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DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

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- For Governor—**John W. Martin**, of Codington Co.
- For Lieutenant-Governor—**Everett Smith**, of Davison county.
- For Congressmen—**John R. Wilson**, of Lawrence Co. **F. C. Robinson**, of Brown county
- For Secretary of State—**E. S. Ashley**, of Clark county.
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PEOPLE'S PARTY TICKET.

County.

- For State Senators—**Geo. B. Daly** of Columbia. **Theo. Foord** of Brainerd.
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- Surveyor—**H. Barnard** of Frederick.

Retiring.

With this issue I retire from the publishing business, Geo. B. Daly of Columbia having purchased the Pioneer-Sentinel plant and hereafter will publish the paper. Its politics will remain Democratic, as he could not have gotten the plant, only under the proviso. Mr. Daly will improve the paper in every way. He is well and favorably known to the people of this county and state, he having twice represented the people of Brown county in the state legislature. He was educated for a lawyer, but has been a farmer since arriving in the state in 1889. We ask that generous patronage for the paper under his management, that has been given the past management. I will engage in the real estate and insurance business in Aberdeen and will continue to be a boomer for Aberdeen, Brown county and South Dakota, as I have been since coming here in 1888. I am not looking for a better people to do business or associate with, or a better state to live in, for there is not in my estimation a better state or people in this broad land.

I retire from the publishing business with the kindest feelings and best wishes towards all of my friends, especially the editorial brethren that I have been associated with and reading their bright exchanges. They are "the salt of the earth."

C. BOYD BARRETT.

With this issue of Aberdeen's only Democratic paper, I make my first venture in the field of journalism. I have faith in the people of the great county of Brown; I believe they will appreciate and generously support a good live local paper, and I pledge myself to supply them such a one. Being one of the common-sense men by instinct a Democrat and will advocate the principles of the party. But political questions cut so small a part in the lives of the people that their discussion should not overshadow business and social matters which much more intimately concern us all. I shall give considerable space to agricultural topics and farm news. I shall secure a corps of local correspondents to chronicle the happenings of the neighborhoods throughout the county.

Major Barreth, who so kindly introduces me to the editorial fraternity, lays aside the pen which he has wielded long and valiantly in the cause of Democracy. It is pleasant to know he will remain a resident of the town which he has seen grow from a group of motley pioneer shacks to the splendid city it now is. GEO. B. DALY.

Attention is called to the communication in this issue from Hon. Burroughs Abbott. It is an able review of the political situation, and will be read with pleasure by the populists of Brown county, who will be glad to hear again from this old-time header.

The Triumph of Organized Labor.

This present year has been one of signal triumph for the cause of organized labor. The last stand made by the great corporations, the large employers of labor, against the steady advance of union labor was in the anthracite coal fields. It will be remembered that years ago when union labor was not so powerful as it later grew to be, the mine operators, fearing the growing strength of the unions, gradually supplanted the more intelligent American-born miners by importations of the very lowest classes of labor from southern Europe. Naturally enough they made poor material for the labor organizers to work upon, but after years of persistent effort they were organized, and how thoroughly the work was done the recent strike has demonstrated.

On the 12th of May last when 145,000 of these stolid, grimy toilers laid down their tools and shovels to engage in a strike, my people, much less the mine operators, realized now momentous struggle they were entering upon or how far-reaching the results of the strike might be.

All through the summer people have been amazed at the confident attitude of the miners and their absolute faith in ultimate success; at all along they stood on the solid rock of the sympathy and support of all branches of organized labor. It was a manifestation and test of solidarity not generally known to have been yet attained by the unions. The motto of organized labor is, "An injury to one is the concern of all." The defeat of the right of the lowest grade of organized labor to deal through the agency of the union with the employer endangered the very existence of every labor union.

And so it came about that it was our privilege to witness a most momentous event, an event that may be said to be epochal. These witted foreign laborers, brought from over the sea to break and demoralize union labor, were fated to stand in the fore-front to wage the decisive struggle with organized capital, to secure beyond any future cavil the right of labor to deal with the employer through the agency of the union. The strength of a chain is gauged by the weakest link. The weak links in the chain of the miners' union were in the hard coal region; but through the long tug and tension the chain has stood the strain. Wise strategy always hurls the weight of attack against the weakest place in the enemy's line, and in all labor's far-flung battle line there was no weaker spot than the Pennsylvania coal fields. But all the power of concentrated capital under the direction of that colossal genius of organization, J. Pierpont Morgan, has been thrown against this weak spot in labor's lines in vain. Through it all the miners' ranks never wavered, and capital, admitting its defeat has asked that a commission be named to fix the terms of peace. The status of the hard coal miners' union has been established.

COMMUNICATION

Editor ABERDEEN DEMOCRAT.

I notice with pleasure the transfer of the Pioneer-Sentinel to your hands. I am satisfied that it will, under your management, support the principles and policies necessary for the welfare and progress of our country. The populist party is apparently dissolving. Many of its prominent leaders, when hope of preferment was gone, have left it. They were in it, but not of it; others, earnest enough, but extremists, withdrew from it was found that it could not be carried to their own extremes. Living or dead it has made an impression on ideas and policies that will be permanent. As a party it may be coming to an end or be on the eve of a great revival. We are confronted now, as the world has ever been, with two antagonistic tendencies. One is the control of the government for the benefit of special interests, the other the struggle of the people in opposition.

We have settled in this country the pretensions of king, noble and slaveholder only to fall into the power of corporate capital entrenched in all the forces of the age. The populists were the first to take alarm at the course of events, but were unfortunate in that some without the root of the matter in them found leadership in the party, and others so radical that they repelled support, found a place among them. Both classes proved a source of weakness and not of strength. They have eliminated themselves from the cause. It is well.

In the crisis impending it seems to me that the wing of the democratic party represented by Bryan should receive support. It has about reached the position of referring important legislation direct to the people for approval, and the administration by the government of public utilities. These propositions constitute the very core of the populist idea.

I cannot understand why any of us should support the republican party. It makes its claim to popular favor almost wholly on account of the prosperous condition of the country, ignoring the fact that the world is more than normally prosperous, showing that some cause is at work other than that the supremacy of the republican party in the United States. That party now occupies the place of parties in all ages that have maintained the privileges of favored classes. Into it have drifted those who profit by protection, inflated stocks, bond issues, monopolies, trusts, gold standard and corporate issues of currency. These have furnished the party with campaign funds and received in return government favors when the party achieved success.

All this has been done with a blare of pretenses that what was done was done in the interests of the people. In the game of sound money silver was demonetized to make room for corporate issue of currency. A great central bank with power to establish branches and issue asset-currency—a currency that will survive to unavailability in times of panic—is on approval by their party organs and congressional committees. Schemes of subsidy to great ship companies find approval, and while condemning trusts in a general way party organs and leaders assert they are not all bad, that they cheapen prices, economize labor, are necessary to maintain our industrial position and have come to stay. In the shelter of its administration of public affairs trusts have grown to monopolize nearly every industry, and while its party presidents have talked against them in a doubtful way and made a show of enforcing the law against them, they still organize, apparently without hindrance or fear. Evidently they are confident of their position, and that when the time comes, as in the case of the demonetization of silver, opposition to them will cease.

The republican party is a conspicuous example of the growth of class interests and the use of government powers to promote them. In its earlier platforms there was no demand for protective tariffs, gold standard, banks of issue and shelter for industrial monopolies. As it became established in power through the advocacy of other issues these things drifted to it and took possession of it.

The democratic party is of necessity the party of opposition. It must champion the popular cause or there is no room for its existence. This was felt at Chicago and Kansas City and will be more and more felt in the settlement of the chaotic condition of the party. It is true there are elements in it that differ little from the republican party, that naturally belong to it and are drifting to it. But the mass of the party is on the popular side and must become more and more devoted to it.

In this state and elsewhere the republicans have enacted tricky party methods into the election laws for the purpose of stifling the popular will should that will be averse to them. Their methods may prevail but ought not to with the help of our votes.

There is now a crisis in the status of political parties as well as in industrial affairs. There will be an alignment of parties on the old grounds that have obtained in all ages and countries. The people on one side and those who try to exploit them on the other.

The democracy of South Dakota has taken its place on the popular side. It ought to receive the support of the people.

Success to the ABERDEEN DEMOCRAT! It ought to receive the strong support of those whose who are opposed to the present tendency of affairs—of those who believe the government should not be administered to shelter monopolies—of those who believe that party platforms should candidly express purposes of the party. —B. Abbott.

Those knowing themselves indebted to the Pioneer-Sentinel on subscription will please remit the amount or call at the office and pay. The bountiful crop makes every one able to pay for his paper.

C. Boyd Barrett.

In this issue the Democratic state and Populist county tickets are printed as they will appear on the official ballot. The vacant places on the county ticket are those of state's attorney, county judge, superintendent of schools, coroner and three county commissioners. Still, the tickets are exceptionally strong and should receive the support of every citizen who believes in an honest and competent administration of state and county affairs.

The condition as to county commissioners is the result of an unjust law as was ever placed on the statute books. The Republican rings of Brown and a few other counties having ordinarily a Republican majority in the county but not in majority of the commissioner districts, devised this law to better further their self-ends. The right of the people of the various commissioner districts to elect their own representatives being taken away, the districts might as well be abolished. This law will inevitably come to plague its inventors.

The Republicans could not have found candidates who could have defeated Commissioner Bockler and Sheridan in their respective districts, but by reason of this nefarious law they are to retire at a time when their services would have been exceedingly valuable to the tax-payers of the county. During their terms of office contracts have been made for the largest expenditures ever made by the county, and it would have been well if they could have overlooked the completion of the court house contracts.

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