noble held song service in the M. E. Church last Sunday afternoon.

Mr. J. M. Carpenter, of Princeton, Ill. is here visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. David Payne and family of Rowena, S. D., are here visiting friends and relatives.

Miss Mary Espland, who has been visiting at Mr. Chris Thorson's, returned to her home at Sioux City Monday.

The picnic held in the grove south of town was a grand success, every body came home tired but well pleased.

Beloit is beginning to get her share of the trade surrounding; ye scribe has seen farmers here trading the past week that have not been in Beloit for 6 years. Let them come.

D. J. Carpenter has moved his warehouse and flux elevator over to the new side track. He is going to build on to the warehouse and put in new scales, we dare say that Beloit will have a good grain market this fall.

BUILDING A NEW HOUSE.

MAPLE GROVE, July 28.—Special Correspondence—Representative Bradshaw has completed the contract for a fine new residence on his farm near Lincoln Center. The work on the new building will begin at once. It will cost in the neighborhood of \$1,500 and will be one of the most comfortable homes in Lincoln township. Mr. Bradshaw is one of our most progressive farmers and a rustler in every branch of his business.

WILL PLAY TOMORROW.

WORTHING, July 28.—Special Correspondence—The Bum Corners and Draynines will cross bats on the Canton diamond Saturday afternoon for a purse of fifty dollars. They are both good teams and play as fine a game of ball as was ever played by a country team. Canton folks may look out for a lively game.

A LAWYER'S POINTED TESTIMONY.

W. W. Erwin's Great Convention Speech In Behalf of the Farmers and Laborers of Minnesota.

\$400,000 Per Week Stolen From the Farmers—Bribers and Corruption Monogers in the Deal.

A GREAT SPEECH.

The speech of W. W. Erwin, the great criminal lawyer of St. Paul, before the convention of farmers and laborers recently held in that city, has created such wide-spread attention, that the editor of this paper has been induced to publish the principle parts of it below. Although requested by many of our readers and stock holders of the paper to publish the speech in full, it is impossible to do so owing to the great lack of space. The most interesting parts are here given.

Mr. Erwin opened with a liberal quotation from the Historian, Bancroft, contemplating the exigencies of the American Revolution and continued as follows: "Prating ever of its rights at the hands of freemen, false capital has robbed the citizen; controlled the state, molded and bought legislation, seized the administration of political parties, prostituting these sentinels of liberty to become the body guards of wrong and injustice. It has erected a system of laws and customs over and through all industries, by which pernicious laws and customs it takes from all labor the just reward of its exertion, and with the abandoned effrontery of an armed robber it defies the injured from all redress. It claims the protection of the law which it creates for its purposes; for the unending continuation of its fraud, it pleads as excuse the fraud of its creation. It has whelped itself into ten times its natural size, and bloated with the profits of the ceaseless industry of a nation of 65,000,000 slaves to its systems, encroachments and power, it holds in its deadly clutch the liberties, the happiness, the rewards and the peace of the people. It has learned all the arts of the tyrant. It is moral in the austerity of its respectability. It appropriates the public acts, in the caucus, in the convention, in the legislature, in the executive chair. It perplexes and defeats the purposes of courts by its purchased legislation. It bribes official trusts; and it is erect and savage today, the tyrant master over all masses of this republic, the old tyrant of all time; robed in morality, sustained by law, respected as a savior by its slaves. Its clutch is on your home. It has enslaved the miner in Pennsylvania and along all the mountains of the land. It claims the father and his children before the looms and spindles of New England. It menaces the planter of the South. There is no longer a free home in the valley of the Mississippi, or in the Ohio, or along the Susquehanna. There is beneath the very flag of the republic no free artisan or toiler who can claim his own. All forms of labor are bound to this modern car of Juggernaut. Your stary banner of the free droops in shame over your capitol and school houses. Your traditions are tortured. The free labor of the republic, that heart and soul of liberty itself, is ever struggling in almost the agonies of death, within the lacerating claws of this demon, hydra-headed, golden dragon.

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The presence of this burden of taxation from the railroads is chargeable to the incompetency and corruptibility of the persons who have been holding legislative and executive offices. It may be truly said that in most cases the several legislatures have found themselves powerless to enact the laws desired by their constituents. A most complex system of legislative rules has been made, which are designed to obstruct and defeat legislation.

The practice of relying upon committees, who can delay reports, suggest amendments, insert paralyzing clauses, and impede action upon bills introduced, has opened the door for bribery and interest to check, obstruct and often defeat legislation by the corruption of a single member of a committee.

PAID \$250,000 FOR THE GOVERNORSHIP OF MINNESOTA.

The election of a governor—upon whatever pretext it may be secured—who sympathizes with corporations, necessitates, to honest legislation, the united action of two-thirds of both branches of a legislature.

The possession of the heart of an executive governor has become so necessary to corporations that it is now well understood the present governor of Minnesota and his backers expended to buy the state convention and caucuses which gave him a nomination, and in the purchase, wheedle and control of the public press and corrupt and listless voters, a sum not far from \$250,000. I am not here to call down upon the head of Gov. Merriam public anathema, upon the ground that this practice of the purchase of official trust was introduced by him. I sincerely pity him. He was born in a bank. He is only one of a whole generation of that new class of humanity who have sprung forth from the brain of the business and stock boards. They are not the people. In their disdain they have some color of the patrician class of imperial Rome.

In their mental construction they are "business." They have a different dress from the people. They have a different skin than the people's. They must have servants; and they are the manner of the great sons of the barons of England. They have never read of the struggles of liberty, nor are they aware that the constitution was laid in the hearts of the people, and cemented by the martyr blood of men for ages. They know of one power, one god—Money. They use that single power to accomplish all things. They are unconscious that such use is—bribery.

Can it be that these are as a herd of swine, into whose bodies the great God, who watches over the destinies of nations, has driven the devils of the war which afflicted the people?

APPEAL TO FARMERS.

Where are your sons today, oh, you fishermen of the coming revolution? Your farms are virgin yet, and heaven, smiling on your land, has blossomed wheat and corn with which to feed a world.

When winter howls its blizzard from the north you will see your wives in calico; your children go almost unwrapped to school. The elevator and the road will own your toil.

Why will you not move? If you will be free rouse yourselves like lions from their lair. Then will the demon from off your neck his fangs unloose, and "like the dew drops from the lion's mane be shook to air."