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OWES A DEBT OF GRATITUDE.

When the people's party was organized at Omana nearly a score of years ago, it is doubtful if the farmers that there promulgated a sweeping reform platform, realized how far reaching and lasting would be the principles there enunciated. Most of the framers of the Omaha platform have, ere this, joined the great majority; but the ideas there formulated are living issues to-day.

The members of this convention which was, practically, the first held by the people's party as a National organization, were men who had formerly been Democrats and Republicans. They had disowned of ever bringing about reforms, which they deemed vitally necessary for the perpetuity of our present form of government, through either of the old parties. They knew that these parties were controlled by political bosses, in the interests of themselves and organized wealth; and that a new party was their only recourse to educate and arouse the people to the gravity of the situation. Thus thinking, these men disregarding the ridicule and sneers of the political bosses, fearlessly launched out into new and untried political water. That they were actuated by a spirit of pure patriotism, no one will now deny. The reforms they there declared necessary, are being gradually adopted by the Government. A platform of principles that would now be promulgated by either of the present great political parties would surpass, in demands for political reformation, the demands of these then ridiculed Omana farmers.

The people's party undertook a campaign of education. It was deemed vitally necessary, if American liberty was preserved, to arouse the people and show them whether they were rapidly drifting. These longwinded Populists argued that if organized wealth was not curbed and required to obey the law, that it was only a matter of time when the common people would be crushed and reduced to serfdom. How true were the conclusions and predictions of these old time "Pops."

The campaign of education instituted by the people's party has never ceased. In order to preserve themselves, both of the old political parties have undertaken educatory work themselves. Both parties are now preaching reform in louder tones, than ever emanated from Populist lips. They are doing more. They are instituting many of the reforms that were demanded in the Omaha platform. The campaign of education, instituted by the people's party, caused the people to think. It knocked the scales of paritization from their eyes. It created a growing demand for the Government to be rescued from the hands of the railroads and plutocracy, and be restored to the people. It made it possible for a Roosevelt, a La Follette, a Folk, a Heney and others, to be placed in position of power and where they could accomplish results. It has made it popular to champion the cause of the people.

While it is true that the Government has not yet been entirely rescued from the political boss, the railroads and plutocracy in general, those who are fighting the battle for the people, can report a gratifying progress. Indeed, such progress is being made in the hunting down of the wrongdoers, especially of the plutocratic breed, that those who are not in the toils are, figuratively, trembling in their boots. A railroad president once, when discussing matters relative to the people and the railroads, said "The people are damned." With the railroads, so to speak, on their knees and begging for mercy, we wonder if Mr. Vanderbilt, if living, would not change that expression somewhat. He might not say it, but he would assuredly think, "The railroads will be damned, unless they obey the law."

The battle against plutocracy has not yet been won. There is much yet to do before all men are equal before the law. There are yet too many grafters, land thieves and railroad disobeyers of law, outside the gates of the penitentiaries. But the most difficult portion of the battle has been won. The people are aroused and they will make it a point to place more Roosevelts, LaFollettes, Folks and Heney's in office. With the strongest line of breastworks of the enemy broken down, the remainder of the task becomes much less difficult. The little ball that was started rolling at Omana has gathered magnitude and force

with the years. It has reached the period when every political party has been compelled to fall in line with reform, in order to live and exert a political force. The Peoples' party is dead as a political organization; but the ideas and theories it taught and promulgated are the living political issues of the present time. The Nation, certainly owes a debt of gratitude to the men who formulated the Omaha platform.

INDETERMINATE SENTENCE.

Last week Judge Barnett pronounced a sentence upon a citizen of Scio that, so far as we remember, is the first sentence of that character ever given to a citizen of Linn county. Harry Beard, upon a confession of guilt in the crime charged, was sentenced to serve time in the penitentiary for from one to five years. If his conduct is exemplary, and he gives the superintendent of the penitentiary reason to believe he has reformed and would be a law abiding citizen if liberated, the superintendent may recommend him to the governor to be paroled.

In war times prisoners were often paroled; and the obligation of those paroled were religiously observed, too. A violation of its provisions meant death, if captured in the act of violating it.

In the Beard case, matters will not be so severe. When he has served one year's time, he may be paroled. If, during the next four years after his liberation, he remains a law abiding citizen, all would be well. Should he transgress law in any way during those four years, he would be remanded back to the penitentiary without trial, where he would have to serve four full years, or a time which added to his first service, would make five years.

The News thinks the indeterminate sentence should be meted out to criminals of all kinds, if we except the murderer. A sentence of this nature offers the strongest possible inducement to the criminal to reform, and to stay reformed. A prisoner can control the length of time of his incarceration, after the minimum term has been served. Surely, if there is any reform in a man, this will bring it out.

But, boys, the better plan is never to place your selves in the condition that Beard is now in. It won't pay. No matter if you do reform, you can never hold just the place in society that you would have held, had you not committed the crime. Others might be willing to trust you; but you never would restore yourself in your own estimation. Others might not know it, but you would always know that you was a thief, or a transgressor of the law. Honesty may, some times, seem very inconvenient and may keep you a poor man; but, in the end, it is far the best policy. If you are honest, you can respect yourself. Furthermore, as you, necessarily, must associate with yourself more intimately than with anybody else, you will have the satisfaction of associating with an honest man. It would humiliate you to know that you would always be compelled to associate with a thief, wouldn't it? Then don't become a thief, if you would not associate with one.

It is seldom that three criminal trials, of wide National repute, are in progress at the same time. The Thaw trial, Binger Hermann and the Smitz-Kuef investigation, are all of unusual notoriety. In addition, land fraud trials are in progress in Idaho and Nebraska; the Interstate Commerce Commission is getting busy and the Moyer-Haywood trial for complicity in the Seamanberg assassination will soon be on. The big dailies will not run out of subject matter for sensational headlines for some time yet.

If President Roosevelt remains steadfast in his refusal to accept a third term, the Republican party will have trouble to find a candidate that will unite all factions. If Mr. Bryan is again nominated, he will have a far better chance of winning than ever before. Any way the country is coming, rapidly about, to Mr. Bryan's way of thinking. Mr. Bryan and President Roosevelt are nearer together politically, than is the president and most any of the probable Republican nominees for the presidency.

There is a peculiar circumstance connected with the Thaw murder trial. Thaw's lawyers have been endeavoring to prove him crazy when he assassinated White; but that his insanity has passed away and he is now perfectly sane. Jerome has endeavored to prove Thaw sane when he shot White; but since then has become insane and is now in that condition and should be sent to the asylum for the insane criminals.

Gratifying progress is being made in the preliminary work of the Scio Stock and Agricultural Fair Association. Contracts have been let for procuring the necessary poles and fence posts, etc. As soon as the weather settles somewhat, work will begin in putting the grounds in order.

Scio needs to have one or two good business houses constructed during the coming Summer. If constructed, they would not be vacant very long.

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