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#### GLADSTONE ON BI-METALISM.

On page one of this issue appears Gladstone's late remarkable utterance on the currency question. Such an expression from the prime minister of England is most significant. It foreshadows the downfall of the gold-standard in the very seat of the money power, and the home of the Rothschilds. Well may the populists of America take courage when the foremost statesman of the world endorses their demand for "cheaper money."

### THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE'S ADDRESS.

On page six of this issue will be found an address from the populist national committee which we commend to the populists of Nebraska as worthy of careful consideration. The necessity for some general organization to advance the interests of the people's party is perhaps more evident to the, members of that committee than to anybody else. They have learned by experience how difficult it is to carry on a national campaign without some such organiza-

The Industrial Legion was planned and organized by the national committee to supply the urgent need for such an organization. It is well adapted to the purpose. The work of organizing It should be taken up and pushed with the utmost vigor.

# MAKING PURCHASES.

The class of persons who purchase from manufacturers or large distributing stores by "mail orders" is large and increasing, still it is not nearly so large as it ought to be. There is no reason why intelligent people should not make way. By means of advertisements, samples etc., sent out by manufacturers and general dealers, purchasers are enabled to select what they want with case and certainty. By ordering in this way the commissions of middledanger of loss either in sending money or getting the goods.

Perhaps the principal reason why so many do not purchase in this way is simply because they never have done so. It is something new. It is a task to write a letter. They don't know what titute. form they should follow in making out an order. They over-estimate the being cheated.

We would suggest to all our readers who have not done so, to try the plan of | tual prostitutes. purchasing by mail. In our columns may be found advertisements of a great variety of articles. Look them over when you want to make a purchase. If you find what you want, write to the manufacturer or dealer for prices, fuller description, samples, etc. If satisfied that you can get what you want at a onable price, then send in your orster with the price enclosed. Nine chances in ten you will be so well satisfled with the result that you will kick

yourself for not having tried it before. We aim to carry only reliable advertisements in this paper. Should anyone be mistreated or swindled by one of our advertisers, we wish to know it. In writing to our advertisers always mention THE ALLIANCE INDEPENDENT.

No solution of the money question that leaves the banking business in the hands of private corporations will ever son of leisure. prove entisfactory. Government ownership of banks is just as important as government ownership of railroads,

WHEN you write to one of our adverbe sure to mention THE ALLI there, he sure to men ANON-IPDEPENDENT,

#### A LEISURE OLASS.

Some recent writers have noted with pleasure that we are developing con ditions that conduce to the establishment of a leisure class in America. That such conditions are developing class; it will be universal. can not be disputed. But to what sort of a leisure class will such conditions give rise?

It is questionable if any kind of a leisure class is a benefit to the nation. But let us suppose for the sake of argument that there is one kind of a leisure class that would be a benefit to the country-a class of persons endowed with strong intellectual powers, and will employ their leisure in researches after truth, in making discoveries and inventions, in writing great books and convention showed weakness, timidity ing all those things that tend to uplift brilliancy of resource, and audacity of and ennoble mankind.

What prospect is there that the conditions now developing in America will ever produce such a class? What class of persons are amassing the fortunes which make leisure possible? Are they persons of great intellectual powers, and strong moral natures? On the contrary they are men having a large faculty for money-making, selfish, grasping schemers whose moral faculties, small to begin with, are dwarfed and destroyed by the unjust methods they employ; men whose sympathies are weak and narrow, whose sensibilities are coarse, whose pleasures are sordid. A leisure class of this kind tends only to lower intellectual and moral standards, to debauch and degrade society.

Under the conditions we are developing, the men and women who would employ leisure for the up-lifting of their fellowmen can not achieve the material independence which is the basis of leisure. They can not compete successfully with our modern wealthgetters. In such competition their intellectual and moral powers are a positive hindrance.

There is but one way in which talented men and women can ever become persons of leisure under the conditions we are developing, and that is as pensioners of the rich. Some of our multimillionaires are moving in that direction today. They are building palatial subject for discussion and education. churches, founding great universities, institutes, academies of science and art. In these, gifted men and women find employment either as virtual or actual pensioners of their founders.

But what great benefit can society expect to receive from a class of pauper Blaine. artists, literateurs, scientists, philosophers and preschers? They are but the intellectual slaves of sordid masters. for the up-lifting of the race without independence? Can the fountain rise above its source?.

Will such pauper preachers ever denounce the crimes of the rich? Will they ever proclaim the rights of the poor? Will such pauper historians tion. ever write true histories of the age in which they live?

In such a leisure class the plutocratic benefactor will be done in marble by the pensioned sculptor; his praises will be sung by the pensioned orator; his achievements will be recorded by the pensioned historian; he will be a leading character in the story of the pensioned novelist; he will be held up as a model of moral excellence by the pensioned preacher. All will unite in nation. a majority of their purchases in this lauding the age in which they live, praising and defending the system of reform. which they are the products. Intellect, skill, inspiration and eloquence will be prostituted to the service and defense of that which is selfish, crafty, coarse and immoral. Under such conditions men are saved. There is scarcely any the sophist takes the place of the philosopher, the charlatan crowds into such a leisure class.

Of all things on earth, the most utterly contemptible is the intellectual pros-

Already just such a leisure class as dreds of pulpits, and endowed professor- public debate, or newspaper discussion. ships are filled with talented intellec-

be established when the very condi-

Even if such a leisure class should attempt to uplift the masses by the is not necessary to reply to their assaults cultivation of the moral and intellectual sensibilities, of what use would their efforts be while the people are degraded into a state of helpless pover- liberty, but to destroy it by creating ty, their moral senses blunted and des- religious strife among the common peotroyed, by a sense of monstrous injustice, ple. Its success means the over-throw their intellects stunted by perpetual of the people's movement. It means

justly administered. We want an in- tion of liberty. dustral system under which all men

scientists, and philosophers. But they are trying to destroy. will be simply laborers, producers. Their fellow laborers who work in the telds and mines and shops will have tion made up of lesser corporations. the means to reward thom, sand the leisure to enjoy and profit by the beauty,

the wisdom, the inspiration of their works. Under such conditions civilization can go on till mankind reaches the highest possible development.

Leisure will not then be confined to a

### A DECAYED PARTY.

The decay of the republican party has never been more emphatically shown forth than it was by the convention of republican clubs at Louisville last bine.

The time and the occasion were such as to demand important and decisive action. But the action of this convenmoral natures, men and women who tion was weak and trifling in the ex-

In the adoption of its platform the creating noble works of art, in produc- and cowardice. None of the old time action showed themselves.

The republican party has been banking on its gail for many years. When that falls there is nothing left. There has not been a time in twenty-five years when such important issues were pressing for solution. The democratic party is showing signal incapacity in meeting these issues. The people's party is in the field as a new radical organization, and boldly claiming to be the natural successor of the republican party. Evidences that the country is ripe for a great political revolution are seen on every hand. What an opportunity was here for the republican party to confess its errors, to discard the fallacies and follies of the past, to face about and sgain become what it once was the great party of the common people!

But the men assembled in that convention did not show by a single act that they realized the gravity of the situation. In their platform, they 1. Endorse the last national platform

of the party. 2. Point with pride to the passage of

the car-coupler bill; 3. Demand a system of arbitration. Declare for genuine secret ballot

5. Condemn the Pinkertons.

and lotteries. 7. Favor the election of president for

a single term. 8. Commend woman suffrage as

9. Laud the foreign policy of Harrison and Blaine. 10. Ask that the democratic

party give the people a fair trial of the policy proposed in their platform. 11, Mourn the death of Hayes and

12. Provide for a committee of nine

to investigate southern affairs. 13. Condemn the Union League of

w York for black-balling a Jew. That is the platform in brief. Not a word about pensions or old

No condemnation for trusts. Nothing to say about national banks.

Silent as the grave on the silver ques-

Absolutely dumb on the tariff question. We believe it is safe to assert that

never before in the history of this country did a great representative political body adopt such a trifling platform under such circumstances.

The people can expect nothing from the republican party.

It will never reform itself.

It will never attempt to reform the

It will not even recognize the need of

The republican party is afflicted with the dry rot. Its decay is well-nigh completed Its end is near.

# A SERIOUS MISTAKE

Many Nebraska populists, and among them two or three editors, are making aside the scientist. The intellectual a serious mistake in dealing with the prostitute alone can ever rise (or sink) A. P. A. question. Nothing pleases the A. P. A. agitator so well as a discussion of what he is pleased to call "the merits of the question " As a matter af fact it hasn't any merits. Nothing pleases the anti-catholic agitator so we have described is in process of estab- much as to find some one who will take danger of loss and the probability of lishment in America. Already hun- the side of the Catholic church in a

They are out tishing for suckers and are happy when they have caught one How indeed can a leisure class that The notorious Holden even succeeded will labor for the elevation of the masses in landing a large specimen from northern Nebraska some time ago, and has tions which give rise to it rest on the been using him ever since to build up

robbery and degradation of the masses? the circulation of his foul sheet. In order to condemn the A. P. A. it on the catholics. It should be remembered at all times that the A. P. A. was not organized to preserve American the wrecking of every great labor organ-We want so leisure class in America. ization in the land. It means the We want justice. We want just laws, triumph of plutocracy and the destruc-

If shown up in its true light, it can enjoy all the fruits of their labor. With never succeed. To show it up is the such conditions, every individual who duty of every populist speaker and is horest and industrious will be a per- editor. But in so doing they should fion and organization. beware of discussions which will help We will have our writers, artists, to build up the very organization they

A TRUST is simply a giant corpora-

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TO SMASH THE COMBINE.

Among the many meetings of national importance to be held in the World's a mighty fine-sounding phrase, but how Fair city this season, perhaps there is much does it mean to the children of none of greater importance to the peo- the poor of the present generation? ple, or whose object is more to be com- What does their freedom amount to? mended than the convention called to Is a man free who has no legal right to meet in Music Hall the first Monday a foot of the earth's surface? Is a man and Tuesday in June.

means for exushing the great coal com- are the children of the poor equal to

The Minnesota legislature set the other states.

The States and Territories which Maryland, North and South Carolina, West Virginia, Florida, Alabama, Iowa Tennessee, Illinois, Arkansas, Kansas, Nebraska, North and South Dakota, Nevada, Montana, Idaho. Colorado. Arizona, New Mexico, and California In Michigan and Rhode Island the matter is under consideration, and some others may decide to fall into line now that a majority have resolved to be represented in the convention.

The work laid out for the convention is to discuss the situation, formulate remedial measures, and submit the same to the legislatures of the various states and to congress: also to take steps for the prosecution of the members of the combine.

Such a convention can not fail to result in great good. It may not result in breaking up the coal combine. In fact it is very likely to fail in that object. It may embarrass the combine, and frustrate its present plans. It may force the combine to form a new and stronger organization, adopt different and better methots. But this great combine like others of its kind, has been formed because the opportunity existed for its successful formation and operation. The proposed convention can permanently crush the combine only by removing the opportunity for Condemn board of trade gambling its existence. Private ownership of things which should be owned by the public is the foundation on which this combine stands.

> Government ownership of railroads and coal mines is the remedy.

Of course it is not to be expected that this anti-combine convention will seriously consider such a remedy. Popular faith in the efficacy of restrictive laws is still very strong.

The chief good that will come from such a convention is its effect in arouslegislators to work enacting restrictive people help them grind. laws. Then when these laws fail to accomplish their purpose (as they accept the true remedy, government kindness" in his diet. ownership.

# A NEW DEFINITION.

Within the past three years the people have devoted a great deal of time and the money question. Money has been explained, compared, illustrated and defined in a great many ways until it a new definittion. But we have a new glad to have more like it. one to give the populists of Nebraska. We ask them to think over it, work over it, paste it in their hats, learn it by heart, and finally make practical use it if they ever hope to make their efforts count in practical politics. Here goes then for a new definition:

Money is a necessary factor in a political campaign.

If the populists of Nebraska will learn the full force and effect of this definition and then act upon it. we guarantee that it will be worth more to their cause than all other definitions put to-

But just so long as they pinch the life out of a dime, or a quarter before they regretfully drop it into the campaign fund, so long will People's party campaigns be a drag. Just so long as populists state committees are left to run campaigns on wind, so long will the party reap the whirlwind.

A cause that is worthy of success is worthy of support. Reforms that cost nothing are worth

about what they cost. No great cause ever triumphed till the people ralifed to its support with

their money as well as their mouths. A People's party comittee can accomplish as much with one dollar as an old can only get the dollar.

fund of \$5,000 in 1890 they would have to count out. A complete victory in 1890 strickler is the new police commission-would have meant another in '91 er.—Western Laborer, Omaha. carried the state by majorities too large and still another in '92. These victorles would have saved the taxpayers 100 times \$5,000.

The People's party should never countenance the use of money for corrupt purposes. But funds are absolutely necessary to carry on the work of educa-

"Experience is a dear teacher but some people will learn of no other." How many more de'eats will it take to teach Nebraska populists the neces-sity of supporting their cause with

Subscribe for THE ALLIANCE INDEPEN-

"All men are born free and equal" is free who must seek from his fellowmen The object is to devise ways and permission to labor? In what respect the children of the rich? Have they an equal apportunity to secure an edball rolling. Under instructions from ucation, to found a home, to surround the legislature of that state Gov. Nel- themselves with the comforts and son issued a call for the convention. luxuries of life? Of course there are The call was issued to the governors of a few even in this age who will rise from poverty and obscurity to wealth and eminence, but they are rare excephave provised to send delegates are tions. The great mass of these who Maine, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, are born poor, are doomed to lives of hopeless poverty, while the children of the rich inherit fortunes which enable them to spend their lives in ease and luxury without doing a day's labor. They are born with the legal right to reap the rewards of others' toil. The children of the rich are born masters. The children of the poor, born slaves. These are the facts as they exist today in America, "the land of the free and the home of the brave."

### IS IT A JOKE?

Brother Allen Root is now out over the state lecturing the alliances. The St. Paul Phonograph says Bro. Root, when at that place, indulged in some "ill-timed witticisms," an instance of premiums is reduced from 70 to 60; f or which he cites as follows:

In the course of his speech he made the statement that newspapers have ceased to be the moulders of public opinion and that they print mere lies. The Phonograph says this was intend-

ed as "a joke," and deplores the fact that a man of Bro. Root's standing should indulge in such jokes.

We feel like saying a word on this point. Bro. Root was certainly not joking when he said that. We have a letter from him for publication in which he positively asserts the same thing and applies it directly to the leading reform papers of the country. He also denounces the editors of these papers as "traitors." Out of respect for Bro. Root, we have not published the letter. but if he is going about flaunting these ideas before the public from the rostrum we shall certainly feel justified in publishing his letter.

The trouble with Bro. Root seems to be that he is deeply impressed with the fact that "there are only a few of us left." He no doubt believes alliance opinion is moulded chiefly by a few ing and educating the people. It will persons who invariably have dull axes focus public attention on the evil. It will concealed about their persons which set the people thinking. It will set they are very anxious to have the dear

Bro. Root should be broader and more philosophic in his views, and take surely will) the people will be ready to a little more of "the milk of human Hall's Acme Horn Preventer for cattle

On Tuesday we received the little poem appearing in another colum under the title "A Minor Strain" from Adelia Allen of Woodyille, Neb. with the modenergy to the study and discussion of est request that we examine it and return it if not worthy of publication. We didn't return it. We are not in the habit of returning such real poetic Field & Co.'s "Progress" brand and is may seem rash for any one to propose gems. On the contrary we would be

# A PARODY.

One peg and then another And the largest shoe is cobbled: One mortgage on another And the people's homes are gobbled

One fashion then another Until every thing's new-fangled; One trust fand then another Till free competition's strangled.

One twan and then another And the longest piece is played; One steal upon another And the greatest fortune's made.

One tick and then another Till your ticker tells a minute; One ring and then another Till the people are not in it.

One vote and then another For the men with Wall Street collars One band and then another And old Shylock takes the dollars.

One crust and then another Makes up our daily hash; One failure then another Till the c. untry goes to smash.

# They are Not Pleased.

Organized labor of Omaha has nothing to thank Governor Crounse for in his appointments, Central Labor Union asked for recognition in two cases. viz., Frank Heacock for deputy labor commissioner and D.C. Deaver as poparty committee can with twenty if it lice commissioner. In both cases the wishes of organized labor have been If the people had raised a campaign brushed aside and men appointed who are much out of harmony with the aims and hopes of labor as could be discov-

# Grape Vines.

No farm or village lot complete without them. The grape can be grown as easily as corn. I will furnish the following sorts well-rooted, No. 1 stock, by mail post-paid 10c each.

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Every reader of THE ALLIANCE-INDEPENDENT should read over the following list and see if it does not contain something he needs, which he con get with a little work, and at the same time help on our glorious cause.

Notice that the limit for district county first premiums from 50 to 40: for county second premiums from 20 to

Remember that the grand premium goes June 1st. For the district and county premiums, club-raisers may continue if they desire till some one reaches the required number.

### GRAND PREMIUM. for the largest list sent in by June 1st.

A Goodhue windmill and feed grinder worth \$140. DISTRICT PREMIUMS.

#### For the largest list sent in from each congressional district in Nebraska (not less than sixty yearly subscribers re-

quired) a first-class sewing machine, the "Columbian," worth \$20. COUNTY PREMIUMS. For largest list from any county in Nebraska (not less than forty required) family library of twenty cloth-bound

books, worth nearly \$20. For second largest list (not less than fifteen required) a useful library of

twenty paper-bound books. Premiums for other states are the

#### same as the above. FOR A CLUB OF TWO

We will send three of our sheet music songs of the people; or one package of raisers.

#### We will send a handsome pearl-handled lady's knife, or a good strong two bladed boy's knife, or a half dozen nickel

FOR A CLUB OF THREE

cilver teaspoons. FOR A CLUB OF FOUR We will send a strong two bladed farmer's knife guaranteed to be first class,

worth \$1.00. This knife is one of A.

warranted. FOR A CLUBOOF FIVE We will send an elegant first class razor worth \$1.40. Warranted.

FOR A CLUB OF SIX We will send one-half dozen silver plated teaspoons, heavy silver plate on nickel silver base-not on brass-worth \$1.50.

FOR A CLUB OF EIGHT We will send a potato planter worth Use Northwestern line to Chicago.

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id salesmen are leaving their orders

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Swearingen at 127-129 North Fourteenth street, where you will find everything in their line of the best quality and cheap-est price; especially bed room suits.

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