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A Republican Witness Judge Moses Hallett of the U. S. district court, whose home is in Denver, a Republican, take notice, was interviewed in New York last week by a Tribune reporter.

"Last November's election returns would seem to indicate that Colorado people had got thoroughly sick of Populism and cheap money. How does it strike the court?" he was asked. To which the judge replied: "I'm free to say that I believe that Populism is as strong as ever in Colorado. The people were tired of Waite but unless I am greatly mistaken Populism is as strong as ever in the state."

"Then the election of a Republican governor did not necessarily mean a permanent return of the people to Republicanism?" "If I am any judge of public sentiment, it did not," said Judge Hallett. "How soon will the silver mines of your state and other western states be willing to meet the gold-standard men of the east half way, and agree upon a stable currency?"

"That," said Judge Hallett, evidently weighing well his words, "will never be, I am afraid. The people of the west will never again willingly agree to a gold standard. They believe in a silver standard. The conviction is shared by them that there is not sufficient gold in the world to form an adequate circulating medium. There is a continual scramble for the gold in sight. The Old World nations look with jealous eyes upon each as they hoard it. The west is willing to let them have it, and cut loose from them if necessary, in our trade relations. The west believes that the United States is big enough and rich enough to lead in this matter. The west believes in cultivating trade relations with the silver nations of the globe, such as South America, China and Japan, rather than to try to continue on the solid gold standard. The east and west are drifting further and further apart in this matter, and if the west can elect a Republican president or congress it is likely to force this issue."

"How is the recent government loan regarded in the west?" "As a piece of folly. What has been gained by it? The gold is slipping away again, and the treasury reserve will soon be below the \$100,000,000 mark. Then another loan will then be necessary; and another and another. The present administration will need to borrow two or three hundred millions a year until it goes out of power in order to keep things running, according to its present programme."

"Would not a general revival of business obviate the necessity of silver free?" "It would in part, but the question would be still unsolved. It would come up again." "Has not the demand for gold stimulated gold producing?" "It has," said Judge Hallett, "to an astonishing degree." "Then what does Colorado want of a silver currency exclusively?" "Probably in two or three years' time, if gold mining were developed right along, Colorado would not particularly want it. The gold mines would be about as valuable as her silver mines. The trouble would then be not so much with us as with the western farmers. They would still insist upon a freer currency. At the present prices of farm products it is absolutely impossible for the western farmer to pay interest on mortgages. Wheat is selling at 40 cents a bushel. If a farmer has his farm and stock and implements all clear he can keep his head above water, but he cannot pay interest. Eastern money lenders have learned that to their sorrow. They have been swindled outrageously during the past few years by western farmers."

NO BUSINESS TACT HAD HE He had no "business tact," it plain enough He stored no gold while on his earthly way; He clad was he, with garments worn and rough. Scarce knowing how he'd live from day to day. Improvident! His little all he gave To those who needed; poor, yet fed the poor, And still neglected for himself to save. Unhoused, unkempt, they voted him a boor— No tact had he!

No wisdom, surely! Why, the vagrant dared To lift his voice 'gainst rulers of the state. Not even the church—God save us all—he spared, But scourged alike earth's sinned and the great. To save a sinner, he, unwise—would say That you must touch him with a tender hand; Must touch the wretch of coarser, baser clay! Say, when was e'er a schemer so foolish planned? No wisdom hid!

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A citizen of Buffalo rolled a peanut a mile with a toothpick in that city in payment of an election wager. In Washington, the other day, two policemen were fined \$30 each by the commissioners for going into a bakery while on duty and each drinking a cup of coffee. A comrade of Edwin Libby post, G. A. R., of Rockland, Me., has made with his knife 100,000 toothpicks within the last three years, and sold them for the benefit of the post. Some time ago a woman was appointed as a tax collector in a London district, and now it is said she has been a remarkable success. Fifty per cent of outstanding debts have been accounted for.

A Sidney, N. Y., woman threw a worn-out satchel into the fire the other day. It contained a \$500 note and a roll of bills amounting to several hundred dollars more. Her husband had placed them there for safe keeping. There are two fish packing establishments in Bristol, Me., and the process that the same variety of fish passes through in these two factories produces very different results. From one of the factories the fish come forth neatly canned and labeled "Brook Trout." From the other the same variety of fish come forth a "golden brown color" and are packed in wooden boxes and marked "Smoked Herring."

INSURANCE DEPARTMENT Conducted by J. Y. M. SWARTZ. Correspondence solicited. Fire, cyclone or hail.

On the 16th, inst., the Nebraska Fire, Lightning and Cyclone Company held its annual meeting at the Lindell hotel in this city. The secretary reported that the company had paid \$330 last week for losses; that the company had increased in cyclone risks to more than \$600,000. That the fire department had not yet reached the \$100,000, hence the insurance in that department could not take until that time. We hope that all who live in territory not covered by a local fire company who want to insure in a mutual company will write us for applications, and send them in as soon as you can. You need not send the fee until we get the required amount and then we will notify you. There are some small companies in the state that are thinking of retiring because they were not large enough to meet a large loss without crippling the company. There was an arrangement made by which such companies could come into our fire department with even a reduced fee from our regular rates.

THE LEGISLATURE. There have been many bills introduced in the legislature, but so far we have not been able to see them. But next week we will try to give you a peep into the work going on. We know of one bill that has been introduced for the benefit of those who live in towns, allowing them to organize mutual companies, for their own protection against fire, lightning and cyclone. The thing our legislature needs the most is, to be insured against damage of conscience by the insurance lobby during the present term. So far the motion that is sure to prevail is the one to adjourn until tomorrow at 3 p. m.

MUSIC FOR THE MASSES. Our song book, Armageddon, is what our great industrial political movement has been long in need of. Its value is recognized and its songs will be the songs of the workers everywhere, in their homes and the social and political meetings. They alone furnish a very thorough education in social questions, an education for both heart and head. We believe no book of any sort placed upon the market has more than a fraction of its power to do good at the present time; no book has in it so much power to stir the hearts of the people and kindle determination and enthusiasm; no presentation of truth can be made to reach and effect so many as the truth that is set to fine music and sung to the people. The Commander-in-Chief of the Industrial Legion of America writes under date October 4th, as follows: "Your song book is the very best, and fills a long-felt want in the party. It is a song book; it is not machine run, but genuine high grade words and music. I shall issue a circular in a few days and recommend it to the Industrial Legion. I congratulate you on your great work. The whole country will sing this music if you can reach the people."

From the New York Voice we clip the following notice: Armageddon, The Songs of the World's Workers Who Go Forth to Battle with the Kings and Captains and Mighty Men. By George Howard Gibson. Manilla 130 pp., 35 cents, \$3.60 a dozen. Lincoln, Neb.: The Wealth Makers Publishing Company. This is a collection of songs for the times, with bright, catchy words and good, stirring music. Among these are: "Get Off the Earth," "We Have the Tariff Yet," "The Taxpayers Settle the Bills," "Battle Hymn of the Workers," "God Save the People," "That Honest Dollar," "Hayseed in His Hair," "If I were a Voice," "A Politician Here You See," "It Stuck in His Crop," "Sunrise on the Hills," "The Road to Freedom," "A Drowning Cry," "Armageddon," "The Rallying Cry," "The Pauper's Last Smoke," "Only a Penny a Loan," "Our Line of Defense," "Plenty of Room," "Old Error's Mists are Sweeping By," "American National Hymn," "Jeans, Pants a-Comin'," "The Money Power Arraigned," "Timothy Hayseed," and many more.

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