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"If any man must fail for me to rise,
Then seek I not to climb. Another's pain
I shoo not for my good. A golden chaim,
A robe of honor, is too good a prize
To tempt my hasty hand to do a wrong
Unto a fellow man. This life hath we
Sufficient, wrought by man's satanic foe;
And who that hath a heart would dare proclaim
Or add a sorrow to a stricken soul?
That seeks a healing balm to make it whole?
My bosom owns the brotherhood of man."

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THERE is to be a rehearing of the income tax question May 5.

PRESIDENT JOHN BASCOM, D. D., says, in the last issue of "The Kingdom": "There are a social form, a physical expression, a distribution of the resources of the world, inseparably associated with the Kingdom of Heaven."

THE Honest Money League of Chicago, the goldbug element of the Democratic party, reports that signatures to its "honest money" declaration of principles are coming into headquarters at the rate of 500 a day.

LOUIS L. GROSSMAN and William Kaup of Chicago committed suicide in Chicago Tuesday of last week. They were made desperate by inability to find employment. The latter was but eighteen years of age and had recently lost his place as a teamster.

We haven't heard yet of any organization of the American Bimetallic party, nor of any daily papers started by it or converted to it. The Democrats however have lost the Times-Herald and the Evening Post of Chicago, and it is said are about to start a new free silver daily in Chicago, the paper to be called The Enquirer.

THE Iowa Democrats have held a conference and after an acrimonious debate adopted this declaration: "It is the sense of this conference that the two monetary metals should be kept at a parity, without discrimination against either metal in the matter of coinage." And the silver Democrats declare this shield to be silver and the gold Democrats declare it to be gold, and that "Iowa is all right."

UNDER Warden Fuller, present warden of the Michigan state prison, from July 1895 to March 1895 the convicts working in the furniture factory have earned a profit or clear gain to the state of \$17, 600, or a profit of \$1,400 after deducting 50 cents a day for convict labor. If Governor Holcomb and Warden Leidigh can do as well here there need be no trouble about lack of appropriation for salaries.

THE Times-Herald's Washington correspondent says Cleveland "views with sincere regret and great pain the probability that his party is about to be captured by the silver monometallists. Everything that he can do to avert a calamity such as this the President is ready to do." The same writer says Vice President Stevenson or ex-Congressman Bland will be nominated by the silverites if they capture the convention.

SECRETARY HOKE SMITH says Secretary Morton did not talk by the book when he gave out that Cleveland is a goldbug monometallist. He says Grover and the rest of the goldbugs are bimetallics, and that they are fighting the silver monometallists. Hoke says, "Georgia's deputation to the national Democratic convention will go there instructed to oppose to the end the efforts to put this country on a silver basis." Suppose we agree to knock out gold and silver and put the country on a labor basis. That is the end of Populist teaching.

A POLITICAL POINTER

The Illinois Democrats are flocking to support silver in that state. The heavy money end of the party in Chicago is "agin" it, however, and this means that the party will be broken so badly by defeat as to cause its death in '96. John Mayo Palmer, son of the U. S. Senator and himself a goldbug, says: "The sentiment in favor of the free and unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1 without international conference or agreement seems to have taken complete possession of the Democracy of Illinois outside of Cook county."

There will be a good deal of talk about reading men out of the party. The immediate effect of the expected declaration will be to disorganize the Democratic party in this state, if such a thing is possible. The ultimate effect, should the currency question be the prominent one of 1896, will be the reorganization of both parties on new lines. Those like myself, who may be called conservatives, have a faint hope that we may be able to induce the June convention to declare that it is inexpedient to draw party lines upon the silver question by a state convention, but I confess I have no very great confidence that we will be able to secure this. Unless the refusal of the Democrats who agree with me to take part in the convention, shall lead the party elsewhere to believe that Democratic sentiment is not thoroughly represented by the convention, that declaration will have a very strong and powerful influence upon the party in the western and southern states, but will not, I think affect anything east of Ohio.

We are having a good deal to say about silver and the prospective attitude of the old parties on the question this week, that our readers may get their bearings. The silver question is too much for either beately old-party aggregation to go into the ring with. It has however fastened itself to dying Democracy and will choke the remaining life out of it. Palmer made the above statements after visiting Springfield and talking with the leaders and rank and file in many parts of the state.

But while silver is breaking the ranks and killing off one or both of our political enemies, it would be the worst kind of political folly for us to drop either of our three great related demands and attach ourselves to the fortunes of hard money, single standard or double. The result would be the disruption and scattering of our organization and the loss of all we have sacrificed and labored for. Those who will try to force us into the old party silver fight by fusing us with the Democratic party, are either without political sense, or they are strangers to principle. THE WEALTH MAKERS warns the Populists of Nebraska that this struggle with the fusionists is before us and that we have got to shake ourselves of every leader who shows a disposition to seek Democratic aid. Spot every man who has tied up with the Democrats or favored it, and put out-and-out Populists in the lead from now on. Don't let a handful of spoils hunters who have got into office or on the State Central Committee run the next convention and campaign.

THE AMERICAN INDUSTRIAL UNION

A new labor organization has been started with co-operation as its distinctive feature. George W. Howard, vice-president of the American Railway Union, is the projector and leading spirit. The organization was launched in Chicago last Sunday, and is called the American Industrial Union. It is not a rival to other labor organizations, but starts into an unoccupied (the co-operative) field and hopes to get the other labor organizations to unite with it in its co-operative work.

George W. Howard was elected general secretary, and he is one of the board of ten directors. The organization is to be international in character to the extent of organizing Mexico and Canada as well as the United States. A local union of 500 members has already been organized in Chicago. Its purposes are general co-operation, establishment of employment bureaus, and the establishment of a general eight-hour work day throughout the country, to take effect Sept. 1, 1897. It favors woman suffrage and arbitration. The co-operative feature is the one on which the great stress is laid. The Union will ask for the establishment of postal savings banks for the use of wage earners and others in the Union, and from this fund the organization expects to establish industries to provide work for the unemployed and enable them to become at least self-supporting.

The American Industrial Union will keep in close touch with existing co-operating colonies, thirty-five or more of which have been already established, and instead of using Union funds to carry on strikes, and the payment of big salaries to officers it is intended to use the available funds of the organization for the establishment of more colonies, or the increase of those already in existence.

All hail, brothers! Let us strike hands in the co-operative movement which is the way of salvation. Does Lincoln want a Union? Let the state be organized.

THE BIG BUG BATTLE

The silverbugs appear to be in the saddle in the Democratic party in Illinois. War to the knife against them has been declared by the "Honest Money League" of Chicago and Cook county; but, being caught in the minority, the goldbugs can only appeal to their faction to abstain from participation in the primaries to be held May 3d to choose delegates to the state convention. At a full meeting of the executive committee of the League held at the Palmer House April 23d, the following resolutions were adopted: "Whereas, It is solely the province of

the national convention of the Democratic party to declare the position of the party on national issues, and

"Whereas, No action that may be taken by the proposed state convention in June, 1895, can bind the delegates to be elected to the national convention of next year, and hence no good results can flow from participation in such convention, and

"Whereas, The calling of such convention is a usurpation of power on the part of the Democratic state central committee, and has already provoked unnecessary discord among Democrats, and will, if continued, bring disaster to the Democratic party of Cook county; be it

"Resolved, by the executive committee of the Honest Money League of Illinois, That we vigorously protest against the calling and holding of such convention, and call upon all honest money Democrats of Cook county to abstain from participation in the primaries to be held on May 3d, 1895, and that the committee on public meetings of this league at once arrange for a mass meeting to be held in this city at an early date to give emphasis to this protest."

We print the resolutions that our readers may see the situation in the state which is the money, railroad and manufacturing center of the great west, and in the second city in the nation. If the silver Democrats can get control of the party in such a state as Illinois, it seems reasonable to suppose that they can do so in about every state west of Ohio and south of Virginia,—which would enable them to control the next national convention. This would practically annihilate the Democratic party in New England and the middle Atlantic states, and it would drive to the Republican party all "sound-money," single-standard Democrats of all other states, so that the probabilities are that the Democratic party, broken by silver, cannot carry a half dozen states in 1896.

It will be an absolutely hopeless campaign for the Democrats, whether they make silver the issue or not. If the plutocratic Democratic leaders, and those who are mere spoils-hunters and nothing else, have power to throttle the silver faction in the national convention the party is still doomed, for a faction of western leaders would break away, and no power can hold in line over half of the rank and file in the west and south under present conditions, with the spread of ideas which calamity has quickened.

Seeing all this it is safe to prophesy that the best and most intelligent element in the Democratic party will leave it to its fate and join the ranks of the Populists.

The Honest Money League of Chicago decided to print the above resolution and scatter it broadcast throughout Cook county, also to hold a monster mass meeting on the night of May 3d to voice the protest of the "honest money" Democrats, and to deny the legality of the calls for the state and county conventions. The League chose a committee on literature, on state organization and on public meetings, and has given out that it "will, therefore, confine its efforts to sending out honest money literature, holding mass meetings and extending the league organization throughout the state. It will have plenty of funds, and a vigorous campaign along the lines mentioned will be prosecuted from this time until the close of the presidential campaign in 1896."

The only quarrel we really enjoy is a quarrel on the part of our political enemies which promises to hopelessly break up their ranks. Let the combat deepen.

SENATOR ALLISON AT WORK

Allison of Iowa is trying the feat of riding two horses. He is "in favor of sound money," he says, and is evidently in the game to hold the silver vote in the Republican party. He is on this account the man most likely to secure the nomination from the hands of the Republican national convention. He has begun to swing around the circle in the interest of his presidential boom. We clip the following words as evidence of his political astuteness:

"Gold and silver have been the money of nations for centuries, and all that is needed is to establish the relative value of the two metals. During three centuries the ratio of 15 1/2 to 1 has continued. In 1873 this country changed the law and made gold the standard of value. I believe that it was a mistake. Uncoined gold and silver are commodities, governed by the law of supply and demand, and the same thing happened to silver and gold that would happen to other commodities under similar laws. Gold was appreciated and silver depreciated. The question now is how can we place silver in circulation and pass it current with gold? It is gratifying, is it not, to know that a few men can save our country by loaning us gold to pay our current expenses? What condition could any country be expected to be in when it has not enough revenue to pay current expenses? I presume, however, that Mr. Carlisle will be able to get along until December without calling an extra session of congress to borrow more."

A TOUCH, REVEALING CHARACTER

Mr. H. Johnson of Wichita, Kansas, one of our subscribers, recently addressed a letter to the editor of the National Watchman, the paper that has been doing its worst to crowd us on to a single plank platform and which has viciously lied about the four leading Populist papers of the north and west in an effort to discredit them and counteract their influence. We give Mr. Johnson's statement regarding the contents of his letter and a verbatim copy of Dunning's letter in reply, showing the sort of a man he is. Mr. Johnson says: "I ordered the discontinuance of the Watchman, giving as my reasons the Watchman's course, its treatment of the Advocate, Non Con, THE WEALTH MAKERS, Coming Nation, and I included the

Southern Mercury, on which, by looking over the Watchman again, I find it is silent. I should not have named the Mercury, but I don't think that is what hurt the gentleman. It was the idea of some people having ideas of their own that hurts."

DUNNING'S LETTER

Mr. H. Johnson, Wichita, Kas.: Your insulting letter at hand. You are doubtless a worthless agitator and as such deserve no attention from respectable men. I simply write this letter to state plainly and distinctively that you are a contemptible liar. I have not mentioned the "Southern Mercury" in the Watchman for a long time and anyone who reads the Watchman knows it. I have written to a friend of mine in your city to find out what sort of a miserable cur you are. Your paper will continue to be sent until expiration of subscription. Yours, N. A. DUNNING. Washington, April 11, 1895.

WE MUST HAVE POPULISTS

If Sheriff Miller and a few other men in this county who claim to be Populists, would work as hard to be worthy of Populist support as they work to get the votes of the Democrats, they would stand a better show of being renominated and reelected this fall.

We are tired of being bartered and sold by men who care nothing for the enactment into law of the principles of the Omaha platform.

There are about six of them in this county who imagine they are smooth enough to hoodwink the People's Party into believing that they are orthodox Populists and that they will be again honored by the party at its conventions this fall. They are after the loaves and fishes.

We trusted them once; they have betrayed us, and sold us into Egypt, we will not trust them again. Just before our conventions they had a sudden and miraculous conversion (?) to the principles of our platform. They were nominated and elected to office as Populists, after which they have put us to shame by consorting with and feeding our political enemies.

It will soon be time to fill their places, let us begin now to think of the best men to do it.

REV. DAVID BEATON of Chicago told the School of Social Economy in Chicago last week that "no sober, industrious workingman need be poor." Many speakers following Beaton denied the truth of his assertion. It is such remarks as this that bring the clergy into contempt with men made desperate by the vain search for work or with the life-long struggle to get means to supply their families barest necessities. Beaton is a preacher at the Lincoln Park Congregational church and he is even now worrying over the rich leaving his church for the suburban districts and no people coming in to take their place.

The free silver Democratic leaders of Illinois, commenting on the action of the Honest Money League (which we report in the Bug Battle article in another column), declare "they were not surprised at the action of the League, as it indicated that the league was formed solely for the purpose of leading Democrats into the ranks of the Republican party." "There once were two cats in Kilkenny," they scratched and they fit, they chewed and they bit, till, excepting their nails and the tips of their tails (the fighting factions after '96) instead of two cats there weren't any."

The Kansas Republican State league has jumped onto Cleveland for his enemy to silver and promises that if the Republicans are again given the reins, "Such a resumption of power will bring back a monetary policy and a coinage system which will immediately add to our currency the product of American mines and restore silver to its old place as one of the money metals, thus placing the finances of the country upon a basis which will bring confidence and prosperity to our people." The old parties are the worst pair of lying old hags that ever existed.

The recent rise in the price of beef is unwarranted by any corresponding rise in the price of cattle, is the report of Secretary Morton. The combination which controls the dressed beef trade fixes the price of cattle on the hoof, as well as the price of meat to consumers. They control through the ownership of refrigerator cars the matter of transportation. Secretary Morton has also gathered evidence which shows that small dealers are discriminated against by the railroads, and the anti-trust law is no good except to kill off or subdue labor organizations.

EX-SENATOR INGALLS of Kansas recently stated at the G. A. R. encampment that he is not only in favor of putting a plank into the national (Republican) platform favoring the free and unlimited coinage of silver, but that he is strongly in favor of that principle. Washington Populists and Weaver, who are trying so hard to have us drop all our platform except free silver, can hold out as an inducement that we can after so doing take our choice which old party to fuse and remain with.

Open Letter to Governor Holcomb

LINCOLN, Neb., May 1, 1895.
Hon. S. A. Holcomb, Governor of Nebraska:
DEAR SIR:—Yours of the 24th inst. at hand, and while not a total surprise to me, and consequently not a personal disappointment, the information is much to be regretted from a party standpoint. You say that, "after giving the matter four months consideration, I today arrived at a conclusion in regard to the matter of the appointment of a warden at the State Prison, and Geo. W. Leidigh of Nebraska City, has been named." This, indeed, is a singular admission

and quite contrary to the general rule. Crimes and offenses, of all kinds, have generally at least, one mitigating circumstance. They are generally committed in haste, or without due consideration. But you undoubtedly do not regard the act as a crime, or even as an offense, but, coupled with a number of other appointments, of similar nature, and especially with Mr. Dahlman's, another leading Democrat, made at the same time, and who was an applicant for the same position, you are charged with party perfidy, and a deadly assault upon "the Independent party" organization, in this state; and upon this charge you will have to go upon trial before the bar of our people, "and may God defend the right."

Being an applicant for one of the positions given to a Democrat, and therefore liable to the usual charge of "disgranted," shall not deter me from assisting in the prosecution, for I think my past record will bear me out, that I can accept defeat with, at least, moderate grace.

My motives are, and have been, much higher than any personal consideration. It is because I am a Populist from principle, and because I believe the triumph of the principles of the party is common humanity's last and only hope, and because I believe that any alliance with any other party will not only retard our growth, but, in the end, will prove fatal to our success, that forces upon me the unpleasant duty that I feel called upon to perform. I acknowledge it is a very unpleasant duty, for our personal relations, and the personal relations between myself and all your appointees, so far as I have any acquaintance with them, has been very agreeable; but I feel that I occupy a peculiar position, and, at this time, a very responsible one. Like yourself (if you are at all out) I came out of the Democratic party, and in all my experience in trying to advance the interests of our cause, I have found no greater obstacle, anywhere, or at any time, than that thrown in the way, by the Republican orators, and the Republican press, when they have charged the Independent party with being a "tail to the Democratic kite."

The Republican party having ruled in Nebraska since it has been a state, and being largely in the majority, it could be readily seen that its overthrow depended largely, and mainly, on desertions from its own ranks. And manfully have they come, and loyally have thousands of them stood by our organization, even when the party lash has been most severely applied, and steadily have we moved onward, and steadily have we confidence in our integrity been increasing.

It is true that I have denied and still deny that the Democrats, in the Populist party, had any sympathy with their old party, as an organization; but it has been left for you to give the charge new and additional force, if not practically to demonstrate to many its truth.

I am not personally unfriendly to the Democrats, or to the Republicans, as such, but politically I am as much opposed to one as the other. If you are proceeding upon the principle of recognizing those who helped to elect you, why not make a fair divide, and give the Republicans their share of the appointments also? for you must know that you owe your election as much, or more, to the Republicans than to the Democrats, and men more to Mr. Rosewater, and to the Omaha Bee, than to Mr. Bryan or the World-Herald. The Bee was your constant and consistent supporter, while the World-Herald was your inconsistent supporter and hired defamer in the same issue. No, Governor, since I left the Democratic party I have "cast no longing, lingering look behind." I, too, might possibly have held office if I had acted otherwise, I, by no means think you are a bad man. I only think you have proven yourself a weak one. You are not by any means the first man, even in Nebraska, whose "ambition has o'erleaped itself." The political highway is everywhere strewn with its wrecks. Men are more or less (and frequently more) like pigs. If fed on too rich food they develop too much flesh for the amount of bone, and especially back bone. The remedy in the case of pigs is to put them on a diet of skimmed milk, and I can see no reason why it would not act as well in our case as in the other. It may not be your fault. You have neither been in a position, nor in a condition, since our reform movement began, to be able to grasp its full meaning. You have been in good circumstances and drawing a good salary. Your mind has been occupied more with law, and with loans, than with distressed homes, and an impoverished people. You didn't, I believe attend either the Cincinnati, or the St. Louis Conference or the Omaha National Convention. You have, therefore, probably not been baptized with the "baptism that is unto repentance."

I am not speaking of, or dealing with your intentions. You are too good a lawyer not to know that all law presumes a man to intend the consequences of his acts, and the sooner you recognize the fact that, when you are consorting with the Democratic, or any other party, you are nursing at your bosom, a torpid viper that, as soon as it is warmed into life, by Populist heat, and strengthened by Populist nourishment, will turn on its benefactor with all its accustomed vigor and venom, the sooner you will see and realize the folly of your course.

There is no room in this state, or nation, for three great political parties and I have been and am still willing to let both old parties alone, and leave their future existence to be determined by the law of "the survival of the fittest." No one recognizes this fact more clearly than the leaders of the Democratic party themselves, and no one will more zealously than they see to it that, as a party we do not come into power. They may permit and even assist, a chosen candidate, now and then to come into office, but it will be found generally, if not always, at the expense of the rest of the ticket; and so small a victory may mean more harm to us than a total defeat. The old Democratic ship is down deep in the trough of the political sea, and of, and by, itself can never be safely harbored. It is both seaworn and unseaworthy and Mr. Bryan and Mr. Bland have both seen the approaching catastrophe, and have each lowered a silver life-boat, and struck for the shore. The one for help to save the old ship, the other to build a new one. Of the two Mr. Bland shows the most sense, but there is a method in Mr. Bryan's madness. If you and the Independent party will get aboard of Mr. Bryan's little silver skiff he will row you out to the old wreck, and if you help it into the harbor again "there will come to pass the saying that death is swallowed up in victory." (Our death, I mean, and

their victory). But my political Bible says that our party can not live by silver alone, but by one that proceedeth out of the Omaha platform until revised or changed.

But while this, governor, may be very interesting reading to you, I must come to a close. History we are told repeats itself, and in my reflections my mind reverts a little to ancient history. You will find it, I think, in Homer's Iliad; and while it may have no bearing on the present conditions I will venture to suggest it, for the inventive genius of man today is certainly as great as in the ancient days of the Greeks, and it often requires as much strategy to capture and destroy a great political party as it used to take a city.

It is said that the Greeks once undertook to take Troy, a large and strongly fortified city, and after besieging it for ten years failed. They then resorted to strategy. They went to work just outside the walls, and constructed a large wooden horse, and in it they concealed a number of their bravest men, well armed. They then set fire to their tents, and apparently, abandoned the long and fruitless siege. The Trojans, discovering the colossal beast, by the light of the burning tents, and as a trophy of victory, went out and brought it up to the gate of the city but could not get it in, and the only thing to do was to tear down a piece of the wall. This they did and moved the monster inside—all of which the Greeks were watching from a distance, and returned and easily took the city.

Sometimes ask, can it be that the Democrats failing for four years and over to capture the Independent party, learned from the Greeks their art, and constructed at Grand Island a large wooden horse and concealed within it a sufficient number of men armed with weapons of destruction, and placed it within our walls with the same intention? I hope not, and yet sometimes I fear it may be so.

There are other minor points in your letter I must refer to, but must be very brief. You say further: "I regret being compelled to disappoint so worthy a Populist as yourself."

I certainly appreciate the compliment, but I utterly fail to see where the "compulsion" comes in. Any information upon the subject as to who "compelled" you, would be thankfully received. I may be mistaken, but I understand that you are the governor, and that the governor by law appoints the Warden of the Penitentiary. I find nothing in the law giving such power to a private secretary, to an ex-Democratic congressman, or even a United States senator. Where, therefore, I pray, is the compelling power you speak of when you say, "I regret being compelled?" You further say: "I will be glad to talk the matter over with you at your convenience." I certainly will be glad to do so, although it seems a little late. If you had told me before the act was done, that some one, or some power, was about to "compel" you to do an act that you did not want to do, I might have been of some service to you and myself both, but still I will hear you, and only hope you will be able to fully justify your course. My grievance is not, however, a personal one. While I think I had a right to expect a different, and a better, treatment, I have no personal spite to gratify. It is true that I have spent more time in trying to build up, and to advance the party's interest than you, and all your appointees together, except Mr. Powers, and the movement has cost me more money than you all without an exception; yet I only ask that our principles be adhered to till enacted into law. Don't think for a moment you can drive me from the party, for you will find me a stayer, and, if necessary, a fighter; and I know the rank and file too well to even imagine that they are not going to stand with me and by me shoulder to shoulder, in the future, as in the past, as long as I stand for the right and till the battle is finally won. Yours very truly,

J. V. WOLFE.

GOD GIVE US MEN

We stand disgraced, humiliated and ashamed. The Populist party of Nebraska has been betrayed by trusted leaders, into the hands of our political enemies. It was done secretly at Grand Island and at Omaha on the respective dates of the Populist and Democratic conventions. Only a small coterie of the leaders were in it; the rest, with the rank and file, knew nothing of it. Governor Holcomb has paid some of the obligations then accepted, then entered into with the Democratic leaders. We are therefore compelled to eat our own words of December 6—his is a "demo-pop" governor. Harpers Weekly was more than half right when it published under his cut the statement, "Nebraska's Democrat Governor." The Democrats govern him. Whether Mr. Holcomb had a direct hand in the original "deal" or not does not matter. He has made the trade his own by paying the Democrats for supporting him. Whether he wanted to do this or not does not matter. He and his most intimate friends assert that "his hands were tied," that he was "compelled" to give the Democrats part of the appointments.

What stuff is a man made of who will allow a secret deal with his political enemies to tie his hands and compel him to pay them for serving (?) him? How is it that he can disgrace the whole party openly on the plea that he is "compelled" to keep faith with political traders of an opposing party in a deal unauthorized, a secret trade that was a party betrayal, an act that changed us, to all appearance and in reputation, from Populists to "demo-pops?"

We commented all that was necessary last week on the appointment of Mackay Superintendent of the Norfolk Asylum, a man who fought the Populist party last year and who is still fighting it with pre-eminent zeal and vigour. The day after we went to press the governor appointed Jim Dahlman deputy oil inspector in the Sixth district. Dahlman was nominated by the Democrats for Auditor, on the state ticket. But, it seems, consented to pull off for a consideration. He was offered the Wardenship by Governor Holcomb, but would not call it square unless he could also name his own deputy. A settlement was finally made by deny-