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## CREAM OF THE WEEK'S NEWS.

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Interests and Communications From Worth, Maple Grove, Yankton and Other Points.

### WORTHING WAIFS.

WORTHING, Sept. 29.—Special Correspondence: Station Agent Henry was called to Hull a time or two this week, to attend the sick-bed of his brother. His son Ed did the station work during Mr. Henry's absence—Your correspondent has been smelling wedding cake for sometime; look out for another wedding in Worthing—There is evidently a good prospect for considerable political excitement in our town the next week. Mr. F. A. Leavitt and F. F. Meyer are booked for a party here Saturday evening, 7:30, M. DeVoe, state organizer of the equal franchise association, will speak to us Sunday afternoon and evening, Oct. 13, and Henry Bradshaw, A. J. Westbury and Jere Gehon will be with us on Tuesday evening, Oct. 14, at about eight o'clock. While the hubcity folks have felt alighted in this matter for some time, we have reason to feel satisfied now and will accordingly prepare ourselves to give these meetings their proper attention—Mrs. W. J. Henry has been reported as being on the sick list for several days the past week but she seems to be around again today—Mrs. H. Johnson, accompanied by Fannie and Charley Leavitt and Miss May Henry, boarded the early train Saturday for the corn palace—Some relatives of Hon. H. J. Frank, started for their home in Illinois, Saturday morning after several weeks visit in this locality. Have not learned their names—Worthing has been well represented at the corn palace.

### STROUMLAURELS.

A Few Interesting Items From the Leader's Correspondence.

MAPLE GROVE, Oct. 8.—Special Correspondence: Mr. C. Carpenter and son, of Omaha, has been visiting at Mrs. J. C. Carpenter's last week and left Monday for their home taking Mrs. Carpenter and his grand children, Chester and Minna with them. They will stop over at Sioux City and see the corn palace.—Miss Eliza Mitchell returned from Sioux City Saturday where she has been visiting her sister and seeing the sights at the corn palace.—There was a party held at the residence of John Turner last Saturday night, at which the young folks of the neighborhood participated. Music dancing, and taffy pulling was the order until a late hour. A general good time is reported.—Mr. Burey and Mr. Sloum have been having a tearing up of household goods in order to have plastering done and be ready for the winter—Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Conklin spent part of last week in a millium attending an association and visiting friends—Mr. Gammon and all his cattle last week and contemplating having some comfort this winter which one cannot have with a large drove of cattle, and now that there is no money in cattle, there is no inducement for farmers to raise them.

### PROGRESSIVE INDEPENDENTS.

The Greatest Political Meeting Ever Witnessed in South Dakota.

YANKTON, Oct. 1. Special Correspondence: Last Saturday the Independents of Yankton county had a political rally in this city. A barbecue and speeches from home and visiting politicians were advertised.

The heavens were auspicious and every thing moved harmoniously. The farmers began to gather near the Milwaukee depot about 10 a. m. By 10:30 the delegation from the east of the Jim river could be seen in the distance 184 teams strong. Shortly after the delegation from the north appeared, with over 80 teams. Then came scattering teams from the west. All had banners with appropriate legends. When nearly all had collected at the appointed place, they were marshaled by T. Welby and his aids and paraded through the streets of the city with the band playing and banners waving. They were counted by our friends at different points on the line of march and not one but made out over 200 teams in the grand procession. Led by the Mitchell band which discoursed sweet music, they proceeded to Hurster's grove where the barbecue had been prepared and stand, seats and table had been erected. Here five quarters of beef, a sheep, 208 loaves of bread and over barrel of coffee was served up to the hungry crowd, and every thing was eaten up. Then followed speeches by Gen. Campbell, Wardall, Pease and Deway, with music by the band and glee club.

Old politicians here say that they never saw such a grand outpouring of the masses of the people, while the democrats

and republicans tacitly acknowledge that their old parties in this county at least are broken up and their strength gone.

Moral—Lincoln county farmers should go and do likewise and break up the reign of Moody and Pettigrew.

WM. H. BALL.

### IN OUPID'S REALM.

Two of Worthing's Well-known Young People Join Hands for Life.

Mr. W. E. Hanner, and Miss Cassie L. Frank, both of Lynn township were united in marriage at the Presbyterian parsonage in this city Saturday, Oct. 4, 1890. Rev. Hill, pastor of the Presbyterian church, officiating. The wedding was a quiet and unostentatious affair, as all ceremony of this kind ought to be, and only a few of the near relatives of the bride and groom witnessed it. At the close of the marriage ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Hanner took the Sioux City train for a short wedding trip.

### HOME TESTIMONY.

WORTHING, Oct. 7. Special Correspondence: The news of the marriage of W. E. Hanner to Miss Cassie Frank, reached the many friends of the happy couple here Saturday afternoon and caused general expression of approval. It is a well matched match. Mr. Hanner is one of the progressive young men of Lynn township. He is honest, enterprising and a good worker, and he will make a model husband. Miss Frank, (now Mrs. Hanner) is the eldest daughter of Senator H. J. Frank, of this place and an estimable, and accomplished young lady, whose large circle of warm and well-wishing friends speaks in her praise stronger than several columns of newspaper comment.

### POLITICS AT WORTHING.

F. A. Leavitt Home and Feeling Happy—The Republican County Ticket.

WORTHING, Oct. 6. Special Correspondence: Hon. F. A. Leavitt has returned home from his trip through the northern and northeastern part of the state and feels more confident than ever that the independents will carry the day in South Dakota next November. In conversation with Mr. Leavitt today, the gentleman stated that on a close and careful estimate based upon a poll of the state and other sources, the independents will carry at least 30 counties by a large majority, while five or not to exceed eight are republican and the rest doubtful. He estimates that the state ticket will win by a vote ranging somewhere between 15,000 and 25,000. Mr. Leavitt states that it is wonderful how people are leaving the old parties and are coming over to the independent fold. They are doing much more work, and that more thoroughly, than in this locality and the enthusiasm is simply immense. The people realize their situation; they farms their chattels and their homes, almost the very clothes they have on their backs are plastered over with mortgages or debts in some form, and they are beginning to see that it is the pernicious form of government, more than the drought or any other cause, that has brought them down to degradation.

That Mr. Leavitt is making a good fight in this campaign, his very enemies are now admitting, and many of them do not dispute that he will be elected whether the rest of the ticket is or not. He will be elected, they claim on the simple score of prohibition alone. The temperance people feel that they have been imposed upon in the nomination of J. R. Gamble, one of the biggest drunkards in the state and they feel exactly as Rev. Jamieson, of Canton expressed it to THE LEADER reporter at Canton after the Mitchell convention. "It is an outrage upon the people. He is a defeated man." The temperance people will not be duped in this kind of manner, and Leavitt is their man.

The selection made by the republicans in their county convention does not meet with much satisfaction among the republicans here. Many of them feel that this is a complete imposition as the nomination of Gamble upon the state ticket and while many of us will swallow the medicine prescribed, yet there are plenty of them who will say nothing and vote mostly men on the independent ticket when election day comes. Donahue, their nominee for the legislature from this section, is regarded as incompetent—he has never held an office above school director, is a very poor scholar and at best a very poorly posted man in matters of economy and public interest. He does not stand well in his own township, and while he may be a good man otherwise, the people do not consider him a wis selection for that place. The same is true of Moscrip, and Sherman, of Norway township has the reputation of a cut-throat machine agent and apple tree peddler in which vocation he placed himself in such a position as to be snowed under in November.

We feel for our friend Hokenstad. The poor devil has been so dry for eight since he was commissioner, that he don't know what to do. In the opinion of the people here, he was defeated by the dose he got in THE LEADER and the fool ought to have known it would.

## A LUMBER WAGON CAMPAIGN.

Proposition to Hold a Grand Lumber Wagon Rally in Every County in South Dakota.

A Silk Banner to the County Reporting the Largest Number of Teams in Parade.

### THE LUMBER WAGON CAMPAIGN.

All over the country the independent movement is restlessly sweeping, and is being derisively dubbed the lumber wagon campaign by the kid-glove politicians who haven't the slightest use for a lumber wagon except as a convenient vehicle to bring his obedient servant to the polls each year to do his bidding. But those old wagons are loaded this year with independent voters who refuse to cringe under the party lash and deny the right of gamblers, sots and users to rule or lead them.

The g. o. p. (generally out-plundering) are getting seriously alarmed. First, they tried insult, falsehood and abuse. "Demagogues," "office-seekers," "allies," "obstructionists," were heaped at the leaders. That only helping the movement they tried ridicule, called it a trifling affair, only a few sorbards and disappointed office seekers, and predicted a complete collapse by Nov. 4. But an independent vote of 85,000 in Arkansas at the election just held, and the rapid and enthusiastic wheeling into life of state after state, until now, less than four months after the birth of the new party in Huron, June 4, thirty states have enrolled themselves under the banner of equal rights for all and special privileges to none, has alarmed and enraged them and now in one breath they are imploring the prodigals to return, pledging themselves to be good hereafter, and at the next taunting them as hayseeds and mudsills and styling their heroic struggle against the embattled monopolist as a "lumber wagon campaign." Very well; so be it. We accept the sobriquet and are proud of it. Our clothes may not be so fine or expensive, our garments not quite as faultless, and a lumber wagon, especially an old one, with a chattel mortgage on instead of a spring seat, with the old farm horse or oxen hitched thereto, may not be so ornamental as a tally ho or phaeton, with a \$1,000 team and gold mounted harness attached, but it is the best we have and will answer our purpose this year. I suggest that every county in the state have a grand lumber wagon rally, with flags and mottoes, about Oct. 26, 27 or 28, and every farmer turn out early with his family all in the wagon, rendezvous by township at 8:30 a. m., and try to reach the county seat by 11, and from one huge parade, with band and glee clubs and barbecue and picnic and rousing speeches make a gala day of it. Offer a prize banner to the township with the most teams in line. I will give a silk banner, the glorious old stars and stripes, with "independence" emblazoned upon it, to the county making the largest parade in proportion to its population, providing at least 400 wagons are in the parade. Turn out! Get up the enthusiasm! Bring out your horses and oxen, your four and six horse teams and ten yoke of cattle on the band wagon as we did in Iowa in '56, when Fremont and Dayton ran. Let us show them once more that the farmers know their rights and dare maintain them. A. Wardall, in Dakota Ruralist.

### PIE BEE'S MAJORITY.

Out of a Vote of 318 the Peerless City Gets A Hundred and Seventy-nine.

STOUT CITY, Oct. 8. Special Correspondence: An interesting feature on a recent corn palace train, was a vote on the location of the state capital, taken between Sioux Falls and Sioux City. Nearly every man on the train voted, and 316 votes were cast of which Pierre got 179 and Huron 137, Pierre's majority, 42. As it is true that straws tell the way the wind is blowing, this vote is regarded a significant one, for there is no doubt that every ballot cast, was cast the same as if the location of the capital actually depended upon it. Hence, it is regarded as indicating pretty clearly the sentiment of the people on the question in the state, more in particular, as the grater portion of the passengers came from the eastern part of the state; the alleged Huron stronghold. If the same ratio of sentiment throughout the state east of the Missouri river, favors Pierre, of which there is no doubt, Pierre will have about 8,000 to 9,000 majority east of the river. Adding to that her 6,000 to 7,000 majority west of the river, and it may be safely estimated that Pierre will get a majority ranging from 14,000 to 16,000.

### STAND FAST.

Farmers Must Quit Voting Partisan Politics and Vote Independently.

From the Dakota Farmer.

I see the partisan parties in the State, somewhat inclined to say things that are intended to injure the farmers' organiza-

tions and some of the leading agriculturists of our State, by making false statements regarding their connections with political schemes and using the different farmers' organizations as a running device to accomplish certain partisan political ends. One case is of a prominent farmer legislator whose motives I am satisfied are pure and right, and who labored zealously in the last legislature to secure some legislation of the greatest importance to the farmers.

He is and always has been a farmer and farming is his sole occupation, and he is therefore identified with the farmers in interest, but he is assailed and slandered because and only because he is acting with the party opposed to that advocated by the paper that slanders him.

Farmers, stand by your organizations and men of your own profession. Through it and them is our only salvation. There has never been a time in this country when farmers made any attempt to organize but what such vituperations were hurled at them in order to destroy the organizations and the interest that farmers should take one in another, with the sole object to make ignorance predominate among the farmers, so class rule would be the order (and small class at that), instead of a government of the people and by the people. This political buncombe has never done the farmers any good and never will, and the farmers must quit voting partisan politics and vote brains.

Self preservation is nature's first law, and if the farmers expect to bring their profession to a high standard, they must protect it and give it and those engaged in it, the very best encouragement. The farm pays most of the taxes, and taxation in this country at the present time is without redressment.

Moody County Enterprise: Quite a number of the republican newspapers are making themselves ridiculous by their attempts to ridicule that plank in the independent platform which declares against alien ownership of land. It is true that the constitution of South Dakota provides that no distinction shall be made between American citizens and aliens as to the ownership of land. The constitution of South Dakota is not perfect in every respect and was prepared five years ago. Since that time facts have been brought to the attention of the public that have led nearly all thinking men to see that great evils attend the custom of allowing aliens to own land in the United States.

Congress has prohibited the alien ownership of land in the territories and the republican news paper organs of South Dakota are reminded that this act was passed by republican votes. No alien can acquire title to land in the United States under the provisions of the homestead law which was distinctively the creation of the republican party. There is grave danger that foreign capital may, in its eager search for safe and profitable investment in the United States, become possessed of vast tracts of land in the prairie states and farm them on the tenant system which has proven so grievous a curse in Ireland. We want no British or other foreign owners and landlords of American lands.

### POLITICAL MEETINGS.

Appointments of Independent Speakers in Lincoln County.

Canton township, Friday, Oct. 10—at Dresback school house—Barnum, Bradshaw and Westbury.

Norway township, Saturday, Oct. 11—at the Rommerein school house—Gehon, Westbury and Holter. Holter to speak in the Norwegian language.

Lincoln township, Monday, Oct. 13—at Center school house—Owens, Holter and Westbury.

Worthing, Tuesday, Oct. 14—Bradshaw, Westbury and Gehon.

Springdale township, Wednesday, Oct. 15—at Risty school house—Wahl, Bradshaw and Owens.

Dayton township, Tuesday, Oct. 16—at the Slack school house—Owens, Bradshaw and Westbury.

Canton township, Friday, Oct. 17—at Math. Hanson school house—Goltry, Barnum, Wahl and Wardwell.

Monday evening Oct. 20—At Fairview school house, Cooley, Gehon and Jamieson.

At any and all of these meetings an invitation is extended to members of other political parties to meet our speakers and discuss the merits of the independent platform.

By the County Committee.

### AUGUSTANA COLLEGE.

COLLEGIATE AND NORMAL COURSE. Fall term opens September 23 and continues for thirteen weeks. In the Normal department, special attention will be given to the training of teachers for our common schools.

For particulars address the president A. G. TUCK.

## KENNEDY BECOMING CONVERTED.

He Thinks The Leader Misrepresented Him Because He Belongs to the Republican Party.

Ralph Beaumont to Lecture at Canton October 18th.—Hearty Indorsement For Pierre.

### MR. KENNEDY SPEAKS.

EDITOR FARMERS' LEADER: In your report of that part of the republican county convention in which I made the statement as to the attitude of myself and Mr. Brown, with reference to the nomination for states attorney, you do me an injustice in the manner in which you make the report and state some things which did not take place, and in justice to myself and Mr. Brown, I ask space to make the statement in your columns just as I did before the county convention so that the matter will be before the people in its true light.

I stated in the convention that Mr. Brown, in order to induce me to be a candidate, pledged me that he would not be a candidate under any circumstances and would not permit the use of his name under any circumstances. I stated that Mr. Brown could not in honor and good faith accept the nomination in view of these pledges, and I should not feel bound by the convention in person and accepted the nomination. That Mr. Brown was sent for and came before the convention and asked that my statements be repeated which I did, and he stated all I said was true, but notwithstanding these agreements he did not think that they barred him from accepting the nomination and he thanked the convention for their nomination. This in brief was what took place.

Mr. Brown did not state that I desired him to make his position known through the press and that he had refused to do so. What he did say was that he did not think it the proper thing to decline a nomination until it was tendered and now as it was tendered he saw nothing that would bar him from accepting it. I claimed from his own statements made on the floor of the convention, admitting the truth of his pledges, that he could not in justice to honor and good faith accept. He thought otherwise. So our difference of opinion of what constituted honor and good faith, and not any difference in the facts and I leave it with the people to form their own judgment as to whose conception of what constitutes honor and good faith is the nearest correct.

The fact that you and I, Mr. Editor, belong to different parties, may be a reason why you should color your report so as to ridicule me. I do not think that is a good reason, for if we examine our convictions with reference to the issues of the Independent party we may not be so far apart as might be supposed and in order to do justice to the members of your party I will state, frankly my position as to the six planks of your platform.

Plank First: "First, we demand currency to be issued by the general government, to be full legal tender to increase in volume with increase of business, to be issued direct to productive industries, without intervention of banks."

I find no fault with this plank and agree with it that the time has come when no notes should be circulated as money unless they are issued by the government, and if I fully understand the phrase "to be issued directly to productive industries without the intervention of banks," to mean that products should be paid for in treasury notes instead of bank notes, then I certainly agree with you.

Second, we demand railroad transportation, telegraph and telephone services at actual cost; and that the government shall own and operate the same.

The only fault I see with this plank is one, where the government should own and operate the railroads. If the word control was used for, the words "own and operate," then I could fully accept the plank.

"Third, we demand the free and unlimited coinage of silver."

This is sound doctrine.

Fourth, we demand the adoption of an absolutely secret system of voting, both state and national.

Indisputably correct.

"Fifth, we demand the most rigid economy consistent with the safety and dignity of our state and nation, in the administration of every branch of our government."

Nobody could successfully refute this doctrine.

"Sixth, we demand the passage of laws prohibiting the alien ownership of land and that congress take steps to obtain lands owned by aliens, and foreign syndicates and that lands now held by corporations in excess of such as is actually used and needed by them, be reclaimed by

the government and held for actual settlers only."

This is undoubtedly the true policy for our government to pursue, providing always, that the sanctity of contracts and vested rights be always sacredly protected.

The time has come when the laborer and the farmer must contend for their rights. My view has always been that the battle between capital and labor could be best fought out within the ranks of the republican party but if I am mistaken with reference to the battle field, that it is necessary for the laborer and the farmer to leave the old parties and go out and contend for their rights by making direct issues of their own. I shall certainly be true to my convictions. All my education, all my interests, all my tendencies are with the laborer and the farmer, and while insisting that justice should be done to all classes, that unless the laborer and farmer jealously guard their own interests, they certainly will not be looked after by those whose interests are in other directions.

I believe that the agitation of the labor question and the rebellion of the farmers and laborers against the old parties was powerful in bringing about the recognition of the interests of the farmers in the tariff schedule with reference to the reduction of the duty on binding twine and also for the retention of the duty on flax products.

With this statement, Mr. Editor, of my attitude toward the issues raised by your party, you can readily see there isn't sufficient difference to warrant us in saying harsh things of each other.

Respectfully,

C. B. KENNEDY

Ralph Beaumont, at Canton, Saturday, Oct. 18, at 2 o'clock.

### RELOT FURBER.

John Hewitt and wife of Mississippi are visiting his brother Duncan for a few weeks.

Sammie Engerboon is clerking for D. Carpenter, for a few days.

Ed Olson Sundayed at Inwood as usual.

H. M. Solem, departed on last Friday's train for Minneapolis where he is going to attend school this winter.

Our mill is turning out lots of flour these days.

Miss A. Tillotson is visiting friends at Earlville Ia., for a few days.

J. Hutchinson of Hawarden was doing business last Saturday here.

James Wright, of Calliope was up on business Saturday.

Fred Bomer of Eden was on our streets Friday.

Every day your scribe sees three or four teams coming from North Dakota where crops have been a failure this fall.

R. J. Carpenter and son of Council Bluffs, is visiting with relatives and friends for a few days.

J. M. Montgomery is visiting friends at Seward Neb., for a few days.

J. A. Carpenter station agent at Buck Grove, is visiting his parents and other friends for a few days.

L. J. Walker of Akron came up Sunday evening and returned Monday morning.

Henry Smith, who was visiting at Sioux City returned home Saturday.

Remember the Beaumont lecture at Canton, October 18th, 2 o'clock.

Bernhardt, who openly expressed her contempt for Americans to a reporter not long since, is a fair type of most of the foreign actors, singers and show people who come among us, get all the money they ever do get worth speaking of, and then go away and ridicule us. Bernhardt is not the first foreign theatrical person who has said that her art suffers every time she visits America by association with loud vulgarisms. Bernhardt says her friends even tell her that she has caught that horrid "Yankee nasal twang" after her return from among us. If this is true, and if it is true what the others say, why, then, let us get rid of both our nasal twang and our vulgarisms. It is about time. Shall not free and independent Americans with plenty of money be as refined and have as sweet voices as anybody else?

A number of most shocking suicides have occurred in the past few weeks, with details too horrible to particularize. If people will hurl themselves into eternity with all their sins upon their heads, if they will stain their families with lasting disgrace by suicide, let them go about it in a more agreeable manner, choose some way that will not at once curdle the blood and nauseate the stomachs of their surviving friends. The laudanum route is always open.

Ralph Beaumont speaks at Canton October 18th, at 2 o'clock.