

BACK HOME AGAIN

One Battle in the Open, Satisfied With the Result and Fuller of Fight Than Ever

Editor Independent: I have been so highly gratified at reading the self-congratulating letters from the brethren all over the country that I have kept still, though it has required an effort to do so. For eight years before the Springfield convention I was, after helping in building up the republican and greenback parties, a homeless man, politically, but since the 4th of July, 1904, we feel that we have a political home. For eight years we camped out giving the vandals possession of our dear old home. Many times we would go back to the old home and seeing so many things familiar and dear, would in our eagerness to enter grasp the latch-string, when hearing so many discordant voices within, would stop and say "there's some mistake." This is not my dear old home, and back to my tent in the woods I would go, and perforce had to be content there with an occasional visitor such as The Independent and a few others. But thank the Lord, on the 4th of July, 1904, we marshalled our forces and drove the vandals out. Since that day we have been cleaning, repairing and fumigating the old house. And it's been a hard and nasty job. Many a sad scar they made and car loads of filth they left, but we think it is now in fairly good repair. We have driven the vandals out and fought with them one battle in the open and we are satisfied with the result. Now let's keep them on the run. Our captains have shown that they are true men and capable of leading. Our scattered armies are assembling and eager for a fight. And now boys, be stalwart, young, strong and brave, keep in the middle of the road.

Carry the Omaha and Springfield platform in your pockets, and when you find a reasonable kind of a man invite him to join your army. Does he doubt the propriety? Read him your platform of principles and kindly ask him to point out to you his objections. Have him compare your principles with those of his party. Have a social talk with him, and ten to one he will be convinced and converted too. Should you meet the incorrigible that knows nothing of principles of any parts, but clings to the name only, why, brush him away and waste no ammunition on him. Should you meet the other fellow who will fight, give him battle. Tell him to "lay on, McDuff, and damned be he who first cries Hold! Enough!" As for this old white-haired veteran who has grown gray (and poor, too,) in the service, as have many others, we will follow with our shot guns and mayhap pick off a few of the enemy. We are as full of fight for the right as ever we were, but we are sadly crippled by 78 years fighting. Too much so for active campaigning. However, we will do all we can. There are many things to discourage. The worst of all is the desertion of our trusted leaders. But we know we are right and we believe the right will prevail notwithstanding. Ah! Weaver. Ah! Bryan. Down on your knees worshipping the golden calf, after denouncing the practice as the most foolish paganism. But never mind that, boys, again we say, "Go ahead and keep in the middle of the road." As Uncle Solon used to say, "The greenback road's like the road to heaven," straight ahead. J. D. TUCKER, Valparaiso, Ind.

That Title Page

Some time ago a paper covered book, without a title page, came to The Independent. A short notice of the book was given and now the author sends the title page. That title page sets forth some fundamental principles that are worth noting, so it is printed in full. It is as follows:

"A mighty contrast in facts: Average wages in 1850, \$300 per year; largest income in 1850, \$25,000 per year. Average wages in 1904, \$500 per year; largest income in 1904, \$35,000,000 per year. (All cashed or redeemed in labor's products.)

"Labor must war against Monopolistic privilege instead of productive capital, and with the 'open shop' demand 'open opportunities' in natural resources and communal privileges in order to equalize this terribly unequal distribution of material progress."

Wants Both Sides.

Editor Independent: May I say just a few words through your paper. That populists are getting stirred up is evidenced by the numerous letters that appear in your paper. And let me add that you do much good by opening the columns of your paper to the public and giving both sides of the question an equal show. A large majority of the papers are doing much harm by refusing to give all parties an equal show. The article, "Packers and Railroads Are Twin Thieves," has much good common sense. Being, as the world terms us, a buckwheat farmer, I enjoyed the article very much. But when I read Colonel Felter's article I could see a vast difference in the two men, and I must confess that I was more favorably impressed with the farmer than the colonel, yet some of his ideas are all right. Just what the colonel means by not worshipping at any man's shrine I can't say. If he means the attitude of populists toward Brother Watson, then I call him too narrow-minded to be of much account in this world. Can not a man have respect for another man without worshipping at his shrine? To my mind Tom Watson stands for all the principles that are necessary to run this great government and run it to the betterment of the masses, and he has the courage to stand before the world, boldly as the standard bearer of true Jeffersonians and democratic principles, and for one, I am willing to take off my hat, give three cheers for such a man, for they are few and far between. This waiting until a convention names a man is all wrong, as for proof, remember St. Louis and 1904. When such a man as Tom Watson can be found in advance the public will do well to tie to such a man. I am a democrat and am asking my friends to worship at the Watson shrine, in spite of the colonel's unwillingness to do so. FRANK E. NICHOLS, Brentwood, N. Y.

The Real Source Of Power.

The following is from a speech by Richard Cobden delivered in the British house of parliament, and it contains a lesson for the people of the United States these many years afterward:

"We ought to view this question in the way the United States has done. The foreign policy of the United States is a lesson to this country. They never arm themselves to the teeth; they never put out their whole strength; they calculate that foreign countries will give them credit for the strength which they have lying latent. The policy of this country is quite the reverse. We seem to think that foreign nations never give us credit for power, unless we display it by having a large number of line-of-battle ships afloat.

"Increase the prosperity and happiness of the people by a reduction of taxation, and they will add to their power quite as much as if they maintain large armies and powerful fleets. Money is the sinews of war; and those nations that are encumbered by an armed force, as is the case at this moment with Austria and France, are in a position to be bullied by a country that has not the tenth part of the force in ships and regiments, but which has an easy exchequer with a wide margin for expenditure, and which is capable of drawing upon its latent resources."

About a Pass.

A pass may be given as a courtesy, but some of the judges think that they have earned them by favors to the railroads. That is made very clear by the letter of thanks that Judge John Cooke of Colorado wrote when he received his. The letter is as follows:

"Denver, Colo., June 16, 1904.—State of Colorado, Supreme Court Chambers.—My Dear Sir: I thank you most sincerely for your favor. I asked Mr. Rogers to speak to you, because he knew better than anyone else what I had done for the railroad attorneys, and stand ready to do whenever I can. I hope to be able to prove my appreciation of this favor. Yours very truly, JOHN B. COOKE." "C. C. Dorsey, Esq."

Gen Corbin Spreads Himself.

A Manila dispatch of the 21st says: "Major General Corbin, military commander of the Philippines, lavishly entertained a large number of guests at a lawn fete today." These sort of dispatches have been rather frequent since Corbin went to the Philippines. He is re-establishing the old Spanish scenes of display, to duly impress the natives with his greatness.

BIG MONEY IN OIL

The development of the Kansas oil fields is offering greater opportunities for fortune making than any discoveries in this country for many years. There is nothing so profitable as oil producing wells. When once they are sunk to the proper depth and the pumps installed there is practically no maintenance expense. One man can attend to one or more engines pumping ten or a dozen wells, yielding anywhere from 25 to 150 barrels of crude oil each per day. With the market as low as 75 cents to a dollar a barrel it is easy to calculate the enormous profits. In a well selected location there is but little risk or danger from failure to find oil. Very few wells are put down in the oil region in Kansas that do not strike oil in paying quantities. Some pay much greater than others, but on the whole the undertaking is as safe as most other business ventures. Kansas is thoroughly awake to the value of this great industry and has taken all the necessary steps to protect the crude oil industry and insure tremendous profits for the holders of oil lands in the oil regions.

The Kansas legislature has passed an act which has been approved by the governor appropriating \$410,000 to establish and operate a state oil refinery at Peru with a minimum capacity of 2,000 barrels of refined oil per day. Other legislation has been passed and approved, all calculated to protect and encourage the great oil producing industry of Kansas.

Fortunes have been made there in the oil business in the past but the opportunities now, given for money making are incomparably better than ever before. The Peru district produces the best quality and the greatest quantity of petroleum oil of any district in Kansas, and that this is true is conclusively established by the action of the Kansas people in establishing their

great state oil refinery at Peru. able surroundings.

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However, in commending this stock as a speculative investment to those of its readers who are looking for something of the kind The Independent can not guarantee a producing oil well. It will guarantee that the money received from the sale of the stock will be honestly and judiciously expended for drilling the well and for the production of oil if it is under the land described. The speculator who asks a greater guarantee will usually fall into the hands of some fake promoter who will promise anything necessary to make the sale and then disappear from sight forever.

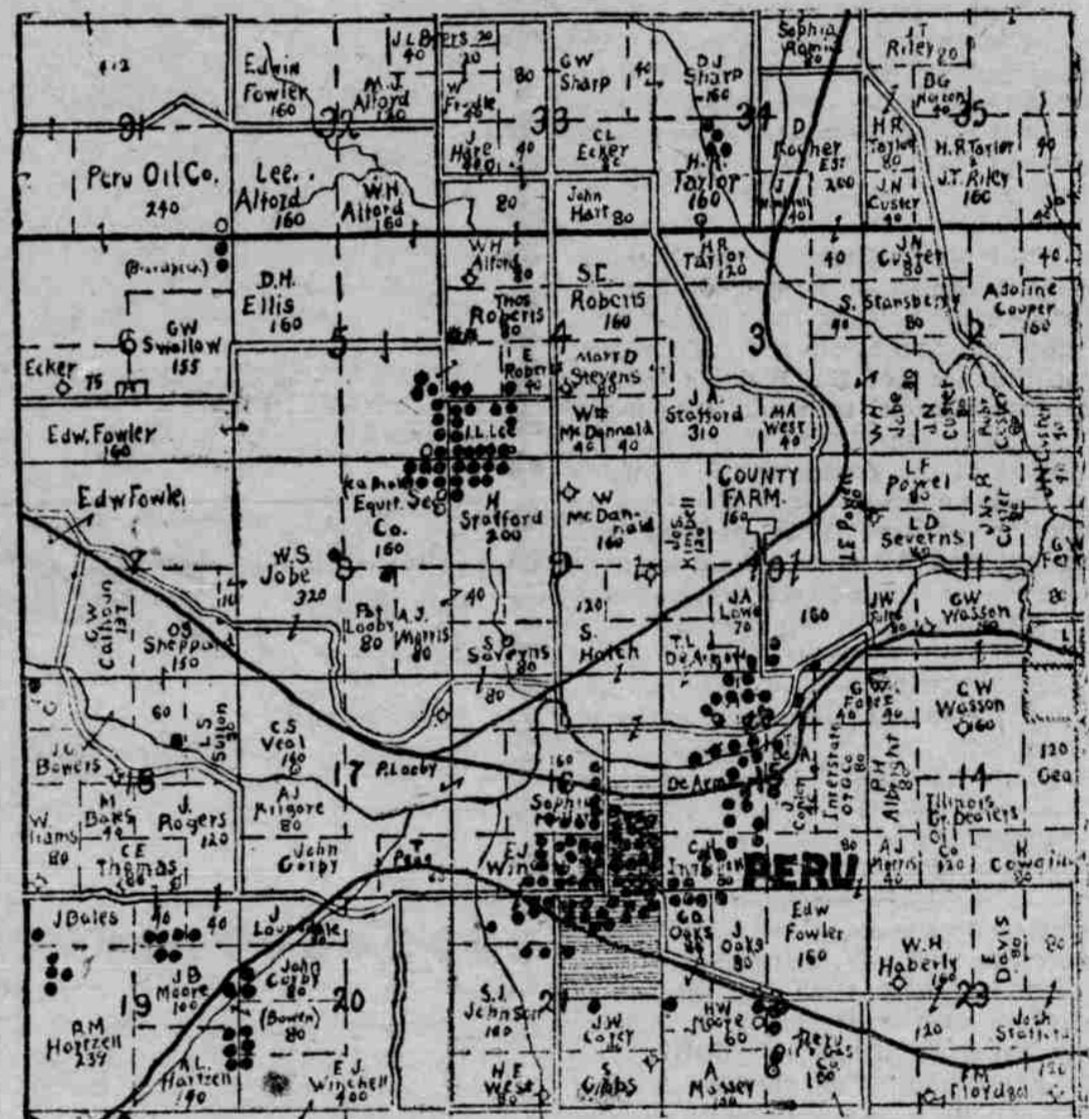
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