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The Issues of the Day.

Once upon a time, as the stories say, Tom Nelson came a ranin' down our way, He was well "posted" on many bills.

But not informed on tariff bills.

The Republicans of town what there was:

Resolved that they would hear how Nelson does:

So at the appointed hour, got very late,

About a hundred women gathered, I calculate,

And a few men about the room, here and there,

All carryin' with them a look of despair.

Ashcraft was there, fixed up trim and neat

In shoes a size too small for his feet,

His speech came first, they couldn't pass it;

Ladies and gentlemen, we came here to-night

To labor in the cause of God, home and the

right;

To make vice a crime and righteousness com-

plete;

And to in—in—infuse—it beat—well,

To introduce Mr. Nelson, the orator of the day

Who will speak upon the issues of the day."

Nelson started out with a thrill and a clatter

But it wasn't long 'till he begins to scatter.

However great was the theme he espoused

It seemed no great enthusiasm could be

aroused,

The audience never applauded overly loud.

For the simple reason—it was too small a crowd.

He went on telling the things which he knew

And crackin' his arguments right straight

through

He told a few things none other could tell,

Of what the Democrats were doin' down in-

well.

Some of the people wondered how the man knew

Others suggested "he must have been there too."

Then he told how eight years ago

Cleveland said, "What the tariff is I don't know."

"Maybe he didn't," came feebly from behind

If you examine the books, I think you'll find

That Cleveland don't read what the Journal

pens,

Of the advantages of having a tariff on cans.

Then he told of the great "Democratic war"

And what the Republicans freed the negro for:

How all night he was compelled to ride,

To hunt provisions on the Canada side."

The Democrats are fools and ignorant like,

And blame the Republicans for the Home-

stead strike.

And brother Ashcraft, "though my sight is dimmed"

Don't like the way their whiskers are trim-

med;

They are cut too wide, and outward toss

They'd look better narrow, out straight across

Their whiskers are built so they're rounded

out

And this is the way they ground arguments

out

At the court house on that Republican day

When Nelson spoke on the issues of the day.

BEN BUMP.

Kansas Letter.

INGALLS, Kan., October 10, 1892.

EDITOR DEMOCRAT:

In my short letter of last week I told you of my intention to attend the state-wide Democratic convention at Topeka, Oct. 7th and since my return from there I thought it might be of some interest to the readers of your valuable paper to know what was done at that convention and why it was done. On July 6th at the Democratic convention it was decided and deemed advisable by the delegates there assembled to not place in nomination any electors or state ticket, but to endorse and fuse with the Peoples party which was done and thereafter many of the county district legislative and senatorial conventions, following the dictation and advice of the state convention, did not place any ticket in the field but endorsed the candidates of the Peoples party. There was as some very strong and vehement protest entered at the time by many of the delegates, to any endorsement of the Peoples party state and legislative tickets, but the majority were for fusion and it carried.

A short time thereafter these anti-slavery men issued a call for a meeting of Democrats Oct. 7th who were opposed to the fusion for state and legislative offices. There never has been among the Democrats but one opinion about the electoral ticket, and that was to vote the Peoples electoral ticket, which they will do, and will undoubtedly insure the electors for the Peoples. Republicans admit this. The convention assembled at 10 o'clock a.m. in the Representative hall of the new state house which is yet unfinished, but when completed will be a magnificent structure, but not equal to Indiana's capitol. There were about 600 delegates present each wearing a small silk white ribbon bow, bearing the inscription, "stalwart democracy." None but persons wearing these badges were admitted to the hall. A. A. Harris, of Ft. Scott was elected chairman and delivered an address of about an hour's length in which he ridiculed, in very scathing terms, "the calamity howlers" as the Peoples Party are termed and the democrats for their fusion with the calamities. They issued a manifesto or address to the democratic voters and elected a state central committee. It is said the representative hall was never more tastefully decorated and the mottoes which adorned the banners hung about the room were calculated to encourage the anti-slavery men. Over the speaker's desk was a heroic portrait of Grover Cleveland, painted in oil. The folds of the stars and stripes hung gracefully about it, and above, reaching the full length of the gallery, was a streamer on which was written in bold letters: "Paternalism has no place in the creed of Democracy," Grover Cleveland. The speaker's desk was literally hidden from view by the silken folds of the American flag and streamers of stars and stripes. Beneath them on the marble pilasters were these sentiments: "We are Kansans and Democrats first, last and all the time." "Up with honest business, and down with the rant of the howlers." "Government ownership of railroads is undemocratic, and the disfranchisement of the employees infamous." "Calamity should have no

binding place on the sunny plains of Kansas." "To help in the election of a legislature which will drive capital from Kansas, as a legislature drove it from Texas, is not a Democratic duty, and nobody can impose a duty of that description." It is infamous to make a surrender to the people's party, a test of democracy. "Success of the so-called people's party state ticket in Kansas means destruction to business interests to the state." "Between the two evils of people's party, radicalism and republican misrule, a democrat can vote as he pleases, or not vote at all."

If Weaver fails to get the electoral vote of Kansas, the republicans will be greatly surprised. A ratification meeting was held in the evening but I did not attend. I took the train in the evening west and stopped over with my old friend and schoolmate, Andrew Fritze, at Strong City, Kan. He is engaged in the drug business, and is having success and is accumulating property. I was very nicely entertained by Andrew, his estimable wife and mother Fritze. They all have property there and live in the same neighborhood. The county seat, Cottonwood Falls, is situated just one mile south of Strong City. A street car line runs between the two towns. Cottonwood Falls is where they elected the two ladies a couple years ago police judge and mayor. On Sunday we drove over the farm of Barney Lantry. This is the greatest farm in many ways I ever had the opportunity to visit. It lies along Fox Creek, and contains 15,000 acres, has 80 miles of stone fence. We drove out five miles to see a stone house and barn that more resembles some baronial castle than a farm residence. I can't describe the house nor barn as it should be, and therefore will not undertake it. In our whole drive we did not leave this land. He resides close to town in an elegant house. His yard is profuse with beautiful flowers and many fountains deck the lawn. He has a park of deer and elk, many thousand cattle roam his pastures, and several stables are needed for his horses. He has his own steam mill to grind his feed, his water works with drains all over the lawn, barnyard and in and about the stables where he has watering troughs. A person must see it to appreciate the vastness and grandeur of it. He is the largest railroad contractor in the west, and is at present building roads in Iowa, Arizona and other places. He is about 50 years old, in religion a Catholic, in politics a Democrat of the old school. He came to Strong City 15 years ago a poor man. After returning from there I took the train for here. I will close up my business to-morrow, Tuesday, and then return home. P. B. Manley and Geo. W. Bolds arrived here yesterday. J. FRED FRANCE

The 89th at Russiaville.

EDITOR DEMOCRAT:—Permit me to give a short sketch of the re-union of the Sth Indiana held at Russiaville, Indiana Oct. 5th and 6th, 1892. We took the T., St. L. & K. C., west, at 10:20 on the morning of the 5th, which landed us safely. On our arrival we were met by a large delegation of soldiers and citizens, headed by a marshal band of music, and were marched north-east of town into a beautiful sugar grove, where we found tables prepared by the citizens, and well laden with the best the town and county afforded, to which we were cordially invited to partake. I assure you that the boys did their duty in every particular, after which we repaired to another part of the grove and listened to an address by Gov. Ira B. Chase, after which the boys returned to the town and indulged in talking over past events of the war. We were called back to the grove for supper, and found a bountiful supply of the substantial, of which we partook feeling grateful to the people for their hospitality; after which we were assigned to our places for bed, breakfast and dinner, and were conducted to our places of assignment by a committee appointed for that purpose. The minister and congregation of the M. E. church kindly allowed us the use of their commodious church building for our camp fire in the evening, where we listened to some excellent vocal music and addresses, delivered mostly by the young people of the place, and was highly appreciated by us all. The official business of the regiments being disposed of a vote was taken as to where the next regimental re-union would be held, resulting in favor of Decatur. During our trip we made the acquaintance of comrade Vinson Gilliland, of Green Town, Indiana, and a member of the 11th Cavalry, who entertained us with some excellent vocal music. The Women's Relief Corps is entitled to great praise for the part they took in making the calamities. They issued a manifesto or address to the democratic voters and elected a state central committee. It is said the representative hall was never more tastefully decorated and the mottoes which adorned the banners hung about the room were calculated to encourage the anti-slavery men.

Comrade A. J. Teeple and the writer were shown many favors by Comrade W. P. Woody and his amiable wife, for which we return our thanks. JAS. H. SMITH.

Letter List.

List of unclaimed letters remaining in the postoffice at Decatur, Ind., for the week ending Oct. 8, 1892:

Laury Atwood; Fred Baumgardner, F. Decker, Garnet K. Giansue, Frank Hartley, Belle King, George Schirmeyer.

Persons calling for the above will please say addressed.

B. W. QUINN, P. M.

Hon. A. M. Sweeney at the Court House to-morrow, Saturday afternoon.

Everybody come.

How Decatur Will Celebrate Columbus Day, Friday, Oct. 21, 1892.

Arrangements are being made for a great good time. All the school children, various civic orders and military organizations of the city, numerous industries, and citizens in general will participate in the exercises.

A grand parade will move at 1 p.m. The following is the order of march:

Band.

Public schools.

Parochial schools.

Grand Army.

Militia.

Knights of St. John.

St. Mary's Lodge I. O. O. F.

Knights of St. John.

Free Masons.

C. B. L.

Knights of Labor.

1. Floats, America before discovery.

2. Columbus discovering America.

3. Landing of Columbus.

4. George Washington and the sisterhood of states.

5. Other floats representing industries.

6. Cavalry.

7. City Council.

8. Citizens in carriages.

Business men and citizens are requested to decorate profusely with flags and bunting.

Time for procession to move fixed at 1:30 p.m.

Procession will form on Fourth street;

Parochial schools will join High school on Jefferson and Fourth streets; thence move south to Adams, east to Second, north to Monroe, west to Tenth, south to Adams, east to Fifth, north to Monroe, east to Second.

School children to be addressed by Sup't. A. D. Moffatt, at the court house at 2 p.m. City's meeting at 2:30 at ringing of the court house bell, address to be delivered by

Rev. Wilkin, Work, Lewis, Smith and Allen are the committee on program and arrangements.

Democratic Meetings.

The following Democratic meetings are announced:

Hon. R. K. Irwin at Prairie School House, Blue Creek township, Friday evening October 14, 1892.

John T. France, Election School House, Monroe township, Saturday evening, October 15, 1892.

R. K. Irwin at Pleasant Mills, Monday evening, October 17, 1892.

R. K. Irwin and John T. France at Monroe Center, Wednesday evening, Oct. 19, 1892, at Hockers' Hall. They will give a particular history of Indiana legislature and the tax law of 1891.

Hon. A. M. Sweeney, at the Court House (to-morrow) Saturday, October 19, at 3 p.m.

R. K. Irwin, Pleasant Mills, Oct. 17.

J. T. France and C. J. Lutz, Williams, October 20.

R. K. Irwin and Sherman Mott, Rival, Oct. 21.

J. T. France Vera Cruz, Oct. 20.

A. C. Beatty at Hard Scrabble School House, Union township, Thursday evening, Oct. 20.

"Demon-Tizing Silver" at the Christian church, to night.

Mr. Will Coffee, at St. Mary's Ohio, was here over Sunday.

Will Christen, architect. Office over Pete Holthouse clothing store. 9th

The economic principles underlying "Bi-Metalism" will be elucidated at Christen church to-night.

WANTED—A few good gentlemen

boarders. Enquire of Mrs. A. McBoyle.

If you want to know the value of a dollar come and hear it told at the Christian church to-night.

Ireal Bright left for Indianapolis to-day. He will attend school there for the next year.

Mrs. Elizabeth Phillips and daughter Louis, of Tiffin, Ohio, are the guests of her sister, Mrs. Nicholas Lichy, and family.

P. C. McAdo has accepted a position with Mr. Marsh at Van Wert, Ohio.

He will take charge of the hands of a large farm. The people of Van Wert will find in Mr. McAdo a man of the best of habits, a good neighbor and citizen worthy of their confidence. The best wishes of our people go with him.

In response to a call about twenty-five enthusiastic citizens presented themselves at the office of Peterson & L