

The Political Situation!

A Republican Wheel-horse Speaks Boldly!

THE OLD PARTIES DOMINATED AND CONTROLLED BY POLITICIANS INSTEAD OF STATESMEN.

The Leaders Either Millionaires or the Tools of the Money Power—the Senate a Social Club for Millionaires—The Just Demands of Labor Answered With Ridicule and Contempt—Lincoln's Prediction Verified.

Under the above headlines J. K. Cubison, who now thinks he is a candidate for the legislature on the republican ticket caused an article from his pen to be published. He tried a number of republican papers and they all refused to publish it. Finally he persuaded Mr. Heister editor of the Sun to let it appear. Here is a man who not much more than a year ago wanted the people's party nomination for Judge of one of the courts. This man, had Mr. Morrison employed trying to procure delegates for him. The people's party then were all blessed now he thinks them all cursed. Read his speech republicans and then go and vomit. This is what he said:

To the editor of the Kansas City Sun: The political situation in general, and particularly in Kansas seems pretty badly mixed. The tendency with the generation of men who took an active part in making the history of the country from 1850 to 1880, is to remain with, and be a factor in, the political party with which they have been identified in the past. Men change their political faith and their political parties largely from two motives—thought and desperation. The man who reads, studies and thinks upon the new issues, theories and ideas that are constantly coming to the surface of politics in a great republic like ours, cannot be held in the party lines by the glory of the party's past achievements, or be enjoined into continuing a partisanship by any appeal to his passions or his emotions.

The man who honestly strives early and late to secure a living for himself and family, and yet finds himself, year by year, becoming more and more deeply indebted, more and more the creature of an adverse fate, finally in sheer desperation rebels against the only earthly power he has ever recognized, to wit: his political party.

Both the thinker and the sufferer realize today that there is something, somewhere, either in his party or his government, that is radically wrong—something that must be remedied or the thinker and sufferer will join hands and form a combination that never yet was defeated, for intelligence and strength have always won.

A casual observer of the tendencies of both the republican and democratic parties, is forced to the conclusion that they are dominated and controlled by politicians instead of statesmen, that the individual leaders of both the old parties are either millionaires or tools of the money power.

The United States Senate has become a social club for millionaires. The lower house of Congress is crowded with members elected to represent—not the people of their respective districts—but some great corporation, which needs its interests protected in the halls of Congress.

The political party that hopes for success must represent the issues of the present, and the demands of the future.

"I see in the near future a crisis approaching that unnerves me and causes me to tremble for my country. As a result of the war corporations have been enthroned, an era of corruption in high places will follow, and the money power of the country will endeavor to prolong its reign by working upon the prejudices of the people until all wealth is aggregated in a few hands and the republic is destroyed. I feel that this moment warns anxiously for the safety of my country than ever before, even in the midst of war. God grant that my suspicions may prove groundless." Who can deny the verification of Lincoln's prophecy? Who can suggest the remedy for the present condition of things? That is the question of the hour. The past few months have been prolific with new and sensational ideas of government. Our magazines teem with captivating articles from the greatest minds of the age, advocating reforms and suggesting plans for the amelioration of the human race.

There is a spirit of unrest abroad among the people, great questions are demanding an answer, great evils are being corrected. The powers and privileges of corporations must be curtailed. The accumulation of wealth in the hands of a few, and the consequent robbery of the masses, must be prevented. Transportation must be adjusted in the interest of the producer. Immigration must be restricted, the American market for labor shall not be glutted and flooded by a low class of foreigners, against whose importation the tariff laws are imported. The volume of currency must be enlarged, without detriment to the financial distress of the country. Some must be so regulated that the poor bear most of its burden, being allowed some few of its benefits.

Should one give expression to a republican state convention in Kansas to such sentiments as the foregoing he would probably be kicked out in about ten minutes, and yet the majority in that convention would agree with the sentiments expressed, but would be too cowardly to acknowledge their belief. The republican party in Kansas is as a whole too cowardly, and consequently it is being kept in touch and feeling with the masses.

During all the splendid history of the republican party it was the party of the people and consequently the party of progress. It was always first to nominate its candidates, first to report a platform and first to express the wants of the people in language that could not be mistaken. Now it is impatiently waiting for some other party to first enter the arena and throw down the challenge and then it proposes to defend its position. The history of the democratic party has taught the lesson that the party of the opposition has been the party of the minority.

There are two public duties that a citizen owes before he owes allegiance to any political party: duty to God and to his country.

When the citizen studies the present condition of politics in the light of these two duties, he will find that certain evils exist which must be remedied.

Will the Republican party in Kansas have the courage to acknowledge the existence of these evils and become the people's champion for their correction? The writer trusts it will, and he desires to leave a party which has always prided itself on being the "People's Party" and the party of progress and prosperity.

A REPUBLICAN
Kansas City, Kas., June 1st, 1892

LAWRENCE, KANSAS.

Rev. Dr. John Hilton Turner will occupy the pulpit in St. Luke's A. M. E. church this year. Dr. Turner has served in various District churches he has been pastor, and has always put forth his best efforts to build up the nation of christianity. He has been in the

A Great Meeting.

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