

CAN'T HOLD HIM DOWN

Allen too Alert and Aggressive for the Corporation Attorneys and Plutocrats.

Thurston a Bimetallist at Home—but When the Devil was Sick, the Devil a Monk Would be.

Even our populist reformers, the most alert and intelligent observers of passing history, are hardly aware what indefatigable workers for the country's good the nation possesses in our populist senators.

These men, obscure and almost unknown up to four or five years ago, have suddenly made themselves a place in the national life and are felt as a force and power in that nest of plutocrats and corporation attorneys, the senate.

Senator Allen has become so aggressive in his attitude on the railroad question that the combined powers of Brice, Wolcott and Gear fail in an attempt to hold him down.

On the same day Peffer brought up his resolution asking for an investigation as to whether employees in the postoffice and interior departments had been assessed for political purposes, and whether any regularly paid employees of a department had not been actively engaged in the election campaign.

By the by, it is Sherman the ablest man in the gold bug party, who attempts to answer the money arguments of Senators Allen and Peffer and who together with Hill attempts to stop their resolutions, or kill their bills for financial reform.

And while these men of the people are fighting day in and day out for the good of the nation, what about Thurston and the rest of the Nebraska delegation?

Thurston made a speech offering his relations for the good of the country, and then with the rest of the goldbug delegation, following their leader, like a flock of sheep, comes home during the busiest part of the session, leaving the work for which he is being paid five thousand a year by the toilers of the country, floods the city with handbills, gets rebate tickets from the railroads and hires a brass band in order to induce people to come hear and him "boom" McKinley on a dead issue.

Thurston does not seem to be thinking of the distressing condition of the people and of how it can be relieved. He is only thinking of the next election.

It was James Freeman Clarke who said something to the effect that the definition of a mere politician was a man who was thinking of the next election instead of the next century.

What is Thurston's record since he has been to congress? While running for election, he declared himself a bimetalist, when he was elected, he voted against free silver, and after giving his vote he still declared himself a bimetalist.

His friends declared that he would cease to be a corporation attorney on the day he became senator. When he was elected almost his first act was to step over into the Supreme Court and argue a case for the railroads against a widow who was too poor to hire an attorney. After doing that he denied that he was a corporation attorney.

"When the devil was sick, the devil a monk would be; when the devil was well, the devil a monk was he."

BRIGHT EYES.

THEY WERE ALL AGREED.

Democratic, Republican, Prohibition and Populist Farmers Discuss the Hard Times

At a meeting of farmers of Little Salt Precinct, Lancaster County, Neb., at the residence of J. T. Talmer, for the purpose of expressing their opinion of what was the cause for the hard times, and suggesting a remedy, Mr. Thos. Synchson, (native of Ireland) said he had usually voted with the republican party, but believed the cause of such hard times was the want of sufficient currency, and offered as a remedy, an increase of money, in gold, silver and paper, made debt paying and of equal value by law.

Mr. S. N. Erickson (a Swede and acting justice of the peace) said he had formerly voted the republican ticket. He thought the cause of hard times was a monied monopoly had got control of the volume of money and contracted it at will, and the remedy would be for the government to take control of the money and supply it as provided by the constitution. The corporations and trusts should be controlled by law.

Henry Detwiler said he had voted the populist ticket from the beginning. He thought the cause of hard times was the contraction of the money, and the remedy would be an increase of legal tender money to a volume of \$50 per capita, issued by the government and made receivable for all debts.

David Hansel said he had always voted with the democratic party, but that times had been getting harder ever since the repeal of the Sherman act, the volume of money had been decreasing while the population had been increasing. The remedy he offered was the free and unlimited coinage of silver at a ratio of 16 to 1 and that further contraction should be prevented by law and trusts prohibited.

J. T. Palmer said he had voted with the democratic party until convince

that all was not right. He thought the currency had been contracted until the banks control the volume and lock up the money at will. That monopolies combine with the banks and in so doing secure class legislation. The remedy he offered is first the free and unlimited coinage of silver at a ratio of 16 to 1 and for the government to issue paper money (greenbacks) to be made legal tender by law for all debts unless otherwise provided by contract, to an increased volume of \$50 per capita, pass laws to maintain that volume and for the government control of monopolies and give us direct legislation.

J. A. Patterson had voted the prohibition party ticket from away back. He thought the greatest cause of hard times was entire loss of confidence, requiring business to be done on the pay down plan, which would require at least double the volume of money as it did on the credit system. To bring about this state of affairs the volume of currency had been contracted in various ways, while the demand had been increasing. Monopolies had secured legislation in their interest, and the interest of laborers have been neglected, manufacturing had been suspended and thousands out of employment, and general stagnation prevailed. The remedy offered, is to repeal the obnoxious laws, and restore the country to the condition that existed thirty years since, increase the volume of the currency to meet the increasing demands, make the money debt paying in every particular and pay the government debts with the legal money that may be in the treasury, and make no creditor better than another creditor. Stop the issuing of interest-bearing bonds, and cut loose from foreign moneyed monopolies.

Mr. Detwiler said as the four political parties was represented, a copy of proceedings might be offered to papers published in the interest of each party.

That a copy be presented to the State Journal, the World-Herald, THE INDEPENDENT, and some prohibition paper, with request to publish and send a copy to the chairman, J. A. Patterson, at Raymond, Neb., and moved that when we adjourn, it be to meet again at the Schmitzer school house, Saturday night, February 29. The motion carried.

J. A. PATTERSON, Chairman.

The Broadside, published at Chicago, and this paper both for one year for \$1.10.

Allen's Whack at Hill.

Senator Allen introduced a resolution to investigate the imprisonment of Eugene V. Debs. Senator Hill, the administration's apologist, suggested that the resolution should go to the judiciary committee, of which he was a member.

Mr. Allen said he had noticed that whenever a senator wanted to get rid of a resolution he sent it to a committee. "Ninety-five per cent of the decent respectable resolutions are buried in just this way," declared Mr. Allen positively.

"Does the senator assert that any committee has not executed the power conferred upon it?" asked Mr. Hill with a great show of virtuous indignation.

"Go into the caverns around this Capitol and see for yourself," replied Mr. Allen tersely.

By trick methods the Debs resolution finally went to the judiciary committee, but if Senator Hill tries to bury it there he is going to meet with very decided objections from the supposed corpse.

Allen A Leader.

Senator Allen is today the leading figure in the United States senate. Every day his power and influence is growing and the general belief seems to be that he will lead the populist and bimetallic tickets in this years contest against Toryism and English rule. Every great issue which has come to the front in American history has developed new leaders and the present political upheaval has been no exception to the rule. Nebraska is justly proud of Senator Allen and even the republican papers which generally have no adjectives strong enough to abuse a populist, treat him with courtesy and respect his ability and integrity of character. Senator Allen can carry the electoral vote of Nebraska and his majority against McKinley will be 5,000 more than against any other possible republican candidate.

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Something Wrong Somewhere

STROMSBURG, Neb., Feb. 16, 1896.

Editor INDEPENDENT:—The people here think there is something wrong and say the old parties will never better it. If we have a live man to talk it would make lots of votes here. I have given my paper to several and they like it. I think you will hear from some of them soon.

JOS. WILLARD.

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To Add Dignity.

Governor Holcomb has been selected as president of the Nebraska Club. Strange things happen, don't they. In the campaign of 1894 the business men of Omaha grew almost desperate at the very thought of Holcomb's election, fearing they claimed, if the event took place the credit of Nebraska would be smashed all to smithereens, but it wasn't, and now when they want to add dignity to their movement to benefit the state they place Governor Holcomb at the head of it.—Headlight.

Another Republican Short.

Ex-County Judge Lansing came up to the bar of the court under a charge of a big shortage. The case on the docket is the C. R. I. & P. railroad vs. J. W. Lansing. Sued on his bond for \$10,793.20 condemnation money. It is not yet known what the other shortage will be.

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HASTINGS ITEMS

HASTINGS, Neb., Feb. 25, 1896.

The central Nebraska farmers institute held a very successful meeting here last week at which the question of alfalfa culture and its uses were discussed and also the best way of conserving the moisture that we get in natural way.

Mrs. Louisa B. Walker of 305 East Second street this city died, on the morning of the 19th inst. after a lingering illness, she has been a resident of Hastings for nearly twenty-three years and was highly respected, and loved by all. She leaves a husband three sons and one daughter to mourn her loss.

The citizens of the village of Junata voted on school bonds last week for the purpose of erecting a new school house. The bonds failed of an indorsement by a vote of 142 against to 73 for the issue.

Last Thursday night two tiny girl visitors came to the residence of W. P. Williams of this city, and now he walks the streets as though he had a mortgage on the state.

George K. Lynn, a life long reformer, both in the social and political world, passed away at 4 o'clock Friday morning at his residence at No. 755 Minnesota avenue, this city. Mr. Lynn came to Hastings in 1887 and has resided here ever since, and most of the time since his arrival in this city he has been engaged in the newspaper business. He was constitutionally opposed to human slavery and early in life he gave his influence and his money to accomplish the freedom of the southern slave. All his life an active and energetic political reformer, and lived long enough to see a great many of his cherished hopes realized.

Rev. Harry O. Scott, pastor of the Presbyterian church of this city, delivered a very interesting sermon last Sunday evening in the nature of a religious celebration of Washington's birthday, taking for his theme, "An Alliance of Justice." He had the closest attention throughout and gave many illustrations that were pointed and instructive, showing that if the alliance between nations were based upon justice and carried out through the guidance of the spirit of the master that wars would be heard of no more and white winged peace would reign supreme.

Granny Hoar in Tillman's Trap

A correspondent in describing Tillman's speech in the senate says:

"While he spoke there was hardly heard a breath in the senate. His power is clearly in debate, and no one dared gainsay him save Hoar, of Massachusetts. Everyone expected Hill to reply, and be it known that the New Yorker did not remain silent through contempt, but through fear of being unseated in the tilt. Hoar became livid with rage when Tillman worsted him, for Hoar's chief game sport in debate with new and untried speakers. I have never seen a man so dumfounded and angry as when Tillman jeered at him as belonging to a past period, and then apologized for stepping on his antiquated toes."

We'll be There.

The people are on the march. Let them organize in every neighborhood and every school district, and send their representatives to St. Louis, there to participate in the grandest political movement of the century. Let them be represented there when the standard bearers of the people are nominated. Let them be represented there when a New Declaration of Independence is put forth. Let them be represented there when the American people declare in favor of an independent financial, commercial and political policy for these United States.—Silver Knight.

Uncle Sam's Receiver.

Rothschild and his American agents graciously condescended to come to the help of the United States treasury in maintaining the gold standard, which has wrought the ruin, and only charged a small commission of ten millions or so. Great God! That this proud government, the richest, most powerful on the globe, should have been brought so low that a London Jew should have been appointed its receiver and presume to patronize us.—Senator Ben. Tillman.

Thurston Beyond His Depth.

Senator Thurston is falling below expectations even on the line of ability. His present position seems to be beyond his depth. Even his friends are showing signs of disappointment. He was supposed to be brilliant, and so he is—as a corporation attorney and criminal lawyer—but he was greatly over estimated by republicans. The senate is too much for him. Allen overshadows him in every way, and the more pressure is put upon Allen the stronger he proves to be.—The Outlook.

Hotter Than Hades.

Several populists seem to have an idea that it is possible to nominate a state ticket on which the republicans can make no fight. They seem to forget that even the Son of God was executed as a common criminal for preaching reform. Whoever the populist nominee may be he might as well make up his mind first as last that the republicans will treat him to a campaign in comparison to which fire and brimstone are as a mere summer resort.

That's Just What They'll Do.

The cattle men of Burt county, Neb., have organized to resist the extortion of the railroad. They will drive their cattle to Omaha and besides getting the cattle there in better condition, will save from one-third to one-half of the expense. Then this coming fall they will forget their fury and shout themselves hoarse to elect state and county officers put up by the railroads.—Minden Courier.

Make the Way Smooth.

Our senators and members of congress are doing a great work. Let us second their efforts, and let us all assist, without deserting any of our principles, to make the way smooth for a union of all forces against plutocracy. In the meantime let us spread the light through our newspapers and other publications.

They Don't Like It.

The gold bugs don't like to have farmer Tillman enter their barnyard pitchfork in hand.—Silver Knight.

INSURANCE DEPARTMENT.

AN APOLOGY.

Last week I promised to give the readers of this department a report from the reports on file in the auditor's office, but as we have made an assessment in the Cyclone company and also in the Lancaster County company, I could not get the capitulation made. Collections are better than anyone expected. Our \$750 loss claim will soon be liquidated.

Allen on Pensions

Some persons of social standing can clear \$200 a month, but a private's widow can beg on her knees for a pittance.

"When the war was over," said Senator Allen, in his second speech on pensions, "when the armies disbanded, when those men returned to the peaceful pursuits of life, the inequality that was forced upon them in consequence of the necessity of military discipline disappeared; the relations as they existed before that great event were re-established. Whenever I hear the honorable senator from New Hampshire (Mr. Gallinger) plead the cause of one of those brigadier-generals or his widow I cannot help but think how many thousands and hundreds of thousands of poor, careworn widows of private soldiers there are in this country who must furnish evidence which would be sufficient to convict a man of a crime beyond a reasonable doubt before they are permitted to take out of the treasury of the United States the pittance of \$8 a month. Some persons can ride to the pension office in their carriages and draw \$100 or \$200 a month, and live in luxury. Another, equally meritorious, but the widow of a private soldier or the widow of a non-commissioned officer, goes in a well-worn and faded calico dress and almost without shoes, and, getting upon her knees, must beg for the \$8 or \$12 a month. It is wrong, and it ought not to be encouraged."

We Must Have a Change.

OMAHA, Feb. 24, 1896.

EDITOR INDEPENDENT: Dear Sir—I have read Senator H. G. Stewart's letter in your last issue with great interest. It clearly shows that to change to the republican party will be no change in the financial system of the government and his letter should be read by every voter in the state. I am glad you are getting out such a good paper and I hope you will receive such support as the paper deserves. Every reader of THE INDEPENDENT should get his neighbors to subscribe for it as through its columns the financial truths can be told. We must have a change in the financial policy before we can have prosperity.

Very truly yours,

D. CLEM DEAYER.

Pops Away Ahead.

The added vote of the states of Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, North Dakota, Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, Utah, Nevada, Idaho, California, Washington and Oregon in 1894, shows a total of 458,057 for the populists and 223,667 for the democrats—more than two populists for each democrat.

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Jerry Simpson's Answer

An electric lighting firm at Greensburg, Ind., wrote to Hon. Jerry Simpson, at Medicine Lodge, Kas., inquiring if his town was going to put in an electric light plant. The "Sockless Socrates" answered, "We need one, but the light of burning corn at 10 cents a bushel is sufficient to enable us to read our mortgages."

Very Significant.

Senator Tillman is receiving congratulations on his speech by the thousands; the New York World has published short extracts from many of them to the extent of columns, and says it is significant that many of them come from the east.

Can't Do It

If the delegates to the bimetallic league which met in Washington the 22nd ult., had no constituency, as some of our populist friends are urging, how can the silver party swallow up the populists?—Custer County Beacon.

Public Meetings

Friday evening at Confederation hall, 136 North Twelfth street. Subject, "Single Tax and Contraction of the Currency."

Sunday evening, 8 o'clock, at Social Science club, 1114 O street. Subject, "Social Revolution Not Reform." Speaker, Dr. H. S. Aley.

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