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confided in his word of honor been betrayed?

Have we taken a serpent to our bosom, and nursed it into active life in turn only to be stung to our death?

Or does Gov. Holcomb think he is protecting our best interest when he places the machine of our party in the hands of our bitter political enemies?

Is this his highest ideal of manhood? Where did he learn that it was honorable to violate a sacred trust, to betray a confiding people? Gov. Holcomb may have found such doctrine taught and tolerated in the Democratic party, but I am satisfied he will search in vain to find such a code of honor in the Populist party, of which he claims to be an honored and intelligent member.

Does Gov. Holcomb believe that to be elected to office is a matter of individual concern in which he alone is interested? In which the rank and file of the party have no further right, and that all the power which seventy thousand votes has placed at his disposal is only intended for his use in order that he may pay his personal political debts or deal in futures in the interest of his own selfish political ambition?

If the governor recognizes any old party debts, then basing gratitude should hide its face in shame at the treatment received by Edward Rosewater at the hands of Gov. Holcomb; for who will in sincerity deny that to the dissatisfied Republicans, led on by Rosewater, Gov. Holcomb owes his election?

And I now call to mind what Bryan's double-barreled treacherous sheet was doing at the same time.

But I deny the right of Gov. Holcomb to use the powerful machinery of the Populist party for his individual benefit; he has no more right to pay his personal political debts, or to bind others for the future of the Populist treasure placed in his hands, than has a member of a financial corporation a right to secretly abstract money of such corporation to apply on his own personal obligations.

A man who will secretly rob his partner or conspire with others to do so, is considered by law and by his fellow man a dangerous person and dealt with accordingly.

Is there any difference in principle between such acts and Holcomb's? I see none.

I am told that Gov. Holcomb is a good lawyer, a learned judge. Perhaps he will be able to make a distinction and with a mind well trained to correct reasoning easily explain the difference. I do not think I presume too much when I say the voters of the Populist party await with painful anxiety his answer.

I reason no excuse, no justification; the whole fusion conspiracy was a premeditated affair, planned in a secret and stealthy manner, carried out exactly the same way as the highway robber robs his helpless victims.

The conspirators well knew they could not carry out their plans in an open and honorable manner. Had the Bryan-Allen combination undertaken to fasten such a fusion deal on the state convention it would have been spurned with contempt, and they knew it. Fearing to work in daylight they wait for the Democratic convention and then, in the dark, known only by a few, those would-be bosses, for a certain consideration, agree to place our enemies in the saddle with reins, whip and spur.

This may be plain talk; but does not the occasion demand it?

A man in business would be considered a fool indeed if in choosing his help he selected those whom he well knew were plotting and working to destroy his business that another rival enterprise in which they were partners might succeed. Has not Gov. Holcomb practically done this thing? If our party shall by quietly acquiescing bind itself to such an act, then I am mistaken in the disposition of the party that I have always felt it an honor to defend.

But the Populist party will not be betrayed into the power of its enemies by a few self-constituted dictators.

The true independents know no leader, nor will they blindly follow the advice of any man. They worship only at the shrine of principle. They demand only justice, and respect faithfulness and honesty in their servants. And the treachery will hear their sentence pronounced in unmistakable language: "Weighed in the balance and found wanting."

Gov. Holcomb admits he is in the power of the enemy, that he is compelled to accede to their demands; also that Senator Allen counseled him to do so, and the senator's wishes must be respected at any cost. God pity the man who is forced to make such a painful and corrupt admission.

But the deed is done. Explanations and apologies at this time are as contemptible as the consummation of the conspiracy was indecent in its violation of manhood and justice.

Let the rank and file be not disheartened, but turn with renewed energy to the rescue. Know that the soft-gloved "practical politician" (professional office hunter) can no longer be trusted. The fight must be carried from every precinct to the state convention of 1895 and '96. See to it that no man who is in the league with the fusion conspirators is placed on guard. Let us once and for all time stamp out this deadly, poisonous fusion plant.

Already threats are made that THE WEALTH MAKERS will be buried for its action in the matter. It may be they can do it, but if they do I feel sure its pathway will be strewn with the dead of its political assassins. And a grateful people whose lives are consecrated to as noble a cause as God ever left to men, will build it a monument of love, born of confidence in the faithful friend who has refused to allow our honor to be outraged and who has done what he could to stay man's inhumanity to man.

Well may we exclaim in bitterness: "God give us men!"

Yours faithfully,
JOHN F. MEFFERT.

Senator Stewart Slightly Sarcastic
Editor WEALTH MAKERS:

Developments of the past few weeks have caused many of the old Populists to wonder "where we are at." We question the wisdom and propriety of Gov. Holcomb's act in selecting appointees outside the Populist party unless there were no fit, faithful and honest persons inside the same. It is true he should appoint none but the best of men, and if his own party can not furnish such timber then he is justified in finding it where he may. But there is one curious feature about the matter which I cannot explain, i. e., how it happens that there are no good, honest and faithful Populists in the northern part of the Sixth congressional district. By some freak of nature, or settlement, all of the right kind of men for appointments seem to have settled in the south one-fourth of the district, and when the governor felt obliged to recognize this region of unregenerate Pops he must select a Democrat for that purpose. As a man the Democrat is doubtless all right; but it makes the stalwart Populists feel very queer to see the only appointment dropped into twenty counties go to a Democrat, when there were three applications from fighting Populists for the same position, and one of them from the same town. These applicants are all considered first-class men, measured by north-western standards; but they doubtless fell far short compared to those in the south part of the district, or to the Democrat appointee. And then some of our Pops almost get their coats off when the Repeal goes to the fact that we had to go to the Demo's to get a fit man for the appointment.

Well, perhaps he is a good man, but when the World-Herald or any one else says that his appointment "gives general satisfaction," I want them to understand that such a statement is made out of whole cloth and groundless. Doubtless the Demos are satisfied, as they have been able to get more official pap

in the last six years through the Populist organization than their party ever got before in the whole history of the state; and as the old parties exist only for pap, of course they are satisfied, and will continue to exist as long as they can get it.

Then again we are frequently reminded how some of these same Democrats have helped to whip us out of the local offices ever since we were a party, and now step into positions while we—well, we look on! But this makes no difference, a good man must be had. But no matter how good he may be we want it understood that he is credited to the Demos, and not to the Populists.

It is still a puzzle how Governor Holcomb found us all out here in the north part of the Sixth in so short a time (having never been here himself.) But it seems he did. I suppose it was that same keen observation which got him "out" of the proper men to appoint in the south side. Well, there is some satisfaction in the thought that he did not have to go to the old parties to get all of our appointees and that the Populists have a few fit subjects.

Shake boys! glad you got there! The Populist barometer here in the north-west indicates the storm period. And the Populists are in the saddle, bearing aloft their banner, and on its folds I read: Liberty; and the road thereto is industrial freedom!

The future will show that we know "where we are at" and may be able to give others some pointers on that very important subject.

Yours for Industrial Representation,
H. G. STEWART.

A Tale of Two Letters

Sometimes the only way to bring out the force of an idea is to place a similar one parallel with it. To illustrate this statement we give first an original letter received at this office:

STATE OIL INSPECTOR'S OFFICE,
Lincoln, Neb., April 25, 1895.
A. E. Sheldon, Chadron, Neb.

My Dear Sir:—Having made all the appointments of deputy oil inspectors, thought it proper to write you regarding the matter. No doubt you feel reasonably well pleased inasmuch as the appointment came to your town. Now I would have been pleased to have appointed you, but certain contingencies arose that prevented me from doing so.

I hope our relations will be none the less genial than heretofore. With regards to yourself and other friends in that county.
J. H. EDMISTEN,
Chief Oil Inspector.

The companion piece of this is a letter that never was mailed, but the Signal is sure that Chairman Edmisten will be able to appreciate his own letter when he places it alongside the following:

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE,
Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 15, 1895.
J. H. Edmisten, Eddyville, Neb.

My Dear Sir:—Having this day appointed Hon. Jack McCoy, of Lexington chief oil inspector, thought it proper to write to you regarding the matter. No doubt you will be highly pleased inasmuch as the APPOINTMENT CAME TO YOUR COUNTY. Now I would have been pleased to have appointed you, but certain contingencies arose that prevented me from doing so.

I hope our relations will be none the less genial than heretofore. With cordial regards to yourself and other friends in that county.
SILAS A. HOLCOMB,
Governor of Nebraska.
—Chadron Signal.

It Out-Herods Herod
Cook, Neb., April 27, 1895.

Editor WEALTH MAKERS:
Allow me to say that the Bryant resolutions and the Omaha platform are good enough for me, and that, in my judgment, 'tis only spies in the camp, or avowed enemies posing as friends outside, that do or will oppose us.

Let me say in addition, if you please, that the appointment of Dr. Mackay to the superintendency of the Norfolk Insane Asylum will cause every true Populist to distrust the honesty of Silas A. Holcomb in the future. That act of the governor, out-Herods Herod. Truly,
W. P. BROOKS.

Be on Guard at the Primaries.

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only as a scheme to catch votes and not as a question of principle. Earnestly believing that nearly all Populists hold the same opinion regarding silver, how can it then be possible that we should throw our land and railroad planks away and join a silver party, a party headed with questions of far less importance than even the tariff question.

A man is not a true Populist unless he favors the doing away with the land monopoly, the transportation monopoly and the banking monopoly. I will say that the free and unlimited coinage of silver and gold at a ratio of 16 to 1 will do nothing of the kind.

MATT STERUP.

P. S. Let me say that I do most heartily endorse the stand you are taking in regard to this question and on most of the questions discussed through your paper. Let truth and principle always be our guide, regardless of party affiliations. Let us not be party blind, as parties will get corrupt and out of date, but principles never do.

Yours for principle,
M. S.

Advocate the Eternal Principles

BETHANY, Neb., April 29, 1895.

Editor WEALTH MAKERS:
If we were to suggest a platform of principles for the people to endorse, it would be our endeavor to select those principles which are practicable and of lasting benefit.

We would strive to instill into the heart of every voter the absolute necessity of an undivided and sufficient adherence thereto. We would call up those sublime truths of the Declaration of Independence long since left dormant, and burn them into the soul of every patriot in the land, with the fires of conviction, and promulgate the grand declaration of 1892.

We would add the Initiative and Referendum, and election of U. S. senators by the people.

Our qualifications for suffrage would not be limited to sex, and age. We believe freedom and government should depend upon and have their source in and from the teachings of a noble soul. We cannot say there are sexual lines drawn in moral spheres, "know the truth and the truth will make you free." A thousand times rather disfranchise the illiterate, vicious criminals and unworthy foreigners, than to bind the hand that rocks the cradle.

It is an exercise of reason, thought and judgment, and if we do not appeal to the God-given attributes of man's nature, no nation can long perpetuate its right of existence. We believe nations are called into existence for a true purpose, and if they fail to fill their mission they must surely fall.

L. H. BABCOCK.

Capitalization of Railroads

Below we give the capitalization of the leading railroads of the United States. It is difficult to even imagine the financial power of these corporations:

Railroad	Capital Stock
Old Colony	\$1,875,000
Boston & Providence	4,000,000
Boston & Albany	23,000,000
Fitchburg preferred	17,000,000
Boston & Maine	21,895,250
N. Y. N. H. & H.	32,938,500
Pennsylvania	128,844,850
Achilles	101,825,487
New York Central	89,328,500
Burlington & Quincy	75,405,900
Milwaukee & St. Paul	71,795,161
Northwestern	66,558,821
Union Pacific	60,856,000
Louisville & Nashville	52,708,150
Lake Shore	50,000,000
Illinois Central	50,000,000
Missouri Pacific	47,438,540

Was It a Crime

VERDON, Neb., April 29, 1895.

EDITOR WEALTH MAKERS:

I see by the last semi-weekly State Journal an article headed, "The Crime of 1873," in which it is stated that Hon. Roswell P. Horr (of Michigan) devotes over five columns of the New York Weekly Tribune to prove that silver was not secretly demonetized by the act Jan. 17, 1873, and that congress did not do it ignorantly, nor were they bribed. Had I been Mr. Horr I would have let it go; that it was done in ignorance. Ignorance is a palliation if not an excuse for crime.

The only question to be considered is, whether the effects of that act in connection with resumption were so disastrous as to become a crime. The only way to determine this is to judge by results. They would have us believe that our present trouble is because of the Wilson Tariff. In 1870 and 1890 the government was under high tariff, and we will examine Mr. Horr's own state to see the effects of say high tariff.

In 1880 the per capita wealth of Michigan was \$965.00 in 1890 it had increased to \$1001, or there was an increase of \$36 per capita; in 1850 there was \$150, per capita; in 1860 there was \$345 per capita. In this last decade we had free trade, human bondage, wild cat banking; yet with all these evils her wealth increased five times as much per capita as in the last decade and when we take into consideration that in the last decade her manufacturing capital increased \$80 per capita we find, except those whose wealth is invested in this favored industry, there has been a decrease of per capita wealth amounting to \$44 for each man, woman and child in the state; or counting 5 for each head of family \$220 loss to each one. Then when we remember that her mortgage debt increased \$15 per capita or \$75 for each head of a family, say nothing about the increase of R. R. and corporate debts, we begin to see the enormity of the deed. Was it a crime, they knowing what they did? In what I am saying I don't want any one to suppose I am an advocate of free silver as a tonic for our ills. And what I wish to make clear on that point is, that we would not be nearly so bad off as we are if it had not been for demonetization.

But some may say they knew they did it, but did not know its effects.

Do we continue to employ the physician who gives us medicine to weaken us and when we find it is doing it he not only continues to give it but proposes to hold us and make us take it?

One word to the Journal and Mr. Horr. It may be that congress knew what they were doing but did the great reading intelligent public know it? If so how did they find it out? Was the newspaper full of it as they were of the Wilson tariff (it was a bigger thing), or the repeal of the Sherman purchasing clause? If they

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Notice of Bridge Contract.

NORTH PLATT, Neb., May 8th, 1895.
Sealed bids will be received by the County Clerk of Lincoln County, Nebraska, until 12 o'clock noon (Central Standard Time) of the 4th day of June, 1895, for the construction of a two-pile wagon bridge across the north channel of the Platte river, where road No. 171 crosses said channel on the east 1/4 of the northeast 1/4 of section 35, town 13, S. of range 28 W. in Lincoln county, Nebraska, about 2 1/2 miles southeast from Maxwell. Said bridge to be ten (10) feet in width and about two hundred and thirty-one (231) feet in length, with approaches twenty-one (21) feet in length at each end. Piling to be of White Oak or Cypress timber, and flooring to be of two inch oak. Specifications for said bridge are on file in the county clerk's office of said county. A certified check for One Hundred (\$100.00) guaranteeing the entering into a contract with bond for the faithful performance of the same must accompany the bid. Work of construction of said bridge must be commenced within twenty days after date of signing contract. Bids for said work should be endorsed, "Bid for Bridge on Road No. 171."
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