

FENCERAIL PHILOSOPHY.



PARROT FER KONGRESS.

Ez I passed by Parrott's plais the uther day I notist Jack standing in the barnyard looking ez thawfull ez a young gal trying to desyde which of her luvvers she likes the best. I asked him if he wuz thinking of his anecksayshun skeam. "No," sez Parrott, "I hed to giv thet up. I finds thet Ole is a voter and Mark don't want to rob him in a way thet he will understand. Them Fillypeenos liv fur off and haint got no puresnel frends hear, and kant vote agin Mack, so Mark thinks it is awrite to takkel them for thare land. But I wuz spek-ewlayting on another skeam. I'm tyerd of farming. In koors I noa we is prosperus; Mack sez so, and Mark sez so, and awl the republiken pay-pers sez so. Tharfor it must be troo. But sumhow neather I nor any of my nayburs hev bin abel to ketch on to the prosperity. When we hed horses to sell thar wuz wurth nothing. When evryboddy kwitt raying horses thar got so skairs that Mack and Mark wuz abel to git in thar prosperity wurk and rais the prise. But blamid if I diddent hev to buy horses myself by thet time. When potaytos wuz hie thet krop wuz smawl, and when we hed a big krop thet prise wuz loa. I recken Mack and Mark ar kept so bizzy pro-dooosing prosperity for the manef-acturkewers and ralerodes thet thar kant git around to giv prosperity to moar than one farm produkt at a time. But it seems mity kwear thet thar shood awlways pick out the produkt the farmers hev the leest of. If thar applyde it to wheat whin our graneries wuz busting with wheat and to horses when our pastewrs wuz full of the kriterers it wud help us wonder-fully. Howsumever, I'm going to giv up farming. I wuz jest thinking of running fer kongress."

"Well, Jack," sez I, "I don't noa but thet yer general lack of nolled and yer ability to foller instruck-shuns from the bosses wud maik you an ideel kandydait for the Mack-Han-naytes."

"Thet's jest it," sez Parrott. Under the present sistem whare Mark and Mack ar the hull cheas I klame thet the less a man noas the better kongressman he will maik. A man what noas a thing or two himself iz lyabel to disagree with the ideers of Mack and Mark, and then he wud eather hev to swaller hiz konviekshuns, which wud maik it mity unkomfort-abel for himself, or he will agin thare wishes which kawes a lot of trubbel for Mack and Mark and draws thare atthenshun from the prosperity wurk. Do you think awl theses striks and lockouts wud hev happend if thar haddent bin kept bizzy eoksployning the Porto Reockan tarriil hit thet sum republiken wuz foolish enuff to ob-jeck to just laws it wuz kontrary to to the konstitooshun and Justias. Thet's jest what will happen evry time we elekct kongressmen that per-sisist in doing thare oan thinking or lissen to thair konstitewents. In koors I realizez that the mane difkulty in my way is the fakt thet Eddy al-ways obade Mack and Mark and when hiz konstitewents kield he sassed them back and toald them thar diddent noa nothing skairsly. I'm afrade Mack and Mark ar too well sooted with Eddy to want to chaing but I think I kood foller thare orders jest ez well ez he duss, and tawk jest ez easy to the peepel when thar dis-agreard with my masters. I mebbe don't noa ez mutch about whiskey, but I kood lurn."

"You hev stoyted the kais korrek-tly," sez I. "When a man bez got a mew that will hawl enny kind of a lode oaver enny kind of a rode, with-out laying back in the harness or kicking he aint going to traid him off fer another mewl, no matter how likely layting a kriter it may be. Wile Eddy iz kwit enuff to noa the differens between rite and rong the bosses noa he wont let thet interfeer with doing thare bidding. Awl they hev to do iz to throa him an approp-ryashun for a postoffis bilding or a free delivery male root and he'll be awrite. Then he kin pint to thoes approp-ryashuns and tell thet peepel what a mity man he iz and what in-floens he bez in kongress. On the hull, Jack, awlthoa I noa you wud maik jest ez good a man for the job I don't think you hev the kewtness to nook Eddy ow of the nominayshun."

"Well," sez Parrott, "I'm going to maik a try ennyway. I'll rite to Mack and Mark and tell them I'll let them do the thinking fer me saim ez they do fer Eddy and I won't ask sezch big approp-ryashuns in pay fer it."

"Ya kin try," sez I, "but you must remember thet the approp-ryashuns don't kom out of the pockets of Mack and Mark. The peepel pay for them and the firm thet iz running this gov-ernment don't hev to pay thair sur-vants themselves."

Jack hoav a sye thet blood my straw hat off and went into the hows to Konsider about moving into a dis-trickit whare the present kongressman did his oan thinking.

JIMMINY CRICKETTS.

THE STATE CONVENTION.

The people's party state convention was held at Labor Temple, Minneapo-lis, last Wednesday. It was a repre-sentative gathering of well-known peo-ple's party men from all parts of the state. The representation from St. Paul and Minneapolis was small, most of the two hundred delegates present being from the country. The meeting was a harmonious one, the sentiment being entirely in favor of the nomination of William Jennings Bryan for president. A resolution favoring the nomination of Charles A. Towne for vice president was unan-imosly passed. A little spice was added to the occasion by a St. Paul delegate objecting to the resolution endorsing the state administration. This brought out a storm of protests from the country delegates and gave an opportunity for the expression of the confidence and pride felt by the people of the state in the administra-tion of John Lind. The resolution was passed with but one negative vote. Thomas J. Meighen, of Fillmore coun-ty, was the chairman of the conven-tion and E. R. Dampier, of Otter Tail county, was secretary. The committee upon resolutions reported the follow-ing, which were adopted:

We, the representatives of the Peoples party in Minnesota, in convention assembled, hereby reaffirm the Omaha platform and the national people's party platform of 1896, and in connection therewith the declaration of American independence.

Resolved, That as we are now standing at the parting of the ways, one leading towards a republic and all that it implies, the other towards monarchy, the empire, despotism and all that they imply, we believe that it is the duty of every citizen to take the political action necessary to give the utmost practical effect to his opposition to the monarchical direction, regardless of the ties or prejudice of partisanship.

Resolved, That in pursuance of the fore-going, we favor the nomination and election to the presidency of the United States of the man who will most surely combine the opposition to the prevailing tendency of the present national administration, and who, if elected, will most faithfully and untiringly devote himself to the re-establishment of the principles of popular government that were declared and adopted by the revered fathers of the republic.

Resolved, That the trust is monopoly; monop-oly is despotism. Trusts now govern us. Hence our government must be essentially despotism. We demand the abolition of trusts and all other forms of monopoly, to the end that this may be a government of, by and for the people.

Resolved, That we extend our sympathies to the South African republics and all other peoples and the gallant fighters they are making for life, liberty and home rule.

Resolved, That we enter our solemn protest against that imperialism of the McKinley ad-ministration which governs and taxes an alien country the people of Porto Rico, and proposes to govern conquered countries with-out their consent. We regard this as but one form of imperialism and denounce all other forms, such as the surrender of the functions of coining and issuing money by the federal government to private banks, as a policy which is unconstitutional, undemocratic, un-republican and despotic.

Resolved, That we indorse the present ad-ministration of Governor John Lind and his efficient colleagues.

The following were elected to repre-sent Minnesota at the great gathering at Sioux Falls today:

Delegates-Large-S. M. Owen, Thomas J. Meighen, P. M. Hingdal, E. S. Reishus, alter-nates, Frank Ives, C. A. Nye, E. E. Lommen, D. D. Evans.

First District-W. A. Hotchiss, H. C. Nel-son, J. I. Vermilya, A. E. Ball, Edward Keefe, T. H. Moran, alternates, C. G. Johnson, I. L. Bullis, H. G. Day, James E. Childs, A. D. Camp-bell, James Monroe.

Second-Sturgeon O'Dell, W. R. Hodges, L. A. R. Sweet, J. M. Byington, J. C. Marshall, P. J. Jenkins, alternates, H. S. Swenson, N. N. Ostrom, Sverre Olson, E. J. Mellike, Peter Olson, A. Holdale.

Third-J. M. Bowler, Dr. W. M. Cory, M. R. Tompkins, A. C. Welch, H. J. Peterson; alter-nates, F. C. Gibbs, J. D. Buel, John Ames, James Dudley, William Mahood, Henry Ben-son.

Fourth-Francis H. Clarke, M. R. Prender-gast, M. E. Murray, J. E. Johnson; alternates, Grant Spieker, R. A. Walsh, J. E. Dempsey, Chas. Clifford, O. B. Wayedah, G. W. McDon-ald.

Fifth-Paul Fontaine, Thomas Chapman, Evert Nymanover, W. H. Dobbey, L. D. Brown, W. F. McCullom; alternates, L. A. Weber, J. G. Ingalls, Geo. R. Lawrence, H. N. Owen, Henry Ebert, Morris Luby.

Sixth-Z. H. Austin, A. H. Hendrickson, Charles Latze, Oscar Dageratt, S. Nixon, O. P. Erickson; alternates, J. Mayhew, C. F. Bohall, Joseph W. Schwiger, John P. Mason, Louis Hanson, Peter Walters.

Seventh-M. J. Daly, H. P. Bjorge, Victor E. Lawson, F. P. Olney, P. J. Wangleburg, A. W. Schman, R. Glavin, George N. Lamphere; alternates, W. Lennox, J. A. Erickson, A. R. Johnson, Harry Ives, A. H. Sperry, M. E. Johnson.

The members of the Committee on delegates were H. G. Day, J. B. Gibson, M. E. Murray, R. Glavin, D. F. Hemstreet, W. R. Hodges, Paul Fontaine.

EAST LAKE LILLIAN.

May 2. Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Wallin and Miss Izida Soderberg called at Christopher Johnson's last Thursday.

The teachers of this vicinity who at-tended the teachers' meeting at At-water last Saturday report a good time.

Last Thursday's rain was a great one and it did a great deal of good.

Rev. Nelson of Fergus Falls con-ducted services in the Norwegian church last Sunday and Tuesday.

Mr. W. H. Quist of Dist. 40 spent Saturday and Sunday at his home in Fahln.

Hemming Nelson is securing signers for a road petition. ENRIUS.

LAKE ELIZABETH.

May 7. The Union String Band of Lake Elizabeth and Fahln will be at the M. E. church of Tripolis next Sunday evening, May 13, at eight o'clock. All the members of the band will make an effort to be present, and they extend a cordial invitation to all to attend.

Rev. Johnson of Cokato and Rev. Wahlquist will both be present. A good time is anticipated. A collec-tion will be taken for the purpose of increasing the organ fund. This how-ever, will be a free-will offering. Come one and all.

McLAUGHLIN MERCANTILE COMPANY

IN THE I. O. O. F. BLOCK, WILLMAR, MINN.

MAY SALE.

Another week of slaughter in all kinds of Merchandise greater than ever. Our store is the busy store and our marvelous offerings and matchless showing of extraordinary bargains is the drawing card. Good goods sold cheap is the only thing that makes the store full of business and a genuine bargain resort, and this sale will surpass anything ever yet attempted.



Not a thing is misrepresented in the few quotations made below

Dress Goods Department.

In this Department for the next week or two we will show some excellent bargains in Stylish, Up-to-Date Goods.

Silk Velvet in assorted colors, \$1.00 quality, positively worth \$1.00 per yard, on sale at the ridiculously low price of 25c a yard.

Black Crepon, latest style, worth in any store \$1.00, on sale at 69c a yd.

36 inch half wool Dress Goods, lat-est style, the best 25c quality in the market, at this sale for only 15c a yard.

New Stylish Shirt Waist Silks at 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50 a yard—great values.

40-inch large Plaid Dress Goods, worth 17 cents, on sale at 12c a yd.

36-inch Fleece lined Dress Goods, best 10c quality, on sale at 5c a yard.

\$1.50 Black, Stylish Crepon, 40 inch, on sale at 98c a yard.

44-in. spring styles Fancy Dress Goods sold at 75c, now on sale at 53c a yard.

Good and durable Wool Flannel Plaid Dress Goods, worth 29c a yard, on sale at only 15c a yard.

Scotch Plaid Dress Goods 3c a yd.

Wash Goods Department.

We will show from now on a splendid line of the latest and most stylish fabrics in the market.

Latest styles in light and dark Dress Calicoes, worth 6c a yard, on sale at 3c a yard.

Pelton Percales, 36 in., fast colors in striped and checked, sold at 10 and 12c, 800 yards to be sold at 6c a yard.

American Shirting Cambric to be sold during this sale at 3c a yard.

Delta Batiste raised figured Im-portant Mull, worth 25c, on sale at 15c a yard.

Jacquard Swiss, latest style, assort-ed colors, raised designs, worth 25c, on sale at 15c a yard.

Hosiery Department.

We are showing a complete line of Ladies' and Children's Hosiery at prices long to be remembered.

Ladies' fast color black seamless hose worth 10c a pair, 5c or 3 pair for 10c.

Ladies' silk finish black hose, regu-larly made, worth 25c, 15c or 2 for 25c.

Men's Silk Hose, three thread heel and toe, fast black, worth 50c a pair, on sale at 19c a pair.

Children's Silk Hose on sale at 19c a pair.

Men's heavy brown and blue mixed hose, seamless, on sale at 5c a pair or 3 pair for 10c.

Ladies' Lisle Silk Hose, spliced heel, double toe, and worth 38c, on sale at 29c a pair or 2 for 50c.

Ladies' Lace Ribbed Lisle Hose, warranted fast color and stainless, worth 50c a pair, on sale at 29c a pair.

Children's ribbed fast black Hose, worth 15c, on sale at 10c or 3 pair for 25c.

Children's Wool Hose 10c or 3 pair for 25c.

Men's Lambs Wool light gray sum-mer Hose, very fine, worth 50c, on sale at 25c a pair.

Men's fast color seamless Hosiery in black and brown, 5c a pair or 3 pair for 10c.

...Clothing Department...



Rare Bargains in Our Clothing Department.

Boys' Knee Pants, worth 25c to 35c, on sale at 15c a pair.

Children's Suits in wool 69c.

Children's good suits at 98c, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2 and up.

Boys' Wash Suits 50c, 75c and \$1.00.

Men's Wool Summer Suits worth \$7.50, on sale at \$4.50.

Men's good summer pants worth \$1.00, on sale at 69c a pair.

Men's Wool summer pants worth \$2.00, on sale at \$1.29 a pair.

SHOE DEPARTMENT.

Our sales on shoes since we opened have been something wonder-ful, so we will continue the same prices on the same shoes as quoted below in opening sale list.

In this Department we never had any opposition as can be proved from the few prices we quote below.

Baby Shoes in Brown, Red, Tan, Black, etc., soft and easy for a little baby's feet, ONLY 15c A PAIR.

Children's Vici Kid Shoes, sizes from 3 to 5, Opening Sale price 39c A PAIR.

Boys' Strong Shoes, 8 to 13 and 13 to 5 1/2, worth \$1.35, for 98c.

Children's Ox-blood high-grade Shoes in sizes from 8 to 13 and 13 to 2, and cheap at \$1.65; Opening Sale price 98c a pair.

Ladies' Oxford Shoes in Tan, latest style, and sold in every store for \$1.25; Opening Sale price 69 cents.

Ladies' Black Oxford Shoes, soft and flexible, cheap at \$1.50; Opening Sale price 98 cents a pair.

Ladies' Fine Vesting Top Shoes, solid sole and counters, worth \$1.50; Opening Sale at 98 cents a pair.

Ladies' \$2 Vesting Top Shoes, fine quality, for \$1.29 a pair.

Men's Calf Shoes, lace or congress, wide or coin toe, worth up to \$2, on sale at 1.25 a pair.

Ladies' high grade Shoes in Tan and Black, Opening Price: \$2.25 Shoes for \$1.69, \$2.50 Shoes for \$1.98, \$3.00 Shoes for \$2.25, \$3.50 Shoes for \$2.50, \$4.00 Shoes for \$2.75, \$5.00 Shoes for \$3.00.

Men's Fine Shoes during Opening Sale to be sold at less than manufac-turers' prices. Come and see.

Men's best Oil-grain Shoes worth \$1.50 at \$1.25.

Men's Bicycle Shoes sold at \$1.50 to \$1.75, on sale at \$1.19 a pair.

HAT DEPARTMENT.

Boys Fine Felt Hats, nicely trimmed, in blue and black, worth 35c, on sale at 19c each.

Children's Tam O'Shanter Hats, never sold for less than 25c, on sale at 10c each.

Men's and Boys' Straw Hats at 5c, 10c, 15c, 25c, 50c and up.

Men's Black, Brown and Tan Hats in good felt, silk band, and good value at \$1.00, for 69c each.

Fine line of Men's Felt Hats in soft and stiff, latest styles and shades, at \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50 and up at reduced prices during this sale.

Ladies' Straw Hats of all descriptions, trimmed and untrimmed, from 15c upwards.

Ladies' Sailor Hats, trimmed with ribbon, ready to use, 25c.

We buy eggs at highest market prices.

McLAUGHLIN MERCANTILE COMPANY . . .

Linen Department.

Twill Toweling, 5c quality, 3c a yard.

Linen Toweling, 18 in. black pat-tern, worth 10c, for 5c a yard.

All Linen Towels, 18x36, good 20c towel, 10c each.

Large Bath Towels worth 20c, on sale at 2 for 25c.

56 in. Bleached Table Linen, worth 50c a yard, at this sale 29c a yard.

Underwear Dep't.

Ladies' Sleeveless Waists at 5c, 10c, 15c, 25c and up.

Ladies' fine gauge lisle Silk Vests, trimmed with silk braid and silk lace, worth 45c, on sale at 19c each.

Corsets.

Ladies' Summer Corsets with strong netting, double steels, tape and lace-bound and strong ribs, a splendid 38c corset, on sale at 19c each.

We carry a fine line of Ladies' Cor-sets and Corset Waists.

Men's Shirts.

Men's Flannel and Neglige Shirts at 50c, 75c, \$1.00 and up.

Men's White Dress Shirts worth 75c, on sale at 39c each.

Men's heavy Working Shirts worth 65c, on sale at 45c each.

Ladies' Spring Capes.

Spring Capes, silk and trimmed with silk lace and silk ribbons, worth \$2.25, on sale at \$1.48.

Ladies' Fine Silk Shirt Waists,

Corded and Plaited. Come in all the principal shades. Strictly \$5.00 waist on sale at \$2.98.

Umbrellas.

Fine line of Men's and Ladies' Um-brellas at 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.50 and up.

Miscellaneous.

Ladies' Shirt Waist Ties, special, 5c.

Ladies' Silver Buckle Leather Belts, 5c.

Fancy Hair Ribbons 2c a yard.

Writing Ink, 2 bottles for 5c.

Ladies' Gold Shirt Waist Pins, 1c each.

Ladies' Silver Thimbles, 1c each.

All Silk Ribbons, Nos. 9, 12 and 16, 5c a yard.

Ladies' Pulley Belts at 25c, 50c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$2.00.

Boys' Knee Pants, 15c.

Boys' Waists, 15c.

Wash Soap, 1c a bar.

Men's Ties in silk and cotton, 5c each.

Ladies' String Ties, all silk, 5c each.

Writing Tablets, very large, 3c each.

Dressed Bisk Dolls, 19c each.

Pins worth 3c, 1c a paper.

SOAP! SOAP!

10 bars.... 10c.

This is a good Laundry Soap and always sells at 10 bars for 25c.

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