

## PERSISTENT MENDACITY.

There could be no more forcible illustration of the desperation of the republican party or of its faithful ally in Kansas, the stalwart demagogue, than the persistent and willful misrepresentation of our platform. The railroad plank seems to be the most available for this purpose just now as affording the means of working upon the prejudices of railroad employes.

The *Capital* first made the mendacious statement that our platform proposes the disfranchisement of railroad employes, and the railroad commissioners' stalwart demo-republican convention that assembled here on the 7th of October reaffirmed the falsehood. A. A. Harris repeated it at Wichita, and the persistence with which it is pushed forward as a menace to the rights of railroad men shows the utterly conscienceless character of the Kansas republican campaign. Now what is the fact? The following is the plank in the Omaha platform which is being distorted and falsified for the deceptive purposes of this demo-republican railroad corporation combination:

We believe that the time has come when railroad corporations will either own the people, or the people will own the railroads; and, should the government enter upon the work of owning and managing the railroads, we should favor an amendment to the constitution by which all persons engaged in government service should be placed under civil service regulations so as to prevent an increase of the power of the national administration by the use of such additional government employes.

Now, what does any person with a thimbleful of brains understand by placing government employes under civil service regulations? He understands precisely what the republican party pretended to do by the establishment of the civil service commission, but which its dishonesty and hypocrisy has prevented it from accomplishing. By an honest policy of civil service reform, government employes in all departments of the service would be appointed and retained in their position upon the ground of competence and qualification for duty, and not as a reward for party service. Competitive examinations by non-partisan boards would determine qualification without regard to politics, and employes would not be subject to removal except for incompetence or neglect of duty. This is precisely what the republican party pretended to accomplish in its boasted civil service reform, but which it has shown itself too dishonest and too much devoted to the spoils system to carry into effect; and now, when the People's party commits itself to the faithful execution of this policy, and further, when it is proposed to insure it by constitutional amendment, this hypocritical stand-up outfit brazenly declares that the application of civil service rules to the government service means the disfranchisement of employes. Such mendacity shows the desperation of the crowd, and the unscrupulous character of the remnant that is left of it.

It must amuse Mr. Lewelling greatly to learn from the republican papers that he is a banker. He never

owned a dollar's worth of bank stock in his life, but he got his reputation trying to accommodate his friends with a loan of the few dollars he had saved, and he got nothing for his pains, not even his money back. Yes, he got the everlasting friendship of those who knew him best, and that is a great deal. Lewelling is a man who will not see a man suffer while he has a dollar in his pocket.

## THOSE EGGS.

The *Capital* has just learned that eggs were thrown at Mr. Otis at Princeton, but says that they were thrown by People's party boys. The *Capital* has no information of this kind, and the story is so improbable upon the face of it as to mark it at once as a pure fabrication. Those eggs were thrown by men, and although it was too dark for any one to recognize them, the people of Kansas will be very slow to believe that they were thrown by any one who is at all in sympathy with the People's party. The pretense is too thin, and the story is a lie manufactured in the *Capital* office.

But this is not the only instance of the kind. Mr. H. N. Boyd was recently egged in Republic county by boys who were instigated to the act by a republican school teacher, and that teacher is now looking for a job.

Then again at Smith Center, when Jerry Simpson spoke there, the procession was egged by republican hoodlums in broad daylight. These things cannot be disposed of in the flippant manner in which the *Capital* treats them. The same spirit that prompted the egging of Gen. Weaver in democratic Georgia prompts the egging of People's party speakers in republican Kansas.

It has even been intimated that the Georgia mob was incited by republican influences in order to manufacture political capital for the northern states, and there is vastly more probability in the story than in much that is published for fact in republican papers. The *Capital*, after suppressing the news of the Kansas outrages until it has become universally known to the people through other sources, will now find sophistry and falsehood insufficient to counteract the influence of such republican methods. A party that is burdened with the record of the Coffeyville dynamite crime is capable of any iniquity that human invention can conceive, and the throwing of ancient eggs is only a milder application of the methods of 1888.

## A CAMPAIGN DOCUMENT.

WASHINGTON, D. C., October 20.—The republican national committee has suspended the distribution of a campaign document entitled "Wild Cat and Blue Dog Money as National Currency" pending an investigation as to whether its printing and circulation is illegal because it contains facsimiles of state bank notes.—*Atchison Champion*.

What do the republican committee or republican newspapers care for the legality of their acts? They are violating the law every day of this campaign and they know it. This is not idle talk. They are sending out supplements printed and dated in New York through nearly all the republic-

can papers of the country, bearing neither the names or the dates of the papers in which they are folded. We know this to be true and can testify to it in court if called upon to do so because they come to this office in that way. We don't expect to be called upon to testify, however, for republicans can violate law with impunity. Let a People's party paper do the same thing and the publisher would be behind the bars in short order.

But this is not all. Republican postmasters violate the law by the distribution of republican papers and documents sent to their offices in bundles and not directed to individuals. They distribute these in the boxes and hand them out to the patrons of their offices contrary to law.

In addition to this, republican committees pay for these papers and documents to be sent out and distributed in this illegal manner. What nonsense then to talk of the suspension of publication of a campaign document pending an investigation of its legality. There is no law that will punish republicans for any act done to advance the interests of the party in a campaign.

THERE is no task too Herculean for the republican state committees to tackle. They have gotten out a circular in the shape of a supplement to country papers, in which they attempt to justify the state senate of 1889 for passing the bill lowering the age of consent to twelve years. And to prove that the bill was right, they quote a decision in which Judge Valentine condemns the old act which was to have been replaced by this latter day Brigham Young arrangement. This is the same Valentine who sustained a steal of \$5,000,000 worth of school lands which were voted to railroad companies by the legislature, and who is now a candidate for re-election. The circular also quotes Gov. Humphrey as a defender of the bill, the same Humphrey who went onto the floor of the senate to ask members to vote for the acquittal of Botkin, and who is now a candidate for congress. It's a wonder they didn't offer some authority from Botkin, and Bawdy House Campbell, and Backshot Meredith, and Murphy Barton, and Bill Buchan. The last named sport was the champion of the infamous bill which was calculated to take protection from girls.

THE editor of the *Western Veteran* is an ass with very long ears. While he thinks he is capable of representing the ex-soldiers of Kansas, he probably doesn't know how ridiculous he appears. A year ago he was villifying Senator Peffer in every way his weak mind could conceive of, now he is defending "Comrade Peffer," as he calls him, against the imaginary interview of Mrs. Lease. Yes, this miserable skunk who has been acting in the capacity of a horn for the republican party to blow is now trying to make himself appear respectable by referring to Mr. Peffer as "Comrade." And in order to make it appear that there is some truth in the

Lease interview, and to carry the impression that he still possesses some degree of honor, he gets off the following. How does it sound coming from such a source:

But nothing she can say will injure the name of Comrade Peffer. He may have supported in some degree men and measures in which the Veteran saw no good, but he has always stood true to his comrades, while Mrs. Lease has spent years in denouncing them.

THE *Kansas Democrat* has got to be a first class republican paper. It has to be in order to sustain the "stalwart" policy of the railroad convention of October 7. It now joins the *Capital* in the publication of the letters of returning prodigals with whom it "was arranged last spring that they should go into the People's party, and just before election come out with these letters renouncing their allegiance to it." One of the republican speakers, thinking he was talking to a republican, gave the snap away, and that rather takes the wind out of the letters, but they have to be published just the same. As the speaker said, "It is the only hope." We see no further necessity of the divorce of Charley Holliday and Col. Whoop. They ought to get together again.

THE Topeka *ADVOCATE* (People's party organ) speaking of Gen. and Mrs. Weaver's treatment in Georgia, half apologizes for it by asserting that the same methods are employed by the republicans of the north. Will the *ADVOCATE* give one instance—just one. It cannot do it.—*Lyons Republican*.

FIDDLESTICKS. THE *ADVOCATE* gave the instance of the egging of Mr. Otis at Princeton when it made the charge against Kansas republicans. It has since given the instances of Mr. Boyd in Republic county and the People's party procession in Smith Center. Will the *Republican* acknowledge the corn?

THE report that has been published that Tom Watson was defeated in the late Georgia election is false. The congressional election in Georgia will take place on November 8, and Mr. Watson will be re-elected. The unlimited boodle that has been put into his district will prove insufficient to defeat him.

IT is about time for the stand-up crowd to make another arrest of some prominent People's party man. True, they didn't have first class luck in the case of Mr. Bredenthal, but they ought not to get discouraged on this account. They might strike a better lead next time.

A CORRESPONDENT writes from New York that the empire state is being flooded with Perkins' speeches. That is quite proper. Perkins always did come nearer representing New York than Kansas. New York can have him and his speeches too.

How about the ex-confederate, Gov. Buchanan, being assaulted with old-fashioned eggs in Tennessee? Talk up, you bloody shirt howlers, and keep your people posted.

"I AM a Democrat," said the stalwart A. A. Harris at Wichita, and then he proceeded to advise his hearers to vote the republican ticket.