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THE Globe-Democrat remarks
that it is a significant fact that the
most of the active promoters of the
new silver movement have "ex"
prefixed to their names.

The national convention of silver
men will consist of 1,300 delegates;
at least that is the appointment.
It is extremely doubtful if more
than half that many delegates at-
tend the meeting.

In recommending that "less talk
and more work, less beer and more
books" be used in the settlement of
labor questions, Eugene Debs
shows good horse sense. He is
pretty well convinced that these
troubles cannot be settled by force.

It is not strange that Spain
should have a desire to sell Cuba.
The insurrection has cost her more
than the island is worth and the
task of subduing the patriotic Cu-
bans is apparently no nearer comple-
tion than it was at the start.

PROSPERITY has always accom-
panied protection to American in-
dustries and free-trade has always
caused a derangement of our com-
mercial interests. If you doubt
this delve into the commercial his-
tory of this country for the past
fifty years.

It seems surprising to many that
John Tyler, son of President Tyler,
should be living in poverty, but
any country which makes it pos-
sible for a poor man's son to become
president, makes it equally possible
for a president's son to become a
poor man. In this country misfor-
tunes, as well as honors, are easy.
-Ex.

FINANCIAL agencies say that the
sale of the one hundred million dol-
lars gold bonds, which will be con-
sumated ten days hence, will start a
trade revival. It is to be hoped
however, that the time is not far
distant when trade revivals will oc-
cur without the boosting effect of
bond sales. With republicans in
full power of the government, bond
sales will be unknown and trade
will need no tonic.

Do you ever! The New Era ex-
plains why Congressman Kem was
not placed near the head of any
committee. It is because speaker Reed
"considers Kem entirely too
bright to give him another opportunity
to pour the soup into the re-
publicans," which might occur if
located so near the committee
chairman that he might have an
opportunity through illness or ab-
sence of the chairman to report the
committees deliberations. Wouldn't
that paralyze you? Reed afraid of
little kem.—Kearney Hub.

COL. WEBB, of the Callaway Trib-
une, has spoken and Gov. Hol-
comb's political aspirations are
turned into Dead Sea fruit. Webb
says the Governor may get a few
votes from Custer county delegation
to the state convention if he is a
candidate for re-nomination, pro-
vided he drops the society of Billy
Bryan and otherwise departs him-
self as a pop should, but as for
congressional honors Holcomb will
not get a smell. Webb and Custer
county are against him and his
cake is doughy, to use a classical ex-
pression. It was an accident that
made a governor out of our friend
Silas, and no one knows so well as
the populists themselves that he
never can be re-elected, and that is
the reason his party enemies are
insisting on his re-nomination.—
Broken Bow Republican.

ATTORNEY MORRISON who rep-
resents the first-mortgage bondholders
of the Union Pacific railway whose
holdings amount to over \$5,000,000
is working to take possession of the
road reorganization. Mr. Morrison
has prepared a bill which he will
ask Congressman Powers, the chair-
man of the committee on Pacific
railroads, to bring before congress.
The plan includes the appointment
of three government commissioners
who shall secure the co-operation
of all the other creditors they can
enlist, bringing about a foreclosure
through the company's failure to
pay interest on the last three
coupons due and buy the road at
the sale. The organization would
be made by issuing new first-mort-
gage bonds for the full amount of
the property's debt at a rate which
the commissioners might decide
was justified by the net earnings
of the road.

"In the first place, Mr. Barnes, I
knew that there were but three like it,
the other three having different heads,
and the seventh being the Shakespeare
button. Thus as I knew that all the
buttons were in my possession I felt
safe."

"But in the second place," said
the detective, "there was a distinct differ-
ence between the buttons, and by that
you were even more assured. Am I not
right?"

"Mr. Barnes, you deserve to succeed,
and I hope you will. I will aid you all
that I can. You are right. There is a
difference in the buttons. Have you
yours with you?"

"Yes, here it is," saying which he
took it from his pocketbook.

AN ARTIST IN CRIME.
RODRIGUES OTTOLENGUÍ.

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Meanwhile, in New York, Mr. Barnes
was still burrowing into everything that
seemed to have any connection direct or
otherwise with the mystery or mysteries
that baffled him. Of one thing he had
satisfied himself beyond all doubt. That
was the Mr. Fisher had not been im-
plicated in the train robbery. His spy
had found that he had been absent from
the city during three days at the time of
the crime, but this very fact had been
shown to be his safeguard.

By some skillful work the man dis-
covered that during that time he had
simply been off shooting ducks in a part
of the country where it would have
been impossible for him to be an accom-
plice. This simple fact should not have
been hard to discover were it not that
Fisher had kept his trip a secret. This
for some time puzzled the detective, but
finally he followed him out of the city,
and practically accompanied him on a
similar outing, after which he learned
that his sister was morbidly opposed to
all killing, whether for sport or for a
livelihood. It was to humor this idea
that her brother made his excursions in
secret. The spy learned from the man
from whom the dogs were hired that Mr.
Fisher had used them in December.
So that left him out of the score, or at
least so it seemed. It was still possible
that he was implicated in the ruby robbery,
though, save that he was present,
there seemed nothing against him. Mr.
Barnes did not entirely leave him out
of the account.

Thus practically the detective made
no progress, and was chagrined to be
compelled to admit it. Finally, how-
ever, an idea occurred to him, upon
which the more he dwelt the more fasci-
nated he became with it. To put it into
practice, however, he felt that he must
await the return of Mr. Mitchel.

He thought he would injure his cause
by seeking him and so disturbing him
during his pleasure trip.

The Mitchels did not keep their prom-
ise to go to the White mountains, but,
on the contrary, prolonged their western
travel, so that it was November be-
fore they were at home again and tem-
porarily quartered at the Fifth Avenue.

A few days after, Mr. Barnes sent up
his card, and, as usual, was cordially received.

"Any news of my wife's ruby?" asked
Mr. Mitchel, grasping the detective
warmly by the hand.

"No, Mr. Mitchel. I am sorry to say
that I am utterly unable to prove any
of my theories about that. But I have
come to a set determination, and one
that to you may seem a peculiar one. I
have come to ask your assistance in the
murder case."

"Why, certainly. I will help you.
Did I not tell you so at the very outset?"

"I have come to that conclusion at
last and wish now that I had done so
sooner."

"Would you mind telling me why
you have altered your mind? You have
told me so much that seemed to implicate
me that I am curious to hear the
other side."

"Certainly. I overheard your wager."

Then came the outcry and then the
murder. Later there was a second jewel
robbery. All of these crimes occurred
within the limit which you set. One of
them of course you committed. It seems
more probable that you stole the single
ruby, for in doing that you committed a
crime for which you could not be pun-
ished, especially since you have married
the lady. Even before she would willingly
have testified that it was understood
between you, and that it was simply
a trick to win a wager. Is not that
correct logic?"

"Correct logic? Yes. Of course I ad-
mit nothing as to facts."

"Either or both of these robberies are
secondary to the murder. That I have
determined to unravel if I can. At pres-
ent I think the train robber and the
murderer was one and the same person.
Now, there is one clew which I have
not been able to follow, but which, if
pursued, I am certain will lead me straight
to the criminal."

"And that is?"

"The button which I found in the
room. That is significant. It is too great
a coincidence that it should match your
set not to have an explanation that
would shed light upon this case."

"How do you expect me to assist you
in that direction?"

"As long as I thought you guilty I
believed that you had lied when you
said that the seventh button of the set
was the Shakespeare pin which your
wife had. That is why I thought it of
importance to recover it; sufficiently so
to send my spy, Lucette, into the house
with instructions to obtain it if possible.
Now that I believe you innocent of
the murder, this thought has recently
come to me. When I first told you about
this button, before you would speak
about it, you asked me to allow you to
examine it. After doing so you gave it
back to me, with a cheerful smile. If
that button had been evidence against
you, I see now that it would have re-
quired a powerful nerve to appear so
unconcerned, and especially to return it
to me. The question, then, that I wish
you to answer is, What is it that you
say on that button which satisfied you
that it was not of your set?"

"Yes, I know him. That is by my
instruction." Saying which Mr. Mitchel
smiled, and Mr. Barnes once more dis-
covered that he had been fighting
against a man who thought of every-
thing. "You see," continued Mr.
Mitchel, "I knew that you saw the
name of the jeweler on the bill of sale.
What more probable than that you
should apply there for information?
Now, my object throughout has been
not to defeat justice, but to have time
enough elapse for me to win my wager.
Therefore I immediately sent a cable to
these persons. Answer nothing signed
Barnes till you hear from me." Rather
a long cable dispatch, but then I don't
mind a few dollars. Of course my cable
to them made them shut their mouths
to you. It was very simple. However,
if I myself have not been able to get satis-
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