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TALKS AGAINST FUSION.

Deputy Auditor Jorgenson a leading Alliance Man, does not take any stock in it.

He Roasts Donnelly and Fish to a Turn and Makes Plain Statements Regarding the Democrats.

A Fusion with the Latter, he Says, Would Mean the Defeat of their Own Cherished Chances.

A Review reporter chatted with Deputy Auditor Jorgenson the other day and in the course of a short conversation succeeded in bringing out some interesting views relative to the Alliance sentiment in this state. Mr. Jorgenson is president of the county Alliance, is a close observer, and has some very pronounced opinions. For instance, when questioned as to the probability of a fusion between the Alliance and Democrats in Minnesota, he said: "Of course the air is full of rumors about fusion and plotting and scheming of all sorts, but I do not take much stock in them. In forming an opinion as to what the Alliance will do in this state, I do not base my conclusions upon what the papers may have to say about the plans of this or that real or pretended leader. But the action of that organization on former occasions shows the disposition of its members and indicates what they will be most likely to do in the future. Two years ago strenuous efforts were made by certain leaders to keep the Alliance away from independent action and to support the Republican state ticket, especially Merriam for governor. The mass of the members, however, turned a deaf ear to any talk of that kind, nominated an independent ticket, worked and voted for it in spite of the lukewarmness of the leaders and the result was a moral victory for the Alliance. In the last legislature, the leaders came to the front with a mind made up to counteract this success, and went and fused with the Democrats. That fusion in turn became a moral defeat. The Democrats were all right as far as the division of spoils was concerned; they were honest and gave the Alliance its full share of the offices; but when it came to a principle, a real reform measure, the Australian ballot system for instance, they were no longer in favor of united work, but turned right around and labored to defeat what was wise and just. The Alliance, therefore, knows now, if it did not before, what fusion with the Democracy means. It would simply be the swapping off of principles for a share in the spoils and nothing else. Some seekers after office might be in favor of such a scheme, but the principle object of the organization is not office-getting. The rank and file of the Alliance people in Minnesota is made up of sincere and honest men who have joined the organization for principle's sake. They believe in direct taxation for revenue instead of a "tariff for revenue" (the income tax); they believe in government control instead of corporation control of our money system and of the means of transportation and communication, or, in our word, they believe something must be done to prevent capitalistic power from grinding down the average citizen of all classes to slavery and poverty.

Now if the democratic party had the same object in view, then fusion would be a matter of course. But there is every reason to believe that in every one of these reform measures and others of the same kind, the democrats would do the very same thing as they did in the last legislature, turn against them to defeat them. There is nothing therefore to gain for the Alliance by scheming and trading. On the contrary, there is only one thing to do, and that is to stand like honest men by the cause they have enlisted to serve, no matter whether they are a majority or a minority."

Here he broke off from the fusion question for a moment and turned himself to a nut brown roast of certain leaders within the Alliance who are endeavoring to assume control. "The question now," he said, "is whether the sober common sense of the average members prevails in the Alliance or Third Party convention or not. Will they have the courage to consign to their proper place those men who ever since the last campaign have been engaged in scratching the eyes out of each other? Will they have the manhood and moral courage to sit down on this absolutism and bossism, this decided disposition to take the control of affairs out of the hands of the people themselves, which has manifested itself ever since the Cincinnati convention took place? If they have not, the Alliance will lose more than those bosses are worth. In the Minnesota Alliance there is a strong element of Scandinavians and North Germans. These people are in the habit of doing some little thinking of their own; their ideas are all home-made; they don't get them from the pope. They are getting along without a pope in religion, they will get along without a pope in politics. They have a certain natural disposition to do business with God and the devil without a middleman. They will never appreciate the idea of a boss with a mob behind him to carry out a reform. If political poperism, therefore, is to be forced upon them, they will simply do the same thing again as they have done before, turn protestant.

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COUNCIL'S FIRST WHIRL.

Wm. Pfaender is Given the Presidency Upon Motion of Alderman Roos.

An Effort Made to Knock out Some of the Mayor's Appointments.

The Review is Again Designated as the Official Paper of the City.

Salaries Fixed, Standing Committees Named and Important Contracts Let.

The session of the council on Tuesday evening was not altogether a harmonious one by any means. On the contrary, deep laid schemes had been mapped out for the purpose of working about a revolution in the management of city affairs and the new members seemed determined to make their presence felt in the first session following the reelection. Old precedents were to be overlooked and a new policy pursued that was expected, of course, to cover the authors with glory and redounded to the utmost satisfaction of their constituents in the various wards. The programme was opened with the contest over the presidency. Alderman Frank nominated Roos and Steinhauser suggested the name of Mr. Pfaender. In the ballot which followed, Pfaender, Rudolphi and Frank voted for Roos and Roos, Steinhauser and Schubert expressed their preference for Pfaender, whereupon Mr. Roos moved that Pfaender be made the choice of the council. This carried and the new president at once took his seat as presiding officer.

The chief division, however, arose over the presentation of the Mayor's appointments. That of Mr. Eckstein as city attorney was confirmed but Steinhauser and Rudolphi voted in the negative and later in the evening Steinhauser moved to reconsider the council's first action and carried his motion with the votes of Roos, Rudolphi, Schubert and himself. On the first ballot Frank, Roos, Schubert and Pfaender voted to confirm the appointment.

The action on the appointment of Jonas Laudenschlaeger was somewhat similar, only it did not form a part of the plan mapped out as stated above and owed its origin solely to the sentiment in favor of the present incumbent. At first, Frank, Roos, Rudolphi, Steinhauser and the President voted to confirm, but afterwards, upon motion of Alderman Roos, the same gentlemen with the exception of Steinhauser voted to reconsider, so that the appointments of both Eckstein and Laudenschlaeger will remain in doubt, unless the mayor adheres to his first decision, until the next meeting.

That of Jos. Galles for night-watch was confirmed by a vote of five to one, Steinhauser voting against, while that of Geo. Boeck as city surveyor slipped through with the votes of Frank and Rudolphi. Schubert voted in the negative and Roos, Steinhauser and the President refrained from making known their choice. All of the remaining appointments were unanimously confirmed as follows: For night-watch, Arnold Gulden; assessor, Louis Schilling; street commissioner, Wm. Kaejke; keeper of the cemetery, Jacob L. Mueller; superintendent of water-works, Albert Behnke; scavenger, F. A. Gray; street cleaner, John Macho; poundmaster, Jos. Galles. Chas. Stuebe was selected as scaler and Albert Blanchard as his own successor on the Board of Health.

The salaries of the various officers were fixed as follows: Treasurer, \$27 per month; assessor, \$200 for the assessment of 1892; attorney, \$250 per annum; marshal, \$50 per month; superintendent of water-works, \$50 per year; street cleaner, \$3 a week; street commissioner, \$40 per month until Nov. 1st and \$1.50 per day thereafter; night police, \$45 per month. Bonds were fixed as follows: treasurer, \$20,000; clerk, \$1,000; justices, \$500; constables, \$200; marshal, \$500; street commissioner, \$500; poundmaster, \$200. Those of the treasurer, clerk, justices and constables were presented and approved.

At this juncture Alderman Frank introduced a resolution allowing the members of the council \$2 for each session attended. This carried by a vote of three to two, Frank, Rudolphi and Schubert voting in favor of the resolution and Roos and the President voting against. Steinhauser did not vote.

When it came to the matter of city printing, the Review was designated as the official paper, but all notices of importance will be published in the other papers whenever so ordered by the council.

The president then appointed the following standing committees: Streets, Steinhauser, Schubert and Frank; Water-works, Roos, Rudolphi and Steinhauser; Graveyards and Parks, Rudolphi and Schubert; Lights, Rudolphi; Fire Department, Roos.

Towards the close of the session, the council began to open bids for sprinkling and street work. For sprinkling Minnesota Street, the contract goes to F. Emmerich for \$49 per month while the contract for grading and graveling the new street to Beussmann's crossing was awarded to Haeberle & Schneider for \$2,141.50. Emmerich is compelled to give a bond of \$500 and Haeberle & Schneider a bond of \$1,000.

A poll tax of one day's work was then levied on all persons liable therefor, building permits were granted to Chas. Stuebe and Jacob Nix, A. N. Faas was granted a plumber's license upon payment of the proper fee and licenses to sell liquor were granted to Chas. Stengle, Anton Schwertler, Isidor Haas, M. Siebenbrunner, R. Geisinger, New Ulm Turnverein, New Ulm Brewing Co., M. Ranweiler, Andrew Amann, Henry Seifert, Jos. Flor, Jos. Groebner, Peter Herian, John Korbel Jr., Anton Hartmuth, F. Williams, Chas. Brust, F. W. Baarsch, W. Hauenstein, Jos. Schmucker, Ed. Maltzahn, J. F. Neumann and John Wildtscheck.

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