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Governor Roosevelt Removes the Cover From the Haggard and Deceitful Face of Fusion.

A Fierce and Forceful Fire on the Fallacy of Bryanism by America's Soldier-Statesman.

Quotes General Lawton in Saying That the Blood of American Soldiers is On the Hands of American Sympathizers of Aguinaldo.

Speaking to the National League of Republican clubs in session at St. Paul, Governor Roosevelt gave utterance to some things which in a large degree show the true character of the man. He said: "A politician who isn't honest, no matter how able or smart he is, is a curse to the community. Don't let any man delude you by trying to convince you that he can help you by being a little dishonest on your side. He will desert you when the crisis comes."

"I have met here today a few men from my old stamping grounds in the Dakotas and Montana, where I used to be a delegate to the cattle conventions. There are a few of my fellow delegates here tonight. I was then in the cow business myself. Out there the cow puncher and the branding iron took the place of the fence. We used to brand the calves every year, and if a calf was passed over it became a maverick. It was the rule in those days that a maverick when found might be branded with the brand of the ranch on which it was found."

"And one day I was riding over the ranch with a cow puncher and we came across a maverick. It was on the Thistle brand ranch. The cow puncher roped and tied the maverick and we got off to put a brand on it. I remember that I took off the cinch iron to help put on the brand. And I said to the cow puncher: 'Remember, it is the Thistle brand.' He grinned and said he knew his business. But I saw he was putting on my brand. 'Hold on there,' I said, 'you are putting on my brand.' 'I always put on my boss' brand,' he replied. I said to him: 'You can go to the ranch and get your time. If you will steal for me, you will steal from me.'"

"And that applies in politics as well as in the cow business. You have got to have honesty first, and you have got to have courage with it. I have mighty little use for the honest, timid man, the man who takes out his honesty in his own parlor, but who can't trust himself with it out in the world to do his work among his fellows. He may be very nice and pleasant, but he is no use."

"But no matter how honest and brave a man may be, if he is a natural born fool you can't do anything with him. He must have the

Saving Grace of Common Sense. Honesty, courage and common sense are needed in public life just as they are needed in private life. And it is because I believe that associations like this league, made for the elementary necessities of political life that I take such pleasure in addressing you tonight.

"I do not address you as a Republican addressing Republicans, but as an American addressing his fellow Americans, urging them to stand for honesty and the honor of the flag. We have come here to begin the work of a campaign more vital to American interests than any that has taken place since the close of the civil war. We appeal not only to Republicans, but to all good citizens that are Americans in fact as well as in name, to help us in re-electing President McKinley. It was indeed of infinite importance to elect him four years ago. Yet the need is even greater now. Every reason which was obtained in his favor obtains now, any more more have been added. Four years ago the success of the Populist-Democracy would have meant fearful misery, fearful disaster at home; it would have meant the shame that is worse even than misery and disaster. Today it would mean all this, and in addition the unmeasurable disgrace of abandoning the proud position we have taken, of flinching from the great work we have begun."

"We ask support for President McKinley because of what he has actually done, of what he now stands for and typifies, and because of the marvelous work that has been accomplished under his administration. We ask the support of all upright citizens because against him are arrayed

The Forces of Chaotic Evil; because of the brooding menace to our moral and industrial welfare which is implied in the present attitude and purpose of the Populist-Democracy.

"We know definitely what we believe and we say it outright.

"Our opponents, who represent all the forces of discontent, malice and envy, formed and formless, vague and concrete, can hardly be said to know what they really do believe, because the principles they profess, if put forth nakedly, are so revolting, even to their own followers, that they like at least to try to wrap the mantle of hypocrisy around them. They rant about trusts, but they have nothing practical to advance in the way of remedy.

"Nor is this to be wondered at, when one of the makers of their platform, the representative from New York, and the leader of that organization in New

York, are both themselves among the most prominent stockholders in the worst trust to be found today in the United States—the ice trust, which has justly exposed itself to the criticism which our opponents often unjustly apply to every form of industrial effort.

"We now come to the Philippines and to the general question of expansion. Many of the positions taken by the Populist-Democracy at the moment are so palpably dishonest and maintained in such palpable bad faith that to state them is sufficient. It is hardly necessary to discuss what they say about 'the constitution following the flag.' The Democratic party never championed 'the doctrine thus set forth save in the dark days, when it had become the

Handmaiden of Slavery and rebellion, and danced to any tune which the apostles of slavery chose to pipe. When, under Jefferson, the great West beyond the Mississippi was acquired, when, largely through the instrumentality of Jackson, Florida was added to the Union, the new provinces, with their Indian populations, were governed precisely and exactly on the theory under which the Philippines are now governed. President Jefferson secured the Louisiana purchase just as President McKinley secured the Philippines and Andrew Jackson warred against the Seminoles when we had acquired Florida from Spain, precisely as General MacArthur is now warring against the bandits among the Tagals in Luzon. Unless we are willing to deprive Jefferson and Jackson of the meed of honor which has been held to be peculiarly theirs, we cannot deny the same high praise to President McKinley. At Kansas City, the men engaged in preaching the gospel of dishonor and repudiation solemnly asserted that 'imperialism abroad will lead quickly and inevitably to despotism at home.' You men of Minnesota and the Dakotas who are here this evening can appreciate the fatuousness of that statement by the simple process of thinking whether your liberties have been abridged by the return of the Minnesota and Dakota troops who won such honor for themselves in the Philippines. There are geometrical propositions so essentially absurd that mathematicians hold their mere statement to be equivalent to their refutation. So it is with this proposition. If it were worth while I would point out its dishonesty and insincerity. But flagrant though these are, its absurdity is so much more flagrant that nothing need be said.

"So it is with their cant about militarism and 'intimidation and oppression at home' as following what they are pleased to call 'conquest abroad.' We cannot argue with them on this proposition, because no serious man thinks for one moment that they believe what they assert. During the great civil war there were many preachers of the gospel of disloyalty among the so-called copperheads of the north, and these men, like their representatives among our opponents today, prophesied the subdivision of the country when the great armies of Grant and Sherman should come back from the war; but the great armies of Grant and Sherman returned to civil life and were swallowed up among their fellow citizens without a ripple. A considerable army was kept for a year or two on the Indian frontier and in some of the southern states, but it never entered the head of a human being to attempt what

The Copperhead Prophets of disaster had frantically foretold. In '98 and '99 you yourselves saw regiments and brigades and divisions return from Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines, to be disbanded and swallowed up in the mass of the people, if volunteers, and if regulars to assume their ordinary work in fort and cantonment, and after greeting them on the day they returned the bulk of the people would never have been able to tell, except by the newspapers, whether they had come back or not.

"Of all idle chatter the talk of the danger of militarism is the idlest. The army we have now is, relatively to the population of the country, less in size than it has been again and again during the last century and a quarter, in times when we had only our own Indians to guard against. In Washington's administration Gen. Wayne spent some three years in Ohio warring against the Tagals of that day, with an army under him larger in proportion to the then population of the nation than all our present national forces, regulars and volunteers combined, and there is just as little danger from the evils of militarism now as there was then. It is as utter folly to talk of our liberties as menaced by the existence of a force capable of keeping order in our only possessions as it would have been to talk of their being menaced in the seventies by the soldiers who followed Custer and his fellows against Comanche, Apache and Sioux.

"I would ask those who by their words have encouraged the warfare of the Filipinos against us to recall the letter of General Lawton, written just before his death, in which he pointed out that the blood of his soldiers rested on the hands of the men at home who encouraged

Our Foes Abroad. "Some years ago when certain easterners were clamoring in the name of humanity against the army officers who warred to protect the western settlers from the Indians, General Sheridan wrote: 'I do not know how far these humanitarians should be excused on account of their ignorance, but surely it is the only excuse that can give a shadow of justification for aiding and abetting such horrid crimes.'"

"The scheming politicians at Kansas City have no even the excuse of ignorance when they incite the insurgents to fresh warfare against our soldiers with the base hope that thereby they may further their own political advancement."

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Story of a Slave. To be bound hand and foot for years by the chains of disease is the worst form of slavery. Geo. D. Williams of Manchester, Mich., says: "My wife has been so helpless for years that she could not turn over in bed alone. After using two bottles of Electric Bitters she is wonderfully improved and able to do her own work." This supreme remedy for female diseases quickly cures nervousness, sleeplessness, melancholy, headache, backache, fainting and dizzy spells. It is a godsend to weak, sickly run-down people. Cure guaranteed. Only 50c. Sold by McConnell & Berry, druggists.

The papers are telling of a New York woman who lassoed a rattlesnake while out berrying. This is but a hint of the nature of the stories we may expect during the western political campaign.

"Through the months of June and July our baby was teething and took a running off of the bowels and sickness of the stomach," says O. P. M. Holiday, of Deming, Ind. "His bowels would move from five to eight times a day. I had a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy in the house and gave him four drops in a teaspoonful of water and he got better at once." Sold by McConnell & Berry, druggists.

Prevented a Tragedy. Timely information given Mrs. George Long of New Straitsville, Ohio, saved two lives. A frightful cough had long kept her awake every night. She had tried many remedies and doctors but steadily grew worse until urged to try Dr. King's New Discovery. One bottle wholly cured her, and she writes, "this marvelous medicine also cured Mr. Long of a severe attack of pneumonia. Such cases are positive proof of its power to cure all throat, chest and lung troubles. Only 50c and \$1.00. Guaranteed. Trial bottles free at McConnell & Berry's drug store.

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A Minister's Good Work. "I had a severe attack of bilious colic, got a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, took two doses and was entirely cured," says Rev. A. A. Power, of Emporia, Kans. "My neighbor across the street was sick for over a week, had two or three bottles of medicine from the doctor. He used them for three or four days without relief, then called in another doctor who treated him for some days and gave him no relief, so discharged him. I went over to see him the next morning. He said his bowels were in a terrible fix, that they had been running off so long that it was almost bloody flux. I asked him if he had tried Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy and he said, 'No.' I went home and brought him my bottle and gave him one dose; told him to take another dose in fifteen or twenty minutes if he did not find relief, but he took no more and was entirely cured." For sale by McConnell & Berry, druggists.

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NOTICE OF SALE. In the matter of the estate of Robert Drysdale, deceased. Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of an order of G. W. Norris, judge of the district court of Red Willow county, Nebraska, made on June 30, 1900, for the sale of the real estate hereinafter described, there will be sold at the front door of the court-house, in the city of McCook, Red Willow county, Nebraska, on the 11th day of August, 1900, at the hour of one o'clock p. m., at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, the following described real estate, to-wit: Lot ten in block fifteen in the Original City of McCook; lot twelve in block eleven, in West McCook; and lot four, in block seven, in the Original City of McCook; all in Red Willow county, Nebraska. Said sale will remain open one hour. Dated July 20, 1900. HUGH W. COLE, Administrator de bonis non of the estate of Robert Drysdale, deceased.

SHERIFF'S SALE. By virtue of an order of sale, issued from the district court of Red Willow county, Nebraska, under a decree in an action wherein Phoebe E. Boyd et al. are plaintiffs and Loyal M. Hayes et al. are defendants, to me directed and delivered, I shall offer at public sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash, before the east door of the court-house, in McCook, Red Willow county, Nebraska, on the 20th day of August, 1900, at the hour of one o'clock p. m., the following described real estate, to-wit: The south-west quarter of section thirty-five, in township two north, in range twenty-eight, west of the 6th P. M., in Red Willow county, Nebraska. Dated this 18th day of July, 1900. G. F. KINGHORN, Sheriff. E. M. RATHBUN, Deputy. W. S. MORLAN, Attorney.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. Land Office at McCook, Neb., July 7, 1900. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Register and Receiver at McCook, Nebraska, on Saturday, August 18, 1900, viz: Newberry B. Starks, on H. E. No. 11015 for the N 1/4, SE 1/4, SW 1/4 and SE 1/4 NW 1/4 of Sec. 31, Twp. 2 N., R. 20 W. 6th P. M. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon said land, viz: Austin W. Dutcher, John M. Baldwin, Roxford Simpson, and Wilson H. Hartman, all of McCook, Nebraska. E. M. RATHBUN, Register.

ANNUAL ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES. Be it resolved by the Mayor and Council of the City of McCook, Red Willow county, Nebraska, that the estimate of the probable amount of money to be raised by taxation of the assessable property, both real and personal, within the City of McCook for the year beginning May 2, 1900, is as follows: Salaries of officers other than police, \$ 500 00 Repairs—Streets, alleys and crosswalks, 500 00 Fire Department—Awards and supplies, 200 00 Hydrants, troughs and street sprinkling, 1,500 00 Supplies, rents, claims and elections, 1,800 00 Lighting streets, 1,250 00 Interest on bonds and sinking fund, 1,000 00 Total, \$7,000 00 McCook, Nebraska, July 9, 1900. Attest: J. A. BEYER, Mayor. A. BARNETT, City Clerk.

NOTICE TO FILL OLD WELL. Charles E. Gibson, non-resident. You are hereby notified that there is an old well, uncovered and not in use into which stock may fall and receive injury, situated on the NE 1/4, Sec. 25, T. 4, R. 29, W. 6 P. M., in Nebraska, and complaint of the same has been made to the road overseer of the district in which said land is located. You are hereby notified to fill or cause to be filled with dirt said well from the bottom to the surface as required by law or the same will be filled by said overseer, and the expense thereof taxed to said real estate. Dated July 17, 1900. IRA H. HARRISON, Overseer.

NOTICE TO FILL OLD WELL. Providence Mutual Insurance Co., non-resident. You are hereby notified that there is an old well, uncovered and not in use into which stock may fall and receive injury, situated on the NW 1/4, Sec. 11, T. 4, R. 29, W. 6 P. M., in Nebraska, and complaint of the same has been made to the road overseer of the district in which said land is located. You are hereby notified to fill or cause to be filled with dirt said well from the bottom to the surface as required by law or the same will be filled by said overseer, and the expense thereof taxed to said real estate. Dated July 17, 1900. IRA H. HARRISON, Overseer.

STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION OF THE McCook Co-Operative Building and Savings Association

of McCook, Neb., on the 30th day of June, 1900.

ASSETS.	
First mortgage loans	\$24,640 64
Real estate	4,335 32
Cash	915 20
Delinquent interest and dues	86 26
Tax sale certificates	154 69
Total	\$27,129 21
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid up	\$17,474 69
Reserve fund	1,735 65
Undivided profits	487 19
Matured stock	6,500 00
Other liabilities	931 68
Total	\$27,129 21
RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1900.	
RECEIPTS.	
Balance on hand July 1, 1899	\$ 208 07
Dues	1,735 65
Interest	2,400 07
Loans repaid	2,172 26
Real estate sales	1,112 08
Surpluses	48 49
Total	\$11,896 56
EXPENDITURES.	
Loans	\$ 2,755 00
Expenses	545 92
Stock redeemed	140 77
Cash on hand	212 80
Matured stock	6,500 00
Real estate	68 90
Tax certificates	106 40
Interest on matured stock	663 82
Total	\$11,896 56

State of Nebraska, Red Willow county, ss: I, F. A. Pennell, secretary of the above-named association, do solemnly swear that the foregoing statement of the condition of said association is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. F. A. PENNELL, Secretary.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th day of July, 1900. C. E. ELDRID, Notary Public. W. B. MILLS, E. HANSON, F. M. KIMMELL, Directors.

NOTICE TO FILL OLD WELL. Amelia H. Wells, non-resident. You are hereby notified that there are two old wells, uncovered and not in use into which stock may fall and receive injury, situated on the SW 1/4, Sec. 11, T. 4, R. 29, W. 6 P. M., in Nebraska, and complaint of the same has been made to the road overseer of the district in which said land is located. You are hereby notified to fill or cause to be filled with dirt said wells from the bottom to the surface as required by law or the same will be filled by said overseer, and the expense thereof taxed to said real estate. Dated July 17, 1900. IRA H. HARRISON, Overseer.

NOTICE TO FILL OLD WELL. Ella M. Little, non-resident. You are hereby notified that there is an old well, uncovered and not in use into which stock may fall and receive injury, situated on the NW 1/4, Sec. 25, T. 4, R. 29, W. 6 P. M., in Nebraska, and complaint of the same has been made to the road overseer of the district in which said land is located. You are hereby notified to fill or cause to be filled with dirt said well from the bottom to the surface as required by law or the same will be filled by said overseer, and the expense thereof taxed to said real estate. Dated July 17, 1900. IRA H. HARRISON, Overseer.

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