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The farmers' call for a state convention to meet at Indianapolis in June, preceding those called by the two old political parties, augurs no good for either. In fact, it is called for the express purpose of destroying both, root and branch. It is being signed particularly by the grangers of the state, as earnest of their determination to take the government--state and national--out of the hands of the corrupt politicians, a class of men who have grown up under a party corporation to monopolize all the offices and control legislation for their own personal aggrandizement. These are the party men who have laid taxes upon the people to heavy to bear. These are the men who have created monopolies to oppress the people. These are the men who have given away to rail roads that vast body of public lands which belong to people who would cultivate them. These are the men who have steadily increased their own salaries and the salaries of office-holders generally, until they have established an aristocracy of office-holders, who own and drive their carriages at the public expense. These are the men who engage in schemes to plunder the treasury of the people through Credit Mobilier bribery and back pay steals, and the farmers and the working people generally who pay the taxes, are heartily sick of them, and want to shake them off and correct their abuses. In this nearly every state the people are struggling to free themselves from this class of men under various pretexts and by different ways and means, but all for the same purpose and for the same end. We want to see the people assert the democratic principle of self-government and equal rights. We want to see peaceable, law-abiding working people have the privilege of living in this heaven-favored land of ours without the greater part of their surplus earnings going into the treasury in the way of taxes. God speed the day of their redemption, and let the people circulate and sign the call as a second declaration of independence. Anything to beat the corrupt republican party.

A PARTY RESOURCE.

From the North Vernon Sun.

A call has been made for a farmers' convention, to meet at Indianapolis on the 10th of June, for the purpose of putting a ticket in the field that will be independent of both political parties, and to some extent antagonistic to the present order of things. The grange movement was brought into existence by reason of the speculation and frauds of the republican party, and, of course, whatever its action may be, in the coming convention, nothing will inure to the benefit of party. Had the republican party acted wisely, say, even honestly, it might have enjoyed the high distinction of remaining in power for a long time yet to come, and the grange movement would yet have been hidden in the lap of the future, but it made a blunder of itself, and instead of guarding the people's money it stole it and brought shame and disgrace upon the country. Instead of legislating for the best interests of the whole country, it legislated only for a class and against the entire agricultural region.

PARTY FACTS.

From the Muncie News.

The indications are that in the campaign now commencing the party organs will make use of the same tactics of deceit and concealment, of slander and abuse, that have characterized them. These organs will pursue the same tactics, and will drag the pursuit of American politics down to the dirt. There is no lie too mean, no story too dirty, no assertion too improbable, for them to use in the accomplishment of their ends. But we have a firm and abiding faith in the manhood of American citizens, and believe that great good is to be brought about by this independent movement of the farmers. We are glad they have started it. They cannot surely be accused of being professional office seekers, and we believe they have got their eyes opened sufficiently wide to keep them from being gobbled up by demagogues.

GREAT AND GOOD WORK.

From the Leavesworth Independent.

The Sentinel is one of the best papers in the west. It is fearless and independent, and does not bow submissively to the foul mandates of party lash. It is the prime mover in the great and good work of political reform which is now going on all over the state.

THE REFORM CALL.

A VOICE OF AUTHORITY.

THE ORIGIN OF THE CALL.

AN EXPLANATION FROM THE OVERSEER OF THE STATE GRANGE--HE DEFENDS THE MOVEMENT AND REBUTES THE PARTISANS.

To the Editor of the Sentinel: Sir: Let me correct the false impression created by the note of a fellow granger published yesterday. The question of the issuing of the call was discussed by the members of the order at the last meeting, and so far as I know, fully concurred in. Brother Barnes having voluntarily taken copies of the call to his district for distribution, does himself injustice in saying even to oppose the perfectly understood wish of the farming and industrial classes. The advisability of official action in the call by the Grange, was suggested by Mr