

MR. AND MRS. BOWSER

THERE ARE OCCASIONS WHEN THE WORM WILL TURN.

Mrs. Bowser Concludes That It Is Time For Her to Assert Her Authority and She Does It with Good Effect—Bowser Dismayed.

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There were three or four things on Mr. Bowser's mind as he came home to dinner the other evening. Some one had stolen his umbrella, and some one must be blamed for it. He had snapped a button off his vest, and of course that was Mrs. Bowser's fault. His shirt bunched up around the neck, and some one must be held responsible in jumping off the car he broke a suspender, but would that suspender have given way in that manner if Mrs. Bowser had been attending to her domestic duties?

Mr. Bowser began to growl at the dinner itself, intending to gradually lead up to the other things. The beef was overdone, the potatoes not properly mashed, and he found fault with the butter and cocoa and everything else. He expected to hear Mrs. Bowser shake excuses and try to soothe him, but she had nothing to say. Even when he declared that he would go out and discharge the cook if she didn't, she simply looked at him in a queer sort of way instead of answering.

Mr. Bowser, please be a little patient. I know she is a poor stick of a girl, but I hope to change her for a better one soon. I am ashamed that you must sit down to such a dinner in your own house, and I promise it shall not happen again.

Mr. Bowser confessed to himself that it was surprising, but he hadn't the remotest idea that the worm was about to turn. For three long years he had held Mrs. Bowser under his thumb, and he had come to look upon her as the most docile of wives. He left the table wondering if she hadn't a sick headache or hadn't received a letter with bad news, but after a few minutes, as she made no excuses, he inquired:

"Mrs. Bowser, do you know whether this shirt belongs to me or to a man eleven feet high who wears a No. 17 collar?"

"No, sir," she promptly replied, as she looked him full in the eyes.

"You—you don't?"

"No, sir! I put your shirts in a drawer, just as they come from the laundry, and you change whenever you want to. What's the matter with the one you have on?"

"Matter! Matter! Why the infernal thing has all climbed up around my neck!"

"Well, go and change it; you've got half a dozen in the drawer."

Mr. Bowser had grown pale, as he stood up to say:

"I hadn't got a button from the house this morning when a rod flew off my vest; I suppose I've got half a dozen vests in a drawer somewhere, haven't I?"

"Do you imagine that I married you to watch your vest buttons?" demanded Mrs. Bowser.

"What! What's that?" he asked, growing paler still, and with his eyes hanging out in surprise. Mrs. Bowser, no wife should ever talk back to her husband!"

peared loose at the roots and ready to "shed." He looked around the room to see whether it was his back parlor or the man's next door. Every object had a familiar look, but about Mrs. Bowser—what was the matter with her? He crept off to bed on tiptoe, wondering if brain fever always started in this fashion, and presently the Bowser mansion was shrouded in darkness and the graylike silence was interrupted only when Mr. Bowser repeated his whispered exclamation:

"By George! but I can't believe it—can't possibly believe it!"

THE ARIZONA KICKER.

Progress of the Liveest Paper in the Great West.

THE AMENDE HONORABLE—In our last issue we stated that Tom Jordan, proprietor of the Bald Eagle saloon, had to leave Montana for going one Bill White's right eye out in a saloon row. Mr. Jordan called the other day and brought abundance of proof that we were mistaken. It was not with Bill White, but with Jim Davis, that he had a row, and it was not Davis' right eye, but his left, which was light sparkling in the sawdust after the fight was over.

It has always been the policy of THE KICKER to state facts and facts only. Being satisfied that we did Mr. Jordan an injustice in our statement, we hereby make the amende honorable, as the New York dailies call it. Mr. Jordan not only subscribed to THE KICKER, paying a year in advance, but his attractive advertisement was to be found under the head of "Saloons" on another page.

IT DIDN'T TAKE—When Professor Wentworth Foster came to us as the owner of the only hall in town and wanted to engage it to deliver his world renowned lecture on "The Past and Future of Egypt," we frankly told him that our people would be disappointed. When he approached us as editor of THE KICKER, we told him the same thing. When he came to us as mayor for his license we reiterated our former observations, but he was self-willed and obstinate. He got out his paper and went ahead. The boys crowded the hall at a quarter of eight, anticipating an exhibition of stunts and a boxing match as a wind up. Some even figured, just as we had informed him they would, that he would pass around a bottle of budge (1000 or 7000 years old—something dug out from under one of the pyramids).

We do not know where the professor is located at this date. After the boys got through tossing him in a blanket he disappeared in the direction of Poko mountain, and perhaps he is still moving. We would say to all others of his ilk, however, that this is a plain town, full of plain people. We like to hear of almost anything connected with the United States, from the discovery by Columbus to the investigation by the pension department, but we don't go a cent on anything over 500 years old happening in a foreign country. We haven't got any pyramids around here and don't want any to teach market quotations or fill tumbled 'em right back in again!"

A BLUFF—Monday morning, while his honor the mayor (who is ourself) was transacting official business in his room at the city hall, a Clinch Valley cowboy named Joe Scott sent in word that he was on the public square prepared to take and hold

It is Broad Enough.

It can no longer be said that the platform is a farmers' platform. The men from the mines and the shops of trade met together and participated in its formation. It is a platform framed by the industrial classes of all occupations and from all sections of the country. They all regarded it as broad enough to serve their interests. It does not of course cover every necessary reform. It is not intended to do so. The representatives assembled in that conference recognized the most urgent necessities of the people and pointed out remedies for some of the evils under which we are suffering. It further recognized the fact that a party of the people in touch and sympathy with the masses, and representing their interests, will remedy other ills than those indicated in the platform when it is in a position to do so. As a matter of fact the proper time to make demands on a party is when it is in a position to grant them; and it is good policy to limit a platform to a few fundamental principles.—Topeka Advocate.

To Destroy Corporations.

One of the greatest and most exacting requirements in dealing with the financial problem is to destroy corporation control of the money of the country. The general government should take and exercise absolute control of the money, and give the people money that is a legal tender for all debts and taxes of all kinds, so that it cannot be depreciated and will pass in every state of the union. The constitution demands and exacts this, and it should not be relaxed to impair the value of the dollar or to suit the whim or caprice of anybody or to advance the interest of any class. A bill has been recently introduced in the senate to repeal the tax on state banks in order to meet the demand of the people for more money. That does not meet the demand. It is intended as a side track to switch off the train of reform headed toward success. State banks would advance and encourage the very evil about which there is most complaint—that corporations control the currency, and by that power of control, are enabled to price every commodity. That is the worst feature of national banks. It is the one which has caused the most of the warfare made on them. State banks are more obnoxious than national banks, for the reason that each state will regulate them, and there is too much danger in entrusting this great power to so many different governments. While confined to one power anybody can watch that and keep posted, but to watch forty-four would be too much trouble and be fraught with forty-four times more danger than to entrust it where it belongs—the general government. No compromise on the financial question are desired or acceptable. The general government has the power. It ought to exercise it. It is its highest prerogative and should not be delegated, directly or indirectly, to any other power.—Southern Alliance Farmer.

PASSING THE GATEMAN.

Just How He Would Treat the President of the Road.

There were gates to prevent passengers from gaining access to the trains until they had passed the ticket inspectors, and at one of them was a colored man who evidently realized the full dignity of his position. A lot of colored people were going down to Montgomery, and pretty soon an old darky made a move for the gate.

"Stand back, sah—stand back!" shouted the gateman.

"What I stand back for?" queried the old man.

"Kase yo'r train hain't dun ready to go yet!"

"Yo's a powerful bigger, hain't yo'?" sneered the old man. "S'posin de boss of

de railroade should dun 'come along? I reckon yo' wouldn't stop him."

"If de president of dis line should dun cum along," replied the gateman, as he drew himself up, "I should say."

"But I ain't de president."

"Show yo'r ticket."

"Den yo' must be identified by somebody."

"Why, Billy, don't yo' know me? I've de man who gin yo' dis yere job at f'ye dollars a month, an' who am gwine to make yo' a conductor next fall!"

"Oh, yes! I dun reckon yo' now, Mars Peters! Pass on, sah—pass on, but don't let dis happen agin!"

"Dat's what I'd say, ole man," continued the gateman, as he waved his arm to the ancient relic, "an' now yo' kin see what a clus call yo' 'ave had in buckin up agin me! I scuses yo' dis time kase yo' is ole an' pore, but don't provoke any furdur distinguished disses' unless yo' want heaps 'o' trouble!"

Petrified Prices.

We were sitting on the tavern veranda after supper for a smoke, when an old darky with a crooked leg came along and took off his hat and said:

"Gent'len, I should like to ax yo' a few questions, please, ole man."

"Being told to go ahead, he came up the steps, bowed and scraped, and observed: "I lost my ole woman drivin de wah, an' she was buried on de gravel ridge ober yere 'bout two miles. I dun want in a dug up de body last week to put it in a new place, an' it was all paralyzed to stum."

"You mean petrified."

"Dat's it, sah. Took 'fo' men to git it out of de grave. Jest dun turned into rock an' looked as nateral as life. Seemed like I was 'de talkin to de ole lady agin."

"Yes."

"She was lyn dar on de grass when a feller driv up in a wagon offered me five dollars for de body. Do yo' reckon it was right to sell it?"

"Well, that's according to your own feelings."

"Jest so. She was dun dead."

People's Party Convention of Lancaster County.

Notice is hereby given to the electors of the People's Party of Lancaster County, Nebraska, that there will be a county convention of said party held in Lincoln on Friday, June 22, 1922, at 7 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of electing the thirty-one delegates to attend the county convention of the People's Party of Nebraska to be held at the following time and place: At Lincoln, Neb., Thursday, June 23, 1922, to elect delegates to the National convention at Kearney, Nebraska, August 8, 1922, to nominate candidates for state officers.

THE APPOINTMENT. The basis of representation will be one vote for every 100 of fraction cast for Bliss Baker for Clerk of the District court. Wards and precincts will be as follows:

It is recommended that the delegates present from the several wards and precincts cast their votes for the following delegates:

It is recommended that the first business of the county convention, after permanent organization, shall be the selection of a county central committee.

Independent People's Party Congressional Convention of the Fifth District.

The electors of the independent people's party of the fifth congressional district of Nebraska, are requested to elect and send delegates to the county convention on Friday, May 26, 1922, at 7 p. m., for the purpose of electing the delegates to the national convention of the party to be held at Lincoln, Nebraska, July 4th, 1922, and to transact such other business as may properly come before the convention.

The several counties are entitled to the following number of delegates:

People's Independent Convention. The independent people of the third congressional district of Nebraska, will meet in delegate convention at the Opera House, Norfolk, Nebraska, on Tuesday, June 21, 1922, at 8 o'clock p. m., for temporary organization, for the purpose of electing a congressional district committee, and the selection of four delegates and four alternates to represent the congressional district at the national convention to be held at Omaha, Neb., July 4, 1922, and to put in nomination a candidate for the third congressional district of Nebraska, and the disposal of such other business as may come before the convention.

Articles of Incorporation. Know all men by these presents that we, John M. Thompson, Charles R. Pirnie, S. W. Johnson, and E. M. McFarland, do hereby associate ourselves together for the purpose of forming and becoming a corporation to be known as the Money Monopoly of the State of Nebraska, and to do all the things hereinafter described, and adopt for their government the following Articles of Incorporation:

ARTICLE I. The name of this corporation shall be the "Money Monopoly Company," and its office and principal place of business shall be Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska.

ARTICLE II. The nature of the business to be transacted by said corporation shall be to edit and publish newspapers and to publish books and other printed and other literature, and do a general printing and publishing business.

ARTICLE III. Sec. 1. The capital stock of said corporation shall be twenty thousand dollars, divided into shares of twenty dollars each, and no stockholder shall own more than three hundred shares of stock at one and the same time, and all transfers of stock shall appear on the books of the corporation.

ARTICLE IV. Sec. 1. Said corporation may commence business when two-thirds of its capital stock subscribed for has been paid in full.

ARTICLE V. Sec. 1. The affairs of said corporation shall be managed and controlled by a board of directors who shall be elected at the first meeting of the stockholders, and annually thereafter, and their successors are elected. Said directors shall be stockholders of said corporation.

ARTICLE VI. This corporation shall not incur liabilities for more than one-fourth of its capital stock actually subscribed.

ARTICLE VII. The first meeting of the stockholders shall be on the 12th day of July, 1922, and the regular annual meeting shall be on the first Wednesday in February of each year, and a majority of said directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

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