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The schemes being concocted at Washington are treason to the human race.

Did you ever think of it—twelve majority of the U. S. senators are "silver cranks?"

CARLISLE and Cleveland chorus: "We are coming, Wall St., with a hundred thousand more."

On Monday of this week "that great wave" from the east overtook four business firms in Omaha.

GOLD was 1 1/2 per cent premium last Wednesday in New York. What has become of the Sherman-Carlisle "parity" scheme?

We say 16 to 1; but the exact legal ratio is 15 85-86 to 1. The fraction was made to save long rows of decimals in mint calculations.

The "patriots" who were making such a noise about putting flags over the school house were invited to put up or shut up. They shut up.

THE Power to tax is the power to take without the consent of the owner. When exercised for any other purpose than the common good, it is robbery and nothing but robbery.

THE preponderance of free silver senators is greater than in the last congress and our own senator—Wm. V. Allen—seems to be the giant of the situation.—Polk County Democrat.

ONE Morgan once made a raid into Ohio. He was captured and sent to the penitentiary. Another Morgan recently made a raid on Washington. He should be served the same way.

WILL our children be under any moral obligation to pay the fraudulent debts contracted by Sherman, Carlisle & Co., before they were born? Thirty year bonds will have to be paid buy our children.

A DEATH of one democratic member of the Kentucky legislature seems to assure the election of a gold bug republican senator from that state. The republicans will have one majority in the legislature now.

CARLISLE calls his new scheme to enrich bondholders and impoverish the people a "popular" loan. According to the ideas of this writer it is the most "unpopular" thing that has been done in these United States in the last hundred years.

GEN. A. J. WARNER in an article in the National Bimetallist says: "Let the greenbacks alone. They are better than bank currency can possibly be." Not only Gen. Warner but all economists of any reputation say the same thing.

MR. C. L. TALMADGE one of the most popular young Democrats in Lincoln has been appointed to assist in winding up the affairs of the German National Bank, which failed a short time ago. If we must have Democrats he is as good as could have been selected.

IS IT because the people twice elected Grover Cleveland to be president; that he acts on the principle that they all are fools? It is very strong grounds for such a belief without doubt. Nevertheless the fact is they didn't know the man and were deceived.

IN one breath the gold standard republicans will declare that value cannot be made by law, and the next they demand a law for the express purpose of making values for manufactured products by increasing tariffs. That is why we call them hypocrites.

THE House of Representatives held a session one day last week to fix up the rules. The first thing they did was to make a rule ordering the clerk to pay them. The next thing was to annul the old rule requiring the sergeant-at-arms who holds large sums of money to give bonds.

CONGRESSMAN SPAULDING wants Hawaii annexed right away and has introduced a bill for that purpose. Perhaps when Hawaii looks things over and takes a squint at the mountain of debt that Cleveland and the Republican party is piling on us, she won't want to take hand in paying it.

THE PENITENTIARY

If the citizens of this state could be truthfully informed of the state of affairs in regard to the penitentiary there would be a protest which even the thieves at the state house would heed. When THE INDEPENDENT says that Churchill and Russell are planning a robbery, it means exactly what it says without any qualification. If such a thing had been attempted before the whole public administration had been honeycombed with corruption, the villains would have been tarred and feathered and ridden on a rail.

Churchill and Russell, the State Journal and other republican papers, which by their open advocacy or by their silence are urging on these villains to rob the state of money that has to be bought with ten cent oats and twelve cent corn, do not even pretend that it would be a saving to put a \$3,000 agent in control of the penitentiary.

It is open, unadulterated stealing, and nothing but stealing.

If the men and the papers engaged in this dirty business do not like this statement they can make the most of it.

The convicts in the penitentiary are all employed and the state is receiving forty cents a day for their labor. There is good order and discipline among them, a superintendent is not needed, and to hire one and put him in control of the prison at a salary of \$3,000 a year is stealing. The kind of a man that Churchill and Russell want to put in charge of the penitentiary to handle its funds can be learned from the following official documents.

[Copy.] WARRANT NO. 84032.

The State of Nebraska: To A. D. Beemer, Dr. January, 1894, conducting remanded prisoner, Green S. Gravelly, No. 2204, to Lincoln, Neb.—self and guard one day..... \$5 00 Mileage..... 2 00 Conveyance..... 60 \$7 60

WARRANT NO. 84034.

The State of Nebraska: To A. D. Beemer, Dr. January, 1894, conducting remanded prisoner, James P. Palin, to Lincoln, Neb.—self and guard one day..... \$5 00 Mileage..... 2 00 Conveyance..... 60 \$7 60

There lie before the writer copies of numerous other vouchers and warrants of like character drawn by this man A. D. Beemer and sworn to by him.

The following is a copy of the oath he made:

THE STATE OF NEBRASKA, } ss. County of..... } ss.

I,.....do hereby solemnly swear that the above and foregoing account and voucher is a true, correct, and complete statement of the account of.....for supplies, or services for the State of Nebraska, as therein recited, and that the items, or services therein, were fully delivered or rendered to said State, and that the charges therein made are the legal, just, and usual charges for said supplies, or services; and that said bill, nor any part thereof, has not been paid heretofore by the State; but that the same is now wholly due and unpaid; and that I am the.....of the firm or corporation signing said voucher, and that I am fully conversant with the items charged herein, and that in all matters and things touching the same, I am correct and charge no item of indebtedness against the State of Nebraska.

Now there are living witnesses who will swear that when A. C. Beemer took the two prisoners Gravelly and Palin from the penitentiary to the court house in Lincoln, that he had no guard and hired no conveyance, but took them unguarded on the street car at a cost for each prisoner of 15 cents.

The following is a copy of a voucher for the same service put in by Warden Leidigh:

The State of Nebraska: To Geo. W. Leidigh, Dr. October 23, 1895. For conducting remanded prisoner Samuel Wood No. 2443 to Lincoln, Neb. two motor car fares from Lancaster to Lincoln, and one motor car fare from Lincoln to Lancaster at 5 cents each, 15 cents.

The man who made the above oath and received \$7.60 for that service is the man whom Churchill and Russell appointed as superintendent to take entire charge of the penitentiary and to handle all the money belonging to it. The reason that Al. Beemer has not been arrested and brought to trial for these crimes is because the prosecuting officers are all Republicans. There should be some citizen patriotic enough to file an information and secure his arrest, for the above thefts are only samples of many others that can be found on the public records.

But the crimes of Al. Beemer are not greater than those of Churchill and Russell, although they are of a different form, as will be seen from the following facts:

When Warden Leidigh took charge of the plant on the 8th of August, after Dorgan was bought out, and the stuff on hand turned over to him, he found every thing in ruins. All the steam boilers except one, were condemned by the boiler inspector, although Broatch had paid an enormous price for them. Only steam enough could be made to run the broom factory and harness shop.

The board authorized the warden to make the necessary repairs so as to start the machinery and put the convicts to work. When the warden undertook to buy the repairs Churchill and Russell put a notice in the papers forbidding all persons to sell him anything, and did all they could conceive of to prevent him starting the machinery.

Notwithstanding the notice, the Western Supply Co. finally furnished the warden the needed material.

The boilers had to be practically made over. All the steam piping had to be renewed. Every cock and joint was leaking steam.

With almost superhuman energy the warden went to work to put the plant into condition so that the convicts could get to work and save the tax payers' cost of their maintenance.

To prevent this, Churchill and Russell refused, not only to pay for these supplies, but also refused to pay the employees of the prison, and for five months the warden, guards and attendants of all kinds have not received a cent of pay. The people of Nebraska ought to remember these men, not one of whom forsook his post, although many of them and their families were in great need. With ceaseless vigilance they kept guard over the convicted felons committed by the courts to their charge.

The prison is now in excellent condition. There were yesterday, 174 convicts at work for various companies. They are earning for the state 40 cents a day. Many more are employed in doing the work of the prison in the laundry, in the kitchen and various other duties. The cooper shop, the broom factory, the harness shop and the stove foundry are all running at their fullest capacity. What good could a superintendent do there? The contractors who hire the men are satisfied. There was never as good discipline in the prison before. Every cent is being saved to the state that it is possible to save, a fact that no one denies. What do Churchill and Russell want to appoint an agent for? For no other reason than to get hold of the wages of the convicts and the \$100,000 appropriated by the legislature. It is the most bare faced plot to rob ever planned by conscienceless politicians. And they say they are going on with it in spite of the decision of the supreme court. Was ever a state cursed with such a gang such as these?

STAND UP FOR NEBRASKA

The World-Herald, the State Journal, the Bee and all other great papers are making desperate efforts to induce immigration. Now while the Populists stand first and all the time for the growth of this state and for all the people in it, and all who shall come to it, he knows that the plan pursued by those papers must fail. Advertisements of our wonderful natural resources the healthfulness of our climate and all that may be said upon those subjects will not induce men to come, unless they can see a prospect of making a home for themselves, their wives and their children.

Immigrants would pour into this state by the thousands if there was a reasonable prospect for a living and a spot free from debt where the aged workers, after a life of toil could spend their declining years in comfort and peace. The way to induce immigration is to make conditions that will produce such results.

With corn at 12 cents per bushel, oats 10, and wheat 35, immigrants would not come to this state. Why should they come? At those prices they could perhaps, by incessant toil, maintain a bare existence. But with corn at 40 cents, oats at 30 and wheat at \$1.00, they would people the bare prairies of the state in a short time.

As it is now, men are leaving the state. Colonization societies are organizing everywhere, to go south, to the mountain states and to Old Mexico, and they will continue to go as long as prices continue to fall.

The men and the papers who have stopped immigration to this state and are driving away some of those who have been here for years, are the men who have enabled the railroads to take all "the traffic will bear." They are those who have sent men to Congress to vote more bonds and increase taxation, the men who put corporation attorneys in the United States Senate and the men who have made the dollar dear and corn wheat, beef and pork so cheap that a man cannot make a living producing them. The great dailies are pursuing a policy that tends to the depopulation of this state, while they cry, "stand up for Nebraska." They are the men who ruin business, break our banks and wreck our prosperity.

ABOUT CONFIDENCE "We must restore confidence." "Business will not revive until confidence is restored." "Confidence is the source of all prosperity." All of these quotations are from recent editorials in the great dailies. It is a very terse way of stating the exact opposite of the truth. The one thing that has ruined the people of this United States is too much confidence. People had confidence in Moshers' bank. What was the result? They are impoverished. The people had confidence in the Republican party. It loaded them with public and railroad debts. They had confidence in the Democratic party. It proceeded to further bond us and the children that come after us to Rothschilds and Wall Street. Still millions of poor deluded mortals are bearing about with them unlimited amounts of confidence, while they steadily march down the broad road to serfdom and slavery. Out with your confidence. It is the ruin of the world and not its salvation.

CAN'T DO IT ALL

Mr. Edward Stout Atwater, president of the Farmers and Manufacturers Bank of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., sends the editor of this paper a letter containing "a plan to secure an adequate and safe circulation for the United States." He says he has also sent a copy of his plan to the finance committee of the U. S. Senate. He wants us to urge its adoption. Well, we can't do it. It is about as unsafe and inadequate a plan as a banker could dream out after a big dinner at Delmonicos.

He wants the banks to furnish all the paper money. That is a government function and is no part of the banking business, and the government can't turn it over to them any more than it can the army and navy.

He wants to base his currency on the debt of the nation, state, cities, counties and school districts. We can't agree to that either. The Populists are going to get hold of this government pretty soon and they will make such conditions that these debts, after a few years, will all be paid. Then where will be his basis of circulation? Then we don't like money based on debt any way. We prefer to base it, if it is to be based at all, on what we own rather than on what we owe. Mr. Atwater's idea is that there is to always be a great perpetual interest bearing debt. That's a banker's idea. It is not ours at all. We are very sorry, Mr. Atwater, but we can't urge your scheme. We think it is a villainous scheme, a scheme to rob, a scheme for you to get interest on what you owe. In fact, we are down on the whole plan.

THEY COULD NOT REASON

A large business house in Philadelphia, the Keen-Sutterle Co., failed on Saturday and a whole line of other houses went tumbling down like a row of cards, and by night, the shoe, leather, dressed kid and morrocco business of Philadelphia was practically annihilated. This Mr. Keen was one of the Philadelphians who was red hot for the repeal of the Sherman act, he was one of the chaps that took the contract of forcing Don Cameron to vote for the repeal of that act. When Cameron asked him what business he was in and he replied "kid and morrocco" Cameron said, "I shall not do what you ask, but the bill will be repealed and houses in your line will be among the first to go to the wall. Very little kid and morrocco leather will be used by the people of the United States after the establishment of the gold standard. They will be too poor to buy that kind of goods."

Mr. Keen will, in his future poverty, learn a lesson that he refused to learn in the days of his prosperity. Experience is an exceedingly dear school, but gold bug fools will learn in no other. Some of the "leading men" of Lincoln who sent petitions to Congress asking for the repeal of the Sherman act, have since gone into bankruptcy, and now walk the streets with nothing to do and no hope for the future. They were of the class that can only learn by experience. They cannot reason and logic is an unknown science among them.

RUSSIAN FINANCES

Russia has more gold than any of the continental nations. She does not use it as money. The fact is she puts it in a big vault and keeps it locked up. She don't take any out, but she is constantly putting more in. The more she puts in that vault and gets out of circulation, the higher price she gets for her exports. Russia uses silver and paper only for money. The dearer she can make gold the better it is for her, and so she hides every rouble of it she can get. It gold should become so dear that two grains of it would buy a bushel of wheat or a barrel of coal oil, that would only help Russian wheat and oil producers, and ruin those of America.

Russia produces a bushel of wheat and sells it in the London market for 60 cents in gold which converted into Russian money is about \$1.30. The American farmer sells a bushel of wheat in Liverpool for 60 cents, and when he gets home he has but 60 cents. This gives the Russian farmer substantially a 100 per cent advantage, and the dearer gold gets, the greater the advantage would be to the Russian farmer. There are no gold-bug idiots in Russia.

KID GLOVE STATESMEN

What has become of that set of egotistical economists who could be seen some time since marching up and down this state, proclaiming in their shrill, uncontrolled voices that the railroads made Nebraska? And where is the other crowd of silk hat, kid gloved statesmen who proclaimed in strident tones that the capitalists were the men who made the state great and prosperous? Where are these gentlemen now and what makes them so extremely quiet?

In those days, if a farmer modestly suggested that his work had something to do, in some small way at least, with the creation of wealth, he was asked with a sneer how he could have the egotism even to hint that it was possible for an old hayseed to have ideas upon so obtruse a subject as political economy.

Where are those silk hat, kid gloved gentlemen now? Why are they so exceedingly quiet? There has not been a word heard from them for a year.

Under present circumstances it would hardly do to proclaim their peculiar vagaries. It has dawned upon the people that the doctrines taught by the Farmer's Alliance were right. Railroads cannot make a state. Capital cannot make a state. You might gidron the plains with railroads, and pile the capital of the Rothschilds in our bank vaults and you cannot have a state if the farmers cannot bring forth from the earth corn, wheat, oats and vegetables. If the farmer fails all fail.

What then made this state? Was it railroads and gold in the bank vaults? Not at all. It was the brains and muscles of the hardy sons of toll who

tilled the land and brought forth wealth from the bosom of mother earth.

If they think the railroads and capital can make a state and that the farmer has nothing to do with it, let them go to the deserts of Asia, where there are no farmers and never will be, and try the experiment. The drouth has taught the people some needful lessons. Of all the political idiots on earth, these capitalistic, kid glove, railroad statesmen are the worst.

POSTAL SAVINGS BANK

The necessity of this measure outlined in the preamble to and platform of the Populist party is being forced upon many unwilling minds. Take, for instance, the demand for postal savings banks. A large number of bills to establish postal savings banks have already been introduced at this session of Congress, some by Republicans and some by Democrats. If we had had such a bank in Lincoln, many a family in this city, now suffering the most pinching poverty and some now in actual want, would be enjoying comfortable and happy homes. When the demand was first made, it was only referred to by the well-to-do with a sniff of derision. Some of these same men are now paupers because there was no postal savings banks. Moshers, Ault-calt and others of their ilk, have the money of these sufferers, while they starve and shiver. The Populists wanted to save them, but they would not listen.

PINOHBEEK PATRIOTS

The despicable hypocrisy of the pinch-beck patriots who assaulted Professor Fossler, could not be more fully proved than it has been by the failure of those who were flaunting their patriotism so conspicuously, to subscribe to the fund to purchase flags to float over the school houses. Prof. Fossler, when these old-flag-and-an appropriation fellows attacked him said: "I can't vote to increase the school debt, but I will subscribe five dollars out of my pocket to help buy flags." Then the powerful State Journal undertook to raise the money by public subscription and appealed to these vaunting patriots to put up their money. After some weeks the Journal reports that it has in unpaid subscriptions, besides Prof. Fossler's five dollars, twelve other dollars. That is the amount they are willing to sacrifice for patriotism. These chaps are patriots for an office or an appropriation and nothing else. When it means a sacrifice for the flag they are silent.

REPUBLICAN ANARCHISTS

The man who runs for an office and fails to receive a plurality of votes and then attempts to take the office by force or fraud is an anarchist, and nothing but an anarchist. If the man who receives the largest number of votes is not to hold the office then our form of government is overturned.

Judge Norris failed to receive the largest number of votes yet he is willing to take the office by fraud.

W. C. Bailey of Aurora was defeated by 10 votes but he refuses to give up the office to the man who was elected.

J. F. Baird of Chadron was defeated by over 100 votes. He refused to give up his office, and the Populist who was elected had to go in and pitch him out by physical force.

All these men are trying to overthrow our form of government. No other word than anarchy will describe what they have done.

JOHNNY DIDN'T LIKE IT.

It will do no harm to often reprint the following resolution offered in the United States senate by Senator Call of Florida. Resolved, That a select committee of five senators be appointed by the president of the senate who shall be charged with the duty of investigating the subject of the efforts of corporations in the state of Florida, or of the president and directors thereof, to control the election of members of congress from the state of Florida, or to influence the legislation of congress; also, to investigate and report to the senate whether corrupt means, bribery, or free transportation have been or are being used to influence such elections in the state of Florida; also, to inquire and report to the senate whether the use of such influences or means is consistent with the preservation of the republic of the United States and the rights and liberties of the people, and to report a bill for the prevention of such practices.

It is not to be wondered at that our senatorial Johnny did not like that at all and did all in his power to defeat it. He knew by what means he got into the senate to represent Nebraska himself, and he did not want the ways corporations have of putting their tools in the senate exposed. The old farmers who voted for Johnny are proud of him.

The following is the bill that nineteenth of the American people want enacted forthwith, and it was introduced by a populist, Marion Butler: "Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the issuance of interest-bearing bonds of the United States for any purpose whatever without further authority of congress is hereby prohibited."

JOHN CLARK RIDPATH, LL. D., says in the Arena for January, of our national debt. "The people have paid and paid for thirty years, and at the end have paid just this—NOTHING." The purchasing power of the national debt at the end of the year 1895 is greater than it was at the end of the year 1866. So while we have paid \$2,000,000,000 in interest, we owe more than we did in the beginning. Is it any wonder that both people and government are nearly bankrupt?

JUDGE BELL, populist member from Colorado, got in a minute or so on the floor of the house the other day by the courtesy of some other member, and proceeded to tell Tom Reed what he thought of him and his rules. Among other things he said, was that not since the session opened had a populist member been recognized by the speaker. He denounced the committee assignments made by the speaker, described the present organization and management of the house as that of a body of bosses, and the result, tyranny. A man might arise in the house and address the chair every hour of every day of the session, but he cannot proceed until Tom Reed pleases to let him, no matter what is before the house.

THE voters of Lincoln held one of the largest and most influential meetings ever held in the state, and unanimously demanded the free coinage of silver. Then the editor of the Lincoln Herald, a Cleveland-Sherman, gold bug concern, issued from the First National bank building, sat down and wrote: "The silver excitement is dying out and all efforts to arouse the people of Nebraska will be but a waste of energy. The people are becoming wearied of the populism and silverism and are content to await to prosperity that is sure to come with the return of good crops." The gold bug papers in this country are certainly not paid so much a lie for their writing. If they were, they would soon bankrupt the whole Rothschilds' ring.

MR. W. J. BRYAN says that the most astonishing thing that he ever met with in all his life was to see Mr. Hardy get up in meeting and say that he was willing to drop prohibition and make a fight for monetary reform, and Mr. Hardy thinks that the most astonishing thing he ever heard of was the statement of W. J. Bryan that he was willing to vote for a high protective tariff if this was coupled with the free coinage of silver. But the editor of the INDEPENDENT is more astonished than either one of them to think that two such intelligent men have been so long finding out what was causing the heretofore unheard of woe, want, and misery in these United States.

If Americans despise hypocrisy, how does Johnny Thurston stand in their estimation? He fought Maxwell for supreme judge because he said Maxwell was too old to perform the duties of that office. Then he went down to Washington and voted for Morrill chairman of the finance committee, much more important and laborious office. Morrill is sixteen years older than Maxwell. The congressional directory shows that he was born April 14, 1810.

THREE hundred and eighty-five thousand dollars more of perpetual annual taxation has been added to the awful burden already upon the backs of the people by the addition of 1000 seamen to the navy. The building of a navy, costly as it is, is only a very small percentage of the taxation which that luxury involves. The maintenance and repairs, the big salaries of the officers, machinery and coal supplies, make, altogether, heavier burdens than this nation ever had laid upon it in the past.

MARION BUTLER knocked out the plea of both old parties that they are not responsible for more bond issues, because neither have a majority in the Senate last Tuesday when he said: "It would not do for either the Republican or Democratic side of the chamber to evade responsibility by saying that it had no majority. I pledge, six People's party votes in this chamber to either party that will stop the further issue of bonds and six votes will give a majority to either side. In fact, either party can have a majority in this body when it desires to pass any law in the interest of the American people."

THE Japanese have established a commercial trade journal in New York, called the Japanese-American Commerce Pioneer. It is printed in Japanese and its object is to keep the merchants of Japan posted on American prices. Goods are still continuing to come from Japan and the goldbug manufacturers are still rubbing their eyes and trying to find out what hit them. Japan's free silver and improved machinery will drive them out before another year.

THE Republicans thought that Maxwell was too old to be a judge, but they do not think Gov. Morton of N. Y., to be so president, although Morton is running around the streets before Maxwell was born. On that subject Twentieth Century remarks that "The old lady who thought no one was ever too old to fall in love bears a striking resemblance to Governor Morton, in the he thinks that a man is never too old to be president."

THE power of Congress to issue legal tender money, by repeated decision of the U. S. Supreme court, is as much part of our constitution and form of government as the abolition of chattel slavery. The abolishment of legal tender paper money would be as great a violation as the re-establishment of slavery, and would produce as much misery. That is why Cleveland, Carlisle and the whole goldbug crew are revolutionists and traitors.