

IF THE TRUTH

If the truth was known the whole world would be full of people with laughing heads. So it is with some clothing advertisements you read in the daily papers. It the truth was known it would cause the face of the daily papers to burst with shame. But such stores live—that is, they live in a kind of petrified way. Hard-hearted clothing dealers who exist on transient trade never sell a customer twice—always meeting strange faces, always doing a strange business. People who trade with this store grow as the store grows—they know us and we know them. They know we swap back if everything isn't satisfactory. They know that this house is honest in its business affairs, honest with its customers. They know that the best of everything comes to this house. Only best, we said. They know that our advertisements are contracts with the people, and that our name in a garment places it beyond a doubt as to its worth and wear. They know that when the Nebraska says all wool that it is all wool. They know that no fire sale goods or damaged goods of any kind in any form find their way into this house. They know that one of the firm stays in New York all the time looking after the construction of every suit that enters this house. They know that the lowest possible price is put on every item that is sold over our counters. They know that there is only one price to all. They know this is a safe store at which to buy clothing and shoes. If you don't know 't isn't our fault. You can have a catalogue sent to your door if you ask for it. Send for one. Address

Nebraska Clothing Co OMAHA

Populism still continues to ruin the credit of the state. Warrants are now at two per cent premium. When republicans were defending the credit of the state, they were five per cent below par.

The autocratic trust magnate walks forth with a judge in his pocket and an attorney general on his shoulder and the whole republican party falls down and says, "we can't do any thing."

Every once in a while some undrilled republican editor talks without instruction from headquarters and on all such occasions he lets the cat out of the bag. The Tribune bears evidence of the truth of the charges that this imperialism program was for the purpose of furnishing fat offices for republican politicians in its last issue in the following words:

"THE CONQUEST of the Philippines is providing BERTHS for PROMINENT POLITICIANS. One of the latest appointments is that of Judge Norris of this state, as attorney for the United States custom house at Manila. Judge Norris has long been a WHEEL HORSE in the REPUBLICAN party of Nebraska."

There are some things that the imperialist papers find it very inconvenient to say anything about in their editorial columns. They will put on a pious face and tell how utterly incapable of self government the Cubans or the Filipinos are because they go to bull fights where bulls and old horses are sometimes killed. They never say that the boards of the great cities are incapable of self government because thousands of them go to prize fights where men are sometimes killed for the pleasure of the audience. As between bull fighting and prize fighting, any pop will say give us the bull fight every time.

The future looks dark for the jobber and the drummer. The time has come for them to go and go they must. It may be a little satisfaction to those who warned them in time to know that the drummers built the scaffold and twisted the rope with their own hands which will be the means of swinging them out of the commercial world into the range of the wandering Wilkes. After all we can not help feeling a little sorry for them. The trusts do not sell through jobbers and they have no use for the drummer. As they go along counting ties will they ever think of the time when they whooped it up for Mark Hanna and McKinley?

McKinley's high salaried commissioners may continue to make glowing reports about Porto Rico, but they can not cover up the fact that the occupation of that island and its military government under the orders of Mark Hanna has brightened the whole island and paralyzed every industry in it. The loss of their trade with Spain and the high tariffs enforced has destroyed their trade and if the present policy is persisted in universal poverty will be the result. Over their dead trade should be erected a placard: "Starved to death by orders of Mark Hanna."

At the close of the war the republican party was dead sure that black slaves of the south were not only capable of self government but were capable of governing the white men of the south also, so they disfranchised the white men and enfranchised the blacks. Now they are dead sure that the Filipinos, many of whom can not only read and write but are graduates of European universities are not capable of self government at all. In consideration of this complete somersault that the party has made, why should it still have the gall to claim the name of republicans. It has repudiated every principle ever proclaimed by Lincoln, Chase, Sumner, Horace Greeley and the founders of the party.

Hardy's Column.

The Wheat Grinders—Great Generals—Currency Reform—Spots do Change—Get Together—Licked but Still Fighting—The Cotner Story—Boyhood Memories.

The wheat grinders have gone into a trust, not for the purpose of raising the price of wheat but to put the price of wheat down and flour up. In order to get the full value of wheat, farmers will need to build a mill of their own in every county, grind their own wheat and sell the flour.

All the great generals and admirals are out fishing. They seem to take it for granted that McKinley cannot be renominated and are out fishing for a streak of political lightning to strike them. What else is it they are coming home for and tramping the country over for?

That goldbug caucus committee appointed by the republicans in congress, have met and decided what should be done to help the bankers and millionaires. It is called currency reform. Greenbacks, treasury notes, silver dollars, and silver certificates, must be redeemed in gold and retired unless somebody should want to trade gold for them. The banks are to be allowed to increase their circulation ten per cent. Then behind all that there is a secret plan, not to require the banks to redeem their bills, but the government to keep on hand six or eight hundred millions of gold to redeem them when they are presented.

It is wonderful how quick they change, those renegades who drop back into the republican ranks after fighting with the reform forces a year or two. That is the way to work it, come over to the fusion party, get and hold office as long as you can, then go back and the republicans will kill the fatted calf and give you the best office to be had. They need such timber, for lots of their slippery fellows have been called to a higher service and their ranks of leaders have been joyously thinned out in this county and state.

The time is near at hand to drop all differences of party name and unite the entire reform force under one head. Call it the Bryan party. There is a great difference between wheat and buckwheat and there is as much between a Bryan democrat and a democrat. That is the way the republican party was organized. We ought to bury the democrat party, the silver republican party, the people's party, the middle of the roaders, and over their graves plant the Bryan party and all work for it.

Aguinaldo and the Filipinos have been licked, conquered, and busted three times a week for the last month or two, and still the war goes on. It is nothing more than natural that China and Japan should help them for if the American policy spreads over those islands, their people will not be allowed to step foot on the soil.

The Cotner binding and gagging story sounds a little fishy. The lady's own handkerchief in her mouth and an old shoestrapping around her wrists and no binding of her feet, was a job poorly done or a story poorly told. No blow short of a deathly one would cause infeasibility so long, and who can't spit out a handkerchief or break a shoestrapping. There was plenty of time for screaming. Criminals would not come so early in the evening and talk over their crime in so loud a voice.

The scenes of our boyhood are as fresh in our mind as those of yesterday. The old brick schoolhouse where we learned our a b c's, standing upon a bleak hill is still in mind. The wild cherry tree standing just below, on which we used to swing, and up which we used to climb for cherries. The thorn apple tree standing on the side hill just beyond the brook, with so many thorns on it that to climb it would bring scratches and blood. With clubs and stones we used to bring the apples down. The old marsh, under the hill, where blackbirds nested in the summer, and boys skated in the winter. The tamarac swamp a mile away, where we gathered chewing gum and picked watergreens. Then there was the windmill, the other way, where we peeled slippery elm bark. The old hill, that is there yet, down which we

coasted. The black eyes, bumped noses, and barked shins, are still in memory as clear as day. The first trout we caught still struggles and gasps in our mind. The old flint lock musket, its recoil and deafening roar. The first bird we brought down. How we used to take aim, shut our eyes and pull. The sleigh rides we used to take, the snow forts we used to build. We enjoy living those days over again in mind. But the boys and girls, where are they? All gone but three.

THE OMAHA AGREEMENT

These middle-of-the-roads were never known to keep an agreement and it is no use to expect them to do so. They all came to Omaha when the national committee met there and signed an agreement and then violated it before they got out of town. Now they are calling themselves the peoples party and want to get recognized as such by the governments of the different states. They know very well that no paying deals can be made unless they capture the name. Mark Hanna wouldn't give a cent to any one of them to run a party ticket unless the political authorities in the different states recognized them as the peoples party. They have started out in their game by sending out circulars dated at "Headquarters of the Peoples party," which they say is located somewhere down in Texas. It is the most bare faced political fraud that was ever attempted in these United States. The following letter from Marion Butler who is the chairman of the peoples party national committee, elected at the last national convention has recently written a letter to one of these frauds. It is as follows:

"Elliott, N. C., April 21, 1899. Hon. S. W. Williams, Vincennes, Ind: My Dear Sir—Your esteemed favor of April 11 received, and read with interest. The conditions which you describe as now existing in Indiana existed last spring and summer to a greater or less extent in every state in the union. I believed then as I believe now, that some of the men behind this stirring up of strife and factional feeling had ulterior motives, while the differences between the great majority arose from an honest difference of conviction as to the best method to be pursued.

"Realizing, then, the necessity for harmony among all true populists whose greatest desire is to see the principles of the peoples party platform enacted into law and to see the party live and grow, I called a meeting of the national committee to assemble in Omaha on June 15, 1898.

"As you know we had a full meeting, and there, with all the factions and elements represented, we discussed the situation three days and nights with not only the benefit of each others opinion but with the benefit of personal contact.

"The result of that meeting was the adoption of the resolutions which have been styled by the press as the Omaha agreement, which resolutions were, in effect, a compromise between all the factions and assented to by all the factions, and, I think, by unanimous vote of the committee. It was recognized then that not only would it be improper for the national chairman to attempt to outline a policy for the party ahead of the national convention, but that it would be unwise for the full committee to do so. Therefore the resolutions declared that each state should be left to pursue whatever policy it thought best to advance the principles of the peoples party between now and the assembling of the national convention in 1900, and that the national committee should lend its support to any action taken by the state organization in any state, whether a fusion policy or a middle of the road policy.

"It further provided that neither the chairman of the executive committee nor any member of the national committee should attempt either directly or indirectly to commit the party by any bargain or agreement as to the next campaign ahead of the assembling of the national convention and the populist press and speakers were appealed to, to stop quarreling with each other over methods and to devote their time and energy between now and 1900 to discussing and advocating the principles of the peoples party, and that when the national convention met in 1900, with delegates fresh from the people, that convention should lay down the policy for the next campaign to which all factions should accede.

"Such was the wisdom and action of the national committee in session after probably one of the longest sessions that any national committee ever held, I cannot see what more could have been done by the committee at that time, or what less could have been done under the circumstances.

"All that I can do or any true populist can do between now and 1900, is to stand squarely by that Omaha agreement and my opinion is that any man who is a true populist and who puts the welfare of the party and its principles above all other considerations will do so.

"In fact every populist should do so or get out of the party. I have the greatest patience with and tolerance for difference of opinion of any populist who stands by the Omaha agreement, and who has not bolted and defied the organization of the peoples party, and would do anything possible to meet such populist hall way, or more than half way in doing anything to produce harmony and add to the growth and strength of the party, but I cannot without violating the Omaha agreement issue an address of the kind you indicate, for it would at once be construed as taking sides with one faction or the other and hence defeat its very purpose by opening up afresh the controversy

which we all thought was settled until the meeting of the national convention by the Omaha agreement.

"I shall call the next national convention to assemble at least thirty days before either one of the old party national conventions assemble, as agreed on at Omaha, and there and then surely the party in delegate convention is capable and competent to speak for itself and can do so more truly than any one else can.

"I regret that some of our newspapers did not give the publicity to this Omaha agreement that they should have done. In fact there are thousands of populist voters who have been kept in entire ignorance of its provisions, and the editors who have kept their readers in ignorance of it are the ones today who are creating the discord in the party.

"I believe that if every populist voter in the United States had read and understood that agreement there would now be practical harmony. I do not see how there could be anything else. MARION BUTLER."

No further consideration should be shown any of these frauds. We don't want them and the populist party will be a great deal better off without them. They have organized a new party and nominated that old ex-national banker, Wharton Barker for president. Every time the head of one of them is seen in a populist convention it should be hit with a hickory club. Let them hunt up a name of their own. One thing is certain. They will never be able to steal the honorable name of the peoples party.

Clippings.

TRY AGAIN.

A Tennessee man claims to have invented a process whereby meat may be kept fresh eleven weeks. That's nothing. The soldiers in Cuba were furnished with fresh meat prepared at the beginning of the Graco-Turkish war, shipped to England; stored on the Liverpool docks for eighteen months, reshipped to the United States and forwarded to Cuba. It was fresh and palatable for Alger has told us so. The Tennessee man will have to try again.—World-Herald.

DRAFT THE EDITORS.

Every man, trucking, swashbuckling republican editor in the United States that is howling "patriotism" over the murder of the naked Filipinos, who are struggling for freedom from the yoke of oppression, should be drafted by the strong arm of the government and sent over to those disease-breeding island swamps and impenetrable cane brakes to do service for the Mark Hanna war of conquest, so real patriotic soldier boys could be sent home.—Beacon Light.

MORE TRAITORS.

Another sack of letters received from the boys in Manila. They were written a month after the first battle and nearly all the boys want to get out of that country. One says: "We did not enlist to shoot niggers, we enlisted to fight Spain." Another says, "it seems to be a queer war, we don't know what we are fighting for." Both republican boys. Are they traitors?—Ex.

SPAIN'S BONDHOLDERS.

We fought Spain some months ago and whipped her, and last week we paid her \$20,000,000 for islands she did not own. Spain thinks that we are very good people over here after all, and she allows down in London who hold those Spanish bonds think the same way.—Arbor State.

WASHINGTON A TRAITOR.

When the American colonies were struggling against the British yoke of tyranny the imperialists of that day said: "You are not fit to govern yourselves. If you will kill that man George Washington and other agitators England will establish a safe and sound government for you." With such talk and with bullets are the American imperialists now feeding the Filipinos.—Papillon Times.

THE MORAL OF IT.

Wm. A. Peffer, once United States senator, left the populist party and appeared as the candidate of another organization. He created no break in the ranks, he failed in an attempt to enter the journalistic field, and he is now a paragrapher on the Star and Kansas at a salary of \$10 per week. Moral: In order to be a political leader in the west, one must travel in the direction the people wish to go.—Hamilton County Register.

LESE MAJESTY.

We warn you, Mr. Atkinson, Be careful what you do, Or Mr. Bill McKinley will Be sure to "put you through" Although you think, and think a heap You must not say a word Against McKinley's policy, And "isn't she a bird?"

Although, dear Mr. Atkinson, They say this land is free, 'Tis only for McKinley's crowd. And not for you and me. We soon will have an emperor Quite like the Kaiser bill. To rule us and the "farmers" Our soldiers do not kill.

No matter if the Philippines Are murdered to a man While fighting for their freedom from A boggy Hanna clan, You must not say a word against Our sacred right to kill, You'll find its less majority To criticize our bill.

The mails are not for common folks To send opinions through, If those opinions chance to be Opposed to what they do. To force expansion on us, And those who can't resist— A bitter pill the fact may be, 'Tis true I must insist.

Be careful Mr. Atkinson, Or you will raise a stink— They'll radiograph your cranium, And find out what you think. Now if an independent man You ever hope to be, You'll have to seek a desert isle In quite an unknown sea. —La Verne.—Dakota Ruralist.

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