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State convention June 15, at Wichita.
 First district—June 2, at Holton.
 Second district—June 22, at Garnett.
 Third district—
 Fourth district—June 14, at Emporia.
 Fifth district—June 9, at Abilene.
 Sixth district—June 2, at Colby.
 Seventh district—June 14, at Wichita.

THE PEOPLE'S CHAMPION.

THE ADVOCATE is the organ of the
 people.

It will make a specialty of everything that will intensify the force of the People's movement in the momentous campaign of 1892, and advance the people's interests at all times.

Yearly subscriptions, one dollar. Campaign subscribers, 50 cents, and an extra copy to the person who sends a club of ten. Circulate THE ADVOCATE. It will bring victory in November.

HOW HE FOAMS!

The *Industrial Advocate*, of El Dorado, raves and froths at the mouth and utters incoherent mutterings respecting the editor of THE ADVOCATE and the number of votes it has been instrumental in losing to the People's party; and all because we do not fall in line with the fusionists and advocate the sacrifice of our party upon the altar of Democracy. The subscription list of THE ADVOCATE, as compared with that of this insane raunter, shows something of the opinion of the people of Kansas upon this subject, and we are content to rest the verdict in justification or or condemnation of our course with them. We are thankful that we do not have to depend upon such contracted souls as the editor of the *Industrial Advocate*, either for our opinions or support. When our convention meets, we shall see who most correctly represents the sentiment of the people, and we shall accept the verdict gracefully. In the meantime THE ADVOCATE will continue to be found "in the middle of the road."

WHO SHALL BE CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR?

A number of prominent gentlemen have been named for the head of our ticket by the people of the state, and THE ADVOCATE in expressing its preference from among these, does not propose to attempt the foolish expedient of trying to strengthen that preference by disparaging the merits of other candidates. There are certain considerations, however, which should have weight in determining the choice of our convention. There are two places upon the state ticket that all will concede should be filled by men who are learned in the law—associate justice of the supreme court and attorney general.

We believe we shall voice the sentiment of a very large part of the voters in our own party, however, when we protest against the selection of the entire state ticket from the legal profession. There is a tremendous effort being made to create a boom for the candidacy of Attorney General Ives for governor. We are decidedly and unalterably opposed to this. General Ives stated to us personally that he would prefer a re-nomination to the position he now holds. He has made the same statement to others. If this be true we cannot be charged with antagonizing his interests by opposition to his candidacy for the other place. His nomination for governor would place three attorneys instead of two upon the ticket, which is rather more than can reasonably be asked.

The voters in various parts of the state have expressed their preference for gubernatorial candidates from among farmers and business men in different localities. Are all other occupations except that of the legal fraternity to be ignored in the make-up of the ticket? Did this boom for Attorney General Ives emanate from the rank and file of Kansas voters? While his candidacy has been supported by some of them (and we do not call in question their sincerity or honesty), still, if we are to judge from the correspondence that comes to this office, the great mass of the rank and file of our party do not desire his nomination for that place.

There are still other reasons why we are opposed to this nomination that need not be stated here. We are satisfied that, after mature reflection, the masses of our people will agree with us upon this subject. It is an important matter, and should be dispassionately considered.

"A REPUBLICAN PAPER IS EXPECTED TO DO A GOOD DEAL FOR HARMONY."

In the issue of April 27 the *Capital* says:

A Republican paper is expected to do a good deal for harmony, but there are times when a little plain truth will help to clear the atmosphere.

The *Capital* has certainly done its share of lying "for the sake of harmony;" and it ought to be excused for the departure from that policy in a single instance in exposing the infamies of Governor Humphrey.

We are now told by the *Capital* that this governor, elected by the great and only prohibition party of our state, and on a prohibition plat-

form, too, "has shown such sympathy with violators of the prohibitory law in Atchison, Leavenworth, Kansas City, Kan., and Wichita, that to-day, with the governor's implied sanction, his unwillingness to demand the enforcement of the law, the saloons are run with a fine representing a license." We said this over two years ago. It was as true then as now, but the *Capital* denied it then. It had not then seen the necessity of telling "a little plain truth to help clear the atmosphere." It did not see the necessity until Hudson failed to be appointed United States senator.

But the *Capital* does tell a little more truth on this occasion. It tells how Lew Hanback is kept out in the Third congressional district fixing the governor's political fences, and is paid for this personal service out of the "contingent fund." The state is thus made to pay Lew Hanback for electioneering in the interest of Humphrey's boom for representative of the Third district.

It remains now to be seen how much the *Capital* will do for harmony and how much for truth in the future. It promises truth concerning Governor Humphrey, but upon no other subject.

THEIR OCCUPATIONS.

A correspondent asks us to give the occupations of our members of congress and United States Senator prior to their election.

Hon. W. A. Peffer was for several years editor-in-chief of the *Kansas Farmer*.

Hon. B. H. Clover, of the Third district, was a farmer.

Hon. J. G. Otis, of the Fourth district, was a farmer, and, we believe, made a specialty of dairying and stock raising.

Hon. John Davis, of the Fifth district, was editor and publisher of the *Junction City Tribune*, which has been a reform paper for many years.

Hon. William Baker, of the Sixth district, was a farmer.

Hon. Jerry Simpson was, we believe, at the time of his election, marshal of Medicine Lodge, Kan. He owns a farm, however, near that town, and had recently been a practical farmer.

Whatever has been their occupation prior to their election, they have all been doing some very good farming since. They have planted some good seed which will germinate in due time with such vigor as to choke out the stink weeds that have long encumbered the ground. Their occupation heretofore is not of half as much importance as their occupation now.

It is not probable that Geo. T. Anthony will swap a certainty for an uncertainty by resigning his railroad commissionership prior to his election as congressman at large.—*Atchison Champion*.

No, he will hold on to the commissionership and make the salary pay his campaign expenses. Governor Humphrey will probably also continue to pay the expenses of his campaign in the Third district from the contingent fund of the state. Here are at least two cases illustrating the saying that "a public office is a private snap."

DRIVELING ROT.

The *Kansas City Times* of May 1st, in a half column editorial, undertakes to point out to the people of Kansas the miserable failure of their representatives to accomplish anything for the benefit of their constituents. The following is a part of what it says:

One of the chief causes of the Alliance upheaval in Kansas two years ago was an impression created among the farmers that their senators and representatives in congress were neglecting home interests; that when they got to Washington they fell under the influence and control of the money power—of the eastern "plutocracy," and accomplished nothing of value for their Kansas constituents. This idea was industriously cultivated by the Alliance candidates for congress and the senate, who did not hesitate to promise great and substantial benefits as the result of their election if that could be accomplished.

Congress has been in session long enough now for the first installment of these important benefits, at least, to be received. Where are they? Where are the wonderful things which Messrs. Peffer and Simpson and Otis and their associates were going to do for their farmer constituents?

They have not materialized. They never will materialize. The Alliance statesmen have done nothing, and they can do nothing. They are utterly unfitted by education or experience for legislative work, and they have made a humiliating failure. A few pigeonholes stuffed with wild and impractical bills, killed as soon as presented, represent the sum total of their months of labor.

The congressmen elected on the People's ticket never offered the people any encouragement that anything could be accomplished for their relief in this congress. They never thought of accomplishing anything. Their constituents were not fools enough to expect them to accomplish anything. With a Democratic house and a Republican senate and executive all alike pledged to Wall street interests, standing between them and any possible legislation in the interest of the people, no one but a fool would think of such a thing. The *Times* betrays its own imbecility and insults the intelligence of its readers by the publication of such rot.

While upon this subject we desire to ask the *Times* what the Democratic house with its 148 majority has done? Please enumerate the titles of the bills it has passed for the benefit of the people. Such partisan slush as the *Times* is inflicting upon its readers is becoming exceedingly tiresome and will have the opposite effect from that which is intended. Our five Kansas congressmen and United States senator will have more company after awhile and the pigeonholes will then be filled with another class of "impractical bills," which, in turn will likewise be "killed as soon as presented."

TO THE ADVOCATES OF THE SINGLE TAX.

Some of our single tax friends seem to have misunderstood the import of our request to "let up" on single tax literature. We have no intention or desire to shut off that side of the question. As we stated, the subject is a legitimate one for discussion, and we are willing to present both sides of it, but we were simply submerged for the time being, and something had to be done. Space in THE ADVOCATE is limited, unfortunately, and there is a point beyond which we cannot go. Please do not interpret our request as indicating a desire to muzzle discussion. We propose to publish in time the articles we have received.