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Caught At It.

Another Republican fake story has been run down and squelched. Over two months ago just after Andrew E. Lee had been nominated for governor he received a telegram of congratulation signed by almost all the officers of the South Dakota regiment. The message ended with the significant sentence: "May you win."

Shortly afterward the Aberdeen News came out with a long editorial purporting to be an explanation of the telegram referred to. It was claimed that the last sentence was a forgery and was added to the telegram by some Lee partisan after it was signed. As the regiment had already sailed for Manila and it was not expected that they would be heard from for several months and as the war was not ended at that time the fusionists were hardly in a position to deny the statement as they could get no proof to the contrary.

That the story was a pure fake manufactured in this city has been unexpectedly proved after the controversy had been almost forgotten. The correspondent in the regiment of the Sioux Falls Press writes a letter to that paper in which he says that when the South Dakota newspapers arrived at Manila containing the yarn that the soldiers fairly tore their hair with indignation, because they knew it was absolutely untrue.

The facts of the matter are this. The telegram as originally written was without the last sentence and had already been signed by Col. Frost, Lieut. Col. Stover and Major Howard. While the latter had the pen in his hand some one suggested that the message was not strong enough and Major Howard added the words: "May you win." All of the forty-two officers of the regiment signed the telegram then, knowing its contents and fully endorsing them, except Lieut. Col. Stover who scratched out his name because he did not want to commit himself so strongly.

The telegram was signed by Maj. Chas. A. Howard and Lieut. J. Q. A. Braden both of whom were well-known Republicans of this city. That such men should be in favor of the re-election of Andy Lee can only be because they had the opportunity to see the splendid judgment and executive ability which the Governor exercised in mobilizing the troops. There is not the slightest doubt in the world that if Major Howard were in Aberdeen now he would be fighting for the fusion ticket with all the energy that he used to put into the campaign against us.

It is well for the machine ticket that the soldier boys are at Manila instead of in South Dakota because if they were here they would plunk a solid thousand votes in favor of Andy Lee and the fusion ticket.

A Boogie Campaign.

The boogie has arrived. It is in rolls and wads and jingling silver and bank drafts. For several days past the little coterie of schemers who infest the Republican headquarters in this city seem to have been highly elated at something and those who are on the inside say it is at the prospect of handling these self same rolls.

With everything tending against them, with converts coming over to our side every day, it is unreasonable to expect that the Republican heeled should have the slightest hopes of carrying the county of Brown and yet they profess to have. Their courage is fictitious and their confidence is born from the hope that by the free and unlimited use of money they can overturn the normal majority against them in this county.

Their central committee is making a new poll of the county. It consists of a little book containing the names of every voter in the county whom they consider purchasable. Money is being placed in the hands of heeled who are instructed to get after these people.

Such a campaign is a dangerous one to fight. The side has no hope of drawing from but it has right in its favor. The tactics of the opposition should arouse every friend of honest government to fight as he never fought before to try and offset the votes which the other side shall corruptly obtain.

If we are to win this victory every man who favors Andy Lee and honest government should take off his coat and work for the ticket from now until election day. Personalities should be thrown aside and buried for the sake of the cause of justice.

We believe we will carry Brown county for the straight ticket. Our confidence comes from the trust we repose in the people. We believe that the majority of the voters can neither be bought, bullied or cajoled into voting for the trusts and railroads and their tools. Our people have been tried time and again and have stood faithfully by their convictions. The Republicans bought many two years ago but at that time they got nearly all who were purchasable and we do not fear for the remainder.

Outrageous Abuse.

The opposition talk about conducting a clean campaign and yet they indulge in the most outrageous abuse of the fusion candidates. Nearly all the Republican weeklies throughout the state are sending out stereotyped supplements paid for by the railroad ring and headed in big black letters as follows: "Honest Andy Lee's evil record; a record which shows that Governor Lee was a professional lobbyist, bribed members of the legislature, corruptly vetoed good bills, knowingly appointed corrupt men, dropped prosecutions to save his friends, protected swindling, shared in steals, stood by defaulters and freely violated the laws, tried to repudiate state bonds, traded with the railroads, diverted public salaries to his own use, slandered military heroes, sponged on the treasury and turned out old soldiers to provide at state expense fine quarters for his family."

If Governor Lee has not a much better case of libel against the papers which send out this sheet than Governor Sheldon had against W. E. Kidd the time he was put in jail we miss our guess very much. The editors who send out this rot know that if Lee was guilty of all these high crimes and misdemeanors that he would be in the penitentiary instead of the governor's chair.

Such methods of campaigning are enough to disgust decent people with politics and especially with machine politics. Every voter in the state knows that all these charges are mere bosh and the majority of them will show what they think of them by re-electing him by an increased vote.

Local Prosperity.

Some people wonder why it is that with the splendid railroad facilities Aberdeen has that it does not do more wholesale business. The reason is very plain, it is simply because the local freight rates within the state are so exorbitant that wholesalers cannot ship goods into the state and then again from this point to their local customers and compete with Minneapolis and Chicago houses. The local rates eat up the profit.

Vote the fusion ticket this fall and you are voting to double the size of Aberdeen and double the value of its property.

Every vote cast in Aberdeen for the Republican ticket is a vote to deteriorate the value of the voters' property and is a vote to drive our most enterprising business from our midst as others have been driven out before.

Every laboring man in Aberdeen who votes the Republican ticket votes to reduce his chances for obtaining employment while he remains here.

If you want local prosperity vote the fusion ticket. If you want state prosperity in South Dakota vote the fusion ticket but if you want the prosperity all to go to Minneapolis and Chicago vote the Republican ticket.

A Bad Break.

Kirk Phillips made a bad break when he publicly accused Freeman Knowles in his speech at Warner of having unpaid personal taxes against him on the treasurer's books of Lawrence county. He was quickly caught in the falsehood as a letter from the treasurer of Lawrence county says that all personal taxes

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GOOD CLOTHING VALUES FOR MEN AND BOYS.

Men's fancy mix, Union Cashimere Suits, our price \$5; well worth \$7.50.

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Nobby Suits for Boys—two piece, double breasted, knee pants style—ages 7 to 15. A very elaborate assortment, comprising many exclusive designs—all wool Canadian Kerseys in new fall shades and patterns at \$3.50, positively worth \$4.50. We have, however, numerous styles of knee pant Suits which we sell at \$1.50, \$2, \$2.50 and \$2.95 which are fine values.

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Five dozen Men's Derby and Fedora Hats, the correct styles and colors, all sizes, extra quality, at \$1.50, worth fully \$2.00.

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We have also extra values in 75c, \$1 and \$1.50 underwear. Buying all our underwear direct from the mill we save you the middle-man's profit.

Strauss pays strict attention to the Clothing business and has had many years of experience and knows how and where to buy good clothes. Our Men's Suits from \$5 to \$10 and our Boys' Suits from \$4 to \$7 have been carefully selected and you will find them the best wearing goods for the money to be found in the city of Aberdeen. Make it a point to buy your Suits and Overcoats at the

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on Mr. Knowles property are paid and that the 1897 tax was paid in July. Mr. Phillips may have had a small foundation for his yarn because before his election to congress Mr. Knowles was a poor man and had to struggle with hard times for years and it is likely that there were times when his taxes were delinquent just as there are with thousands of farmers and laboring men all over the state. When he was elected to congress and received a salary which enabled him to do so he used the money to pay up his old debts and delinquent taxes and the people honor him for it and will pay little attention to such silly arguments as were advanced by the would be governor of the state.

Go After the Stuff.

No man should vote or work for the Republican ticket in this county unless he gets paid for it in good hard coin. The Republican gang have railroad boodie and plenty of it and they are giving it out every day into the hands of doubtfuls to bet and to spend.

There are some men who are working hard for the Republican ticket because it represents their honest but mistaken convictions. There is no reason why these men should work for nothing while others who do not work for convictions are receiving cash.

It is not dishonorable for a man who works for the Republican ticket, believing it to be right, to accept money for his services and when the treasury of the party is overflowing it is proper that he should receive pay.

Get after the stuff boys. It is going every day into the hands of gamblers, saloon keepers and ward heeled and you are just as well entitled to a share as anyone else.

Keep this in your memory when you go to the polls on election day: The debt of the state increased over six hundred thousand dollars in seven years under the administration of Gov. Mellette and Gov. Sheldon, and in 18 months under the business-like administration of Gov. A. E. Lee, the debt of the state has been reduced \$377,000. You overburdened Republican tax-payer please remember this before casting your vote in November. Besides this enormous debt wiped out, Gov. Lee has fought the boodie gang until the state tax levy has been reduced .25 per cent. If you want to be robbed some more, vote the Republican ticket. If you want to pay less taxes and have them honestly spent, vote for Andrew E. Lee and the ticket he heads.—Bangor News.

If Kirk Phillips is elected governor his position on the liquor question will be one that will be satisfactory neither to the temperance element or the saloon men. He is a druggist who operates a place in Deadwood where liquor is peddled out in quantities without the city or state being enriched a cent for license money. His personal interests will incline him to oppose both high license and prohibition laws. Whatever will tend to encourage drug store blind pigging will suit him.

Voters must remember in casting their ballots this fall that an X must be placed before every man they desire to vote for. An X at the top of a ticket does not vote for anyone and will not be counted.

Vote for honest John Mason and Charlie Smith and the fusion legislative ticket and you are voting safely. The corporations cannot use any of these men and that is why they are fighting them so hard.

The C. M. & St. P. railroad from Aberdeen to Frederick and the C. & N. W. railroad from Huron to Hecla are assessed at a valuation of \$2400 a mile. On the other side of the state line in North Dakota the same lines are assessed at \$5000 a mile. Andy Lee voted to raise the assessment of railroads in South Dakota to the latter figure and Kirk Phillips voted against it. Which man do you think will be the best to look after your interests if seated in the governor's chair?

Republicans say that even if Phillips did take interest on state funds deposited with banks that he will pay it into the treasury all right. Under which circumstances do you think it is most likely that he will pay it into the treasury, if Phillips is governor and Lee a private citizen or if Lee is governor and Phillips a private citizen? Answer this question before you vote.

If the people of South Dakota do not rebuke dishonesty in high official positions and summarily vote into retirement the men who "knock down" fees and interest, the people who contemplate locating in South Dakota for homes will be justified in assuming that our state is more in need of churches than of factories.—Sioux Falls Press.

The worst fears of the Republicans are realized. Their idol of the White House, following in the wake of the demented Bryan, has taken to making platform speeches from the rear end of a passenger train.—Yankton Herald.

James H. Miller has saved the county more than his salary while he has been in office. Send him back again. He is the right man in the right place.

OAKS AND THISTLES.

The boy you dandle on your knee with all a parent's joy, You reckon he'll a great man be some time, that little boy. In dreams you think you see him stand with thousands at his feet. His fame is borne throughout the land; the voice of praise is sweet. He shall attain the highest place, your foolish heart declares. And all the world shall own his grace—the world which little cares— But here's a maxim I suppose is worthy of your heed— Thistles do not from acorns grow, nor oaks from thistle seed.

My neighbor Ginty is a man whose head is somewhat flat. He always wears, and nicely, a six and one-half hat. And Teddy Ginty is a kid such as you often nose. In whom more oneness is, hid than twenty boys should tote. But Ginty swears that boy will be the wonder of the age. And to dispute the case, you see, would Ginty much engage. And yet I doubt it for, you know, I cannot fail to heed. That thistles don't from acorns grow, nor oaks from thistle seed.

Oaks do not grow from thistle seed nor saints from wicked dads. Nor men of brawn from pea, indeed, who run to liver pads. A twelve-ounce brain has never yet to genius given birth. And when two fools to love have met their child won't sway the earth. No knavish fellow breeds a saint, no roose weeds adorn. The boys who handle carmine paint were not of angels born. In short, as here I strive to show, all facts denote, indeed. That thistles don't from acorns grow, nor oaks from thistle seed. —A. J. Waterhouse in San Francisco Examiner.

One of the surgeons of a hospital asked an Irish help which he considered the most dangerous of the many cases then in the hospital. "That, sir," said Patrick as he pointed to a case of surgical instruments.

A crossing sweeper in a fashionable part of west London advertised his pitch for sale in a daily newspaper. He had "owned" the crossing for 14 years, and for the good will thereof he asked £100.

Great Britain has 180,000 miles of roads which cost £90,000,000 and 6,000 miles of streets which cost £90,000,000.