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SOME men were born fools and some were made fools by reading the gold standard daily papers.

THE Pawnee Independent is a paper which is a credit to the populist party, very ably edited and full of news.

WHEN good times come we will all know it without looking into Dunn's or Bradstreet's reports to find it out.

WARDEN LEIDICH and Governor Holcomb are making the bravest fight ever made in this state to prevent the looting of the state treasury.

IN 1893 the populists in Kansas elected 171 county officers. In 1895 they elected 192. "This, thy brother was dead and is alive again."

SOME of the church members in Lincoln are not sanctified. One of them said, "Our minister preached on patience, and I sat there an hour and a half and practiced it."

IT has always been a mystery to the newspaper men of Washington why the State Journal's correspondent always leaves off the last three letters of his name, and signs himself Annin, instead of Anninias.

A PREACHER down in Kansas says there is a railroad hell and that every state capital is a station on the way to it. That is straight goods. Let a hundred more like him be ordained right away.

THE secretary of the treasury reports the debt of the United States on the first of December at \$1,125,883,997. The increase of the debt during November was \$2,000,000. The "sound money" craze is what did it.

STEP by step backward we go. Money has become so "sound" in Lincoln that people can't get it to pay street car fares, and in one instance, an old line stage has been substituted for the discontinued street car service.

FOR the first time in sixty years Capt. Bassett, one of the senate employes, failed to appear at the opening of that body. Clay, Webster, Sumner and many more have come and gone since Capt Bassett took his seat at the left of the vice president.

THERE can be no doubt that the crime of silver men of sufficient intelligence to hold high places who have been promising the people that either of the old parties would remonetize silver is blacker than the crime of the original conspiracy.—Silver Knight.

A PRIVATE letter says that the Pacific railroad lobby had arrived in Washington, to prevent any action by congress to foreclose the mortgage. Very little information will ever reach the public as to how they work their schemes. There is no pop newspaper man there now to tell about it.

ACCORDING to the gold bugs the result of the free coinage of silver will be to put us on the level of the Asiatics. Every man would immediately start a pig tail and wear his shirt outside his trousers. They think that the United States senators so appearing would destroy the dignity of that body, and that would ruin the country they say.

THE United States census shows that while the farm animals of Kansas increased 50 per cent in number between 1870 and 1895, the value of farm animals in that period decreased \$5,000,000. What extracted so much "intrinsic" out of the cattle, hogs, horses and sheep of Kansas, the gold bugs don't tell us.

THE editor of the Arena took the editor of the INDEPENDENT to one side, at a meeting of economists in Washington about three years ago and gave him a talking to, about using "such strong language." Now the said editor of the Arena is using "stronger language" and writing more about "revolution" than this old editor of a Nebraska farm even did in all his life. But go ahead brother Flower. The editor of a Nebraska farm will never give you a "talking to" on that score.

## WORLD-HERALD VS HOLCOMB.

Attention is called to the interview with Gov. Holcomb printed in another column. It took the governor just about ten seconds to knock the foundation from under the World-Herald's charges and the whole fabric that it has been laboriously building up for months tumbled to the ground. The World-Herald would better try to maintain a "parity" between its ware house articles and the political economy furnished to its columns by Hon. W. J. Bryan.

Mr. Bryan truthfully contends that there can be no rise in prices until there is an increase in the quantity of money in circulation, but the ware house writer thinks he can raise the price of the whole Nebraska wheat crop by inducing farmers to store it in ware houses and then borrow money and pay interest on the ware house receipts.

If the farmers were persuaded to do what the ware house writer advises, the said writer might find himself terribly disappointed.

The Chicago bear would only have to point to the millions of bushels "in sight," as the wheat gamblers say, to knock out any rise that might be started. No, Mr. Warehouse Writer, the beneficent results you predict would never be realized, you can raise the price of wheat by an increase in the quantity of money, but not by building ware houses.

## GROVER'S MESSAGE.

The president's annual message makes nine columns of fine type, and by universal agreement it is adjudged to be the dullest piece of writing ever inflicted upon the American people. Everyone knew beforehand that he would advise the destruction of the greenbacks, the extension of the privileges of banks and the issue of more bonds. The only object in reading it was to find what arguments he would use to support the propositions. In regard to the increase in our bonded debt he says:

The increase in our bonded debt would be amply compensated by renewed activity and enterprise in all business circles and restored confidence at home.

Notwithstanding this statement, we doubt if the American people can be made to believe that the deeper in debt we get and the more interest we have to pay the richer we will be.

Of the free coinage of silver he says:

It would be the signal for the complete departure of gold from our circulation, the immediate and large contraction of our circulating medium, and the consequent loss of efficiency of all other forms of currency.

This statement is not only in direct contradiction to every economist and financier in the world, but it is an insult to common sense. We doubt if there is a sane man in the United States who could be made to believe that on "immediate and large contraction of our circulating medium" would follow the unlimited coinage of silver. If it would, Mr. Cleveland and all his bond holding supporters would be in favor of it.

When a president will so far demean himself as to make such a statement, he disgraces the nation over which he presides. The reason why Mr. Cleveland fights free silver is because it would produce an immediate and large expansion of our circulating medium. To say that a contraction of the currency would result, as he says in the following sentence, is to talk financial idiocy. The result of free coinage would be a large contraction and therefore, he says:

Every one who receives a fixed salary and every worker for wages would find the dollar in his hand ruthlessly scaled down to the point of bitter disappointment, if not to pinching privation.

Mr. Cleveland knows that a contraction of the currency would "scale up" instead of "scaling down" every dollar.

There may be men who may pretend to believe such a self evident contradiction, but the same men would swear black is white for the promise of an office.

## TWO FELONS.

The Pioneer Press says: Within the last year we have witnessed the extraordinary spectacle of the great government of the United States being reduced to a humiliating dependence upon a syndicate of foreign bankers.

There never was a more infamous falsehood or greater slander on the American people ever printed than that statement. In no way were we dependent upon that foreign syndicate. Thousands of American citizens stood ready and were exceedingly anxious to buy those bonds at a much higher rate than they were sold to that foreign syndicate. One man who wanted \$50,000,000 of them sued Carlisle because he would not let him subscribe. Cleveland and Carlisle made a bold robbery of the treasury by giving them to a foreign syndicate. In any other country they would have been imprisoned for it and treated as felons.

378 pairs of Women's and Misses shoes, sizes 1 to 34. Worth from \$2.00 to \$5.00 for \$1.25. Ten days sale, U. S. Shoe Co., 1016 O Street.

## A THEFT OF EMBINE.

If Mr. Norris accepts the position of judge of the Fourteenth district, he will be a forever disgraced man. No one who has looked at the records or seen the photographs taken of them, can doubt, however much he may wish to do so, that there has been a forgery committed. Mr. Norris can not and does not doubt it. If he accepts the place, he should be driven from decent society. No honest man can associate with him. To steal a judgeship is the foulest crime on earth. How will a judge look upon the bench, sentencing men to the penitentiary when his place was given him by forgery? How can any dignity or respect attach to such a court? It will be a step toward anarchy. Even the men who committed the forgery and gave him his plurality of two, will despise him.

## SENATORIAL BLOWHARDS.

As near as one can sift the truth out of the mass of lies sent by the associated press during the week from Washington, it appears that the populists undertook to find out how many really free silver men there were in the senate. They called a caucus and sent an invitation to every professed free silver man in the body, with a proposition to organize the senate, for free silver. Outside of the populist, only Senators Teller, Mantle, Pritchard and Tillman responded. All the rest of the senatorial blowhards for free and unlimited coinage of silver preferred their parties to free silver. These old senatorial roustabouts in the old parties have no fealty to anything but party.

## JEFFERSON WARNED US.

The main object of the supporters of the gold standard is to fix upon us a perpetual interest bearing debt. Of this, Jefferson forewarned us when he said:

I am not among those who fear the people. They, and not the rich, are our dependence for continued freedom, and to preserve their independence we must not let our rulers load us with perpetual debt.

Every well informed man knows that at present prices of the products of labor, it is utterly impossible for us to ever pay the principle of our debts. It takes all, to pay the interest.

## WHAT DID IT.

Judge Maxwell carried a large majority of the counties of the state. Norval carried the slums of Omaha and Lincoln by enough to give him a plurality in the state. Outside of Omaha and Lincoln he was defeated.—Free Press.

The republican party is in power in the state of Nebraska, by controlling the votes of the bums, loafers, gamblers and riff-raff of two cities, and they are rewarding that class by allowing gambling dens and vile houses to run wide open.

THERE was a noted populist who was greatly pleased with Mr. Jefferson, and with his populist platform of human equality. I refer to that great and glorious populist, Abraham Lincoln, who never tired of uttering his approval of Mr. Jefferson and his sentiments.—John Davis.

FOR many, many years, the blind chaplain of the senate has been praying every day the senate meets that that body might be endowed with wisdom. Last Monday he began again. Considering the results so far, he seems to have more patience than Job and more perseverance than the saints.

THE editor of the Nation, Webster county, says, "We consider the INDEPENDENT very ably edited and the only populist state organ in Nebraska. We take especial pains to recommend it to our populist friends, and let us assure you we will do all in our power to help build up a circulation."

THE United States is the richest country in the world, its wealth exceeding that of Great Britain by at least fifteen billion dollars, while its resources exceed those of the whole of Europe. No one denies this, and yet we are told that we cannot adopt a money system without asking the consent of some other nation.

The Nonconformist used to kick when it paid Bright Eyes for writing for it, and other papers took her articles and made editorials of them without credit. An editorial in that paper last week is the substance of an article furnished to the INDEPENDENT three weeks ago by Bright Eyes. The Non Con always displays good taste in its clippings.

The republican speaker and platform maker always starts out with the assertion that "the American people favor bimetalism and demand a sound and stable currency" and then they forthwith proceed to enact laws to destroy bimetalism and make a currency that is not stable for one hour but always appreciating in value. As hypocrites and liars the world has never before seen the like of them.

## THE STATE UNIVERSITY.

The correspondence with the professors of the state university has produced a general discussion and a large correspondence. The populist position may be stated as follows:

We desire a state university fully equipped in every department, in which the young men and young women of this state can obtain an education equal to that attainable in any state university on the continent. Populists are willing to tax themselves to the limit of endurance to qualify the youth of the land for active life. But they also demand that the professors of that institution shall teach "science." We are willing to pay generous salaries to the men who will teach science. We believe it to be the very best investment we can make. We are not willing to buy money with 10 cent oats, 14 cent corn and 35 cent wheat and give it to a professor who teaches sophistries and theories exploded and discarded by all scientists fifty years ago.

Without doubt, some of the professors and assistants in our university are over worked, and a few who lack a great deal of it. Some are very able men and strive to teach only scientific truth. Some are not now, and never can be scientists. They lack that love of and devotion to truth which is the first essential of a scientific mind. The populists, if they could, would increase the facilities of the university and extend its buildings and increase the price of the products of labor until every young man and young woman in the state who desire it can have an university education, and they would have professors who would teach truth as founded in the nature of things and established by experience and observation.

THE gold bugs practically claim that because a man cannot walk well with one leg, he can't walk at all with two.

FOR straight, clean cut lying, Annin of the State Journal can beat the devil and give him odds. His first dispatch upon the assembling of congress contains this sentence: "In the last congress there were twelve populist members; in this there will be just six." Both ends of that sentence contains a falsehood.

ONE of the churches in this city furnishes a high class, string band, musical entertainment every Sunday afternoon. Another has a Boy's Brigade and trains them in military exercises on the same day. Some of the preachers say that the string band service on Sunday is sacrilegious. Others don't like the military drill on Sunday. Now when the preachers disagree, "What's a poor sinner to do?"

WHEN John Sherman undertook to demonetize silver and establish the gold standard, he didn't put it in his party platform, and he accomplished his purpose. Some of our friends who want a platform a column long, would better remember that. There are a good many things that we want and are going to have sometime, but it would not be wise to put them all in a platform at one time.

AN Associated Press dispatch says that a call has been sent out to all the silver senators to hold a caucus for the purpose of organizing the senate on a free coinage basis. There is ten majority for free coinage in the senate. No one can tell whether there is any truth in it or not, and what is worse, we have no pop newspaper man there to tell us what the truth is.

THERE are wonderful stories coming from Kansas and Oklahoma about Kafir corn. They say that it makes the best bread, the best feed and the best forage in the world, and that it will grow, rain or no rain, hot winds or northers and nothing can knock it out but a hail storm. It would be a good thing for some of our farmers to try it next year.

THE republican warden of the Kansas penitentiary reports a deficiency of \$4,000 a month. When there was a populist warden he turned a surplus into the state treasury every month. The farmers of Kansas didn't all like that, so they voted the pop out. The heavier the taxes are, the better the republican farmer likes it. The republican farmer is a fool.

THE Bee says, "In the end the government must establish some kind of railway regulation and control." The self evident truths advocated by the populist party force conviction. One by one the great duties are forced to advocate what three years ago they held up to ridicule. The great economist, McLeod, gave utterance to a universal truth when he said, "Ideas will sap the power of rank, of wealth, of number and of authority."

THIS issue of the INDEPENDENT is published by a new firm as will be seen at the head of another column. It will continue to be the state populist paper, advocating nothing outside of the Omaha platform and endeavoring to bring to the support of the party the intelligence, business and labor interests of the state.

BROTHER editors, please deal fair with the INDEPENDENT. We are struggling to build up a paper that will be a credit to the populist party. If we succeed it will help you. An editorial that first appeared in this paper is going the rounds of the state press, credited to the Silver Knight. That is giving the Silver Knight advertising that belongs to this paper. The Silver Knight is a great paper and don't need the advertising as much as we do.

THE economists all foretold that "the little yellow man with the white money" would down "the white man with the yellow money." Last week the papers stated that the Japs had been selling large amounts of staple goods in San Francisco at so low a rate that eastern manufacturers had no chance in the market at all. They delivered the finest bicycles there at a price so low they can be retailed at twelve dollars. If eastern manufacturers like that, let them keep on howling for the gold standard.

THE Mexican rule silver standard manufacturers are beginning to ship goods into the United States. The eastern gold bug mill owners will have to make another cut in wages or lose their trade. When it comes, the wage earners will howl, shriek and strike, and then go and vote the republican ticket and submit to another cut in wages. That is the course they always have pursued heretofore and they don't give much sign of changing. They seem to like it. So they vote for it.

BETWEEN 1889 and 1894 the United States statistical abstract shows that the number of cattle decreased 6 per cent, the population increased 7.5 per cent, and the value of the cattle fell just 7 per cent. A decrease in the supply, an increase in the demand and a fall in price! Now let some learned republican, who, like John L. Webster is not troubled with "financial madness," tell us the cause of this. If the quantity of the money does not fix prices, tell us what does. It was not supply and demand in this case.

THE National Bimetallist says: "There are many profound thinkers who are firmly of the opinion that the greenback would have never depreciated at all if it had been made receivable at the Custom House." Some of these silver men are beginning to find out what money is at last, for in another place it says, "The value of the material has no relation to the value of the money." After a while they will all be populists.

ON the transportation question Mr. Lincoln earned the enmity of the railroad corporations very early in his career. In 1858 every officer and man employed by the Illinois Central railroad was opposed to Lincoln and in favor of his democratic opponent; and while Lincoln could hardly get a comfortable seat in a crowded coach, Douglas was carried to his meetings all over the state in a special without charge. In this experience Mr. Lincoln received the treatment by that British corporation which is usually measured out to the populists of the present time.—Herndon's Lincoln vol. 2 p. 412.

DURING the last year Mexico decreased her imports one half and doubled her exports. Mexico is a silver standard, cheap money country. During the same time the United States increased her debt \$162,000,000 and lost in exports nearly but not quite \$500,000,000. The United States is a gold standard, dear money country. But then you know, if we had free silver, and cheaper money we would all have to wear pig tails and talk Spanish or Chinese and that would be awfully awful. If we only just keep on and make a debt of three or four billions, we won't have to wear pig tails.

Satisfied men can only be found in cellars.

A hog is the only thing that has its toes behind.

A man sentenced to be hanged is above suspicion.

Youth paints the circus bills for old age to bear down.

A dress does not make a woman, but often breaks a man.

Many people enjoy a musical refrain better than its execution.

The size of a man has nothing to do with the size of a lie he can tell.

What is done cannot be undone, especially if it is a hard-boiled egg.

## WHO IS RESPONSIBLE?

WHAT DOMES OF IMITATING ENGLAND.

Our Laws Protect the Suffering Animal but not the Suffering Man.

It is a fact that cannot be denied that the republican administration of the financial affairs of the country, under the gold standard and since the demonetization of silver, has resulted in the making of multi-millionaires, and of an ever increasing number of men without work. This, too, in a land teeming with boundless harvests and full of undeveloped resources, which await only the energizing influence of a sufficient circulation of money to start into life.

The legislation of the government has been directed rather to the protection of the rights of money and property than to the best good of the citizen.

## WHO IS RESPONSIBLE?

The law holds some one responsible if a horse is turned out to starve or is cruelly treated. The law holds no one responsible if a hardworking farmer and his still harderworked wife are turned out of their home after years of toil and labor, because they have failed to pay the mortgage on their home. The maintenance of the gold standard by the moneyed-class of the country in their own interests, has caused the low and ever lower prices for the products of the farm. The man who has served his country most faithfully is he who to the full extent of his strength and ability has performed his portion of the daily labor of the world.

What more cruel than to turn such a man with the wife and children who depend on him, out from under the shelter which they have failed to maintain from causes beyond their control? Yet no one, not even the financial manipulators of the country, are held responsible.

The law protects the man who enriches himself through the foreclosures of mortgages. It does not protect the sacred right of the farmer to live a decent life and to earn a decent living.

## A STRUGGLE FOR EXISTENCE

is not a decent living. A man or woman or child may die of starvation in a city teeming with plenty. Only human life is concerned. It is nothing to the law. A human being to sustain life steals a loaf of bread or lump of coal. Immediately the power of the law is invoked to protect the man who owns the loaf of bread or lump of coal.

The people of the United States based their laws on those of England. It is not many generations ago that in England, the law exacted a life for the theft of a loaf of bread. The law protected the rights of property but it did not protect the right of the human being to live.

## WHAT THE LAW DOES.

Through the protection of the law, Rockefeller put up the price of one of the necessities of life. The poor widow with her children struggling for a bare existence; the farmer hoping, in spite of ever lowering prices, (caused by financial legislation) to keep his home and educate his children; the workman whose wages are ever trembling (through financial legislation) in the balance; all are compelled to pay the tribute exacted by the millionaire. Rockefeller hands over three millions, a portion of his ill-gotten gains to a great university on condition that the faculty shall permit nothing to be taught which shall clash with his own views of the rights of monopoly, and that no criticism shall be made of the legislation which allows of such a deed.

The dominant idea of the law being the protection of property as against the right of human beings to a decent living, it becomes easy for men of the Wall street stamp to manipulate the legislation in favor of the money owners as against all other classes by contracting the volume of money and thus, through lower prices taking away the right of the producing classes to a decent living.

## BRIGHT EYES.