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test how grandly we would be working at this time. Had the conference declared in favor of making financial reform the issue for the present campaign we would now be driving everything before us, and gathering recruits by the thousands. The logic of events have forced the issue, and the populist

papers, as a rule, have the good sense and judgment to meet the issue squarely. We do not believe the people will stand much more nonsense from the few irreconcilables, and unless they get in line at once they will be destroyed. The time for temporizing has passed, and the time for honest work has come. Let each be judged by the character of his service. - National Watchman. There are none so blind as those who

THE SINGLE ISSUE AGAIN.

Even If the Money Question Were the Is-sue, the Free Coinage of Silver Is Not the

If any one doubts that the single

will not see. Perhaps the Watchman has trimmed its exchange list, as it has its platform, and only reads such journals as have abandoned all the Omaha platform except the free silver section. There has been no such change in the populist press as the Watchman insinuates. Our papers have always kept the financial issue prominent and do so still, but to assert that they are now fighting on "the single issue of financial reform" is false. Not a single populist newspaper in the United States with a national circulation has taken that course, but all are honestly and ably advocating the full measure of the Omaha platform and demanding the emancipation of labor, not the crowning of capitalism.

The contemptible sneers of the Watchman at W. S. Morgan and George C. Ward should arouse the indignation of all editors who love fair play. These men are among our bravest champions and most powerful writers. Because they refused to be side-tracked on the free silver siding, this Washington cabal seeks to destroy them. Their work has been honest and strictly in line with our platform.

As for the threat that unless the "few irreconcilables" wheel "into line at once they will be destroyed," that would be humorous if it were not so serious. Who is going to destroy these independent editors? And who is to dictate to them what they shall say and how they shall say it? We do not believe the people's party is just ready to take its orders from Washington. We send men there to obey, not to

But go ahead, Mr. Watchman. When you get the heads of the irreconcilable editors chopped off fetch them around. We would like to look at them. Meanwhile, hurrah for the emancipation of is what the Omaha platform means, or else it is a humbug.-Dakota Ruralist. deplores, is bearing abundant fruit. tions to Brother Loucks for his kind defense of me, but I am also glad that he clipped the item from the Watchman, as it affords me a chance to judge

which the editor no longer sends me. The Watchman deserves to rank with Artemus Ward's "Komical Kuss." For many weeks past I have had a leading article upon the financial question each week in the Kellogg page, while almost the entire page is weekly devoted to the "money question." What more can a poor mortal do, and what ails the Watchman? I will explain. The Watchman is not content that the money question shall be the leading issue, but also demands that he shall define what the money question is. That's different, you see. These "single issue" men want the money question, or the "single issue

of financial reform," to be defined as consisting of the free coinage of silver and the issue of all "paper promises to pay coin" by the government. Such an issue as that bears no semblance to the financial plank of the Omaha platform. Not only so, but it leaves out the most vital essence of such plank. My interpretation of the finan-cial demands of the Omaba platform is this: Gold and silver money, freely coined at 16 to 1 and full legal tender, absolute, paper money, all issued direct to the people by the government at a rate of interest of 2 per cent. or less, through a system of government banks of deposit, loan and discount. There is nothing in common between

these two definitions of the "money question." The one destroys interest, takes away from money its "power to oppress," emancipates the nation from the rule of metallism and does away with all possibility of future panies. The other simply restores the conditions under which the panic of 1857 and previous panies took place; leaves the clutch of usury upon the throat of reform" for a generation. Better defeat, upon a platform demanding a scientific monetary system, with the free coinage of silver fairly defined as victory upon a platform affirming the "primary money" fallacy of Coin's Financial School. Free silver, narcotic like, may stupefy, while robbers despoil and liberty is destroyed, and as a palliative may ease and soothe, while the disease attains a more firm foothold, but is it not better that the patient shall be allowed to suffer until he is willing to undergo an operation and have the cancers, metallism and interest, cut out by the roots?

The Omaha platform is the grandest document of modern times, and "the sub-treasury plan of the Farmers' Alli-August 19th to 24th inclusive, the ance" has within it the germs of true Northwestern line will sell tickets at one financial reform. I shall continue to

> So far as is concerned the assertion that populist papers have abandoned electric light of £2,000.

all issues but that of financial refor I must say that all the papers I see are in "the middle of the road" and defend and advocate the land and transportation planks of the Omaha plat form as freely and firmly as they do

issue of financial reform is on, a glance through the populist exchanges would be convincing. With the exception of less than half a dozen papers and Mr. Morgan and Kellogg's ready prints, they are all taking hold in dead earnest. What a fight they will be making isside of the standard of the standar So far as are concerned the Watchman's threats, they are liable, like chickens, to come home to roost. The Watchman is trying to obstr the march of a mighty army, and if he ing inside of the next two months, and does not get out of the way he will be what a fund of solid, reliable informatrampled under foot. But not only tion they will be sending out among the Watchman trying to obstruct the the people. Had the St. Louis conference last fall declared for such a conprogress of civilization, he is not even awake and alert, but seems to be lying in the road while taking a Rip Va Winkle sleep. He should wake up and listen to the latest estimate of what he is pleased to term "vagaries," learn how equitably discounted are his pet phrases "paternalism" and cialism."

The graduating law students of Yale college at their commencement in June were addressed by Associate Justice Henry B. Brown, of the United States supreme court, who shocked the country with his dissenting opinion in the income tax case a few weeks ago. This college address was on the st subject, though more extended.

Justice Brown traced social and mercantile development in the century. Then he dealt with municipal corruption, corporate greed, and touched on the labor question. Among other things, he said:

"While I feel assured that the social disquietude does not point to the destruction of private property, it is not improbable that it will result in the gradual enlargement of the functions of government and to the ultimate control of natural monopolies. If the government may be safely intrusted with the transmission of our letters and papers, I see no reason why it may not also with our telegrams and parcels, as is almost universally the case

in England, or with our passengers and freight, a state ownership of railways, as in Germany, France, Austria, Sweden and Norway. If the state owns its highways, why may it not also own its railways? If a municipality owns its streets and keeps them paved, sewered and cleansed, why may it not also light them, water them and transport its citizens over them?

"Such at least is the tendency of modern civilization in nearly every civilized state but our own, whose great corporate interests, by parading the bug bears of 'paternalism' and 'socialism,' have succeeded in securing franchises which properly belong to the public. The fear, too, that these monopolies might be used for political purposes has hitherto proved an insuperable objection to their exercise by the state, but the development of civil service reform has of late been so rapid and satisfactory that its introduction into this new field of usefulness would follow as a matter of course, and would obviate the most formidable difficulty in the way of the

proposed change." All over the nation the populist leaven is working, and the able and aggressive fight made by the populist labor and down with capitalism. That press in advocacy of the "vagaries." the Watchman so much deprecates and

GEORGE C. WARD.

COME INTO MY PARLOR.

Until the End of the World There Will Be of the present attitude of a paper Cunning Spiders and Foolish Plies. Since the Cleveland flasco, Senator Dubois is talking this kind of rot.

> "One point has been made evident by the recent conventions, and it will enable the silver men to plan their campaign with greater clearness. They do not now believe that the democratic party will declare for free coinage or for any radical recognition of silver in the next national convention. This view is based upon the developments of the silver convention in Memphis. when it was made very plain that the southern democrats were not willing to leave their party, no matter how obnoxious the financial plank of the platform might be. Consequently, when the national convention meets next year, and the northern and eastern delegates demand a sound money. enti-silver plank, the chances are that the southern delegates will acquiesce rather than go into any new political organization. Believing this, the republican silver men are not disposed at this time to suggest the formation of a new party upon strictly silver lines, but will endeavor to secure within the republican party some recognition for silver. This they believe they will be able to do. They say that the next republican platform will probably contain a demand for the restoration of silver to the place held by it in the national currency before 1873, and if they can secure this, they will be satisfied. Anything less than this, however, will make a republican campaign in the western states worse than useless, as any ticket nominated upon a free cotnage platform can sweep the entire western country.

"With the belief that if anything is to be gained for silver, it must be within the republican lines, the plan industry, firmly enthrones the bi-devils of campaign will now be directed toof metallism and postpones "financial ward making more converts in that party. It so happens that in the complexion of the next senate the silver men will hold some advantage, because without their votes the repubmerely a temporary expedient, than licans will be unable to pass any legislation. Out of this situation may grow some interesting compromises, the result of which will be seen when the republican national convention meets next spring."

> -Birmingham, Manchester, Leeds, Liverpool, Glasgow and Bradford have municipalized their water, gas, markets, trams and electric lights. Birmingham in seventeen years has made £714,000; the markets of Manchester hand over annually £15,000 to the city treasury; the surplus of nearly £7,000 on the trams of Liverpool goes toward relief in the paving rate. Glasgow in 1893 made a profit of £42,000 on water, £29,000 on gas and £3,300 on markets. while Bradford made a profit on its