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FEAR GOD AND KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS.

The decent people of this state—those who fear God and respect His commandments—those who have families and firesides to protect—those who hold precious the fair and untarnished name of Montana, are not a minority of the electors of this commonwealth. There lie dormant in every community of this Union forces potent that when aroused will assert themselves in behalf of right and justice—that will cleave to the good in preference to the bad. This state shall not be an exception thereto. The God-fearing element, the self-respecting element, the element opposed to corruption in the conduct of public affairs will arise in might irresistible and sweep from the horizon of the state the vicious, the debauching and debasing influences endeavoring to gain ascendancy in this state and to manage the affairs thereof. A grave crisis in the history of this state confronts the people thereof. Are they equal to the emergency? Will they permit the control of their state to be wrested from them by a horde of bribe-givers, bulldozers and bandits in the employ of the Anaconda Copper company—a foreign corporation seeking to dominate the affairs of this state and to place the people thereof in a state of peonage? Will they permit an outrage so foul to be perpetrated? Will they suffer their fair young state to be ravished by the brutal octopus that would awe, coerce or bribe into passive submission or inaction the brawn, brain, intelligence and virtue of this chivalrous and proud people? To the contrary every force active, dormant or latent, shall buckle on the armor and with sword in hand shall go forth and do battle to victory or death in the effort to protect the honor, virtue, homes, families, firesides and fair name of their beloved state so recently received into the sisterhood of the Federal Union.

There is a feeling abroad that demands prompt and decisive action on the part of our people in the settlement of the great moral battle pending. The result shall serve as a precedent for thousands of anxious on-lookers. Should our victory be complete and the enemy routed, put to flight and even to the sword, so to speak, a great moral example shall have been set that the world will point to with pride and satisfaction and that shall serve for all time as a stern and solemn warning to both corporations and corrupt combinations that would entwine themselves around and crush out the self-respect and self-control of our liberty-loving, God-fearing and commandment-respecting American communities.

NOBLE WOMEN!

Noble women are they of Montana who are battling to preserve and maintain the honor and fair name of their beloved commonwealth! Are they not justified in taking the van of the fight and contending hand to hand with the enemy? Is not the pending contest one involving vital issues to the homes and firesides of every woman of Montana? Is it not in emergencies like that now confronting the people of the state that noble women should come to the rescue and by word, deed and moral influence reinforce the brave, valorous and unflinching male hosts doing battle for their loved ones? Blessed are the women of the land who with encouraging smiles, kind words, heroic efforts and timely aid assist with their womanly charms and angelic devotion every good and just contest involving the betterment of mankind! Man when exerting his utmost efforts in an endeavor to reciprocate woman's loyal love and devotion can ne'er do her justice in kind! Next to Godliness itself a noble woman challenges the admiration and love of unworthy man!

Have you registered? Do so immediately. You cannot swear in on election day. Tuesday, the 30th, will be the last chance to record your name.

POPULIST RULE.

Like a Devastating Forest Fire.

"Populist rule in Colorado has been like a devastating forest fire. By destroying our credit, which is the life of commerce, it has consumed for the time being not less than \$300,000,000 of values in this state. Colorado's credit was so high that the borrowing power of her property ranked in the last census next that of New York. This borrowing power, this mainspring of our splendid progress, has been temporarily paralyzed by the accidental ascendancy of a party which stands for repudiation and flatism, and is not a true friend to hard silver money.

"The property of Denver was assessed for \$100,000,000, and was worth three times that sum when the populists came into power. Notwithstanding the city's inevitably brilliant future, the average selling price of this property pending the overthrow of Waitesism has shrunk two-thirds.

"Silver has declined over 25 per cent., or less than the average products of the other states, while the increased value and output of gold, together with our bountiful crops, have more than made up the shortage. Therefore, not over one-half of our shrinkage of values can be charged to the panic and the universal depression resulting from the gold standard. The other one-half of loss is due directly and wholly to the destruction of confidence by populist misrule.

"So withering has this been that at the present moment even a gold mine cannot borrow \$1 on \$5 worth of gold ore actually in sight with which to extract that ore and send it to the smelter. Lenders are anxious to reap the rich harvest offered, but hold aloof until the election in November decides whether we are to have anarchy or civilized government. Two hundred thousand from the drought-stricken states to the east of us are anxious to come here and farm by irrigation, but under populist rule we can borrow no more money with which to build irrigating canals. Manufacturing is most profitable here, but capital shuns populism as a pestilence.

"The people of Colorado are loyal to their contracts, and they are lighting up the camp fires on every hill for a campaign, regardless of party, which is to overthrow populism and re-establish the credit of the state."

The above letter is from the executive committee of the Denver Business Men's league, consisting of 5,000 business men of that city, partly republicans, partly democrats, and partly recent populists, and was lately sent to the republican congressional committee at Washington city. No comment is necessary. It is a stern warning to the business men of Helena.

DISMAL FACTS.

Dismal facts are they, nevertheless true, that the democratic party is in a rapid state of disintegration. The thinking men of that party, the reputable portion of it, are either leaving it, getting ready to do so, or are dissatisfied. This is a natural sequence to the ignoble and inglorious record scored by that impotent aggregation styling itself the democratic party. Just to what extent will be the stampee, or how much of the party will be left after the 6th of November, remains to be seen, but the most ardent admirer of the once animated and solid democracy is too wise and cautious even to venture more than a provisional prediction. The New York Sun, however, has the temerity to say this much:

"What does it all mean? It means that the drift is all one way. It means that the people of the United States are getting their first opportunity to record their verdict of good or bad on the second administration of Grover Cleveland. It means that bad is having it by a large majority. Yet in the face of this tremendous wave of adverse popular sentiment, rearing its crest, perhaps, for a crushing descent in November, the fact remains that democracy is still alive; God preserve it from its enemies within and without."

Judge B. F. Woodman is entitled to re-election by an increased majority. The administration of his office has been eminently satisfactory in the past, and it is no presumption to prophecy that if re-elected he will continue to exert himself in the future as in the past to do his duty. His mature years, legal training and experience on the bench admirably fit him for the office, and his record as an impartial and learned judge is well known to the citizens of this community. The judge should receive the loyal support of all good citizens.

Ex-Congressman Horr put the case correctly when he said a crowd of populists can't be sized by their yells, as there are at least forty yells to every pop.

Don't fail to register.

HOODLUMS, HOBOS AND TRUGS.

Anaconda has become desperate. Posing as long as possible in the guise of respectability and decency, the management of that foreign and corrupt corporation the Anaconda Copper company has at last shown its cloven feet. It's a difficult matter to masquerade. Self will assert itself sooner or later. It is extremely burdensome for fraud, corruption and pollution to pose in the garb of virtue and purity. Starting out with the intent to deceive, decoy and ensnare the elect, the Anaconda cohorts masked themselves in attire becoming to accomplish the end. But the good citizens of the state were wary and stood afar off and refused to fraternize. Then came the inevitable. Self asserted itself and in form hideous, rampant and domineering the hoodlums, hoboes and thugs have now come forth undisguised to win their fight by intimidation, coercion and obstructive tactics. Hence the disgraceful scene at Missoula last week where a meeting called in the interest of Helena was captured and almost stamped by the hirelings of the Anaconda company. The good citizens of the state will profit by this premature or unavoidable public exhibition of the forces propelling the opposition to Helena and they now only await the opportunity to record their vote of disapproval which they will do with a vengeance on the coming 6th of November.

POLITICAL CLOWNS.

As every circus has its clown, so must the political arena have its buffoon. It has fallen to the lot of populism to play this role, and right admirably does it fill the bill. Evolved only a few links from the starting point, it is green, noisy, blatant, obtrusive, demonstrative and rudderless. In fact, it was plucked before ripe. However, it is one of the sprightliest and funniest political clowns that has ever trod the American ring. It is loud mouthed and to it gravitate the rabble and the small boy sandwiched now and then with a man of mature judgment in search of something light and breezy. Its jokes are stale and pointless; nevertheless, it makes people laugh, because clowns are to make people laugh. It has a following, and so has the bandwagon, which closes its charm as soon as the music steps down and out. It has its good qualities, and so had the thief on the cross. It has its mission to perform, and so did Judas. It has its dupes and blatherskites, and so has the Anaconda Copper company. It will soon get to the end of its rope, and so will Anaconda's aspiration to become the permanent capital. Yes, let us laugh at the populist clown, put a penny in the hat when passed around, and do our duty as men of mature judgment, and cast our ballots for the true, tried and reliable old republican party. Let the small boy and the rabble monkey with the populist clown.

WHOSE FAULT IS IT?

Whose fault is it that the colored republicans of this city refuse to support one or two of the nominees on the republican county ticket? If they have a grievance against said nominees for cause, is there any good reason why they should not show their disapprobation by voting against them? Or is there some law or usage that makes it mandatory on the colored voter to vote the straight republican ticket whether he likes it in toto or not? It is presumable that the up-to-date colored voter does about as he pleases in such matters, and that his whetted knife will be used precisely as are those of other dissatisfied voters. If the colored vote in this county is worth anything to the republican party it will be wise in the future to see to it that no nominee obnoxious to them be placed on the ticket. Retaliation is one of the weapons of political warfare and unmanly is he who will not exercise the right to kick back when some cause therefor exists.

INDUSTRIAL LEACHES.

Populism having sucked the life-blood of democracy, now has the effrontery to open wide the doors and, syren like, beckon enervated members thereof into its folds. Democracy, strong and vigorous until devitalized by fusion and unholy alliance with populism, should spurn the proffered asylum. Pride and revenge should deter the average democrat from giving aid and comfort to populism. Supremacy of populism means annihilation and death to democracy, as well as ruin and chaos to the financial, industrial and social welfare of this until recently prosperous country. The duty of good citizens is obvious. Democrats and republicans must unite to down and exterminate the common foe. Renewed prosperity will never be assured until all fear of the supremacy of populism has been allayed.

AN ADDRESS TO COLORED CITIZENS.

A Concise Statement of Facts.

In Unity There is Strength.

To The Colored Citizens of Montana:

Where great exigencies arise that in any manner pertain to our government, whether general or local, the colored man has always been found true and loyal. Of all nationalities or races within the borders of this great and glorious country, none are more firm in their belief or convictions regarding true American principles than are we through whose veins the blood of Ham flows.

Whenever or wherever a blow is leveled at the interests or welfare of any community of colored citizens, it matters not how or by whom, that stroke, like the visitation of some dreaded plague, permeates the atmosphere and each and every one of us suffer more or less from the blighting influence.

The fair name of our state is assailed by foreign powers, the prosperity of 500 colored citizens of Helena is jeopardized, and the Afro-American Helena-for-the-Capital Club appeal to their brethren—you who love your race, you who are loyal to every cause—throughout the length and breadth of Montana to stand steadfast and true in this great battle against injustice and oppression. Uphold and maintain the reputation you have acquired and save our beloved state from shame, and thousands of dollars worth of property owned by your fellow colored citizens from depreciation.

The iron claw of corporate infernalism has always crushed out the black man from every factory or workshop, and the Anaconda Copper company is no exception to the rule. This question of locating the permanent capital is a very grave one and our colored brothers in neighboring cities should not bend their knees to petty nonsense; take not the shadow for the substance; be not flattered by honeyed words nor blinded by lying Judases who prate about prejudice against the colored man in Helena.

While we do not claim to be visited by angels, yet some of us can boast of being pioneers, not only of Montana, but of Helena, and have resided and labored amidst the fairer complexioned citizens of this now beautiful city since its inception. Wealth has been accumulated, and we can proudly say that whether professional men, merchants or laborers be sought our city can produce them in black as well as white. Practically there is no more prejudice shown in Helena on account of color than in any other city in Montana, our business men are as prosperous as the average citizen and are patronized by all people alike.

Would our friends and brothers throughout this state be persuaded by the blandishments and fallacies of known enemies rather than lend a helping hand to their friends? We cannot believe that you will prove recreant or faint hearted by taking a leap in the dark. In the name of all that is dear to us, in the name of posterity, let it not go forth to the world that the colored man, by voting for grasping corporations and trusts, erected a barricade against himself.

We cannot conclude this address without reiterating that the accusations applied to Helena concerning the prejudice on account of color are base falsehoods, manufactured in the minds of hirelings for the sole purpose of poisoning your minds against our beautiful city. Our prosperous condition, the accumulation of thousands of dollars worth of real estate, the unexcelled opportunities and advantages which Helena affords and holds out to the colored man, speak for us with all the solemnity and gravity, but in stentorian tones, calling upon every man of our race to cast his vote on the 6th day of November for Helena for the capital.

GEO. M. LEE, President.

T. J. HAMNER, Secy.

SKULDRUGERY.

The people of Helena demand a fair election, an honest count and a correct tabulation of the vote. There must be no skuldrugery, but every detail must be honestly complied with and the will of the people recorded in conformity with their wish as expressed by their deposited ballots. The same conspiring forces that have endeavored to bribe and corrupt the electors of this state by the lavish use of boodle will carry out their nefarious scheme even to the extent of counting out, false tabulation of returns or any other crooked means to secure a majority on the face of the returns against Helena and for Anaconda. Good citizens should be on the alert—their rights must be guarded, protected and vouchsafed by vigilant efforts to secure their vested rights and to prevent fraud of every nature whatsoever. A danger threatens the purity of the ballot box so let every good, honest man come to the rescue and protect the state and its reputation.

Popular, magnetic, brainy and eloquent is Hon. Arthur J. Craven, Helena's favorite son, and one of the republican legislative nominees of Lewis and Clarke county. Born in Indiana, reared to manhood in Iowa, dividing his time between farm work and the pursuit of an education, he acquired that robustness of physique and mental power that are so conspicuously prominent in the man. Having graduated with high honors from the Iowa state university and assumed the responsibilities of married life, he came west seeking new and larger fields in which to exert his energies and settled in Helena in 1884. Here he immediately launched out into his chosen profession—the law. His success was assured from the very outset, because of his ability manifested and demonstrated on account of the zeal and "zip" displayed in handling the business of his steadily growing clientele. His success has been pronounced, and he is rated among the most brilliant and successful members of the Montana bar. Notwithstanding his time has been almost completely absorbed in the pursuit of his profession, Mr. Craven from time to time has been forced to acquiesce to the importunities of his admirers—regardless of political party—and accept public honors from an appreciative constituency. He was one of the most prominent and useful members of the constitutional convention that framed our present organic laws and to him our people are indebted for very many of its excellent features. Mr. Craven also served for a number of years as a member of the school board for the Helena district in a most acceptable manner. As city attorney of Helena, Mr. Craven made a record both brilliant and honorable. Owing to his pressing professional duties, he has often been forced to decline many proffered political honors, and it was only after some coercion on the part of near friends that an admiring and grateful constituency will have the pleasure of bestowing their votes upon him at the coming election as a candidate for the legislature. Mr. Craven's generous nature has again manifested itself in the pending capital contest. Instead of confining his campaigning to his county in his own interests he has for the past three weeks been canvassing the state for Helena for the capital in a most effective and telling manner. However, Mr. Craven's great popularity and the further fact that his supporters are not alone confined to his own party assure his election to the legislature by a rousing majority. It may not be amiss to note the fact that Mr. Craven stands especially well and is a prime favorite with our people, who will vie with their fellow citizens in rolling up a large majority for Helena's favorite son.

In searching for the best legislative timber from the unusually bright galaxy of prominent republicans of Lewis and Clarke county, the county convention made no mistake in selecting Judge R. H. Howey for one of its eight nominees for the general assembly. Endowed by nature with a cool, thoughtful and well-balanced mind, his past experience in legislative bodies, his knowledge and familiarity with matters and things pertaining to the welfare of the state, his tried, unswerving and steadfast devotion to his constituency, his unquestioned honesty and probity of character, his devotion in the past as well as now to matters that affect the vital interests and welfare of our people combine to make him the ideal candidate. Judge Howey will undoubtedly command the support of all good citizens, irrespective of party, who are desirous of placing in our legislative halls men good and true who may be depended upon at all times to watch, guard and promote the welfare of the state. We have no hesitancy in affirming that every colored voter in this county will deem it a pleasure as well as a duty, not only to vote for him, but also to use every honorable means to secure his election.

Clifford H. Anderson is in close touch with the business interests of this community. His contact with our business men enables him to study, learn and know their wants. He is imbued with an eager desire to serve well his constituency. Their wish will not long remain unattended to. His candidacy for the legislature therefore possesses more than ordinary importance to the men of business, enterprise and thrift of this county. There are always matters requiring prompt and careful attention that need to be pressed with perseverance and persistence in the legislative halls. Mr. Anderson can be depended on to look closely and sharply after all such matters. Possessed of rare ability and a keen desire to do his whole duty, the people of this county should vie with each other in their effort to elect him by a most complimentary majority. We predict that if elected his constituency will have no reason to regret their choice.

Dr. W. M. Bullard is the republican nominee for coroner of Lewis and Clarke county. Recognizing the importance of this office, and the public demand that it shall be economically administered, and that the incumbent thereof shall be learned in the medical profession and withal a man of parts, experience in public affairs, and who has the confidence and respect of the whole community, the selection of Dr. Bullard for coroner meets the hearty approval of every good citizen of the county regardless of party. Dr. Bullard was born in Indianapolis, Ind., in 1853, and came to Montana in 1880. From boyhood his life has been a busy one. A student by nature he intuitively gravitated to the professions. Having in early life developed marked predilection for the medical profession his training was carefully directed to that end, and upon entering his chosen calling he was thoroughly equipped, and much of his success in his prosperous career is attributable to his thorough preliminary training. Though much of his time has been absorbed in the practice of his profession the doctor has devoted his spare moments to special study of chemistry, medico-legal works and so on. The doctor is a valued and honored member of the American Chemical society and the Medico-Legal society of New York, and American Medical association.

The doctor also makes a specialty of expert chemical work in water analysis, poisons, sanitary science, foods, etc., etc. Notwithstanding his busy professional life Dr. Bullard has found time to serve politically an admiring constituency. Always a staunch republican, he served twice in a most acceptable manner as chairman of the Jefferson county central committee, this state, and did some excellent work for the success of his party. He also represented Jefferson county in the Constitutional convention where he made a reputation for learning, depth of thought and assiduous attention to the various interests affecting the welfare of this state. He also served in a most acceptable manner as coroner of Jefferson county. Since coming to Helena he has acquired a lucrative and steadily growing practice and has also served the city in a most satisfactory manner as a member of the board of health. Dr. Bullard's popularity is such among all classes that his candidacy meets with the hearty approval of a large majority of our citizens and he will be elected by a large majority.

Henry F. Tilton, young America typified, is one of the most popular candidates on the republican ticket. His business training thoroughly qualifies him to fill the important position of county assessor in a most acceptable manner to the most exacting. The assessor of this the most wealthy county in the state, should be a man whose ability is unquestioned. The duties of the office are complicated and can only be properly performed by one whose business training has armed him to contend with the thousand and one complications and intricacies that present themselves every year. The taxpayers of this county have for the past two years had no fault to find with the administration of the assessor's office, and they will be more than eager to demand in the future the same careful and satisfactory conduct thereof. The election of Henry F. Tilton will guarantee just such a result.

John Horsky, republican candidate for the legislature, and one of the old timers of this section, belongs to and is in touch with a large class of citizens of this community whose interests need looking after in the legislative halls. He belongs to the plain folk—the rank and file that make up a large majority in this western country. His past political record will bear careful scrutiny, in fact the more closely investigated the stronger he becomes. His candidacy commends itself to every citizen who desires an honest and business-like administration of public affairs. His past experience in affairs public admirably fit him for the duties and responsibilities of a state law maker, and the affairs of state will ever be jealously guarded and promoted in his hands. Our citizens will do well to elect him by a handsome majority.

Dr. C. B. Miller, republican candidate for the legislature, is steadily growing in favor. The doctor is a gentleman of culture and vast versatility of parts and will make a valuable and useful member of the legislative assembly. While a great favorite with the masses he is especially so with those in the humble walks of life whom he has befriended whenever called on. His generous and noble qualities have greatly endeared him to our own people who when in need have ever found him ready and willing to extend a helping hand. Such magnanimity calls for reciprocation, and we believe our people will give him a solid vote which he justly deserves. His election by a handsome majority would be a deserving tribute to a worthy and deserving gentleman.