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**M. Humphrey's
Green Front.**

**I WANT
10,000**

**Men,
Boys and Children**

to call at my store and examine my
Mammoth Stock

—OF—
Clothing,

which I have just received,
and which has been purchased
under a prospect of a low tariff
and bought the goods away down,
the equal has never been known
in Northeast Missouri. I am
prepared to sell you

GOOD GOODS,

Even below your own expectation. Those

**Hats,
Caps,
Boots,**

**Shoes,
Neckwear,
Furnishing Goods,**

AS WELL AS MY
Clothing Stock,

Are all Fresh, New Goods,
and purchased under the recent
decline in the eastern market,
and, positively, will be closed out
to make room for another stock,
which I expect to buy in the near
future, even lower than ever
if possible. Call early and
see me if you wish to

SAVE MONEY!

Remember, Old and Young
Ladies' Shoes and Slippers
a specialty. I am yours as
ever.

**M. Humphrey,
Green Front,
North Side,
Memphis, Mo.**

COST OF LIVING.

In reply to the theory that \$1.10 a day is plenty for a laboring man to support a family on and live well, the Auburn, Ind., Times, produces the following facts and figures:

We have long held that wages are entirely too low and to present this Populist doctrine clearly we shall resort to figures.

There are about 300 working days in the year. If a man works every day at \$1.10 a day he would have \$330. Out of this he must live and support his family. An average family is five persons. Now let us figure:

Living 12c a day each one year, \$219 00	Man's wardrobe:
An ordinary house \$7 per month. 84 00	One good suit of clothes. \$ 20 00
Poll tax. 2 00	One good hat. 3 00
Other taxes. 2 00	One good pair shoes. 3 50
One good suit of clothes. 15 00	Three white shirts. 3 00
One cheap suit of clothes. 8 00	Collars, cuffs, ties, etc. 3 00
One overcoat. 10 00	Underclothing. 5 00
One pair good shoes. 3 00	One common hat. 1 50
One pair coarse shoes. 1 50	One straw hat. 25
One good hat. 2 50	One coarse suit. 19 00
One common hat. 1 00	Coarse shoes. 1 50
One straw hat. 25	Common shirts, etc. 5 00
Three checked shirts. 1 25	Barber bill. 6 20
Two wool shirts. 2 00	Other things. 10 00
Two white shirts. 2 00	Total. \$97 00
Underclothing, hose, etc. 5 00	Man's wardrobe:
Collars, cuffs, neckties, etc. 1 50	One good dress. 11 00
For wife:	Five calico dresses. 7 50
One worsted dress. 3 00	Three worsted dresses. 12 00
One pair fine shoes. 2 50	Two good pairs of shoes. 6 00
One pair coarse shoes. 1 50	Two pairs of common shoes. 3 00
Two calico dresses. 1 50	Overshoes and stockings. 5 50
One hat. 2 50	Two hats. 8 00
Underclothing. 8 00	Winter wrap. 15 00
Fuel and light. 40 00	Spring wrap. 8 00
Children's clothing. 20 00	Corsets, underwear, etc. 5 00
Five cents a week to preacher. 2 60	Other things. 10 00
Doctor bills. 10 00	Total. \$105 50
Lawyers. nothing	Family expenses. \$ 97 00
Tobacco, cigars, etc. nothing	Husband's wardrobe. 71 95
Books, papers, etc. nothing	Wife's wardrobe. 105 50
Furniture, dishes, etc. nothing	Total. \$115 45
Circuses, shows, etc. nothing	
Visits to friends abroad. nothing	
Carpets, bedding, etc. nothing	
R. R. fare, lectures etc. nothing	
Organ, music, etc. nothing	
Luxuries. nothing	
Total. \$452 60	

No one should say that this bill of living is unreasonable, yet it amounts to \$122.60 more than a man earns, providing he works every day, losing none for bad weather, sickness, etc. But our Republican friends who talk so much of protecting the laboring man think that \$1.10 a day is plenty, so we must go over the list and cut it down.

The amount for food cannot be reduced as it only allows of meat once a day as it is. Rent and taxes cannot be cut down. We will make the man do without an overcoat, \$10. One white shirt must suffice, \$1. He can make one collar and one tie suffice, 75c. A hat for his wife worth \$1.50 is good enough, \$1. This has reduced the amount \$12.75, but the cost of living is still \$109.85 too much. Well, it's got to be reduced. He can stay at home from church and save the \$2.60 paid to the preacher. He has got to have the doctor, but he can let the \$10 go unpaid, as doctors are good fellows and used to this way of business. He can have a \$10 suit instead of a \$15 suit and thereby save \$5. A hat that costs \$1.50 is good enough for a laboring man on Sunday and that saves \$1. A workingman's wife does not need a worsted dress and that saves \$3. The children can go barefoot and wear cheaper clothes and that could thereby be reduced \$6. This reduces the amount \$27.60, but is still \$82.25 too much.

Well, the bill must be reduced. His house is none too good, but he must get a poorer one. He gets a poor house for \$5. That saves \$24. Well, they must eat less and the other \$58.25 must be taken from the food that costs 12 cents a day.

The above calculation is made for a family of five,—parents, and three children. But many families exceed three children, then reader, figure out for yourself the cost of their living.

Now let us make another statement of the cost of living, which we believe would be just and right and from this we will determine the rate of wages a man should receive. Again we will

calculate for an average family of five:

Cost of living, 20c a day each. \$395 00	Good house, rent. 120 00
Poll and other taxes. 13 00	Doctor bills. 10 00
Children's clothing \$20 each. 50 00	New dishes, tinware, etc. 5 00
One carpet each year. 15 00	Fuel and light. 60 00
New furniture. 10 00	R. R. fare, carriage, lecture, etc. 60 00
New bedding. 10 00	Books, papers, etc. 36 00
New dishes, tinware, etc. 5 00	Organ, music, pictures, etc. 60 00
Fuel and light. 60 00	Donation to charities. 25 00
R. R. fare, carriage, lecture, etc. 60 00	Donation to church. 25 00
Books, papers, etc. 36 00	Other things. 100 00
Organ, music, pictures, etc. 60 00	Total. \$974 00
Donation to charities. 25 00	Man's wardrobe:
Donation to church. 25 00	One good suit of clothes. \$ 20 00
Other things. 100 00	One good hat. 3 00
Total. \$974 00	One good pair shoes. 3 50
Man's wardrobe:	Three white shirts. 3 00
One good suit of clothes. \$ 20 00	Collars, cuffs, ties, etc. 3 00
One good hat. 3 00	Underclothing. 5 00
One good pair shoes. 3 50	One common hat. 1 50
Three white shirts. 3 00	One straw hat. 25
Collars, cuffs, ties, etc. 3 00	One coarse suit. 19 00
Underclothing. 5 00	Coarse shoes. 1 50
One common hat. 1 50	Common shirts, etc. 5 00
One straw hat. 25	Barber bill. 6 20
One coarse suit. 19 00	Other things. 10 00
Coarse shoes. 1 50	Total. \$71 95
Common shirts, etc. 5 00	Wife's wardrobe:
Barber bill. 6 20	One good dress. 11 00
Other things. 10 00	Five calico dresses. 7 50
Total. \$71 95	Three worsted dresses. 12 00
Wife's wardrobe:	Two good pairs of shoes. 6 00
One good dress. 11 00	Two pairs of common shoes. 3 00
Five calico dresses. 7 50	Overshoes and stockings. 5 50
Three worsted dresses. 12 00	Two hats. 8 00
Two good pairs of shoes. 6 00	Winter wrap. 15 00
Two pairs of common shoes. 3 00	Spring wrap. 8 00
Overshoes and stockings. 5 50	Corsets, underwear, etc. 5 00
Two hats. 8 00	Other things. 10 00
Winter wrap. 15 00	Total. \$105 50
Spring wrap. 8 00	Family expenses. \$ 97 00
Corsets, underwear, etc. 5 00	Husband's wardrobe. 71 95
Other things. 10 00	Wife's wardrobe. 105 50
Total. \$105 50	Total. \$115 45

It is fight between dividends and humanity.—Irish World,

A LITTLE HINT.

There are several millions of law-abiding people in this country who are not satisfied with the doings of those who comprise the old political parties. They are looking for some new and better place to camp while thinking and preparing their ballots. These law-abiding citizens do not take kindly to an element that incites to riot and disregard of law. If the Populists or their espouse any cause that is carried forward by a non-law-abiding element, and thus add to the work which law-abiding, tax-paying people must perform, the cause of reform will not go forward on any of the lines which are handled by those who destroy property, interfere with the prompt and legitimate transaction of business and life. To jump out of the frying pan of panic into the ashes of interminable disorder and mob violence is not to be thought of by that great and better element which seeks faithfully to correct evils by the ballot which removes the old and brings forth the new.

All this hot talk in defiance of law and audacity of those who defy law and set themselves up as higher than the law, is on a par with the acts of those through which all the financial offences in this country came. But for the work of noisy, and too often drunken agitator in Colorado the present year, men of money enough to have built a thousand miles of rail and thus created a greater demand for labor would have been there ere this, and thousands now out of steady and money-making employ would be at work and prospering.

In the State of Pennsylvania, according to the official reports, there were fifty-three labor strikes during the year 1894, and not one of them was a success. The railway Union by which Debs hoped to come to the front as dictator to all other unions, including the United States Union, has by one mistake on the part of its officers proved itself to be other than what is needed. There are wiser and able men in the labor associations of this country than Debs. Men who have kept out of jail and out of the clutches of the law. Men who can carry on a great work without appealing to the meddlesome and the unruly. Men who love law and lawful methods, and who would precede by the ballot to displace the old, and properly and respectfully place the new.

The man with one idea, and that one to fight and kill, may be a good man in a cause, but he is not the man to be entrusted to the position as leader. While there is such a thing as courage, there is also need for discretion. The mouth that is always open is sometimes very dangerous to its owner, especially when it comes to a place where the least said is the soonest mended.—Pomeroy's Advance Thought.

If a man tells you he is an Abraham Lincoln Republican take him by the hand and tell him that he is Populist, and by comparing notes he will admit that he is. Again, if a man tells you he is a Jeffersonian Democrat, you will find he is a true People's party man in principle, only he don't know it. These men should vote the populist ticket, and will do so if they honestly express their sentiments, and mean to have them enacted into law.—Industrial News, Jackson, Mich.

At the recent election in Alabama the Populists carried four congressional districts by majorities ranging from two to six thousand. They have all the county officers and the election machinery and this means four straight Populists congressmen from Alabama. The Democrats can steal the state by counting the negro counties, but they can't manage these four districts.—Nonconformist.

The Republicans, with Democratic help, demonetized silver in 1873. The Democrats, with Republican help, repeated the dose in 1893. Which is which?—Holton, Kansas, Tribune.

POPULIST STATE NEWS.

The Farm Record of Ava, Douglass, county, has repudiated democracy and is flying the people's party ticket.

The populist of St. Clair county, are making a vigorous fight and expect to win.

J. B. Follett, of St. Louis, a member of the state executive committee, informs us that organization is going forward and the people's party increasing rapidly in that city.

Texas county populists recently held a two days' camp-meeting at Houston and nominated a strong ticket.

G. H. Hiffner of Atherton, member of the State Committee from the Fifth district, sends a very encouraging report regarding the outlook in his district and in Jackson county. John S. Crosby is likely to be elected to congress down there and Jackson county will elect a portion of the People's ticket.

Dallas county has a full "middle of the road" county ticket in the field with a fighting chance of electing it.

Dade county populists have their war paint on and expect to elect their ticket in November.

Speakers are in demand in many counties, but there is no money with which to pay them.

G. T. Demaree has moved his "Commonwealth" from Lamar to Clinton.

The populists of Carroll county held their nominating convention at Carrolltown, August 28, and put out a strong ticket.

Douglass county populists nominated a straight ticket on the 28th of August.—Tarkio Independent.

Would Not Demonetize Anything.

Letters come to us every day in which the writers ask if we should advise the demonetization of gold and silver, the substitution of full legal tender paper money therefor.

Certainly not.

The Government has no moral right to demonetize anything it has once decreed and issued as legal tender.

The man who buys from the Government or from any person anything that is legal tender for a debt is buying that much of the cream of all wealth, so far as relates to business purposes, and has the right to have that creation kept alive in its official position as money till he uses it in the payment of debts, and thus passes it to the next.

This is the only purpose for which the law creates legal tender, and whenever the act of demonetization strikes the legal tender quality from that coin or creation law, it robs the person in whose possession the legal tender was when it was demonetized, of the very power he paid for, and leaves it dead on his hands so far as using it for the original purpose is concerned.

We would not demonetize any kind of legal tender, any more than we would by law declare the letter carrying quality of a postage stamp to be wrested therefrom, and this at a loss to every one who had one or more in his possession. Let all coins remain as legal tender at their face value till they wear out and disappear, and let paper money be an addition to the useful creations of the Government under the law as legal tender.—Pomeroy's Advance Thought.

Demo-Republican presidential ticket for 1896: For president, Grover Cleveland, of Buzzard's Bay; for vice-president, Benjamin Harrison, corporation attorney. Platform, "down with labor and up with the army." Chairman national committee, John Sherman; advisory board, the sugar, whisky and several other trusts; returning board, United States circuit courts.—Nonconformist.

"I Love the principles of true democracy."—Lone Fisherman's last letter. So did Benedict Arnold love his country.—Nonconformist.

JONES BOLTS THE TRACES.

The Evening WASHINGTON, D. C. Star says:

To-day furnished a genuine sensation in political circles by the statement that Senator John P. Jones, of Nevada, who has represented his State in the United States Senate for over twenty-one years, has formally renounced his allegiance to the Republican party and cast his lot with the Populists. Senator Jones has written a letter to his constituency, which will be published in Nevada tomorrow, and will be the first intimation to the people of that State that he has doffed the political garment that he has worn with such distinction for so many years, and will don the garb of the third party. His intentions have been kept secret from all but his most intimate associates, and it was his intention to have the first public announcement of his action made in the letter which will be published in his political home. With this end in view Senator Jones declined to-day to speak to the contents of his letter, but it is understood that his change of policy is based almost entirely upon the question of silver.

Senator Jones left Washington to-day for New York. His bolt makes the Nevada Congressional delegation solidly Populist. Senator Stewart having left the Republican party sometime ago and Representative Newlands having been elected as a silverite.

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POPULISTS

should at once organize; in every school district in this country. Meet and elect a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer of the Populist Club in that district. Invite all voters to assemble at least once a week, to discuss the present terrible financial condition of the country. Invite those who do not understand what is meant by the Populist movement, those who are opposed to it, and present facts in proof that people have as much right to move on and from new parties as to sit still and be robbed, year after year. Have picnics, lectures, entertainments of various kinds to lighten the exercise, and see how people will come into this movement once they understand what is to be accomplished by this one more New Departure, as New Departures are always in order. Have reading matter always handy to hand to those who can and will read, and invite the wives and children to attend these meetings, as they are all affected by the laws and the way they are administered, even if they do not have the right to vote.—Pomeroy's Advance Thought.

Labor papers, so-called, are blaming the law. How would it sound for a shoemaker who made for himself a shoe, to blame the shoe because it did not fit him or his foot. The law is a senseless thing, which is just as it is made. If the law does not fit, or pinches too much here and is too loose there, make it over. You have the ballot as the thing created for this very purpose. But for God's sake and man's sake and the sake of the country, honor the law while it is a law. All the financial evils now swarming over this mortgage-covered country are the result of mistakes in the use of our ballots. Don't blame the law, which could not be what it is were the farmers and laborers, business men, and all who are cramped by it, except that they had made it so. Let us begin by voting a new style of men and thought into Congress. That is the place where the snake's eggs are laid—Pomeroy's Advance Thought.

The Journal, at Excelsior Springs, in the State of Missouri, is Democratic, even if it says that the party now in power has done nothing these three years or so, except jam wind and draw salaries.

If you create wealth should you not enjoy it? If not, continue voting with Carnegie, Pullman & Co.—Nonconformist.

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