

# The Farmers Leader

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## People's Party State Convention.

The People's party of South Dakota will meet in delegate convention in the city of Aberdeen at 10 o'clock a. m., June 22, 1898, for the purpose of placing in nomination two candidates for representatives in congress, a candidate for governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, auditor, treasurer, attorney general, superintendent of public instruction, commissioner of school and public lands, railroad commissioner for the Third district, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the convention. The large farmers of the state are invited to participate in the convention and to bring with them as many voters as possible. The People's party are cordially invited to participate in the caucus and convention. The basis of representation will be one delegate for each fifty votes or major fraction thereof, east in the several counties for the W. J. Bryan electors in the presidential election in 1896. By order of Committee.

## Silver Republican State Convention.

In compliance with a resolution regularly adopted at a meeting of the state central committee of the Silver Republican party of the state of South Dakota, a delegate convention of said party is hereby called to meet at the city of Aberdeen in said state on the 22d day of June, 1898, at the hour of ten o'clock a. m. for the purpose of placing in nomination a full set of candidates of said party for election to the several state offices at the general November, 1898, election in said state and for the purpose of adopting a platform and transacting such other business as may properly be brought before said convention. The basis of representation from the several counties of the state in said convention will be one delegate for each fifty votes or major fraction thereof, east in the several counties for the W. J. Bryan electors in the presidential election in 1896. By order of Committee.

U. S. G. CHERRY,  
Chairman.

## Democratic State Convention.

The Democrats of South Dakota will meet in delegate convention in the city of Aberdeen, S. D., on June 22, 1898, at 10 o'clock a. m. for the purpose of placing in nomination a full set of candidates for congress, and for such other business as may properly come before such convention. The basis of representation for each county will be one (1) delegate at large from each county, one (1) delegate for every 50 votes cast for F. M. Ringrose, one of the Bryan electors in 1896, and one (1) delegate for every major fraction of such 50 votes.

JOHN A. BOWLER,  
Chairman.

Each party will be entitled to the following representation in the different counties:

Aurora	11	Beadle	19
Bon Homme	19	Brookings	27
Brown	28	Hill	14
Buffalo	3	Rush	4
Cambell	8	Charles Mix	13
Clark	17	Clay	24
Coddington	16	Custer	23
Davidson	13	Day	20
Deuel	14	Douglas	9
Edmunds	11	Fall River	19
Frank	6	Grant	12
Hamilton	19	Ham	12
Hanson	14	Hughes	7
Hutchinson	10	Hyde	2
Jerauld	13	Kingsbury	22
Lake	31	Lawrence	26
Lincoln	22	McPherson	8
McCook	14	Meade	17
Marshall	14	Minnehaha	26
Miner	21	Pennington	21
Moody	9	Potter	22
Potter	9	Roberts	29
Sanborn	11	Spink	22
Stanley	4	Sully	5
Turner	21	Union	30
Waltham	7	Yankton	25
Unorganized county attached to Butte	9	Grant	2
Delano	1	Scott	1
Gregory	1	Stearns	1
Jackson	2	Ziebach	1
Novilla	1	Total	882

Don't forget that gallant Vermont, Admiral Dewey.

Commemorate the first war that all our glorious country was united upon.

Shall the Monroe doctrine of one hundred years be continued or shall we acquire and hold new territory and expand?

Veterans of 1861-5 united in doing honor to the volunteers of 1898, is one of the greatest events in the nation's history.

Gen. Miles, Gen. Lee, Gen. Merritt, Gen. Wheeler, Gen. Wilson, Gen. Longstreet, Gen. Schofield and Gen. Lincoln, all good names and patriots now.

It is hoped that fair, pleasant weather will prevail during encampment week so that the visitors may be able to enjoy the open-hearted hospitality of Canton's generous citizens.

When the working poor are paid in return for their labor only as much money as will buy them the necessities of life, their condition is identical with that of the slave, who received those necessities at first hand. The former we call "freemen" and the latter "slave," but the difference is imaginary only.—John Adams.

The blue and the gray marching side by side under the bright colors of old glory, and joined by volunteers from Maine and Texas, Washington and Florida, South Carolina and Massachusetts, New York and Virginia, South Dakota and Alabama, presents to the tottering crowns of the old world a vision of what the giant of the west can do when occasion demands.

Let one and all extend a hearty welcome to the Grand Army veterans, Womans' Relief Corps and Sons of Veterans. Let the spirit that prevails all over the nation towards the volunteers of 1898, be extended with all the zest and joy and pride and glory of memory for past deeds to the veteran volunteers of 1861-5. The young men of 1861-5 are gray haired veterans today and proud to see their sons follow their noble example. Let the encampment of 1898 be made memorable by such a demonstration as the "boys" have never met before. The citizens of Canton are equal to the occasion.

The People's party of Sioux Falls held its caucuses in the various wards of the city and the Free Silver Republicans went in and united with People's party men, and such stalwart Free Silver Republicans as C. P. Bates, J. G. Eddy, M. L. Fox, H. W. Sawyer, C. S. Palmer, Roy Williams, B. H. Lien, H. C. Torry, Sam Hamilton and L. D. Adams were elected to attend the People's party county convention on June 4. These men fully understand that in order to win this fall that there must be a complete union of all reform elements; that the railroad interests are determined to wrest the state from the reformers and place it in the hands of the railroad attorneys. They fully understand that the struggle in the campaign and at the polls will be desperate and the only way to win is for all friends of clean, honest government and a just and effective enforcement of the railroad laws of the state to heartily unite in one campaign, one alignment and one ticket. These men represent the true and disinterested Free Silver Republicans of Minnehaha county and their bold stand for union in conflict with the independent call for a state convention by Mr. Cherry, shows that they think more of the state than they do of party. This action on the part of the Minnehaha Free Silver Republicans simplifies the move for complete union. The other counties of the state will follow the lead of Lincoln and Minnehaha and at Aberdeen one united force will be organized that will sweep the last remnant of the railroad crowd from any control of the state's government and will give the people the direction of their state's government. The LEADER regrets that Mr. Cherry has seen fit to make an independent call. He is unfortunately situated to take part in forming a line of battle against the common enemy—the railroad interests of the state. He is in the employ of those interests for the purpose of defeating the very laws which the people are trying to enforce, and his independent action can not fail to be looked on with suspicion that the railroads are behind it; that separate action would produce friction and lack of harmony and failure in the campaign. This is just what the railroad interests desire and true reformers and silver men will not be caught in any such position. The Democratic party is a great one, its organization was almost contemporaneous with the government itself and at Aberdeen that organization will see to it that by a harmonious union its old enemy, the Republican party, is finally laid to rest in this state. The reformers will not divide in this state. They have met the railroad crowd too often to present for their destruction a divided opposition. All elements will unite on the People's party ticket. The ticket will be made up so as to properly represent all elements and one campaign will be made. The action of the Sioux Falls silver men in going into the People's party caucuses has removed the only danger to union and now all reformers can go to Aberdeen feeling that union and harmony is assured.

**THE "COPPERHEAD" CRY.**  
What a joy there would be in Madrid if the American currency, heretofore equal to the best in the world, should be sinking, day by day, until it settles to where the Spanish currency is now flickering—not worth 30 cents on the dollar. The copperheads will not carry the senate. They are spitting out their poison in vain. A majority of that body will vote down the Jones, Bryan and Turpie propositions to debase the good name of our country. Then the political copperheads will realize that after fiercely urging the war they would have gained more by voting squarely and directly for the taxes necessary to carry on that war in order to insure to the Cubans a stable and independent government.—Milwaukee Wisconsin.

What joy there would be in Wall street if the proposition to issue \$150,000,000 in greenbacks and coin the idle silver in the treasury is defeated and the country is plunged into debt \$500,000,000 to carry on the war!  
What terror there was in Wall street when war was declared!  
How the Morgans and the Benedicts, the Ikelheimers and the rest of the financial jackals rushed to Washington to pull the president down and keep his message back! What joy there was in Wall street when partial success was met!

Who are the "copperheads"?  
The copperheads are the same men who, during the civil war, held the country up by the throat for usurious rates of interest and insisted on plunging the knife into the back of the greenback that it might be disabled for their financial benefit!  
Who proposed the greenbacks?  
Abraham Lincoln!  
Was he a "copperhead"? He was a Republican and a good one.  
Who said "we had to surrender to the banks or lose the republic"?  
Thaddeus Stevens!  
Was he a copperhead?  
He was a Republican and a good one.  
Who said the greenbacks were good money?  
The supreme court!  
Were they copperheads?  
Who abused the greenback currency and called it vile names?  
Vallandigham of Ohio and the rest of his ilk!  
Were they copperheads or patriots?  
Who fought the war to success and saved the union?  
The good old greenback!  
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**THE OX-TEAM SEA ROUTE.**  
The Oregon has made a remarkable voyage. Americans are expected to take pride in a great steel battle ship that has sailed 13,000 miles without doing her complicated machinery a dollar's worth of damage. And they do take pride in her. They are expected to be proud of her speed—the 13,000 mile run accomplished in two months. They are proud accordingly.  
But there is one thing which Americans don't and can't take pride in, and that is the fact that it should have been necessary for the Oregon to make such a voyage. Every day that she steamed south of Nicaragua on the west coast of the hemisphere and up the Atlantic coast from the Straits of Magellan was a day wasted, a day to make the people of the United States ashamed.  
For the Nicaraguan Canal should have been cut long ago. Had the canal existed the Oregon, instead of sailing a distance equal to more than half the way around the globe—further than from the North to the South Pole—could have made the trip from San Francisco to Key West in two weeks and been spared some 10,000 miles of travelling.

**HAWAII MUST BE OURS.**  
The desirability, the necessity of Hawaiian annexation is being forced upon the dullest understandings. The light is even breaking through the thick coating of "leprosy and loot"—and sugar—which has encased the mind of the New York World. That paper makes this announcement:  
We may have to annex the Hawaiian Islands. If our expedition to Manila is allowed to coal at Honolulu the law of nations may make such action necessary it is said.  
Hawaii as an independent and consequently neutral power cannot permit us to coal our ships for their onward voyage against the Spaniards in the Philippines without committing an act of war, unless the same privilege should be extended to Spanish war ships bound on a hostile errand to our coast. Fortunately there is no fear of a Spanish attack of the kind, for Dewey has eliminated the danger.

But suppose that we were at war with a power possessing fleets in the Pacific, how then? Is it not obvious that in such case the ownership of the islands would be of the most vital importance to us? Therefore the commonest concern for our interests in the future demands the raising of the American flag over Hawaii.  
Should the unlikely happen, and Spain get a partner in this war, or send that Cadiz fleet of hers into the Pacific, the immediate necessity for annexation would be clear to the most obstinate of those opponents who are so constructed intellectually that they cannot realize that fire burns until they actually feel its heat.

We need the Hawaiian Islands.  
We need the Nicaraguan Canal.  
We need a mighty navy.  
We need naval bases in the West Indies.  
We need great national universities at West Point and Annapolis.  
The satisfying of these five needs constitutes the national policy formulated by the Journal—a policy approved by the people because it is clear and coherent. And it will presently receive the support of every newspaper in the United States which cares less for the pride of mistaken opinion than it does for the Republic's welfare, present and to come.—New York Journal.

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# HISTORY REVERSING ITSELF.

Few incidents connected with the early days of the war of the rebellion are more distinctly remembered than the attack made by a secession mob, April 19, 1861, upon the Sixth Regiment of Massachusetts Volunteers as it was marching through the streets of Baltimore to the defense of Washington. As a consequence six soldiers were killed and some fifteen wounded, while a number of the rioters were killed by the return fire of the soldiers. The tragedy was all the more impressive in view of the fact that it occurred on the anniversary of the battle of Lexington, which opened the war for American independence in 1775, and the members of the regiment attacked in some cases embraced those who were descendants of participants in that historic conflict. The act was the work of the enemies of the union, including many who had come from other states, and was not shared in by the chief city authorities, as the mayor and chief of police did their best to protect the soldiers, finally marching at the head of the regiment at the risk of their own lives.

A touching reminder of that historic event was furnished when a Massachusetts regiment, bearing the corresponding number, marched through the streets of Baltimore the other day on its way to Chickamauga to take its place beside those from both the North and South preparing to fight for the independence of Cuba. The difference between the days of 1861 and 1898 was illustrated in the presentation to the soldiers yesterday of flowers and decorated boxes containing refreshments, and bearing this inscription: "Maryland's Greeting to Massachusetts. A united country honors the men who are rallying to her defense. May the memory of 1861 be effaced by the welcome of 1898."

There have been many reminders during the last few weeks that the evil days of disunion have passed forever, and that the country now constitutes a real "Union—One and Inseparable"—but there have been few more impressive than the demonstration in honor of the Sixth Massachusetts, almost on the identical spot on which their predecessors had met with the tragedy of 1861.

When a man enlists as a soldier he virtually passes over his life to his government; he no longer controls it. In this world life is everything—it is all one can give to another or to his country. Therefore, those who are inclined to impugn the motives of a man who enlists—as William J. Bryan, for instance—would do themselves credit by holding their criticisms till they have put themselves on an equal footing with him by enlisting themselves.—Volga Tribune.

Don't forget Dewey and his glorious navy when your patriotism is boiling over.

**Silver Republican Convention.**  
The Lincoln county silver republican committee met in the City of Canton, on the 30th day of April, at 2:00 p. m., and was called to order by the chairman, D. H. Hawn.  
On motion J. H. McVay was elected secretary.  
On motion by J. D. Hicks it was voted that the free silver Republican party of Lincoln county, is hereby called to meet in delegate convention in the court house in the city of Canton on the 4th day of June 1898, at the hour of 2:00 p. m., for the purpose of electing 29 delegates to represent this county in the state convention to be held in the city of Aberdeen, June 22, 1898.

On motion of Otto Hergiv it was voted that the several townships and voting precincts in the county will be entitled to one delegate at large and one for every thirty-five votes and every major fraction thereof cast for W. J. Bryan electors in the presidential election of 1896.

On this basis the several townships and voting precincts will be entitled to the following number of delegates.

Eden	3	Pleasant	3
Fairview	2	Lincoln	4
Canton	3	Grant	3
LaValley	3	Springdale	3
City of Canton	5	Lennox	4
Norway	4	Brooklyn	3
Highland	3	Delaware	3
Lynn	3	Worthing	2
Dayton	3	Perry	3
Delapre	3	Hudson	2

By order of the committee.  
J. H. McVay, Secretary.  
D. H. Hawn, Chairman.

**Advertised Letter List.**  
Following is the list of letters, remaining unclaimed, in the Canton postoffice, for the week ending May 28, 1898.  
Mullinger, Mrs. Minnie  
Meyers, Mrs. O. S.  
In calling for the above, please say advertised. JAMES LEWIS, P. M.

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Large line of spring capes, jackets, dress skirts, wrappers and mackintoshes.

We are agents for the famous Gold Medal black dress goods.

**We Can Save You Money** on both dry goods and groceries, as we buy in large quantities and pay cash.

**Big Double Store... Puckett Bros.**

Large and complete stock of **Lumber and Building Material** has just arrived and is kept dry and clean in the new large sheds.

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