

THE OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE

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The Old Man's Dream.

I was talking with a friend of mine the other day who was an old man of considerable experience. He was a strong republican for years and like lots of other good old republicans actually believed that the republican party was all right because it used to be in the 60's. Well says I to the old man "I suppose you are going to vote the republican ticket this fall, "no John," said he earnestly, "I will vote the silver ticket this fall. There are some national policies I cannot exactly swallow in your pop party but there is no use talking I can't go the republican outfit in Nebraska at all. I have read the differences in cash accounts between the administrations of both parties and I have been honest in my voting all these years and I hope to remain true to the best of my judgment what few times there are left for me to vote here on earth. I want to vote for honest men just as much as any American ever did, and I am so out of patience with the republic that I nearly weep when I think of their dishonesty and disloyalty."

"Those of us who are now old, helped to found the republican party and I am sure no one ever thought of such bribery and theft as has been proposed by republican leaders in Nebraska. One thing opened my eyes more than ever was a dream I had the other night. I thought I was visiting the State Penitentiary very leisurely one day and as I was walking about very quietly looking at the convicts at work, I heard a couple men talking in a corner, and as that is not very often heard in such a place, I paused to listen, to learn if trouble was apparent. I heard one of the convicts say to a man who was well dressed, 'I hope you will be elected governor this fall, may you do me some good then.' 'Yes so I said the gentleman, but say Joe could you do me any good in this campaign? If you could give me a little financial help we will fix things all O. K.' 'All right' said the convict 'I will give you \$5,000 for the campaign and when you are elected governor you will pardon me out of here.' 'Yes I'll do that' said the gentleman. The convict looked around a little and saw the warden coming toward that room. 'Well said he, here comes the warden I must go to work so good bye and good wishes to you Mr. Hayward.' 'Thank you, good bye Bartley.' And the two men parted. About that time I awakened and I thought it over and really it is possible for such transactions, and more than that it is probable if the republicans get into power again, no one can't vote for the republicans. When I think of the hard work we did years ago to get this once grand old party in power and how we cherished it with song and speech with shot and shell, and now to think of how it drifted far away from its source thought, it makes me sad. It is nearly like the boy who leaves a loving mother with all the care a mother can give and turns out to be a thief or murderer. It's gone it's gone but I won't go with it."

When the old man got through I could see childish tears slowly creeping down his cheeks. He clung to the party which was dear to his heart, but sooner or later, one by one they must leave the old burning wreck and pull for the shore. I do not believe any one of the founders of the old republican party ever thought of it returning to dust so soon. History is only repeating itself. Can it be possible that our reform party will follow suit in 30 years hence. God forbid! But if it does I won't go with it, even if alive. I will vote as a free American no matter if the party I once loved goes to waywardness. I know it is hard for some people to vote a ticket that is not republican by name, but dear friends look the tickets all over and see which is the republican ticket as it used to be in Lincoln's time, see which is truly advocating a government for the people, of the people and by the people, and vote it, no matter what it is called.

JAMES PEARSON. Ashland, Neb.

A STRONG BOOK.

"Money Chart" Endorsed by the Independent State Central Committee.

Editor Independent: I have received the following letter from the chairman and secretary of the people's party state central committee: Lincoln, Neb., April 26, 1898. Mr. Marvin Warren, Fairbury, Neb. Dear Sir: We have examined your book, Money Chart, with Part Eighth addition thereto, and with pleasure can endorse the same. And will add that your book fully and clearly defines the true system of money as we believe, and is in harmonious with the platform put forth by the People's Party, and we recommend it to all persons in search of the true basic principles of money. Respectfully yours, J. H. Edmisten, Chairman, M. Howe, Secretary.

In Money Chart and on the outside of the back cover thereof is printed the following formula: "The Bulwark of Freedom," "The Money Basic Truth" If all our money, gold, silver and paper is made a legal tender to pay all debts, it will thereby all be held firmly and constantly in parity without redemption in coin or anything but government dues. "The Trio of Cardinal Measures." No. 1. All money must be legal tender to pay all debts. No. 2. Money must be redeemable in government dues only. No. 3. A just and constant amount

of money circulation.

If Money Chart is true, and if the provisions of the foregoing formula of the bulwark of freedom be enacted into law and faithfully executed the control of the quantity of the money circulation will immediately pass from the British American oligarchy to the people of this country, and the people will pass from bondage into an over increasing freedom and prosperity. And the invisible empire of "Ridpath's Arena" will perish to the extent of the United States. But on the contrary, if the provisions of the "Bulwark of Freedom" aforesaid, be not in every particular enacted into law, the control of the quantity of our money circulation will remain where it is, with the British American oligarchy the people of this country will remain in their bondage and there will be no bottom to the interminable death of bondage down into which they will be forced deeper and deeper and deeper, without remedy.

I think the "Independent" a better paper than ever before. M. WARREN, Fairbury, Neb.

Congressman From the Third District. ROBINSON ON NOBLES WHO SHALL IT BE? HARTINGTON, Neb., August 29, 1898. To the populists of the Third Congressional District:—The republicans of this congressional district are seeking to make capital out of the fact that the delegation from Cedar refused to take part in the joint conference of democrats and populists, which placed in nomination John S. Robinson. They have seen fit to attach importance to this action of our county, because the humble writer of these lines was a member of our delegation. Without entering into any discussion of the action at Norfolk, which was fully explained, then and there, I desire to give my personal reasons for supporting Judge Robinson for congress: 1. I know how John S. Robinson stands on every public question before the American people; and any of you can find out by asking him. I know he stands upon every plank of the Omaha platform, except the wild and visionary chimera of the sub-treasury.

2. I know that no one (not even William F. Norris himself) knows how the republican candidate for congress in this district stands on a single question before the American people. Now, understand me, I have nothing against Judge Norris, personally, having known him for eighteen years. During all that time nothing against his moral character or financial honesty ever came to my knowledge. For eight years he sat on the bench in this district; and, during all that time, our relations were most pleasant; and I rather favored his being retained in that position. (But let me pause to add that the present Judge Evans, is the choicest gift kind Heaven has sent us in many a day.) William F. Norris is one of the most agreeable men in a social way I ever met. Gifted with an education at West Point, one of the best obtainable, by the way, he is an omnivorous reader, with a fine literary taste. He would make a respectable and valuable citizen in any community, as would William McKinley or Benjamin Harrison. But alas! he is a most accomplished trimmer. It is true that he has many eminent examples. Marc Tully and Edward Hyde were trimmers. But a trimmer is not what we populists want in this district. I wish to know what I am voting for, don't you? We all want something beside empty platitudes, glittering generalities and non-committalisms.

One paper, for whose editor I have a high esteem, says of Judge Norris: "He is not a radical goldbug, being rather a silver republican who refused to break with the old party."

You all remember how Petroleum V. Nasby set the country in a roar in 1880, when he described General Hancock's position on the money question: "Gentlemen," said the great leader, "I am rejoiced that I have an opportunity to answer the queries which may be put to me. In the matter of currency, whether we need more or less, whether it should be redeemable in gold, or not redeemable in anything, is a question on which I need not say there are grave differences of opinion. It is best to let flat money, we must have flat money, of on the other hand, if wat is called sound money should be held to condense to the greatest good in the greatest number, that is what we want. But one thing you must bear in mind as you go to your homes, which is that eternal vigilance is the price of liberty, and that the Fabian policy of General Washington was what heur the keentry thro the revolutionary war." Try Judge Norris. Write to him at Wayne, Wayne county, Nebraska and ask him to answer with "yes" or "no," and give you leave to publish his answers the eleven questions that here follow: 1. Do you believe in a protective tariff? 2. Do you believe in a tariff for revenue only? 3. Do you believe in free trade? 4. Do you believe in the free, unlimited and independent coinage of both gold and silver, at a ratio of 16 to 1? 5. Do you believe that gold only should be the measure or standard of money value in the United States? 6. Do you believe in an issue of paper money by the United States government redeemable only in revenue? 7. Do you believe in prohibition? 8. Do you believe in high license? 9. Do you believe in free whiskey? 10. Do you stand on the state platform which declares for a gold standard? 11. Do you stand on your district platform which is astraddle on the money question?

Sincerely, WILBUR F. BRYAN.

Letter From Third Nebraska.

The following letter was received last week by State Superintendent Jackson, from his former deputy, Supt. G. F. Beck, Adjutant of the Third Nebraska Volunteers: Headquarters 3d Neb. V., Camp Co-

ba Libre, Panama Park, Florida, Aug. 17, 1898. Dear Mr. Jackson: Your letter bearing date of August 15th reached me yesterday, and as usual found a warm welcome. The questions of "peace," "going home," "going to Havana," and kindred subjects are receiving considerable discussion these days, but conclusions are as varied as the inclinations of the men. Some want to go home. They argue that, since peace has been declared, the object for which they enlisted is secured, and there is no further necessity for longer remaining in the army. Others are anxious to go to Cuba just for the experience, and still others want to fight. In the meantime the Third Nebraska is perfecting itself in the art of war, and should it be needed, I feel that it will acquit itself creditably.

Yesterday we passed our first inspection, Colonel Gold, one of General Lee's staff, is inspector general. He took dinner with us, and began the inspection shortly after dinner. The men were in blue form, and while the inspection was quite rigid, the inspector was highly pleased. Of our total strength, 1,295, but four men were absent, three with leave and one without. The inspection proper was not completed until 5 p. m., after which the regiment formed and passed in review. I wish you could see the Third. This evening the 1st brigade of the 3d division was formed, with the Third Neb. on the right, the 16th Ind. in the center, and the 2d Miss. on the left, and passed in review, Colonel Montgomery commanding. General Hubbard, acting division commander, was reviewing officer. Parties who witnessed the review told me the 3d Neb. was easily entitled to first place in point of appearance and precision in marching. The ability of the men comprising our regiment is recognized at division headquarters. Four of our lieutenants are on detached service at division headquarters. Out of thirteen officers comprising the general court martial of this division, seven are from the 3d Neb., to say nothing of several privates who are acting as clerks.

Tonight our band assists in giving a concert in Jacksonville for the benefit of the hospital at Pablo Beach. This is the third time our band has been called upon, which fact goes to prove that we have an excellent band. Chief Musician Browne, of Lincoln, is a hard worker, and his hard work has accomplished much. The band is the pride of the regiment.

Well, if I continue in this strain you will think I am losing interest in affairs at home, but such is not the case. You caution me to take care of my health, but I wonder if you think of yourself enough. I do not envy you those midnight freight train rides. Mrs. Beck and children will soon return to Lincoln. I am afraid she will get pretty lonesome. I think I will never tell you what I think of Col. Bryan. He is a man, socially, physically, morally and intellectually. He is the life of the officers' mess. He has stood the change of climate and manner of living as well as any of us and much better than many. His talks, deeds, and many acts of kindness to all classes of men are proof of his moral standing and character. His profound arguments in all questions coming before us bring us to realize his intellectual strength. I never met a man in all my life for whom I had such a high regard.

Kind regards to all. I have written my name about three hundred times today, signing warrants and passes. C. F. BECK.

Toils for Milling. Editor INDEPENDENT:— Dear Sir: It seems to me the greatest danger to our party's success is the farmers must have more for their produce in order to prosper and bring prosperity to the country and it is easy to convince the people living in the cities that higher prices for products means higher prices for them to pay for what they live on. Now is there not a law saying how much the miller can take for toll for grinding our wheat? I have heard that one-sixth of our wheat was all the law allowed them here and one-fifth east. Now if there is no such law

just over the floats, outside of the body of water and freeze readily. Mud cannot be cleaned from under them unless the entire fountain is taken apart. These objections are all overcome in the "Dewey", besides many minor ones not mentioned. It has a double drinking cup, and a brass float which will not rust or water log, and valve that cannot freeze, as it is 8 inches within body of water. Remember this point, as you can use the fountain the entire winter. Mud cannot get under the float. These statements are positive facts. The dealers and farmers all want a fountain if they can purchase a perfect one. Without question the "Dewey" is a perfect fountain. Hog cholera is now gaining ground

The "Dewey" Automatic Stock Fountain. We want our readers to note the change in the advertisement of the Stock Fountain Company of Lake City, Iowa. They now present the latest and only absolutely perfect float fountain ever put on the market. Cholera is prevented by pure water, and the bountiful supply of it increases fat and lessens the quantity of food required. Pure water is furnished by the "Dewey" Fountain, manufactured by the Stock Fountain Company of Lake City, Iowa. They have handled every combination of fountain made, and for two years have been noting all of the objections to the usual float fountain,

and have now overcome all of the objections in the "Dewey". It was invented the early part of this season, placed on the market recently, and have given such unbounded satisfaction that they have extended the sale of all others. It is placed on the market under their usual guarantee as noted on page two, where it states they will send one on trial express prepaid, to be settled for when found satisfactory. You may keep the fountain after trying it, and remit their retail price, or return it to the express office as you please. Their guarantee means something, and it should be tried by all stock raisers. The objections to float fountains in the past have been, viz: women floats which soon water hog, become hoary and keep the valves open; float partition between drinking cups allowing mud to accumulate under float; which holds it up and shuts the water off. The valves of the usual float fountains are

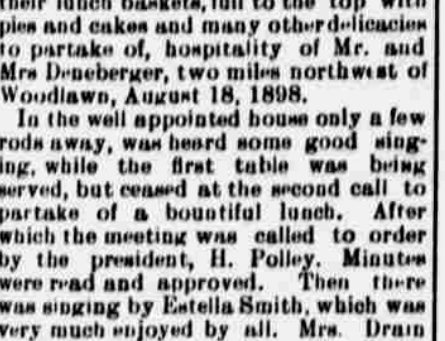
there ought to be then it would make no difference with our own people whether wheat was high or low as farmers could compel the millers to grind our wheat and we could sell it direct to the people at a reasonable price and at the same time make the foreign countries pay a remunerative price for wheat. I believe a war on millers would keep from dividing the interests of the farmers and other classes. I wish Hardy or some one would write this up. He gives telling blows to the G. O. P. I took eight bushels of wheat to mill which weighed 480 pounds. I got 240 pounds of flour, bran and shorts, 190 pounds of flour was all I got so you see they take a half. I told the miller I thought the law gave him one-sixth which would be 80 pounds, his part; 400 pounds my share which if I could get would enable me to undersell him in the markets thus giving the people cheaper flour for it brings the producer and consumer together and no miller to go between. Of course the miller can buy wheat and sell flour as high as he pleases but dare he take unlawful toll from the farmer? 400 pounds of flour would be 8 sacks and at 50 cents per sack would be 4 dollars. 1 dollar per bushel would be 1 dollar per sack. Most of us sold last year at 56 cents. I sold my crop at 30 cents five years ago that was less than the miller sold his bran, 100 pounds of bran at 60 cents, 125 pounds of wheat at 60 cents. Please look this matter up and see who is in the right. Respectfully, ELIJAH SOWARDS. Ashland, Neb.

extending the experiment, during the present bi-ennial year. Nemaha township, Johnson county, Nebr. rural free delivery was inaugurated on the 7th of Nov., 1896. Each of the four carriers, who, starting from Tecumseh post office, make their daily trips of 20 miles or more, supplies about 60 families. The territory embraced in the delivery contained 32 square miles. Only favorable reports are received of the service, and the co-operation of the farmers in making it a success. It was moved and carried by an unanimous vote that free rural delivery of mail be extended all over the state. The committee on the Southren club was permitted to use the tent for the first of September. A vote of thanks was given Mr. and Mrs. Denzberger for their hospitality. The club will next meet with the president H. Polley 8 miles northwest of Lincoln, September 15th. Program for said meeting: Declaration, Miss. Blanche Duncan; Select reading; Mrs. Mildred Kountz; Declaration, Miss Nora Paswater; Music and Miscellaneous. Discussion: "Best methods of seeding tame grasses led by Mr. A. H. Drain."

Music. "What methods may be adopted this year to improve yield of crop next year, as well to reduce the annual growth of weeds." Opened by Mr. Mahan, H. POLLEY, President, E. L. Bowman, Sec.

The Lancaster County Farmer's Club. The world's oldest flag, the stars and stripes, moved on the top of the flag staff and beneath on the club tent, erected on a nice rise of ground, covered with grass and flowers of various kinds. This was a sight long to be remembered by the many farmers and wives with their lunch baskets, full to the top with pies and cakes and many other delicacies to partake of, hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Denzberger, two miles northwest of Woodlawn, August 18, 1898. In the well appointed house only a few rods away, was heard some good singing, while the first table was being served, but ceased at the second call to partake of a bountiful lunch. After which the meeting was called to order by the president, H. Polley. Minutes were read and approved. Then there was singing by Estella Smith, which was very much enjoyed by all. Mrs. Drain read, "Why Willey would not sing," who finally admitted, because it is a Spanish song. Mr. Gylford's recitation, "Nature and Grace," met with a loud applause. It was called to the front a second time and gave another call "Maud Muller". A recitation by Miss Nora Paswater was well received. Dr. Duncan has a soft and pleasing voice, read a long piece about free rural delivery of mail, in which he said: "In Great Britain the free delivery of letters was begun about fifty years ago. All mail is delivered at the residence, at the address without extra charge. The rural postman makes a daily walk of from 15 to 18 miles, and receiving a compensation of 18 shillings or about four dollars and fifty cents a week. It was established in France in 1830. At first an extra charge of ten centimes (2 cents) was made, which was abandoned in 1846. In the German empire a change of 10 to 20 penungs (2 to 4 cents) according to weight, is made for the delivery of mail in rural districts. In Austria, Hungary a small extra charge is made, ranging from 1/2 to a cent and one-half. The rural delivery, is in Belgium and Switzerland. It had been put to the test of practical experiment in 29 states of this union, and over 44 different routes. This has been done by direction of congress, which placed a sum of \$10,000 supplemented by another appropriation of \$30,000 at the disposal of the department for this purpose, during the fiscal years 1896 and 1897. And has appropriated a further sum of 50,000 dollars, for continuing and

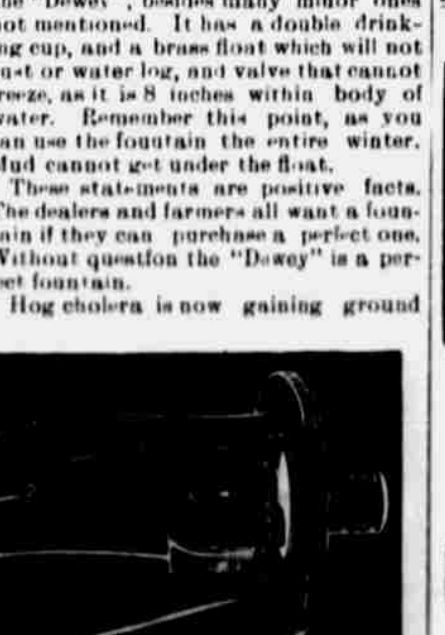
A Startled Mother. From the Freeport (Ill.) Herald. While busy at work in her home, Mrs. William Shay, corner of Taylor and Hancock Avenues, Freeport, Ill., was startled by hearing a noise just behind her.



(Mrs Shay Was Startled.)

Turning quickly she saw creeping toward her her four-year-old daughter Beatrice. The child moved over the floor with an effort, but seemed filled with joy at finding her mother. The rest of the happening is best told in the mother's own words. She said: "On the 28th of Sept., 1896, while in the bloom of health, Beatrice was suddenly and severely afflicted with spinal meningitis. Strong and vigorous before, in five weeks she became feeble and suffered from a paralytic stroke which twisted her head back to the side and made it impossible for her to move a limb. Her speech, however, was not affected. We called in our family doctor, one of the most experienced and successful practitioners in the city. He considered the case a very grave one. Before long little Beatrice was compelled to wear a plaster paris jacket. Prominent physicians were consulted, electric batteries were applied, but no benefit was noticed until we tried Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. "Busy in my kitchen one afternoon I was startled by the cry of 'Mamma from little Beatrice who was creeping towards me. I had placed her on an improvised bed in the parlor comfortably close to the fire-side and had given her some books and playthings. She became tired of waiting for me to come back and made up her mind to go to me, so her story, 'Mr. Pink Pills made me walk,' which she tells everyone who comes to our house, was then for the first time verified. She has walked ever since. She has now taken about nine boxes of the pills and her pale and pinched face has been growing rosy, and her limbs gained strength day by day. She sleeps all night long now, while before taking the pills she could rest but a few hours at a time." Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People are sold by all druggists.

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