

—B. F. Spalding in Fargo Republican: Returned from Hope yesterday where I attended the festivities of the Fourth. Saturday night, by request, I gave the people of Hope a short talk on the silver question and had a very pleasant meeting. Every seat was taken and the people are taking a lively interest in the subject. The Independents are making a desperate effort to carry Steele county, and as Mr. Wallace, their candidate for lieutenant-governor resides there and is probably the strongest man on their ticket, they will doubtless poll quite a vote. Of course they have been holding meetings through the country for some time, while the republicans have done nothing, and I shall expect to see some good work change many of those, now leaning toward the independents, to good republicans. I understand that Steele county is likely to have a candidate for nomination for secretary of state before the republican convention. Yes, they had a very successful celebration. People were in from all over the county and were elegantly provided for by the citizens of Hope, every one of whom is a royal entertainer.