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"If any man must fall for me to rise, Then seek I not to climb. Another's pain I choose not for my good. A golden chain, A robe of honor, is too good a prize To tempt my hasty hand to do a wrong Unto a fellow man. This life hath we sufficient, wrought by man's satanic foe; And who that hath a heart would dare prolong Or add a sorrow to a stricken soul That seeks a healing balm to make it whole? My bosom owns the brotherhood of man."

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Which shall it be, eternal monopoly, or a fight for liberty?

We have exalted liberty and belittled love. Or, rather, we have excluded love, from our universal pursuit of gain.

EVERYTHING favors the Populist party if it refuses to be turned aside from its attack on the three great heads of monopoly power.

The law of love declares that the strong must serve the weak. The anarchy of selfishness maintains that the weak must serve the strong.

The old parties are being knocked all to pieces by the free coinage question. The only way to save the anti-goldbug pieces is for them to drop into the Populist party.

MEN listen to the command, "Thou shalt not covet," and remain densely, darkly, absolutely ignorant that they both covet and take the products of others' toil when they take rent, interest and dividends.

It is "public ownership of all monopolies" is socialism, they are fools or knaves who fight it. If we can't have public ownership of monopolies the public, the people, will be owned by monopolists. Take your choice.

EX-SECRETARY OF STATE Osborne of Kansas says there is no difference between an eastern Democrat and an eastern Republican—"they are two links of sausage from the same dog, and the string separating them has slipped its knot."

The Associated Press figures out that in the next national convention there will be 604 free silver delegates in a whole number of 906, and that this means not only a free silver platform, but a free silver candidate. And Cleveland in a letter to Governor Stone of Mississippi says in such case defeat would follow, if not the disintegration of the Democratic party. So be it, Grover. We'll bury them again.

EVER Meiklejohn has come out in favor of free silver. Say, you "one-idea," "get-together," free-silver "practical" Populists (?), what sort of embraces are you leading us into? Have we got to sleep three in a bed with Meiklejohn and Mackay? Is it to be a hitch-up with such leaders as Voorbees and Quay? They will not come to us, they don't want Populism; but we must go and attach our party to their moral carcasses, must we?

THOMAS PAINE was called an infidel, but it appears that he was truer to God and man than some of the churchmen who anathematized him. In 1795 he wrote a brochure on the land question and later published it to meet the error of a published sermon by Watson, Bishop of Landaff, on "The Wisdom and Goodness of God in having made both Rich and Poor." This idea of the preacher originated in the hell of selfishness, and is the rankest blasphemy.

THE man who has justice on his side is never afraid to arbitrate. But the other fellows always insist that "there is nothing to arbitrate."

"ALL ON ACCOUNT OF"

Is the old worn out tune, "All on account of the tariff," about to be superseded by another of political invention to fool and continue to divide the masses, as has the tariff jangle?

"All on account of too much or too little silver" is the new song, and multitudes appear to be going crazy over it. The People's party with its 2,000,000 voters and the strength of the infant Hercules has got its grip on the old serpents that have tried to destroy it. To escape our power and save the monsters of monopoly it is found necessary to create a strong diversion and lead us away from our present points of attack. The silver question, it is hoped, will absorb the attention of the people, divide us, and for another long period allow entrenched monopoly to rule and rob and ruin. The politicians, controlling the miseducated, half-educated and ignorant will succeed in this scheme if the Populist press and leaders do not unitedly and with all their power keep up the fight against the great heads of monopoly, the money lenders, railroad kings and landlords.

Silver freely coined would not reduce the rate of interest or the purchasing power of the sum total of interest tribute in the years to come. It cannot be shown that it would. Why then call it the money question and drop everything to fight for free silver alone? Government banks of loan and deposit can alone reduce interest and destroy the money monopoly. We must therefore consider some government banking plan the principal part of the money question. What material the money is composed of is of comparatively little consequence. We would be wasting precious time and would destroy a costly party organization were we to allow ourselves to be drawn away from our three great contentions to take sides in a single-standard versus double-standard political struggle. We no more believe in a gold and silver money basis than we do in a gold basis.

But if the Populists were to go into this proposed free-silver-panacea fight, and the struggle should at last result in victory for the bimetalists (It would not be quickly or easily won, be assured), would the silver party machine then allow us to take up the government banking, railroad, land, telegraph or any other great monopoly questions?

By no manner of means. The silver party leaders and leading bimetalists of the old parties refuse to come to the Populist party because they are opposed to our leading demands; and they would effectually object to taking them up after they had swallowed us, or attached us to the silver party. We would even have to fight them to the death over the barbarous intrinsic value fallacy. A silver, or a gold and silver, bug is as much a bar to progress and an enemy to society as is a gold bug.

The present building up of the Populist party appears to be the one hope of salvation from fast-increasing monopoly despotism and resultant anarchy. But it faces danger, the danger that too many of its leaders lack the far-seeing wisdom or inherent character to go steadily forward, turning neither to the right hand nor to the left.

SPOKEN AS AN ARISTOCRAT

"No state interference or officialism can deal effectively with the relief of suffering humanity. The forces of personal benevolence and individual kindness must be the instruments of such work."—Thomas F. Bayard.

The above language was used by Ambassador Bayard in his speech at the May 1st annual dinner of Kings College hospital at London, England.

Consider for a moment what is contained and implied in his statement. It is assumed by our nation's representative at the court of St. James that the laws are just, that there are equal opportunities and individual freedom for all and, therefore, that voluntary benevolence is the only possible means to alleviate human suffering. The reference to state interference or officialism is made to lead people away from the hope that the state, the government, the law-making body, can be looked to help the masses.

The man who upon such an occasion and in such an office makes such a remark, is a cold-blooded conscienceless aristocrat. He believes in ruling kings and toiling slaves. He believes in laws for oppressors and officials and a military power to defend the decrees of monopoly despots; but that state interference with them on the part of a majority of the people cannot be. He seeks to discredit any effort at "state interference" with monopoly robbers who leave the people naked and wounded, impoverished and in despair, by insinuating that such state interference would invade the realm of individual rights, and constitute the fearful crime (?) of socialism. He infers that we now have righteous laws and the best possible order and state of society.

And while thus speaking lies and making falsehoods a covering for the ruling class of rich monopolists (kings), he calls himself a democrat!

A GOOD MAN GONE DAFT

Count Vincent and the Searchlight-swallowing Age as lost—gone for good after the anti-Populist silverites. But don't weep long. Henry either lacks a judgment balance wheel to go with the other wheels in his head, or he has failed so many times and got so hard up

that he was compelled to accept the job of writing at dictation of Bennett, the Age publisher. This is a piece of his recent writing:

If the Democrats would come out flat-footed and declare for gold and silver and all paper money issued by the general government in sufficient volume to supply the wants of the people and do the business of the country on a cash basis, without the intervention of the banks, and based upon the wealth, faith and credit of the nation, making that money receivable for all dues, the Democrats, bi-metalists in both parties, Populists and all would unite and sweep the country as one grand party whose first principle would be monetary reform and emancipation from the gold-trust barons who have cornered the money market and put the people in a pocket.

Well, now, the Democrats are going to declare for free silver. All indications show it. But it doesn't follow by any means that the Populist party is going to be gulled and gathered up by the Democrats so easily. Vincent doesn't seem to know how Populists were made and brought together. In another column he says farther:

Whether we are disposed to take this view of it or not, common observation should prompt us to get in out of the wet, for the silver flood is coming.

No one objects to your climbing the alleged tidal wave and running in "out of the wet" old boy; but you will find your small craft, joined to Democracy, stranded high and dry a little later; and looking back you will see the proud ship, Populism, shaking the spray from her bows and plowing her way to the harbor. "Steady, O Pilot, stand firm at the wheel." Steady; it is only a passing gust divinely sent to get rid of the old pirate hulk of our enemies. The silver wave can only strip us of what is not really a part of us. Hold hard to the Omaha channel and there is nothing to fear.

SAUL'S SUBSTITUTE A PROPHET

The May 1st issue of the Omaha Bee was gotten out by the women of that city, which explains how so much sense as is found in the quotation below could get into and be a part of a Bee editorial. The writer was Emma B. Wagner. With a little enlightenment on the way government banks of deposit, loan and exchange would reduce interest and regulate the value of the paper dollar, and show the volume that should be issued, Miss (or Mrs.) Wagner would make a good Populist editor. We are pleased to compliment her on the following:

"Exchange necessitates money, an instrument by which it can be better accomplished. Utility is the one basic element in determining value in both commodities and money. But that utility which makes the value of a commodity, as corn, possible is its use in feeding; or a machine its use to reap, drill, etc.; while the utility which makes the value of money possible is the utility of exchange. It is this utility alone which calls for money, and which affords it an independent basis of utility in exchange, that is, value. A failure to see this point necessarily leads to confusion upon what may or may not be true money and a consequent leading away from the vital point at issue. The advocates of a metallic currency justify the use of the precious metals as money because of their "intrinsic" or commodity value, in other words, because of their usefulness for other purposes. As well justify the use of corn in feeding cattle by its use in feeding swine. It is plain that the utility of corn in the one case is in no wise dependent upon its utility in the other. Likewise with money; its justification as money rests wholly upon the utility of exchange, which it facilitates. Each act must be justified within itself. If there is any justification for gold and silver, or of either alone, over other materials for the purposes of money, it must be because of their self-imposed method of regulating the volume. In no other case could commodity value be of any moment where, as in this country, integrity of government is unquestioned. The materials of which a money is made are of technical importance as a matter of convenience. That which combines portability, divisibility, durability, etc., with difficulty of counterfeiting must be preferable as a money material to one not possessing these qualities. In this respect paper is perhaps superior to any of the metals."

THE people of every age and nation have had some term to express the, to them, embodiment of all evils, the worst of all characters. The "Nazarenes" within and the "Gentiles" without were synonyms of supreme contempt with the Jews. "Christians" was the name given by the pagan Romans to the sect of atheists they most despised. The proud Jews, who thought themselves superior to all other people, came to be despised by all other nations, till to call a man a Jew was to use against him the worst possible term of reproach. The Mohammedans called the nations of Christendom "dogs" and the Chinese call us "devils." The people who have resisted tyranny have always been called "rebels." The theology and dogma centuries have made cruel use of the brand called "infidel." And in this last age the name made use of to sear and blacken, to defame and ruin is "anarchist," or the interchangeable use of the terms "socialist and anarchist." And they who use these terms are nearly always bigoted, blind, or wickedly selfish, defenders of present oppression and hoary, but respectable, evils.

PAUL and Silas were accused in the Roman courts of teaching unlawful customs, which exceedingly troubled the cities, of turning the world upside down all because they interfered with the unjust gains of men. That was their way of accusing them of being anarchists. Now the fellows on top are as mad against those whose teaching will cut off their incomes and turn them down as the top class has ever been. Don't expect anything but denunciation and crucifixion if you do anything to save the world.

"MAKE WAY FOR LIBERTY"

Let no one feel alarmed because of the sharp criticism that a few of the party leaders in this state are receiving. When a party has moral life in it it will resist corruption, it will condemn traders, fusionists, spoils-hunters. It is proof of a controlling spirit when leaders are fearlessly condemned for leading the party astray into the hands of our enemies. Were we to lose our sturdy independence as members of the People's party and fear to sit in personal judgment on our leaders, it would show that we were like the bulk of the members of the old parties, i. e., puppets in the hands of political bosses. The Independents of Nebraska are personally independent, fearless, free. It took independent thinking in us to cause us to break the bonds which bound us to the old parties and lead us to form or enter the People's party. That enlightenment and independence which led us out of one or the other of the old parties is what makes it impossible for any set of leaders openly or with secret bargaining to lead us back where we were, or into the embraces of our ancient enemy.

We love the Populist party so well that we are prepared to fight for its virtue, its good name. It shall not be betrayed into the hands of Democracy. Men are nothing; principles are everything. The offices that have to be bought by leaders are of no value to the people. The office-seekers who think Populist principles cannot in time succeed, are themselves lacking in principle, and the sooner they retire, to make room for the leaders who are strong in faith, with power to sacrifice and wait for unthought victory, the better it will be for the people.

THE WEALTH MAKERS knows what it will cost to fight the fusionists in this state. It has bared its breast to receive all their shafts. It will gather the force of all the words of misjudgment, depreciation and enmity, as Winkler gathered the spears, and die, if need be, to "make way for liberty."

We have not been drawn into the fusion fight (by the Bryant resolutions) before the time. It is the critical period in the life of the People's party, especially in Nebraska where the influence of a brilliant Democrat and certain "demo-pop" leaders have been added together to carry out a fusion program. The fusionists in the last campaign by secret bargaining betrayed us, fastened upon us a "demo-pop" reputation, and there will be everywhere an effort made to quietly pack the primaries and send one-idea, silver-fusion men to our next state convention in sufficient numbers to control it. It is time to be awake. There is a great cry being raised that money (meaning silver) is the issue. And this silver agitation which is breaking up the weaker of the old parties will be artfully used to break us up, if we do not by united effort of our best leaders and thinking people rise above it and hold firm to the Omaha platform. The People's party, standing on the Omaha platform, is the only hope of our country's salvation and the preservation of world-wide civilization.

NOTICE OUR QUIET TONES

Last Monday an express package arrived in Madison, addressed to Senator W. V. Allen. It was a present from a gentleman in New York, and proved to be a very fine Hamiltonian coat. The coat was a very valuable one when shipped from New York, but more so when it arrived in Madison, and the senator paid the express charges, \$206. The coat was a present from the senator's colleague, United States Senator Murphy of Troy, N. Y., and is a full brother of Robert J. and a nephew of Maud S. A brother of this coat sold for \$2,000. The senator was informed later on that he would be allowed a rebate of \$135 from the express charges, which brought the bill down to \$71.—Madison Reporter.

Now listen for the roar from THE WEALTH MAKERS and a few other middle-of-the-roads.—Crete Democrat.

What makes the Democrats spread their wings to defend Senator Allen before he is attacked? Is there a fluttering fear in their breasts that we know Senator Murphy, and know him to be a tool of Tammany, a boodler politician of the worst type, a man who perhaps can be trusted to get at least equal value for all he gives?

If we recollect aright his constituents in Troy at the last fall or the preceding spring election intimidated a great number of voters, and killed one man in cold blood for simply essaying to exercise his constitutional rights as a voter on election day. It drew general attention to Murphy and gave him national notoriety at the time. We happen to regularly read the New York papers, and so know something about "the senator's colleague," and special friend, Murphy.

But it should not be assumed that such a man as Senator Murphy has no right to make a \$2,000 present to his Populist bosom friend. While it seems a marvel to Populists in Nebraska that their senator should so win and draw upon the heart of a Tammany Democratic colleague, we should remember that money comes to Murphy in great rolls and wads, and a little \$2,000 token of political affection is not felt by such a man.

THERE are not two kinds of socialism, though there are two distinct conceptions of it which are as far apart as heaven and hell. The false idea of socialism is really an individualistic perversion of it. It is a conception of it as selfish force used to equalize material or property conditions. Material equality (or equal property to all individuals) can never be secured by force. It must come through recognition of the supreme law of love. It must be reached by a growth in numbers of voluntary co-operators who hold all their land, capital and labor in common.

THE Omaha platform when read the first time was cheered for the space of forty-five minutes, ten thousand voices and bands of music swelling the long thunders of applause. There was never such an outburst of enthusiasm for a political platform, and its echoes shook the land from ocean to ocean. It was felt to be a second declaration of independence, and it has drawn in two years nearly two million voters together. And shall a small part of it be declared greater than the whole and retire the whole? Can we be drawn apart by a stolen portion of the things which drew us together? The Omaha platform and the Populist party have knocked out the tariff humbug. The old parties are being shattered and disintegrated by the Populist blows which compelled them to drop the tariff and grapple with another dividing question. All we have to do is to keep our batteries booming, and keep cheering the Omaha platform.

THE strong and selfish are very zealous defenders of what they are pleased to call their rights, their property rights, their right to rule. Their rights seem to them to increase as their property increases. But let us hear what one of the best thinkers of the age has to say about such. We quote the recent words of Prof. John R. Commons of the Indiana State University, as follows:

"The opponents of the income tax, with blushing egotism, bewail this attempt to levy burdens on ability. They are self-made men, and should reap all the fruits of their hard work. But let us see. Are they self-made? Society does two things for every human being. First, it furnishes him with ancestors. If he is born a genius instead of an idiot, no thanks are due to himself. He is simply a product of those unexplained complex forces running through centuries of ancestry, all of which would have been impossible without social organization. His abilities are relative. To thousands of his fellow-beings heredity has been less partial. Yet they go to make up that social structure without which we could never have been born. His abilities, says Professor Cohn, the eminent German economist, are therefore only an endowment held in trust for the service of the less-favored members of the social body."

CORNELIUS VANDERBILT, whose palace in New York city cost \$8,000,000, is building a villa, a summer residence, at Newport, which will cost \$2,000,000. The last Saturday papers reported that he had through his agents tried to smuggle in carved and costly decorations without paying full duty on them. One case of the goods was for the library decorations and consisted of walnut, gorgeously carved, with decorations of gold—bookcases for four sides of the interior, trimmings for the walls, window cases carved complete and doors and mantels. A carriage and team could pass through one of the windows, while four horses abreast could be driven all around the room when finished. The locks and hinges were of the most elaborate description. The door-knobs were of cast brass with a gold finish, all chiseled by hand, the workmanship being as fine as that in jewelry. Each knob bore a rampant lion. The experts appraised the entire lot at \$100,000. One, only one, of our railroad kings.

You can measure the value of any alleged relief from oppression by figuring out how much it would reduce the sum of either the rent, interest, or dividend tribute drawn from the producing class. For example: if the government owned and operated the railroads we would save the interest on the railroad bonds and the dividends paid to stockholders—besides all political expenses, passes, lobbies, advertising, strike losses, etc. With government banks we could reduce interest to two per cent a year or less. With the single tax, or land and houses owned by the municipality, we could save to society the values created by society and compel the landlord class to go back into the ranks of labor, where all men belong.

THE Detroit Tribune advocates as a solution of the so-called hard money question that a composite dollar be coined consisting of 206 2/3 grains of standard silver and 12 and nine-tenths grains of standard gold fused together and struck into coin. It says of it: "The coin would be absolute stable value, for, in case of disparity at any time in the commercial values of gold and silver, what was lost by one metal would be made up by the exactly corresponding appreciation of the other." By this ingenious plan the Tribune hopes to save the dear old party from internal strife and destruction. But this sort of arbitration will not satisfy either side. Each will declare they have nothing to arbitrate.

"ALL on account of the tariff" has fooled the people as long as it can, and now they are trying to divert our attention and split the Populist party with the new political war cry, "All on account of too much, or too little silver." Curse the hypocrites. They know it is a lie. They know that the Populist party has trained its guns on the citadel of oppression, in the land, money and transportation monopoly triangle, and they are desperately anxious to draw us aside in a dispute and division over something that, whichever way it went, would not reduce rent, interest and dividends.

THE People's Tribune of Saginaw, state organ of the Populist party of Michigan, is on to the ridiculous scheme to try to break up our party by having some old or new party adopt the silver part of our platform, and fire a volley at the "organized hypocrites" that are trying to dis-

rupt us. The Democratic party of that state has declared for free coinage and is surprised that the Populist party does not in consequence fall into the clutch of its slimy tentacles.

THE American Standard reports that a meeting to discuss the silver question was held in the Chamber of Commerce at Longmont, Colorado, one day last week, with Senator Teller, A. J. Warner, president of the American Bimetallic League, and a number of Colorado politicians. The significant part of the report is that which states that General Warner declared in his speech that he and Mr. Sibley had not come west to organize a third party, but merely to confer with silver men concerning the most practicable steps to take for the fight of 1896.

THERE were two suicides in Central Park, New York City, April 29. Not a bad place to go to, to show up the fruits and end of competitive civilization. One man was found dangling to a limb of one of the beautiful trees, and another had fertilized the soil with what blood he had left, let out with the help of a revolver. The one who hung himself was 40 years old, the other but 24. The hiding away out of sight the results of competition and monopoly keeps the evils of the selfish struggle out of mind, unrealized, unknown.

WHAT is "the gospel to the poor" which Christ preached. He didn't say anything about heaven when he began to preach. He did promise them help here, a jubilee restoring them their equal rightful share and place in the earth. There is no such "good news" preached to the poor now in the churches, except by a few, such men as Dr. Herron. And these few are decried as anarchists—sinners above all men—for preaching what Christ did.

THE devil is said to be a very regular attendant at church. He is also revealing his horns and brimstone in the Populist party. Formerly he stayed in the old parties and called us all socialists, anarchists and Populists, all in one breath, making out that it was all a repetition of the same dreadful thing. He now gets alleged Populists to defame their brethren by echoing within our ranks his old party demoniac accusation.

GEORGE CANNING, the English orator and statesman, said "that those who discountenance every improvement because it is an innovation, may presently find themselves obliged to accept innovations which are not improvements."

BOOKS AND MAGAZINES

CITY GOVERNMENT IN THE UNITED STATES, by A. R. Conklin.

Mr. Conklin has written a suggestive book on a much discussed subject. It is a significant fact and an encouraging one that the question is being so thoroughly discussed and written upon. The writer is heartily in favor of the governments of cities being run on a business and not a party basis.

Although the book is a valuable one. Published by D. Appleton & Co., New York City. Price \$1.00.

EVOLUTION AND ETHICS and other essays, by Thomas Huxley.

This is volume IX in the series of "Collected Essays." The essays here contained are on "Evolution and Ethics," chapters I and II; "Science and Morals," chapter III; "Capital—the Mother of Labor," chapter IV; and "Social Diseases and Worse Remedies," chapter V. Chapter I, which deals largely with the survival of the fittest, etc., is a strong chapter, and a good example of Huxley's style. We have often thought how this struggle for existence is compatible with the growth of the ethical process. Many of us, doubtless, have thought that this survival of the fittest is in direct opposition to the altruistic spirit. Mr. Huxley in this chapter takes the ground that the strengthening of the social bond tends to assist this struggle for existence within society and that when the ethical development is great enough to provide all members of society with the means of subsistence, then this struggle between man and man ceases. It is also stated that the process known as "Evolution of Society" is a very different thing from the process known as evolution of species and varieties. The following is a striking statement for Mr. Huxley to make, and one that has caused already comment: "Social progress means the checking of the cosmic process at every step and the substitution for it of another, which may be called the ethical process; the end of which is not the survival of those who happened to be the fittest in respect of the whole of the conditions which obtain, but of those who are ethically the best."

In "Science and Morals," he with some heat denies the charge of being a materialist and intimates that no sensible man can be. He tries to impress upon us as strongly as possible that science is neutral in questions of religious moment. Although the book is a valuable one. It is extremely well bound and printed as all of D. Appleton's books are.

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John F. McFerd's Criticisms

EDITOR WEALTH MAKERS: At the Grand Island convention after Governor Holcomb had received the nomination, I remember seeing him go upon the stage before the members of that convention—the men who in confidence had placed the keeping of the Populist party in his hands, and there in a solemn and apparently honest and sincere manner pledge his manhood and his sacred honor to protect the interest, and faithfully carry out the will of the Populist party as far as it was in his power so to do.

Has Governor Holcomb kept that promise? Has the Populist party who