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The Sibley silver party has had one piece of good luck: Ex. Gov. Waite, of Colorado, has refused to join it.

WHAT right have other nations to interfere with Japan's getting what was won from China by Japanese arms?

THE Kohlsaat newspaper rumor has deprived the democratic party of its only Chicago organ and settled down for a long engagement at home.

If Mr. Cleveland can make the southern democrats listen to two sides of the silver, or any other question, he will do more than any one has done for a long time.

THERE are no hostile Indians in South Carolina, but the natives carry their guns to church—for use upon each other. Forty shots were fired at a recent Sunday school scrap.

THE Beacon Light does not seem to relish the decision of the supreme court on the income tax case. Wonder why it does not appeal it to the court of last resort in the Niobrara district?

LET the Sun turn to the record and there learn the complexion of the boards that allowed republican clerks unlawful wages. If there is any comfort in that for the independents they are certainly welcome to it.

THERE is a wide difference between the opinions of Secretary Morton, who says money is no more controlled by law than is rye and wheat, and Senator Harris, who says money is purely the creature of the law.

THE Sun man boasts that he has made few "retractions or corrections." That is no indication however, that retractions and corrections should not have been made. The Sun man and Whiskers believe that a lie reiterated is as good as the truth any time.

THERE is only one bimetallic party in this country and that is the republican party which has always stood up for the use of both gold and silver as money, and which will, when restored to the control of all branches of the government, solve the financial problems which have dazed the democrats.

WHEN courts become destructive of the constitutional rights of the people, then they are a menace to good government and should be abolished.—Beacon Light.

This is significant when it is understood that its author declares that the courts have "become destructive to the constitutional rights of the people."

THE Sun begs vociferously for some one to please pound "a little horse sense into the craniums of the editors of THE FRONTIER." Is Charlie finally beginning to realize that nature endowed him with but sufficient intelligence to compete with that grade of brains? Had some power the gift given him to see himself as others saw him he would have discovered long ago that nature had been playing cheat with him.

It is a little greswome, we confess, to sit in our sanctum and read the discussion of the boys in regard to the probability of our being lynched by the vigilantes. While the subject has, perhaps, some remote foundation, we are not inclined to be fearful. Not that we do not think there are men in the county who desire such proceedings, but rather that they do not see their way clear to improve matters. If THE FRONTIER editors were to be disposed of by the "court of last resort in the Niobrara district" it would in no wise impair the effective work done by this paper. The republicans would be represented and some one else could be found to take up the work where the vigilantes might break it off. The editors in question cannot exactly understand why this talk of lynching should be indulged in anyway. They are guilty of no crime further than that of publishing their sentiments. This may be reason enough for some men to wish them ill, but certainly not for extreme measures. The populists as a party could not afford to see our old gray hairs molested because an act of that kind would certainly let down the bars to acts of violence that would brood good to no one. What would be sauce for the goose would also be sauce for the gander. The men who most intensely hate this paper are men who lack the moral courage to do their own dirty work, and we believe lack also the influence to incite others (in this particular case) to do it for them. The boys of the press should preserve their indignation for effect after the fact.

THE Sun, with great persistency, labors to spread the impression that we think the salaries paid Holt county's assistants are too large. Now that is erroneous and might just as well be corrected now. The position we take is simply this: that when republicans were in power the populists raised a great hue and cry about the salaries paid assistants, and said that the county was full of good, competent men who would do

the work for \$30 per month. With talk of this kind they were given control of the county offices. Did they then do that which they said republicans should have done? Not much. They proceeded to pay republican wages and when reminded of their ante-election promises they justify themselves by pleading republican precedent. This is exactly the status of the case. The Sun is as unreasonable as it is illogical when it undertakes to compare conditions of '95 with conditions of '91 and '93, and thereby justify populist expenditures. Under republican rule the county was prosperous and the people paid their taxes, because they had money with which to pay them. We do not say that the republicans were entirely responsible for the good crops in those years; being in control under those favorable conditions may have been purely a coincidence, yet the fact remains that taxes were paid, fees of officers reached the maximum and excesses were turned into the county treasury. When business was good and money plenty the county could better afford to be generous with her help. Things were not then on a hard times basis and we still maintain that under promises made by the populists the people have a right to demand a reduction of salaries of assistants.

GEORGE W. LEIDIGH, who in a few days will be installed for a term of two years as warden of the only penitentiary in Nebraska, is a democrat. He has voted that ticket for years and years without being able to give any reason for it. He is wealthy and needs no salary to keep his soul and body from falling apart. What is the populist party here for? What are its principles? In its great campaign of 1890, the speakers declared that poverty was a badge of honesty, and it put up a man for governor as hard up as any of us, and elected Jim Boyd. It sent Kem to congress because he had a mortgage on his farm bigger than the farm itself. It sent Shradler to the legislature and shifted McKeighan from a sod shanty to a stone boarding house with a marble floor and walnut hat rack. It exalted the humble and retired G. W. E. Dorsey to private life. It declared that the venal old parties bestowed their choicest benefactions of office and emolument upon those least needy, and took an oath, by the blood of Jay Burrows and D. Clem Deaver, that a public office was a private snap that should henceforth go to the man who needed it in his business. What do we see now? After several modest appointments, the governor gives out one of the juiciest plums in payment of a political obligation contracted by Senator William V. Allen, and it goes to a man who has more of this world's goods than Kem will have after he has drawn \$5,000 a year for six years. No doubt Mr. Leidigh will be faithful to the trust reposed in him, but why not have named Jerome Shamp, Porter, of Merrick, Sheridan the brave, Marsh Elder, Constitutional Shradler, Jim O'Shee or some other intrepid and lion-hearted man who has sacrificed something in the cause of calamity? Why not? And yet again, why not?—State Journal.

We notice again by the Smudge that the Jew is crediting himself with the populist success in this balliwick. We believe the course pursued by Ham Kautzman since his importation into this county has been almost as odious to a majority of the members of his own party as it has been to other decent people. And we believe this to be especially true of the men who were and who are the backbone of the independent party of Holt county. They owe nothing to this imposter, Kautzman. The fight was won, by hard work, before he was installed as editor of the Smudge and no thanks are due to him for the victory won by the independents over the republicans. Coming on the field of battle after the flag was taken he swelled up like a poisoned pup, took home to himself the honors of the victory and never learned to subside, while men to whom honor was due—if honor can come from such misfortune—stepped aside and let him toot his own horn, which otherwise would not have been tooted. Of course this is no particular business of ours or any one else except those most directly interested, yet at the same time it makes us awfully weary to see this nonentity assuming to be somebody, pretending ability, when he is as illiterate as a Digger Indian and more devoid of ideas in regard to the profession of which he essays to be a part. We are surprised that the stockholders of the Independent Publishing company have allowed him to retain editorial management. They must see that his tactics are pernicious and destructive to the interests of the party. By his bulldozing, libelous and blackmailing policy he precludes the possibility of conversions to the faith. While this is good for republicans, we cannot help but think what an excellent opportunity the populists in this county have had to graft themselves into the good graces of the people and cement their supremacy by honest and consistent dealings. Perhaps, though, the Jew is not entirely to blame for this. It may be that the stockholders of his company are at the bottom of it. They may have mapped out a policy for him and he has no choice but to follow it or lose his "job."



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