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Two years ago we were fed on the ambrosia of democratic expectations. Yesterday we were given the corn cobs of democratic reality.—T. H. E. WATSON.

It is easier for a Populist hater to crawl through the eye of a needle than to see any good in a Populist editor, who has blacked the said Populist hater's eyes with the sledgeman's hammer of facts.

Why is it some of the trustees of the State Normal School at Ellensburg try so hard to control the City Public School Board? Is there something that needs covering up? Are they afraid of an investigation?

One of the hardest things for a democrat to do nowadays is to decide whether he had better stick to his democracy and give up his party or stick to his party and give up his democracy.—Independent, Paso Robles, Calif.

Goe. K. Holms, special census commissioner on mortgage statistics, figures out that 4,047 families own as much as 11,593,887 families. Yet the republican party glories in the state of affairs that existed prior to the last election—World, Chillicothe, Mo.

We are prepared for any emergency now. The animals who have a burning desire to mop the earth with us, and who have accused us of all manner of dirty work and have misrepresented us with tongue and pen, must cease or PROVE their charges. Business is BUSINESS!

With this issue we commence the publication of the weekly DAWN. We find we cannot successfully combat the evils that obstruct the reform movement, with a monthly, hence have concluded to publish a weekly while, at the same time continuing the publication of the monthly.

We have been in this reform movement a great many years. In it for reform in fact, for what we believed for the good of the cause and not for office or boodle.

In it working for the upbuilding of the party at a time when some of our loudest mouthed modern reformers were in their old party putting up dirty jobs whereby they might secure office or boodle.

We shall speak our minds freely in the future as in the past, and in doing so, shall not hesitate to call things by their plain english names.

We shall not hesitate to criticize or condemn anyone whom we believe is obstructing the reform movement or expose any trickery or corruption found within our party or among any of its members.

This is the only course for a true Populist to pursue.

While exposing corruption in our own ranks, we shall continue to expose and condemn in severe terms the rottenness and perfidy of the twins—the two old parties.

Their past as well as present attitude towards the toiling millions and their neglect of the duty reposed in them by the people.

WATCH closely and see who kicks at the course of the DAWN. You will find that it is not the men who have the best interests of the party at heart, but those who are endeavoring to prostitute the principles of reform in order to satisfy personal greed and ambition.

THE time has come now for the liars and political hypocrites to take a back seat. Hunt your holes, you dirty whelps. We have you spotted and you are known by your fruits. Eaves-droppers seldom hear any good of themselves, therefore you had better take warning and cease to do evil.

EVERY true Populist will endorse the course the DAWN has taken when they make themselves familiar with the circumstances. It is better by far to politically slaughter a few designing schemers that the party may live, than to place the schmers in a position where they can kill the party by trickery and dishonesty.

It is a fact that certain Populists consider it their urgent duty to overthrow everyone whom they believe stand in their way to preferment.—Populist, Sprague, Wash.

Those who have had occasion during the present railroad trouble to be about the depot and observe the quiet and gentlemanly bearing of the strikers, could not help noting the contrast between them, and the class of men the U. S., selects as its deputy marshals to guard railroad property.

It seems strange that it is necessary to go among ex-convicts, pimps and tin-horn gamblers to procure men for that duty, men who would sooner pick a pocket than do an honest days labor.

But with a few exceptions, that is the class of men the government employs for that work

The government has for years, whether under republican rule or democratic control, been ever ready and willing to come to the rescue of the soulless corporations.

A few years ago this dirty work (for which the deputies are employed) was done by Pinkerton thugs apparently under private management. But they (the thugs) becoming so obnoxious by their brutality and lawlessness the Pinkertons apparently went out of business. The government steps in and employs the same class of men to do the same dirty work formerly done by the Pinkerton's, employing them as deputy marshals under the United States laws.

A few years ago such a thing would not openly have been attempted. But the government (the corporations) have gradually been tightening the cords backed up by the regular army until it will soon be that we will have no liberties left.

"Keep off the grass" is the order now but it will soon be: get off the earth to make room for Grover the drunk, Pullman the autocrat, and their pimp deputies.

We don't propose to surrender, neither do we intend to retreat. We have taken our stand and made our declarations in all honesty of purpose and we can substantiate our position and charges. The little secret society must now either prove their assertions or keep hands off. Enough is enough of anything, and too much becomes unbearable.

THE people of the Populist party in common with all other parties, in order to keep their principles and good name above reproach and prevent a stigma being cast on their honesty and integrity, must slay the wolf in sheep's clothes and the eagle that thrives from the suckers it catches. These political shysters and demagogues are found in every political party and the sooner they are politically beheaded or hanged higher than Haman, the better for all.

DR. DOWDY'S DOSES.

The man who would sell his vote ought to be shot—as a traitor to his country.

Just so long as our laws place a premium upon rascality just so long must we expect rascality.

The old party platforms emphasize the fact that there can be some distinction (such as in headings) without a difference.

Railroad, telegraph, national bank, oil and fuel monopolies will yet learn that the people have rights which even they must respect.

Revolutions never go backward, and the revolution now in motion in every part of this country will not cease till all the wrongs have righted. Mark the prediction!

Farmers have not, as yet, learned the knack of combining and fixing the price of their productions. Is it not about time that they begin learning how.

This is no longer a Government of the people and for the people. It is now a Government of the corporations and politicians and for corporations and politicians.

The man who is elevated and paid to serve the people and who "forgets" his pledge to the people should be treated as a murderer.

The soldiers fought to maintain, not to tear down, the Government. The monopolists, however, are fighting not to maintain but to tear down the Government.

Railroads are a good thing; we have no objection to railroads. What we object to is their charging five times what a thing is worth—"what the traffic will bear."

Corporations can strike for more work for less wages but nothing is said about it. Let labor strike for more pay and a howl goes up all at once, and the militia is called out to intimidate the strikers.

Fifty-four democrats and sixty republicans in Congress voted to sustain Cleveland's veto of the seigniorage bill.

The republican State central committee of the States of Alabama, Georgia and Virginia, have decided to call no Congressional conventions this year, and will stand by the Populist ticket.

Any man who makes an honest open fight for the people's rights will have the everlasting curse of the politicians and time servers of all parties upon his head. These spoil hunters always hate an open fighter who condemns wrong wherever found and they will conspire in every conceivable way to crush him, after deceiving the very elect with their slick tongues and oily words.—Living Issues.