

**The Old Guards of Liberty**

Editor Independent: It seems that my letter of the 26th ult. has seen its way into print. I am surprised at this. It was not so intended. It was designed as a personal view for personal use. I did not have the most remote idea, when penning my letter, that it would find its way into the public arena.

The watchword in the leading political and other parties now seems to be suppression. New ideas crossing beaten pathways are with the leaders at a discount, and by them deserve reprobation. It is refreshing to have an outlet to one's convictions. So I have no complaints to make that you have exposed me to a public hearing.

Liberty of expression is one of the primary and essential features in the existence and perpetuity of any free government among a free people. Just so soon as you begin to suppress expression and tamper with conviction you dampen enthusiasm, and begin a process of corruption. It puts policy in place of principle, and tempts a man to duplicity in order to gain place, money and power. It at once hinders advancement. It holds thought in check.

What advantage is reading, study, investigation and experiment, if, when a man, by the most laborious process, has gained a new thought, he dare not utter it; and is even brought into disrepute for quietly entertaining an advanced or progressive, personal sentiment?

What we need is a thorough, open, free, fair and full, untrammelled, manly and honest discussion of all the problems that confront us as a free people.

It is to be hoped that a series of journals are coming to the front whose managers believe in the God-given right of American citizens, to make an open confession of their convictions, on current questions without fear of mental torture, social ostracism, or political demission.

You are evidently facing to the front in the enrollment plan. Push the work. We enroll in the family, the school, the church, and in all important societies. Why not enroll where liberty is at stake? Let us count our strength before we go to the polls or undertake to build. This is wise. Organization and education and training are necessities. Simply standing up to be counted and to be shot at, to my mind, is a species of insanity. To nominate men for office, when we know we do not have votes enough to elect them, is a piece of the same web. Let us take time to be sure of success. It will pay to spend effort and money enough to get men and material in amplitude together, before we undertake to put up the building. We ought to exercise as much judgment in regard to a political party as in putting up an ordinary residence. Press the enrollment. None but fools and foes will object.

Let us not be too hasty in forming a party platform. It is enough for the present to be guided by essential principles.

We know that many are dissatisfied with the present status and tendency of things in this government. Those who are perfectly satisfied, we do not wish in our ranks. They will be a dead weight.

But what we do wish in this direction is a consensus of the best opinions of all the true friends of liberty as to the most available means of conserving the very best interests of the country in the vast body of its people.

Out of these views we can construct a platform which can be carried to a successful issue. Interest, then, will combine with reason to concentrate our efforts and hold us together in the way of universal liberty with national and personal prosperity in perpetuity.

JOHN VINTON POTTS,  
North Robinson, O.

**Endorses Higgins**

Editor Independent: Hurrah for Jonathan Higgins of Cambridge, Neb. His ideas of the eastern Yankee advising the southern reformer just what is best for them to do, shows that he has been observing some things of the past.

The southern people do not want any of the east's protective tariff farces, and but very little of the tariff for revenue only. Both of these plans were devised by the brain of a

plutocrat for the purpose of making the poor burthen-bearers of the world, and exempting the rich from paying a tax that he shared in equity, to pay for support of the thing we call government.

The facts are, the eastern reformers are not competent to give us advice, for the reason that 65 per cent of the people in Texas are in favor of public ownership of most public utilities; that is, money and transportation, city waterworks and lights; but they expect to get these things through the Bryan democracy. And as to the negro—he does not bother us at all; and never has, only when some eastern pretended friend to them puts some foolish notions in his head. These eastern people come south for the dollars they can find. And I have never seen one yet that was not after the dollar strictly.

The protective tariff idea seems to be blown into their bottles!

The officials in the south and this state are yet governed by the invisible power that Ridpath described as "the money and corporate power," but, the bladder is now being blown up in the minds of the people that it will bring them to their senses before many more moons.

C. J. JACKSON.

Belton, Tex.

Wm. Lee, Roll, Ind.: "Yes, of course, I will become one of the Old Guards, for I consider myself one of the oldest of them. I tore loose from the democratic party in '72 when they nominated Horace Greeley for president. I could not stand that; couldn't vote for Grant. Just stayed at home on election day. I am glad to have the opportunity to belong to the Old Guard. I am proud of the Old Guard. I expect to vote the populist ticket as long as I live because I think it is right to do so."

Joel Ray, Belton, Tex.: "I am proud to send you blank filled out for membership in the Old Guard of Populism. I think it a grand plan. I am a populist from principle. Was an independent until I joined the greenback party in 1876, and voted for the grand old man, Peter Cooper. Since that time I have voted for every reform candidate; never have voted for a republican or a democrat, so I think I am entitled to be enrolled as one of the Old Guard. I favor the Denver agreement and the Omaha platform."

Geo. Vance, Naponee, Neb.: "Please enroll my name in the Old Guard of Populism. I am always proud to stand and be counted on the side of justice and right. Am 61 years old and depend on day's labor for a living. I can't do much financially for the cause, but can vote as loud as anybody."

G. W. Will, Ithaca, Neb.: "I send you preferential votes. I have two sons at home that will vote, and how is it about joining the Old Guard? There are several in my precinct that want to join. How will we proceed? I have been a delegate to state or congressional conventions for six or more years. I am in favor of the preferential."

James S. Dixon, Cedar Mill Ore.: "You may put me down as one of the Old Guard. I did not come as far as some of them did. My former politics were republican, but I left them in 1890. I then lived in Nebraska. I haven't voted for a republican since. I don't say like some of the Old Guards that I will always vote the populist ticket, because they may get the wrong leaders in and they would lead the party out of the line of reform and then I would have to vote something else."

James J. Routt, Loami, Ill.: "I want to be enrolled on the list of the Old Guard of Populism. I am one of the boys who wore the blue and have been up Salt river twice, but each time I took genuine populist principles with me and thank God I have them yet. Give us a straight ticket at St. Louis the 22d of February or count me out."

W. R. Tribbey, Gallatin, Mo.: "I think there is some hope for the populists now if they will stick to their principles and party while it stays with its principles. I would not stay in any party for party sake. I had lots of confidence in Bryan and supported him in 1896, but if Bryan would fall in with us he would not have as much to swallow as we did in '96 and 1900. We gulped down the corrupt democratic party to give him a boost, for we had confidence in the man; but now Bryan is not so blind that he cannot see that he will have to swallow all his words and the corruption of the republican party if he stays in the democratic party, and any



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man that is competent to be president ought to know that the populists stand for the only true democratic and republican principles there is in vogue at this time. Neither of the old parties, as a party, stand for anything in common with the masses of the people. An increase in the money volume brought all the prosperity there is and that is populist thunder of 1896 when both old parties gave it the lie."

**Annual Statement of the Herman Bros. Co. of the City of Lincoln, Lancaster County Nebraska, at the Close of Business November 30, 1903**

LIABILITIES:	
Capital Stock paid in.....	\$177,000 00
Notes and bills payable.....	94,880 49
Sinking fund.....	863 22
Undivided profits.....	10,082 44
	\$282,826 15

JOBGING HOUSE:	
Mdse. on hand, cash value.....	\$112,541 80
Bills and accounts receivable.....	116,500 00
Furniture, Fixtures, Tools, sample trunks, etc.....	2,650 00
	\$231,691 80

FACTORY:	
Mdse. on hand.....	\$ 24,891 31
Machinery, Fixtures, Tools, etc.....	4,316 12
	\$29,207 43

BEATRICE STORE:	
Mdse. on hand Dec 31, 1903.....	\$14,828 90
Fixtures, etc.....	1,000 00
Bills receivable.....	650 00
Cash on hand.....	677 38
Less taxes & bills owing.....	\$ 276 00
	\$ 401 38

Investment Dec. 31, 1903.....	\$ 16,880 28
Remitted to Herman Bros. Co. in December.....	6,600 00
Less Mdse received in December.....	853 36
	\$ 5,746 64

Less estimated profits in Dec.....	700 00
	\$ 5,046 64

Investment November 30, 1903.....	\$ 21,926 92
State of California } ss.	\$282,826 15

Los Angeles County }  
Adolph Herman, President of Herman Brothers Company, being duly sworn says that the above and foregoing is a true and correct statement of the resources and liabilities of Herman Brothers Company at the close of business November 30th, 1903.

ADOLPH HERMAN,  
Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 18th day of January, 1904.  
N. A. Alsapach,  
Notary Public.

Commission expires July 23d, 1905.  
MAJORITY OF DIRECTORS,  
Adolph Herman,  
Charles Herman,  
Frederick Herman.

**Lamb & Wurzburg Attorneys**  
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA

In the Matter of the Application of James R. Frazer, Administrator De Bonis Non of the Estate of James H. Cisney, deceased, for leave to sell Real Estate to pay debts.

It appearing from the petition of James R. Frazer Administrator De Bonis Non of the estate of James H. Cisney, deceased, filed in this court and presented to me, the whole amount of personal estate that came into the hands of said estate was in the sum of \$1761.36; that the same was wholly expended in the payment of debts of said estate by his predecessor; that there are now outstanding and allowed claims against said defendant's estate in the sum of \$3262.68 remaining due and wholly unpaid, as well as the costs and expense of making final settlement of said estate; that said deceased died seized in fee simple of the following described real estate situated in the county of Lancaster in the state of Nebraska, to-wit: Lots 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12, in Block 1, in Dawson's Addition; Lots 2, 3, 4, and 5, in Block 1, Kinney's O. Street Addition; Lot 1, in Block 3 in House & Baldwin's Addition and Lot 11 in Block 3 in Orchard's Subdivision, all

in the city of Lincoln in said county, which real estate is liable to be sold for the payment of the debts of said estate and costs;

That certified copies of the appointment of said administrator and of his bond have been filed with said petition in this court; and it appearing that it is necessary to sell the said real estate, or so much thereof as may be sufficient for the payment of such debts; thereupon it is ordered that all persons interested in said estate appear before the undersigned Albert J. Cornish, Judge of said District court of Lancaster county, Nebraska, at my chambers in the court house in the city of Lincoln in said county, on the 26th day of March, 1904, at 10 o'clock a. m., to show cause why a license should not be granted to said administrator to sell so much of said real estate as shall be necessary to pay such debts.

It is further ordered that a copy of this order shall be published four successive weeks in the Nebraska Independent, a weekly newspaper published in said county, according to law.  
Dated February 11, 1904.

ALBERT J. CORNISH,  
District Judge.

**Sam'l B. Hanis, Attorney**

In the District Court of Lancaster county, Nebraska, in the matter of the estate of Catherine Clark, deceased.

**NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE**

Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of an order and license of Hon. Edward P. Holmes, Judge of the District court of Lancaster county Nebraska, made and issued on the first day of February, A. D. 1904, for the sale of the real estate described as lot nine (9) in block twenty-three (23) in South Lincoln, Lancaster county, Nebraska, there will be sold at the east door of the court house in Lincoln, Lancaster county, Nebraska, on the 8th day of March A. D. 1904, at 2 o'clock p. m. of said day at public vendue the real estate described as lot nine (9) in block twenty-three (23) in South Lincoln, Lancaster county, Nebraska, according to the recorded plat thereof being an addition to the city of Lincoln Lancaster county, Nebraska, said sale to be on the following terms to-wit: to the highest bidder for cash subject to all liens and incumbrances.  
Said sale will remain open one hour.  
Dated February 16th, 1904.

P. JAMES COSGRAVE,  
Administrator of the estate of Catherine Clark, deceased.

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