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CANDIDATES FOR CONGRESS.

The sudden death of Hon. John R. Gamble makes a special election necessary this fall for the purpose of electing a new congressman to represent South Dakota in the national legislature. The governor has already issued his proclamation announcing the vacancy and calling an election to be held on November 3d of this year. It is highly important that the farmers of this state look after the matter, and see that their interests are consulted in the choice of a successor to this important office. The lower house of congress is especially important to them as it is here that all bills relating to the revenue of the government must originate. Conventions to consider the merits of the various candidates who are already offering themselves by the dozen, will, no doubt, soon be called by the various party organizations. It is a sight for gods and men to witness the old republican office seekers who are crowding to the front, and fairly tumbling over each other in their attempt to get themselves before the public. There is Robert Gamble, of Yankton, whose friends think that the mantle of his lamented brother should fall on him. Then there is the smiling Judge Smith and the hard-working French of the same City of Statesman who each thinks an M. C. would look well at the end of his name. Then there is our own Oscar S. Gifford, who with his 6,000 acres of gold mines in Virginia declares that the salary of a congressman don't amount to much, anyhow; and, therefore, says he is not a candidate. The Judge has evidently been "casting his anchor to windward," as the tattooed statesman would say. But we don't think that that is the real reason why Judge Gifford is not a candidate; he sees with a prophetic eye that there is a new and independent party in the field that is apt to disarrange all republican calculations, and he is not foolish enough to enter into a contest where he is morally certain to be beaten by the farmer vote of this state.

Of course Sioux Falls is in it. There is H. H. Keith, a rich railroad lawyer, who is said to be a candidate. Then there is A. B. Kittredge, said to be a sort of "good fellow," who wants to be governor or something next year, but wouldn't mind being congressman in the mean time. Then also there is Judge Palmer who is said to have the seven-year itch for office in a chronic form. Senator Pettigrew accuses Palmer of having been possessed of an elastic conscience while territorial judge, which he was wont to stretch in the direction that would do him the most good—and then Pettigrew was mean enough to prove it on him. Palmer is remembered in Canton chiefly for opening his court with prayer in the morning and winning ace prizes at all the euchre parties in the evening; but a man with such varied and doubtful accomplishments will hardly make a safe or proper representative of the farming interests, and will scarcely be nominated even by the republicans. Aberdeen has a candidate in the notorious Charley McCoy of unsavory reputation, and Huron and Mitchell are pressing the claims of A. B. Melville and C. H. Dillon. Besides these the woods are full of many others, and the prairies, too, for that matter; so that it is really unsafe for a man to discharge a gun for fear of hitting one or more candidates for congress. The Black Hills, however, are threatening all sorts of vengeance if the next congressmen is not chosen from their midst. There are Ben-

nett and Van Cise, Bullock and Wash-abaugh, all said to be in the merry fight and they predict a bolt of that section unless one of them is nominated. But, gentlemen, you all had better save your time and money because no republican monopolist will be chosen this fall. The hay-seeds and haw-bucks intend to nominate and elect a good honest farmer in a pair of cow-hide boots to represent them in the next congress.

He is a reckless man indeed who willfully provokes a newspaper controversy during the reign of the dog star.

Golden Rule: Mr. E. M. Davis says: "The eagle is the master of the rooster", and don't you forget it; and both of them are thieves.

Gov. Hill is said by the newspapers to be for anybody to beat Cleveland, as far as the democratic nomination is concerned. Does that mean that he has abandoned hope for himself?

The love of the politician for the "dear people" may be likened unto that which existeth between the summer girl and the dude at every seashore and mountain resort; it is only for this year and not "for keeps".

It might not be a bad idea for us to adopt the Shah of Persia's method of punishing embezzlers. He has them boiled in oil, which, as inhuman as it sounds, is an improvement upon letting them go to Canada, where they live in luxury upon the fruits of their misdeeds.

Talk about the annexation of Cuba is again heard in the land. An able article by Gen. Thomas Jordan on "Why we need Cuba", in the current number of the Forum, has no doubt had much to do with bringing the subject before the public again.

Dr. Hammond has published an article on "How to rest", in the North American Review. The loafers around this locality can give the Doctor pointers on that subject without uncrossing their legs or shifting the quid of tobacco in their mouths.

C. P. Huntington appears to have entered the field as a rival of Jay Gould in the ownership of railroads. He has purchased the Texas Trunk railroad, a short line in Texas. If things go on for the next twenty years as they have for the past twenty years nine tenths of all the railroads in the United States will be in the hands of Gould, Huntington, the Vanderbilts, and their associates.

Jerry Simpson will probably discover sooner or later that he made a mistake in committing himself on the Speakership question, that is if he and his Alliance colleagues propose wielding the influence in the selection of Speaker of the House that circumstances have given them. To tell in advance the candidate they intend supporting would defeat their object by enabling the others to combine against him.

The idea now advanced by the politicians that Arizona and Utah are to be kept out of the Union until after the Presidential election is by no means a creditable one. As soon as those Territories present the proof to Congress that they possess the necessary qualifications for Statehood they should, at once be admitted, and the question of which political party would be the gainer in the electoral college, and in Congress, should not be considered at all.

Dress reform associations are plenty, but we cannot see that the progress made in reforming dress is of the lightning kind. The girl in the dress is always ahead of the reform in dress, and we are glad it is so, for what fun would it be to stroll in the shadow of the trees on moonlight nights with stern reform, as compared to the ecstasy of a just opposition with a bright eyed, rosy checked, flesh and blood girl under the same circumstances?

Switzerland is going to have a farmers organization similar to our Alliance. As imitation is the sincerest form of flattery the American organization has a right to feel proud.

The fifty-second Congress might do the country a service by trying to turn on the light in the dark places, so as to show the real cause of the fall of several national banks in Philadelphia, as well as where the millions of dollars, not yet accounted for, went. There should be no politics in such an investigation; the committee should be made up of Repre-

sentatives known to be practical business men, and care should be taken to see that no man who had business relations of any sort with Philadelphia should go on the committee. Give the people the truth, no matter who is hurt; if men of previous high standing are involved show them up that they may not use their high standing to rob the people again. This is a national affair and concerns every community that does business with a National bank; if it was possible to wreck national banks in Philadelphia it is possible elsewhere, but a complete exposure of the methods used in Philadelphia will at least put people on their guard against similar methods elsewhere.

FARMERS WAKING UP.

WORTHING, S. D., August 26, 1891:
Editor of THE FARMERS' LEADER: I want to say to my friends through the medium of your paper, that the independent party has come among us to stay. We farmers are waking up to the fact that we want less of party perjury and plunder, and more of patriotism, purity and principle. When John S. Ingalls says: "makes him tired to hear so much of honesty in politics, the iridescent statesman is where we propose to land the old politicians of both sides, and J. G. Carlisle kindly informs us that a political campaign is no good without Wall Street is behind it. He is marked for Salt River also.

Now is the time for us to take heart by what the independents did in the Nebraska legislature with the Newberry R. R. Bill, and what they did in Kansas and Minnesota, also what the little band of patriots did at Pierre, when they could have gotten boodle from Moody or Tripp in the senatorial race. No sir, we may not understand parliamentary rules, but we will show those howling politicians what it is to be honest and firm. The action of those unlettered farmers as legislators is something to be admired all over this great broad land, and the seed they sowed will produce untold results.

I will say to my brother farmers of the great west, they have put the ball in motion that will in the near future roll to the Atlantic and Pacific oceans and from the wheat fields of Manitoba, to the orange groves of the Gulf of Mexico. We have watched the election to place and power of old line politicians of either of the old parties and the result has been uniformly the same to us. The poor old fool of a farmer is good enough to work and get humbugged and that is all he is fit for. Don't let any more of those bunco steers throw their cobwebs over our eyes. Our brother farmers in old bleeding Kansas are having big jubilees all over the state.

I would recommend the selection of a Stockless Simpson to represent South Dakota, in place of the late John R. Gamble. We have no use for chronic office seekers. With the best of feelings toward all fellow men and malice toward none I remain,
E. W. NORRIS.

A SPECIAL ELECTION.

Owing to the death of congressman John R. Gamble, a special election must necessarily be held to fill the vacancy. The occasion will doubtless bring on another active campaign all over the state and furnish an index for 1892. That the independents will carry the state this year there is little room to doubt. The rank and file of the republican party, to many of them, are tired of the sort of men that have set themselves up for leaders, while the democrats are now so nearly extinct as to cut no material figure in the race. Hence the contest will be between the other two. In Brown county the republicans will have a rocky road with six or seven thousand dollars slipping away in the Haggerty bank failure. Tax-payers not in the ring are not going to condone that loss and sweat to replace it for the sake of a damnably corrupt clique. Put that money back into the treasury. Give to the people that which belongs to them. Get up no slinking out scheme to rob the tax-payers. Stand up to the rack and if there is any honor in H. S. Williams, or his bondsmen, return that money. The republican papers show up a large dissension in the party and it is no wonder. It has nearly fagged out and the postmasters and a few other strikers will be powerless to save it. The people who are sick of chasing after the old lynx-eyed party thieves, will be a mighty big factor in this campaign.—Grotton Leader.

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