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We believe that the rank and file of the party should at once assert themselves in the democratic party and place it on record in favor of the immediate restoration of the free and unlimited coinage of gold and silver at the present ratio of 16 to 1, as such coinage existed prior to 1873, without waiting for the aid or consent of any other nation, such gold and silver coin to be a full legal tender for all debts, public and private.

When applied to a monometallist the term "financier" is only another term for Shylock. They are all of that kidney.

The dry rot of Mortonism struck the democrats of Nebraska City, and that town is given over to republicanism. They elected four out of six councilmen.

Oscar Wilde has sued the Marquis of Queensberry for libel, and the case is exciting much interest in London. Wilde sues for personal damages as well as criminality.

A snow blockade on a railway in western Nebraska in April is something new, but it was doubtless a welcome event in a region where the soil was in need of moisture.

If the democrats had a majority in the Nebraska legislature and should conduct themselves as unseemly and outrageously as the republicans have done, we should disown the party.

The pension roll of the United States costs Uncle Sam 141 millions a year. There is not a patriotic citizen who begrudges a dollar of this vast sum to the deserving pensioners.

The Nebraska City News seems to think the democratic party is dead in this state. A party which can command over 80,000 votes for one of its candidates lacks considerable of being dead.

They say that Lindsay broke down and cried when he put on the stripes. Such men as he ought at least to learn that it is best to earn a fight by fair means, and not by foul. Even in prize fighting there ought to be honorable methods.

The mutterings of discontent among republicans in the fourth ward indicate that the knife which went into its vitals on Tuesday last and defeated its candidate for councilman by such a big majority, is to have a rival when the next turn comes.

It was a surprise to notice that John A. Davies joined the political pirates in voting to override the governor's veto of the bill to put the appointment of the Omaha fire and police commission in the hands of Russell and Churchill. He ought to be ashamed of himself.

Do the republicans of Cass county take pride in the fact that the editor of their party organ accuses one of their representatives of bribe-giving? Do they believe that John A. Davies is a corruptionist? If not, what do they think of M. D. Polk? Is he a liar and libeller?

It is about time that members of the school board would look about them and ascertain by what right they borrow money at 10 per cent. to pay the cost of running the schools, and whether, if some one were to object, they could not individually be held liable for every dollar thus borrowed. We are not certain on these points, but is well to be on the safe side.

MEXICO is on a silver basis, yet her railways are prosperous and it is said that her people never enjoyed such good times before. This country and the nations of Europe are on a gold basis and there never were such hard times, so much distress among the masses and so little dividend-paying among railway and other corporations. Give us free coinage and prosperity will come at once.

When Tom Reed voted for the issue of those gold bonds last February he was dropped very suddenly by the free silver republicans of the west as a possible candidate for president. It was like the break he made on the tariff question by his "omnivorous west" speech, only it was more of a clincher. The recent declaration of McKinley that he would not be a candidate of his party on a free silver platform just about settles him also. It shows that the English and Wall street bankers have him completely under their thumbs.

A LIGHT IN THE EAST.

Illinois may be called a western state, but it's east from Nebraska, and the light shining from her ethereal vaults reflects upon our eastern horizon. Just now her democracy is astray and is determined to be heard from. The democratic state committee was called together recently to take action on the rising sentiment for bimetalism. Free silver at 16 to 1 was the demand which brought the leaders together, and after consultation, by a vote of 17 to 3, a call for a state convention was issued, to meet June 4, to consult and discuss the situation and principles, and make a declaration on the question of the hour.

At the committee meeting an effort was made by a few to defer action, but the demand was so imperative that it would brook no opposition, and the call of the convention was ordered.

After the committee had adjourned Chairman Hinrichsen submitted to an interview in which he said that 90 per cent. of the democrats of Illinois were for the "free coinage of silver at 16 to 1." Continuing he said:

"This movement will spread from Illinois to every state in the union, and long before the election comes around it will be evident that the congress to be chosen in 1896 will pass a 16 to 1 free-coinage act. Now, when capitalists realize that on the first day of July 1897, the government will begin giving a legal-tender dollar for every 412 2/3 grains of standard silver presented at the mint, they will begin to purchase silver bullion, which can now be bought for, say 55 cents for 412 2/3 grains. The sure profit of 45 cents on this silver will bring out all the gold from bank vaults and hiding places. The result will be that the price of silver will rise steadily, and when the law goes into effect the question of the parity will be settled.

"The bankers cannot combine and refuse to buy silver bullion. They do not control all the money in the country and the profits on silver speculation will be sure and the chance of loss so minute that they will tumble over each other in order to buy. Gold will roll in from Europe to purchase silver bullion. Certificates will be in demand, and trade, stimulated by the letting loose of hoarded millions, and the certainty of a final settlement of the currency question, will bring on a more prosperous period, without danger of following panics.

"A few leading democrats may be driven from the party by this movement, perhaps, but most of them will be swept along in the tide, especially as the character of the movement and the certain result will remove the only serious objections to free coinage.

"As a party the republicans are pledged to monometallism and can take no other ground, unless they straddle the question. Thousands of them will join the democrats, for they believe in free silver. I certainly expect that the democrats will carry the state and the country in 1896. This movement will be in effect a reorganization of the democratic party. It will be built from the township up, and the men nominated for office will not dare to deviate from the instructions given them in such plain language by their constituents. We expect to carry every state west of the Alleghenies and south of the Ohio river, and it is more than possible that we will carry every state in the union."

SOME of the survivors of Shiloh have been fighting the battle over again—with their mouths. They find that a much more pleasant exercise than the first effort in that line proved to be. Those who were there Saturday last appeared to be quite glad that they were not reading the inscriptions on their own monuments. Such meetings are positive proof that the war for the Union was not fought in vain, as men once estranged have again been bought into friendly relations again.

THE U. S. supreme court has rendered a decision on the income tax which is almost as outrageous as the Dred Scott decision of Judge Taney, and shows that the court as now constituted stands more for the fulfillment of contracts than for justice to the masses. It decides that revenues from rents and various kinds of national, state, county and municipal bonds are exempt from this form of taxation. That court needs reforming as bad as it ever did.

POOR old Senator Palmer of Illinois is out in a diatribe of abuse of free coinage. The old man is in his dotage, and imagines that because gold is scarce and dear, therefore it is "sound" money. He is in a rage because the democratic committee of Illinois is going to give the masses of the democrats of that state the chance to speak their minds in the coming June convention, therefore there is something wrong about it. He is apparently afraid to trust the people—afraid they

will condemn his course in congress. That is what ails him. The democratic committee of Nebraska were last summer in the same frame of mind and was afraid to call the state convention when the people were ready for it.

WONDER if Mr. Cleveland was satisfied with the result of the object lesson in finance which he gave the last congress?

THE "late lamented" legislature passed an act calling Nebraska the "Tree Planter" state. What's the matter that Cass county cannot not only adopt that motto but put it to practical use by planting to fruit every acre that can be spared from agriculture? She has a hundred thousand acres which can be made more profitable in orchard than in any other use. Plant fruit trees, farmers, and you will all grow rich without working yourselves to death.

A NEW YORK WORLD dispatch from Berlin declares that all the chief financial officials of the empire from the chancellor down are practically unanimous in the belief that action favorable to silver will be taken at the coming bimetallic conference by Germany, France and the United States, and a majority of these authorities hold that the position of England is immaterial. These three countries can maintain the parity of the white and yellow metals in spite of England, if necessary.

THE recent election in Michigan, held to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Julius Caesar Burroughs and his election to the senate, shows some singular results. Mr. Burroughs was elected by 12,000 over the democratic nominee in 1894. In the late election the money question came to the front and the fight was made for free silver and against it—the republican nominee taking the negative. He got barely 1,100 majority. This result very well illustrates the wonderful growth of the free silver sentiment of that state.

C. M. HUBNER of the Nebraska City News is the man who was elected treasurer of the democratic press association. As he went off from the party in the secession movement last fall he imagines that the association is dead, and he don't know what to do with the funds left in his hands (\$13.50). We see no reason why he can not turn the money back to the association at its next meeting. It don't belong to him simply because it was given to him to care for. The way is still open for him to return to the party. He needn't play the Judas simply because he hold the bag—unless he wants to.

MR. PLUMMER has been here from Boston town, but we have yet to hear of his having put the Water company's plant in a condition to comply with the ordinance in giving the required amount of pressure for fire protection. Mayor Newell was right in demanding an investigation. When the property in town was assessed at \$900,000 the hydrant rental did not cost much of a figure, but now that gold standard times have cut it down to half of that figure it behooves this city to get its money's worth before they pay out their money.

JUSTICE FIELD of the supreme court has put up a most horrifying plea in defense of the rich as against the poor. With all charity it is a melancholy sight to see an old man, tottering on his way to the tomb, who is himself rich and is enjoying the luxuries of a salary from Uncle Sam of \$8,000 a year, so fearful that the poor of this country are going to engage in a conflict with concentrated wealth. He is doubtless a wise man and has read history, but if he has, he has failed to apply its teachings. There is not a line in all history which shows that the poor have ever oppressed the rich, and the horrors of the French revolution were only made possible because the exactions of the rich had become so oppressive as to be unbearable. Laws today are made in the interest of wealth and not of poverty, of luxurious idleness instead of hard-working frugality; of Shylock and Dives instead of Lazarus. And if Justice Field could possibly put himself in the place of the man who, "by the sweat of his face," earns the salary which he is paid through Uncle Sam; if he could feel the pinches of poverty which so many have felt through the lack of work to do; if he could fully appreciate the fact that labor earns all the wealth which the rich enjoy while the man of toil is robbed of a fair share of the fruits of his work; if, in fine, he were to do as the meek and lowly Nazarine enjoined of the rich young man—"Sell that thou hast and give to the poor," then he might be able to see and do justice between man and man, and would never find occasion to complain of any war which poverty might make upon wealth.

SPIRIT OF LIBERTY DEGENERATING

The founders of this government established the principle of equality of men deep down in the interests and hearts of the people. The first words of the constitution are "we, the people of the United States," and it is upon that rock it was built. No prince, potentate or power was given authority. Every man was sovereign—the equal of every or any other man—as first announced in the declaration of independence. In modern times, however, the power of concentrated greed, called wealth, has invented artificial persons, called corporations, which are given personality and are aggregating to themselves powers that are far superior to those of not only one but often many thousands of natural persons, and unless their aggressions are stopped it is clear to see that the rights of the individual is certain to be greatly abridged, if not overthrown, and this will become a government by corporations instead of the people. By degrees the doctrine of the fathers has been overthrown and men are not only not "equal," but there are those who esteem themselves lawyers who assert that individual as well as corporate powers are to be respected in accordance with the amount of taxes they pay—utterly rejecting the fundamental doctrine upon which our independence was achieved and the constitution was framed. The courts are largely to blame for this change of basic principle, and so long as men are placed on the bench more because of political opinions or favoritism to certain interests the people may expect progression toward despotism, instead of protection to the individual citizen. It is in line with this condition that laws have been passed, and courts sustain them, that if an individual is killed through the act of certain corporations it shall be impossible for the heirs or friends to collect more than \$5,000 for the life. If the loss of life occurs through the act of a private person no such limit obtains. Thus the most dangerous element to human life is practiced through favoritism having its foundation in the corrupting political power of the corporation. The people must awake to realize their danger or one by one their rights will be taken away from them. It is evident that men in America have generally forgotten that trite, but significantly truthful saying, "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty," and are trusting too much to party to right their wrongs.

EDGAR HOWARD was threatened with assault at his seat on the floor of the house by the political ruffians of Omaha who crowded the floor, when speaking against the infamous police board bill, on Wednesday, and the speaker utterly refused to recognize or lift a hand to protect him. The ruffianism of that gang in control of the house, with the speaker at its head, never had an equal for shamelessness. Howard would be justified in taking an arsenal of arms to his seat and protect himself, even if he was obliged to shoot the top of that speaker's head off, along with the other rowdies whom he brazenly permits to infest the floor, contrary to rule.

IN the midst of the most disgraceful scene ever enacted in behalf of partisan politics in the Nebraska legislative hall, Cass county's buffoon member, Cooley, marched round the floor singing "We'll hang Jeff. Davis on a sour apple tree," without objection from the speaker, while such men as Capt. Berry, the one armed veteran, and Howard of Sarpy were vainly endeavoring to secure recognition on privileged questions. It was a desperate game the politicians were playing, and it required desperate measures to carry it out. And they found enough men to help them do it—including Mr. Davies.

"WOMAN suffrage won't go in Cass county. In Plattsmouth a woman was nominated by the democrats as a candidate for the school board, but at the election last Tuesday she was left out in the cold—she being the only candidate on the democratic ticket who was defeated. Bro. Polk and his News surely have not made a very good showing for the party. Anybody ought to defeat a woman. Mitt should have used his influence to defeat the other candidates and let the woman defeat herself.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Please don't pester Polk in that manner. He was so busy trying to blacken the character of Representative Davies that he could pay little attention to party matters.

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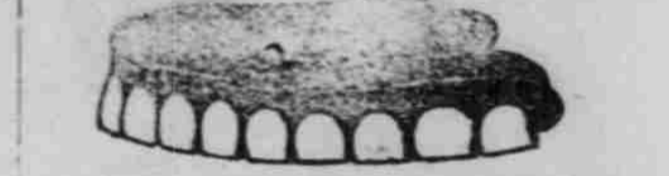
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