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W. A. Wilson, of Ashton township was in the city a week or two ago and while walking up main street passed a crowd of populists on the side walk. He held in his hand a twenty dollar gold piece and as he passed by each and every pop made a grab for it. When he had got by the last one he turned and said: "Gentleman I thought you were all advocates of free silver. You are the most dishonest set of rascals I ever saw." The incident was well calculated on the part of Mr. Wilson to find out which way the wind blew regarding the true convictions of the sixteen to oneites.

Hall county will present a candidate for state auditor in the person of William M. Geddes of Grand Island, ex-clerk of the house. He is in every way qualified, has a large acquaintance over the state and a following which should insure his nomination. Hall county will be earnestly, unitedly and energetically for him and will urge his claims with that persistency characteristic of this locality when presenting a candidate. Mr. Geddes has always been a consistent republican and there is not a blemish on his public, private or political record.—Grand Island Republican.

The republican State convention is to be commended in taking the matter entirely out of the hands of Sena-Thurston and the anti-McKinley faction. It is down upon the resolutions offered by both parties and adopted others that was more to the motion of the republicans of the state. The resolutions offered by Crouse was undoubtedly calculated to put a damper on Thurston and boom Manderson. It did neither one. The convention did not endorse them and neither does the people. The resolutions offered by Thurston were also noted down and the author given to understand that no compromise was asked for by either the people or the convention. At the county conventions nine-tenths of the delegates were elected and instructed for McKinley. The result was that the people's wishes have been adhered to and the convention was not run by a few politicians.

A gentleman whose office is in Worcester and whose home place is a suburban town is planning a building which will contain perpetual summer. It will be a combination greenhouse and aviary. A great room will have double doors and roof, glass for winter and wire netting for the summer months. In it will live all the year around native birds, which may nest in trees of the same species where hung their parent nests, or in the shrubbery or grasser as instinct dictates. The wild flowers will bloom at Christmas time. There will be miniature swamps, rocky pastures. All sorts of conditions are possible to the enthusiast fortunate enough to have such an opportunity. In the spring-time, when the glass is removed, the house will be almost as pleasant for the inmates as real freedom. So large a structure would hardly deserve to be called a cage.—Worcester Gazette.

A senator who is not counted a McKinleyite is quoted as saying that nothing but a miracle can beat the man from this. He figures the situation out in this way:

"Take from McKinley everything that is doubtful, every vote that is contested; allow that the op-

position will carry every point that it has set out to carry; calculate that McKinley will get no votes from Florida, or Delaware, or Maryland, or New Jersey, or Mississippi, or West Virginia, and that he will only get ten from Georgia, only sixteen from Illinois, only twelve from Indiana, only twelve from Minnesota, only two from New York, only ten from North Carolina, only four from Pennsylvania, only four from South Carolina, and only sixteen from Tennessee, and he will still have left 355 sure votes. It places him within 100 votes of the nomination, and 100 votes is conceded by every one to be the danger line. Every practical politician knows that when a candidate gets that near to success it is always easy to push him up, unless there is a bitterness of opposition which necessarily limits his strength to that with which he starts out. But no such condition appears in this case. With 355 votes absolutely assured, beyond the reach of maneuver, trick, insincerity or accident, McKinley has to draw from a column of 250 votes all having a tendency in his direction. As a matter of fact, he is more likely to have 455 than 355 on the first ballot, and he will be nominated either on that ballot or the next. Nothing but a miracle can beat him.—State Journal.

COSTLY PLATES. It is alleged that the government is being overcharged for the new process plate armor it is buying from the contractors for the big war ships. The price paid is certainly very heavy, \$500 per ton. It is alleged that the actual cost to the manufacturer is only \$300 per ton, leaving the owners of the invention a snug profit of \$200 per ton.

This is the disadvantage of using a new invention. The government, of course, wants the best and there is no doubt that the Harveyized steel plate now used is by far the most impregnable to modern projectiles. It is made by a patented process and the government is the only customer in this country and the monopoly easily has its own way in the matter of price, as there can be no competition. The true policy in such matters is a change in the patent laws whereby in the case of inventions in which the government is the only beneficiary, the invention may be purchased outright at something near its honest value and then the government will be able to secure competition by throwing open to manufacture to all establishments that see fit to use the invention in bidding for government work.—State Journal.

A press dispatch from Ottumwa, Ia. dated Monday of this week, has the following: "R. E. Martin, the man who attempted to assault Miss Eva Moore, the 12-year-old daughter of Mrs. Mary Moore, at Eddyville late Saturday afternoon, was arrested this afternoon at Elbon, nine miles east of here. Chief of Police Vanderveer went to Elbon this evening and accompanied the prisoner to this city. He has been put in jail for safe keeping. Martin admits to having made an attempt on the Moore girl. Martin was very much frightened on the way up from Elbon fearing a lynching party would be met here. He said to Chief Vanderveer that he had formerly lived in Nebraska and that he had been connected with the Broken Bow Statesman as an editorial writer. Martin waived preliminary examination and his case will be heard before the grand jury. The people of Eddyville are very much excited over the affair and should Martin have been taken there, he would most likely have been lynched. The mother of the girl, who swooned when she heard of the attempted assault, has not yet revived and recovery is doubtful." It will be remembered by many of our

readers that this man Martin, who formerly edited and published the old Statesman newspaper at Broken Bow, and for a time was considered one of the leading men of the county, was compelled to leave Broken Bow on twenty-four hours notice about six years ago for indecent conduct toward several little girls of that town. The only wonder is that life was spared to prey upon other innocent victims. He is likely good for a long term in prison.—Mason City Transcript.

There has not been since the day's of Lincoln a presidential candidate who has had the masses with him like McKinley. The popular demand for McKinley extends to every nook and corner of the land. Even under the very noses of the other candidates the real sentiment is for McKinley. Particularly is he strong with the working classes.

The explanation is simple indeed. There has been a mighty change of heart in America in favor of the protective principle. A few years of partial free trade have made the people see what free trade would mean and there is a mighty turning toward the great republican principle. As the author of the last protective tariff law the people naturally turn to him as their choice for president.—Ord Quiz.

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But republicans last year,
In Missouri
Won the battle mighty near
In Missouri
Broke the demo-pop machine,
Threw it in the soup tureen,
Almost licked the platter clean,
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Moss once grew on backs of men
In Missouri
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