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The Populists of North Dakota refused to fuse with the Democrats.

The landlords of London, England, draw from the workers of that city \$80,000,000 annually.

It will be a dreadful calamity, to the plundering railroads and the political parasites, to have the Populists elected to power. Great Satan, save us!

The rump Democratic convention ticket has been thrown out by the Secretary of State and the goldbug Democrats cannot now cover their planned secret desertion to the Majors led party they have always professed to oppose on principle.

The railroads secured the nomination of Majors and Moore chiefly to prevent the passage of another maximum rate bill. That is what the State Journal and Tool Manderson have in mind when they say: "The election of Judge Holcomb would be a calamity from which it would take years to recover."

We hear reports of great meetings in the Sixth, addressed by Congressman Kem and others. Kem is going to be re-elected by the largest majority given any congressional candidate in the state. He was a big enough man to down Dorsey and wipe out an enormous majority in the old Third district and his training and education in the congressional arena have greatly increased his ability as a speaker and debater.

The Populists are taking Chicago by storm. Their mass meetings every Saturday evening call out more people than can crowd into the hall. Ex-Senator Lyman Trumbull spoke last Saturday evening and fully a thousand people were unable to gain admittance to Central Music hall. The Populist party in Illinois is going to show great growth, and it was to be expected with such leaders as Henry D. Lloyd. The railroad strike also broke tens of thousands loose from the old parties, and the center of the cyclone forces.

Bed Lindsey, the boss saloon keeper of Lincoln, mounted on a charger, helped swell the Republican procession last Friday. We also noticed an ex-convict on another horse. Majors would himself have been in the convict tail end of the procession instead of at the head if the recommendation of the congressional committee headed by the Hon. Tom Reed of Maine, the committee which proved that Majors and his accomplices had been guilty of forgery and perjury, had been acted on by the officers whose duty it was to indict and prosecute him.

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If you are in arrears on subscription to THE WEALTH MAKERS, you will receive a letter soon, telling you how much you owe, and earnestly requesting you to pay up and send in a dollar for your renewal for another year. The love you have for the principles of the Populist party may be measured by the response you make to this appeal. We do not wish to be compelled to discontinue the paper to a single subscriber, but shall have to do so if you don't pay for it.

If you are a Populist you ought not to wait till we ask you for money which you should have sent us a year ago. We know it is hard to get, but in many cases the persons who are in most need of it are more prompt in renewing their subscription than others who can well afford to pay. It has been a wonder to us that many of our subscribers who are holding good positions, county offices in some instances, have paid no attention to our notices of expiration, while many others who could ill afford the money have paid a year in advance and given us kind and helpful words of appreciation. We have done the best we could, and have placed THE WEALTH MAKERS on a sound financial foundation; but to you who are owing us on back subscription, we must say that, in justice to ourselves, we can no longer send the paper to you. If you have not already, you soon will receive a statement of the amount you owe us, and if we do not hear from you immediately your name will be stricken from our list. To those of our friends who have stood by us through sunshine and shadow we express our hearty thanks, and assure them that we shall spare no time and expense to give them the best paper possible.

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MAKING LIES ITS REFUGE.

The Republicans last week improved the occasion of Governor McKinley's presence, the greatest man in the Republican party, to gather crowds and import bands and work up a general procession and demonstration. We have seen such before, but never a procession so lacking in enthusiasm and that called forth so little from the on-looking crowd. The papers report that the B. & M. trains brought in fifty carloads from all points of the compass to see McKinley. The bands were brought in on passes furnished them, and, we are informed, free passes were furnished by the railroads to almost any good Republican who wanted to swell the demonstration. To others the rates were cut to less than a one-third rate. As a result thousands of people, many of them not Republicans, improved the occasion and came to Lincoln, and of course added to the crowd which Lincoln and Lancaster county were able to furnish. The B. & M. brought its Havelock workmen in because of its political interest in the success of its ticket, Majors, Moore, etc. A supreme effort was made to organize a grand procession, lots of boys, and girls being gathered into it, and Bud Lindsey and his gang, as well as any one and every one who could be induced, pressed and hired to tramp after the band wagon.

A reliable friend of the writer counted those who seemed to be voters, not including the hired bands, and found there were all told some over 1400 (less than 1500) voters in line. They were not a fine looking body of citizens. The best people were conspicuously absent. Here is one of the mottoes they flaunted. We will give it the benefit of a border:

"Elect Holcomb and Angels will Weep and Swear. Elect Majors and They Will Rally up There."

So low has the party once ruled by right principles and moral ideas, fallen. Its candidate for the highest office a forger, a perjurer, a criminal at large, chosen by the railroads for his lack of principle to serve them in defeating any legislation in the interest of the people, is a man who at Grand Island appealed to the old soldiers to elect him, and illustrated the urgency of the need by telling a story which was rank blasphemy, a story similar to but far worse than the above motto. The party of great moral ideas no longer has any ideas, morals or greatness. Its tariff talk is a hundred years old. It upholds monarchy (monopolies) in our midst. Its orators and press lie devilishly in charging the present industrial stagnation and commercial paralysis to the rascals in office alone. It knows perfectly well, or ought to, that periodic depressions in the commercial world are regularly produced by the monopolies both it and the Democratic party are upholding, and that a McKinley tariff offers no relief from their visitations. McKinley assumed that the 1893 and

'94 panic and stoppage of work was caused by the Democratic Congress squinting crosswise at the tariff law. But it is capable of demonstration that the panic was caused by a contraction of credits and that the contraction of credits was necessitated largely by under consumption, caused by inequitable wages and monopoly prices and rents, which drew the money which corresponded with and was inseparably related to the goods in the markets into the hands of a millionaire class who could use no more goods than they were using. The contraction of credits and enforced idleness and distress came on schedule time, and if the Republican party had been in power it would have reached us the same year. McKinley's whole shrewd speech was based on the assumption that all the poverty, enforced idleness and suffering of the last eighteen months are chargeable to the Democrats. It is in part justly chargeable to them, because the Democrats whether in majority or minority have made themselves strong with the corporations, the banks, railroads and big trusts. But the sin lies even more of it at the door of the Republican party. The argument, if argument it can be called, which the greatest Republican in the land made in Lincoln, was all based on a lie, and with the lie must fall.

The Populist party is the only party that can bring to the people of this nation permanent good times. Because it provides for the nationalization of monopolies. It is the only party which stands practically for the eternal principles and inalienable individual rights upon which this government was founded. It is the only honest, progressive party. It is the only party which cares for and belongs to the common people. Get into it quick and pull hard against the stream, or all liberty will be lost. The struggle is on between the combined monopolists and the poor and oppressed masses.

LAND RIGHTS OF ALL MEN.

The New York state constitutional convention has just completed its work and submitted its proposed new constitution to the people, who are to vote on accepting or rejecting it in the November election. Some sections of certain articles which we find in it we think will be of interest to our readers. Section 10, of article 1, reads as follows:

Section 10. The people of this State, in their right of sovereignty are deemed to possess the original and ultimate property in and to all lands within the jurisdiction of the State; and all lands the title to which shall fail, from a defect of heirs, shall revert or escheat to the people.

The recognition of the prior, superior and inextinguishable right of all the people of the state to all lands within its borders, furnishes the foundation for any legislation deemed in the common interest which shall convert to public holdings and use any or all lands now in possession of private parties. The title does not need to fail, even, for the superior right of sovereignty permits lands in private use to be condemned and taken for public use, as in the case of railroads, canals, streets, etc., and there is nothing in law or justice to prevent coal lands and mines, oil wells, railroads, street railways, telegraph and telephone lines, tenement districts, or even farm lands, being taken and used by the public for the public good. But section 12 goes on to say:

Section 12. All lands within this State are declared to be allodial, so that, subject only to the liability to escheat, the entire and absolute property is vested in the owners, according to the nature of their respective estates.

Here is a practical contradiction and limitation. If, with the one exception of failure of landed property holders to leave heirs to possess after them, the lands are their "entire absolute property," the right of eminent domain does not also exist, under which alleged right states now even allow chartered corporations to forcibly secure possession of lands whose titles are in private hands. But the statement in section ten above quoted must stand. "The people of the state in their right of sovereignty are deemed to possess now the original and ultimate property in and to all lands," otherwise no railroads could be built, no canals or irrigating ditches dug, no new wagon roads could be laid out. But if the original title to the lands is in the whole number of citizens of the state each citizen and child born in the state has an equal right to the land, a right which cannot be alienated. The first title to the land is not a title by purchase, but a title acquired by and which would therefore in justice be limited to, use only. There is no ground for land titles except that of use. The first titles given by all the people in their sovereign capacity to private individuals should have been use titles only, under which all lands not kept in use by the parties obtaining them would revert, or escheat, to the people, the State. The State had no right to give more land value to one citizen than to another. It had no right to give titles in fee simple, conveying an "entire and absolute property" to certain individuals of one generation, which belong equally and inalienably, in the matter of free right to use, to all individuals of all generations. The fee simple titles, however, have made possible the gathering up of birthrights and the monopolizing of land and mines until the ever-increasing burden of land rent is a far heavier labor load today than were the oppressions of feudalism.

There was not originally any injustice thought of in granting titles in fee simple

to settlers upon state or government lands and no injustice would have resulted if all families had been provided for and the land of each family could have been retained by that family and its heirs, and if there had arisen no necessity of building on and near agricultural lands cities, transportation centers and manufacturing towns; and if common stores of oil and coal and mineral wealth had not been found under its surface. But absolute titles were given, and all the blessings of freedom and independence, or equality before the law, have been, with the buying and selling of the land, lost, as Esau lost his birthright.

It matters not to the worker in city or country whether he is compelled to pay equal labor tribute as rent to a landlord, or whether as freeholder he pays it to such a king as George Third or Charles Second, or, as a serf, to some feudal baron. It matters not to the victims of the sweaters, and other myriads, about equally oppressed by land rents and capital exactions, that chattel slavery is abolished. They are even worse off than were the black slaves on the southern plantations. And the ballot is of no practical use or value to us if we do not use it to restore to us all our equal natural rights to land and the equal legislative benefits which a government owes to its citizens.

The land question enters into and becomes a part of all other economic questions. All wealth producers in the country are being forced, by a reduction in the price of their products, to help pay the rent bills of the workers in the cities. Over half the people are now landless tenants, and most of the other half are paying rent indirectly.

We have not free land, but—

"Free land is not enough. In earliest days When man, the babe, from out the earth's bare breast

Drew for himself his simple sustenance, Then freedom and his effort was enough. The world to which a man is born today Is a constructed human, man-built world. As the first savage needed the free wood, We need the road, the ship, the bridge, the house,

The government, society and church— These see the basis of our life today— As much necessities to modern man As was the forest to his ancestor.

To say to the newborn, 'Take here your land: In primal freedom settle where ye will, And work your own salvation in the world,' Is but to put the last come upon earth Back with the dim forefathers of his race, To climb the race's stairway in one life Allied society owes to the young— The new men come to carry on the world— Account for all the past, the deeds, the keys, Full access to the riches of the earth.

Why? That these new ones may not be compelled Each for himself to do our work again; But reach their manhood even with today, And gain tomorrow sooner. To go on— To start from where we are to go ahead— That is true progress, true humanity."

OUR RESPECTS TO THE GANG.

Gov. McKinley is reckoned the greatest man in the Republican party, and it cannot be pleaded that he lacks faculty and opportunity to inform himself. But he attributes all good, all exchange activities, to the Republican tariff, and all national evils, like the present commercial paralysis, to the Democratic tariff. Therefore he is the greatest fraud, hypocrite and deceiver outside of the Democratic party.

McKinley knows that the railroads are not affected by tariff legislation, that foreign railroads do not compete with ours. And he knows that tariff legislation will give us no relief from the transportation monopolists who now rob all producers. He knows perfectly well that the great stockyards and packing house monopolists are in no way related to the tariff, and that every farmer who sells cattle and hogs, and every consumer who buys meat, lard and leather, is forced to pay a heavy tribute to the packing house millionaires. He knows that every family in the land pays monopoly revenue to the millionaires of the Standard Oil company, one member of which has in twenty-five years amassed from the plunder of American workers (by conspiring with the railroads to crush out all competitors) about \$200,000,000. He knows perfectly well that the tariff has never had and never will have any effect on the price of anthracite coal, that while prices of unmonopolized products and labor have been falling, the price of hard coal has even been raised, and that every family in the land must pay the coal barons tribute for the comforts of the home fireside. He knows all about the Cotton Seed Oil trust and the twine trust and the barbed wire trust, the lead trust, the milling trust and scores of other great monopolies not affected by the tariff, which all together are rubbing us poor by means of powers and privileges conferred on them by the Republican and Democratic parties. He knows all this, we say, yet continues his efforts to fool the people longer with nothing but tariff talk, while the gang of plunderers go on taking from us our money needed to buy back what we all together produce, our property in land, too, which our liberties rest on.

The political leaders of both the old parties are the tools of the monster monopolists. They are together determined we shall have no progressive anti-monopoly legislation. They combine with the capitalists to defame our party and prevent it. They are the worst hypocrites that have ever cursed the world. Here in Nebraska, where the people are rising to throw both from power, they are conspiring with the railroads and are seeking to coerce and frighten the people who are in debt into voting, again the ticket which will serve

the railroads, the banks, the spoils-hunting politicians and the eastern Shylocks.

The tariff, the tariff, the tariff, "and all on account of the tariff!"

"Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?"

TO REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS.

We get so tired of the hypocritical tariff talk that we can hardly endure the hundred year old inconclusive arguments of the office seeking demagogues. (Progressive reciprocity is the policy which the intelligent and wise know to be just and best.) But we cannot forbear pointing out McKinley's fallacy.

In the first place the commercial paralysis and industrial stagnation of the past year and a half were caused not by proposed tariff legislation, but by monopoly tribute, which drew from the people their money and left them without the means to empty the markets. Lowering the tariff, as the Democrats have, will not help the matter perceptibly, because they have taken care not to harm those monopolies which the tariff defends, and it is a fact that the principal monopolies are unaffected by the tariff whether it be high or low. Nor would they be (the railroads, for instance) if we had free trade. The great error that McKinley gets the undiscriminating to believe, is the assertion that buying more foreign goods necessarily lessens our power to buy American goods. If we buy more foreign goods, those whom we buy of will be able to purchase more American goods. The McKinley idea would prevent mutually advantageous exchanges. It is the foolish stupid policy of China.

But the Democrats are no less hypocritical or blind, for the only "robber trusts" and monopolies they rave about are the unnamed, unlocated, uncertain ones which they claim are the offspring of the tariff.

The Populist party, on the contrary, are in the arena to actually fight and knock out monopolies, all monopolies, and will thus do away with the monopoly produced panics and periods of commercial paralysis. When there are no monopolies left the people who produce the wealth will be able to exchange it for its money or labor equivalents, and the American surplus exchanged yearly in the markets of the world for a foreign surplus will be not an evil to fear, but a mutual, world-wide advantage to desire and to gain. Our natural resources, perfected machinery and skilled labor will make us amply able to compete in prices with all other countries whose productions are like ours. We have nothing to fear from inferior races or half starved weakened European laborers, except as we allow capitalists and landlords to put on the sweating screws and reduce wages, below the wages of other countries. Protective (?) tariffs do not secure high wages but high wages constitute protection and makes a home market. Free trade, so-called, is not free trade so long as monopolists dictate rent, wages, and prices. But overthrow all the monopolies and we can then for the first time have free trade and equitable exchanges. Monopolies destroy the home market by forcing from the workers part of the money or wages needed to empty the market, or to keep the demand for goods equal to the supply, and prices steady. To wall us in with the American monopolists will not free us from their greedy merciless decrees. To throw down the wall in whole or in part will not enable us to find other nations who can buy more than they sell. (We must except those who draw usury tribute.) Therefore lowering the tariff will not increase work or raise wages.

The one thing that introduces disorder into the commercial world and brings it to a standstill every ten years or so, is the greed and power of those who have monopolized the earth, the necessary capital to produce wealth, and the means of transportation and exchange. Therefore we claim that the Populist party principles and demands must be adopted by this nation and the nations of the world. That nation and every nation which will not adopt them will go down in blood, sooner or later.

The assumption on the part of the "Republican leaders that they alone are honest and fit to legislate and conduct the official business of the state is the basis of their appeal to the people to give them the offices. All the laws which have been enacted in the interest of the people in the last four years have been originated and passed by the Populists in the face of a majority of Republicans opposing them. The Democrat, Boyd, vetoed the first maximum freight bill. The Republican state board of transportation has allowed the second freight bill to be trampled under foot by the railroads, and permitted it, a state matter, to be lodged into a United States court and kept it there hung up in the interest of the railroads. The impeachment proceedings instituted by the last legislature revealed also a gang of Republican thieves in office who escaped punishment by having too many friends at court. The help which the B. & M. railroad is giving the Republican ticket, and its well-known pass assistance and controlling voice in the state convention, also shows that the Republican candidates do not stand for the people's interests, but for the railroads.

Ten cents for the campaign. Only ten cents. Send in a list of on-the-fence voters and order THE WEALTH MAKERS sent them till election.

ENLIST IN TRUTH'S ARMY.

Whether we go backward to anarchy and barbarism or forward to liberty, equality and fraternity, depends on the conflict now raging between liars and truth-tellers. The liars are entrenched in power, the power of the legislation which has built up monopolies; and in the lying business they have at command all the modern improvements and machinery to multiply falsehoods, delusions and misconceptions. The struggle is between the rich and poor, between the great corporations and the people. The corporations own the daily papers and hire the smoothest, most plausible and cunning intellects to edit them. Formerly a lie had to be passed from mouth to mouth to do its devilish work. Now the most skillful mixers of truth and falsehood are employed at high salaries to mold and manipulate legislation, serve in the courts and edit the great dailies,—and the dailies accomplish more in the deceiving business than any and every other agency. A well-constructed plausible lie, which has in it some necessary truth or half truth and takes advantage of the traditional ideas, prejudices and misconceptions of men, can now be originated, polished in its diction, perfected in its rhetoric, printed, and so multiplied a hundred thousand times, and placed in as many hands and homes, all in one day. Let us suppose there are 500 daily papers in this country with an average daily circulation of 40,000 each and that each paper contains several plausible, important lies or misrepresentations. On this supposition 20,000,000 people would be reached and mentally twisted each day, including Sundays.

To counteract this most artful everywhere diffused influence, which with the prejudiced and ignorant is all-controlling, the forces of progress are arrayed. We are poor in purse. Lack of capital makes it impossible for us to multiply the truth as lies are multiplied. We have only a weekly press to give light, and the oil runs low in these weekly lamps because it needs so much self denial on the part of many to support the reform press. But we have this to encourage us: truth cannot be destroyed. In spite of all lying, what ought to be is becoming more and more apparent, and when the majority know what ought to be they will demand that it shall be. We gain in the struggle with evil just as fast as we are able to unveil justice to the conception of the majority. We may also gain good as individuals by obedience to the law of love, by massing our means, wisdom and energies for the equal benefit of each and all.

But let us not forget that the progress of the world is accelerated and retarded by individual effort or lack of effort. If you can give a dollar to send THE WEALTH MAKERS to a neighbor who otherwise will remain uninformed and misdirected give it. It will be bread cast upon the waters which will return, if not to you to your children and children's children. If you cannot give money none are so poor that they cannot give good words to advertise THE WEALTH MAKERS and ask neighbors who can afford it to subscribe. The pressure of monopolies is increasing and to avert increasing, dreadful suffering let every one do all he can to spread the truth.

THE DIABOLISM OF POLITICS.

"Vote the ticket that is satisfactory to us, or we will cut off your money supply."

This is the voice from the east, the ruling east, the State Journal and the cuckoo country Republican press inform us. Vote for the railroad gang who will oppose any effort to reduce the pressure of monopoly, or we will draw all borrowed capital out of the state and by ruining your patrons ruin the trade of you business men, is the warning given to retailers and others in our towns and cities. Tremble, everybody, at our kingly power and obey our behests at the ballot box, or we will demand our pound of flesh of every borrower and bring loss to every citizen of Nebraska. This is the substance of the thinly disguised threats, and this is the insolence of the money power, or the spoils-seeking party leaders who stand ready to serve it.

Now let us look into the matter a little. In the first place money that is not due cannot be withdrawn. What is due (or other money to replace it) can be borrowed again if the security is still good. So, far not, poor mortgaged farmers. They are always anxious to get an interest income and never heard their money when good real estate security is offered for loans. The Populists do not propose repudiation, either, as Majors did. They are honest men, and under their economic rule the credit of the state will be built up. Kansas under Populist rule is in better financial condition than Nebraska, Republican statements to the contrary notwithstanding. Colorado is better off, also, and nothing of the prophesied "monumental disaster to the progress and prosperity" of those states has come to them. Under Populist rule in both these states it has never been difficult to borrow money on good real estate security at rates of interest no higher than the west has been accustomed to pay. Nor has it been difficult to dispose of Kansas and Colorado bonds to eastern capitalists since Waite and Lewelling have been in power.

This is all an un-American political scheme to scare and coerce the voting citizens of Nebraska, a scheme that in its inception is so devilish and in its poorly veiled utterance so insolent, that it