

THE OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE

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Case of Prevailing Heat and Drouth.

A few years ago I said to some friends of mine that we would have a few more hot and dry seasons. My arguments for this assertion are the following:

Every moving object creates a current and a counter current. The sun and her planets move in the same direction through the cold and dark universe. Let us compare the moving of sun and earth with the marching of two men against the wind in cold weather. The one who goes ahead will break the wind for the who follows, so the latter does not feel the cold as much as the former. Most all animals take advantage of such currents, especially geese in flying, as the current created by the first one will help in lifting those following, and for this purpose the leader is changed at intervals. In stormy weather a mare or cow goes along to the windward of her colt or calf.

We know the earth moves around the sun, therefore she always changes her position to the sun, and thus she must sometimes be a little ahead and sometimes more behind. If the earth is more ahead or even with the sun, the earth has to face the cold current which exists in the universe, and therefore we must have general cold; but on the contrary, if the earth is behind, the sun does not only break the wind for the sun, but an enormous fire ball the current which she creates must be hot and therefore we must have general heat and dry weather which sometimes may be changed by counter currents caused by other planets which pass the same current. As the position of the earth to the sun cannot be changed at once, it takes several years before we can come from the back side again to the front, or from a hot and dry period again to a cold one.

This phenomenon explains the seven years of plenty and the seven years of famine which follow each other at regular intervals, and we have only to regret that the rulers of today are not as wise as the rulers were in older times, who stored up the surplus of the years of plenty to distribute among the needy in the years of famine, thereby saving millions from starvation. That would be paternalism, and the rulers of today think it an insult to be called paternal. If our astronomers would observe and calculate on currents and counter currents of planets they should be able to tell a few years in advance what kind of weather, at least in general, we would have.

FRED SCHWEIZER, Woodlawn, Neb., Aug. 31, '98.

Reading Converts Stay.

I received two hundred Money Charts yesterday, paid for them myself and gave no committee any trouble about it. As soon as I work these off I shall send for two or three hundred more. The votes won by reading stay. Old alliance men read, and they can always be counted as sure. Money Chart is concise, clear, forcible and convincing. It is not a large and cumbersome volume, and will be read when a larger volume would receive no attention. We have many good books on the reform list, but as a vote maker Money Chart is not excelled so far as I know. Write to Mr. Warren, Fairbury, Neb., and see the good you can do with a few dollars. Now is the time to work. Mass meetings are good, but the books beat the meetings.

J. M. SANDER, Loup City, Nebraska.

Old Soldiers Reorganization.

The old veterans drum corps of the state of Nebraska, will organize again during reunion week at Lincoln. All army musicians and other comrades who became drummers or fifers since the war are respectfully requested to report with their instruments on Tuesday and Wednesday September 13 and 14 of encampment week. All are welcomed:

A. K. GIFT, Late file sergeant.

A Pointer For Hayward.

A western "official county paper" which clips its editorials from the State Journal says: "Poynter cannot be regarded as a man of sufficient attainments for the office of governor of Nebraska. He lacks breadth of knowledge and executive ability. . . . He falls far short of Holcomb and is not to be compared for a single moment with Judge Hayward."

A personal acquaintance of more than thirty years with W. A. Poynter warrants me in saying that while he is not so great in gifts as his party opponent and may not have executive ability exhibited in massive eyebrows, his "breadth of knowledge" is such that if the judge finds himself upon the stump beside the little giant, he will realize that he is hugging a very busy buzz saw. Mr. Poynter inherited endowments supplemented by "sufficient attainments," and his "breadth of knowledge" of the legislation and administration of the republican party in Nebraska combine to make him the intellectual peer of any man who has occupied the executive chair in the fair state, and his opponent will, if they dare to meet him, find him a heroism worthy of their brightest steel. He has the opportunity to meet the doughty judge upon the same platform, the judge will wish that before the meeting, he had said: "The R. & M. railroad won't let me run against Poynter."

JOHN W. KANN, Des Moines, Sept. 3, 1898.

Deck For the Ticket.

Your correspondent from Hastings states that Deck made a strictly middle-of-the-road populist speech assuming between the lines that a populist might, could, would or should make a broad gauge talk that might please a democrat, a republican or prohibitionist. This is in the face of the fact that the late

state convention reaffirmed its adherence to the Omaha and St. Louis platforms while the speakers who asserted in the convention that we proposed to hold to every plank but would not strive to drive any persons away who wished to camp on our ground were cheered to the echo. These are strictly my sentiments now and always have been all assertions to the contrary notwithstanding. Principles must always stand first with the educator. Individuals are secondary considerations. But I did more than advocate real finance reform and appealed to my audience to vote for every man on the state ticket as they deserved a reelection for the satisfactory work done in the past two years with the immortal Bard of Avon. I dare do all that doth become a man (a Pop) and he who dares do more is none. W. H. DECK, Ithaca, Neb.

Serving God And Mammon.

NEBRASKA INDEPENDENT: I read the sermon of Rev. D. Oglesby in the "Independent," and it certainly seems that if his arraignment be true its awful import should rend the heart of every priest even as Nathan said to David "Thou art the man." In these times of shuffling deceit and fashionable manners and methods in all that pertains to life, it requires something more than ordinarily sensational to stir the torpid livers of this indifferent generation; but here appears to be a lightning flash of eternity's awe, followed by the shock of awakening consciousness that may reverberate throughout Christendom to the hopeful reform or utter ruin of the church militant.

What then is it? Is it the pulpit swash of one who wears the impunity of a superannate and is no longer obliged to trim his discourse to conventional acceptance? Is it an effort merely for sensational effect to amuse rather than to instruct in righteousness? Or is it in reality an effusion drawn from divine truth concerning the facts of life? The question of its fitness and propriety for a camp meeting sermon might suggest an unfavorable impulse on the part of the preacher. He told the truth then the devil has a corner on doctrine and the church is consenting to his terms; but the ministers must obey the church in seeking the salvation of others' souls even to the jeopardy of their own. Did it satisfy Mr. Oglesby to observe the sickly smile that played around the lips of those attendant ministers—a smile that as illy concealed forbearance as it gave assent,—while in the fervor of his interested soul he was convicting all of being a standing insult to the almighty, hypocrite like the Pharisees whom Christ condemned? And did not his own conscience raise the taunting remembrance of stalwart days of his pulpit service when his own lips wore that same sickly smile?

Is God a jealous God to permit such tergiversation to atone for a life accommodation to the devil?

These preachers are awfully afraid that some poor honest man may put off the day of salvation until it is too late, but they never seem to worry over the chances to themselves of shaking mammon at the eleventh hour. Will they claim innocence and still assent to what Mr. Oglesby says? Or if they deny the charge will their own reason satisfy their conscience? Oglesby says the worship of the dollar-god has conquered and captured both the church and the government. Here is a grave admission within the church that this same charge made by infidels is true. Is it any wonder then, that faith in the preserving power of God's grace is languishing? Is it any wonder that at the sunset of the nineteenth century, but one in twenty-eight of the human family are christians? Is it any wonder that infidelity grows bold and strong and wags its scorching tongue at the church's treason against God? Alas! "Virtue itself of vice must bear pardon; You curb and woo for leave to do him good. But 'tis not so above." There is no shuffling, there the action lies in its true nature, and we ourselves compelled, Even to the teeth and forehead of our faults, To give in evidence.

And then will the great Judge justly discern between the infidelity of honest unbeliever and the infidelity of priestly hypocrisy. C. PUTNAM.

SPIRIT OF THE PRESS.

What the Brainy Editorial Writers of Neb. are Saying This Week.

The Fremont Leader has bought a power press and promises to make things hotter than heretofore for the enemies of good government. Editor Kelley is a veteran fighter in the reform cause whom all of us hope to see some day officially rewarded for his services.

The North Platte Independent has incidentally cracked a coconut with the following break but:

"Isn't it amusing to see the republican press talking so much about passing? If all the people could have been delegates to republican state conventions for the past ten years the smile would crack Nebraska from center to circumference to think of it. It made no difference which candidate you favored, Hayward or Jack McColl. Tom Majors or E. B. Richards, the "two tickets" was at hand. What republican papers have to say about passing certainly amply."

The stereotyped picture of the populist as represented in the columns of the State Journal and other papers of that kind was that of a seedy fellow whose hair stood out at the top of his hat, who never worked and talked eternally at the corner of the streets. The Jefferson County Journal has the following to say for this much abused person:

"Politics is business, the best kind of business when it results in a saving in taxes such as the election of representative officers has done. If some howling pup had stood around on the street corner and made a business of talking poli-

tics, the old gang would still be in the state house, robbing the people right and left."

Would you rather have 45 cents in gold for your wheat, or 90 cents in good local tender silver and greenbacks? You are one of the jury-men who will assist in deciding the case.—York Teller.

Michael McCoy of Sarpy county, photographs the political pasture in Nebraska as follows in a letter to the Palladium Times:

"The political sky is clear for the silver forces; the people of Nebraska prefer to have the line 'between the state house and the penitentiary more distinct. If Li Hung Chang had visited the state house during the republican administration and should visit the penitentiary now, he would think the state house had been moved."

Editor Baird of the Cedar Rapids Outlook, who hasn't forsaken his calling as a preacher by occupying the editor's chair, makes this sound remark:

"Populists need not indulge in offensive personalities in this campaign. Life is too short for that. If republicans enjoy that kind of thing let them have a monopoly of it."

Our republican friends tell us the dry weather makes a hundred pops a day. Well, something's doing it, the air seems to breathe the very breath of a populist victory this fall, but we are inclined to believe it's republican mistakes not dry weather that's doing it.—Jefferson County Journal.

The Seward Independent-Democrat takes the cover off the republican camp kettles in that county in the following graphic paragraph which reads like an old familiar story:

"There were a whole lot of Seward republicans who were very much dissatisfied with the open manner in which the ring ran the late county convention, as well as the action of the delegation in the congressional convention, and they have not hesitated to express themselves, many of them doing so in the presence of their political opponents. For doing this and even opposing the ring the lash is being applied by the old bosses, but it doesn't seem to have the desired effect. Threats of cutting off railroad passes have been made if these fellows do not get back into line, but the threats fall on empty ears. One republican is said to have told the boss when he made this threat that the country had reached a very low point when a man would sell the highest privilege given him by the American government for a railroad pass, and he for one did not propose to do it."

"Must take the bone with the meat" is the motto of the York Teller which says:

"If the administration wants credit for the good management during the war, it must take the blame for all mistakes made. Can not get all meat and no bone."

Out in Thayer county the Methodist people are raising funds to build a church. The county judge has agreed to donate all his profits from marriage license fees in the month of September to the fund for that purpose. The Hebron Journal man with a laudable desire to help the good work along says:

"It will therefore be proper for all who contemplate committing matrimony to arrange their affairs so as to secure the license in that month. It might be well for the Epworth League to make it their special business to boom the traffic in marriage licenses for that month."

The last legislature appropriated \$60,000 to pay the running expenses of the state penitentiary. So far only \$18,000 has been used. When the next legislature meets about \$40,000 of the penitentiary appropriation will be turned back into the treasury. Never heard anything of that kind before—Broken Bow Beacon.

Now that wheat and silver have come together again, all that can be done by republican leaders in Nebraska is to sit and dream over the expert work done by Bartley Moore, and other officials—Hastings Journal.

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They Divide the Field.

Two rival newspaper dealers at Warrensburg, Mo. having found the town too small to support both, have entered into a novel agreement for a division of the spoils. One has suspended publication until July 1, 1899, on which date the other will enter into a lethargic state and leave a clear field for the one which is now victorious.

Corset Landladies Work Hard.

The women of Lyons are probably the hardest worked landladies in the world. Their husbands wear baggy pantaloons, which come up under the armpits like those of a clown, and the usual weekly "wash" contains about a dozen pair of these. Generally the washing is done in cold water and very often in a boiling stream.

His Acknowledgment.

The virtuous captain winced when asked as to his part. "I was a good boy in school, he answered, with an effort, 'studious and prompt. I used to bring my teacher a bouquet every morning.' That was all he would say, not a word of participation could be gotten from him.—Hastings Journal.

Hot Springs and Return One Fare.

Aug. 9th and 25th and September 10th and 20th the Elkhorn line will sell tickets to Hot Springs, S. D., and return as above. Limit 30 days. A. S. Fielding, C. T. A., 117 South 10th street.

He Didn't Mind.

The other afternoon a certain workman, living in the south of England, released a number of young pigeons for the first time. One of the birds failed to return to the cote at night, and a search was instituted. Eventually the wanderer was discovered perched on a high roof of a neighbor's house. Securing a couple of very frail ladders the owner of the pigeon bound them rather clumsily together, and proceeded to mount to the roof at the imminent risk of his neck.

One of the bystanders recognized the danger and called out: "Hi! come down! Those ladders will never bear your weight." Though the man heard he heeded not. "Do you hear?" continued the well-meaning friend. "You'll break your neck. The ladders are giving away now." At this the man paused, and glared down at the anxious bystanders. "Oh, shut up," he growled. "Wot have you got ter do with it? My neck's my own, so's that pigeon, and," he added, as if that settled the matter, "these ladders ain't."—Punch.

Shifting the World's Axis.

M. Fouché, the vice-president of the French Astronomical society, smitten with the frenzy of Archimedes, has just been calculating whether it would not be possible to shift the axis of the earth from the poles to the equator. He comes to the conclusion that the thing could be done by accumulating such a mass of matter at some point on the equator as to compel, so to speak, the north pole to shift its position and establish a rotation at right angles to the present movement. To achieve this would require a mechanical effort equivalent to the displacement of 66 sextillions of tons, and 1,000,000 steam engines of 13,000 horsepower, working for about 2,000,000 years, would do it. As the French say, "It is not more difficult than that."

American Guns in England.

The British army has adopted successively three different American guns for its army, and paid liberally for the patent in each case. The first was the Schneider Enfield gun, by which the Enfield muzzle-loader was converted into a breech-loader. The second was the so-called Martin-Henry, which was the Peabody gun simply changed from rimfire to center fire, and last the Lee-Metford, which is the Lee gun with some slight alteration of the breech bolt suggested by Col. Metford. Germany, Switzerland, Austria and other European governments simply appropriate inventions, make some slight alteration, give them a German, Swiss or Austrian name and never recognize the inventor at all.

Courting in Kansas.

On the Fourth of July a young man of Stockton, Kan., took his best girl to a picnic. There she accepted so many attentions from another young man that the first young man became enraged and went home, leaving the girl to get back to her own house as best she might. She hired a hack, for which her father paid 75 cents, and then the old man sent the boy to the sulky young sutor. He refused to pay, and the old man sued him in a justice court, alleging that having taken the girl to the picnic it became his duty to see her safely home at his own expense. Both sides have hired lawyers and the case will be fought to a finish.

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