

# The Farmers Leader

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## People's Party Convention.

The People's party of Lincoln county, S. D., will meet in delegate convention at Quigley's hall in the town of Worthing, on Saturday, the 21st day of May, A. D. 1898, at 1 o'clock p. m., to elect delegates to represent Lincoln county in the People's party state convention to be held in Aberdeen on June 22, 1898, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the convention. All legal voters opposed to the gold standard and in favor of the free and unlimited coinage of silver are invited to take part in the caucuses and convention. It is recommended that the precinct caucuses be held on Saturday, May 14, 1898. The various precincts will be entitled to representation as follows: One delegate for each ten votes and major fraction thereof cast for Gov. Lee at the general election in 1896. Each township will be entitled to the following number of delegates:

Eden ..... 6  
Lynn ..... 6  
Brooklyn ..... 7  
Highland ..... 7  
Fairview ..... 7  
Lincoln ..... 10  
Canton Twp ..... 10  
Grant ..... 8  
LaValley ..... 9  
Springdale ..... 5  
City of Canton ..... 15  
Worthing ..... 6  
Lennox ..... 9  
Total ..... 103

By order of the Committee.  
C. B. KENNEDY,  
Chairman.

## PEOPLE'S PARTY TWP. CAUCUSES.

### LaValley.

There will be a People's party caucus held in the Levi Wood school house on Saturday, May 14, at 6 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of electing nine (9) delegates to attend the county convention to be held on May 21, in Worthing, at which time delegates will be elected to attend the state convention. All legal voters opposed to the gold standard and in favor of the free and unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1, are invited to participate in the deliberations of this caucus.

GEO. SABIN,  
Chairman.

### Norway.

All opposed to the English gold standard and in favor of the free and unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1, are invited to meet in the Rise school house on Friday, May 13, at 7 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of electing eleven (11) delegates to attend the county convention to be held in Worthing on Saturday, May 21. Let everyone who is interested in the rescue of this nation from the English gold standard money changers meet on this occasion and participate with equality in selecting the delegates.

TOM ULRIKSON,  
Chairman.

### Grant.

A caucus of People's party voters and all others who are opposed to the gold standard and are in favor of the free and unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1, is hereby called to meet in the Gedstad school house on Saturday, May 14, at 6 o'clock p. m. at which time eight (8) delegates will be elected to attend the county convention to be held in Worthing on Saturday, May 21. A large turnout is desired as Grant can turn out a large caucus if the voters so desire.

LEWIS LARSON,  
Chairman.

### Highland.

There will be a caucus of the People's party voters in the Steensland school house on Saturday evening, May 14, at 6 p. m. All those in favor of the free and unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1 and those favoring a clean state administration are invited to participate. There will be ten (10) delegates elected to attend the county convention which meets at Worthing on Saturday, May 21.

ZEPH ELLIS,  
Chairman.

### Lincoln.

All voters opposed to the gold standard and in favor of the free and unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1 are invited to meet in the school house, Dist. No. 80, on Saturday, May 14, at 6 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of electing ten (10) delegates to attend the county convention to be held at Worthing on Saturday, May 21. Let everyone who is interested in the rescue of this nation from the gold standard money changers meet on this occasion and participate with equality in choosing the delegates.

A. J. WESTBURY,  
Chairman.

### Brooklyn.

A People's party caucus will be held in the Brooklyn school house, Dist. No. 42, on Saturday, May 14, at 8 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of electing 7 delegates to represent the township at the county convention to be held at Worthing. All opposed to the gold standard and in favor of the free coinage of silver are requested to take part.

C. G. SODERSTROM,  
Chairman.

When the soldier boys at Sioux Falls get ready for drill, it will be a great resort for visitors.

Spain will doubtless believe soon that "somebody blundered" when they blew up the Maine.

## City of Canton.

There will be a People's party caucus held in the LEADER office on Saturday night, May 14, at 8 o'clock, to elect 15 delegates to the county convention to be held at Worthing on Saturday, May 21, at which time delegates to the state convention will be elected. All reformers and those favoring the free and unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1 are earnestly invited to attend.

E. S. O'NEIL,  
Chairman.

## Hudson.

There will be a caucus held in the office of Atty. Jamieson on Saturday, May 14, at 8 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of electing four (4) delegates to represent our voting precinct at the county convention to be held at Worthing on Saturday, May 21. All opposed to monopolistic government and the single gold standard and in favor of the free and unlimited coinage of silver are respectfully invited to be present.

OSM'D STEENSLAND,  
Chairman.

## Eden.

A People's party caucus will be held in the Warner school house on Saturday, May 14, 1898, at 8 o'clock p. m. to elect 6 delegates to represent the township at the county convention at Worthing May 21. All those in favor of the unlimited coinage of silver at the present ratio and are opposed to the gold standard are invited to come and take part in the caucus.

T. M. THOMAS,  
Chairman.

## Dayton.

A People's party caucus is hereby called to meet at Dayton Hall on Saturday, May 14, 1898, at 7 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of electing ten (10) delegates to attend the county convention which is called to meet at Worthing on May 21. All voters opposed to the gold standard are invited to take part in this caucus.

J. W. FEE.

## Delapre.

There will be a caucus of the People's party voters at Tea on Saturday, May 14, at 8 p. m. All those in favor of the free and unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1 and those favoring a clean state administration are invited to participate. This meeting is for the purpose of electing eight (8) delegates to attend the county convention to be held at Worthing on Saturday, May 21.

A. MESSNER,  
Chairman.

## Lynn.

There will be a union People's caucus of the voters of Lynn township held in Quigley's hall in the village of Worthing on May 14, at 8 o'clock p. m. All those in favor of the free and unlimited coinage of silver and opposed to the gold standard are requested to attend. There will be ten (10) delegates elected to attend the county convention which meets at Worthing May 21.

R. O. DONAHUE,  
Chairman.

The People's party county convention to send delegates to Aberdeen invites all opposed to the gold standard Republican party to unite to prevent the state from going back to the plutocratic Republican party. There never was a time when the nation was in so much danger from the money power and trusts as now. We are in a condition of war. We were in that condition from '61 to '65, and while in that condition the money power took advantage to force upon the people the bonds that have been oppressing them ever since. The money power is now aching to repeat the history of those days. Already a revenue bill is introduced to issue \$500,000,000 interest bearing bonds with which to bleed the coming generation. Democrats, Populists and Free Silver Republicans are opposed. All are contending for substantially the same policy of government. It is of vital importance that all should unite to save the people in this time of need from the money sharks. In this state the People's party is the responsible opposition to the money railroad Republican party. One or the other will be entrusted with the responsibility of government in the state. Every man opposed to the Republican party should unite with the People's party and help save the state. There should be but one ticket in the field opposed to the Republican party. On that ticket should be men representing all factions but all should sail under the People's party colors. All should join in the People's party caucuses and conventions and campaign to the end that unity and harmony may be secured. The People's party caucuses and conventions are thrown wide open and the hand of fraternity is extended to every man to come in and each delegation to the county convention should represent all men opposed to the money railroad party.

Missouri has no money to mobilize her troops; South Dakota had no money for such a purpose but Gov. Lee was equal to the emergency.

Gov. Lee gives promise of being a first class war governor.

Sioux Falls will take royal care of the volunteers.

The Wall street editor of the Sioux City Journal is greatly alarmed because the LEADER has criticised the administration for its shifting, halting, cowardly policy with reference to the sinking of the Maine. The Journal itself found fault with the administration for its subservient commercial attitude and Senators Mason, Thurston, Foraker and other leading Republicans publicly proclaimed on the floor of the senate that the administration was under the influence of the Wall street ticker. The Journal knows, congress knows and the people know that it took the stern, all-powerful voice of the American people to convince the administration that the honor of the nation must be protected even to the extent of war. Had it not been for the voice of the patriotic people the destruction of the Maine would have been settled by diplomacy and a money value set upon the dead heroes destroyed by Spanish treachery in Havana harbor, as was the case with the murdered Virginians crew. Let the Journal read the record of Republican senators with reference to McKinley's message. Did not Mark Hanna and Steve Elkins, both Republican senators, and men close to the executive ear, counsel peace and vote for every measure that would avoid war at the expense of national honor. The destruction of the Maine was to be treated as an "incident" for future consideration. This was the position of the administration when 70,000,000 Americans were demanding vengeance. If the Journal can take any comfort out of the administration's position it is entirely welcome, because none but men who love the dollar better than the flag can do so. The LEADER is for war when war is necessary under any combination of circumstances, and Spain declared war indirectly when the Maine was blown up. Yet two months after that tragic event the administration was talking in diplomatic fog with the murderers of the Maine's crew. The president shirked every responsibility for war and turned the matter over to congress. The people demanded protection for the American flag from Spanish butchers and congress promptly declared war. Very few doubt that the Wall street-Hanna-bond influence had much to do with the indecision of the president and was one of the fatal poisons which destroyed the confidence of the people. The LEADER will support the administration in its war measures just as earnestly as the Journal, and while the editor of the LEADER is not commanding the Soldiers' Home, he is amply able to expose the miserable politics of the Journal, a recognized sycophant to every trust and combination that robs the people. The LEADER is fully under the belief that the Journal editor who wrote the article about the LEADER's criticism of the administration's dollar policy when the honor of the nation was at issue, is no other than the Journal's man Caldwell, formerly of Sioux Falls, whose record is that of a coward. If the LEADER is mistaken in its man, the Journal will have to assume the responsibility for a cowardly sneak, in any event. The Populists of South Dakota have been for war since the morning after the Maine was blown up, and the LEADER defies the Journal to say as much for William McKinley.

Col. Frost will be an honor to the state and reflect the wise judgement of Gov. Lee in selecting him to command the first regiment South Dakota volunteers. He will make our Dakota volunteers first class soldiers in three months, because he knows how to drill and care for the men in camp or on the march. The South Dakota volunteers will make their mark as fighters and after thirty days drilling marching ought to be able to march 30 miles in light marching order and go into camp fit for any duty.

Three eminent judges in as many states have decided that a man has a right to kill the destroyer of his home. That is not law; but it is public sentiment nearly everywhere, and juries are apt to avoid facts in order to reach the same conclusion. It is shocking enough; but if it prove an effective warning to any of these destroyers much good will have come out of a not very large amount of evil.

The newly elected city officers of Sioux Falls elected upon their duties this week. The LEADER wishes Mayor Lien and his able corps of assistants success in their work for which there is so little credit and so much kicking. Here's to Mayor Lien.

The Sioux City Journal belongs to a class of newspapers that love the dollar more than the flag, and would have cheerfully followed Hanna's cowardly policy of allowing the Maine "incident" to pass into diplomacy.

The Sioux City Journal feels bad because Hanna has disgraced McKinley and forced Republican senators to denounce the unholy deal on the floor of the senate.

The Sioux City Journal has an editor on its pay-roll who is just as big a liar as Caldwell, formerly of Sioux Falls.

W. V. Lucas has been appointed receiver of the Chamberlain land office. Here's congratulations.

The money power is again at work trying to take advantage of war to forge on the future generations of this country another load of interest bearing bonds. They know the nation must have abundance of money with which to wield its mighty power against Spain and they also know that the patriotism of the country is ready to make every sacrifice and assume every burden in order to vindicate the honor and humanity of our flag. They know that common people, the brain and brawn of the land, will fly to the front and leave the money sharks to look after the finances of the country and their idea is more interest bearing bonds. The rank and file, the producers and laborers, know that the nation has the power to make all the money it requires out of its credit, that greenbacks with full legal tender quality, would supply every need and would not extort one cent from the people in the way of interest. But what is the use of war to the moneyed class unless it produce more interest, more extortion, more power over the government. The revenue measure now before congress provides for a bond issue of \$500,000,000. This is a greater menace to the freedom and integrity of this nation than the navies, armies and brutality of Spain. Every patriot should fight this bond measure with even greater heroism than they do the Spaniard. We can easily annihilate the Spaniard, but when the money lords get their grasp on the nation's throat in the shape of bonds, battle-ships and armies are powerless. While our boys at the front and on the battle-ships shout "remember the Maine," from every honest man should come the cry "down with the bonds, remember the bonds of 1862." Then the nation's life was at stake and the money sharks administered bonds. Now the nation's honor is pledged and bonds are again prescribed. The People's party members of congress and the Bryan Democrats are fighting heroically to strike down this bond outrage. Our own Pettigrew will fight it to the last but we fear the gold standard Republican party will be whipped into line and the measure will go through. It is a calamity to the nation that the money party has control of the government at this time, but a congressional election is coming on in the fall and the people will rush to the nation's aid at the polls with equal enthusiasm as they now do to arms and they will not only wipe the Spanish cut-throats from the western hemisphere but they will drive the money changers from congress and place the government in the control of the real patriotism of the country. Let the war cry be "remember the bonds."

The three parties opposed to the Republican party in this state have called their conventions to meet at the same time at Aberdeen on the 23d of June. This does not mean that there will be three tickets with the same men on each. It means that all reformers will get together and consult on the best alignment to make to defeat the gold standard railroad gang that is plotting to again get control of the state government, to again loot and disgrace it as did the Taylors, Kellams, Mayhews, Andersons, et al. The alignment that will be most potent to success will be one ticket, one management and one campaign. On this ticket will be men representing the three elements but there will be only one ticket and that the People's party. The Democrats and Free Silver Republicans recognize the fact that the People's party in this state will be held responsible for the state government, that it is the dominant opposition to the Republican, that the responsibility of government can not be divided, that the people will look to the party governing and hold it responsible. In order to govern successfully there can not be three independent parties each conducting it on independent lines. The Democrats and Free Silver Republicans are entitled by uniting with the People's party to share in the patronage of the government in the state and take part in that government but not to conduct it on the lines of those parties. When the three parties meet at Aberdeen they will decide on a ticket satisfactory to all. The People's party will nominate it and the other two will endorse it. The campaign committee will represent all elements. One united campaign will be made. After the ticket is formed factions and parties will disappear and one united body of men will advance on the common enemy. The Republicans are very anxious that three tickets should be nominated with the same men on each. They will know that such an alignment would produce friction and failure, that each party would be contending for its own campaign and campaign fund and management and a struggle to show the largest vote even at the expense of the other parties, that fallacies would arise and they would strive to work the one element against the other. The very fact that the Republicans are in favor of three opposition parties in the field is a conclusive argument for the opposition to unite. One ticket, one management and harmony and one object in view is the logical alignment and will be the one that will be formed at Aberdeen.

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