

their convictions, who place principle above party, and their home and the welfare of their posterity above regularity. It augurs well for the future. Let us stand by our guns for the enemy is on the run.

J. H. CRONK.

Ord, Neb.

Gulp Down Everything

Editor Independent: I enclose you a clipping taken from the Nebraska City News. I thank Mr. Charley Hubner for his invitation to come into the democratic party. He has been endeavoring for the past five years to destroy the populist party. It seems he can gulp down anything labeled democratic—Wall street and all. I appreciate reading The Independent. It contained many good letters last week, although I did not get my paper until Monday. I trust you had a pleasant day on Thanksgiving. I find about a hundred populists in Otoe county voted for Roosevelt electors, which is a shame.

TOM KNOX.

Bennett, Neb.

They Were All Mouth

Editor Independent: I am glad to see such a large majority of populists, who have so far given expression to their views, favor a clear cut, straight populist fight from now on. What may the people expect in the way of reform from the democratic party even if co-operation or fusion with that party would place it in power? I believe Mr. Bryan to be honest and sincere in working for true democratic principles and if elected president would stand firmly by the people's interests, but what about the leadership of that party in the different states? Have they shown themselves to be men of conviction? Have not many of them

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139 So. 13th St. LINCOLN, NEB.

Legal Notice

LeBarre & Muenster a partnership, and Conrad Boden will take notice that on the 29th day of November 1904, W. T. Stevens a Justice of the peace of the City of Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska, issued an order of attachment for the sum of \$90, in an action pending before him wherein Lincoln Storage Company is Plaintiff and LeBarre & Muenster a partnership and Conrad Boden are defendants, that property of the defendants consisting of one lot of stage scenery and appurtenances has been attached under said order. Said cause was continued to the 12th day of January 1905, at 9 o'clock A. M.

LINCOLN STORAGE COMPANY, Plaintiff,
by H. A. Lindly,

proven themselves mere "floaters with the current," ready to accept any platform that gives promise of winning success—office? Going into democratic ranks under such leadership will paralyze the energy of every true, working populist. Surely we have had object lessons sufficient in the past to convince every man. Fusion opens up a way for traders and traffickers for office, but leaves the people helpless and forsaken.

It is not an easy matter to build up a new party national in character, as every wild ideal man who has no standing nor influence elsewhere flocks to every new organization with the hope of gaining leadership. Many of them are all mouth and until they can be shaken off discredit any movement. We have past that stage with the populist party and I sincerely hope that every populist will take hold in earnest and let us build a party that will stand for the people's interest in deed and in truth.

A. C. SHUFORD.

Newton, N. C.

Not Worth Having

Editor Independent: In regard to coalescing with democrats in a reorganization of the democratic party, I am opposed to it. Bryan acted very well in view of such a reorganization of the democratic party under the name democratic, but he does not own the party and his opponents will run it despite all he can do. He and his friends are a large part of the voters of that party, but they can not take the name and after the results of the elections of 1892 to 1904 the name is not worth having as all the sins of the party are piled on the name and the load is like the Dutchman's wine at the sacrament, he could not drink it all, "It is too much." Would be perfectly willing to see a new party organization with new name and would be willing to forego some of our most rabid points, if the Bryan democrats will turn down their demands and make a reasonable platform. The populists did not expect to elect anyone, only to educate and make people think. We adopted some quite rabid sentiments—sentiment far beyond what the people will now, or for some years adopt. If the proposed new party or an old party of reform means to win, it must not advocate a too radical platform and not too many items either, and then be a progressive party and adopt new planks as the people come to the new standard.

C. M. BILLS.

Viroqua, Wis.

Newspaper Gambling

Cincinnati, Ohio, Nov. 27.—At the Vine Street Congregational church, the pastor, Herbert S. Bigelow, discussed that form of gambling which is carried on by many newspapers under the guise of guessing contests. Mr. Bigelow said in part:

One of our church members told me that he was competing for the prizes offered by a Cincinnati paper for the best guess on the election in Ohio and that if he won a big prize, he would give us a handsome donation. This contingency seems sufficiently remote that we need not now decide upon the propriety of accepting such a gift.

It is as remote as a wedding fee I was once promised. After the wedding, the groom explained that he had nothing with which to pay me, but that his wife was expecting a rich inheritance from Europe and that when her ship came in, he would see that I was not forgotten. As he, apparently had staked everything on those prospects, it seemed small in me not to be willing to take the chance. At any rate, since the ceremony had been performed, I agreed to the terms.

The essence of gambling is this. A man risks something, in the hope of gaining more at the expense of another. The objection to gambling is two-fold. It is likely to develop into an uncontrollable vice. Moreover, it is a selfish thing in that those who gamble have no hope of gain save by the misfortune of others.

Take the newspaper guessing contests. There are three reasons why a self-respecting man ought not to participate in them.

1. The vulture spirits that exploit the public with these schemes will find no lack of carrion, but a self-respecting man will take some satisfaction that he has not contributed to the success of the swindle.

2. Whoever takes part in the contest must contribute to the prize money,

3. DON'T LOSE MONEY from neglect in keeping accounts of your dealings. Get THE HANDY POCKET ACCOUNT BOOK. It shows you how in business form. Firmly, nicely bound, pocket and flap. 36c postpaid, M. O. or 2c stamps. F. O. Johnson, Pub., Marion, Iowa. Makes splendid gift for a gentleman.

Any Rheumatic Sufferer may have a full dollar's worth of my remedy free.

I searched the whole earth for a specific for Rheumatism—something that I or any physician could feel safe in prescribing—something that we could count on not only occasionally, but ALWAYS. For the ravages of rheumatism are everywhere and genuine relief is rare. After twenty years of search and experiment I learned of the chemical I now employ. And I knew then that my search and my efforts were well rewarded. For this chemical gave me the basis of a remedy which in the cure of Rheumatism is practically certain.

I don't mean that Dr. Shoop's Rheumatic Cure can turn bony joints into flesh again—that is impossible. But it will drive from the blood the poison that causes pain and swelling and then that is the end of the pain and swelling—the end of the suffering—the end of Rheumatism. I am willing that you should prove my claims at my expense. I will gladly give you a full dollar package of Dr. Shoop's Rheumatic remedy to try. For I know that you and your neighbors and friends will by your good wishes and your good words, more than repay my initial loss.

You pay nothing—you prove nothing you risk nothing—you deposit nothing

Crystalized Poison!

You know that hard water leaves a deposit of lime in the bottom of the tea-kettle in which it boils and soft water does not. That is because soft water is filtered and contains no lime, while hard water is not filtered and is full of it.

You can imagine that if that deposit were to settle in the joint of your knee it would be extremely painful. And if the deposit grew you could finally no longer endure the torture of walking.

Yet that is the very way that Rheumatism begins and ends. Except that the deposit which forms is not lime but crystalized poison!

For your blood is always full of poison—the poison you eat and drink and breathe into your system. It is the purpose of the blood to absorb and carry on this very poison. And the kidneys which are the blood filters, are expected to cleanse the blood and send it back through the system clean to gather more poison which they, in turn, will eliminate.

But sometimes the kidneys fail. And sometimes from some other cause the blood gets so full of poison that they cannot absorb it all. This is the start of Rheumatism. The poison accumulates and crystalizes. The blood carries the crystals and they increase in size. Then, when it can carry them no longer, it deposits them in a joint—on a bone—anywhere.

The twinge in your leg—the dull ache in your arm on a rainy day—these are the outward signs of the unseen crystals. And the twinge in limbs and unspeakable anguish of the sufferer who has allowed his symptoms to go unheeded and unattended for years—these are the evidences of what Rheumatism, neglected, can do.

Rheumatism includes lumbago, sciatica, neuralgia, gout—or all these are the results of rheumatic poison in the blood.

Plainly, the first thing to do is to remove the poison. But this is not enough. The formation of the poison must be stopped, so that nature may have a chance to dissolve and eliminate the crystals, which have already formed. Unless this is done there can be no cure—no permanent relief.

A Certain Cure!

I spent twenty years in experimenting before I felt satisfied that I had a certain remedy for this dread disease—a remedy which would not only clean out the poison, but one which would stop its formation.

The secret lay in a wonderful chemical I found in Germany. When I found this chemical I knew that I could make a Rheumatic cure that would be practically certain. But even then before I made an announcement—before I was willing to put my name on it—I made more than 2,000 tests. And my failures were but 2 per cent.

This German chemical is not the only ingredient I use in Dr. Shoop's Rheumatic Cure—but it made the remedy possible—made possible an achievement which I doubt not could have been made in no other way.

This chemical was very expensive. The duty, too was high. In all it cost me \$4.90 per pound. But what is \$4.90 per pound for a REAL remedy for the world's most painful disease?—for a REAL relief from the greatest torture human beings know.

But I do not ask you to take a single statement of mine—I do not ask you to believe a word I say until you have tried my medicine in your own home at my expense absolutely. Could I offer you a full dollar's worth free if there were any misrepresentation? Would I do this if I were not straightforward in my every claim? Could I AFFORD to do it if I were not SURE that my medicine will help you?

Simply Write Me

The offer is open to everyone, everywhere. But you must write ME for the free dollar bottle order. All druggists do not grant the test. I will then direct you to one that does. He will pass it down to you from his stock as freely as though your dollar laid before him. Write for the order today. Address Dr. Shoop, Box 8940 Racine, Wis. I will send you my book on Rheumatism beside. It is free. It will help you to understand your case. What more can I do to convince you of my interest—of my sincerity?

Dr. Shoop's Rheumatic Remedy

though it is almost a certainty that he will get none of it. Those who do win will probably spend their money in riotous living, or have their heads turned by unearned riches; and it would be humiliating to know that one's own money had gone to swell the head and spread the feathers of such as these.

3. Finally, think of the people who live in comparative poverty and who grasp at these chances like drowning men at straws; who attack their savings, who mortgage their future wages, who pawn their keepsakes that they may buy chances. A pawnbroker told me that the Cincinnati Enquirer guessing contest increased his business two thousand dollars a year. The people fly into this game like moths into a flame. When it is over, they come down to earth with a thud. Whoever enters one of these contests says by his conduct: "I am something of both fool and knave." He becomes the patron of a scheme which subjects the weak and the thoughtless to temptation in the vain but vicious hope of reaping a fortune out of their folly.

It is well to pay for what one gets and to hope for nothing which one can not earn. If honest industry does not bring satisfactory rewards, and it does not, it is better to aid the social progress which will prove a blessing to all than to be consumed with the gambler's ambition to win a game which of necessity means somebody's loss.

Wants the Tried and True

Editor Independent: I see you are asking for a referendum vote and have "prepared a ballot" that can only partly express the sentiments of a populist who has always fought against fusion. You place before us an alternative (in the ballot) to maintain a non-fusion organization, or marry the Bryan organization in order to reform or capture it.

Let us reflect. Suppose we maintain a non-fusion organization. Suppose the Bryanites realizing this determine to fight fire with fire, and so seek to capture our organization by joining us; and after Bryan has sufficiently cleansed himself by washing in the Esopus bath house, he comes to us and says, "I will join the populist party if you will nominate me in 1908,"

and his followers being in our organization back up his motion. What then will become of our noble and brave Thomas Watson and his grand old running mate? Your ballot does not provide for that. Prepare your ballot with a clause something like this: The people's party should maintain a non-fusion organization, should pledge that organization to the support of Watson and Tibbles (if living) in 1908, and should never nominate any person for any office who has not identified himself with our party for at least two presidential campaigns.

After such a clause I can conscientiously put my X and back it up from now till election in 1908.

—Chairman Burt County, Nebraska
Central Committee.
Lyons, Neb.

Build on Right Foundation

Editor Independent: I herewith enclose my people's party referendum ballot. Great God of the eternal ages, is it possible that any man who does not want government by the people to perish from the earth, will ever forget the lessons furnished by the co-operation of the last eight years and the result of such co-operation as shown by the returns of the late election? Co-operation! Perish the thought forever. To use the democratic organization as a basis or foundation on which to build a reform party would be the same fool trick of building on the sand only to be swept away by the lightning stroke of a single telegram flashed over the wires by a servant of unlawful trusts. Build upon the Springfield platform and when the political floods come in 1908 all the enemies of good government may beat upon that structure but it will stand, for it will be firmly fixed on the eternal principle of equal opportunities to all and special privileges to no living being. With Watson and Tibbles as leaders in the great reform movement and the Springfield platform on which to assemble the millions who are sure to follow their lead and the result can be nothing less than victory in 1908.

With Bryan and co-operation defeat is here already. Here is \$1.00, continue The Independent to my address.

N. R. REYNOLDS.
Luverne, Minn.