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NEBRASKA republicans will be swung to the support of McKinley if Manderson can do it.

OTHER explorers are now conceding the possibility of Nansen's having found the north pole, and the only wonder now is that it was not discovered long ago.

THE free silver advocates will control the democratic national convention beyond a peradventure. The talk about a bolt will come, if it does come, from the other side. But let the goldbugs bolt. They are descendants of Shylock, anyway, and have no part among democrats.

It is a noteworthy fact that soon after the U. S. senate had passed a free coinage bill the government was able to sell a hundred millions of COIN bonds (payable in silver) at a premium averaging \$1.11. Surely this is proof that the men of money are not fearful of the results of free coinage.

MANDERSON received a black eye among the politicians of the state encampment of the Grand Army by being turned down as a delegate to the national encampment. Congressman Strode, however, was elected. It was claimed that Manderson's membership of the Loyal Legion—an association of officers of the late war was responsible for his defeat.

WHAT is the matter with Cass county securing one of the delegates to the democratic national convention? There are a whole lot of available people here, notably, Hon. J. M. Patterson, Frank J. Morgan, Matthew Gering and numerous other good men. Old Cass is entitled to a delegate and a pull ought to be made for one.

A GOOD deal of talk is indulged in in favor of Judge Caldwell of the United States circuit bench for president, and Eugene V. Debs, the victim of Judge Woods' tyranny, for vice president by the laboring people of the country, and it is altogether possible that this combination may unite all the elements of opposition to the gold standard infamy.

THE North pole has at last been found by Prof. Nansen, a Norwegian explorer who left Norway in the summer of 1893. The report sent in is that he is enroute home, and that he found the pole on a range of mountains, surrounded by a large body of land. It is reported that the ignis fatuus of exploration for the centuries has at last been settled, and it is hoped that expeditions to that region will cease.

SENATOR PETTIGREW of South Dakota has commended himself to all men who admire sincerity in public life by declaring himself unqualifiedly for bimetalism, and that he desires to be a delegate to the St. Louis convention for the purpose of helping to make a free coinage platform, and he challenges the gold standard men to a square fight on that issue. Pettigrew is no dead head in politics, but a man who well deserves the office he holds.

J. STELLING MORTON is credited with sending \$95,241 packages of garden seeds to Nebraska last year. No doubt many of these seeds went to drought sufferers, but if he had been a little more careful in his distribution hereabouts he might have been more successful in getting them distributed among poor people rather than the rich. If reports are true, he gave out more seeds to friends of his in Otoe county than anywhere else. His pretense for reform was a very thin disguise.

Food For Thought.

In 1895 the national debt was \$2,636,000,000 in round numbers. At that time wheat was worth \$2.36 per bushel and it would have taken 1,116,000,000 bushels to have paid it. In 1894, including the last infamous issue of bonds, the national debt was \$889,000,000; wheat was worth 61 cents, and it would have taken 1,474,000,000 bushels to pay it—38,000,000 bushels more to pay less than one-third of what the national debt was in 1895. Has the purchasing power of the gold dollar increased?—Senator Tillman's Speech.

NEVER GIVE UP THE SHIP.

Charles Grimes, who does some writing over his own signature for THE JOURNAL, has declared himself in effect to be tired of fighting for bimetalism, and although he still believes in it because he has lost hope of its winning soon, is ready to abandon the cause. I confess I am not made of that sort of metal. Having satisfied myself that the cause of bimetalism—of the free coinage of gold and silver on terms of equality at the present ratio—is a just one and of vital importance to the masses of the American people, I propose to stand by my colors to fight while there is hope. And unlike him, I do not believe the cause is hopeless, but that it is sure to win in the near future. It may be of his youth, but there is a lightness and frivolity in his style of treatment of this question that seems shocking to me. For thirty years democrats have been battling for a revenue tariff, and it was twenty years of that time before even a hope of success came to them. Did democrats lose heart and surrender the fight to their high protection adversaries? Not by any means. Although they saw their champion "Horizontal" Bill Morrison go down in defeat at home (as Bland did last year) a victim of the corrupting power of the Mammon of Protection, they kept up the contest. Next they saw the Mills bill go down in defeat before a Mammon-worshiping senate, but instead of giving up the battle they persevered until in the Wilson bill a partial victory was won (to be for the time thrown away, however, by reason of the betrayal of the cause by the man whom it had elected president into the hands of the gold ring of New York and London).

The principle of the equality of man and of free government itself, is at stake in the fight for bimetalism and to surrender at a time when that promises to be the main issue to be fought out in the coming presidential campaign, seems to me to be the part of a coward, or of a man too frivolous to look at anything seriously, or one whose interest in his fellow man is not very deep. For one, I shall not desert the ship. CHARLES W. SHERMAN.

What Mr. Grimes Thinks.

TO C. W. SHERMAN, ESQ.
Sir:—In last evening's issue of THE JOURNAL there appeared a signed editorial criticising my course upon the free silver issue. In that article you go to the extent of quoting me as being a political coward and as being of a weakening disposition. I feel sure that my course in politics, brief and short as it has been does not in the least bear out your assumptions. I have never yet deserted what I regarded as the right idea in politics. It is true that I have upon occasion adopted political methods to win and I believe that you will eventually, have to do the same for the silver question. I am glad to state that we agree upon the fact that free coinage is necessary to national prosperity. It is because of this that I favor free silver. I am free to confess that I do not regard the chances of an immediate adoption of free coinage as bright. To my mind ten years at least will pass before this is to be accomplished. I am not averse to giving you my reasons in brief. They are, first, the strongly marked predilection of the people to vote the republican ticket. Your intimate knowledge of politics should teach you that the republican nominee for president has a most excellent chance for election. The results of the past three years in elections are more significant than all the free silver editorials in the world. They clearly demonstrate that the republicans are in the ascendancy at present. Now what republican is there that can receive the nomination that is a silver man. You can scan the list of candidates from Alpha to Omega and the silver man is not to be found. Allison is the nearest approach and Allison is the ideal western republican. He is the western man with eastern ideas. So we can expect a gold man on the republican ticket. Now, as to the democrats. Are they better off? Rather worse, I take it. A two-thirds vote rule precludes silver candidates in that convention, and will probably force the nomination of some milk-and-water man like Morrison of Illinois, who will campaign the country, apologizing for democratic existence, and digging a grave for the party so deep that all the angels in heaven cannot resurrect the corpse. As to populists, they are rapidly vanishing from the political map. A ten-particle exorcism upon the body politic their force is spent and they will return to the parent parties. A strong populist might carry a few southern states and in this way aid a republican. Should the election be thrown into the house of representatives the republican is sure of election. Without the president no free silver bill can become a law and I believe that the chances for the presidency are very remote. In your editorial you state that thirty years was necessary to secure tariff reform. Why

then should free silver come sooner? What has brought this condition about? In my opinion it is the intemperance of the silver men. They have tired and abused and threatened and their papers have preached free silver far and wide until they have disgusted people beyond measure. A ceaseless ding-donging of a theory into people's ears, day in and day out, causes it soon to lose cast. It becomes tainted with hobbyism, and that is a positive death to any theory. You have rode your free silver horse a merry mile, and have paraded him upon every occasion and surely it has been advertised enough, but why was it that only twelve men were present at the silver meeting last night? Reflect upon that. Now one word more and I close. You confess to have been shocked at my frivolity and lightness in touching this serious subject. If you have studied the column in which my free silver article appeared, you will have seen that the entire column is light and frivolous and is written for people to amuse themselves with. God forbid that I should become as some other men and my writings should become so ponderous and wearisome that men would flee from them in dismay. THE JOURNAL has plenty of that without mine. As to having an interest in my fellowmen, I am not commissioned to speak. When I can do them good I try to, and when I am unable to, it is not my fault. Perhaps when I am older, and age lends to me the wisdom and severity that goes with years I may become like unto you, vastly and profoundly disturbed over the smallest of affairs—springing, as sprung the hardy pioneer for his gun when the Indian cry sounded, to my feet at each passing wind that touches the sleeping leaves and imaging calamities innumerable threatening my pet hobby. Respectfully yours, CHARLES GRIMES.

THE JOURNAL is informed that Mr. Sherman is delighted and entirely satisfied with Mr. Grimes' explanation of his attitude as to the silver question, and further controversy is unnecessary between them. It is apparent that the republican leaders are more fearful of the disintegration of their party on the money question than on any other, hence they make their attacks not upon the gold standard democrats, but upon the bimetalists. That fact is patent to everybody and ought to point out their weak point as the object of democratic attack.

A STRANGE condition exists among the democrats in Kentucky. There are in the legislature 68 republicans, 68 democrats and a populist. That one populist has given it out all along that if at any time his vote will elect Mr. Blackburn, the democratic caucus nominee, he is ready to cast his vote that way; and still a number of democrats are scattering their votes on McCreary, Carlisle and others. Time was when the quarrels of democrats ended with the caucus, but under the inspiration of white house politics this is not the case now. These bolting democrats had rather see a republican elected to Joe Blackburn's seat than to see a democrat elected, just because he favors bimetalism. With such an example before them, if a goldbug should be the candidate for president, could democrats be blamed for bolting the ticket? Is not that the direct result to be expected from such a course? Leastwise this Kentucky example points out the fact that men of the Carlisle-McCreary goldbug stripe think more of goldbugism than they do of democracy. Is it not time that real democrats were awakening to the situation before them.

THERE is no question but Senator Thurston has lowered himself very much in the estimation of his republican followers by his recent conduct and course in the senate. His vote to confirm the nomination of General Coppinger was one thing; his bill providing for pensioning all ex slaves before the soldiers were provided for was another; but the most serious thing was his apparent willingness to sacrifice even his wife's relations in sustaining the Monroe doctrine, was the last straw that broke the camel's back and set the current against him.

The gold standard democrats of the Kentucky legislature have set the example of bolting the party caucus, under the inspiration of white house teachings. To them the gold standard is the only issue. So it is with the Nebraska City News, Tope Casior and the so-called administration democrats of Nebraska. There is no other excuse for their pretended state organization. If there had been they would have been willing to submit the question to a primary election of the party in the state. What is the use of the News playing the hypocrite any longer?

J. W. Cutright, late of the Lincoln News, having resigned from his position

on that paper Jan. 1st, departed for Texas some weeks ago, and is now understood to be at work on the Galveston Times. Mr. Cutright began his very brilliant newspaper career on THE JOURNAL, and all the old-time citizens are not only acquaintances but friends of his, and will be rejoiced to hear of his success wherever he goes. Mr. Cutright has been recognized among the fraternity as by odds the best all-around newspaper man in the state of Nebraska, as he is certainly one of the ablest and most diligent and careful reporters known to the fraternity. The Nebraska press has met with a serious loss in losing John W. Cutright

THE Omaha and other metropolitan newspapers are keeping up a bold front and making the best showing they can for the coming of a renewed prosperity, but it not only does not come, but there is every evidence at hand to indicate that the opposite is true—times are growing worse. Money is growing scarcer every day, and there is less chance of getting it into circulation. Four months after the corn crop is in crib its price will not pay the farmer a living and four per cent on his money; wheat is little better, while oats is worse. Under such circumstances, where is the money to come from to pay eight and often ten per cent interest on other class of business? It is not and will not be forthcoming. The farm renter is in a worse condition, infinitely than the farmer who works his own land. Suppose he paid last year \$4 an acre, cash rent, put in his crop of corn and worked it through the season; and when fall came husked his corn and put it in crib. In this county he did exceeding well if he cribbed forty bushels to the acre. He could then get 15 cents a bushel or \$6 an acre for his crop—having to pay \$2 an acre more for the use of the land than for his own labor and expense, as represented in the crop. A healthy man with a good team may work 60 acres, which would bring him \$480 all-told, leaving him \$160 for his summer's work. Three months after the crop was matured it is only worth \$256 more than his rent. Can any man predicate the coming of prosperity? As the profit of the farm is the basis of all prosperity, any one must see that there is a very slight prospect of any improvement in sight, despite the wishes for better things.

THE reports from France indicate that the government is in a most critical situation, and a revolution may break out at any moment which will involve the whole nation in a bloody war.

NEBRASKA HAPPENINGS.

The B. & M. has closed its night offices at Salem and Preston.

An artesian well will be sunk at Monroe 750 feet deep for prospecting purposes.

Edward Smith of Gothenburg lost a barn and a large quantity of grain by fire.

Nathan Nelson of Red Cloud was thrown from a runaway horse and his leg broken.

Miss Anna Seltz of DeSota was declared insane and taken to the Norfolk asylum Monday.

A Nebraska City boy named Miller fell twenty feet down an elevator shaft and escaped unhurt.

A special election at Fairfield to vote bonds for a water works system resulted in the defeat of the scheme.

Mrs. Nicholas Weber, living near Diller, was thrown from a wagon and instantly killed, the fall breaking her neck.

Charles Nelson of Flournoy carries a big hole in his hand as the result of a chance shot from a revolver that was not loaded.

The bankers of Saline county have formed an organization which is expected to aid them in doing a safer and more profitable business.

Wilsonville people complain of not being able to secure ice fit to preserve while Ullyses merchants are loading 500 tons daily for the B. & M.

It is estimated by Dunbar grain buyers that 45,000 bushels of corn will leave there this month. Over 20,000 bushels have been shipped to date.

A form of la grippe is somewhat prevalent among the North Loup children and the report that scarlet fever was also in the neighborhood has had an effect in reducing the attendance at school.

Lecture at the Christian Church. Chancellor D. R. Dungan, L. L. D., who recently delivered his lecture in this city on "Experiences in Palestine" will give another lecture at the Christian church Feb. 25, on "The Land and the Bible." Mr. Dungan's knowledge of the bible and his extensive travels in Palestine pre-eminently qualify him to make the subject one of great interest. An admission fee of 10 cents will be charged at the door.

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