

Ed Advocate: Having just finished reading last week's *Independent*, I feel like offering a few thoughts on the spirit of the short article it contains on the proceedings of our meeting last Wednesday. It is known to all readers of that paper that it has professed great solicitude for the welfare of the Alliance, indeed it has been publicly stated by some of its friends that it would like to become our organ. In view of these professions how is the following to be viewed? "We understand however that with many delegates absent and others not voting a set of resolutions or 'platform' was rushed through which is to be a guide for candidates desiring Alliance votes. If the resolutions contain, as we are informed a lot of free trade and old Greenback jargon, they will be spewed out by hundreds of alliance men. A citizen does not forfeit his manhood and his principles because he joins the Alliance and this brazen effort to whip him into swallowing what he has always refused to swallow will simply recoil and the result will be evil and only evil to the Order. It's a pity but it's true."

Now the first question that arises in the mind of every member of the last county alliance is, was the editor misinformed or does he lie? That the above is as untrue, as unjust and as mean a perversion of the proceedings had, as it is possible to make, is known to all that were present. It is true there were brothers present that were opposed to any action being taken by the Alliance other than a positive declaration that we would do nothing, but there never was a proposition made in the Alliance that was in a more hopeless minority. It is true there was some opposition made to the adoption of the Finance and tariff sections but the strength manifested among the delegates did not indicate that the Alliance would be seriously injured by the "spewers". It is true that one or two brothers made strong speeches against the adoption of the resolution pledging ourselves not to support any candidate for any office that does not pledge himself to support our principles, but yet it was adopted by an overwhelming majority and I have seen the most radical brother since and he is still a zealous brother with no indication of a spew about him, and there is one thing more that is true, there has never been anything yet adopted by the Alliance since its formation so far as my knowledge goes that in anyway would seriously affect its future action that came anyways near receiving the unanimous support that the declaration of principles or "platform" did at our last meeting. Now as to the charges of being hurried; "many delegates not present and others not voting" etc. As to the first charge the most of the afternoon session was occupied in its consideration; as to the second: I am informed by the doorkeeper there were not over a dozen members that left before the adoption of the entire platform.

As to the third it is true there is a bad habit among some of our delegates that when they see that a proposition has received a large vote they seem to think that it is not necessary to vote at all, but I think I am stating

facts when I say there was not a vote taken on any section that did not receive an affirmative vote of a large majority of the delegates present.

But now brothers you have a fair sample of the treatment you will receive from the partisan press whenever you attempt to do anything but vote and act with them. Let them make your platforms and name your candidates and you walk up to the polls and vote the straight ticket like little men and everything will be lovely. They deeply deplore the fact that you are robbed of your honest labor and tell you that you are the hardest worked and poorest paid men on earth, and that you ought to organize, that you are the majority. If you only organize you can accomplish wonders, but of all things don't go into politics; it will certainly kill you; it is immoral—it is unhealthy; you should never let your aspirations go beyond the primaries and always cast your vote for the slate made by those best posted in the political machinery of your community; and then go straight to the polls on election morn and see that all the voters of our party are on hand and all vote straight, no scratching, and you have done all that is required of you as a good citizen, and for such services and patriotism you will certainly be entitled to consideration by your party at some time in the future. Now brother alliance men are you made of that kind of material? Do you think more of your old party than you do of yourselves, of the interest of your families, of your manhood? Are you willing to make fools of yourselves, to be held up to ridicule, to be told that farmers will never accomplish anything? If so, never leave the old party. Spew out every effort that those whose interests are identical with yours attempts to make for our mutual benefit. It will only be a short time until the sheriff will be called upon to administer on your estate, until you will be placed in a position that some fine-haired, kid-gloved gentlemen will have the power to say: you support my principles and my candidates or hunt another hole to crawl into. You are now occupying my premises and I don't propose to have any free trader or greenback cranks around me. If this is satisfactory, all right; if not, for the love of all that is near and dear to you stir yourselves; inform yourselves by reading some paper published in your interest. You have no time to spare. A convention of bankers met lately in Kansas City. All that I have been able to learn of their proceedings was in relation to the effort to destroy the few greenbacks that we now have. They can't control them you know. By the way why don't the *Independent* post us on their proceedings.

J. M. HUBER.

EDITOR ADVOCATE: Will you kindly grant me a small space in your columns to refute a statement published in the last issue of the *Oskaloosa Independent* in regard to the platform adopted by the Jefferson county Alliance at its last regular meeting, which statement reads as follows: "With many delegates absent and others not voting a set of resolutions, or a platform was rushed through which is to

be a guide for candidates desiring Alliance votes." In the matter of absentees I have this to say: I have attended every regular meeting of the county Alliance since its organization, and at no meeting has there been so full an attendance of delegates as at the one in question. The resolutions were adopted with hardly a dissenting vote and the fact that a few members refrained from voting is not evidence that they did not favor the resolutions. The undersigned did not vote on a single section of the resolutions though in full sympathy with every one of them. In regard to the rushing part of the matter the fact is just this: the consideration and adoption of the resolutions consumed the greater part of the time of the afternoon session. W. H. TORNER, Rock Creek, Oct. 14.

We have been furnished a copy of a communication that has been sent to the *Independent* for publication. The author, thinking that the erroneous report of the proceedings of the county Alliance published in the *Independent* last week should be corrected, desires to give the correction as wide publicity as possible, and therefore sends it to the *Advocate*. The following is the communication.

Editor *Independent*:—How was your "understanding" reached in regard to proceedings in Co. Alliance last week. As you were not correctly advised, we desire to know your authority for the statement you made in regard to our proceedings. The resolution you print as passed by the Alliance, is not correctly stated. There being a material omission in your version.

You say: "We understand, however, that with many delegates absent, and others not voting, a set of resolutions, or a 'platform' was rushed through which is to be a guide for candidates desiring Alliance votes." This set of resolutions, or platform, was passed before the resolution you partially printed, and during the whole proceedings, until after this code of principles was adopted there was the closest attention to business by a very decorous, thoughtful set of men about a hundred in number. Opportunity was given for debate on every section of the code.

I met quite a large per cent of our Alliance folks at the Falls on Saturday, and could not see or hear of any spewing out business which you predicted.

If this "whipping in" business is so distasteful to you why don't you let up on it; and why do you feel such holy horror at anything that smacks of coalition with democrats, when one of the best offices in the county (its peculiarity being that it is for a four years' term) was obtained in this way, and you never kicked a bit.

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