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We had the pleasure last week while in Baton Rouge, of assisting in the defeat by explanation and advice, of an attempt to still further strengthen Fosterism. It was intended to cut down the power of the Police Jury in reviewing assessments, and force them into the courts if they disagreed with the assessor who is appointive, while the Jury is elective.

Old man Bill Annis who ran the Capital Item into bankruptcy as a Democratic sheet, and then sold a half interest in it to the Populists, or to Congressman Robertson, we don't know which, pretended great astonishment last week at a \$3 75 suit of clothes we wore. Well, Uncle Bill, if we worked at our trade 44 years as you say you have done, and then have neither cash nor credit to sport a 90 cent shirt front, guess we'll stand off and growl like you at the hustling young fellow who does.

Some papers in this State which never question the votes of 40 or more Democrats on the same question, seemed terribly alarmed at the votes of 6 Populists in favor of excepting New Orleans from the operations of the Sunday law. And yet these papers would howl muchly if the Seventh Day Adventists should get in control and enact a Saturday law, or if the Baptists should and require every one to be dipped under the water, or the Methodists who would require us all to shout at their camp-meetings. Remember friends, that religious zeal monkeying with the laws and the State produced the witch-burning puritans of our own country, the Roman Inquisition and old Nero himself.

The Populists who voted for the Skelly bill have a liberal respect for other peoples, and patriotism broad enough to become statesmen in time, opportunities being equal. Though the Skelly bill will hardly become a law this session.

The enormous expense of the present war is justified on the ground that after it ends Spain will be required to foot the bill. It may as well be understood now that no matter what indemnity may be required of the vanquished, it will not help the tax-payers any; they will still have the interest and principal of the bonds to pay, and that not one dollar of indemnity will be used for that purpose. Nor will the war taxes be materially reduced for years, if ever. It is undoubtedly the policy of the party in power, and will be the policy of its successor, if it has any, to accustom the people to heavy taxation under the inspiration of patriotism, so they may become used to it. Any indemnity that Spain may pay will be used as a basis for additional government jobbery, and will not in the least lighten the burden of the tax-payers.—Farm and Ranch.

**Three Ways.**

Nature gives to man nothing. Without work nothing can be produced. Work is the producer of wealth. How, then, is it that there came to be distinctively a working class? Is it that some men devise schemes by which they can live without working, by throwing the burden of their work upon their fellows. An English writer has divided all men into three classes—workingmen, beggar-farmers, and thieves—and this is correct. There are only three ways of getting the product of labor—by working for it, by having it given to you, and by stealing it.—Henry George.

**His First Serious Engagement.**

"I think I know now," said the soldier who was making a determined effort to masticate his first ration of army beef, "What people mean when they talk about the sinews of war."—Chicago Tribune.

**FROM OMAHA.**

In response to a call from their respective heads, the Populist National Committee, the Populist Reorganization Committee, and the Reform Press Association met in Omaha, Nebraska, last week for the purpose of reviewing the situation, and, if possible, to settle the differences existing between the middle-of-the-roads and the fusionists.

The Reform Press and the Reorganization Committee, numbering about 150, met on June 13, and after transacting regular business, adjourned.

The Reform Press Association re-elected its old officers.

The National Committee met on June 15, and after minor business had been attended to Mr. Butler, the chairman, appointed a conference committee to meet with a similar committee appointed by Milton Park, chairman of the Reorganization Committee, for the purpose of arranging harmony and mapping out the future policy. These committees handed in a report, of which the following is a condensation:

1. No proposition looking to fusion with any political party shall be made or entertained by the officers or members of the National Committee.
2. No member of the National Committee shall give any advice or interfere in any state or congressional campaign unless officially requested to do so by the legally constituted local authorities and no advice shall be given except in interest of populist candidates.
3. The National Chairman in submitting all questions to the members of the National Committee shall refrain from making any arguments looking to the influencing of any member of the committee.
4. The National nominating convention of the people's party shall be held at least thirty days before the National nominating conventions of the democratic or republican parties.
5. The basis of representation in the next National convention of the people's party shall be upon straight populist votes, of record, cast for populist state candidates at any election held in 1892 or since.
6. All new members of the National committee elected, or to be elected by regular state conventions, shall be recognized as members of this committee.

The report was unanimously adopted by both committees and bids fair to heal the breach in the party, if adhered to.

Neither the Reorganization Committee nor the National Committee loses its identity. Both are to continue as heretofore, each laboring in its sphere for a common end—the welfare of the party. The chairman of the committees remain the same.

The meeting adjourned June 17. Among the prominent attendants at the Omaha meeting were Wharton Barker, Senators Allen and Butler, Boyce of Idaho, Jno. Phillips of Georgia, Morgan of Arkansas, Joe Parker of Kentucky, Burkett of Mississippi, Hon. H. L. Bentley of Texas.—Southern Mercury.

We see from the Omaha papers that the Milton Park and Wharton Barker disorganizers who bolted the action of the national committee, called a meeting and stayed in session for a day or two after the committee had adjourned. The Omaha Bee announces that they issued a long manifesto, two or three columns long, which was drawn principally by Parker, Barker and one or two others. They wound up by calling a national convention of their bolting element to meet at Cincinnati on September 4th, to nominate a bolting Presidential ticket for the campaign of 1900. Of course a few sorehead, self-constituted delegates can be scraped up in every State to go to this rump convention provided their expenses are paid, and of course Barker and Park can get themselves named as candidates to head such a rump ticket. Again we congratulate the Peoples Party upon being rid of this small, noisy, and troublesome element of disorganizers.—N. C. Caucasian.

Prosperity can not be made by artificial means. It must grow up out of the ground. So long as the prices of farm products are constantly falling there can be no general prosperity. When one-half the population has no money to spend, merchants must sell less, and trade grow duller.—Columbus Post.

Washington, July 6.—Greely reports that a big storm is raging off Santiago, which will prevent the army and fleet co-operating to-day in making a joint attack.

**As Milton Park and Harry Tracy Saw It.**

From the Southern Mercury Dallas, Tex., edited by Milton Park Chairman of the National Organization (Nashville) Committee of the Peoples Party and Harry Tracy.

Elsewhere, in this issue, will be found the proceedings of the Omaha meeting of the Populist National Committee. The National Organization Committee and the Reform Press Association.

Now that the chairman, and other leading fusion members of the first mentioned have agreed to act as straight Populists should; have promised that no more fusion propositions shall originate with or be entertained by them, and have agreed to the calling of a nominating convention at least 30 days before either of the old parties, it is but just and fair that we should accept their representations as made with all sincerity.

They have doubtless realized the error of their past course, and whatever may be the motive, or cause, of their change, matters little. That the change has come, should be sufficient.

The Populist party has suffered more from internal wranglings—a thousand times more—than it has from any outside agency, and the simplest reasoning must impress us with the necessity of a united line, before we can successfully undertake to even defend our principles, much less to act aggressively against the despoilers of liberty—the old parties.

"The proof of the pudding is the eating," and if Mr. Butler and his retainers henceforth touch shoulders with those who have from the first upheld pure Populism, we cannot but be thankful for an ally whose coming has not only strengthened our own ranks, but has taken the most potent force from our enemies.

Then let the cry of "fusionist" be hushed till we have better evidence than surmises that all is not well. The Mercury, for one, proposes to carry out its part of this, and we trust all others who wish Populist principles pushed to victory, will do likewise.

Omaha seems to be a charmed place. At least the most successful Populist convention and Populist conference have been held there.

By Mr. Mestier—An act to regulate the practice of barbering and to create a state board of barbers. House bill No. 367.

This paragraph was clipped from the legislative proceedings reported in the Picayune of July 1. A few days since there was submitted a bill to create a board of public printing. Now it is intended to regulate the practice of barbering. Why not create acts and boards to regulate dealing in futures, the selling and drinking of intoxicants, medicines, dry goods, groceries and all things essential to men and beasts? Why not hold the professions, all trades and avocations, to special judicial regulation? Why not create a board to manipulate matrimonial alliances, and a board to kill or muzzle at least one-half the two-legged jackasses unrestrained, who imagine the world will collapse when they are flesh no more?—Shreveport Caucasian.

**Outwitted by a Farmer.**

It is told of ex-President Rutherford B. Hays that while attending school at Kenyon college he was in the habit of taking daily walks into the country. These trips were shared by two intimate companions who were of a fun-loving disposition which frequently got them into trouble. On one occasion they more than met their match in an old farmer whom they met on the highway. The long white beard of the farmer gave him a patriarchal appearance, and while he was approaching the students, they arranged to give him a "jollying."

One of them doffed his hat with great reverence and respect as he said, "Good morning, Father Abraham!"

The second saluted the old farmer and said, "Good morning, Father Isaac!"

Mr. Hayes, not to be outdone in affability and politeness, extended his hand as he said, "Good morning, Father Jacob!"

"Ignoring the outstretched hand of Mr. Hays, the old farmer replied, "Gentleman, you are mistaken in the man, I am neither Abraham, Isaac nor Jacob, but Saul, the son of Kish, who was sent out to seek his father's asses, and lo! I have found them."—Current Literature.

If you contemplate purchasing household furniture, by all means send for the catalogue of the Quaker Valley Manufacturing Co., 319 and 321 South Canal Street, Chicago. March 25-4m.

**On a Dreary Watch.**

Blockaders Eager to Reply to Havana's Wild Shots.

Spanish Projectiles Fall Provoking in the Waters Around the Warships—An Accident to the Terror Promised Once to Cause an Engagement.

These are dreary days for the men on the blockade. To steam unceasingly up and down almost under the guns of the enemy, to have the shells of Santa Clara and Morro boil the water about them at times and not be allowed to reply, to have all ports closed and the seas drive them to the ward-room or the berth deck, where the mercury crawls up to 90 or 100, to endure all this while their comrades are having stirring times around Santiago, tries the heart of our sailor men. They call their monotonous beat "the einder path." Up and down, day and night, with a steaming sun overhead or seas washing over decks; no ice, no fresh food, full coal bunkers between them and the supply stores at Key West—who wonders if they grow a little at times?

They are surrounded by dangers, too, for the Spaniards at the guns of Havana do not recognize the blockade as "peaceful" and lose no opportunity to send steel protest whistling out to sea. Thanks to their bad marksmanship, these protests have thus far proved harmless. But 12 inch shells have fallen close enough to our ships to make the men wary.

Sometimes they have narrow shaves. Just the other night, while a heavy wind was blowing inshore, one of the Terror's engines broke down. It would have been a trifling matter at any other time or place, but in the range of Spanish batteries it was serious. The monitor was about five miles offshore and had but one engine with which to fight her way against the strong wind that threatened to carry her right under the guns of Havana. The men were called to quarters, and had their disabled ship drifted inshore they would have given good account of themselves. The Spaniards at San Juan know a few things about the Terror's 10 inch guns. They know, too, what a small and dangerous target the squat little monitor makes, and their Havana brethren would have learned the same lesson, but the one engine won the battle with the wind and sea and carried the ship to safety at the speed of one knot an hour.

Just a few nights before this the former lighthouse tender Mangrove, now a man-o-war, with the usual darning of the vessels of the mosquito fleet, ran within 1 1/2 miles of the batteries. Morro's searchlight found her, and, exposed as she was by the light, she made a fine mark for the Spanish gunners. The Terror lying a little farther out at sea, realized the vessel's peril ran right for the broad band of light. The Spaniards on Morro saw the larger vessel and turned their attention to her. The Mangrove was released and slipped away into the darkness. She ran inshore so close that the men on Morro could not sufficiently depress their searchlight to make it bear on her and scudded up the coast. Having released her little comrade the monitor put to sea.—New York Sun.

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