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**Smells Of Fusion**

ED. BROAD-AXE—The last issue of  
your paper brings to notice the fact that  
you are dissatisfied with the Omaha  
platform as it now stands, and that you  
are pursuing a suicidal course in  
persisting in going before the people in  
its name. And you further affirm by  
publishing the article of the "Scio Press,"  
that you favor a "fusion of interests with  
reform republicans and democrats that  
is so solicitous about the country's  
welfare, if some policy of reform can be  
agreed upon that will constitute a com-  
mon ground upon which the people may  
stand.

I will not now attempt to discuss this  
proposition, for I can conceive of no  
such "ground" where republicans, dem-  
ocrats and populists can "stand" on  
principle—but perhaps you can, and as  
populists are so deeply in earnest for  
such a desideratum you will have them  
under an everlasting obligation of grati-  
tude, you will plainly point out and  
locate that "common ground" giving  
its metes and bounds. Or in other  
words, tell the people in specific terms  
just what part of the Omaha platform  
you would cut off, and what part of the  
republican and democratic "reform pol-  
icy" you would add to "constitute a  
common ground upon which the people  
may stand." Do this and we are ready  
to meet you there and examine the  
"grounds," and stand there if it is  
sound.

J. F. HENDRIX.

The above communication is pub-  
lished at the request of Bro Hen-  
drix, not for controversy, but  
simply that he in common with  
others may have his opinion, go be-  
fore our readers on the vital ques-  
tion of harmonizing the great mass  
of people who are opposed to the  
gold oligarchy, who now have con-  
trol of the government. And we  
are not so particular as to how, or  
by what means, or under what par-  
ticular party banner this may be  
achieved, as we are about making  
sure that we make no mistake in  
consolidating the forces at our dis-  
posal, and so arranging them in the  
plan of battle as to insure a victory.  
The brother may be of those who be-  
lieve, we can go into the contest of  
96 on the Omaha platform without  
modification, and win. We do not  
believe so. We have some in our  
ranks who believe that the moun-  
tain will come to Mohammed, but  
we are not of those. We believe that  
what the goldocrats want is to keep  
all the forces who oppose them di-  
vided; in which case, failing to  
elect by the popular vote, the elec-  
tion would go into the house, which  
will insure their success. We do  
not want to risk any such policy.  
We are afraid we have already  
risked too much. We think that if  
every disaffected republican and  
democrat of today were united with  
the people's party, and were working  
shoulder to shoulder in one united  
effort to overthrow the gold olig-  
archy, it is doubtful if we can suc-  
ceed. We doubtfully and sincerely  
believe that the people of this na-  
tion cannot endure another five  
years repetition of the policy of the  
last five years. We think their  
patience, patriotism and endurance  
have been strained to their utmost  
tension. Hence we are willing, if  
need be without any platform to go  
forth with nothing but a naked  
flannel in hand with the motto of  
"Down with plutocracy, and up  
with the people" as the basis of  
battle.

If we can win on this, we for one  
would risk the coming of our re-  
forms further on. Failing to beat  
plutocracy is certain defeat, all  
propose reform. Beating Plutocracy  
needful reform measures are pos-  
sible. This much in explanation of  
the brother's dissention that we  
position—suicide of fusion.

If that be treason then make  
the best of it. We do not allow  
any man to be a better reformer  
than we are, so far as we understand  
the principles of the people's party.  
But we do not understand that we  
should stand on the principles of the  
people's party, or jeopardize the  
fulfillment, if we were to lay any  
or all our demands aside retaining  
the one as indicated. But we feel  
very certain that with a due respect  
to the opinions and positions of the  
several factions which have broken

off from the two old parties we can  
bring them to affiliate with us with-  
out fusing with either one of them  
or adopting any of their particular  
old party creeds. And here we may  
answer if we have not already  
done so, Brother Hendrix's ques-  
tion as to pointing out and locating  
that "common ground" giving the  
metes and bounds; telling the peo-  
ple in specified terms just what  
part of the Omaha platform we  
would cut off, and say that we  
would not cut off any part of it, if  
all the opposing elements to plutoc-  
racy would unite with us on that  
declaration of principles. We be-  
lieve they would unite with us on  
every fundamental essential de-  
mand of the old fashioned Jefferson-  
ian and Lincoln republicanism of  
the past. But we think there are  
some demands in the Omaha plat-  
form, if insisted upon will operate  
as an effectual barrier against  
hosts of good people joining us.  
And, not stopping here to point out  
at this time, what particular part  
of the platform we would cut off,  
not being engaged in platform mak-  
ing just yet, we will close by ask-  
ing Brother Hendrix if he insists  
on going into the next fight with all  
the planks of the platform intact?  
Does he favor the ownership by  
the government, all the means of  
transportation both by land and  
water, by railroad, by steam ship,  
and sail, on Sea, and by steamboat  
on the water way? And does the  
doctor endorse the sub-treasury plan?  
And finally we think we had better  
limit our demand on the transporta-  
tion and define it by metes and  
bounds.

We think our plank on the ques-  
tion of finance should be adhered to  
and that all forces of opposition to  
goldocracy will endorse it. We  
think our demand for government  
ownership of the telegraph and tel-  
ephone will meet the approval of  
the people and that our position as  
to the lands of the people is correct  
and will be endorsed. And finally  
we are sure that the hosts of oppo-  
sition to plutocracy will endorse  
our position on the Swiss system of  
legislation known as the initiative,  
referendum, imperial mandate and  
proportional representation.

We have tried to answer Brother  
Hendrix, fully and honestly. And  
will extend to him the courtesy of  
our columns for a reply of the same  
space we have taken, reserving the  
right to close the matter by a re-  
joinder of half the space here occu-  
pied.

**That Mitchell Post Office.**

It is announced that J. H. Oakes  
has been removed as post master of  
Mitchell Or. and that W. H. Sasser  
has been appointed post master of  
that city. This is well. Jim Oakes  
was successor to I. N. Sargent who  
held the post office at that place for  
a dozen years prior to Oakes hold-  
ing it. Both Sargent and Oakes are  
uncompromising republicans. Sargent  
held the office all through  
Cleveland's first administration, and  
now it is but mere that Oakes a  
very bitter southern republican  
should be remembered, the more so  
because he did not have the politi-  
cal independence to step down and  
out, and give place to the party  
who said by their action the post  
offices should be filled by dem-  
ocrats. Bill Sasser is a good man  
but he will never make any improve-  
ment on Oakes as postmaster. We  
congratulate him even though he is  
too poor to take the BROAD-AXE.

Circuit court of Lane county is  
in session this week. The docket  
is a light one, and but few very im-  
portant cases have been adjudicated.  
But few foreclosure suits were tried,  
and not the usual number of suits  
for recovery of money has been  
brought. At this writing two in-  
dictments have been found, one  
against Stephens for burglarizing  
Feters' store, and one against John  
Brown for assault on a little girl  
with intent to commit rape. Both  
pleaded guilty. Not yet sentenced.

Dady Seymour an old G. A. R.  
war of Aeneas, has lately come out  
like many other old soldiers are do-  
ing, for the populist party, on be-  
ing asked by one of the G. O. P.'s  
"what a populist was?" Answered  
by saying "a populist is a republi-  
can with his eyes open."  
We commend the wisdom of  
this old soldier.

**Information Wanted.**

A little while back the Florence Post  
stated that it would publish the names  
of the so-called republican club of Flo-  
rence. We have been waiting patiently  
for the appearance of the said list. We  
are anxious to see this list. The pop-  
ulists don't say how somewhat of a  
club themselves. Will Bro Alley trot  
out his prepared list?

**THE DEADLY CANKER.**

**CONGRESSMAN HOWARD SCOURGES  
THE PEOPLE'S BETRAYAL.**

The Author of "If Christ Came to  
Congress" Reiterates and Reempha-  
sises the Statement: "The Only  
Way—Will We Save Our Land  
From the Fate of Rome?"

New York, May 6.—The great is-  
sue of the future is plutocracy  
against democracy. I do not mean  
democracy as represented by the so-  
called democratic party, but true,  
genuine democracy—the democra-  
cy that stands for a government of,  
for and by the people. I do not  
mean the democracy of Grover  
Cleveland, for it is only plutocracy  
masquerading in a stolen costume.  
I mean the democracy of Thomas  
Jefferson, Andrew Jackson and Ab-  
raham Lincoln. The issue is now  
clearly defined and it is to be the  
greatest, the most stupendous strug-  
gle of all the ages. It is the unis-  
son of the people against the money  
power. Today we have the rule  
of money as opposed to a govern-  
ment by the people and just a little  
more strengthening of its bulwarks  
and plutocracy will be invincible,  
and the gulf fixed between the very  
rich and the very poor will be un-  
fathomable and impassable, and 70-  
000,000 people will be slaves to a  
few thousand.

The people are awakening with a  
start and looking about in wild  
alarm as they realize how perilous  
is their condition. They now see  
that while they have slumbered and  
slept the money power has bound  
them hand and foot and carried  
away their wealth.

Washington is the seat of the  
struggle that is now going on.  
When a man enters congress, he  
must enlist himself on one side or  
the other of this conflict. He can-  
not remain neutral. If he wishes  
to be courted and feted by society;  
if he desires the praise of the plu-  
tocratic press, if he is looking for  
the fat places for his relatives, if his  
heart longs for the smiles and sym-  
phonic fawnings of the aristocra-  
cy of wealth, if he has a greed to  
possess riches even beyond the  
dreams of avarice, he has only to be  
the willing tool of plutocracy, the  
mission of the trusts and corpora-  
tions and all these things accrue to  
him.

If, on the other hand, he cham-  
pions the cause of the people and  
stands up for the toilers of the na-  
tion and antagonizes the money  
barons and shysters, who are en-  
slaving the honest yeomanry of the  
country, he will be called a crank,  
an agitator and an anarchist.

He will be scorned by society,  
maligned, abused and ridiculed by  
the plutocratic press and treated  
discourteously and snubbed by  
those in power and given to under-  
stand that he has no influence with  
the administration.

These are the conditions which  
confront every man when he goes  
to Washington, and he must be-  
come the ally of plutocracy and de-  
sert the people or stand up and  
fight the money power and incur  
its bitter hatred.

The capitol of our nation is reek-  
ing with bribery, licentiousness and  
corruption. A swarm of lobbyists  
fill the corridors and offer bribe to  
senators and congressmen. Women  
of unsavory reputation join the  
disreputable men and lobby with  
our law-makers. The trusts are  
represented by shrewd, scheming  
agents, and the railroads keep a  
"standing army" of corruptionists.

Lobbying has become a profes-  
sion for scores of ex-senators and ex-  
congressmen who have failed of re-  
election. Indeed I would be nearer  
the truth to class it with the fine  
arts, for the expert lobbyist is cer-  
tainly an artist in his line.

Corruption and bribery walk  
hand in hand with luxury and li-  
ciousness. When a man yields  
to pressure brought to bear on him  
and betrays the people, he becomes  
an easy prey to vicious habits.  
Once started on the downward road  
there is no stopping, and he ends  
his days in shame and infamy—a  
veritable Benedict Arnold.

The deadly canker-worm of cor-  
ruption, born of plutocracy, has en-  
tered into the very heart of our  
body politic and is now gnawing  
at the nation's vitals. We need  
not hope for reform where plutoc-  
racy governs. We need not expect  
just, wholesome laws while the very  
men who are to make laws have  
sold themselves body and soul to  
the money power.

We can never get a pure stream  
from an impure source. Before we  
can hope for relief we must over-  
throw plutocracy and scourge its  
iniquities, the lobbyists, the corrup-  
tionists, the prostitutes and all the

unfaithful servants from the capi-  
tol, even as Christ scourged the  
money changers from the temple of  
Jerusalem. Now it has become a  
veritable den of thieves. Let us  
shake off the dwelling place of  
liberty and purity.

My earnest desire in writing my  
book "If Christ Came to Congress,"  
was to reveal to the American peo-  
ple the most shocking state of cor-  
ruption which ever existed and to  
point out the dangers which men-  
ace our liberty.

The plutocratic press all over the  
country is heaping abuse on me for  
telling the truth and sounding the  
note of warning, but so long as my  
conscience approves of my course  
I will continue to antagonize pluto-  
cracy with its endless chain of cor-  
ruption and fight the battle of the  
people.

I will give one or two passages  
from my book as a slight example  
of the curse which plutocracy has  
brought upon our nation:

The next arrival was a cabinet  
officer, but we will not describe him  
for his propensities are so well  
known in Washington at least that  
he is readily recognized. He  
was in him one of the most beau-  
tiful ladies of Washington, and they  
were high good humor and very  
much in love, and were toying with  
each other by the time the door was  
closed. The watchers were startled.  
Could they believe their eyes, or  
was this some hallucination? Could  
it be possible that a member of the  
president's cabinet would come  
here? Yes, it was true, and they  
saw him go to a room with his fair  
companion and heard the door lock.

"But we will draw the curtain  
and show no more faces tonight.  
Surely this is as much as the Amer-  
ican people can endure at  
once. In future chapters we will  
lift the veil and show the rotten old  
carcass which is festering and rock-  
ing with fetid fumes until it has  
become a stench in the nostrils of  
honest people. There is a little  
leaven in the senate and in the  
house of representatives and high  
official life, but not enough to leave  
the whole. The corruption, the gan-  
green, leprous spots have so covered,  
filled and impregnated the whole sys-  
tem that the only means of cure is to  
take it all out and start afresh.

If the rulers are pure, the people  
will be so. If the rulers are cor-  
rupt and licentious, the people will  
be corrupt and licentious. Chris-  
tians of America, honest men and  
virtuous women, how long will  
you allow such corruption in offi-  
cial high places? Do you not realize  
that it is drying up the very  
life-blood of our dearly bought lib-  
erty? That it is sowing the seed of  
disloyalty and de-bauchery, and  
that soon we will be a nation of such  
men and women as these you have  
seen tonight? These are your lead-  
ers, and shall we follow their exam-  
ple? Or shall we tear all such lep-  
rous wretches from power and fill  
their places with real men—men  
who respect, honor and love the pur-  
ity of our mothers, our wives and our  
daughters; men who, instead of  
trying to drag our women down to  
be common prostitutes, will seat a  
high example of morality and pur-  
ity; men who, instead of making our  
beloved city of Washington, in  
which every American feels a pride,  
the hotbed of licentiousness, liber-  
tinism, fraud, dishonesty and theft  
will make it the synonym of all that  
is pure, and unsullied.

"If Christ came to congress to-  
night and should send the sergent-  
at-arms forth into the city to find a  
quorum of senators and represen-  
tatives, where would he have  
to search? In such places as the  
one friends visited this  
evening. Ask Bessie Langley  
where to find them. She can  
tell you. Go to the gambling halls.  
There you will get information  
which will aid you in your search.  
If Christ came to the house of Bes-  
sie Langley tonight, he would wit-  
ness such a sight as would make  
the angels weep.

Listen to the midnight revel.  
Hear the popping of champagne  
corks and the click of glass. Listen  
to the songs of guests, the ribald  
mirth. This is the example, men  
and women of America, which your  
leaders set you to follow. These are  
the corrupt moral principles which  
they would sow broadcast, to blight  
and ruin our people. Don't close  
your eyes to the danger lo-ger, but  
see up and by your ballots sweep  
them from power. Our liberty, the  
purity of our homes, are men-  
aced, and unless we act like Chris-  
tian men should then we simply  
place ourselves in the hands of the  
Philistines to be shorn of our  
strength, robbed of our liberty and

deprived of our virtue.  
"No pen can begin to portray the  
evil, the vice and profligacy which  
are today blotting our fair ecumene.  
May God strike down the foul  
monster of libertinism before he  
has so backed our pure name  
that its old time luster can only be  
restored by bathing it in blood."

Let me conclude with a picture  
of the closing scenes of the session  
of congress which expired March 4.  
It was the holy Sabbath day, and  
the church bells were ringing merrily  
over the city. In the capitol  
champagne flowed like water. Com-  
mittee room became temporary  
brothels. Women of ill repute  
swarmed the corridors and sang  
songs in the public restaurants with  
inebriated congressmen. "I have  
75 dozen glasses out," said Tom  
Murray, the disgusted caterer of the  
house restaurant. That tells the  
story of the committee rooms better  
than any words I can utter.

In front of the main door is a  
perfect cloud of gentlemen interest-  
ed in legislation. Some of the  
faces are familiar and have been  
for the last 20 years. Some are  
comparatively new. Thousands  
and hundreds of dollars are to be  
won or lost within the next few  
hours.

Around at the other door are  
more lobbyist and among them are  
some women. Backed up against  
the marble pillars everywhere are  
members buttonholed and on the  
defensive. Some of these women are  
notorious. The very fact that they  
are brought to bear upon any item  
of legislation is enough to stamp it  
with condemnation.

There were poker games in the  
committee rooms, and the side-  
boards were stocked with the best  
liquid refreshments which could be  
bought with the contingent fund.  
There were the house and senate  
bars, where every one, from the  
most respected citizen to the lowest  
strumpet, could obtain a drink.

An aged senator passed into a  
private room with a hilarious mem-  
ber of the demimonde on each arm.

A congressman was carried away  
by friends fighting drunk. A wom-  
an, with her daintily booted foot  
elevated on a committee table and  
a glass of champagne elevated in her  
hand, was singing a merry song,  
while a dozen members and their  
friends sat around smoking and en-  
joying the society of the real lady.  
But this is enough. I will cease.  
All of this beneath the jeweled  
dome, between the marble walls of  
the temple of liberty, amid the royal  
surroundings of art expressed in  
bronze and marble and the ex-quisi-  
te touch of the painter's brush.

God pity the people when such  
scenes as these are possible. "When  
the wicked rule, the people mourn."  
Some of sires bled for liberty, be-  
ware, for even now, if you will only  
listen, you may hear the clank of  
slavery's chain which are being  
forged for you and your posterity.

Toilers of America, this is a good-  
ly land. We are vastly superior in  
number to the hosts of shysters, so  
let us go up and possess it.

Ere it is too late let us vote for  
freedom.  
M. W. HOWARD.

**Communication.**

THURSTON, JUNE 10, '05.

ED. BROAD-AXE: In your last issue,  
you give considerable space in your  
paper to an article from the Scio Press  
with your endorsement. It is to be  
hoped that the sentiments expressed in  
the article mentioned, will be the means  
of bringing to the front, the feelings of  
the reform forces of Lane county. It  
does seem to me to be a little late in the  
day for members of the people's party  
to criticize a platform which was adopt-  
ed with so much unanimity in conven-  
tions and later ratified by 200,000,000  
votes. Now Mr. Editor, it seems that  
some of your objections are a little wab-  
bly. You say the Omaha platform, as a  
whole, is a wise production. Then  
straightway you condemn the sub-treasury  
plan with all of its beneficent pro-  
visions for our debt-ridden people. Nor  
do you believe it expedient, or even de-  
sirable for government ownership of  
railroads. In the name of Davy Croc-  
ket, what is your platform? And is it  
the members of our party who see  
defeat for the people's party? Or is it  
the fellow without a job on the outside  
who feels so much solicitude for the  
success of the people's party?

Say you Omaha boy, how would it do  
to wagger a new hat with each of three  
editors that the sub-treasury, or some  
better plan with government ownership  
of railroad will be retained in our next  
P. F. platform? Don't all say "I" at  
once!

The best way to measure one's neigh-  
bor's ability to appreciate the benefits  
of the Omaha platform, would be to ap-  
ply it's resulting benefits to one's self.  
S. C. SPARKS.

A letter from Bro. Spangh informs us  
that the campaign fund is now made up  
and that a meeting of the chairman of  
the several county committees will meet  
in Eugene June 20, to devise a plan of  
operations preparatory to organization.

**PETITION.**  
TO THE HONORABLE, the County  
Court, for Lane County,  
STATE OF OREGON: We your Petitioners, citizens  
and taxpayers of the county aforesaid, humbly pray your honorable  
court, at the July term thereof, to readjust the amounts of pay for deputy  
sheriff hire not more than \$75.00 (seventy five dollars) per month, and  
the same sum per month to the clerk, for clerical assistance. And your  
petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

**Names of Petitioners**      **Names of Petitioners**  
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