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#### ADVICE TO JOHNSON.

### Those Who Live in Glass Houses

Should Not Throw Stones WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 30, 1897. J. W. Johnson, Lincoln, Neb:-For God's sake Johnson what are you about? What are you thinking of and what are the rest of our party leaders thinking of. Are we to allow the ermine of our supreme court to be trailed in the dust? I don't quite know what ermine means, but I am told that it is the proper word to use. Now say Johnson, are we to let this ermine trail? I say are we? I did not intend to write you so soon, but I got hold of the Lincoln Post that a Nebraska pop takes, and I read the villainous article in it, which insinuated that our Supreme Judges, Post, Harrison and Norval and our Supreme Court Commissioners, Irvine, Ragan and Ryan were guilty of nepotism, whatever that crime may mean. I never heard of bought a machine of Bixby. You know be turns out all his poetry by the use of the jury before our justice of the peace in Sarpy Conter a good many times and once I was drawn on the jury in our disonce I was drawn on the jury in our distit to me. There was a cog or two out of trict court and we had some pretty one of the wheels and it spoiled the senttough cases before us, but none that they called by the name of nepotism. As an old republican, I am glad it is no worse and that they can publish the name of the crime, for I have noticed in the papers of late of persons being charged with crimes, and the papers would say that they were unmentionable or unfit for publication, so you see this is not so bad. It might have been one of the other kind, but why permit one of the other kind, but why permit these demie and pop papers to publish anything against such an august body as our supreme court. We put them there and we ought to look after them, and as I said before, see that their ermine ain't trailed, what has become of our libel law that we had put on our statute books? Doesn't it say "false and malicious publication is a libel," certainly it does well did ever a demis or tainly it does, well, did ever a demie or pop publish anything against a repub-lican that was not malicious? They are always malicious, and aint everything they publish false? Well then, aint that libel? Of course it is. But here is a matter I want to tell you, here in the east, I find that our republican judges do not wait until a crime is committed, but just as soon as they think a fellow is going to commit a crime they issue an injunc-tion and head him off, and there is just where our supreme court made a mis que, when they got ready to commit this nepotism act they should have gotten out a blanket injunction and had it served on all demie and pop editors and leaders, then they could have gone on his might, doing the act until they got ready to quit. When I read the names of the judges of our supreme court coupled with the names of Clave Irvine, F. M. Ryan and Pauline S. Ragan and also the names of our commissioners of the supreme court followed with the names of Nellie Post, A. C. Pearne and Ella Norval, by George, it knocked me silly, I didn't know what to make of it, and I don't now, and so I thought I would just write you about how republican judges did east so you could give our supreme court a pointer, and then they could work this injunction racket if they intended to continue to practice this crime and drag other "ster nogs" and type-writers into the dirty mess. This would keep the demies and pops quiet, and everybody wouldn's be wanting to know just what the crime of pepotism was, and how you went about to do it. You see, Johnson, the name is new to most people and it is but natural that in their ignorance they will suspicion the worst. Of course it is too late now to shoot the injunction at them, unless our judges are going to keep up the crime, but it aint too late to start suits for libel. Suits ought to be commenced, whether it is intended to push them or not, because we've got up a big scare in the state over our libel law and we want to keep it going. We've got the supreme court of our state with us, and Mark Hanna could try to fix the supreme court of the Urited States and so we ought to sock it to these fellows, right and left. Now Johnson attend to this, I had just got this far with this letter when a Nebraska republican, who has a government job under the civil service rules, came sort of a crime nepotism was, said "Oh that crime of nepotism doesn't amount to a continental darn. Why, so do not call us fools President Mckinley has been doing it your hit by doing so. ever since be was inaugurated. It is filling public positions with one's relatives, that's all. You see our judges of the supreme court appointing their wives, daughters, sons and wife's son-in-law stenographers and private secretaries, "Gee Whiz, I exclaimed, is that all they have been doing? Then I drew a long breath, mopped the sweat from my brow and almost fainted, I tell you Johnson the reaction was almost too much for me. I had supposed it was something a good deal worse and harder to explain been put forth, but very general, every of products, than this. In fact I had expected to foreigner is well acquainted with similar. But it is so hear that some of our prominent fami- sayings, and especially if he is a popuhes had been broken up and their hearth list. I think it is about time for us forstones made desolate. Thank God we eigher to let everybody know what we have been saved this. Then this republished are going to do. We are here, and we ican office-holder went for you. He said "Johnson is the cause of all this scandal -that Johnson hasn't got may horse sense, he is always putting his foot in it, have become naturalized, and are and in all his scribbling he has made more trouble for the party than he has ing as any nation on the globe. We do done good. Johnson has been in office not fill your penitentiaries or reform long enough to know how rotten some schools. Nor do we stand idle on your of them used to be men and he imagines street corners, if there is a job to be had nothing without uniting, and what can that the same old steals are continued at anything.
so he pitches in and discovers what al. It has often been a wonder to me why ways turns out to be a mare's nest, we were assailed in this manner so sud-This sets the other fellows going and den. Up till last fall we were looked at against us, to the one thing that John-son has alleged against them. "The and reasoning I have come to the con-

There is many a man who will stir up a fight.
Without making sure that he is dead right.
He shoots off his mouth and makes a great fuss.
And gets in his work like an old blunderbus.
He stirs people up and won't give them a rest
Until its shown up that he's found a mare's nest.
Only then he begins to feel in his bones.
"Those sho live in glass houses should never
throw stones."

Many political shysters have been brought to grie Who built themselves up by crying "stop thief. They got into office and then did their best To beat the state out of the rest. They cut quite a swath, put on lots of style. But having got caught, they are in "durance vile. Too late they remember, midst sad sighs an

groans.
"Those who live in glass houses should nev throw stones."

And then, there are some knights of the quill
Who of their opponents always speak ill.
They seem to forget the long missing link.
And conclude there are no other Apes who can
think.
So they get thinking thoughts, or think they are,
And the wheels in their heads get out of repair.
They conclude, when shunned by Brown, smith,
and Jones.
"Those who live in glass houses should never
throw stones."

In conclusion let's hope, J. W. Johnson ain't one Who has the best reason to watch out for a gun' In his travels through life, in his search for the

He's finished many a snipe bunt holding the bag. In his wild hunt for fraud, in his search for pelf Does he profit by experience he's had himself. In that future that a hot, he'll recall as he mosos. "Those who live in glass houses should never throw stones."

Johnson this seems pretty tough on you, but its mighty good poetry. Do you know I have got interested in this iment for Bixby every time it jumped a cog. So he let me have it cheap. Bixby said it had sucq a dem pop tendency he couldn't control the old thing. Well, I greased it up in good shape and set it to the old tune of "Marching Through Georgia," and then I spit on my hands and turned-the crank and this is what I

posted on politics in our state than I am and you will understand it. What does it mean? WHILE WE ARE BOSBING NEBRASKA.

got out of it, and comeone stole the car-

Give us the good old Bartley days, We would have another steni, We would capture the state treasury, in a man ner quite genteel; An then we would be "in it"—rate in a sack meal, While we are robbing Nebraska.

CHORUS

Hurrab, hurrab, we are the g. o. p., Hurrab, hurrab, we are out for the stuff you se We will not overlook a cent, or an insurance fo While we are robbing Nebraska.

Bartley now is in the pen, gone up for twent years.
But it Moore can be acquitted, we will give three hearty cheers.
This would relieve some anxious souls, now trembling with their fears.
Who sgain would be robbing Nebraska.
Chorus—

Tom Cook will be our leader, when next we star the fight.
For while George Post is posted, he isn't posted his might, While we are robbing Nebraska. Chorus—

paid, He spent his thousands on an egg the old her You can bet we'll all have boodle, if we are not

Bud Lindsey will be with us, we will have him for We will drop the kicking granger and cultivate the bum, And every moral idea we'll knock to kingdom come, While we are robbing Nebraska.

Don't you think that's tip top for the first spiel, Johnson? Just as soon as get better acquainted with the old machine I will make some more. The thing has got to be regulated. I have taken it apart and looked it over, and I find that it has sixteen small wheels to one large one, and I guess that's all that schooners with waving sails plowing the ails it. Very respectfully,

JOHN W. JAYSON.

How About Those Foreigners? As a foreigner, I have since last tall

campaign been assailed several times with similar sentences. You, a foreigner? Yes, any man knowing your politics would know you was. Why? Simply because all the d- foreigners in the United States are a set of idiot anarchists, pops and ignorant fools that are bound to ruin this country if they pos-

Ignorant fool! You are mistaken sir. and on my asking, what I'm a Scandanavian and a Dane, the most general educated nation on earth, so do not call us fools; you simply loose

You are the worst set of foreigners we lers more than his share. The reasons have, you have come here, and we the republican party have given you land, homesteads, and then you turn around and buck against the g. o. p., that is the cause of you being here, the cause of you being able to support yourself and family, the cause of all the prosperity

there has ever been in this country.

a single man, that such arguments have have come to stay, I can assure everybody of that. But we have not come to ruin this or any other country. peacable citizens. We are as law obey-

soon find twee dead sure things as some of the best citizens in the land, son has alleged against them. "The and reasoning I have come to the con-best thing we could do would be to mus-clusion that our worst sin, is not that sle him. "A few years ago lixby, our we are loreigners, but that where parties post, taught me how to write there is one republican there is four or postry and here is a postn that I wrote five populists. Now if this is the cause, with a pencil and a set of rules that lix. I can assure all the good reputby had written out for me. I also wrote licans that if they want our aid,

it on calm reflection and common writter or in anyway be friendly to us they will be paper, and I should advise Johnson have to wear another coat than what to read it carefully, commit it to member they were last fall.

ory and not to the flames. I entitled it. We are neither to be buildosed nor

argument and honest government. We despise boodle in any form, and don't think for a moment we are for sale by

the dozen. When the republican party plainly showed that it was run and controlled by such men as Mark Hanna, Carnegie, Pullman and their like, we do not go out one by one but march out in a solid body. We do not want to stay in the party of aristocracy; we are plain peo-ple, and do not expect to live and get lat out of others' work.

It is not enough to tell us that silver is produced in such enormous quantity that it is as plentiful as copper, we want also to know how enormous it is anyhow. It is not enough to tell us that if the bank goes up, the banker still is a man of high standing in society. It is no use to tell us when a man has

a contract for armor plate, and make a defective work, that he is not a traitor of the worst kind; we are used to seeing such men behind the bars for life, or see them get their neck fatally out of shape.

It is neither of any use to tell us, that t is good policy to pay interest on debt when there is money enough to pay the debt in full. Nor will it do any good to say when a party official has done wrong that if other parties had been there, they would have done the same thing.

We want a government that will en-

force the law on rich and poor alike, let the thief be treated as a thief, no mat-ter whether he is clothed in rags or silk or a beggar or a millionaire. Give us laws, such that an honest man can be a banker and stay in business, without fearing the dictation of the rascals, and such that the rascals must either be good or go out.

Give us laws and enforce them, that anyone who by scheming, or any other way deficiate our national defense that he be treated as a traitor, no matter whether in war or peace. No matter whether rich or poor, whether with in-fluence or with none, let him be a traitor and let him be punished as such.

bon copy and sent it to the Geneva Gazette. It seems to be off on politics but it's all right on the rhyme and meter. But, Johnson, you are better Give us laws that taxes wealth, and not human flesh, make the rich that is rolling themselves in overflow pay off their income and let the toiling class, the class who earn their bread by the sweat of the brow go free. That class that owns nothing but their body, has got nothing to pay taxes on. That party there will give true reform we stay by. But we don't go by promises any more. We have seen delegations sit on the coast of Florida weeping and howling, let me in the boat and we will stop that Cuban fight. They got there, but went some other place, or lost their way, and have not been heard of since. We have seen them have a sound money election but the money is sidetracked to Wall street and debris all around it, so there will be a long time until it is cleared away, and maybe never.

There have often been said, and not without some foundation, that we foreigners love our home country more than this. This is true to some extent, We love the country of our childhood, like the young bride loves her mother's home, she looks out over the bills to see the tops of the tall trees, where she has spent so many happy hours, where that gray haired lady lives, that is always such a good counsel, always have a remedy for all ills. The same with us, reared and growed, we like to, after the toils of the day, to look up to the same stars as we saw at home, and sail on the swift clouds of thought, over and rest for a few moments under the beausmelling spruce and pines; rest on the bank of the crystal clear river, that gress. tosses her ever running water over rock and stones, hasting to reach the miguty deep blue ocean. Our love to dwell there in thought, and recall the sweet thrill of the Nightengale and the soothing song of the singing lark. We love to think us sitting on the cliff and see those mighty steamships go by, and the deep ocean billows. And is it any wonder that we, on a hot, dry July day, dream ourselves back to the meadow, where the Holstein milker stands in clover till over knee. We love the country where we were

born. But this is our home; this is where our toils and cares are layed, and our children raised, we can never be contented any other place. Be kind to us that makes our new home brighter, softer and more content. Few realize what I have to say, to be cut off from one nation and grafted into another, S. M. SORENSEN.

Lincoln.

Direct Legislation.

We have from time to time felt it our duty to call the attention of our readers to glaring imperfections in our economic conditions, from which the physician sufare plain. Food, clothing and shelter are first necessities, and available funds will go for these purposes, to the neglect of the physician's claims. The doctor's bill is usually left till the last, and in time of special stringency it is not reached at all. Hence the physician is especially This has not been a single time, or by interested in the prosperity of the masses, and particularly in a just distribution

But it is strange that physicians in various parts of the country write us: "What can we do? We have given our lives to the study of science, and intrusted economical questions to those who make a specialty of them. If they have made such a disgraceful failure, what can we do? If partisanship and corruption are the cause, are not both the dominant parties equally guilty? Physicians in different parts of the country naturally have different political of Slintions and attachments.

we unite upon? We are very glad to have the oppor-tunity to answer the above. There is something that every physicien and every other honcet and cornect citizen can units upon, whather he be a republi can, democrat, populist, prohibitionist,

socialist or single taxer. Our republican institutions, as good as they are, are notoriously imperfect. Corruption seems to be the disease of republics. The Roman republic died of it. France and our own republic are seri-ously afflicted with it. But the oldest re-public now in existence, Switzerland, after long suffering, found a remedy for it, and she now stands forth purged and

coaxed. We want reason, good sound pure, an example to her larger but

Republics are goverened by representatives, elected usually for a specific time. During this time they hold absolute sway, without, as a rule, feeling the responsibility felt by officers in mon-archies, who hold their positions permanently. Hence these representatives, temporary, but absolute for the time being, are too frequently an easy prey to scheming politicians, each serving the other's selfish interests.

One of our subscribers suggests that it would be a good thing to "have a string to our Congressman when he fails to give satisfaction to his constituents. That would be a good plan, but the Swiss plan is better.

we have the best banking system in the world. As long as a man has to give a mortgage several times the worth of money he loans, and if he wants to deposit any he can take a squint look at the banker's face and feel consoled that it the banker's face and feel consoled that it the bank goes no the banker at ill is a election. Then the will reduce the same goes no the banker at ill is a election. Then the will reduce the same general in the bank goes no the banker's face and feel consoled that tion or rejection at the next general election. Then the wily politician sought pastures new, for his occupation was gone. This is called the referendum.

But the Swiss people, suspecting their representatives still further, retained the privilege of initiating legislation. That is, any bill (which any voter can pro-pose), when endorsed by a certain percentage of the voters, must be acted upon by the government, and in turn by the people at the next election, if necessary. This is called the Initiative. That is, the people claim for themselves the privilege of proposing and determining legislation. This is called direct legislation; and it has purified the hitherto very corrupt politics of Switzerland.

Democrats, isn't this fair? It is a return to simple democracy. Republicans, isn't this fair? It is only a wider application of the principle, "government by the people." Populists, isn't this fair? It will place directly in the hands of the people all the modern reforms. Prohibi-tionists, socialists and single taxers, isn't this fair? Your ideas will then have a fair chance,

Now this-the Initiative and Referendum-is what all can unite upon, and it should be done immediately. It is the key that will unlock the golden future. Opposition to it is self condemnation. We want immediate and united action. A party with that single principle alone for a platform would deserve success at the next general election. If it should require a struggle for the next eight or ten years, it would be worth it.

When has a political party kept its promises? What do political platforms mean? What do elections mean? The meaning of every election is interpreted in hundreds of different ways. Read the various "opinions" after every election. With the referendum the meaning would be direct and specific.

We could then vote for principles and measures, and not merely for men: and our expressions at the ballot box would be understood. Let us nave it, and through it let us oust the professional politician, the lobbyist, the corruptionet, and obtain justice for the weakest as well as the strongest in our midst.—Dr. C. F. Taylor in the Medical World.

To go to Nashville,

Governor Holcomb has appointed the following delegates from Nebraska to the national road parliament which will be in session in Nashville, Tenn., September 16, 17 and 18. Curtiss Turner, Omaha; I. C. Phelan, Brayton; C. H. Elmdorf, Syracuse; W. S. Delano, Lee's Park; J. P. Mullen, O'Neill; G. C. Barnum; Columbus; W. A. Messick, Robert J. Atchison; Charles L. Smith, Omaha; W. M. McCall, Grand Island, Dr. F. C. Allen, Beatrice; W. H. Troyer, Lincold; E. R. Peose, Fremont; D. J. O'Brien, A. R. Edmisten, J. E. Howe, Omaha. tiful green leaved beach, and the sweet These delegates will also be entitled to seats to the southern irrigation con-

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