

The Farmers Leader

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"Let no guilty man escape," is the watchword of the administration. This piece of canting hypocrisy is among the jewels of its kind to be found, from week to week among the editorials of the Sioux Valley News. The editor adds: "It makes the pops mad to have president McKinley punish thieves whenever they are discovered." This is indeed rich in view of the fact that McKinley has not attempted to have one guilty thief punished during his administration, but on the contrary has done his best to protect his whole appointed batch of thieves, and secure them from justice. Has any man heard of McKinley or Hanna "discovering" a thief? We know that in appointing postoffice officials in Cuba, McKinley made sure that no "guilty man" should escape a chance to rob and plunder, up to the standard of Hanna morals and methods. Was not Rathbone appointed because of his unsavory work under the behest of Hanna, who always knows just where to find a "guilty man" when he is needed? Is there one man engaged in the postoffice and other schemes of plunder in Cuba, who was not a "guilty man" when he was appointed as an administration spoilsman for previous crookedness? Does any sane man believe that six women could draw salaries of \$600 a year, without doing a stroke of work in the Washington postoffice, and not be "discovered" by McKinley's officials? Can we believe that one John E. Jones, a newspaper reporter was paid \$1,700 a year for feeling the pulse and looking at the tongues of sick employes in the Washington postoffice, without being discovered? Could Oliver H. Smith a traveling slight of hand performer be drawing three salaries, at the same time, out of the postoffice funds, and no responsible man in the administration "discover" the "guilty man"? It is this fellow was known to the Heaths as a "guilty man," is it possible that Hanna too, was not on Prof. Oliver Hampton, the juggler? If Hanna knew of this piece of robbery, is it likely that he never gleefully told McKinley how nicely the scheme of paying off his political obligations was working? The facts are, the whole push were a lot of well-known thieves and spoliemen, and were appointed, with the full knowledge of McKinley and Hanna, that they were being paid for dirty work in partisan interest, either by themselves or their friends, under an administration theory that "no guilty man" should escape his obligations to President McKinley, because of being neglected when the pie was being passed. To talk of McKinley wanting to punish thieves of his own creation, is all hypocritical cant. No man can peruse the records of the present administration with its wholesale appointments of the most stupendous and willing scoundrels that could be gleaned by Hanna's practiced eye among bad partisan reputations, and not feel disgusted at the pretense that McKinley, without being forced to do so, would punish that class upon which he depends for his election to a second term. Yes, that no "guilty man" should escape his promised reward of a place to steal, has been the "watchword" of the administration, no observing man can doubt. Will some man rise and explain why, in all the United States, there is not one defaulter, one plunderer one thief of the national or state treasuries, one man of bad public record, or one combination of all these characters, that is not in favor of McKinley, if that ward of Hanna is expected to punish "guilty men" whenever found?

Why was it, that robbers, thieves and plunderers sprang into "perfidious activity" everywhere, the very hour that McKinley was inaugurated, if it was not that they considered his election, from the methods by which it was accomplished, a guarantee of immunity from punishment? What reason had such characters to expect punishment after Hanna's methods of making a president had been endorsed by the people? The watchword of the whole gang of natural born thieves and robbers, was "McKinley and Hanna," and their election will be hailed by the class as a new lease of life.

From the jubilant tone of the administration press over recent disasters to the South African Republics, and from the sneers and mock sympathy extended to the plundered and ruined Boers we are led to regard the triumph of English arms as a great Republican victory.

Everybody is pleased over Maris Taylor as national committeeman. There is no Trippism attached to Mr. Taylor's political make-up; and furthermore the national Democracy will thoroughly understand that there is such a state as South Dakota on the map.

Judge Joseph E. Moore of Deadwood, seems to be the only candidate for congress on the populist ticket from the Hills. The Democrats of Pennington county have endorsed him for the position.

When we hear Republican journals, worrying because the Kansas City platform may "disintegrate instead of uniting the disorganized ranks of the Democracy," and when we hear a solicitous wail from such sources, that the Democratic party "needs a new leadership" we may know that the power behind that prospective platform is a dreaded terror to the whole Hanna gang and that the present leadership forecasts their doom in November. Republican leaders are not leading the Democratic party to any great extent just now. The only party they seem to lead is the "Middle of the road Pops." Men who have led there own party into an ambush where nothing but slaughter awaits them, unless the enemy can be persuaded to abandon victory by retiring from the advantageous ground now occupied, are not in a position to advise the Democratic party, or suggest new leadership, and they would show less weakness, if they would worry less about Bryan. When Bryan can worry these fellows into sleepless night, or turn their dreams of imperialism into terrorizing nightmares, he is all rights. The language of the worry Bryan is giving the whole gang of liberty assassins now, is this: "If the Democrats don't throw Bryan overboard at Kansas City, we will throw up the sponge."

Marion L. Fox and Miss Jessamine Lee were married at Vermillion June 7. The bride is the only daughter of Governor and Mrs. Andrew E. Lee and is one of the most charming and accomplished young ladies in the state. She is a musician of rare merit and a graduate of the University of Wisconsin, with a lovable disposition. Mr. Fox is a scholar as well as a brilliant writer, an able speaker and a young gentleman of sterling qualities. The LEADER extends its heartiest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Fox. A tour of the coast including a trip down the St. Lawrence will conclude the wedding trip.

Hon A. L. Van Osdel of Yankton county, was elected president of the Soldiers Home board of commissioners at the annual meeting of the board at the Home last week. Hon. S. H. Bronson of Howard, was elected secretary, Harvey Gunderson of Vermillion, treasurer. Col. Linn was re-elected commandant.

Col. Bryan will be nominated for president by a unanimous vote of the delegates at Kansas City. Four years ago he faced open rebellion in the convention. Now all reform parties are behind him, united and determined to elect him and thus save the nation from the curse of trusts and imperialism.

The Hot Springs Herald seems to have proof that every republican delegate to the state convention from the Black Hills traveled on free passes. That's the kind of a man E. W. Martin is, the republican candidate for congress from the Hills.

While at Chamberlain last week we had the pleasure of meeting E. S. Johnson of Armour who is spoken of as among the congressional possibilities. By recent election results Mr. Johnson has proven his power in Armour and Douglas county.

The indications are now that the democratic and populist conventions at Yankton on July 11, will be the record breaking convention for the year as to numbers.

At their convention last Saturday, the Populists of Union county endorsed the candidacy of Hon. L. N. Crill for congressman.

Senator Pettigrew is a dangerous man for the trust bosses to run up against. Hanna and Carter got a severe dose from the fearless Dakotan.

R. J. Gamble is beginning to realize that he is not in it for the senate against Machine Boss Kittredge.

People's Party State Convention.

A state convention of the people's party is hereby called to meet at Yankton, South Dakota, on Wednesday, July 11, 1900, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of nominating 4 electors, 2 representatives in congress, a governor and a complete state ticket. A new state committee will also be selected and such other business be transacted as may properly come before a state convention.

The basis of representation will be one delegate at large for each county and one additional delegate for each 50 votes and major fraction thereof, cast for Bryan for president in 1896. The several counties will be entitled to the following representation.

Aurora	11	Hutchinson	10
Beadle	20	Hyde	8
BonHomme	19	Jerauld	8
Brookings	27	Kingsbury	22
Brown	38	Lake	21
Brule	15	Lawrence	26
Butte	7	Lincoln	39
Campbell	7	Lyman	3
Charles Mix	17	McCook	22
Clark	18	Marshall	15
Clay	24	McPherson	8
Cody	17	Meade	12
Custer	11	Miner	15
Davison	16	Minnehaha	54
Day	10	Moody	21
Deuel	15	Pennington	23
Douglas	11	Potter	9
Edmunds	12	Roberts	21
Fall River	12	Sanborn	12
Faulk	8	Spink	22
Grant	3	Stanley	6
Hamlin	13	Texas	20
Hanson	14	Turner	20
Hughes	8	Union	21
		Unorganized, each	28

The best men we have in the state should be sent to this convention. Much depends upon the result of its deliberations. The liberty of the people, the life of the republic, are hanging in the balance.

Greedy and Avarice have seized the halls of congress and corrupted the courts. Treason sits enthroned in the White House, and the minister dictates the policy of the American Government and in our own state a republican legislature defies the openly expressed will of the people while obeying the slightest command of corporations. It is no time for patriots to slumber. South Dakota populists must lead the rebellion against Plutocracy and Vested Wrongs.

W. E. KIRBY, Chairman.

Democratic State Convention.

The democrats of the state of South Dakota will meet in delegate convention in the city of Yankton, S. D., on July 11, 1900, at the hour of 10 a. m. for the purpose of nominating two members of congress, governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, auditor, treasurer, attorney general, commissioner of schools and public lands, superintendent of public instruction, one railroad commissioner, and four presidential electors. The delegates from each county are authorized to nominate two members of congress, governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, auditor, treasurer, attorney general, commissioner of schools and public lands, superintendent of public instruction, one railroad commissioner, and four presidential electors. The delegates from each county are authorized to nominate two members of congress, governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, auditor, treasurer, attorney general, commissioner of schools and public lands, superintendent of public instruction, one railroad commissioner, and four presidential electors.

REPUBLICAN SENATOR FLOPS.

One of the prominent topics of the week has been the outspoken disloyalty of a Republican senator toward the Republican administration. United States Senator Wellington of Maryland, who has been for some time opposed to the expansion policy of the administration, comes out frankly and says that he cannot vote for McKinley, if nominated. He makes the following statement:

"I have been a Republican all my life but I cannot vote for the re-election of President McKinley, if he be nominated at Philadelphia upon a platform endorsing colonial tariff and favoring a retention of the Philippine islands. I have spoken against these propositions, and I shall not suppress my convictions at the behest of any man or set of men."

Money to loan on farm at low rate. JOHN ALLIBONE, Canton, S. D.

Commissioners Proceedings. SPECIAL SESSION. June 4, 1900.

The Board of County Commissioners met this day at 1 p. m. in special session in the court house in the city of Canton, S. D. Present:—Iver Nelson, chairman; Fred Gerber, Wm. M. Cuppett, commissioners and Auditor Minot.

Called to order by the chairman. James Pattee was appointed janitor for the court house for five months from May 24; at a salary \$35.00 per month.

After the special business of the meeting was fully discussed, viz: To provide better protection for the Beloit bridge against high water and ice by the building of a concrete cement abutment and embankment walls, it was unanimously resolved to proceed at once in conjunction with Lyon County Iowa, to protect the east end of said bridge.

On motion Wm. Cuppett, was appointed a committee to act with Supervisor C. B. Lamkin, of Lyon County Iowa, to draw up specifications for said work and to advertise for bids. At 6 p. m. adjourned sine die.

IVER NELSON, Chairman. Attest: JONAS MINOT, County Auditor.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY. Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box 25c.

Money to Loan on Real Estate. Bacon & Larsen make Real Estate Loans. Loaned \$19,000 during January.

Sheep for Sale. I have a few Shropshire ewes and lands for sale. Call on Wm. M. Cuppett at Canton, S. D.

Advertised Letters. The following letters remained un-called for in the Canton postoffice on Saturday, June 9, 1900.

Dausher, P. J. Johnson, Mrs. John Marken, Miss Anna Miller, M. D. Seymour, Winfred A.

In calling for the above list please say advertised. JAMES LEWIS, P. M.

BIG DOUBLE STORE PUCKETT BROS. Main Street.

A Large Invoice of New Novelties for spring trade in Laces, Ribbons, Jewelry, Trimmings, Silks, Ties, Dress Goods, Shirt Waists, Dress Skirts, Parasols, Draperies, Capes, Curtains, Portiers and Wash Goods just received.

Having carefully selected our new goods within the last few days in the big Chicago dry goods houses, we know we can show you the largest and most up-to-date stock to be found in the city.

<h3>Silks and Satins</h3> <p>Wash Silks 50 to 75 cents per yd. Foulard for waists 75 cents to \$1 per yd. Corded Silks and Silks with lace effects for dress fronts Taffetas and fancies in all shades. China Silk in all shades. The new Crepe de Chene at \$1.60 per yd.</p>	<h3>Laces.</h3> <p>Fine and heavy all over Black, Cream and White, from 60 cents to \$1.50 per yd. All styles Chiffons, Applique Laces, Plain and Spangled nettings and tucking for dress fronts. Large Line of Torchons, Valenciennes Lace and Insertions.</p>	<h3>Ladies Neckwear.</h3> <p>Lace Ties. Chiffon Ties. Bow Ties. Ribbon Ties. Bobinette Ties. Silk Stock Collars in all the popular shades and shapes</p>
<h3>Jewelry.</h3> <p>New Girdles with purses. New Ribbon Belts. New Pullays. Bracelets, Brooches, Stick Pins, Beauty Pins, Belt Buckles, Waist Sets, Collar Clasps.</p>	<h3>Trimmings.</h3> <p>Large variety of new Braids, Fringes and Ribbons. Applique Lace in Cream, White, Pink and Lavender.</p>	<h3>Dress Goods.</h3> <p>We have added over seventy-five new styles to the spring dress goods that we had previously purchased.</p>
	<h3>Shirtwaists.</h3> <p>We have a nice assortment of Ladies Shirt Waists in White and Colors from 40 cents to \$2 each.</p>	<h3>Wash Goods.</h3> <p>We can show you the most complete line of Lawns, Dimities, Chalfies and other wash goods to be found in the city.</p>

Special: 500 Spools of Belding Bros. sewing silk in Black and all Spring Shades at 1 cent per spool. Good Calico Wrappers—all sizes—only 50 cents. You can't it in Chicago for the money.

We buy in big quantities and pay the GASH for our goods, hence we know we can save our customers money.

Phone No. 86. **PUCKETT BROS.**

Off to the Races.

Hurrah for the Fourth of July!

Big Races at the Fairgrounds at Canton, S. D. July 3 and 4.

Liberal Purses, Good Horses, and Spirited Contests, "No Hippodrome."

'Come and Enjoy Yourself.' PROGRAM.

Tuesday July 3,
2:32 trot, one mile, best 2 in 3, purse \$100
Pony race, one-half mile, best 2 in 3, purse 20
2:18 trot, one mile, best 2 in 3, purse 100
Foot Race, 100 yards, purse 10

Wednesday July 4,
2:25 trot, one mile, best 2 in 3, purse \$100
Game of Base Ball, 10
Running Race one-half mile best 2 in 3, purse, 100
Free for all trot or pace one mile best 2 in 3, 100
Novelty Race, 10
Foot Race 100 yards, purse, 10
Tug of war, boys under 15, purse, 5 00

Races conducted under American Association Rules, and under usual conditions, five per cent. entrance fee and five per cent. from all winners.
Admission 25 cents. Children 15 cents.

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