

GRANDLY REDEEMED.

Suggestion to the Marion's Religious Editor and Speaker pro tem.

We hope the "crowd" that shall constitute the next republican state convention will be simply a big, whooping, enthusiastic crowd of intense republicans determined to redeem this state from the grip of the socialists, anarchists, boodlers and criminals who first humbugged an honest following and have since been disgracing the state in the eyes of the world. In such a contest there's room for but one "crowd." Let the republicans of Kansas send their cleanest, ablest, wisest men to the convention filled and thrilled with this one great purpose, regardless of Tom, Dick or Harry, who want this or that office. It will be grandly redeemed if republicans are unselfish. All the combinations possible to be made against us cannot beat us if we are patriotic and wise. We can only beat ourselves.

The above article is taken from Ed Hoch's Marion Record, and we have no doubt that Ed's desire will be fully realized and that the next republican state convention will be exactly what he wants in every particular; but in order to enlarge the number of "whoopers," we would suggest that they import the same gang of thugs and bummers that was gathered in Topeka last winter at their instigation, fill them up on some of the rot-gut whisky they used on that occasion and there will be no discount on the "whoop" part of the convention; and to redeem the state so effectually that it will never have to pass through that ordeal again, they should be sure and send as delegates their "cleanest, ablest and wisest men" to the convention.

Let us make some suggestions as to the personnel of these individuals who have figured so prominently in the councils of that party in the past and who still continue to direct its movements.

Take, for instance, the official who was discovered on the roof of a bawdy house in Kansas City in rather scanty attire, and under whose fostering care a young woman, while employed in his office, gave birth to an illegitimate child; and the other state officer who, when sent to Ohio on a campaigning tour, got gloriously drunk, participated in a saloon fight and was arrested for being drunk and disorderly; they should attend as representatives of the moral and virtuous wing of the party. And then the "gentleman" from the mouth of the Kaw, whose very name is synonymous with corruption and boodlesism; the secretary who pocketed the fees that passed through his hands (into his purse) during his four years of service to the state; the auditor who collected commissions on the purchase of bonds by the state for the school fund and allowed exorbitant fees to sheriffs for conveying prisoners to the penitentiary; the treasurers who have loaned the state funds for their own benefit; the prominent leaders and candidates who have conducted their campaigns and lived in princely style for years on the depositors' money they borrowed from friendly banks, that afterwards failed, and left the duped people, who placed confidence in them, out in the cold; the "way up" aristocratic financiers who have organized bond and investment companies and, after robbing the people of everything they possessed, failed with liabilities running into hundreds of thousands of dollars and no assets; the individuals who, while in the employ of the state, received thousands of dollars for their services and who now, when the offices are no longer in their possession, are unable to meet their obligations. This "crowd" should be there to represent the honesty and integrity of the party. They should be

properly termed the "stand up" and deliver "crowd." And D. R. should be there with his scalping-knife and fourteen columns of biography to see that his beloved "cousin George" does not carry off any of the plums; they would be the last remnant of the old crowd.

And to be sure that all the elements can participate they should send to Oklahoma (as was done when they wanted a member of the legislature), and bring up the murderer of Sam Wood, and while there, they should invite the ex-judge that Douglass scored so unmercifully in the senate impeachment trial. This list of leeches who have fattened on the miseries of their fellowmen might be extended indefinitely, and when they are gathered together we want Ed to remember the story of Sodom and Gomorrah, and to be one of at least five who will save them from the wrath of God. To look upon such a scene would cause the angels to weep.

Of course the crowd will be enthusiastic. Like the Israelites of old, they hunger for the flesh pots of Egypt, and are already scrambling for positions. If any of them have ever been engaged in any occupation, except to hang on to some political job, it is high time the people were apprised of the fact. And these are the men who are going to redeem Kansas. May the Lord deliver us from such redeemers.

If Kansas has been disgraced, it is such a gang backed by the lying republican press, that is responsible for it. Such bare-faced malicious falsehoods as are contained in the article quoted, and sent broadcast over the land, would disgrace hades if it was populated with other than republicans. And yet the editor who penned those lines knows, if he has a thimbleful of brains, that the present administration has conducted the affairs of state with more honesty, more ability, and a greater degree of economy than any we have had in the state for years. But on account of his narrow minded prejudice and intense partisanship, he would rather see the state sink into the depths of hades under republican rule than to see it grow and prosper and be populated by a happy and contented people with any other party in power. He says they should be "thrilled with this one great purpose, regardless of the personal interests of Tom, Dick or Harry, who want this or that office," and he should have included in the number, Ed.

To those who have studied the progress of the human race, the references to socialists and anarchists are mere idle words, carrying with them no weight or meaning. The man who is an independent thinker, and desires the advancement of his fellowmen, must expect to be referred to in terms of derision and reproach; it was ever thus. Christ was charged with being a wine biber, and a friend of sinners, was reviled, abused and spit upon, and finally crucified, because he denounced the robberies and hypocrisies of his day, and on down through the blood-stained pages of history we read of numberless men and women who have suffered martyrdom for opinion's sake. Even in our own time, Lovejoy was murdered, Wendell Phillips mobbed, Garrison had a price set on his head by slaveholders and was dragged through the streets of Boston with a rope around his neck, and the lamented Lincoln was represented by one of the metropolitan illustrated papers as a horrible gorilla; and if the editor of the Marion Record had lived in the days when these scenes were enacted, he would have been among the first to have cried "Crucify him! crucify him!" He enjoins his party to be patriotic

and wise, and yet, after they have ruled this country for thirty years, the result of their vicious legislation is seen in the number of unemployed (3,000,000, according to Bradstreet), entailing an amount of destitution, misery and want that makes us shudder when contemplated. And with three one-hundredths of 1 per cent. of the population of the country owning 20 per cent. of its wealth (Geo. K. Holmes in Popular Science Monthly), if they are imbued with the spirit of patriotism, and follow the dictates of wisdom, they will shun the men who have brought the people to the verge of ruin as they would a pestilence. Rescue our government from the hands of the despoiler, save it from destruction, make it what its founders intended—a government of the people, for the people and by the people, and prove to the world that republican institutions can and will survive. *Vox populi, vox dei.*

Demo-Republican Theft.

EDITOR ADVOCATE:—I take the following statement from Senator Jones, of Nevada, speech on the repeal bill, in the Congressional Record, January 23, 1894, page 3708, as proof positive of the extent the Demo-Republicans in congress have robbed their constituents. Senator Jones is a republican:

From 1862 to 1868 congress ordered bonds issued to the amount of \$2,049,975,700	Amount received for same.....	1,571,424,238
Profit to purchasers.....	\$ 678,551,462	
There has been paid in interest alone.....	2,588,000,000	
Premiums on hand.....	58,000,000	
Principal of bonds paid.....	1,750,000,000	

So, for the \$1,371,424,238 received the people have been robbed of.....\$5,130,551,462

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Osawatimie, Kas.

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We demand that the postal savings bank be established by the government for the safe deposit of the earnings of the people and to facilitate exchange.

TRANSPORTATION.

Second—Transportation being a means of exchange and a public necessity, the government should own and operate the railroads in the interest of the people.

LANDS.

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