

Brookings South Dakota

"The By-stander"

Maysville N.Y.

My only apology
for troubling you: is that you
are a man, engaged in a
life work for the upholding of
principles. I am a Republican,
also deputy organizer for the "National
Farmers Alliance" for this state; and
as an adjunct of Alliance work
am arranging and carrying
out the Demorest Temperance
contests: we hold open sessions
of Alliance (Not Farmers Alliance and
Industrial Union) But the old Non
Partizan Alliance; in these sessions
we have the young declaim these
temperance writings as arranged
for the contest Prizes offered

By Seniors under Mrs Charlotte
F. Woodbury build Sept. 10 East 14
Street, New York City - This State of
South Dakota has 3 political parties
Democratic - "Demo & Deceit" -
and Republican - The Republican
party in State Convention 1889
Placed a straight Prohibition
Plank in its Platform, the
only political Party that has ever
done so - Now as a Republican
I am in this organizing work
on a "Still Hunt" to aid the Re-
publican Party at large - I want
to draw upon you for a
speech that I can have young
men and ladies in their teens
commit to memory
and recite at our public en-
tertainments - length of
speech 15 inches of column in, say
brevier type. Matter of speech

To be for the purpose of Preempting
for the Republican party from the
other parties the fact that we are
on record as constitutional
Prohibitionists - also to demand
of voters, that, loyalty to the party,
demands of those who are
beer suckers and dram drinkers
to now rally to the execution
of the laws - There are in each or-
ganized township - Three Super-
visors - one Treas one clerk
Two Justices of the Peace Two Constables
and at least four school officers
who have each sworn to sup-
port the Constitution of the
United States and of the State
Besides all of the County officials
have taken the same oath - They
should each be lashed; held up
to light of truth, as the facts
are - A County with 15 townships

and some good villages would average over 200 voters thus, specially sworn each year, making at least one voter in every ten in the state specially sworn to support the laws - specially we want to lash and rebuke every Christian voter - The R. Party can not carry in this state in 1892 without the Prohibition vote - A large percentage of the Republican Party are whiskey - and must be whipped in under "party lash" unless a grand Rally to the support of the execution of the laws so as to practically close the selling of Rum, the Prohibitionists will in this State leave the ^{Republican} Party in 1892. Every locality in the United States is somewhat different

in characteristics and unless this work is done here now, it can not be done later.

The Democrats and especially the Independents are working every moment of the time and unless this Republican work is done now, the same result may be looked for in 1892 as we beheld last fall.

I repeatedly pointed out in writing to U.S. Senators Pettigrew and Moody during the early part of 1890 just what was necessary to carry this Brookings County for the Republican Party. It was "Jim Blaine and Pascoe Conkling" right over again in miniature that lost this county. Had the State or the National Republican Party have loaned

me \$500 (on reasonable good security) in December 1889 & could have carried this County. They know it now. None of the old Political leaders can carry the Farmers in this State. in 1892 it must be done by farmers who understand politics, and from the blind side - You can not pitch the pebble out into the ocean and let the waves to reverberate from shore to shore - "Bolsism" has gone to seed, the pollen has been wafted to unknown lands. The impregnation of thought, must occur in the mind of the Farmer voter in his own locality long before the eve of a campaign. The only hope of the Republican Party in this portion of the

universe, is that the people must be taught to support measures, not men. - The practice here evolved in Territorial times, was the reverse. Men not Measures, and all went under the Name of plume of Republicans just for "the Boon" - Having been a farmer all of my life, & know ^{about} more of them, than these politicians who are sitting self aggrandizement. I think an article from you used as I intend, would accomplish more, than a dozen set political speeches made by you in the principle points of the State - because you would be heard by diforent voters in the first mentioned, than in the latter. - If the National Republican Central Com-mittee want to have

this State go Republican
the effort must be made
now. Two things, must be
done! 1st The National Farmers
Alliance must be pushed as
a Non Partisan organization
just as we are working
2nd More money must be sent
here to assist in enforcing
Prohibition - The clergy who
are at the head of prosecution
are not the men - Men must
be selected because of previous
experience, and knowledge, to do the
work. The State Central Committee
here are partly whisky men.
I reiterate, the price of the
success of the Republican party in
1892 in South Dakota is, that we
Republican Prohibitionists must
have aid to enforce our laws.
The money is not here in the

hands of the earnest men
to accomplish the herculean
task, already good Republican
State papers have said that
the law could not be en-
forced. One member of the
State Central Committee
has openly said the same.
There is no trouble to enforce
the law here, if the means were
here to do it with, and in the
hands of men who knew
how - It does appear to me,
that the National Central Com-
mittee, could better afford
to help us, than to have the
party beaten - We no longer
will vote for the S. O. P. if
she goes back on the State
platform here - and it is
the same as going back
if she falters now in

The maintenance of the
Constitution - I have written
thus at length - that you can
have a proper understanding
that will enable you to write
the article for declamation
yours

R. M. Crawford

April 4, 1891.