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The People's Independent County Ticket.

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For Sheriff:  
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NOTICE.

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WRITE US how the cause prospers in your community.

THAT it is a very dangerous thing for a republican to take a bath, is proved by the experience of John M. Thurston out in Ida' o.

"THAT commodities would rise or fall in proportions to the increase or diminution of money, I assume as a fact, that is incontrovertible."—Ricardo.

HERE'S to the principles of the Omaha platform and death and destruction to the issues that would destroy it. Editors of Nebraska, join us in the toast.

THE dough faced, Wall street republican editors are now forced to advocate a partizan judiciary. They say the populist advocacy of a nonpartizan judiciary is worse than the free silver lunacy.

THE Lincoln Herald, the ramp democratic gold bug organ, presents to its readers a large cut of Thomas C. Carter, chairman of the national committee of the republican party for its first portrait of distinguished men.

WE are glad to see that Walt Mason has thoroughly reformed. There is indisputable evidence of it. It has always been said that Walt did his best writing when drunk. His effusions in the State Journal show that he has been sober quite a long time.

SINCE Judge Maxwell's acceptance the republican ringsters are busily engaged trying to convince us that it is a disgrace for a citizen to vote for any man who has ever been a republican. They say to every pop they meet, "you'll have to vote for a republican" as if it were an act that would bring everlasting disgrace.

Oh! ye farmers and planters of the South and West, go out to the barn and weep, wail and howl for an hour, destruction is near at hand. John Sherman's reserve has fallen below \$100,000,000. Again, our golden god is being carried away to England, a little at a time. Woe! Woe! Woe!

JUDGE MAXWELL ACCEPTS.

The letter of acceptance of Judge Maxwell, published in another column, will meet with the approbation of every citizen of this state who is not in favor of a partizan judiciary.

The letter is full of aphorisms which will become a household word in Nebraska, like the following:

The business of the state must be conducted on business principles and the same degree of integrity and accountability required as in a first class private business establishment, and it seems to me courts should fix that as the standard.

A party should be made to feel that larceny from the state is as culpable as if committed against a private individual.

To fight the election of Judge Maxwell, the gold bug editors must take the position that a partizan judiciary is to the best interests of the state, that the affairs of the state must not be conducted in a businesslike manner and that larceny from the state is not culpable.

That is what has been the practice of the republican ringsters in this state for the last ten years. But to fight Judge Maxwell they must publicly defend it.

Judge Maxwell is the most distinguished lawyer this state has ever had. He is easily the superior in legal learning of any man now on the bench, and he says:

I accept the nomination in the spirit in which it is tendered, and if elected Judge I will perform my duties faithfully, fearlessly and impartially to all alike, and to the best of my ability enforce and secure the rights of every one.

What more can any honest voter ask?

THE JOURNAL AND MR. CHANEY.

A cause that must continually rely upon false statements as its only defense is weak indeed. Every attempt that the State Journal makes to discuss economic questions, is filled with what the writer must know are falsehoods. In its discussion with Geo. R. Chaney of Beatrice it says:

The Journal again repeats, the greenback, the silver certificate, the silver dollar, the half dollar and quarters in five dollar lots are not "fifty cent dollars" today, because they give gold for their face at the treasury, on demand.

The State Journal knows that it printed an unqualified falsehood when it said that the treasury will give gold for silver dollars on demand. Secretaries Foster, Windon and Carlisle have in official documents all stated that there was no law and no practice of the treasury authorizing the redemption of silver dollars and it had never been done.

As late as August 25, 1895 the acting secretary of the treasury in the absence of Mr. Carlisle wrote a letter which has been widely published in which he says:

Silver certificates are according to their terms redeemed by the government in silver dollars only, while the latter, being standard coin of the United States, are not redeemable in any other form of money.

Any man with a grain and a half of common sense knows, that if the treasurer should announce that he would redeem silver dollars in gold, the treasury could not stand the strain six hours.

The silver dollar is "fiat" money and is "sound money" at par with gold because it is legal tender for all debts public and private, unless otherwise provided in the contract, and is received by the United States in payment of taxes, duties and all other obligations. That is the reason and the only reason that it is as good as gold, for with a gold dollar you can do no more, unless you owe a debt specifically payable in gold and made so by a written contract.

PROFOUNDLY SCIENTIFIC.

The gold bug democrats have resurrected the old Lincoln Herald and installed their candidate for district clerk, J. G. P. Hilderbrand as editor. To the discussion of the great economic problems now attracting the attention of the American people, it adds one article. This scholarly addition to the current discussion is as follows:

Reducing the value of the dollar will never effect the difference between the value of commodities.

For this addition to the economic science the world should be grateful. So profound is the remark, the INDEPENDENT confesses that it is unable to comprehend it. Does the learned editor wish to intimate that the free silver men whom it is established to fight want to destroy the difference in the value of commodities by free coinage and make pumpkins of just the same value as gold bugs. Both are commodities for sale on the market. Has he an idea that Bryan wants to equalize the value of the two by the free coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1 without the consent of any other nation on earth? Water is a commodity in Lincoln for the people have to buy it of the water company. Does this learned gentleman want to equalize the value of water and whiskey with a dollar the value of which is not reduced? This Shermanized-Cleveland political economy is a little too deep for ordinary mortals. No one but a banker and the aforesaid learned editor can understand it, it is so profoundly scientific.

MAIL IT TO THE MAST.

There should be authority lodged somewhere, in some committee or body of true and tried populists to designate which are populist papers of this state authorized to speak for the populist party. Very great injury is being done to the party and the cause it represents by the course of some editors, claiming to publish populist papers who are not now, and never have advocated the principles contained in the Omaha platform, but on the contrary, give their columns over to the advocating of schemes entirely outside of that platform and directly opposed to the fundamental principles therein laid down.

As an example of this kind of destructive work, last week a sheet of this kind, which claims to be a middle of the road populist paper, devoted over three columns of its first page to the theory of the total abolishment of interest, when the Omaha platform especially provides for interest and fixes the rate.

But this was not the worst of it by any means. Two columns of its third page, under the head line: "Truth Tensely Told. A populist who is not afraid to tell the truth speaks out plainly." It makes a direct attack upon the whole financial system as laid down in the Omaha platform. Here is an extract from it.

It will be perceived that the demand for an increase in the currency finds its greatest expression in the agricultural states, seemingly for this reason: The decline in prices of agricultural products is simultaneous with the destruction of the legal tenders and the demonization of silver. It is inferred from this that the contraction of currency is the cause of the fall of prices. I do not believe that this is the real reason. The reason is more likely to be found in the enormously increased capacity to produce.

There is a column and a half of that kind of talk which can be found originally, almost word for word, in the gold bug speeches delivered in the United States senate during the silver session, by John Sherman, Hoar, Hawley, McPherson, Gray, Palmer and their kind. The editor of the INDEPENDENT can never be made to believe that that sort of writing is not paid for, and well paid for by the banks.

Turning to page six of this same "populist" paper we find two full columns from Keir Hardy, the gold bug agitator sent over here by the Rothschilds and the bank of England, who goes through the country denouncing the populist party as a fraud and advocating that kind of socialism which is pure communism, and who was so fiercely denounced by old Gov. Waite.

That paper calls itself a populist paper and is drawing money for its support from populists, while it lays the foundation for the overthrow of every principle contained in the Omaha platform.

It is time the editors in this state who have been defending the Omaha platform come down on this sort of treason to our principles and make it so odious, that the man guilty of it would not dare show his head in a populist crowd. If we are to win in this campaign, or any future campaign, the victory will be gained upon the basis of the fundamental principles of the Omaha platform. We would like to see every editor in the United States, who is heart and soul a populist, put up at the mast head the sign that the INDEPENDENT floats.

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SO-CALLED STATESMEN.

The secretary of the Navy last week invited proposals for the construction of two additional steel clad battle ships to cost \$4,000,000 each, exclusive of the big guns and other armament. When finished they will not cost less than \$10,000,000. Adam Smith in his Wealth of Nation says that all wealth comes out of the earth and we will have to delve in the soil and raise the wheat, oats, corn and cotton that will pay that \$10,000,000. It will only take 100,000,000 bushels of oats, 200,000,000 pounds of cotton, and wheat in proportion to pay the bill, and when with sweat and toil we have paid it, what have we for it? Two big war machines that may be rendered worthless in an hour by the genius of some inventor, and for which we have no earthly use in the present, or prospective future. The men who have done this thing call themselves statesmen.

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THE FREMONT CONSPIRATORS.

The sound money reform club made a monthly report on Aug. 29. After reporting an expenditure of \$45,000, this remarkable passage occurs:

We note however at Fremont, Nebraska, Corsicana, Texas, at St. Louis, and at Boston associations have been doing important and expensive work to such an extent as in a large measure to relieve us of responsibility and permit us to offer instead of ask co-operation.

This will be astounding news to the citizens of Nebraska. An eastern gold bug agency located at Fremont, spending such large sums to fasten the gold standard upon us that the enormous expenditure of the New York reform club is only auxiliary thereto and relieving them of responsibility. It is about time the true patriots of this state woke up to the awful responsibilities of the fight for freedom that is now upon us. The only thing that the reform club has to fear in this state is the populist party and the above item shows that there is an organized effort of eastern gold bugs to crush it, backed by unlimited quantities of money. Little did the honest farmer as he followed his plow or the merchant who stood behind his counter for the last few months trying to make an honest living think, that there was located at Fremont a band of eastern and foreign conspirators, laying plans to capture the farm of the one through foreclosed mortgages, and ruin the other through impoverishment of his customers.

Citizens of Nebraska, there is an awful fight ahead of us. It is foolish to underestimate a foe. The money power intends to capture this state and hold it to the gold standard. Is there patriotism enough left in Nebraska to prevent it?

EDITORIAL HYPOCRITES.

An honest man can have some respect for an English gold bug, for however rapacious he may be, he is not a hypocrite. He does not deny the fundamental laws of economics like the sneaks of Wall street and the doughfaced who edit the western gold bug dailies. He don't say that the free coinage of silver would not effect prices. He acknowledges that it would, but claims that it is not to his interest as a money lender to do so. The London Times in a recent issue speaks frankly and says:

It seems impossible to get bimetalists to understand that there is quite a large number of us for whom a general rise of prices has no charms whatever. We like them low, and the lower the better. If they all went down to half their present figures we should rejoice, because we have nothing to sell and a great many things to buy. For those who have things to sell we do not feel any great concern.

The money lenders and bankers have nothing to sell and everything to buy. It is therefore to their interest to make prices as low as possible. Then come these doughfaced hypocritical editors and say that it is to the interest of men who manufacture goods and raise wheat, corn and cotton, to have low prices and dear money! We owe England over \$500,000,000, bearing interest at 5 per cent. The Englishman says, "I want that paid in the dearest money that it is possible to make. I want prices just as low as they can be made. If they went down to half what they are that would suit me exactly. I want to buy my meat, flour, wool and cotton of these Americans at just as low a price as they can be forced to produce them." Then come these sneaking, traitorous gold bug editors, Wall Street's paid hirelings, and say, "That's right. That is what is good for Americans." They ought to be tarred and feathered and whipped out of the country.

A PIOUS FRAUD.

There is a sheet down in New York called the Voice sent out by the most plutocratic publishing company in the United States, which publishes about a dozen other weeklies, pretending to advocate different schemes of moral reform, but in reality they are all, the Voice included, simply advertising sheets to sell the books of the concern. The Voice advocates prohibition, and this concern has evolved a scheme to make the Voice a deadly foe of the people's party. It is demanding the demonization of both gold and silver so as to induce populist voters to leave their party. It is supply a tool of the banks and Wall street and employed by them to disrupt the populist party. It is a fraud in regard to prohibition and will publish nothing that will really hurt the whisky business. A newspaper man offered to give it something last winter that would really hurt, about the disgraceful drunkenness in the saloons and committee rooms of the house and senate and it wouldn't take it. It is a pious hypocrite and keeps its subscribers by fraud, to use them in the interest of the money power.

The people of the United States are impoverishing themselves in an endeavor to enforce an order of John Sherman, made without a color of law, to establish a gold reserve of \$100,000,000.

AN APPEAL TO THE PEOPLE.

In presenting the candidates on the populist ticket to the voters of this county, the INDEPENDENT wishes to draw the attention of all citizens who desire good government for the city and county to a few facts, known to all men, in regard to the manner that public affairs have been managed by the men who have so long controlled them.

In these distressing times of crop failures and the lowest prices for all products that have ever been known, when it has been almost impossible to pay taxes and in many cases entirely so, it would seem, that any set of men who had the slightest regard for the prosperity of the city and the welfare of the people, would have taken every precaution to husband its resources and carefully guard its funds. But the men, who during all these dark days, have secured the offices have squandered the money placed in their hands—money that had to be earned by hard toil, standing behind the counter or following the plow over the parched and heated fields that gave but little return for the toil and sweat expended upon them. So great have been the crimes of these men that it has stunned the people. So universal have they been that that the task of reform has seemed almost hopeless.

For years republicans have read with horror the accounts in their daily papers of the stealing and demoralization in New York City under Tamany rule, of corrupt police, of blackmail, of social corruption, fostered and protected by men holding public office. Will they stop and consider that Lincoln, the city in which they live, when its small population is considered, has more officials indicted for stealing public funds, more officers and policemen caught in houses of prostitution, more gambling dens, more filthy dives, than ever New York had under Boss Tweed or Boss Crocker? And yet Lincoln has a population far superior to New York in moral standing, in the general level of intelligence and in everything that ought to make good citizenship and good government.

In Lincoln it seems that a public thief can rarely be convicted in our courts, as the result of the indicted criminals who robbed the insane asylum proves.

Under a populist mayor strenuous, and to a great degree, successful efforts were made to abolish open gambling houses and dens of prostitution. Under republican rule these places run wide open and fallen women can be seen on all the streets of our city. Flats in the most respectable parts of the city are filled with them and they are unmolested. This is what is called a "liberal administration" and was voted into power by the whole vicious and criminal element assisted by many good citizens, who through the pressure of business cares or other causes failed to comprehend, that that it was utterly impossible to obtain honest or even decent government while the republican party, once great and honorable, was under the control of the managers who have forever blackened the good name of this community.

There are men on the police force today, dignified by the title of "officers of the law" who are a disgrace to mankind. There are men in higher offices who have been found in dens of prostitution, and who have in open court acknowledged their drunkenness and their shame.

Within the last three years \$35,000 have been stolen from the county treasury and \$18,000 from the city, and the paid attorneys of the people make no effort to collect it from the responsible bondsmen of the delinquent officials.

A few days ago the city council, in what might be called secret session, for the people of the city knew nothing about it, under suspension of the rules, let a contract for lighting the city for five years to some favorite at an enormous figure by which it is estimated that the hard pressed citizens of

this city will be forced to pay of their earnings \$10,000 to a man or men who will make no return whatever for it.

To remedy these evils the people's independent party presents a list of candidates consisting of the very best citizens of the city and county, all men of unimpeachable moral character, some of them of the highest scholarship and learning, men who are honest in their private lives, pure in their moral characters, and asks the better element of society to put them in control of the government of this county. Every moral agency in this community should be thrown into the contest in their favor. The universities, churches and schools, being more interested than any other organizations in good government should, as in other cities, mass their forces for the overthrow of the set of men who have brought this disgraceful state of affair upon us.

All the men upon the populist ticket have once been democrats or republicans and have left those parties to help redeem his city from moral rottenness and corruption in public office. Let the other good citizens follow their example. Let them do it for business reasons, to stop the cruel drain of unnecessary taxation. Let them do it for moral reasons, that their children may grow up in a community uncontaminated by constant, flagrant and open official corruption. Let them do it for the preservation of the good name of their city that it may not become a by word for all that is foul in government.

Under the kind of government we have had, the men who have built up Lincoln are wrecked. Hundreds of deficiency judgments are matters of record. Their all has been taken and unpayable judgments above that amount prevents them from ever beginning business again. Hundreds more will follow them in the near future, and they must leave the state or remain in idleness and poverty. Let us have a change and prosperity.

Our foreign trade is computed by the economists to be only one fifty-fifth of our total trade. The home market, which was destroyed by the repeal of the Sherman act and contraction to the gold standard, is what made our merchants and trades people wealthy. Let them vote to restore the home market.

The Vandervoort police excel the world. Even the Bee acknowledges it. It says in speaking of the capture of some burglars: "Officer Hoff covered three of them with his revolver." That is like the Irish soldier who said that he captured three prisoners. When asked how he did it, he said, "I surrounded 'em by jabbers."

DECEMBER, 1793, the following resolution was passed by the Congress, and on the 23rd of December, 1793, was signed by George Washington, then president: Any person holding an office or any stock in any institution in the nature of a bank issuing or discounting bills or notes payable to bearer or order, cannot be a member of the House whilst he holds such office or stock.

This law has never been repealed and bank presidents rise in the House and laugh at it. George Washington's views have but little weight with bankers. Their inspiration comes from the children of those men whom George Washington drove out of this country.

If the National Watchman will put up the same notice that the INDEPENDENT runs at the head of its editorial columns it will have a tendency to clear the air around the sanctums of a few bellicose populist editors. Many of the men that have been yelling so loudly, "keep in the middle of the road," never have been in the populist road themselves or within a thousand miles of it. They have been advocating silly, unconstitutional theories not in the Omaha platform at all.

THERE is lots of queer work in politics the portent of which, for one not in the ring, is very hard to define. The chairman of the ramp democratic convention filed certificates of the nominations of that convention as made by the democratic party of Nebraska. The nominees of the Bryan regular convention did not file a protest until, under the law, it was too late, and according to the present status of affairs will have to come in on petition. What does it all mean?

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