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## Keep it Before the People.

(From the Omaha Bee, June 9th, 7th Col., 1st Page. From the staff correspondent in Lincoln.)

It may be interesting to give for what it is worth some information by John N. Baldwin, of Iowa, who has been here this week trying to fix up the railroad tax case for the Union Pacific, in whose department he is retained. In a loquacious mood Judge Baldwin declared:

"We are not bothering about the governorship any more. That's been settled. We had a conference a day or two ago, and WE ALL AGREED ON MICKEY AS OUR MAN."

### Fusion Ticket.

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- #### COUNTY.
- For County Attorney—WILLIAM MITCHELL, Of Coroner—C. W. JEFFERS.
  - For Commissioner Second District—G. W. LOHR.

ARE you fool enough to vote for a party considered a friend by those that have the gall to sell their products to foreign consumers cheaper than they will to you? Isn't it carrying the scriptural injunction to turn the other cheek to the person who slapped its mate just a little to far?

### The Facts in the Case.

In Tuesday's issue of this week under the caption "A Guerilla Gone," with the subheads "Nefarious Political Scheme of the Demo-Pops Discovered by Watchful Republicans and Rendered Null and Void—Persecution of Our Stockmen," the Times publishes the following conglomeration of malicious falsehoods:

Among the legacies handed down to the present administration by Grover Cleveland, who planned to keep his henchmen in office by extending the protection of the civil service law around them, was Col. John S. Mosby, the notorious rebel guerilla leader of the civil war whom General Grant in the great kindness of his magnanimous heart allowed to surrender on the punishment generally meted out to guerillas by all civilized nations. This unrepentant rebel had been employed as a special agent in the land department and assigned to duty in Colorado, but when P. S. Belmont, a popular politician, in a public address made the untruthful and unwarranted statement that there were a half million acres of public land in this land district under fence, he never rested until he induced the department to assign him to this district. He came and made headquarters at Alliance, and his hatchet face, glass eyes and high-water pants became a familiar sight on our streets. His intimate associates and beach companions were democratic politicians, who seeing a chance to array the ranchmen, a majority of whom are staunch republicans, against the administration and the republican party and thereby turn a neat democratic trick, doubtless pointed out to him the republican ranchmen, who immediately became the objects of his relentless, rebel persecution and were must have felt a secret satisfaction in this, for many of those whom he was persecuting were ex-union soldiers like H. H. Miller who gave an arm to the service of his country and contributed to the defeat of the cause represented by Mosby and made his partisan banner to trail in the dust. He naturally figured, aided and abetted by his democratic advisors, that the ranchmen would resent his persecutions and lay the blame at the door of the administration whose agent he ostentatiously was, and that they would not stop to consider that he was under civil service rules and protected thereby. Republicans were on guard and as soon as it was seen that his actions were controlled by democratic leaders for political purposes, a charge of "offensive partisanship" (Cleveland's own designation) was lodged against him with the department, with the result that he has gone south where he belongs and we hope he will find a more congenial climate and companions. Since his departure a cloud of gloom seems to have settled around demo-pop headquarters, for they were playing Mosby as their strongest card. All the democrats are saying now is that "he is only sent away until after election," but we can assure the ranchmen whom he was harassing and persecuting that he is gone for good, and that matters will be allowed to rest until they are afforded rest by wise legislation.

The foregoing article is perfectly in keeping with the abject cowardice the Times has ever displayed. Whenever the Times wants to roast a man good and hard it just waits until the man is gone beyond the possibility of defending himself against it and then fires off its whole mud battery of abuse and misrepresentation at him. It took the Times a long time to discover that republican ranchmen were being persecuted. Colonel Mosby had been here several months and during his sojourn here the Times was very careful not to say anything derogatory of him or his work although it knew both perfectly; but the colonel has been gone a week now—probably is in Washington—so it thinks it is safe in making an onslaught.

And of all affairs the Times has misrepresented even to

absolute lying, no previous falsification is falsier than this one. The HERALD does not attempt nor wish to defend Colonel Mosby; perhaps that would be unnecessary if it did, as he simply followed the departments instructions. His work here inconvenienced and wronged far more people than it benefited in any way. Although from the large number of ranchmen who have complained of the trouble they were to be caused Delatour's statement does not seem to be either untruthful or unwarranted, even though he is not a republican, the country would be better off if the Department of the Interior would let matters pertaining to the fencing of government land rest until the matter can be adjusted with less expense and trouble to ranchmen. But be that as it may. The statement that republican ranchmen were the men who were especially harassed and persecuted by Mosby is absolutely false. Whatever threats he made or whatever severe measures he took they were done regardless of the political beliefs of the ranchmen against whom they were directed. In fact Colonel Mosby seemed to have no preference as to his associates, politically or otherwise. All he cared to know was that a man had government land under fence, and he began operations against him. In one case a man from Dawes county sent in a complaint against a neighboring ranchman, and followed it up with a withdrawal of the complaint and a request that the matter be dropped. But not so Mosby. He sent the writer word that there was just as much government land in his neighbor's enclosure then as before he made complaint, and proceeded to order down all fences required to free the government land in that ranch. That has been his method of procedure in Colorado and all states he visited before coming here, and he naturally became odious to the ranchmen of this section, as he had to those of other sections where he had been.

The political part of the whole transaction begins here: as the Times says, a great many of the big cattlemen of the section are republicans. Mosby's work, if carried out, meant the loss of thousands of dollars to them. No appeals to Mosby had any effect, as he was simply following the department's instructions. If the politics of ranchmen had had any influence with Mosby whatever, requests made him by republicans would have been granted, as he has been a staunch republican ever since the beginning of the reconstruction of Virginia, having held a federal job of some sort at the hands of republicans ever since he was made consul at Hong Kong under Hayes with the exception of Cleveland's democratic administrations. Seeing any requests to him were of no avail, petitions accompanied with threats were sent to Nebraska's two republican senators. Senator Deitrich wrote requesting Mosby to come to Hastings and confer with him regarding the matter, and Senator Millard wrote requesting him to come to Omaha for the same purpose, to both of which the colonel replied that his work lay here; if they desired to see him they should come to Alliance. Seeing nothing could be done with the department's obdurate representative and knowing the surest relief would be gained by threatening to bolt from the party, the matter was laid before the department, representing that unless Mosby were recalled the cattlemen of this section would use their means and influence to defeat the republican ticket—that the thousands of dollars loss that his work would occasion them meant more to them than a republican victory this fall. Their appeal proved efficacious. Mosby was recalled over a week ago.

The facts are sufficiently well known that the republican leaders of this section are worrying lest the administration's zealous representative has already injured their chances for a republican majority from this section of the state and are seeking every fair or foul means to hide the real motives which led to his recall from this district; and as the above grossly false statement of the case, trying to throw the blame for the trouble caused by Mosby upon democrats, shows to what extent they are exercised over the affair. Whatever willful misrepresentation the party leaders may desire, all they have to do to spread the reports they wish is to give the Times directions concerning the matter and it will fix up a string of myths and pipe dreams that almost more than fills the bill. In this present one, for instance, does any one suppose for a moment that Mosby, a republican, would act upon the advice of democrats to the injury of the party to which he owes his appointments? Does the Times think the people of this section so uninformed as to this republican administration's representative that it can make them believe he was "one of Grover Cleveland's henchmen?" Doesn't the Times know that it is a well known fact that it was Grover Cleveland who let Colonel Mosby out of the consulship at Hong Kong? That it is also a well known fact that Mosby has held fat federal jobs only at the hands of republicans? That everyone knows he is too shrewd a politician to do anything he knew would bring the party to which he owes all into disfavor with the people of any section of the country? The Times certainly underrates the intelligence of the people of this part of the state if it thinks it can make them believe the childish gotten up fable in its Tuesday's issue. The HERALD is well acquainted with the inside of the whole deal and has here published the exact truth regarding it. It was not a political maneuver in the beginning, but when the republicans saw the administration's appointee had run them into a hornets nest they beat a hasty retreat and tried to make it appear that the democrats had thrown the stone that stirred the nest up. That's the extent to which the "watchful republicans" have made "nefarious discoveries" regarding the "persecution of our stockmen." The people know better. If the g. o. p. leaders want to pull the wool over the people's eyes they'd better use a smoother instrument than the Times to do it with.

As to Mosby's return: the interior department for some time past, ever since range difficulties assumed any prominence, has been causing these fences to be torn down. It is not at all likely that they will make an exception of this one case. The suspension is doubtless only temporary, the length of suspension dependent only on the time they consider necessary to the party's success.

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