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# WEALTH MAKERS



IN THE SWEAT OF THY FACE THOU EAT BREAD IF ANY WILL NOT WORK NEITHER LET HIM EAT

### LET US EXCHANGE VIEWS.

(In the time intervening between now and the date of the People's Independent State Convention this and succeeding columns will be open to the Populists of the state to propose candidates for the ticket of '94, and for United States Senator, and to show reason for individual preferences. We shall not have space for anything more than names and brief reasons for the choice made, because we wish to hear from a great many. LET NO MAN BE HERE PROPOSED FOR OFFICE WHOSE CHARACTER AS WELL AS INTELLECTUAL QUALIFICATIONS THE WRITER WILL NOT PERSONALLY VOUCH FOR. If any candidates seem to be leading whom our readers cannot conscientiously support, by all means let us know why they are strenuously objected to. But let us respect one another's views, avoid anything tending to disharmony if it be possible without sacrifice of principles, and hear willingly those who differ with us. "In a multitude of counselors there is safety." But with many to hear from each must be brief.—Editor WEALTH MAKERS.)

### A Neighbor Wants Gaffin.

J. N. Gaffin will be a sure man to nominate for governor for many reasons: 1st. His record is known to all parties to be for justice and the best good of the whole state. 2d. His neighbors who have had dealings with him for a dozen years will endorse him. 3d. His education is up to the times, his heart broad enough to take in all classes and their needs, his habits temperate, his mind quick and bright enough to see things as are, and not as they seem to be. Let us have Mr. Gaffin.

### Mr. Wolfe for Governor.

ALFORD, NEB., May 14, 1894. Editor WEALTH MAKERS: Here is a partial ticket for next fall: Governor, J. V. Wolfe; treasurer, J. H. Powers; attorney general, Jos. W. Edgerton; senator (U. S.), Judge Holcomb; congressman Sixth district, Judge Neville.

### Mix Old With New.

OGEE, Neb., May 22, 1894. Editor WEALTH MAKERS: To me one of the most entertaining as well as instructive departments of our excellent state paper is the exchange of views. While I agree in part with Brother d'Allemant as regards new men, yet it seems to me a little unfair, and I believe unsafe, to wholly pass by some of those who have identified themselves heart and soul with the party from the beginning. I particularly refer to such true men as J. V. Wolfe and O. Hull. I believe the Populists are few indeed who are not thoroughly convinced of the strict honesty as well as ability of the above men. Since our past conventions new men have shown forth just as true worth, however, and it will be suicidal if their names are not used. Probably J. N. Gaffin is the strongest of these; but in my opinion no truer or abler man can be named than W. F. Dale for some place upon the state ticket.

### Another Ticket Proposed.

ERICSON, Neb., May 27, 1894. I have received notice that my subscription to your valuable paper had expired. But if you will please keep on sending it I will try and send in renewal fee at as early a date as possible. Seeing your paper is open to an exchange of views on good and competent men that are to be elected in the coming campaign I believe that good true men should be nominated who have always proved true to any public trust that has been placed upon them. And let me say right here that whoever is nominated, little petty troubles should not be mentioned in this campaign if the men that are nominated have always proved true to the various duties that have been placed upon them. My choice for state ticket is: For governor, W. A. Poynter of Boone; for lieutenant governor, J. N. Gaffin of Saunders; treasurer, John H. Powers of Hitchcock; state auditor, E. C. Rowick of Lancaster; attorney general, Joseph Edgerton of Hall; secretary of state, H. F. Rhodes of Valley; superintendent of public instruction, Prof. W. A. J.

Adams; last but not least is Hon. P. H. Barry of Greeley for commissioner of public lands and buildings. For U. S. senator, Silas A. Holcomb of Custer, or J. M. Ragan of Adams. Yours for justice, PERCIVAL BALL.

### Wants Judge Holcomb for Governor

STOCKVILLE, Neb., April 27, 1894. Editor WEALTH MAKERS: I am so well pleased with the able and fearless manner in which you have advocated the cause of truth and right that I cannot possibly get along without your paper, though times are very hard and money scarce. As long as you keep in the middle of the road I shall stand by you, and do what I can to increase the circulation of your valuable paper.

### Wants Gaffin for Governor.

I have been reading with interest the opinions of various members of our party, as to their choice for the various offices of the state. Now, I don't for a moment think that my opinion on the subject would be worth much, as I am only a high private in the rear ranks of the People's party; but I will speak my little piece and then retire until the ball is open. I am very proud of the fact that the name of one of our honored citizens has been so prominently mentioned for governor. I have known Mr. Gaffin as a private citizen, and he is highly respected. I have known him as a representative, and he has been always faithful and true to his pledges. And I would be more than happy to know him as governor, for I have reason to believe that every measure passed by our legislature looking toward relief to the overburdened people of the state would receive his hearty approbation. And there is Honest John Powers, whom the Independent voters of the state will remember with pride. By all means give him something substantial this fall. God knows he has earned it. We have a host of able, competent men to select from. Let us see to it that no mistakes are made in putting out a ticket. Saunders county will do her share of fighting when the battle is open. Yours for victory, D. H. THOMPSON.

### A Kearney Man's Ticket.

KEARNEY, Neb., May 25, 1894. Editor WEALTH MAKERS: In response to your invitation to the Populists of the state, to state their preferences for officers, we would submit the following: For governor, Hon. J. N. Gaffin; for lieutenant governor, Hon. J. H. Darnier of Dawson, the leader of the Independents in the last state senate; for secretary of state and superintendent of public instruction, any good "middle of the road" men will do. This will also apply to the commissioner of public lands and buildings. For attorney general, John M. Ragan of Hastings; for treasurer "Honest" John Powers. For auditor we need one of our best men, as a man in this position wields an autocratic power in his department. Witness the attempted destruction of the Farmers' Union Insurance Co. by Auditor Benton. We would suggest Hon. Logan McKeenleys of Clay county, for this office. The western half of the state of Ne-

braska has never had a representative in the United States senate. The eastern part has always had this honor. We have a man in this section that is honest, capable, informed, of imposing presence, with personal magnetism and great popularity—a man who would be a fitting comrade for Senator Allen. Such a man is our last candidate for supreme judge, Hon. Silas A. Holcomb of Broken Bow. For congressman from the "Big Sixth" we are enthusiastically in favor of W. L. Greene, the leading Populist orator in the state.

While these are our preferences we will vote and work for any "middle of the road" Populist for who is nominated at our state convention. We want to see the government banks in the hands of the great common people, and we believe the only way it can be done is for the people to bring about a revolution by an avalanche of ballots, in favor of the demands of the Omaha platform. Very truly, ARTHUR G. WHITTIER.

### Norman Cowdin Nominates Mr. Powers.

STODDARD, Neb., May 16th, 1894. Editor WEALTH MAKERS: I am at a loss somewhat to account for drift of men's minds. Three or four years ago John Powers was elected as governor of Nebraska. No man can truthfully set up a better claim to the nomination as governor by the People's party than honest John Powers. He should be nominated and elected again, and will be if nominated. This is not a personal matter. I do not know that Brother Powers will thank me for saying this, but all the same it is a public matter. If we want justice in this state let us put up men that are known to be just and honest; then, if elected, you will know just what to expect.

### Dr. Aley Proposes a New Man.

LINCOLN, Neb., June 1, 1894. Editor WEALTH MAKERS: In looking for a candidate for governor in this state to head the Populist ticket this fall none but the most advanced thinkers in our organization should be considered for a moment. Those who at any time or in any place during the past two years have shown the white feather on any principle laid down in the Omaha platform should not be considered eligible for that position. We want for a leader one who has the courage of his convictions, and who endorses enthusiastically every word, clause, and paragraph in that document. Such a man, if nominated, will enter the fight with an enthusiasm that will stiffen up the backbones of the weak and faltering in our own ranks, and he will carry conviction to the hearts and minds of thousands of democrats and republicans who are now on the political fence not knowing which way to jump. We want for a standard bearer one who feels that he has a mission to perform and who will enter upon that mission with all the energy and enthusiasm of an apostle.

### Porter's Reply to Raver.

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by his veto defeat the will of the people as expressed through their representatives. Neither do we want as our nominee for that position one who is ever apologizing for the more radical utterances of the National platform and who considers many of the utterances therein expressed as impracticable and visionary. Such a man, if elected, will pit his judgment against the united sentiment of the organization, and in fact will become the Cleveland of Nebraska, and the rank and file of the Populist party will be forced into the humiliating position of being compelled either to repudiate or apologize for the acts, or rather non-acts, of this governor. In this state are hundreds of competent men who have stood for years as the advance guard in this industrial reform movement; they have done picket duty day in and day out, year in and year out; have always been found in the thickest of the fight. With them our principles have counted for everything. They have courted defeat when success could have been had by a sacrifice of the principles they loved dearer than life. These men neither sought nor received official position. They have stood for our cause when to do so meant business, social, religious, and political ostracism. For one, we believe now is the time to recognize the services done by these pioneers in the reform movement. Our candidate for governor, and in fact all the nominees on the state ticket, should be selected from this class of patriots. If this be done the Populists of Nebraska will never have cause to blush for the acts of their standard bearers.

As one of these pioneers we would name Joseph LaMaster, of Tecumseh, as our candidate for governor. Respectfully, DR. S. H. ALEY.

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### THE GEORGIA ORATOR.

Mr. Watson, Chairman Addresses the State Convention.

### THOSE DEMOCRATIC EXPECTATIONS

The Populists Punctuate with Great Laughter and Cheers the Periods of Their Keen Sarcastic Leader.

### The Key-Note of the Convention.

Comrades, I am deeply moved by this compliment from the most notable political gathering which this state has known since the sounds of civil war died away from her borders. (Applause.) Georgia is represented here today as never before. The farmers are present to speak for themselves; the mechanics are present to speak for themselves; the professions are present to speak for themselves; and the colored people are present to speak for their own race. (Applause.) You are the men who guide the plow and swing the hoe; the men who make the axils ring, the spindles hum—the men who feed and clothe the world. (Applause.) And we come here to give emphasis to the just demand that those who produce shall more fairly share the prosperity they create. (Cheers.) We meet under strange conditions. One year ago this country was being daintily fed on the ambrosia of democratic expectations. (Laughter.) Today it is gnawing the cob of democratic reality. (Great applause—and cries "The corn is gone.") One year ago we almost trembled to think what would become of Tom Reed and John Sherman when our rampant democrats should convene in congress, (Laughter.) Today the mighty energies of the democratic majority in the lower house are chiefly devoted to the purpose that the character of Tom Reed shall stand forth vindicated and endorsed—"redeemed, regenerated, and disenthralled." (Great laughter and applause.) In the upper house the abuse of twenty years is forgotten, and old John Sherman enjoys every day of his life the luxury of wiping his feet upon cowardly, recreant, and corrupted democratic senators. (Cheers.)

### Enter office pledged to free silver.

Entering office pledged to free silver, this administration has done the cause of bimetallicism more harm in ten months than the republicans had been able to do in twenty years. (Great applause.)

### Enter office pledged to tariff reform.

Enter office pledged to tariff reform they have concocted a wonderful conglomeration of the odds and ends of protection; and if the McKinley bill were the fiery furnace the democrats describe it, the Wilson bill could pass through and get no smell of fire on its garments. (Cheers.)

### Enter office pledged to economy.

Enter office pledged to economy they have spent all the money within the reach of their greedy hands; have shingled the country over with more bonds and more taxes; have indirectly increased their own salaries as congressmen; and have demonstrated that their chief concern was to bask in the sunshine of governmental favor, while they sacredly guarded from unholy intrusion the tender blades of the national grass. (Great laughter and cries of "keep off the grass." Continued cheering.)

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If it were at all necessary for me to assail the republican party, I would know how to go at it. We know where they stand. They are for protection, lavish expenditures, national banks, more bonds and goldbugs generally. But when it comes to attacking the democrats I hardly know where to hit. (Laughter.) They hold no principle today which they did not attack yesterday.

### Enter office pledged to economy.

They denounced nothing last year which they have not practiced this year. (Cheers.) What pretended principles they may have next year God alone knows. (Great laughter.) In the old days of Bourbon rule in France (just before the great revolution) some well described the government as a "despotism, tempered by epineux Ale." (Laughter.)

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When we were asked to define what Cleveland's democracy meant, I should say it

was republicanism tempered by an occasional fishing frolic and snipe hunt. (Great laughter and cheers.)

By what they have done since they got into power, it has been shown to all the world that the democrats of 1892 were merely republicans out of office. (Cheers.)

In all this confusion of principles and broken promises, in all this cloud and uncertainty and discouragement, there is one party which knows its mission and its creed:

The people's party, true to itself and its principles, stands like a stone mountain amid the storm, and while its strong foundations are laid deep in the confidence of the people, its serene summits are bathed in the sunlight of God! (Cheers.)

Other parties may cut and trim and stretch their principles to suit the voters; the people's party stands unflinchingly by its creed—every plank of its platform—(Great cheering) and if any stretching is to be done we propose that the mind of the voter shall be expanded till it can grasp the splendid truth of our platform. (Great applause.)

We come here with no malice in our hearts. To the interests of our great state we are as true as all men are who love their homes.

The rancors of the past no longer dwell with us. We are ready to say, "Let the dead past bury its dead."

We come here to invite all good citizens to give us their help in restoring the welfare of our country.

We are not enemies to law, order, and property.

We assail only the law which is unjust; the order which rests upon suppression of right; the property which is wrung from its producer by the robber hands of class legislation. (Cheers.)

We have no room in our party for the plutocrat—nor the anarchist! (Great applause.)

We oppose the man who grows unjustly rich by reason of special privilege; and we likewise oppose the man who hates every citizen whose honest toil has been rewarded by a legitimate accumulation of property. (Cheers.)

We are not enemies to society nor to private property; nor are we reckless radicals whose only aim is to tear down and to destroy. No! We simply favor moderate, reasonable, necessary, and legitimate reforms; and by the blessings of God we are in this fight till we get them. (Cheers.)

### A Keen Criticism of Bryan.

Representative Bryan in his letter declining to be a candidate for re-election declares that the Populists are right on the money question and on the principle issues of the day, but to appear conservative and impress the people with his wisdom, he qualifies his confession of faith, by saying that he thinks some of the principles held by the Populists are impracticable. He places himself in a position where he can remain a Democrat or become a Populist as best suits his personal ambition. He evidently has a very exalted opinion of himself, and would like to make the Populists believe that their success depends upon his leadership. From his lofty position he looks down upon, and not up to the People's party, and it is just this over-estimate of his own importance which weakens his influence with the Populists. The people have had enough of brilliant men; the country has been cursed with them. The success of the Populist cause does not depend upon the brilliancy of its leadership, or upon the old style wisdom of ambitious politicians. The People's party is not a man-worshipping institution. It has a thousand times more faith in its principles than in any man. The politicians must come to the Omaha platform. The platform can never be accommodated to them.— Cedar Rapids Republican.

### Robbers, Not Providence.

With one-third of the people of this nation out of employment, and in absolute want, and another third just above the verge of destitution, it is in good taste for a preacher and others to exhort the poor to "be contented in the position in which it has pleased Providence to call them." It is well to remember, however, that selfish men, not Providence, invented the robber system of finance which has cursed the nation and is starving her citizens.—The People's Voice.