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A Cashmere Dress.

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Sizes for 8 and 10 years.

The little frock illustrated is of cadet-blue cashmere, trimmed with rows of narrow, black velvet ribbon. The straight, full skirt is finished at the foot with a deep hem and banded with rows of the velvet. It is gathered to the waist, and on each side of the front several tucks headed by rows of velvet are run down five or six inches, the velvet bands ending in loops. The lower, close-fitting parts of the sleeves are trimmed to match, and so is the square bertha. The waist is the regulation full "baby" style, held in place by a fitted lining, and the yoke is of Irish point lace; velvet or fancy silk can be used for this, if preferred. Fancy or plain woolens may be used for this model.

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Petticoats.

From Harper's Bazar.]

Petticoats are a most essential feature in every costume, and it is quite as necessary that they should fit and hang well as that the gown itself should be well cut. Again and again a costume is seen which, in itself very smart, yet looks somehow exceedingly dowdy and quite lacking in style. Just what the trouble is it would be at first difficult to say. Apparently it is well cut and well hung, and the materials used are of the best, and yet it will not have the same appearance of being in style as will some costume that has cost a third of the money. The real reason for this is that the petticoats worn beneath it are not well cut. Women who are really in other ways neat never seem to realize how much thought and care should be bestowed upon this particular article of dress.

The new styles in petticoats are bewilderingly pretty; better still, they are eminently sensible in material and cut. Silk is the favorite material, and as there never was a time when silk could be bought so cheap, it is quite possible, even for the woman who has to consult economy, to have several. Fashion requires that the linings of the cloth suits this year shall be of contrasting silk, and one of the newest fads is to have a petticoat to wear under the gown made of the same color as the gown itself, but just a shade or two lighter. All these are fuller than they were, but the fulness is gathered into a small space at the back, quite like the skirts of the gowns, and the fit over the stomach and hips is carefully attended to. A deep Spanish flounce is still the fashion, but the skirt itself extends under the flounce now. One or more ruffles to trim the flounce, and just as many inside ruches or little flounces as can be put on, are added. Lace insertion is very much used—black lace on the flounces of petticoats to wear with street gowns, white lace on those to be worn with light gowns in the house. In all the petticoats there is some attempt at wiring, either with a feather-bone run through just above and just below the flounce, or the dress-extenders, which are really capital, put into the back breadths so that the petticoat hangs out full and wide. The objection often raised that silk petticoats are too cold for winter wear is quite done away with by lining them with thin flannel as far as the knee; this does not add to the weight, and yet gives sufficient warmth.

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Ottoman cloth in two shades is a novelty in outdoor goods. It has heavy ribs of dark color upon a groundwork of a lighter tone. The ottoman most in demand is a brown upon a groundwork of tan. The shades of brown and pale green are combined, and also green and black. Many are the combinations to be found in ottoman.

An ottoman cloth dress in two shades of green, dark stripe and light groundwork, was made as a tailor suit with a heavy stitching around the hem. The waist was cut very tight with the shortest basque. For the street a coat cut to the extreme length of the winter style was fastened down the front with invisible clasps. The lining of the suit was a pale tan and tan gloves were worn with it.

A hat of tan felt, sailor shape, had an immense bow of green velvet erected at the back of it. The lining of this bow was bright red taffeta, which introduced the only speck of color in the costume.

All coats are inclined to be loose in front, and this hung almost straight from the neck, but fitted tightly at the back. The sides had also a snug effect, giving the coat a more tailor appearance than though loose at sides and back. Suits of this kind will be much worn with boas of all kinds of fur.

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NEEDLE AND THE PIN.

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From Household Words.]

A Pin and Needle, being neighbors in a work-basket, and both being idle folks, began to quarrel, as idle folks are apt to do.

"I should like to know," said the Pin, "what you are good for, and how you expect to get through the world without a head?"

"What is the use of your head," replied the Needle, rather sharply, "if you have no eye?"

"What is the use of an eye," said the Pin, "if there is always something in it?"

"I am more active, and can go through more work than you can," said the Needle.

"Yes; but you will not live long, because you have always a stitch in your side," said the Pin.

"You are a poor, crooked creature," said the Needle.

"And you are so proud that you cannot bend without breaking your back."

"I'll pull your head off if you insult me again."

"I'll pull your eye out if you touch me; remember, your life hangs on a single thread," said the Pin.

While they were thus conversing, a little girl entered, and, undertaking to sew, she very soon broke off the Needle at the eye. She then tied the thread around the neck of the Pin, and, attempting to sew with it, she soon pulled its head off, and threw it into the dirt by the side of the broken Needle.

"Well, here we are," said the Needle.

"We have nothing to fight about now," said the Pin. "It seems misfortune has brought us to our senses."

"A pity we had not come to them sooner," saith the Needle. "How much we resemble human beings, who quarrel about their blessings till they lose them, and never find out that they are brothers till they lie down in the dust together, as we do!"

The Cartoon in the Campaign.

In connection with the use of plate matter and "ready prints," the newspaper cartoon has played a more important part this year throughout the canvass than ever before in our political history. The effectiveness of the cartoon in political warfare has long been recognized by party managers. This year a great part of the responsibility for this feature in campaign work has been lifted from the shoulders of the national and State committees by the voluntary activity in cartoon illustration on the part of the most influential daily papers throughout the country during the summer and fall months. The political cartoon department of the Review of Reviews has borne ample testimony to this activity in the form of reproductions of newspaper cartoons drawn from every conceivable point of view. It is doubtless true that the skill displayed in newspaper cartoons, to say nothing of the enterprise shown by newspaper managers in securing the services of able cartoonists, has reached a point heretofore unknown in this country. On the Democratic and Populist side perhaps more use has been made of the newspaper cartoon than on the Republican side. The turn which Mr. Davenport, of the New York Journal, early in the campaign gave to the figure of Mr. Hanna has done duty in thousands of newspaper caricatures from the Atlantic to the Pacific.—From "Methods and Tactics of the Campaign," in November Review of Reviews.

Kentucky's Electoral Vote Divided.

LOUSVILLE, Ky., Nov. 6.—The electoral vote in Kentucky will be 12 to 1. Whoever wins, McKinley or Bryan, the vote will be divided. This results from the fact that a large number of voters placed the cross opposite the name of the first elector instead of under the party device. The canvassing board has ruled in these cases that the vote should count only for one elector, notwithstanding the evident intention of the voter. The newspaper figures place McKinley's plurality at 633.

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PEOPLES PARTY STATE PLATFORM.

The Peoples Party platform of North Carolina, in convention assembled at Raleigh, on the 13th day of August, 1896, hereby reaffirms its unqualified allegiance to the principles of the party, and hereby approves the platform of the Peoples Party adopted at its National convention held in the city of St. Louis, July 22nd, 1896.

THE ELECTION LAW.

We hereby reaffirm our fixed determination to support and maintain a free ballot and a fair count in all elections held in North Carolina; and the election law passed by the General Assembly of 1895 meets our hearty endorsement and approval; and we hereby pledge the Peoples Party to the policy of upholding the principle of free and honest elections provided for in said election law, and warn the voters of the State against the threats which have been made to repeal the same.

COUNTY GOVERNMENT.

The act of the last General Assembly restoring to the right of local self government by the election of their county commissioners and justices of the peace by the vote of the people in the respective counties, and the safe-guards therein provided, meets with our hearty approval, and we pledge the Peoples Party to the continued support and maintenance of that legislation, and warn the voters of the necessity of preventing injurious changes in that act, and of the danger of electing members of the General Assembly hostile thereto.

LEGAL TENDER MONEY.

We favor the exercise by the State of North Carolina of the reserved constitutional power to make all gold and silver coins of the United States (including the trade dollar) a legal tender for the payment of debts, and that this right be inforced by the passage of an appropriate act by the General Assembly.

GOLD NOTES AND MORTGAGES.

We believe that all money demands should be payable in the lawful money of the United States without preference or discrimination, and therefore favor the passage by the General Assembly of a law to prohibit the taking or giving of gold notes, bonds and mortgages in this State, and the making of all money demands solvable in any kind of lawful money of the United States.

INTEREST.

We pledge ourselves to maintain the six per cent. interest law enacted by the last General Assembly.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The action of the Peoples Party members of the last General Assembly has demonstrated, beyond question, that the Peoples Party has been true to its antecedent platform declarations in favor of public education. We demand still further improving and broadening the public school system of the State as rapidly as a proper regard for the interests of the tax payers and the resources of the State will permit. We also favor such revision of our present school system as may increase the efficiency of our public schools and insure the most competent and effective supervision. We think that the committee on Education of the next General Assembly should invite and secure, as far as possible, the co-operation of the leading teachers and educators of the State in framing and perfecting the school law.

JUDICIARY.

Our judiciary should be lifted above the plane of partisan politics.

REFOMATORY FOR YOUNG CRIMINALS.

We favor the establishment of a State institution for the reformation of young criminals.

DEMOCRATIC ADMINISTRATION CONDEMNED.

We condemn the Democratic administration in North Carolina for its failure to execute the anti-trust laws of the State now on our statute books, and call the attention of the people to the fact that official action in this regard is not in harmony with the ultra anti-trust sentiment heretofore and now being expressed by the leaders of the Democratic party.

RAILROADS.

We favor the establishment of such equitable and low freight rates and charges for products shipped from North Carolina as will enable shippers and producers to realize at least a fair remuneration after costs of such shipments have been deducted.

We call especial attention to the possibilities of the trucking industry in Eastern North Carolina, an industry which, but for the extortionate tariffs of the common carrier, would increase an hundred fold, carrying with it the greatest prosperity to that highly favored section it has ever known.

We earnestly recommend to our State Railroad Commission that they use all the powers they have to bring about such reductions; and especially that they urge before the Inter-State Commerce Commission all complaints of extortion and discrimination with such vigor and continuity that should they fail to secure remedial action by the Inter-State Commerce Commission, all the people would know where to place the responsibility for existing outrages; and if their facilities for fighting the battles of the people before the Inter-State Commerce Commission are inadequate for that purpose, that they make recommendation to the General Assembly of amendments to existing laws, to the end that low and fairer rates may be established, both in the State and Inter-State jurisdictions.

Resolved, That we recommend a constitutional prohibition of the purchase, lease or rental of parallel or competing railway lines.

FREE PASSES.

We favor a law forbidding the giving of free passes to public officials, and forbidding their receiving the same.

NORTH CAROLINA RAILROAD LEASE.

We condemn the lease of the North Carolina Railroad to the Southern Railway Company for ninety-nine years, not only as a bad business transaction in which the interests of the State amounting to the large sum of $3,000,000 invested in good paying property yielding an income, were sacrificed; but we also, in most emphatic terms condemn the hasty and secret manner in which it was done several years before the former thirty years' lease, by its terms, would have expired. We call the attention of the people of the State to the fact that some mysterious power has prevented an investigation through the proper legal channels, of this transaction, which was so universally condemned by the press of the State and all classes of our citizens, when it first became known. We therefore demand that the next General Assembly fully investigate this transaction, and to the end that the interests of the State may be fully protected as far as it can be done, such legislative action shall be taken as to counteract, as far as possible, this unwise and secret transaction.

REMOVAL OF CASES.

The removal of cases from the State courts to the Federal courts for trial wherein the plaintiffs are poor persons and defendants rich foreign corporations, on application of defendants, is a growing evil in North Carolina, and in its practical operation frequently amounts to a denial of justice to poor suitors, and therefore should be condemned. We demand, therefore, that the next General Assembly shall pass such a general statute on this subject as to take from such corporations doing business in this State the privilege of carrying on business in North Carolina, and withdrawing the protection of the State extended to their business, if they persist in escaping the jurisdiction of our courts when claims are sought to be enforced against them therein.

We advocate such legislation as will insure a just listing and taxation of all evidences of debt, and make an equitable adjustment of the burden of taxation between the debtor and a creditor.

REDUCTION OF SALARIES.

In order to keep our public servants in thorough touch and sympathy with the oppressed masses, and to check to some extent the scramble for office, we demand a reduction of salaries until such time as through an increase of the currency the price of property and products will justify the present rates.

The Peoples Party National Platform.

Following is the Populist platform as adopted:

"The Peoples Party assembled in National convention, reaffirms its allegiance to the principles declared by the founders of the Republic and also to the fundamental principles of just government as enunciated in the platform of the party in 1892. We recognize that through the connivance of the present and preceding administrations, the country has reached a crisis in its National life as predicted in our declaration four years ago, and that prompt and patriotic action is the supreme duty of the hour. We realize that while we have political independence our financial and industrial independence is yet to be attained by restoring to our country the constitutional control and exercise of the functions necessary to a people's government, which functions have been basely surrendered by our public servants to corporate monopolies. The influence of European money changers has been more potent in shaping legislation than the voice of the American people. Executive power and patronage have been used to corrupt our legislatures to defeat the will of the people and plutocracy has been enthroned upon the ruins of Democracy. To restore the government intended by the fathers and for the welfare and prosperity of this and future generations, we demand the establishment of an economic and financial system which shall make us masters of our own affairs, and independent of European control by the adoption of the following:

DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES.

1. We demand a National money, safe and sound issued by the general government only without the intervention of banks of issue, to be a full legal tender for all debts, public and private, so that a just, equitable and efficient means of distribution may be made direct to the people and through the lawful disbursement of the government.

2. We demand the free and unrestricted coinage of silver and gold at the present legal ratio of 16 to 1 without waiting for the consent of foreign nations.

3. We demand the volume of circulating medium be speedily increased to an amount sufficient to meet the demands of the business people of this country and to restore the just level of prices of labor and production.

4. We denounce the sale of bonds and the increase of the public interest-bearing bond debt made by the present administration as unnecessary and without authority of law and that no more bonds be issued except by specific act of Congress.

5. We demand such legal legislation as will prevent the demonetization of the lawful money of the United States by private contract.

6. We demand that the government in payment of its obligations shall use its options as to the kind of lawful money in which they are to be paid and we denounce the present and preceding administration for surrendering this option to the holders of government obligations.

7. We demand a graduated income tax to the end that aggregated wealth shall bear its just proportion of taxation and we denounce the Supreme court, relative to the income tax law, as a misinterpretation of the constitution and an invasion of the rightful powers of Congress over the subject of taxation.

8. We demand that postal savings banks be established by the government for the safe deposit of the savings of the people and to facilitate exchange.

RAILROADS.

1. Transportation being a means of exchange and a public necessity, the government should own and operate the railroads in the interest of the people on a non-partisan basis; to the end that all may be accorded the same treatment in transportation, and that the tyranny and political power now exercised by the great railroad corporations, which results in the impairment if not the destruction of the political rights and personal liberties of the citizens, may be destroyed. Such ownership is to be accomplished gradually in a manner consistent with sound policy.

2. The interest of the United States in the public highways built with public moneys, and the proceeds of extensive grants of land to the Pacific railroad should never be alienated, mortgaged or sold, but guarded and protected for the general welfare, as provided by the laws of organizing such railroads. The foreclosure of existing lines of the United States on these roads should at once follow default in the payment thereof of the debt of companies, and at the foreclosure sales of said roads the government shall purchase the same if it becomes necessary to protect its interest therein or if they can be purchased at a reasonable price; and the government shall operate said railroads as public highways for the benefit of the whole people and not in the interest of the few, under suitable provisions for protection of life and property; giving to all transportation interests and privileges and equal rates for fares and freight.

3. We denounce the present infamous schemes for refunding these debts and demand that the laws now applicable thereto be executed and administered according to their true intent and spirit.

4. The telegraph, like the postoffice system, being a necessity for the transmission of news should be owned and operated by the government in the interest of people.

LAND.

1. The true policy demands that the national and State legislation shall be such as will ultimately enable every prudent and industrious citizen to secure a home, and therefore the land should not be monopolized for speculative purposes.

"All lands now held by railroads and other corporations in excess of their actual needs, should by lawful means be reclaimed by the government and held for actual settlers only, and private land monopoly as well as alien ownership should be prohibited.

2. We condemn the frauds by which the land grants to the Pacific Railroad companies have, through connivance of the Interior department, robbed multitudes of actual bonafide settlers of their homes and miners of their claims, that we demand legislation by Congress which will enforce the exemption of mineral land from such grants after, as well as before patent.

3. We demand that bonafide settlers on all public lands be provided free homes and be provided for in the national Homestead law, and that no exception be made in the case of Indian reservations when opened for settlement, and that all lands not now patented come under this demand.

DIRECT LEGISLATION.

4. We favor a system of direct legislation through the initiative and referendum under proper constitutional safeguards.

GENERAL PROPOSITIONS.

1. We demand the election of President and Vice-President and United States Senators by a direct vote of the people.

2. We tender to the patriotic people of Cuba our deepest sympathy in their heroic struggle for political freedom and independence, and we believe the time has come when the United States, the great Republic of the world, should recognize that Cuba is and of right ought to be a free and independent State.

3. We favor home rule in the Territories and the District of Columbia, and the early admission of Territories as States.

4. All public salaries should be made to correspond to the price of labor and its products.

5. In times of great industrial depression, idle labor should be employed on public works as far as practicable.

6. The arbitrary course of the courts in assuming to imprison citizens for indirect contempt and ruling by injunction, should be prevented by proper legislation.

7. We favor just pensions for our disabled Union soldiers.

8. Believing that the election franchise and untrammeled ballot are essential to a government of, for, and by the people, the Peoples Party condemns the wholesale system of disfranchisement adopted in some States as un-Republican and un-Democratic, and we declare it to be the duty of the several State legislatures to take such action as will secure a full, free and fair ballot and an honest count.

9. While the foregoing propositions constitute the platform upon which our party stands and for the vindication of which its organization will maintain, we recognize that the great and pressing issue of the pending campaign upon which the present Presidential election will turn is the financial question, and upon this great and specific issue between the parties, we cordially invite the aid and co-operation of all organizations and citizens agreeing with us upon this vital question.

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