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The populists have sounded forth a trumpet that shall never call retreat.

One can borrow stacks of trouble nowadays, but not a cent of money.

The Progressive Age says "the socialists will place a ticket in the field in Minnesota."

THE INDEPENDENT makes war only on robbers and thieves. For these it will have no mercy.

When the pop editor gets through scioring the National Bimetallist it looks like a step-ladder.

The National Bimetallist says: "The populist party is looming up as an unquestioned power in American politics."

The new Utah senators are in Washington and are for free silver. The silver majority in the senate will now be fourteen.

WITHOUT the farmer there could be no other business, and the whole race of man would disappear from the face of the earth.

If we should have a war with Great Britain would the A. P. A.'s prohibitive Catholics from fighting in our ranks, either as officers or privates?

TOM ABILEY, Fremont, Everett, Judge Norris, Willie Peoples and about ten and a-half more republicans are announced as candidates for congress in the third district.

It will be impossible to overcome the free silver majority in the senate for some years. Now let us elect a house and president and bring prosperity to our native land.

A GOOD many are beginning to ask who is going to be your candidate. Mr. Free-coinage-of-silver-and-government-issuance-of-money-is-the-man. We don't know his other name yet.

A FULL list of the officers, executive committee and all the members of the state central committee of the peoples party in Nebraska will be found in another column.

CARLISLE is going to coin some silver at last. It is only \$7,000,000 but it shows that the government can coin silver when it wants to without any change in the laws.

A COLORADO paper, rejoicing over woman suffrage in that state, remarks that a woman is as good as a man in Colorado. Well, she is a great deal better than a man in Nebraska.

WHEN any foreign power plucks at the American eagle we look at his picture on the silver dollar and read: "In God we Trust" and say with this motto and this dollar we can whip the world.

A GOOD part, and the best part too, of Nebraska will go to St. Louis on the 22d day of next July. There will be over 200 delegates and alternates from this state to the two great conventions held there that day.

THE INDEPENDENT desires to remark that if Senator Davis' resolutions in regard to the Monroe doctrine are adopted that act will forever wreck the Queen's English whether it has any effect upon her pretensions to American soil or not.

The Associated Press says: "Mr. Frye (rep., Me.) made a fierce and patriotic speech, in which he lauded the English government." That is the kind of patriotism that always lies deep down in the gold bug heart.

We not only want happy hunting grounds in the hereafter, but to "build houses and inhabit them and plant vineyards and eat the fruit thereof" ourselves in this country in which we now live.

THE Associated Press announces that Senator John Union Pacific Thurston is going to make a speech. Let every one stand still and listen. The sun will be darkened, the moon turned into blood, the whole creation will groan and tra-

SOME COMMON SENSE. The populists of Minnesota are coming to the aid of their state paper in a magnificent way. They will carry that state next fall as sure as the election occurs. Every populist township and county office is subscribing for from twenty to 500 copies of the paper and sending them to doubtful voters for three or six months. That is good common sense. That work will tell. It will make more votes than all the speakers however eloquent they may be, though they cost ten times as much.

Now let the populist office holders in Nebraska do the same thing by their state paper and Nebraska is ours at the next election. From a business point of view, it is the best investment that any citizen of Nebraska can make. To carry this state will be more than a million dollars saved to the citizens thereof, in stopping the stealing in the state, county and municipal offices and getting somewhere near reasonable freight and passenger tariff rates in the state.

GOVERNOR HOLCOMB. Populists and all other men who want an honest and efficient state governor may well rejoice over the administration of Governor Holcomb. In this long and persistent fight to prevent the stealing of many thousands of dollars through the manipulation of the funds belonging to the penitentiary and the wages of the convicts, he has had against him every plutocratic influence in the state, yet he has defeated the thieves at every point, and preserved the funds of the state from the annual looting to which they have been subjected ever since Boss Stout first got control of the prison.

To-day the Russell-Churchill crowd are a gang of whipped curs. They have been beaten at every point. They have been prevented from stealing the money of the taxpayers, from taking control of the prison, in fact from everything that they attempted, by the calm, firm, and persistent action of the governor.

Al. Beemer has been driven from the city and he will not pocket \$3,000 drawn from a treasury already depleted by many robberies, and which has to be filled by raising 10 cent oats, 12 cent corn, and 35 cent wheat.

Russell and Churchill have been forced to audit the pay accounts of the governor's appointees at the penitentiary. Not once have the fleehing hands of these state house thieves been allowed to clutch the hard earnings of the oppressed people of Nebraska. Every man, except actual or would-be thieves, in the state of Nebraska will honor the name of Silas Holcomb.

KILL THE THING. If ever a lie wore seven league boots, it was the lie started on the rounds some two years ago that there was somebody in the reform forces who wanted to make the next campaign on the free silver issue alone. Now there never was such a proposition. Even the Bimetallist League, voted it down by an unanimous vote, and put out a platform demanding the issue of all paper money by the general government alone, said money to be a full legal tender.

The leading free silver democrats would have nothing to do with a "single silver plank." Senator Vest, who "will not leave the party of my father" said: "I would not under any contingency give the enormous power to the national banks which is proposed by this scheme. I would give to no corporation invented by mortal man the power to control the volume of money in the United States. It is a temptation beyond description that I would not for one moment think of hazarding."

The writer of this was two years at Washington, attended all the populist caucuses of the members of Congress and was every day at the populist headquarters, and he never saw or heard of a populist who wanted to make the fight on the single silver issue.

And still this lie is going the rounds. Honest populists everywhere are afraid that somebody is planning to make the populist party simply a silver party. Good populists have been asking since the meeting of the national committee at St. Louis, if an effort was made there to commit the party to the single silver issue. The subject was not even mentioned there. The whole story was a fake. The men who have been accused of wanting a "single silver issue" have been for years the foremost advocates of scientific money. Now kill the thing. Kill it so dead that it will never even kick.

PROFESSOR FISHER ON COIN. Prof. Willard Fisher has a long article in the Quarterly Journal of Economics entitled "Coin and His Critics." He says of Coin's Financial School that "The work is just about what ought to be expected from an untrained thinker of considerable more than average ability. Mr. Harvey has some sound thoughts which might well be pondered by those who pass unqualified condemnation on his teachings."

The professor shows up Coin's economic errors, for there are some in the book, and then he goes for Coin's critics with an unsparring hand. His objection to Harvey is the same as that of the populist, that he gives undue prominence to unimportant matters, and passes over the really crucial and fundamental points with a word.

He takes up all the attempted replies and goes through them one by one, and in the reading of these criticisms there is lots of fun for the populist.

Of Prof. Laughlin's reply, called "Facts About Money," he says "it is a very inferior work and utterly unreliable as a guide in the study of the money question. There is so much that is false that the whole is quite untrustworthy. After Professor Fisher has pointed out ten or fifteen misstatements of facts, facts that should be within the knowledge of any one attempting to write on the subject, he turns on Professor Laughlin his own criticism, which Laughlin thought was a crusher when he used it against Harvey. It is as follows: "These errors are not, of course, very vital to the money question, but they are vital to the trustworthiness of the book. A book which does not contain a true statement on its first page is certainly open to suspicion."

But the funniest thing of all this business is, that Professor Fisher seems to think that silver was demonetized in 1873. After the raking he gave these other chaps for their misstatements, he denies that the act dropping the silver dollar was pass surreptitiously. If any one will come to the INDEPENDENT office and read all that occurred in the senate the day the act was passed, he cannot fail to acknowledge that the act dropping the silver dollar was smuggled through without the knowledge of any senator save John Sherman.

Silver was demonetized in 1874 by the use of perjury when the revised statutes were accepted and enacted by congress.

HAYSEEDS VS. THE PROFESSORS

That "Coin's Financial School" greatly disturbed the equanimity of a good many gold bugs is proven by the numerous attempted replies that have been printed and sent out by the great publishing houses. Among them, but not all of them, are "Sound Money" by John A. Frazer, "Money Gold, Silver, or Bimetallism" by Eli Perkins (acknowledged to be the biggest liar on earth), "A Freak of Finance," by John F. Cargill, "Answer to Coin's Financial School," by Stanley Wood, "Farmer Hayseed in Town," by L. G. Powers, "Report of Uncle Sam's Homilies on Finance," by Chas. Elton Blanchard, "Real Bimetallism or True Coin versus False Coin," by Everett P. Wheeler, "Coin's Financial Fool," by Horace White, and "Facts About Money," by J. Laurence Laughlin. The best of them all is Prof. Laughlin's work and how reliable that is may be seen from the following statements which he makes without any qualifications at all.

He says that bimetallism never existed in the United States, that the demonetization of silver was a myth and had no effect on the condition of the country, that prices have not fallen because of any change in the money, but because of industrial improvements and the fall in prices is a great blessing, that there is no demand for more money, that the free coinage of silver would do no good but much harm and many more things of like nature.

Now, that is the very best that the learned professors of the millionaire endowed universities can do in discussing the money question. There are five thousand old Hayseeds in Nebraska that can go on a platform and knock out any one of these gold bug professors in three rounds and come out of the fight without a scratch.

A FALSE CLAIM

The republican claim that the Wilson bill was the cause of the necessity to issue bonds, is a falsehood and every republican leader knows that it is. If Harrison law had been re-elected and if the McKinley law had remained on the statute books, the same condition would have existed.

On the 20th day of February 1893 the republican Secretary of the Treasury, Hon. Charles Foster, issued an order to prepare and print bonds. Here is the official order itself:

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 20, 1893. Sir: You are hereby authorized and directed to prepare designs for the 3 percent bonds provided in a Senate amendment to the sundry civil bill now pending. The denominations which should first receive attention are \$100 and \$1,000 of the coupon bonds and \$100, \$1,000 and \$10,000 of the registered bonds. This authority is given in advance of the enactment, in view of the pressing contingencies and you are directed to hasten the preparation of the designs and plates in every possible manner.

Enclose a memorandum for your guidance in preparing the script for the body of the bonds. Respectfully yours, CHARLES FOSTER, Secretary.

"In view of the pressing contingencies" says the republican Secretary of the Treasury. That was before Cleveland was inaugurated. That was while the McKinley bill was in full force. That was before the Wilson bill was ever heard of, and yet it was the Wilson tariff that drove gold out of the treasury was it?

That isn't the song they sang during the extra session. It's another song altogether. Then they said it was the Sherman act. "Just repeal this act," said John Sherman, "and prosperity will return in ten days." A cause that has to resort to such tergiversation is rotten. Truth has no need to use such means.

FLUNKY WALCOTT

Senator Walcott in his English flunky speech against the Monroe doctrine said: "Wherever you find the religion of Christ and the dominance of English speaking people, you find communities where freedom exists and law is obeyed," than which nothing could be further from the truth. Venezuela and New Guiana, the countries of which he was speaking demonstrate the falsity of the assertion.

In the British province of Guiana the suffrage is restricted to about 2,000 men most of whom were born in Europe. The remainder of the 288,000 inhabitants are mostly negroes and East India coolies. They are practically sans without rights. Across the Orinoco in Venezuela the suffrage is extended practically to all classes of people, negroes and Indians, as well as white men. Is this an evidence that English domination brings freedom?

THE STATE JOURNAL'S TWISTINGS

The State Journal had a leading editorial on last Sunday that has set the whole state to laughing, although it was not intended to be a humorous article at all.

What made the article so amusing was that Mr. Gere went to work and collated all the illegal acts of Churchill and Russell, ascribed them to Gov. Holcomb and then read him homilies on obeying the laws and thus avoiding mistakes.

There was a time when that game could be worked in this state, but that was before the people had a press of their own through which they could get the truth.

The brazen cheek of the thing was never equaled in corporation journalism before. The courts have decided that the Governor had obeyed the law and that the whole scheme of Churchill and Russell was illegal.

Then the Journal reads homilies to the Governor on the sin of violating the law and pats Churchill and Russell on the back and says they are very good little boys who have an unwise Governor.

Is it any wonder that the people smiled a broad western smile when they read it?

THEY OWNED THE WORLD.

The gold standard dailies used to tell us that it was only the unsuccessful men - men who did not know how to do business - that were howling, and that that class of men should not be trusted to make our laws. Now look at the record of the bankers in another column and see how they have managed their business. They are the chaps who made the financial laws under which we live and it turns out that they did not know how to run their own business, let alone that of any one else. They used to parade the streets in their silk hats, broadcloth, and kid gloves, and thought they they owned the world. Now they find that they don't own anything. The bank is shut up. The receiver or the bank examiner has the key. Let them get on the road and tramp awhile it will do them good. Perhaps by and bye they will get a work on political economy and read it. If they ever do they will spend the remainder of their lives in cursing the gold standard editors of the daily papers, who caused them to lose their fortunes. As one of them remarked to the editor of THE INDEPENDENT not long ago: "Banking ain't no funny business any more."

INCURABLY INSANE

Brother Hardy will have to write a letter to the New Era, the great prohibition organ or take measures to have a commission in lunacy examine into the sanity of the editor. All that would be necessary to get the commission to commit the said editor to a hospital for the incurable insane, would be to read to them the following, clipped from an editorial in the last issue of that paper.

No one ever saw anything from our pen to the effect that "the purchasing power of each dollar depends on the number of dollars available." That is a common idea, but it is a common error. When potatoes are rated in the market at 25 cents a bushel, the purchasing power of a dollar is the same as that of four bushels of potatoes. When potatoes are rated at 50 cents per bushel, the purchasing price of a dollar is the same as that of two bushels of potatoes. And this will be true whether the number of dollars available is ten or ten billion.

ALLEN AND THURSTON.

Extract from the Congregational Record.

Mr. Thurston.—My father fought and died a private soldier.

Mr. Allen.—Mr. President, I had some experience during the late war following the brigadier generals, sometimes following them and they sometimes following us.

The sycophantic followers of the plutocrats who haunt the senate galleries cheered Thurston whose "father" was a soldier, but the real soldier who carried a knapsack and musket they did not cheer. Nevertheless, as he stands there battling for the rights of mankind with the same unflinching bravery that he faced the storms of shot and shall on many a hard fought field, let him remember that hearts of the great common people cheer, although he hears it not.

SEVERAL prominent men, all old citizens of Omaha, declare they will leave the state if public robbery cannot be stopped. They say the city and state will become hopelessly bankrupt, property valueless, and life unsafe, if the political jobbers and thieves are allowed to conduct the government. Mayor Broatch recently appointed a ward heeler inspector of boilers, who has no license and the board council instantly confirmed the appointment, although it was in violation of the city charter and laws of the state. This act endangers the lives of thousands of the citizens. But men like Broatch and republican ringsters generally, care nothing for life or property. The owners of buildings containing steam plants are not the

only ones affected. The men and women who work in mills, and factories, the occupants of steam-heated tenements and office buildings, and the teachers and children in the public schools are all exposed to the danger of defective boilers and steam-fitting. But what do republican politicians care for life or property?

MORGAN NOT A POPULIST.

Senator Morgan made a splendid free silver speech but he is far, very far from being a populist. In his speech the other day he said:

I for one would be willing to fund the greenbacks in gold bonds if silver certificates are issued dollar for dollar to take their place in the volume of currency as they are retired, and if the silver to secure their redemption is supplied from the coin and bullion in the treasury, and from the free coinage of silver under the act of 1837.

That kind of doctrine will not do at all. There could be no increase of the currency under it for years. Populists will not fund anything in gold bonds or any other kind of bonds.

There is not a farmer, business man or banker in the state who cannot in the end make more clean cash by investing in subscriptions in this paper or spending time to work for it than in any other occupation in which he can engage, for every dollar that comes into this office will be spent on the paper in spreading sound economic truths, upon the adoption of which depends the prosperity of every business enterprise in the state of whatever nature it may be. One general effort will put the government of this state in the hands of honest men, and put it there to stay for some years to come. Let us hold up the hands of Senator Allen and Governor Holcomb, who, one in the Senate and the other in the State House, are making the bravest fight for honest government against the greatest odds ever made by mortal men.

HALE, Aldrich and Sherman are getting very uneasy over the valuable economic speeches that are being made in the senate on the money question and are trying to devise some scheme to stop them. The only reply they try to make is to say that the money question is an old worn out theme on which they have nothing to say. To the arguments presented by the advocates of the free coinage of silver and the government issue of all paper money, no serious reply has ever been attempted, for none can be made. The goldites can talk about Peffer's whiskers or Jerry Simpson's socks, but on the fundamental principles of money they cannot talk. They can only sneer and scoff.

The credit of this government seems indestructible. It has raised and paid out in the thirty years since our civil war more than \$12,000,000,000 in current expenses and more than \$3,000,000,000 in bonded debt and interest, and its bonds, exempt from taxation, are still worth 20 per cent more than their face value in gold. Notwithstanding all this, Sherman, Carlisle & Co. would have us believe that they are sitting up nights trying to devise ways and means "to preserve the public credit," while about five million fools in these states seem to believe that it is in danger.

The tactics of Christianity were well chosen for former periods of the world, but now they should be changed and new tactics adopted. The mass of ignorance, crime, and sin were then too great to be attacked and overthrown. So the church said: "Be ye separate from the world." But now the situation is different. Go into the world. Be a part of it. Be not afraid of its millionaires, discipline them as you would the least of mankind. Withdraw from none of them. Stand firm. Thus only will Christianity advance. This is not a day for hermits and recluses but a day to put on the full armor and—fight.

The State Journal by attacking and slandering other states has done more injury to Nebraska than can be offset by six months of advertising and Nebraska club work. The Arkansas Kicker says: "Judging from the number of requests lately received from Nebraska for sample copies, the State Journal must have given us some good free advertising." The people of this state are accustomed to take just the opposite of what the Journal says as the truth. So when it said that Arkansas was a howling wilderness of despair, every dissatisfied man wanted to go there, really expecting to find an earthly paradise.

The populists would have the laws conform to moral and ethical truths. When the Standard Oil Company, by reason of the special privileges which it has from the government, ruins a rival concern and drives its owner into bankruptcy and to a suicide's grave, THAT is not criminal in the eyes of the law, although, morally, the offenses of robbery and murder have been committed. That sort of law the populists would abolish and all the preachers ought to help them, instead of making the Standard Oil magnate a leader in the church. Don't you think so?

THAT music still charms the savage breast is proven by the attendance of some gold bugs at the Hagenow Sunday afternoon concerts of Rev. Mr. Chapin's church. If that music don't tame them, no music will, for it is of the very highest order.

THANK YOU GENTLEMEN

The Wealth Makers and Independent, both of Lincoln, Neb., have consolidated and are issuing a splendid reform journal.—Gainesville (Ga.) Outlook.

The Lincoln Independent and Wealth Makers have been consolidated, and now the populists have one of the ablest party papers in the state in THE NEBRASKA INDEPENDENT.—Beacon Light.

THE INDEPENDENT and the Wealth Makers, two good populist papers at Lincoln, Neb., have been consolidated. It will be known as the INDEPENDENT, and will be a strong paper.—Topeka Advocate.

The Wealth Makers and Independent, published at Lincoln, have consolidated under the name of NEBRASKA INDEPENDENT. The new paper will be a thorn in the flesh of the monopolist and money king, both foreign and domestic.—Ex.

THE NEBRASKA INDEPENDENT, published at Lincoln sails proudly forth to champion the people's cause in Nebraska, and keep tab on all political events state and national. The new populist state organ is a hummer, being the consolidation of the Lincoln Independent and the Wealth Makers.—Red Cloud Nation.

The Wealth Makers of Lincoln has been absorbed by THE NEBRASKA INDEPENDENT. The consolidated paper is in the hands of able writers and its treatment of these truckling, timeserving policy politicians of the two old parties will be watched with interest.—Union Gazette.

The Wealth Makers and the Lincoln Independent consolidated under the name of THE NEBRASKA INDEPENDENT. This combination of two strong populist papers makes a paper of rare excellence both as a news and political organ. Its faithful watch of state and national affairs makes it just such a paper as should be in the hands of every voter in Nebraska.—The Monitor.

The Wealth Makers has been consolidated with the Lincoln Independent, its former editor, Mr. Geo. H. Gibson retiring from the field. We notice a marked improvement in the columns of that paper since the change. We gladly welcome the Nebraska INDEPENDENT and hope that in that publication, the populist party will always find air able and ceaseless ally in the fight for right and justice.—Atkinson Plaindealer.

THE INDEPENDENT and Wealth Makers have consolidated with T. H. Tibbles as editor and F. D. Eager as manager. This is a strong team and if Nebraska does not have the best state paper in existence we will miss our guess. Help them out boys and build up a paper that will strike terror into the ranks of Shylock's crew and one that you will ever be proud of. Come to the front and show the stuff you are made of.—Minden Courier.

The Lincoln INDEPENDENT and the Wealth Makers, both of Lincoln, Neb., have consolidated, and came out under the head of the NEBRASKA INDEPENDENT, with the editor of the INDEPENDENT in charge. This will give this paper a large circulation and will give Nebraska a paper they may be proud of. T. H. Tibbles is a writer of national reputation and we bespeak for the new paper a standing among the national organs of the party. It is a six-column quarto, subscription price one dollar per year.—Utah Democrat.

An editor may work fourteen hours a day searching for news, haunting the libraries for the best thoughts of the best men, think, study, write and make a paper that will be greedily read and anxiously awaited for by thousands of subscribers each week and not one of them will drop him a note to say that it is a good paper or that he is pleased with it. But just let him write some lonely night, when the brain is tired out and the flesh is weary and weak, a silly, four line paragraph, or express a sentiment that is antagonistic to some one's views and he will hear from it by the next mail. But that's the way of the world.

JOHN SHERMAN and his followers are never tired of saying that there were only 8,000,000 silver dollars coined up to 1873, and therefore silver ought to be demonetized. There were never half that many gold dollars coined since the foundation of the government and therefore gold ought to be demonetized according to their logic.

If fractional silver dollars are not to be counted then multiples of the gold dollar ought not to be. Gold bug logic is a great thing when one comes to examine it closely.

MR. HARDY, Nebraska's great prohibitionist, says: "It is just like this: if my house was on fire and it was all the house I had and I had no money to build another, wouldn't it be the wisest thing for me to put that fire out first, before I went to help a poor drunkard, however much I might pity him. We are about to lose, not only our houses but everything else we have through the gold standard. I am for reforming our financial system first. When we get that done it will be time to look after some other things."

BANKER Henry W. Yates delivered a discourse before the Young Men's Christian Association in Omaha last week in which he compared the gold standard to Jesus Christ. What is most surprising about it is, that the association is so demoralized by corruption of the money power and the corporations, that none of the members protested against such blasphemy. Here is a literal worship of gold. Christ and gold side by side on the same throne. Let the Chinese come with their Joss. It would be more elevating.