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THE greenbacks are redeemable in lawful money, not in bonds bearing interest.

THE Sherman treasury notes are redeemable in coin, not in gold and not in interest bearing bonds.

SILVER dollars are redeemable in all things for sale and all things for hire and in nothing else.

THE gold standard money is redeemable in ruined homes, in despair, in bankruptcies, in want and in misery.

THOSE populists who are clamoring for the total abolition of interest should read up on the Omaha platform.

TWO New Orleans aldermen have been sent to the penitentiary. Something of that kind would help purify the atmosphere of this city.

THE expenses of the government, according to the last report of the treasury continue to be more than \$1,000,000 a month greater than its income.

TEN per cent of all the income of the United States goes to pay interest, to the bondholders, and every time there is a new bond issue the burden grows heavier.

ALTERATIONS in the cost of the production of the precious metals do not act upon the value of money except just in proportion as they increase or diminish its quantity. — John Stewart Mills' Book III, IX, 3.

THE geocentric theory made as hard a fight for existence as the theory of "intrinsic value" has made, but in the light of advancing civilization it was forever discarded. — Senator John P. Jones.

THE growth of the populist party is so great in Kentucky that the democrats have become frightened, and the bosses at Washington are calling on Carlisle to hold off and let Joe Blackburn alone, or the first thing they know, the pops will bag the game themselves.

HOW TO MAKE VOTES.

Populists often get out of patience and angry with their neighbors, because they will persist in voting to make themselves and their children serfs and peasants. It is often the fault of the populist himself that his neighbor continues to vote for less money and more misery. If every populist would make it a point to give to his neighbor every good economic article he comes across or send him a sound populist paper the shyllocks and bank rings would soon be overthrown.

Reflect a little on what these old party voters have been told by their leaders. A few days after Carlisle was sworn into office, the bankers of Wall street invited him to a great feast, at Delmonico's, the same as they had Foster and Windom, his predecessors. At that feast he made a speech in which he said:

This is a great and powerful government, but there are some things it cannot do. It cannot make money.

Last winter when Cleveland and Sherman tried to force a bill through congress authorizing the issue of gold bonds, Wm. M. Springer summoned before his committee on banking and currency, all the heads of the Wall street ring and their supporters to give testimony to be used on the floor of the house in advocacy of the national banks, the destruction of greenbacks and to issue interest bearing gold bonds. One of these witnesses, Mr. Horace White, editor of the English owned New York Times used this language:

The greenbacks teach people to believe lies. They create the belief that the government can make money, than which a more damaging lie never gained lodgment in the human brain. — (Springer report, p. 90.)

As the government of the United States prohibits, under the most severe penalties, any person under its jurisdiction from making money or anything in the similitude of it, and as it is a fact that we do have such a thing as money, it must come into existence spontaneously or fall down from heaven as the direct gift of God.

One of the latest publications of Wall street, which is heartily endorsed by Mr. Horace White, has the following paragraphs:

Gold is vastly more abundant and more readily obtainable than ever before in the world's history. Its production and circulation have increased within thirty-five years more than twenty times the ratio of the increase in the world's population.

If there is an authority upon the production of gold in the whole world, that authority is Prof. Edward Suess, professor of geology at the University of Vienna and member of the Austrian Parliament. He says in his work, The Future of Silver, page 81.

Forty years ago the United States contained 32,000,000 souls, in 1890, 62,000,000. While the gold production has fallen off one-half, the population has not entirely, but nearly trebled.

Other statements like the following need no reply.

France is as firmly a gold standard country as England.

The supply of money has little to do with prices. The banks generally pay for printing all checks, handle them all, pay postage and lose exchange in collecting them, employ expert men to keep the accounts, without charge and with serious risk and loss.

These are fair samples of the arguments and so called statistics which the Wall street gang of bankers are printing by the million copies and circulating over this the country. Editors, who profess to be decent citizens, work them over in their editorials and whoever refuses to believe them is branded as a crank and silver lunatic. Was there ever before seen such a sight on earth?

Millions of voters in the United States have no other kind of reading matter than this and of course they continue to vote the old party ticket. If the reader really wants to serve his country, save what little he has left and provide for his children something better than peasantry and serfdom, he can best do it by getting such papers as the INDEPENDENT into the homes of the people.

WHAT IS SOCIALISM.

A good many men have the careless habit of saying they are socialists, who would recoil with horror if they were brought face to face with the real doctrines of that party. It is nonsense to go to a dictionary to find the meaning of the word socialism. One might as well expect to find a true definition of populism or republicanism. What socialism is must be learned from the writers who are acknowledged to be authorities among socialists themselves like Karl Marx, Proudhon, Small, Blotchford and others of similar standing, and from their party platform which is adopted by the party and defended by their best writers and speakers.

The essence of socialism is to be found in the tenth plank of their platform. It is as follows:

We demand the public ownership of all the means of production and distribution.

There is no kind of property that the mind of man conceive that is not included in that demand. It means the common ownership of all that can be called property.

It is only fair to say that there is a considerable minority in the socialist party who wish to make wearing apparel private property and exempt it from state ownership, but they are constantly attacked by the others with great bitterness, who say that that is leaving just enough seed of the present system alive to grow until the whole demand of socialism would be overthrown even if once established.

This common ownership of property would destroy the family as it now exists and all the great socialist authorities so declare and endorse and defend the proposition. If a man had nothing he could call his own, how could he control his children. Their food, their clothing, their teachers, their associates would be chosen for them, not by their father, but by some despotic central authority, called the state. Some of the theories advocated by the great socialistic leaders cannot be printed in a decent family paper like THE INDEPENDENT. They generally sum up their arguments with this statement:

Woman will never be free until she has the lawful right to choose the father of her own children.

Until lately they have been satisfied to make their fight upon the "Tenth plank" as above quoted, but now, both in this country and in Europe, they are demanding that their theories shall be more plainly stated in their party platforms.

The cablegrams printed in last Sunday's papers announce that the German socialists demand that some of the details of their system shall hereafter put in their platform. They are as follows:

The resolution also demands that the socialist deputies be called upon to introduce a measure placing women in every way upon the same legal footing as man, with no political or other disabilities. Another proposed measure is one abolishing the laws placing unmarried women and their offspring in an infamous position before the law.

The following from the same cablegram shows where leading socialists stand on another question and they must stand there, for if all property is owned in common and every man is under the direction of the state, it could not well detail men to go and preach some sort of religion and make a creed for them. The cablegram says:

It is pretty well understood that several leading delegates are resolved to again make an attempt to bring the religious question to the front and ask the congress to affirm that religion is inimical to the socialist spirit and that the party is ready to fight every form of religious faith.

The placing of "unmarried women and their offspring," in the same position as those married and to "fight every form of religious faith" is a logical necessity of socialist doctrines. The principle of socialism once adopted and these things must follow.

To call the public ownership of railroads, telegraphs, street franchises waterworks, gas and electric lights, socialism, is rank nonsense. All that belongs to another system, which is the very antipode of socialism. That is co-operation under state direction. Under socialism, a man would be selected and ordered to act as motor man, and he would have to do it. Under co-operation the motor man would be paid a salary, and if he did not like the pay or the work he could quit. His salary would be his own private property, and he could spend it as he pleased.

Wherever co-operation has been tried under the guidance of honest and capable men it has succeeded. Socialism in every instance has failed.

The men who wrote the Omaha platform well understood the difference between these two systems. There is not a word in the platform that can be twisted into meaning socialism, but it provides a wise and statesmanlike way to largely increase co-operation. This paper was established to defend the principles of the Omaha platform and it is going to do it. That platform instead of being radical and socialistic is extremely conservative and is rather behind the progress of the age than in advance of it.

Many of the most civilized nations already own their railroads and telegraphs and many cities in Great Britain and on the continent own their own street cars, water works, gas and electric lights. In Germany and in Russia the emperor and the czar own more of the public monopolies than the Omaha platform ever demanded should become public property. Are King William and the Czar socialists? Not by any means. They are the very antipodes of socialism.

A great deal of damage has been done to the populist party by recognized populists saying that they are socialists, for they are not. If they are socialists they are not populists. The system of socialistic government is the very opposite of populism.

That the above estimation of what socialism actually is, is correct, the following extracts from standard authorities will prove.

The only cure for the evils of the present system is the destruction of all private property. — Karl Marx.

The ultimate aim is an effective choice in re-

gard to employment, or amount of wages, or place of abode if the state is to be the great employer of capital. — Communism and Socialism, p. 164.

Woolsey says that socialism and communism are synonymous economic terms and he so uses them, giving the following definition.

It is a system or form of government in which the right of property is abolished by law, mutual consent or vow. To this community of goods may be added the disappearance of family life in which, whether the family system is retained or not, the family is no longer the norm, according to which the subdivisions of the community, if there are any, are regulated.

HIGHEST PRICES EVER KNOWN.

Any one undertaking to discuss economic problems must remember that in that science as in all other sciences the apparent is the false and the truth is the opposite of it.

When the farmer goes to town and buys twenty pounds of sugar for \$1, or a yard of calico for six cents, he thinks they are cheap, where as he is paying more for them than he ever did before in all his life. When wheat was \$2 a bushel he could get twenty pounds of sugar for one bushel of wheat. Now, for one bushel of wheat he can only get eight pounds, so he is paying more than twice as much for his sugar than ever did. It is the dearest sugar he ever ate.

When corn was fifty cents a bushel and calico ten cents a yard, he could five yards of calico for a bushel of corn. Now he can only get three yards of calico for a bushel of corn. Those calico dresses are dearer than they ever were.

In the last analysis, producers do not buy with money. They buy with the products of their labor. It is only to facilitate exchanges that they use money. They pay for what they buy with corn, wheat, cotton, etc., and they give more of these things for what they buy now than the producing class was ever before compelled to pay. To the producer, the present prices are the highest prices in all the history of the world since the dark ages. Yet the most of them think they are the lowest.

To Brother Jasper the sun, in relation to the earth, appeared to move. It was no use for the scientist to try to convince him that it did not. He continued to preach that "the sun do move." It is the same standard of intelligence that claims that the gold standard and dear money really gives cheap goods to the producers. Some of them know better, but most of them have wheels in their heads.

SENATOR ALLISON.

Senator Allison performed the nuptial ceremony uniting the two old parties in Iowa at Marshalltown on Sept. 26th, by declaring that "both the old parties are practically in accord on the money question." The papers announce that "Des Moines sent a delegation of 500 and other cities contributed their quota" to witness the ceremonies. Of all the candidates on the republican party for the presidential nomination, Allison is the most to be despised. He has been a cowardly straddler all his life, only waiting for a chance to sell us out to the banks.

GOLD VS. IRON.

"Gold has no intrinsic value of iron." We have seen this sentence in the editorials of several populist papers. Now for heaven's sake, dear brothers of the quill, don't talk that way any more. Neither gold or iron have "intrinsic value." There is no such thing as "intrinsic value" in anything. Value is an extrinsic relation. It is an idea. What is the value of anything? It is what some man or men think it is worth. What they think is an idea. Now there are no ideas inhering in either gold or iron. There is ten or a hundred times more "utility" in iron than gold, but gold is many thousand times more valuable than iron and it is ridiculous to deny it.

JUDGE MAXWELL'S DECISIONS.

In another article the hypocritical sneers of the republican press in regard to Judge Maxwell's age are answered. His last year's verdict on the bench proves his ability to do twice the work the partisan judges upon the supreme bench ever did. The Nebraska supreme court reports show:

Vol. 44, 1892, that Maxwell wrote 28 opinions, Norval 43, Post 26. Vol. 45, 1893, Maxwell 75, Norval 44, Post 40. Vol. 46, 1893, Maxwell 99, Norval 35, Post 24. Vol. 47, '94, Maxwell 27, Post 12, Norval 13. Vol. 48, 1894, Maxwell retired before volume was complete but wrote 29 opinions while Norval in the entire volume wrote 26, Post 19, and Harrison 1. Total Maxwell, 299, Post, Norval and Harrison combined, 384. Practically the same thing was true the last ten years Maxwell was on the bench.

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JUDGE MAXWELL'S AGE.

The candidacy of Judge Maxwell has been pretty well canvassed by the press of the state. Nearly every paper has had its say on the subject. The populist papers all endorse it with vigor and enthusiasm and many of the democratic papers follow along in the same line. A few republican papers, while not saying so outright, give indications that they will support him.

It is when we come to the straight republican corporation, boodle sheets that the thing gets most interesting. They cannot attack either Judge Maxwell's public record or private character. Both are unassailable, so they are forced to confine themselves to writing squibs about his age. To read some of these items one would be led to think that Judge Maxwell was born some time before the revolutionary war.

The fact is, Judge Maxwell is either younger or but a year or two older than most of the great national leaders of the republican party. He is two years younger than John Sherman, fifteen years younger than Senator Morrill and but one year older than Senator Hoar.

These three great leaders have more influence on party management and on legislation than any three men in the republican party. If they are not unfitted on account of their age from performing the duties of offices requiring much harder work, and which in every way are vastly more important than is a supreme judgeship in the state of Nebraska, how does it come, that Judge Maxwell, who is fifteen years younger than one of them, two years younger than another and only one year older than the third, is disqualified by age?

When the republican editors of Nebraska begin to say that Senator Hoar is in his dotage and that John Sherman is a senile old man and ought to retire to private life, they will have some excuse for writing squibs about Judge Maxwell's age.

The fact is that the men who are most active and influential in guiding the great parties and in formulating legislation in the United States are all older than Judge Maxwell or about his age. John Sherman is 72, Senator Morrill 85, Senator Hoar 69, Senator Frye 64, Senator Stewart 68, Senator Jones 65, Senator Morgan 71, Senator Pugh 75, Senator Allison 64, Senator Palmer 78, Senators Cameron and Quay 62, Representative Walker of Massachusetts, the most active fighter for the gold standard and National banks in the whole House is 76, while Randall of the same state is 71. Senators Harris of Tennessee and Turpie of Indiana are so old that they are ashamed to put their ages in the Congressional directory.

There is no sense, reason or sincerity in the printed accounts of the corporation papers, telling of the horror with which the editors look upon Judge Maxwell's age. They are told to write it and they obey orders.

ONE LONE LOST POP.

The State Journal professes to have discovered one lone pop who has returned to the republican party, and it rejoices with exceeding great joy. It says:

But such occurrences do not hurt the feelings of any genuine republican. The republican party welcomes all former pops who have seen the error of their ways back to the true fold, and is content to see as many of them in republican conventions as possible.

The State Journal is welcome to all the pops who want to support the corporations, the shyllocks and the banks. The populist party has no use for them, but at the same time it is giving a hearty greeting to the thousands of republicans who have become disgusted with the gang of defaulting, embezzling, thieving, ringsters who have been robbing the state, county and city treasuries for the last ten years by the aid of judicial decisions made to shield republican thieves and embezzlers. Every one of these thefts in the various counties and cities has been committed by republicans who have been honored, and upheld by the party leaders. The rank and file of the republican party don't endorse it, as is shown by not less than 60,000 republicans in this state joining the populist party within the last few years. They have come in companies and regiments, and no one, lone, repentant, disgusted republican, seeking a political home among honest men, can expect the public notice, or to create the great rejoicing when he joins the populist party, that the Journal engages in over this lost sheep on the barren mountain tops, who has wandered from the Shepherd's fold into a den of wolves.

Let us hear from you how the campaign progresses in your county. The people want to know the news.

Try Draper's big 15 cent dinner. Best in the city 132 South Tenth Street.

We stand square on the Omaha platform and not for any isms.

A POPULIST newspaper man with a little ready cash or bankable paper, can learn of a good business opening by addressing "X," care of this paper.

THE State Journal is exceedingly angry because the Irish threaten to get up a new revolution. As a guardian of British interests in this country it has a perfect right to get mad.

THE Plattsmouth News says that the Nebraska City sleuths can't capture a criminal who walks right into their arms and confesses his crimes. Its turn of Nebraska City papers to make a remark next.

A POLICEMAN in SIOUX City took a boy to a barn and robbed him of five dollars. Will a partisan court acquit that policeman? If it follows the decisions of the supreme court of Nebraska it will decide that it was only "an error of judgment."

JOHN R. McLEAN of the Cincinnati Enquirer got control of the New York Morning Journal and undertook to talk free silver to the denizens of Wall street. After spending \$250,000 he gave it up as a bad job and went back home.

"It is hard to pity the merchants. Many of them will go to the wall in consequence of their vote. Let us hope the railroad magnates and bankers will drop a pitying tear for them, we cannot." — Nebraska F. A. & L. U.

THIRTEEN banks were closed in the state of Missouri last week. A good many people are beginning to realize that the pops were not as crazy as they thought they were when the said wild and woolly pops demanded the establishment of postal savings banks.

ROSEWATER gave the "howling derisives" nominated by the republicans in Douglas county the other day an awful roasting. He took them one by one and did them up brown before he took off the Bee's toasting fork. Rosey is going in heavy on the nonpartizan line this year.

CONGRESSMAN DAVE MERCER is not only in favor of partizan judges but of partizan schools. In his speech at the state convention he paid a high tribute to the characters of the nominees for regents and said that one of them, Mr. Gould, was in favor of educating children along republican lines.

ALWAYS pay your debts in the very best money. The best money is that which, as time advances, becomes no dearer and no cheaper, so that neither debtor or creditor will be spoiled by it. With such money the world be would transformed. That is the kind of money that populists believe in. That is honest money. That is sound money.

THE Czar of all the Russias has adopted Tillman's plan, and here after all liquors in the great empire will be disposed of in the name and for the sole profit of the Czar. He long ago adopted and put into practice the plank of the Omaha platform which demands the public ownership of railroads, telephones and telegraphs. The Czar knows a good thing when he sees it.

HON. JOHN L. WEBSTER seems to have come to the conclusion that there is no chance for promotion in the republican party unless one goes the whole length of Wall street's demands, so in his convention speech he sneered at the income tax and talked of the "heresy of free silver." A great many men had hoped better things of Webster than that.

WHEN people talk about the "best" money everything depends upon whom they have in mind. If they think only of the creditor, and the shyllock who lives on interest, then the "best" money is gold. They made their loans in a dollar that would buy 100 cents worth of property and want it paid in a dollar that will buy 200 cents worth. Gold is the "best" money for shyllocks but the worst for the creditor and producer.

WHEREVER the republicans rogues have gained control in this state they leave the same slimy trail of fraud and theft behind them. In the city of Omaha, the treasurer and the comptroller have proved to be of the same sort that have been so long robbing the people, and now the clerk of the district court is before the court charged with extortion. With the aid of the decent voters of all parties, the whole gang will be swept from the face of the earth this fall.

Twenty-five cents 'till January 1