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Appointments for County Candidates and Local Speakers.

Hon. A. G. Forney, People's party nominee for state senator, Hon. G. E. Meeker, nominee for representative in 70th district, Lyman Naugle, nominee for probate judge and others of the People's party candidates will meet and address the people at the following times and places:

Palestine township, Barner's school house, Monday, Sept. 26.

Harmon township, Redmond school house, Tuesday, Sept. 27.

London, Argyle school house, Wednesday, Sept. 28.

Sumner, Mystic Valley school house, Thursday, Sept. 29.

Seventy-Six, Seventy-Six Center, Friday, Sept. 30.

At the following meetings Hon. A. G. Forney, Lyman Naugle and other candidates will be present:

Oxford township, Beuna Vista school house, Monday, Oct. 3.

Avon, Avon Center, Tuesday, Oct. 4.

Val Verde, Jenkins school house, Wednesday, Oct. 5.

Green, Concord school house, Thursday, Oct. 6.

Jackson, Jackson Center school house, Friday, Oct. 7.

GRAND OVATIONS.

Prof. Gaines and the Quenemo Glee Club Carrying the County By Storm.

Hon. H. N. Gaines, candidate for Superintendent of Public Instruction on the People's state ticket began the canvass of the county Monday afternoon with an address at Cole's grove, four miles northwest of this city. There was a fair, earnest, appreciative audience, though not as large as it would have been if held at a time when the farmers were not so busy. However, it was an enjoyable picnic for all present and the speech of Mr. Gaines and the singing of the Quenemo Glee Club enthused and cheered the listeners. His speech was full of food for thought and presented the issues in such a clear and forcible light that there is no excuse for anyone voting ignorantly or blindly. Mr. Gaines is a pleasant speaker, a born orator and uses splendid and choice language. He is a rising young statesman. He was followed by Messrs. Forney and Meeker in ten minutes speeches, both of which were pointed.

AT NIGHT.

In the evening Mr. Gaines spoke at Liberty Hall in this city. The house was crowded, the windows, aisles and doorways being occupied, with many outside listening to the remarks and singing through the open doors and windows. Chairman Hincheliffe presided and the meeting opened with singing by the Quenemo Glee Club. This club is composed of Misses Metta and Mauda and Ed. Murphy, sisters and brother. They are all earnest and enthusiastic Populists, which probably accounts, in part at least, for the pleasing and forcible manner in which they render their selections. They receive an ovation wherever they sing and the audience never gets tired listening to them. Their songs are sentimental and instructive and are not to be compared with such rot as was inflicted upon the people at the tent Saturday.

Mr. Gaines was introduced and instead of wasting time ridiculing and abusing political opponents, he went at once to the discussion of the issues of the campaign, the causes that have made a new party necessary and the importance of united and prompt action. He did, however, everlastingly scorch the opposers of progress and showed that no great reform, invention or development had ever been established without the opposition and disapproval of the men who lay claim to intelligence, but who are so prejudiced, jealous and opposed to anything better than they have enjoyed in their day that they stand in the road, a stumbling block for those who would take a step forward. They "object," "ridicule," "hoot and declare "you can't do it." He cited the case of Columbus, the discoverer of America, and showed that he was looked upon as a visionary crank, abused, slandered and persecuted. Yet no one is now sorry that Columbus lived and had the nerve to stand up for progress. He referred to Galileo, Robert Fulton, Dr. Harvey, William Lloyd Garrison and others who were hampered and denounced because of their new ideas and advanced thoughts. He referred to the number of reforms and new inventions that are now under way and will surely be accomplished, notwithstanding the doubting Thomases and opposers of progress.

Speaking on the tariff he quoted Blackstone, in proof that a tariff is a tax and is ultimately paid by the consumer and showed that it was preposterous and silly to assert that we ever have or ever can make outsiders pay our taxes. On the money question he so effectively exploded the intrinsic value theory that any ten year old school boy could comprehend it, and offered convincing proof that the poor are taxed for the benefit of the rich. Mr. Gaines is a fine elocutionist and a forcible orator and his remarks were heartily applauded all through his speech.

We only wish Kansas had more such defenders and calamity howlers. Mr. Gaines is a vote maker.

AT KINKADE'S GROVE.

On Tuesday Prof. Gaines and the glee club went to Kinkade's grove, 2 1/2 miles southeast of Portland, on the line between Gueph and Walton townships, where an old-fashioned barbecue was held. The barbecue was a great success. People were there from all over the south part of the county. A count of those entering the grounds revealed the presence of over 300 teams and 600 voters and nearly 3,000 people. The glee club carried the crowd by storm, and notwithstanding the high wind, Prof. Gaines talked to an extremely attentive audience for over an hour. He was followed by Hon. A. G. Forney, J. M. Doubleday, J. W. McLaughlin, Lyman Naugle and Geo. W. Ewing, the county candidates. Rev. Williams, the Methodist minister of South Haven, was called for and responded in a talk, endorsing all that had been said and stating that with the addition of one plank (the Prohibitory plank) he would be a full-fledged People's party man. The speeches were all well received and accomplished good in that already practically solid People's party community. Citizens of those townships inform us that there is positively not enough fingers on the hand to count the converts to the People's movement in the last few weeks, and the man who has fallen from grace is a veritable freak indeed.

IN THE EVENING.

The largest meeting was held that has ever convened at a political gathering in that town, so we were told by old residents of the town. The hall was crowded to the entrance, even the standing room in the aisles and on the platform being occupied. The club was warmly greeted as well as the speeches, and seed was sown that will undoubtedly come to full fruition in November. The town of Geuda Springs will give perhaps more than one-half its votes to the People's party. Several pronounced Republicans have recently come boldly over.

AT OXFORD.

Wednesday was another blustery day, but notwithstanding a large crowd gathered at Morrill's grove. Prof. Gaines' voice was in bad condition from speaking in the wind and dust of the day previous and the county candidates occupied the time. Mr. Forney made an able talk on the silver question and prospective state legislation and Hon. J. M. Doubleday held up the record of the last legislature to the gaze of the people. Mr. Doubleday's remarks are complete and convincing. He convicts the Republican senate of a woeful disregard of their pledges and of the interests of the people. Mr. Doubleday's record stands out in bold relief as one of the most faithful members of the last house.

In the evening Johnson's hall lacked a capacity of two hundred or more of holding all of the people that would like to have attended. Every inch of standing room was taken and the hallway clear to the foot of the stairway was crowded. The glee club was at their best and convulsed the happy audience at every effort. Prof. Gaines eclipsed all previous efforts and the people separated in wonderful enthusiasm and good feeling. These meetings, so far as held, have been a grand triumphal march. This (Thursday) evening Argonia will be visited and on Friday the big barbecue in Sumner township will take place. It looks very much as if the opposition would hardly be "in it" in Sumner county this fall.

Speaking of the Democrats of Harper county the Monitor says they "will sit on the fence and watch the Republicans and calamityites fight it out." Ah, there! Do you really admit that there are enough calamityites left to make a fight? The young, manly, courageous People's party is the Jim Corbett of this campaign. You are right about it being in this fight. Look out for your noses and stomachs.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Prohibitionists will nominate a county ticket Oct. 5. See their call elsewhere.

If you know of any friend in this county who is desirous of reading up on this reform movement, send him the VOICE until after the election. Only 10c. Stand up for principle.

Clay Center is the home of one Dawes. He raves and snorts and paws: But he can't fool the voters. Not even the floaters. This third-class expounder of laws.

The Voice of the People is a new paper just started at Waycross, Ga., to do battle for the people in the "solid south." It is an able and aggressive recruit.

"Jerry Simpson is not one of the masses," wrote a g. o. p. editor. The intelligent compositor put the space between the "m" and "a" in the two last words and thus turned a lie into the truth.

One of the banners in the Wichita-Simpson parade read: "Stand up for Kansas! You bet. She's a daisy. She's ours." This was copied from our editorial of two weeks ago and is regarded as a compliment. We are the people.

The day following the Wichita rally Simpson was greeted at Kingman by an enthusiastic crowd of 10,000 people. The meeting was a repetition of the Wichita rally only not quite so large. The enthusiasm was as genuine, however.

After all it may be admitted that the rally Saturday was a big thing for the Republicans of today. Of course it was not half so large as has been held by them in former days, but it must be remembered that the party is not now half so large.

At an alleged Republican ratification meeting at Denver Saturday night, Senator Teller insulted his audience because of the continued cheers for free coinage. Seeing what a mistake he had made, he apologized for losing his temper. Teller is now a dead cock in the pit.

The Democrats of the state have organized and are taking steps for an active campaign in the interest of the People's ticket. As in Colorado, the handful of "straight-outs" who are aiding the goldbugs and plutocrats, are not in it. Judge John Martin will probably speak in Wellington soon.

If the speeches at the rally Saturday proved anything they proved that the Republicans are now the boss calamity howlers. To believe these speakers is to admit that Kansas is eternally ruined if the Republican party is not continued in power. But they will never make people believe it. They know better.

It is quite noticeable that the g. o. p. editors make no attempt to defend the records of their candidates. Do they think it would rebound to the fair name of Kansas for the people to elect men to office whom members of their own party denounce as thieves, gamblers, drunkards and characterless rascals? We pause for an answer.

In our rush last week we overlooked acknowledging the receipt of Caldwell's new daily paper, the Morning Breeze. It starts out with a good showing of local advertisements and well filled local columns and has every indication of being prosperous. F. G. Walling and H. E. Derwin, the publishers, are young men of enterprise and we hope they will be successful.

The election in Arkansas is likely to prove as big a boomerang as the Alabama election. The secretary of the People's party state central committee writes from Little Rock, Sept. 6: "Estimates are worthless. Alabama repeated. Forty thousand disfranchised. Democrats stealing everything." And the Republicans smile and "point with pride" to Arkansas.

The Monitor man acknowledges that Jerry Simpson "stirred up Secretary Noble," yet he has been trying to make his readers believe that Jerry is small potatoes as a congressman. Even a desperate g. o. p. editor is occasionally compelled to admit the truth. The facts are, few men have the "stirring" qualities of Jerry Simpson and Tom Watson. They keep the Republicans stirred up to a boiling heat of the county over. The final "stir-off" will take place November 8 when the g. o. p. goose will be thoroughly cooked. Bah for Tom and Jerry.

Educate the People.

The VOICE will be sent from now until after election to any postoffice in the county for 10c. Tell your neighbor of this offer and spread the gospel.

The Democrats of New York are after Commissioner Peck's scalp, because of his refusal to exhibit public documents on which he based his famous report showing that wages had increased since the McKinley law took effect. If it is a fact, the laboring men want to know why they have not been getting the increase.

The Republicans lose heavily in Vermont and Maine, and it is quite amusing to read the reasons therefor by the g. o. p. leaders and papers. The same ratio of loss in other states would leave the Republicans less than half a dozen states in the union. The g. o. p. is doomed. Down with the plutocrats. Stand up with the people.

Day by day the Republican party is gaining ground in Kansas.—Wichita Buzzard.

Yes, they are gaining ground, and as long as they hold the mortgages, they will continue to gain ground, for under the present conditions there is little hope of the farmers "lifting" the mortgages. But politically, Mr. Buzzard, you are not in it.

Theodore Roosevelt, a member of the civil service commission, has been sent to St. Joseph, Mo., to investigate the charges against the postmaster of that place for assessing his employes for political purposes. He found the charges true and will lay the matter before the commission. For doing his duty as a public officer the Wichita Buzzard calls it "political blackmail."

Speaking of the move of certain Democrats to flock by themselves in this state, the Kansas City Times, a strong Democratic paper says: "The new movement is a tempest in a teapot. It will not influence 100 votes, because the promoters have already determined on their course, and the mass of the party has fallen into line with the regular Democrats. It will give temporary relief to Republican candidates and so urge them to renewed energy. Their drooping spirits needed a stimulant and it has arrived at a timely hour."

The Wichita Eagle, the dirty bird that defouls its own nest, heads its account of the "rally" at this place, "A Great Meeting—The Opening of the Campaign in Sumner County a Great Success," etc., etc., and then on its editorial page heads an article, "Stop Lying," and insists that its account of the Wichita meeting was the only truthful one. If the Buzzard will lie about one of its own meetings can anybody expect it to tell the truth about a People's meeting? The Buzzard needs its wings clipped and the people will perform that job November 8.

How It Looks.

Denver News. How is this for a new party born last 4th of July? The official vote in Arkansas, with ten counties to hear from, stands thus:

Whipple, (Republican, for governor).....29,640
Carnahan, (Populist, for governor).....27,027
Fishback, (Democrat, for governor).....26,567
A few days ago the ballot stuffers were claiming Fishback's majority at 50,000. Now they say it will be 25,000 and the Populist vote about 30,000. This is pretty good for a new party less than three months old. The Democratic vote in Arkansas in 1890 was 106,267. The party has lost about 32,000 votes this year.

The following strong language from the Episcopal address, delivered by Bishop Foster at the general conference in May last. It is good food for reflection at this time. The Bishop says:

"The centralization of wealth is denounced, and if it is not arrested there will danger to social estate and functions. The church must act. It cannot side with wealth. It must go with the toiling masses. That is not the declaration of visionaries, but of all the bishops in the Methodist church of the world, an able, conservative body of thinking men. Now if the church must act, how will she act? It must go with the toiling masses. To go means more than to pray with the toiling masses. It means action. Voters, consider the things like Christians and patriots. If all the poverty, all the tears, all the suffering and anguish, all the broken hearts, distress, lost honor, lost virtue, lost homes, lost hopes and happiness, caused by corporate greed and avarice, would be piled up in one vast heap, it would represent the result of some of the most gigantic crimes ever committed in any age of the world and would melt the heart of angels."

The People's party have definitely fixed on Saturday, November 5, as the day of their final big rally. Jerry Simpson, Gov. Lewelling and others will be here. Note the date.

The Rev. C. H. Rodgers, of Arkansas City, will deliver a lecture on Sept. 28 at Liberty Hall. The subject has not been stated, but he will talk on the social and religious topics of the day. The press speaks in high terms of Mr. Rodgers as a lecturer.

"CLAIM YOUR BAGGAGE."

HARD AT WORK.
Kansas City Times.

Dr. Billings charges Uncle Jerry Rusk with treason to official trust. Hush! Uncle Jerry is raising the price of wheat to 60 cents. Don't bother him.

NOT SO EASILY DONE AS OF YORE. Peoria Herald.

One of the hardest things to do is to persuade a man that his wages have been raised when he isn't getting any more money. That's the job the protection editors have tackled.

REBELS!! REBELS!!

Geo. T. Anthony. You can preach the doctrine of forgiveness for treason, and the mingling of the blue and the gray, but they can no more mingle together than the angels of heaven can sit down to the Lord's Supper with the devils in hell.

WHAT THE RAT AND ANARCHIST SAYS.
New York Tribune.

"The time is near when the banks will feel themselves compelled to act accordingly. Meanwhile a very good thing has been done. The machinery is now furnished by which, in an emergency, the banks of the east can act together at a single day's notice, with such power that no act of congress can resist their decisions."

AN AVERAGE CROWD.

Kingman Journal. A large and enthusiastic Republican meeting was held at Cleveland Tuesday last. William Wallace, the great orator from Podunk, held six men spell bound in the back room of Jack Leggett's store. They formed a club or a block of six. To be fair with our Republican friends, we will say it was not very well advertised, as the bills had only been up about two weeks.

AS TO WAR RECORDS.

People's Advocate. Just compare the war record of the three presidential candidates and see if Ben Harrison did not refuse to go to the front unless they made him a brigadier general at the start; and that Grover Cleveland, when he was drafted, sent a substitute and stayed at home, bunning around the beer gardens of Buffalo; while the people's candidate, General Weaver, enlisted as a private and rose to the rank of brigadier general by his own worth, and then decide who has the welfare of his country at heart.

BURNING WORDS.

Gov. Hovey, of Indiana, deceased. "It seems to me that political parties are sweltering in the hot-beds of corruption. Offices and positions are bartered, sold and bought for money, and every conceivable plan is resorted to—from the stuffing of the ballot-box to the shotgun, from the buying of the vote to the chicanery of lifting a minority over the majority of the electors, to procure party ascendancy. I am indicating no particular party for these disloyal practices, for I am sorry to say they are becoming too common with all. Cannot this current be checked? Can we not roll back this swelling tide of corruption and set an example to the state and nation?" Think of these words.

IS THIS A SLANDER ON KANSAS?

Col. Robt. G. Ingersoll. "As long as children are raised in tenement houses, gutter prisons will be full. The gulf between the rich and the poor will grow wider. One will depend on cunning, the other on force. It is a great question whether those who live in luxury can afford to let others exist in want. The value of property depends not on the prosperity of the few, but on the prosperity of a large majority. Life and property must be secure, or that subtle thing called "value" takes its leave. The poverty of the many, is a perpetual menace. If we expect a prosperous and peaceful country, the citizens must have homes. The more homes, the more patriots, the more virtue, the more security to all that gives worth to life. The more real education the less crime, and the more homes the fewer prisons."

THE USUAL TREATMENT OF REFORMERS.

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Indianapolis News. (Rep.) As we read the beautiful panegyrics on Whittier and Curtis we can scarcely realize that the generation has not passed away which saw these men mobbed in the streets of Philadelphia for lifting up their voices in defense of human freedom. That cause long ago won its triumphant victory, and those who espoused it have long ago received their full meed of glory for their courageous fight. It is so easy to give such recognition after the battle has been gained. It requires no courage to approve when approval is not needed. We wonder at the moral obliquity which upheld the evil of slavery and stoned those who attacked it. But does not much the same spirit of persecution still exist toward reformers of our time?

The Republican Meeting.

After advertising a grand rally over five counties for about two weeks, which was to be addressed by Julius C. Burrows, of Michigan, and Perkins, of Kansas, it is not surprising that the Republicans themselves were disappointed. The papers had reported that great delegations would come from every direction and marshals, deputy marshals and assistant deputy marshals were delegated to look after the incoming hosts on every road entering the city. Well, the marshals were on hand, but the delegations forgot to come. Perhaps they never intended to. Perhaps there are not enough Republicans left outside the cities to make a respectable delegation. Consequently the grand parade was a grand failure—a farce—a fizzle. It was made up of seventy-two teams and 124 voters, including about seven farmers. Later a delegation of eighteen voters, ten teams and twenty-four ladies and gentlemen on horseback came in from Osborne township. After the speaking had commenced a woolly hat brigade of less than 100 came in from Caldwell. At the ball grounds the voters passing in were counted until after the speaking commenced and less than 900 voters was the result. Others who went in at other entrances and in vehicles would probably swell the number of voters to 1,000, among whom were many Populists and Democrats. There was probably 3,000 persons in the crowd. The enthusiasm was conspicuous for its absence. The "glee club" created a little merriment by singing an "original" song with a gray-headed tune, but failed to receive an encore, the effort being so silly and flat. It had been whispered about early in the day that Mr. Burrows had spoken the day before at Parsons and had become sick and gone home. It is not surprising. It is enough to make the stoutest Republican heart sick to think what the g. o. p. has been in this state and what it is today. But Mr. Perkins got here. He was no doubt sick too, but whistled vigorously to keep up courage. His speech was not worth reporting, but if the Republicans were satisfied with it no one should complain. It was made up largely of abuse of the People's party and a stale rehash of the tariff for protection issue. It is safe to say that his effort did not make a single vote for the g. o. p., and it is doubtful if it reclaimed a single wavering voter. He scored the Democratic congress, but gave the local Democracy taffy. He declared that every sensible man knew that either Benjamin Harrison or Grover Cleveland would be the next president and that all should vote for one or the other. If Mr. Perkins will wait awhile he may learn that it is possible that a man may reach the presidential chair through a channel that has not yet been tried. It may be that certain Harrison electors or congressmen will be glad to cast their votes for General Weaver before this thing is over. Who knows?

Mr. Perkins was followed by Mr. R. Hatfield in a plea to heed Senator Perkins speech and save the g. o. p. At night there was a torchlight procession of about 100 torches, many being carried by boys. A good crowd remained and attended the night meeting, which was addressed by Judge Dawes, of Clay Center. He started out by saying that there was no call for abuse of honest opponents, but had not been speaking ten minutes until he began a tirade of abuse against the farmers that was disgusting and shameful. He had been fighting Democrats all his life and had no love for them, but the Alliance people were so much meaner than the meanest Democrat that ever lived that a Democrat really looked good. He hoped to live through the campaign. The People's party was organized on false pretences, etc. It was noticeable that his abuse and misrepresentations had a disposition to stick in his throat, and he had to repeatedly suck a lemon and wash it down with water to enable him to continue his harangue. If he did any good it was to make Republicans and Democrats more determined than ever to vote the People's ticket. Such speeches are played out in this day and age.

He was followed by Hudson, of the Topeka Capital, but he had nothing new to offer and had much better have said nothing.

NOTES.

The women and children outnumbered the voters two to one, notwithstanding the lying Wichita Eagle.

Camman's Military Band of this city and the Milan Cornet Band furnished the music and acquitted themselves in a creditable manner.

Our business men did their whole duty as far as decorating was concerned and Washington avenue presented a gay appearance.