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IN THE SWEAT OF THY FACE THOU EAT BREAD IF ANY WILL NOT WORK NEITHER LET HIM EAT

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SO MOVES THE WORLD.

"We sleep and wake and sleep, out all things move: The Sun flies forward to his brother Sun; The dark Earth follows, wheeled in her ellipse; And human things, returning on themselves, Move onward, leading up the golden year."

The Republicans of Kansas are for the free coinage of silver.

The town of Whiting, Indiana was terrorized by a mob of tramps last week.

Governor Brown of Kentucky is for free silver, 16 to 1, and will run for U. S. senator.

The yellow fever has broken out among the Spanish troops in Cuba, and so will be an ally of the insurgents.

Armour makes affidavit that the Chicago packers have lost \$47,253 since the 1st of November. Do figures lie?

Minnesota has passed a law prohibiting blacklisting. But the question remains, how can the law be enforced?

The Democratic party of Texas is divided into free silver and administration factions, but with the former largely in the majority.

The Times-Herald reports that the delegations to the Illinois Demo state convention will be practically a unit for 16 to 1 free coinage.

It is stated that French physicians have discovered a certain cure for cancer. It is serum cultivated in dogs and injected as vaccine into the blood of the patients.

Senator Voorhees now finds it popular and prospectively profitable to flop again to the side of free silver. He was chief of the cuckoo pie-eating crowd in the Congress which repealed the Sherman law.

Speaker Crisp has declared himself for the free coinage of silver at 16 to 1, and for a western man for presidential candidate. He says the financial question (by which he means silver) will be settled by the Democratic party.

Between the 1st of January 1895 and the 17th of April there were 111 coroner reported suicides in the city of Chicago. In over 40 cases outside of the above the juries were unable to decide whether self-murder was intended or not.

Tennessee's prison system has been investigated by a committee and has been pronounced thoroughly bad. Fraud, bribery, cruelty and immorality charged. Prisoners are starved in the stockades. Everybody is out for fat picking at the expense of the state.

The Matter In Dispute

The issue between this paper and the National Watchman is whether we shall stand by the Omaha platform or not. The Watchman denounces portions of that platform as trash and declares that all those who advocate such trash are socialists, and that the People's Party has no room for socialists. It further declares that it is sustained in this course by all of the Populist congressmen and by our national chairman, Mr. Taubeneck. We are not fully prepared to believe this. Our party was formed not at Omaha, on July 4, but at St. Louis, February 22, 1892, by the union of 26 labor organizations, following a previous union of the Farmers Alliance and the Knights of Labor in St. Louis in December 1889. The Watchman, which was established and is owned by our Populist congressmen, now declares that this union of the farmers and the laboring men must end; that the laboring men of the cities are socialists and have nothing in common with the laboring men of the farm. "There is no use in fooling away any more time or labor in the cities," says the last issue of the Watchman. Thus the whole energy of the Washington paper seems to be bent to destroy and tear down the union of the city and rural labor which the Alliance has labored ten years to build up. This is the nub of the contention between this paper and the Watchman. The interests of all producers are common, but capitalism is always scheming to divide them and it seems to be mighty easy to set other men and farmers to pulling each other's hair. Certainly, the Watchman ought to get pretty good pay for the part it is playing, for it is doing the devil's own work. It is not a mere question of policy of our party on the silver question that we are disputing about. The course mapped out by the Watchman if followed by the reform journals, would mean turning the party over to the plutocrats and the entire abandonment of the cause of the common people. We are not ready for that.—Dakota Ruralist.

Why So Partial to Democrats

COOK, Neb., April, 1895.
Editor WEALTH MAKERS.
I wish to suggest to Governor Holcomb that if there is not to be found true and capable Populists to fill all positions, while he is making selections outside his party, let him not forget to reward one or two, at least, of Rosewater Republicans with an appointment.
Yours,
W. P. BROOKS.

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FROM OUR STATE PRESS

Governor Holcomb has appointed Dr. J. H. MacKay, a Democrat, as superintendent of the Norfolk insane asylum. This is the first recognition the governor has given Democrats for their support of him in the last campaign, and will lead many Populists to believe that Holcomb's Democratic endorsement was not a pure recognition of merit, made with a desire for better government, but was along the line of barter and trade. There are however, other things to be taken into consideration. MacKay had the endorsement of Senator Allen; a bitter fight has been made by the Republicans of Madison county against MacKay, into which Senator Allen was drawn, and it is possible that the appointment was made more as a vindication of Senator Allen than as a reward of merit to a Democrat. No matter what the reason the appointment is distasteful to the Populists of this congressional district, as MacKay, through his paper, the Reporter, conducted a scandalous campaign against Devine, the Populist candidate for congress and the only Populist he supported during the late campaign was Governor Holcomb, unless it was candidates for some of the minor offices. The appointment was made under protest of many Populists, and we believe that the governor and the Populist party will yet have reason to regret the appointment.—Leigh World.

J. M. Devine's home papers are responsible for the statement that Mr. Devine had been offered a \$2,500 position by the administration at Washington and refused it. That J. Sterling Morton, Tobie Castor, Meiklejohn and the balance of the crew who got Devine to run last fall, have been promising the latter an office is not at all incredible. That's what we said last fall. "A lot of other fellows were also promised offices, but the fact that Devine declined a \$2,500 job is incredible. Devine is not built that way. There are no offices to be given and probably Devine has just discovered the hoax, and hence his declining. It's a smooth way of letting one's self down from the dizzy heights of anticipation.—Madison Reporter.

Dr. J. H. MacKay is the editor of the paper from which the above emanated. He is a Democrat, and has been legging for an appointment under this Populist state administration, and to the discredit of our governor, secured it. MacKay, a Democrat, has sought and secured an office under a Populist administration. Devine, a Populist, has spurned an office offered by a Democratic administration. The contrast in principle between the two men is great. MacKay is like a prostitute seeking to besmirch virtue.—Leigh World.

The World-Herald proffers the information that George W. Leight, the newly appointed warden, is a Populist. The writer has a faint recollection of that paper making the same statement regarding Dr. MacKay last fall.—Stanton Pickett.

Dr. MacKay's Appointment

The appointment of Dr. J. H. MacKay to be superintendent of the Norfolk hospital for the insane by Governor Holcomb is the hardest blow that has yet been struck at the straight Populists of the Third Congressional district. No man could have been selected from the Democratic ranks who would have been received with less favor than he. He has been a sly underhanded enemy to the party from its organization down to the present time. He was one of those Democrats who last fall attempted to control the Populist convention in favor of Judge Robinson, a Democrat, and falling in this, set about to compass the defeat of John M. Devine. In this course he was supported by a handful of pretended Populists, and it is to such men that the Republican party is indebted for Meiklejohn's election. MacKay was one of the men who tried to force Mr. Devine from the field and who insisted upon the nomination of a Democratic straw man, such as Hensley, who was a candidate in the interests of Geo. D. Meiklejohn. He is a man whose character unfits him for the responsible position to which he has been appointed, even if he is professionally competent, which many affirm that he is not. It is not because of his being a Democrat that Populists are so greatly incensed as that they believe him to be incompetent professionally, a man lacking in character, and know that he has opposed the Populist party persistently and without reason other than his antipathy against straight Populists and the principles they advocate. If Governor Holcomb, after appointing a Democrat to be warden of the penitentiary and another as deputy oil inspector for the Sixth congressional district, did not fully repay the debt he owed that party, why did he not appoint a man like Dr. Keiper, for whom Populists at least entertain respect? It would have been hitting middle-of-the-road Populists sufficiently hard to have appointed only one from their number as against three Democrats, without heaping burning coals upon their heads in the appointment of J. W. Mackay. Governor Holcomb has made a mistake that will cost the party heavily hereafter.—Stanton Pickett.

No lowering of the Populist flag to any new craze or craft that may have in sight—no weakening of the timbers in the Omaha platform to please a new set of political dudes.—Pittsburg Kansan.

From Our Outside Exchanges

Competition is dead among capitalists.—Washington New Era.

Competition among capeworkers and co-operation among capitalists will destroy any nation. It's only a question of time.—New Era (Wash.)

"Sound currency" is what they call it now. The only sound that gold gives forth when thrown on the counters is a ring. Wonder why they don't call it "ring" money? Probably that is too suggestive.—National Advance.

Landlords and landlords in England pay income tax—in this country they do not—but this is an enlightened Republic—governed by landlords and landlords, while England is a benighted Monarchy ruled by the people.—Pittsburg Kansan.

This silver agitation is a good thing. Every day it is leading people to the conclusion that metal money is a relic of barbarism, and that the fiat of a government is what makes money whether it is stamped on metal or printed on paper.—Topeka Advocate.

An old story is told of an Irishman sentenced to death who begged and was granted the privilege of selecting the tree upon which he should be hanged. He chose a gooseberry bush. "But that," said the judge, "is not large enough for the purpose." "Bedad I'll wait till it grows, then," said Pat. Gold Basis, having been doomed by popular sentiment, prefers to die upon a free-silver bush and wait till it grows rather than be hanged forthwith to the stalwart tree of Populism. Hence the Goldbug's weak opposition, amounting to indirect approval, of the free silver movement.—Chicago Sentinel.

The Beef Combine

SHERMAN Co., May 1, 1895.
Editor WEALTH MAKERS:
I notice in your last issue that Secretary Morton mistrusts that there is a dressed beef combine.

For a man of his pretended acumen his suspicions are a trifle out of date. Any crank could have informed him of that fact years ago. Men who have lost all their labor in the cattle industry could have furnished him proof of the fact. Local butchers who have been driven to the wall, and forced to act as salesmen for this combine fill this country; reform papers have denounced the iniquitous combination for years, and yet this man that stands at the head of the Agricultural Department is just getting a suspicion that such a thing exists. Verily, how little a man may know and fill—or occupy—an important public post in this glorious country! Here is an outrage inflicted upon the public for years, and this man Morton, with his head enveloped in the dense cloud of self conceit, has utterly refused to apprehend it. He is a fair sample of the average politician. The chief aim of their existence is to get office, and they have no time or disposition to learn anything else.

Mr. Morton can write a passable article, as far as diction is concerned, but most of his premises and all his conclusions in the realm of politics are as devoid of reason as a mummy's skull. He is having no better success in dealing with the beef combine. He thinks, or at least he says, "Not only as I look into the business does it look as if the cattle sellers and the beef consumers were being beaten by a combination, but it has the appearance of a beat on the railroads too. These big killers and packers have their own refrigerator car system, owning their own rolling stock. This enables them to force the railroads to lowest possible figures for the transportation, etc."

No man of common intelligence would reach any such conclusion, for rolling stock has no voice in establishing tariff rates, and if Mr. Morton had looked into the business years ago, as he might have done, he would have discovered that this beef combine was a creature of the railroads and brooded under their wing. When the Populists demanded "government ownership of railroads," to supersede this old monopoly incubator and protector, this man Morton called them cranks and idiots. It is said that chickens come home to roost. Mr. Morton's chickens are getting there in immense quantities.

Poor old man, there are thousands just like him strung on the tail of the plutocratic kite; they serve a special purpose in the toilet arrangements of our American aristocracy. What a jolly fight he will have with the butcher boys! Get Grover to hold your coat, J. Sterling, put on all your canvass and sail into them steam on, as you have started, and if you can't vanquish them that way, turn round and make them a speech, and if they don't take to the woods they have very little sense. C. H. KING.

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General Weaver in the Role of Cautious for the Silver Party

Following is an extract from a private letter received from a reader in Iowa:

"What is going to become of General Weaver? He seems to have gone politically crazy. It is too bad, for he deserved a better fate. Six out of seven Populist papers which I receive, criticize him for his infatuation over silver. But they don't know the worst. They don't know that at the close of the meeting of the Populist state central committee in Des Moines last week, Weaver announced that he had nothing to conceal, that he was in daily communication with the leaders of the silver party, and was co-operating with them cordially, and that he wanted to give each gentleman present something to read; whereupon he handed around copies of a Bimetallic League circular which urges upon the person receiving it the duty of organizing a separate party for the promotion of the cause of silver. I have a copy. Weaver's act was so extraordinary—the presidential candidate of one party acting as canvasser for another party right in the state committee of his own party—as for the moment to take everybody's breath away. No man ever heard of such a performance before, it is safe to say. But they all knew Weaver, who never did have good judgment and whose sanguine mind is forever seeing success in something new. Every one feels now that he is sorely vexed over the defeat of his fusion candidate for temporary chairman of the state convention by the committee, and all believe that he will fulfill his threat to carry the fight for fusion into the convention; but there he will again illustrate his customary lack of judgment for the anti-fusion sentiment of Iowa is so strong that he will be only running his head against a stone wall. Weaver's best friends are the most sorry over his want of sense, which is now unusually great, and are at a loss how to account for it. The silver crowd seem to have hypnotized him."

Jersey Cattle Breeders Association

There will be a meeting of the State Jersey Cattle Breeders Association in the chapel of the State University, Lincoln, Nebraska, beginning at one o'clock p. m. Wednesday, May 22d, 1895. A full program has been provided for. All Jersey cattle breeders and dairymen throughout the state are requested to be present and to participate in the meeting.
I. N. LEONARD, WM. M. CLARK,
President. Secretary.

The Crimes of Competition

Fifteen years ago city sewing girls got from five to ten dollars a week, worked only ten hours a day, dressed prettily and enjoyed life in a measure. Now not one out of twenty can live in a comfortable home if she pays her board out of her wages. They live in poor crowded homes, or live in pairs, eating only hasty mouthfuls of weak tea and bread and mush for their meals. They make elaborate capes for 15 cents apiece, cloaks for 25 and 35 cents, ladies plaited and trimmed waists for 35 cents a dozen. The work is absolutely hopeless, says Miss Holmes. "Try as hard as human strength can, a day's decent wages cannot be made. The rattling old machines will not allow haste, and the hurried, anxious, overdriven workers carry bundles home and work far into the night—the law to the contrary notwithstanding. One woman, who is a skillful seamstress, made a 15 cent cloak in three-fourths of a day and earned 2 cents making waist cuffs during the rest of the day. Imagine such a woman with no other resource on earth, and car fare, rent, food and clothing to pay for!"

The wretchedness of the sewing people, the dire straits to which they are reduced, the schemes to which they must resort to live at all, are beyond the reach of imagination. Even the coal miners, though they run greater risks of injury and death, are not so miserably paid, and in spite of all the agitation on the subject that has been carried on it grows worse and worse every year. If united labor can do nothing to improve this particular branch and raise it at least to the standard of other trades, civilization ought to come to an end. Life is not worth living under such circumstances."

Two ways to Look at it

One of the brightest of country editors in Nebraska is Editor Mackay of the Madison Reporter. He also has a front seat in the medical profession. His appointment as superintendent of the Norfolk hospital for the insane was richly deserved, because it is at once a recognition of professional merit and fidelity to political convictions.—Papillon (Dem.) Times.

"Richly deserved"—Fidelity to political convictions—! Deserved, as a Democrat who fought the Populists! to be rewarded by the Populists? Well, no, he didn't deserve anything from the Populists, but he did from the Democratic candidate for governor.

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The People Still Responding

AURORA, Neb., April 26, 1895.

Editor WEALTH MAKERS:

I suppose you want to know how all of the wealth makers stand. I stand square on the Omaha platform, and not a single one of the planks taken out. And no fusion in mine at all. Find inclosed two dollars to pay up back subscription and pay up my subscription for another year. I can't see how I can do without the paper, for you preach the doctrine that is for liberty, and that is, what my forefathers fought for.

Yours for victory in '96.
E. A. SPRAGUE.
(An old Democrat, but not the kind we have nowadays.)

Stands on the Omaha Platform

SAWYER, Neb., April, 1895.

Editor WEALTH MAKERS:

With your permission I would like to stand up and be counted as one who endorses the People's party and the Omaha platform.

It is with no small degree of satisfaction that I read the responses of those that declare to stand by our platform. I will admit that a man that has been helped up as the common people of this state have been, feels like calling for help to defend his rights, and for that reason we have in some cases found ourselves straying from the center of the broad highway.

The Populists of Fillmore county had a little experience in the last fall campaign in the line of fusion, which, I trust, will not soon be forgotten and should suffice for some time to come.

The Populists met a just rebuke in the resolutions passed by the Democratic convention, wherein they endorsed the administration. It would take a Populist with the stomach of a buzzard to digest that dose.

What is the lesson we have learned? It is to be men, and stand firm as the rock of Gibraltar for our principles and not countenance fusion with any party. By so doing we can command the respect of others, or at least have more respect for ourselves. No man has any higher regard than the writer for any man that has been true to the best interest of the people, and I consider it the duty of all such men to be American citizens and get out of a party that has sold its principles for British gold.

The Populists of Nebraska can well be proud of our state paper and the manly stand it has taken. It has been for the Populist party first, last and all the time. Yours, from a horny handed farmer.
L. G. STEWART.

Be on Guard at the Primaries

GRESHAM, Neb., April 27, 1895.

Editor WEALTH MAKERS:

As Populists it behooves us to be on guard, and at the present time especially as otherwise the move now on foot to organize a free silver party is liable to sweep our party out of existence, if every effort is not put forth and pushed by all who believe in principles first, last and always.

While the big majority of our party stands squarely on the Omaha platform and will die in the middle of the road rather than surrender one single principle embodied in that platform, yet many of our so-called leaders hold different views and are ready to sacrifice principles every time for the sake of getting into office.

These men we must watch and see to it that they are put back into the ranks where they properly belong.

In order to do this let the true Populists see to it when the caucuses are held that it be ascertained how all the voters stand on the question and further that only men of principles are elected delegates to the county conventions, and from there again to the state convention. When this is done there will be no question as to what the result will be, as I am sure the vote there will be unanimous for the principles of our platform and not a single-idea platform. Otherwise, if care is not taken in regard to this matter, the probabilities are that the shrewd policy-loving souls will be organized beforehand and have their men selected and duly elected at the caucuses. A handful of organized men can beat the big unorganized majority every time, that we all know, therefore it is necessary that the people be on guard, and this year especially.

Let the reform press throughout the state (and in other states) see to it that this matter be brought before the people of every locality, and we will see that our state convention will adopt a platform that will represent the ideas of the honest majority of our party.

Stating my individual opinion of silver I will say that I have very unfriendly ideas regarding the silver plank in our platform, and would favor a plank in its place calling for the demonetization of gold. My reason for this is because there are hardly any Populists that believe in intrinsic value money standard, gold basis, or redemption, or any such things. Why then demand a double standard? To my mind the silver plank is inserted

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CREEDS CANNOT SAVE

We Must Let the Law of Love Organize Us As One Body

COMPETITION VERSUS COOPERATION

Competition is Sin, Co-Operation is Salvation—Self-Interest Contending With Self-Interest is Anarchy

[The following lecture by Prof. George D. Heron is one of a series of four reported from stenographic notes taken down in the class room for THE WEALTH MAKERS. They are informal lectures delivered extempore. Two preceding lectures were on Wealth and Co-operation.]

The Law of Service.

If the law of service is ever to be put into practice, if the law of the kingdom of God becomes the actual law of this world, it must be wrought into our institutions. It is true that we have many Christian sentiments, many Christian individual practices in the world, but as a whole our civilization is not Christian. Now when I say that I am not saying it in a merely critical sense, any more than I am criticizing a tree because it is not a house. I am not even saying that civilization should be blamed because it is not Christian, but I am stating as a fact that civilization is not Christian, but solidly Roman. There does not prevail in the world a single commercial maxim that is not a denial of Christianity. There is not a single educational maxim that is not at best a negation of Christianity. I am not saying that they are bad, but that they are something else than Christian.

We speak of Christianity having conquered the Greeks; but the conquest was the other way; that is, temporarily. Christianity came into contact with the Greek institutions and ethics and attempted to swallow them, but failed, because the contest resulted in a compromise. About the third or fourth century at the time of the formation of the Nicene creed, there was a great conflict, which resulted in this, that the old Greek philosophers came over in a body to Christianity, but they brought their philosophy along with them. Our philosophy is really Greek philosophy varnished with Christian teaching. That is why it is that our ethics, our conceptions of right and wrong, are very largely Greek yet, rather than Christian, and so our education is Greek, and what we call the Christian sermon, the idea by which we meet on Sundays to hear a sermon, is wholly Greek. Christian worship was a gathering of the faithful; each of them gave testimony; everybody in the church was a minister. They had some leaders, but they went from place to place on missions. Slowly we have been emancipating Christianity, or the fundamental Christian laws, from the dominance of the Greek conceptions of right and wrong. They were not bad, they had their place in the world, but they were not Christian.

Christianity came in contact with Rome. We have our traditions about the early conquest of Rome and Constantine, the Roman emperor, by Christianity. Constantine was the same type of man as Napoleon, but more cunning, more unscrupulous than Napoleon and not so much of a Christian. Rome conquered the world anew through Christian institutions, because a compromise, a truce, was declared, where Christianity might have gone on and by sacrifice conquered. The Roman Empire faded away, in a sense, and reappeared in the Roman Catholic church. That church was simply the Roman Empire perpetuated. Do not understand that I am deploring that it was perpetuated. Rome still rules the world even more than it did. Our politics are Roman politics, our commercial system, our maxims are essentially Roman. The very highest morality ever obtained in that time was obtained by the Roman Stoics. It is still accepted, though not practiced by the commercial world.

Our civilization is solidly Roman and Greek with a leaven of Christianity at work in it. There is nothing more un-historical, more contrary to actual facts, there is nothing more childish, nothing showing a more superficial knowledge of history than to get up and call our civilization Christian; so we are at sea as to what there is yet to be done. I do not know that civilization could have been Christian up to this time, but the time has come when the leaven at work must bring forth its fruit. Taking civilization at its highest we find this to be the case, that we have a theory of enlightened self-interest as law. It is a barbarous notion of the early pagan Stoics, the highest moral conception that prevails in civilization. We find men repeating that the teachings of Jesus cannot be carried into practice. The Bishop of Canterbury put it thus: "The teachings of Jesus Christ will be absolutely destructive to our northern civilizations if they are put into practice." The teachings of Jesus, it is said, can be put into practice in very narrow spheres of action, but are irrelevant in the actual, social organization

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