

On The Firing Line.

By Alex Miller.

Porter's Methods.

Which one of Shakespeare's characters was it that sarcastically retorted to a criticism that "I was not trying to please thee?" At any rate, in the language of the myriad minded bard, we give Porter's critics the comeback, "He is not trying to please Republicans." If he pleased Republicans more, he would please Democrats less and that were indeed a fatal blunder.

The Cummins Republicans say Porter does not make a Democratic speech at all, but that he merely assails Governor Cummins and his record. Well, admit the charge. What more absolutely dominates this campaign than the personality of "Handsome Albert?" And we quote the epithet because we got it out of forty or fifty standpat newspapers, like the Washington Press, the Burlington Hawkeye, the Cedar Rapids Republican, the Nonpareil, the Des Moines Capital and others. We do not claim authorship.

Uncle George Perkins, a pretty good sort of Republican of the old school, but not of the new, says Cummins is the issue. He is the predominant, overshadowing issue, and why not meet the issue instead of beating about the bush? The Democrats are willing to take the consequences of Porter's act and abide by them. They stand behind whatever he does or says, so let Cummins Republicans hold their horses. This is not their fight. It is the Democrats' own family affair.

Governor Cummins stands out pre-eminent and alone. He is the issue. Perkins said so. He invites comparisons with all other Republican governors and Porter would show himself a coward not to meet the issue. Cummins stands out in the limelight in the minds of his worshippers like the "Dictionary of Mr. Dick" in David Copperfield. Why not talk about him. Mr. Dick talked about nothing but his dictionary. He is pre-eminent like Mrs. Jarley's waxworks were pre-eminent. She thought of nothing but her waxworks and the progressive Republicans think only of Cummins. And Cummins stands for just about as much as did Mrs. Jarley's waxworks. Look up your Dickens and locate Mrs. Jarley and her wonderful waxwork show and you will begin to see why Cummins is made the issue in this campaign.

Porter shows up his extravagant record. He gets the figures from the books and from Republican newspapers. If he is wrong about it, then half the Republican papers are wrong. If it is bad taste to make Cummins the issue, half the Republican party is wrong. Cummins makes a great show of independence and of a demand for his renomination, and yet he has to fight step by step and inch by inch in order that he may get the nomination. There is a great demand, a popular uprising for Cummins in his mind, yet he only wins the nomination after one of the bitterest fights ever seen in any party in Iowa.

He poses as a reformer, yet taxes increased under him as under no former governor. He is a railroad nemesis, yet his labor commissioner, Brigham, rode on a railroad pass, a thing that even a political blackleg would have too much honor to do, and we haven't heard that Cummins has criticised this case of thievery, for that is what it was. He poses as the friend of the common people, yet he spends more of their money on foolish trips to launch cruisers and gunboats than any other governor Iowa ever had.

And the progressives whine because Porter makes their idol the issue. Instead, if Cummins is so immaculate and so high and mighty, they ought to welcome the fight on his personality. Surely, they have no complaint that they do not know what Porter believes in.

Cummins talks 2-cent railroad fare, but does not put it in his platform, although he holds the convention in the hollow of his hand. He talks about tariff reform, but lets the standpatters write a high tariff platform. He talks economy, but spends more money than any other governor. He talks harmony, but he himself was a bolter when Boies ran for governor.

He is flirting with the Prohibitionists with a half promise that he will favor the overthrow of local self-government in the interest of their hobby, while sending his henchmen about the state to gather in the saloon vote. And they make the charge that Porter is a Prohibitionist.

We accept the challenge in so much that we retort, Porter is a believer in decent, clean, honorable living. He has never voted for a prohibition measure, but he never drank a drop of whisky in his life. If he has to be a boozier to become governor, the Democrats do not want him elected.

The Democratic party has always been opposed to prohibition and is now. Porter stands with the party. He opposes prohibition as un-Democratic, but he favors decency and soberness and the Democratic party stands behind him and fights for him.

Removing the Circle.

Major Lacey, candidate for congress in the Sixth district, says the removal of the circle from the ballot is a mistake. Much as we dislike to disagree with our distinguished friend, we will have to beg his leave to do so at this stage of the game. It was the fairest thing the Republicans of Iowa

have done in years. And it was not done then in order to be fair, but the standpatters in the legislature wanted to defeat the primary law and conceded that much to the Democrats if they would help them let go of the primary law.

The primary law may come yet, but the Democrats who took advantage of the situation and got their concession are entitled to a high monument in token of the gratitude we feel towards them. It was a master stroke. And it was a square deal. The Republicans talk a great sight about what they call a square deal, but there was nothing fair or right about the ballot with the circle. It tended to confuse the voter and served no good purpose whatsoever. All it did was to intimidate the voter and make it almost impossible for him to vote anything but the straight ticket.

We say it was unfair for that very purpose because there is no argument except partisan expediency in the so-called "straight ticket." Any chump can vote the straight ticket, but when it comes to discriminating and selecting the wheat from the chaff and throwing out the bad and holding fast to the good, it takes some thought and some brain and some sense. With the circle removed from the ballot there is no chance for confusion and every chance for using one's judgment.

So now, when you do not wish to vote the entire ticket, you can place a cross before every name. Indeed, you have to do that. It is the only way. There is no danger of losing your vote and instead of confusing the voter it helps to arrive at the conclusion he wishes.

So if Major Lacey, whom we respect as an able man, will excuse us, we will disagree with him on this proposition and we will say that the removal of the circle was a step in the direction of good government, although that was not the object the standpatters had in view. And we owe a debt of gratitude to the Democrats who were wise enough to bring it about.

Jack Dalton is editor of the Manson Democrat, one of the brightest papers in Iowa. Not because it is Democratic do we say this, but because Jack is one of the bright fellows running a newspaper. He says in a recent issue of his paper: "The Central City News-Letter, a strong Republican paper published at Central City, in Linn county, publishes the ticket with the names of Porter and Denison substituted for Cummins and Garst. The News-Letter is edited by Al Brown, a man whose Republicanism is attested by the fact that he left an arm upon a southern battlefield where he fought in defense of the flag."

Senator Joe Foraker and Senator Dick have placed detectives on the trail of Alice Longworth for the purpose of ascertaining whether her popularity is due to her father or to herself. They are fighting the president in Ohio and are anxious to know how strong he really is. Of course, the story may be a lie, but we got it out of a Republican paper and therefore no sin can be laid at a Democrat's door. What beautiful Republican harmony?

Tell us that no Democrat can get an office in Iowa. Jerry Sullivan, former candidate for governor, has been elected a member of the Des Moines school board. We say we would rather have the standing in the state that Jerry Sullivan has and be a member of the school board, than to be in the shoes of Governor Cummins and hold the office of governor.

Caroline Osborn of Bakerville, N. Y., was not allowed by her father to wed the man of her choice, so she took a vow never to look at a man again. She must have been a Cummins Republican, for they say if Cummins is not elected governor there will be no other man to elect. Isn't it funny that Iowa has only one man fit to be governor?

Governor Cummins spoke at Emmetsburg last week to a crowd of about 500 people. The fair was in progress and the management expected him to draw a big crowd, but he didn't draw as well as the prize squashes and long legged roosters and mammoth cabbage heads. As a drawing card, Cummins has seen his best days.

Chairman Woods of the state Republican committee is a rich banker. Isn't it queer that the Cummins managers should stand for such a man? Why they are the original octopus busters, and why should they allow any man with money to take a hand in the great fight for Reform?

Senator Dolliver has been addressing a Methodist conference at Fort Dodge recently. He will be able to devote all his time to Methodist conferences and pink teas and missionary meetings pretty soon if the Cummins program goes through.

Winston Churchill, a reformer and writer of books, imagined he had a mission. We may be wrong about it, but the men with missions make us tired. Cummins thinks he has a mission, but he will find out his error in a little while.

Norris Brown, attorney general of Nebraska, will come to Iowa to help Cummins. He will need him and all the others he can get.

Longworth says, "Stick by Roosevelt." Isn't it nice to have such a loyal son-in-law?

Dragging Down Pains

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Fine Steaks and Roasts a Specialty.

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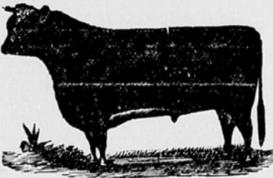
Having sold my farm and leaving this country, I will sell at public sale at my farm 2 miles north of Leon, on

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 10, 1906.

Commencing at 10 o'clock, the following described property, to-wit:

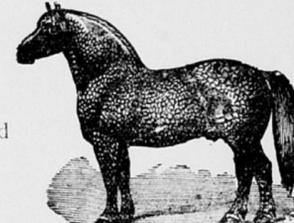
33 Head of Cattle

Consisting of 7 Short-Horn cows, 7 yearling heifers, 3 two-year oldheifers, 3 milch cows, 4 yearling steers, 3 young bulls, 1 fresh Jersey cow, 5 Short-Horn calves. The Short-Horn stock is registered and as good as can be found.



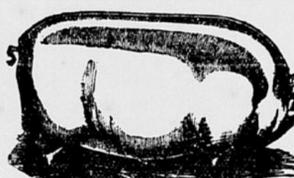
4 Head of Horses

Consisting of 2 brood mares, 1 five year old horse, 1 five year old mare.



43 Head of Hogs

Consisting of 8 Poland-China sows, 35 nice shoats, thoroughbred stock and good ones.



Farm Implements -- 1 wagon, 1 mower, 1 Case riding plow, 1 riding cultivator, 1 Dain feed grinder and numerous other articles.

Terms—12 months, 8 per cent off for cash.

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Fred Teale, Clerk.

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THURSDAY, OCT. 11, '06

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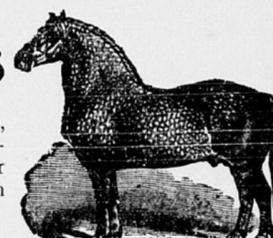
60 Head of Cattle

Consisting of 22 two-year-old steers, 28 yearling steers, 8 cows and two heifer calves.



9 Horses and Mules

Consisting of 1 coming four-year-old draft mare, 1 coming three-year old draft horse, 1 coming two-year-old draft filly, 1 draft weanling colt, 1 roadster colt, 1 span coming three-year-old mare mules, 1 span coming two-year-old mare mules.



3 Brood Sows

One with 9 pigs, others to farrow soon.



Lunch on the grounds. Terms—12 months, 7 per cent off for cash.

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