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What Consort Have They? How Can Populists Fuse Francis? with Either of the Fwin

Yes, danger ahead; danger to the copie's party. Not so much danger populist "leaders" which prompts them to seek as well as consent to fusion with one or the other of the old parties in county and state elections.

Again and again, as occasion re quired, have these columns been filled with arguments and facts and historical precedents setting forth the evil consequences sure to follow in the wake of a "fusion" movement with either wing of the enemy we are fighting. And so long as there remains selfish demagogues and unprincipled office-seekers within the party ranks who are ever on the alert to secure their own material advancement at the sacrifice of party principle, just so long must this fight on fusion continue by those who have at heart the best interests of the people's party.

These remarks are prompted by the news that certain populists of Mississippi are urging fusion with the republicans of that state for the coming campaign. Also by reports from other states relative to fusion with one or the other of the old parties on county tickets. It is poor encouragement for a populist editor to show up the fallacies of old-party politics only to have his supporters give the lie to his statements by throwing aside party principles and uniting with their opponents in a grand raid on the public crib.

What principles in common have the populists and republicans of Mississippi and Tennessee? What principles in common have the populists and democrats of Kansas and Missouri? Would a fusion victory in Mississippi this fall advance the cause of free coinage, or government loans, or government control of .nonopolies one iota? Would not the victory be claimed as a republican victory, and would not the policy of the victors be the same policy everywhere dictated to the republicans by their Wall street masters?

When populists of the south join ranks with the republicans and vote what they may be pleased to call a "fusion" ticket, or "union" ticket, or "independent" ticket, there won't be populist principle enough in the combine to distinguish it from a band of clear-quill republicans.

No more can be said of a union of populists and northern democratsthere might be more populism in the mixture after the election, but after that the movement would have to line up with the Cleveland-Wall street gang.

The lessons taught by fusion in Maine, fusion in Michigan, fusion in Tennessee, Kansas, and elsewhere ought to be sufficient to deter any loyal populist from seriously considering for a moment any proposition for fusion of any kind.

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RANK IDIOCY.

There Is No such Thing in Existence in This Country as a Fifty-Cent Dollar.

What absolute idiocy is all this talk about 50-cent dollars! There is no such thing in existence in this country. A rom without as from within the popu- silver dollar or a greenback will buy as list ranks. And the danger arises much of any commodity and pay as from an overweaning nankering for much debt or taxes as a gold dollar. office on the part of certain so-called Dollars are not made to eat, drink or wear. They are absolutely worthless, except for their use in the payment of debts and taxes and the purchase of things the people need. Reader, what do you care what a dollar is made of so long as it will buy what you want?

Have you any other use for dollars? It is true there is a difference in the commercial price of the commodities of which money is now made. Upon this fact, the sordid money advocates base the sophistry by which they seek to lead the people through deception to their ruin. Do you not know that when a commodity is converted into money, it ceases to be a commodity, and that so long as it remains money it has no other value than that given it by the fiat of the government? Commodity value disappears, and only money value remains. When it is again converted into a commodity it ceases to be money and cannot perform any of the functions of money.

The one central idea relative to money is its creation for a specific purpose. It is a legal tender in payment of debt (which gold is not) and it serves as a certificate to the holder that he has contributed some service or furnished to society something of value which entitles him to an equivalent in return of anything he may desire. What matters it, then, what material is used in this certificate? Only while it preserves the impress of the government fiat can it perform the function for which it is designed, and anything which bears this impress will perform that function, no matter of what material it is composed. Out upon this arrant nonsense of intrinsic value in money. Money has no intrinsic value and can have none. While anything remains money, it can have none except its money value, and in order to have any other value its money function must be destroyed .- Topeka (Kan.) Advocate.

White Slaves.

Even plutocracy was startled by the recent announcement that three hundred coal miners in Spring Valley, Ill., had offered to go into voluntary slav-ery if guaranteed, for themselves and families, comfortable homes, plenty of fuel, food and serviceable clothing. They represent the best element among the miners and are willing to thus serve, without a cent of wages, offering to sign an ironclad contract. During the last three years, these poor people say, they have often suffered for the necessities of life and that rather than see their families suffer any more, they will become serfs. Commenting on the above the New York Herald remarks that the lot of the average Illinois miner has never been above serfdom. If a history of the alleged suffering endured in that state by the employes of mining cor-



congregated on one side the line, and the republican and democratic goats be crowded over on the other side. There is plenty of room in the populist pasture for old party sheep, but their coats must be all wool. These fusion short cuts to success invariably lead into an old party trail. Beware of them. The only safe way is to keep moving

right along in the middle of the road; keep off the side tracks and turn a deaf ear to those mischief-makers that are always wanting to stop awhile for "refreshments." In this way alone can the "danger ahead" be successfully avoided.-Chicago Express.

Flat Money.

Just now the gold-bugs are trying to scare the people by setting up the howl of "flat money," when the truth is, the government never issued anything but fiat money. It is the fiat of the government that makes a thing money. If all our laws in relation to money were repealed to-day, everything that we call money would cease to be money, and you could no more force the merchant to take it for a bill of goods than you can compel him to take wheat or Texas ponies. To-morrow let the fiat of the government be re-enacted, calling it money, and it would become money. But, without such fiat, it matters not what the stamp on what we call money may be, it is only bullion or paper, and the question of commodity value has nothing whatever to do in determining whether it is fiat or not.-John P. St. John.

Don't Be Fooled.

The lines seem to be strictly drawn between silver and gold-between plutocracy and the common people. But let true patriots view with suspicion any attempts to draw them into the meshes of a hidden net. If there are those who really mean to train with a party that indorses free silver the people's party is already organized with: "We demand the free and unlimited coinage of gold and silver at the present ratio of 16 to 1," as a leading plank in its platform. The democratic party could give us anything they want to now, if they would. The republican party could have done so for thirty years. Then to depend on either for free silver is too silly to talk about. Don't do it. Just keep in the middle of the road and educate and agitate .-Alliance Plow Boy.

Alabama Populists.

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