

THE OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE

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Maximum Rate Case Decision.

Editor Independent: I see by the papers that the supreme court of the United States has finally rendered a decision in the Nebraska maximum rate case. I suppose few people were either surprised or disappointed at the result. Why did the people of Nebraska secure the passage of such a law? Because they thought the rates on railroads in the state unjust and unreasonable. And the constitution of the state clearly provides that such laws may be passed and enforced. Art. xi, sec. iv of the state constitution says: "Railways heretofore constructed, or that may hereafter be constructed in this state, are hereby declared public highways and shall be free to all persons for the transportation of their persons and property thereon, under such regulations as may be prescribed by law. And the legislature may from time to time, pass laws establishing reasonable maximum rates of charges for the transportation of passengers and freight on the different railroads in this state. The liability of railroad corporations as common carriers shall never be limited." Evidently the framers of this constitution believed that the legislature was competent to both pass a law and determine whether the rates prescribed therein are reasonable or unreasonable. The supreme court of the United States in its decision admits that they have the right and are competent to pass a law, but denies that they are competent to prescribe rates. Such a decision not only nullifies the law passed, but also nullifies the section of the constitution referred to above. It seems to me that this is clearly a usurpation of power on the part of the court. Instead of being law interpreters, they are law makers. They quote the xiv amendment to the constitution and say the rate law of Nebraska would take the property of the railroads in this state without due process of law. Now if the court had been wanting to sustain the law, this section of the constitution would have applied perfectly. For the railroads in this state have been taking by unjust and unreasonable rates the property of the people of this state without due process of law for more than twenty years. I was going to say that the court must have been either drunk or hypnotized when they made this decision, but the Bible says, "Thou shalt not speak ill of the rulers of thy people," so I refrain. Some may say they are not rulers, only servants, but recent events have led me to believe that they have become rulers. What ought the people to do? Have the governor convene the legislature in extra session to pass another law? No, that would be a waste of time and the people's money, of which they have little enough, now. Let us rather promulgate the doctrine of the government ownership of railroads with renewed energy, it is the only correct solution of the railroad problem. How different the movements of the court in the rate case from what they were in the income tax case. In the former they took a long time to consider and deliberate upon the matter, but in the latter a decision was reached in short order. In fact, if I remember correctly, the decision was handed down before the congress that passed the law had time to adjourn. The hearing of the court sometimes is very convenient. When capital whippers they can hear it, but they cannot hear the people when they speak in a voice of thunder. Governor Leedy of Kansas says that he will see to it that the rate law of his state is so drawn that if the court declares it to be unconstitutional they will have to reverse the decision in the Nebraska case. He need have no fears but that the court will be equal to the occasion. The professional acrobats on the supreme bench can turn that kind of a flip-flop with their eyes shut. In a future article I wish to cite a few facts showing that the rates in the Nebraska law are just and reasonable, and not calculated to take the property of the railroads without due process of law. FRED NEWBERRY. Aurora, Neb.

SPRING CATARRH.

A Disease That Prevails During the Early Spring Months. There is a disease somewhat resembling influenza, beginning very much like a common cold, often called influenza, which is in reality spring catarrh. The relaxing influences of spring weather, together with the changeableness of the temperature, constitute the chief causes. Its onset is sudden. There may have been no exposure to the climate. It often begins in the night while you are sleeping, and a person is left to wonder where he has caught cold. Watery discharge from the nose, puffiness in the eyes, headache, more or less sore throat, sometimes cough, aching of the bones, general lassitude. A course with Pe-r-u-na should be begun with the appearance of the first symptom. Pe-r-u-na is the only remedy that can be relied upon to promptly check this disease. Mr. A. L. Hancock, Delaware, Ky., writes: "Pe-r-u-na did me more good than all the other medicines recommended for chronic colds—I speak from self-experience when I say it is out of the best remedies known. Everybody should have a copy of Dr. Hartman's latest book on chronic catarrh. Sent free by the Pe-r-u-na Drug Manufacturing Company, Columbus, O."



Editor Independent: I am much interested in the communications from the people in regard to who shall be our new Sancho. I would from my wretched knowledge prefer one chosen from among the people who till the soil, one whose hands are calloused with toil, a plain, blunt man, not necessarily accomplished, but intelligent and having a fertile brain. One who could advise a plain legislator how to make plain laws that plain people can understand. Law should not be an intricate problem possible for republican judges to set aside at will. I see there are many who prefer to have the leading hog in the parlor a little longer. Perhaps he had too much jewelry in his nose the first year to get at the rotten kernels, but if he gets the nomination I will vote for him, you bet. But as I said before, I prefer a swineherd, one fresh from the fields and pastures of Nebraska. One with the blood of common mankind in his veins would cater to my individual wants and in doing so the wants of many thousands others, not by placing bounties on their wheat, their corn, their oats or hogs. No. We don't ask that others be taxed to help us out. We only ask for equity before the law, and that we be relieved from the burden of paying tribute to others. I am irrevocably opposed to all these special privileges to the rich, I would that every leader of the people be a veritable Don Quixote whose advice amounts to this, that if we must have special privileges, let them be given to the laboring poor, whose forms are bent as if with age, though they have scarcely seen the annular circuit of forty years. Give them to these, I say, rather than such as Oxnard, who can, without aid from any source whatever, afford to sit in easy chairs and smoke his costly Havana. C. M. KNUITSEN, Marquette, Neb., March 14, 1898.

Prefers a Swineherd.

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A CURE FOR PILES.

Safe and Effective in Every form of this Common and Annoying Disease. Many people suffer from piles, because after trying the many lotions, salves and ointments without relief or cure, have come to the conclusion that a surgical operation is the only thing left to try, and rather than submit to the shock and risk to life of an operation, prefer to suffer on. Fortunately, this is no longer necessary, the Pyramid Pile Cure, a new preparation, cures every form of piles without pain, inconvenience or detention from business. It is in the form of suppositories, easily applied, absolutely free from opium, cocaine, or any injurious substance whatever, and no matter how severe the pain, gives instant relief, not by deadening the nerves of the parts, but rather by its healing, soothing effect upon the congested membranes. The Pyramid Pile Cure is the most effective, the safest and most extensively sold of any pile cure that has ever been placed before the public, and this reputation has been secured by reason of its extraordinary merit and the reasonable price at which it is sold, all druggists selling it at 50 cents and \$1 per package—and in many cases a single package has been sufficient. A person takes serious chances in neglecting a simple case of piles, as the trouble soon becomes deep-seated and chronic, and very frequently develops into fatal, incurable rectal diseases, like fistula and rectal ulcers. Any druggist will tell you the Pyramid is the safest, most satisfactory pile cure made. The Pyramid Co., Marshall, Mich., will send to any address a treatise on cause and cure of piles, also book of testimonials. Would Name Our Chairman. Editor Independent: As a member of the independent party and a constant reader of your valuable paper, I take pleasure in exercising my opinion as to who would be a suitable candidate for governor of Nebraska on the independent ticket this fall. That man, in my estimation has done more good hard work towards helping our party, in this state, in good working order, than any other one that has ever held the position that he now holds. That man is Hon. J. H. Edmisten. I remember well the time that he was given the place that he now holds as chairman of the state central committee. He did not ask for it, even fought against it. But the convention thought that he was the right man, for that place, at that time. And, his record since that time proves to the independent party that the convention was right: For second choice, I would name Judge William Neville. I believe in co-operation of all the silver forces. S. B. LIBBY, Alliance, Neb., March 12, 1898.

Return Them All.

Bertrand, Neb., March 14, 1898.—I should like to see the present state of affairs returned. Am more than satisfied with their record. Please find enclosed \$1 for subscription renewal. My time expired March 1, 1898. Your paper is a welcome visitor at our home. Respectfully yours, W. T. WAGNER.

Eating Forbids.

Editor Independent: I have put myself on record as favoring the re-nomination of the whole ticket from top to bottom, but as I have since been very reliably informed that some of them at least have been accepting railroad passes, and if they are guilty I am somewhat against them and would they were either cold or hot and return to their first love, lest the people at the ballot box receive their candidate out of its place. I am very sorry to have to think that any of our populist officials should so far forget the principles of the populist faith as to accept a bribe at the hands of any railroad company, for a bribe is a bribe, and has so been considered by all genuine loyal populists, and certainly is. If not, why can't all ride free? Railroad companies are not giving something for nothing. They are not built that way. Now if any are guilty, don't begin to make excuses. The first excuse ever made on earth was by Adam, after partaking of the forbidden fruit. He said, "The woman gave me and I did eat," but he was turned out of the garden just the same, with the woman that made excuses, and said, "The serpent did beguile me." Don't begin to say to yourself that it has cost me many a hard earned dollar to get there and all for the love of the people and the cause and it is but right that I get some of it back from rich railroad corporations. It is a bribe just the same, and a thing always denounced by all true populists. Furthermore, how many farmers and laborers that have been working for nothing and boarding themselves all these years of depression and hard times, that have been robbed by railroad companies, think you would be glad to step into their shoes, take your salary and put yourselves under no obligation? You cannot consistently serve God and mammon, neither can you serve the people and railroad corporations, to the extent of taking free passes from them, and give no favors in return, which they look for. And indeed, to keep faith with them, you should grant. I have been exceedingly proud of the splendid record our state officials have made indeed I am yet, having intimate friends on the ticket from top to bottom, but I can't look with any degree of allowance upon the free pass taker. Come, now, if you are guilty, acquit yourselves like men, and do your first work over. You denounced the free pass taker on the stump. If it was wrong then it is equally wrong after you have got the people's vote. I am aware that you have made a splendid record but the people are watching you and especially those that are halting between two opinions whom we wish to have come over and help us. And in order to get them to do so, we must put up a solid front without any flaws. That is what they look for, and most of the mat least must see before they will come. Yes, the people are watching you. Bryan never said a truer thing in his great campaign in the interests of labor and humanity than when he said the people were thinking and reading as they never had done, and that they would in the future watch public officials more closely, and that it would not be so easy for them to fool and betray them in the future as it had been in the past. Indeed, the people must be educated, else this country will go down under the contaminating influence of the money grabbers. I have said what I have and don't believe any good populist will or can take any exceptions to it. If so, let them talk out in meeting and tell their grievances. As what I have said is quite enough to explain my convictions to the pass takers any one that would take a pass holding any office by the will of the people. Meeting is out. B. N. CLEVELAND, Fremont, Neb., March 18, 1898.

Women and the Wheel.

(From the Gazette, Delaware, O.) The healthfulness of bicycle riding for women is still a disputed question between eminent physicians and health reformers. Used in moderation it surely creates for women a means of outdoor exercise, the benefit of which all physicians concede. Used to excess, like any other pastime, its effect is likely to be dangerous. The experience of Miss Bertha Reed, the seventeen-year-old daughter of Mr. J. R. Reed, 335 Lake street, Delaware, Ohio, may point a moral for parents who, like Mr. and Mrs. Reed, have experienced some concern for their daughters who are fond of wheeling. In the fall of '96 Miss Bertha, who had ridden a great deal, began to fall in an alarming manner. She grew steadily paler and thinner, and it appeared she was going into consumption. Rest and quiet did her absolutely no good. A physician found her pulse at 104—a high rate. Thinking this may have been due to temporary nervousness—when he examined her—she watched her closely, but her pulse continued at that rate for two weeks. He was satisfied then from her high pulse and steadily wasting condition that she was suffering from anemia or a bloodless condition of the body. She became extremely weak and could not stand the least noise or excitement. In this condition of affairs they were recommended by an old friend to get some of that famous blood medicine, Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. They did so, and almost from the first dose Bertha began to improve. She continued to take the pills and was by means of those pills made entirely well, and more grateful people than her parents cannot be found in the whole state of Ohio. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have proven a boon to womankind. Acting directly on the blood and nerves, they restore the requisite vitality to all parts of the body, creating functional regularity and perfect harmony throughout the nervous system. The pallor of the cheeks is changed to the delicate blush of health; the eyes brighten; the muscles grow elastic; ambition is created and good health returns.

Gold in Nebraska. Gold has been found in paying quantities in northwest Nebraska. The Gering Homestead of last week says that the newly discovered gold fields are situated in Scotts Bluff and Cheyenne counties, and consist of a range of gravel drift supposed to have been deposited here during the glacial period, which is of the same nature, and probably came from the same source as that found in the Black Hills country. The drift is from 15 to 20 miles in length, from one-fourth to half a mile in width, and lies parallel with, and from two to three miles from the north bank of the North Platte river. This foreign drift, consisting of sand, gravel and various kinds of rock, rests upon a bed of magnesia and limestone which is evidently country rock, and which is from 20 to 30 feet above the river bed. The deposit itself is on the edge of a bench from 50 to 100 feet higher than the river bottom below it, which would make hydraulic mining very easy from the Farmers canal when that is finished. Several assays have been made with results which are considered very favorable. Gravel near the surface showed from \$4 to \$6 worth of gold to the ton, while at four feet from the surface the yield was at the rate of \$7.25 per ton, with the probability that at bed rock the sand is even richer. Cascarets stimulate liver, kidneys and bowels; never sicken, weaken or gripe, 10c.

Partly Unknown. For an hour she stood silent before a mirror. It told her how beautiful she was, and she was far too well bred to interrupt it. But at last it was rough. "Do I really look myself?" she sighed thereupon. Next she clasped her hands convulsively. "My face is familiar," she cried, "but I cannot speak my name." It was then that she began to regret ever having married the Russian.—Detroit Journal.

Staves to Appearance. "Ray, kid," said Swipsey, nudging Mike at the newsboys' annual banquet, "why don't ye cut some of 'em?" "I don't like the nasty things," replied Mike. "Well are they?" "Olives," rejoined Swipsey. "I don't like 'em either, but we've got to eat 'em, or folks'll think we never was in society afore."—Chicago Tribune.

Nebraska and Wyoming Homeowners' Excursions. Jan. 18, Feb. 1 and 15, March 1 and 15, April 5 and 19, the Elkhorn-Northwestern line, will sell tickets to points on its lines in Nebraska, and in Wyoming west of and including Orin Junction, at one fare plus \$2 for the round trip. No fare to be less than \$9.00. City office, 117 So. 10th st., depot, cor. 8 and 9, etc., Lincoln.

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