

## A MINISTER GIVES WARNING

He Denounces the Ecclesiasticism That Would Enslave Unwilling Foreign Peoples

Editor Independent:—Enclose a few of my sentiments in verse. They do not express all that I feel upon the subject nor all that might be said by any means, but every one has his little circle of influence. Who are the watchmen who will be held guilty? It seems to me that in these days of republican government we ought to have expanded so much that nearly every one ought to be a watchman able to give warning. The silent one will be held guilty.

We feel the power of the political machine and ecclesiastical authority. We cannot fail to see its first fruits over the individual in "partisan insanity."

The trend of ecclesiasticism was forcibly illustrated in our annual Methodist Episcopal conference held in Grace church, Lincoln last fall which I attended several days, declaring in a committee report that "only institutions can deal with institutions; individuals are powerless." How powerless we felt when one of the mouth pieces arose and said: "We are criticized as wrong on the Philippine question but we believe it to be a lie," the leaders, bishop and others cheering and waving handkerchiefs. How powerless we felt, knowing that it had been declared that individuals were powerless before them, and as we stepped outside of these highly charged electrified sentiment making institutions, we felt that our work was done along such lines, especially after we had been told time and again that we ought to preach Christ only and him crucified.

While I don't wish to be a politician, I think it is my privilege to deal with moral and religious questions according to the dictates of my own conscience rather than follow the mandates of a merciless ecclesiasticism such as is so often found to-day, and so long as men professing christianity will deal in deceit, death and rum, so long will my voice and pen do what little they can.

Midst unceasing strife of nations,  
Midst unceasing toil and woe,  
Hear the echo of a warning  
Given centuries ago.

'Tis the last expiring echo  
Of the ages of the past,  
And it gives us ample warning  
That our doom will come at last.

Listening to the cannon's thunder  
And the deadly clash of steel,  
We can hear the cry of orphans,  
We can hear their sad appeal;

We can hear the mourning widow  
Standing by her noble dead,  
Heaven help her and avenge her  
Or the life blood that's shed.

When the craven hand of nations  
Strives to bring beneath the rod,  
Heroes seeking new conditions,  
Seeking in the name of God,

We can read the sentence written  
With high heaven's unseen hand,  
'Thou art weighed and art found  
wanting."

Thou shalt fall, 'tis God's command.  
'Tis a treacherous hand that leadeth  
On, like Abdul doomed and damned,  
Myriad hosts of Anglo-Saxon  
conquering with a bloody hand;

'Tis the hand of Cain that's falling,  
'Tis a brother's blood that's shed;  
'Tis not in the name of Jesus,  
'Curst art thou' the book hath said.

Soon shall fall the last great nation,  
Even Spain has had her day,  
Will it next be tory England?  
Will it be America?

Up then, quickly in thy manhood,  
Whitened sepulchers no more;  
Don the panoply of Jesus,  
Walk with Him and sin no more.

'Tis a nobler cause to succor  
Weak and helpless ones, your own,  
Or perchance some foreign brother,  
In a home he calls his own.

Than to deal in doubtful justice  
With a high and outstretched arm,  
Or enslave unwilling peoples  
Neath the deadly tempter's charm.

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## WORKING OLD TRICKS

Mark Hanna's Agricultural Papers Distributed by the Car Load all over Nebraska.

Editor Independent:—I have been wondering what spring of agricultural knowledge has burst forth in Indianapolis, Indiana, lately.

I have received three or four samples of farm papers published there, during the last three months, each with a different name, and each with the usual articles on good roads, and the necessity of up-to-date farmers possessing this, and the other which they will find advertised on page 50 and so. After showing us that corn, oats and hay are much more valuable as fertilizers than they are to ship, they come to what seem to be the real object of their existence.

They have editorials on, "the increase in the production of gold" and on the phenomenal prosperity of the last three years, on "our duty to the islands which destiny has placed in our hands, and their duty to us" which is mainly tariff. Of course they do not go in to any argument on the questions. There would be no use of posing as farm papers if they did.

Their object is to appear as unbiased observers giving their honest opinions. They endeavor to make the farmers believe that McKinley's Imperialism is the natural thing and that the majority of the farmers should hold him in it. The farmers should understand that these "sample copies" are not legitimate farm papers, but simply campaign documents. MILTON F. HARRIS.

A recent issue of Farm, Field and Fireside contains a list of nearly 300 trusts, corrected from late publications, capitalized at ten billion dollars in round numbers.

The National Salt Company (salt trust) was incorporated March 20, 1899, with control of most of the salt plants of the United States. Just prior to that date the price of fine salt was 85 cents a barrel in large quantities. Only a few days after the trust was incorporated, the price rose to \$1.15 and later to \$1.50. And yet some men profess to believe that the trusts do not raise prices.



# TIMELY SPRING CLOTHING

## ===BARGAINS===

Bargains offered at the opening of the season that will interest economical buyers everywhere. Bargains that will demonstrate most forcibly the total absurdity of the claims of other merchants to the effect that they sell as cheap as we do. They don't, and they know it. You know it, and every other careful buyer knows it, and the only fellow who don't know it is the fellow who is forced to buy on time or persists in trading at some particular store on account of friendship. We do not like to underestimate the value of friendship, but the merchant who charges you from two to five dollars more than we do for a suit of clothes is not the kind of friend that we would be looking for this spring if we were going to buy a suit, and neither would you if you knew it. How shall you know these things? How shall you know that it is a fact that our stock shows twice the variety, twice the quantity, that is shown by any of our followers, and that we save you from 20 to 33 per cent on every purchase? BY COMPARISON, OF COURSE! Comparison of quality, comparison of prices, comparison of methods, comparison of equipment. That's the way for you to find out, and its the only logical way, for you are high court in this case, and if you make these comparisons thoroughly, we shall be only too glad to rest our case with you.

## Men's Spring Suits

The kind it pays to buy. They are guaranteed by maker and by us to give perfect satisfaction. The kind that fit and look well as long as they last.

AT \$15.00 We are showing 50 styles of Men's Round Cut Sack, Square Sacks, Frocks, and Prince Albert Styles in strictly high grade suits. They are made of the very finest worsteds, serges, cassimeres, and chevots. They are lined with the best quality of linings. We guarantee the values shown in this line to equal any \$20.00 values shown elsewhere.



AT \$12.50 Men's Suits of elegant Imported Worsteds, Serges, and Cassimeres, cut either Round or Square, Sack, Frock or Prince Albert style. They are elegant creations, being equalled only by the very highest priced made-to-measure kind. If you would buy these suits in any other store they would cost you \$15.00 to \$16.00. Our low price to all gives you these handsome suits at \$12.50 and gives you this handsome saving.

AT \$10.00 Here is our big popular line of Men's Suits. We strive to get in this line the strongest values obtainable. This spring the line will show over 60 distinct styles of fabrics and color combinations. They come in Round and Square, Sacks, Cutaway, Frocks, and Prince Albert styles, and are made of strictly All Wool Worsteds, Serges, Cassimeres, and Chevots. The true value of these suits are \$12.50 and \$15.00, and there are some among them that are truly \$16.50 values.

AT \$8.98 Men's Suits of All Wool material, well made, all styles, worth \$10.00 and \$11.00 in other stores.

AT \$7.50 We show men's Sack and Frock Suits made of All Wool Clay Worsteds and Chevots. Not a suit in the lot can be duplicated for less than \$10.00, while many would be good value at \$11.00.

AT \$6.98 150 Men's Suits made of All Wool Blue Serge Cloth. Also a big lot of Cassimeres and Chevots. These suits are selling about town at \$8.50 and \$9.00. Comparison will prove this.

AT \$5.98 200 Men's Black Clay Worsteds Suits come in 30 per cent cotton, but cannot be matched for less than \$7.50.

AT \$5.00 Over 300 Men's Round and Square Sack suits made of Striped Worsteds Cloth. Also a large line of Fancy Chevots. True values, \$6.50 and \$7.00.

AT \$2.75 \$3.75 and \$3.95; we show quite an assortment of Men's All Wool and part Wool Suits that can not be matched for less than twice our price.

## Boys' Knee Pant Suits

Age 7 to 16.

Read with special care every offer we make. Every item here mentioned represents the best merchandise in the world for the money.

25 STYLES of Boys' Double Breasted Knee Pant Suits; ages 8 to 16. In this line you will find suits such as are being sold about town at \$6.00, \$6.50, and \$7.00. They are made of the finest Worsteds, Serges, Cassimeres and Chevots. Some are Silk Faced; all are elegantly finished. You have practically an unlimited variety of color effects to select from. Special Price... 5.00

30 STYLES of Boys' Double Breasted Knee Pant Suits; come in plain and fancy colorings, of fine Worsteds, Serges, Cassimeres, and Chevots. In this line you may have colors both Blue and Black, besides a big variety of Grays and Browns in Plaids, Checks and Stripes. The true values are \$5.00. Special Price... 3.50

48 STYLES Fine All Wool Double Breasted Knee Pant Suits; made of thoroughly tested fabrics (colors guaranteed, sewing guaranteed). You may have them in Worsteds, Serges, and solidly woven Chevots. They come in a big variety of pretty Mixtures, Stripes and Checks, besides the staple colors, Blue and Black. True value \$3.50 to \$4.00. Special Price 2.98

40 STYLES Boys' Double Breasted Knee Pant Suits, Blue and Black. These suits are strictly All Wool and well worth \$3.50. Special Price... 2.50

25 STYLES Boys' Double Breasted Knee Pant Suits, made of All Wool materials and come in a big variety of handsome patterns. True values upwards 1.98 of \$3.00. Special Price... 1.98

10 STYLES Boys' Double Breasted Knee Pant Suits, some are made of All Wool materials, others are 80 per cent Wool, while some are perhaps half cotton. All, however, are good, wholesome patterns and the real values vary from \$2.00 to \$2.50. Special Price... 1.50

5 STYLES Boys' Double Breasted Knee Pant Suits, age 6 to 15 years; made of honest material, worth \$1.50. Special Price... 98c

## Boys' Long Pant Suits

The Largest Assortment to be found anywhere in the state. The LOWEST PRICES anywhere in America.

AT \$10.00 Boys' Long Pant Suits. Here is a very strong line with us. We strive to give our customers the very best merchandise in the world at this price. You may have them with Single or Double Breasted Vests, and in materials of Worsteds, Cassimeres, Vicunas, and Chevots. In this line there are many new creations that we own exclusively. True values \$12.50 and \$15.00.

AT \$7.50 Boys' Long Pant Suits. In this line we give you the \$10.00 suits of the other fellows. They are Pure Wool Worsteds, Serges, Cassimeres, and Chevots. Come with Double or Single Breasted Coats, Round or Square Cut. Vests can be had either Single or Double Breasted. Colors Black and Blue, besides fancy coloring of Stripes, Checks, Plaids and Mixtures.

AT \$5.00 Boys' Long Pant Suits. This line is the color Blue and Black; this Cassimeres in fancy effects. True value \$7.50. This is not oversteating facts.

AT \$3.95 Boys' Long Pant Suits. In this line you have many good things to select from. Some are All Wool, but all are good values at \$5.00 and \$6.00.

AT \$2.98 Boys' Long Pant Suits. Come in neat effects of Brown and Gray; also Black and Blue. Honestly tailored and very good fitters. True value \$4.00.

## Childs' Vestee Suits

Age 3 to 9 years. Such an assortment of suits for the little fellows has never been shown in the west. All new and fresh besides being very cheap at the prices named.

20 styles Childs' Vestee suits, age 3 to 9 years. Among this lot you will find the sweetest creations of this year for the little fellow. They come mostly with small collars, satin faced. The vests come single or double breasted of same material as suit, or of fancy silk; colors, black, blue, brown, and fancy effects. True value \$6.50; special price... \$5.00

40 styles Childs' Vestee Suits, made in the very latest style. You may have them with small or large collars; some satin faced, some braided edge. The vests are single or double breasted, of same goods or fancy silk. Every suit in the line is a true work of art. Colors, blue, black, and pretty Mixtures, Checks, Plaids, and Stripes, Materials, fine Worsteds, Serges, Chevots, and Cassimeres. True value \$5.00. Special price... \$3.50

15 styles Childs' Vestee Suits, fit boys 3 to 9 years. Come in fine All Wool Serges, Worsteds, Cassimeres and Chevots. There are in this line coats made with small or large collars; some fancy trimmed, some silk faced. The vests come single or double breasted, and may be had like the coat or of fancy silk or of other fancy material. This line shows some wonderfully pretty color effects, which of course include both blue and black. True value, \$3.50 to \$4.00; special price... \$2.98

AT \$2.50 We are showing fully twenty styles of Childs' Vestee Suits; we claim that these handsome little creations are equal to any in the market at \$3.50. You may have them with large or small collars, plain or fancy vests and in colors, blue, black, small checks, plaids and mixtures. These suits are made from pure Wool Fabrics and are guaranteed fully.

AT \$1.98 ten styles Childs' Vestee Suits, come in blue and black, also neat effects in gray and brown, besides a few striking novelties. They are each and every one a good \$3.00 suit. Special price \$1.98.

AT \$1.50 seven styles Childs' Vestee Suits, come in colors, black, blue, and brown, also a few in fancy colorings. Some are fancy trimmed, others plain. All are good \$2.00 to \$2.25 values.

AT 98c Two styles Childs' Vestee Suits, neat pattern. Elegant values for the money.

## Men's Light Weight Underwear

A First Class Clothing Store is the proper place to buy Underwear for Men. Department or Dry Goods Stores never carry the full assortment or the qualities that can be found in our store.

AT 19c 100 Doz. Men's Flesh Colored Balbriggan Shirts and Drawers, worth 25c and 35c in other stores. All sizes, 34 to 48 Shirts; Drawers 32 to 46.

AT 25c We are showing Men's Light Weight Balbriggan Shirts and Drawers in perhaps 10 different styles of Flesh Colored, Natural Gray, Stripes, and Mottled Shirts, have French neck, while both Shirts and Drawers have pearl buttons.

AT 38c We are showing in Men's Underwear the exact qualities that are being priced at 50c and 60c. Drawers have extension waist bands; pearl buttons on both Shirts and Drawers, while the Shirts have elegant fitting French necks. All colors, all sizes.

AT 50c Men's Shirts and Drawers (H. C. Bon. Bon. & Co's) finest quality French Balbriggan—French necks, knit cuffs, pearl buttons, and extension waist band on Drawers. Real value, 75c; color, Brown, Black, Flesh, and Fancy Stripes. All sizes.

## Little Boys' Shirts

Age 4 to 11 years.

Made just like Dad's. The New Thing. See them. Prices 50c, 57c, and 75c. Collars to go with them, 10c extra.

## Shirt Bargains

This is the time of year that every man will want something in the way of outside shirts, either for dress, business or for working purposes. We want to say to the men folks of Nebraska that our line of shirts comprises every known good make in the country and that we pay more money to bring about perfect shirt tailoring than any other merchant wants to, and that our prices will show you a big saving over and above what the same goods can be bought for outside our store.

AT \$1.00 Men's Laundered White Shirts, come open back closed front, or open back and front. You may have them with short or long bosoms. They come in neck sizes 14 to 19, and sleeve lengths 30 to 36. Any man that is not over seven feet tall, or that does not weigh over 350 lbs., can be perfectly fitted in these shirts.

AT 50c Men's Laundered White Shirts, well made and of good quality, equal to those sold elsewhere at 75c. They come only in long bosom, open back style.

AT 25c Men's Unlaundered White Shirts, the same goods and material that you usually pay 40c for.

AT 50c Men's Unlaundered White Shirts, short or long bosom, open back or open back and front, sizes 14 to 19 neck, sleeve length 30 to 36.

18c buys Men's Working Shirts, worth 30c.

25c buys Men's Working Shirts, worth 40c.

38c buys Men's Working Shirts, worth 50 to 60c.

50c buys the best grade of Men's (Noxall) Working shirts, worth 75c.

AT 39c Men's Laundered Soft Shirt, with collars and cuffs attached, 10 styles, worth 60c.

AT 50c Men's Soft Shirts, with or without collars, or with two detached collars and cuffs, worth 75c.

AT 75c \$1.00, over 1,000 dozen Men's Soft Negligee Shirts, all styles, worth \$1.00, \$1.25, and some \$1.50.

## Little Bargains

5c buys Men's Seamless Socks, in black or tan color.

5c buys Gold-Plated Collar Buttons.

1c buys Turkey Red Handkerchiefs.

7c buys all styles Pure Linen Collars.

12c buys Pure Linen Cuffs, all styles.

5c buys Celluloid Collars.

8c buys Boys' Suspenders.

5c buys Japanette Handkerchiefs, worth 10c.

2c buys Linen Cambric Handkerchiefs, worth 8c.

17c buys Good Leather Suspenders.

25c buys Good Leather Work Gloves.

8c buys Boys' Long Hose.

Boys' Odd Knee Pants at 19c, 25c, 35c, and 50c, worth double.

Boys' Shirts at 25c, 35c, and 50c, a big line worth more.

# THE ARMSTRONG CLOTHING CO.

## LINCOLN, NEBRASKA