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ONE more year of Grover.

You can't vote for a populist without voting for a silver man.

The phrase "shell out" comes down to us from the days when shells were a legal tender.

ALL our great railroad systems are owned in England. Every raise in rates is an increase in our tribute to foreigners.

If increasing debt is not stopped in this country we will soon be in the condition of Egypt. The interest charge will consume everything that labor can produce.

The economists in England do not deny that the fall in prices is caused by the demonization of silver, but they say England is a creditor nation and gains by falling prices.

THE INDEPENDENT is down on Tillman. He has been slandering the man who sold his master by referring to the great southern traitor as "the Judas from Kentucky."

Joe Blackburn has promised to support a goldbug for president. He will probably be re-elected now. The free silverites of Kentucky, are thus made the most efficient fighters in the gold bug ranks.

The republicans bought out the populist paper at Stanton, and now the populists have organized a stock company and started another, which makes the editor of the republican paper in that town very weary.

WHEN Dr. John Hall introduced the syphilitic, drunken debauchee of the white house and installed him as chairman of a home missionary meeting in New York, he may have thought that he would, in that way, increase the contributions to his church. He will learn in the end that he made a mistake.

The demo-reps elected a sheriff of Wayne county. One of his first acts was to take a deputy and call out a school teacher whom the two proceeded to thrash. The two officers were then called up and fined \$10 and \$15 respectively. What a great thing the people of Wayne county did when they downed the populist party!

THE last three or four presidential campaigns have been sham fights over the tariff and other side issues but the one now on is of entirely a different kind. There will be no blank cartridges fired. No marching up hill and down again. It will be shoot to kill every time. Is your gun loaded, your knapsack, haversack and canteen filled?

In the intellectual feast served up by the hundred columns in the dailies, one must take his choice between the wordy war going on between Corbett, Fitzsimmons and Maher, and that between the rival candidates for the republican nomination for president. Any fair or competent critic will say that the Corbett-Fitzsimmons stuff is the best literature.

PROF. J. W. JENKS says: "The strongest argument of the bimetalists and free silver advocates--i. e., that the appreciation of gold is the chief cause of the industrial depression under which the world is suffering--has lost much of its force in the minds of the people since the revival of business in the last few months has been so marked." That is pretty fair lying for a literary hireling.

The State Journal says the railroads didn't raise the rates at all, instead of that they lowered them, and that is what the cattle men and farmers in the north and west part of the state are howling about. Old Truthful is getting down to business in the old style again. What an up-to-date, intelligent set of persons its readers must be!

A PAPER comes to this office headed Nebraska F. A. & I. T., which we suppose means Farmers' Alliance and Industrial Union. What puzzles us is, that it seems to be fighting the platform recently promulgated by that order. We call the editor's attention to that platform published in this edition of THE INDEPENDENT, with the hope that he will stand by it.

OUR HOMELESS SILVER FRIENDS.

THE INDEPENDENT is for uniting with any one and every one who will unite with the populist party to down the money power, but we want to say a word to the newly converted who are going to hold a convention in St. Louis at the same time as the populists. You have at last conceded to be true what the populists have been telling you for the last four years, i. e., that monetary reform could never be obtained in either of the old parties. When that fact appeared to us as plain as the nose on a man's face, you were so infernally stupid that you could not see it. Now, it is possible that you may be just as stupid about comprehending some other things that are just as plain to us as that was. But as you have proved yourselves honest and patriotic, notwithstanding you were a little dull of comprehension, we are willing to take your hand, and trust that you can understand some other things about which you seem to be very much muddled in your ideas.

Populism is a system, perfect in all its parts. You have come to understand one part of it pretty well. You have no other friend on earth than the populist party. All others are your natural enemies. You are homeless and homeless. We open the door of our mansion and ask you to come in. We will treat you as honored guests. But if you give us notice that when you get in you will kick the wife and children out and sit at the head of the table, it will make trouble in the family. We will give you the guest chamber, and it is the best room in the house. We will serve you first, of the very best we have, but, by the eternal, the wife and children shall stay in there too.

Most of you are real good, honest fellows and, being gentlemen, know what is good manners. But there are a few among you who have so recently cut the society of thieves and robbers that they are hardly fit to be admitted to good society just yet. You must give, between now and July 22d, these chaps some instruction, or they will make themselves offensive and spoil the harmony of the occasion.

We bid you welcome to a regenerated public service, a prosperous country, and a happy people, all composing one great American family of the free.

IT WAS VERY PITIFUL.

Hon. G. W. Lambertson delivered an address last week to the University Economic Club. There was never a more pitiful sight in this world than to see this man, evidently perfectly honest, sitting there, denying every fundamental principle laid down by the standard economists, doing it in almost every sentence and honestly thinking that he was teaching economics to the students of the State University.

Mr. Lambertson gravely asserted that since 1879 there had been, in the United States the most enormous and constant increase in the amount of money in circulation that the world had ever seen, and that the chief cause of our present distress was a redundant circulation.

He denied the constitutional right of the government to issue money. He demanded the retirement and destruction of the greenbacks, and said that Sherman's plan to impound or lock them up in the treasury would not do at all.

Mr. Lambertson, poor fellow, thinks he has been studying economics, because he has been reading the gold bug literature of the Reform club. In fact, his talk of an hour was nothing but a rehash of that club's latest publication.

His statistics and his quotations from Chase, Conklin and others were all taken from it. If Mr. Lambertson will look up the original records he will see that only one of all those quotations was not garbled, and that the Reform club led him to appear extremely silly before a body of men, who knew at least a little of the science of political economy as taught, by Mill, McLeod, Adam Smith, Jevon and Francis A. Walker.

Mr. Lambertson did not even seem to know that Secretary Carlisle had recently publicly stated that in the figures that he, Mr. Lambertson was relying upon, there were grave errors, in that gold certificates and the gold they represented, had both been counted.

However grave the errors Mr. Lambertson so solemnly announced as scientific truth, no one could feel angry at him, but there sat near him the head of the department of economics of the State University of Nebraska, who, while probably ashamed to make such statements himself in public, constantly puts up such men to teach economics and never gives any one the opportunity to deliver a lecture in which economics can be illustrated as taught by the scientists who wrote the standard works on that subject, and the farmers are paying his salary by raising ten cent oats and twelve cent corn.

The farmers of this state want the University to be kept at the highest standard. They are willing to tax themselves to the limit of endurance to do it, especially the populist farmers, but they want the students taught science.

It seems almost incredible that a man would be allowed, without a word of protest or correction from the head of the department of economics to gravely state to the University students that an enormous and heretofore unheard of increase in the volume of money had resulted in a constant reduction of the general level of prices, or in other words, the greater the amount of money we have the dearer it becomes. Mr. Lam-

bertson's economics teaches that an increase in the supply of money increases the purchasing power of each one of its units, and the pity of it is, he honestly believes it.

OUTWITTED PLUTOCRATS.

When it comes to beating the schemes of the politicians put up to fool the people, there has been no man in the senate for twenty years who has shown such good judgment and foresight as W. V. Allen. The plutocrats in congress had resolved to manufacture a boom for patriotism, and while the people were carried away with that, complete the legislation that would forever make them slaves of the money power. Allen walked into the senate, and almost the first day of the session stole all of their thunder by making a speech on the Monroe doctrine that took all the wind out of their sails.

Their plan of "pressing the point of patriotism in the coming campaign," as Hon. John L. Webster put it, was completely spoiled by this little maneuver on the part of Allen.

Then they were going to make extravagant appropriations so as to hold solid the old soldier vote. Allen killed that plan with one blow by making a speech on pensions that was immediately endorsed by every honest old soldier in the country.

Then they were going to the country on the plan that they were for free silver and protection, but that they could do nothing in the senate because the republicans did not have a majority there. Allen knocked this plan into smithereens in two minutes by rising to his feet in the senate and saying that if the republicans wanted free silver and protection they could have it then and there, as every populist in the senate would vote with the republicans on that proposition and give them a majority.

This last blow from Allen's big fist made the whole republican party tremble on its legs. Then they began to say: "Well, if we can't elect a majority of the presidential electors, we can throw the election of president in the house, and we've got the house."

If Senator Allen never does anything more, the producing classes of this country owe him an unpayable debt of gratitude for the courage, sound judgment and wisdom with which he has made the fight for their interests at this session of congress.

The wisest old-time managers of the old parties have been outmaneuvered by this new statesman from the west.

WHY SILVER DOLLARS ARE AT PAR.

The republicans still go around saying that the only reason that a silver dollar is at par with a gold dollar, is because any man can go to the treasury and get gold for them. Most of them know they are lying when they say it. This paper has a standing offer to pay \$100, to any man who will point out the statute that provides for redemption of silver dollars or silver certificates in gold. No one has ever called for the money.

Why then are silver dollars, containing little over fifty cents worth of silver, worth 100 cents in gold? One reason is because they are a full legal tender except where gold is stipulated in the contract. That alone would make them par in this country but it would not make them par outside of the jurisdiction of the United States.

But American silver dollars are at par in London and every other mart of trade in the civilized world, and they only contain about fifty cents worth of silver and are not redeemable in any other kind of dollars. Why? Because this country has a large foreign trade.

If an Englishman, a Frenchman or a German has 1000 silver dollars he will not take less than the face value for them less the cost of sending them to this country, as long as he can send them here, and buy corn, wheat, beef, pork, cotton, petroleum and a hundred other things that he wants and must have.

There is another reason why he would not take less. He has goods to sell in this country and he can take the silver and pay the import duties with them. These are the reasons why the silver dollar with about fifty cents worth of silver in it is at par with gold. If it had only ten cents worth or one cent worth, or if it had no bullion or commodity value at all, it would still be par, provided that there were not too many of them.

The reason why a Mexican silver dollar with more silver in it than the American dollar, is not at par is because Mexico has little or no foreign trade.

If an Englishman has a thousand Mexican silver dollars what can he do with them? Mexico has but few things that he wants and must have. If Mexico had for sale five or six hundred million dollars worth of raw material which the English, French and Germans must have to feed their people and run their factories, the Mexican silver dollar would very quickly be at par.

The next time a republican tells you that a silver dollar is redeemable in any other kind of dollar, tell him, if he is about your size, that he is a liar.

ABOUT a hundred sacks of goldbug literature was mailed from the state house last week. It is manufactured in Wall street and sent here and distributed by the republican boodlers. Wall street pays the bill. The farmers of Nebraska ought to go into perpetual servitude if they are booled with such stuff as that.

SUPPLIES FOR THE ENEMY.

You have learned to reason and to organize. Now you must learn to fight. We are going into a contest where no quarter will be given. We shall meet a well trained foe who has studied political strategy for years. Every deception that the acutest intellect can invent will be practiced upon you. They will seek to drive you into indefensible positions, to lure you into traps, to divide and beat you in detail. They will slander, betray, they will in fact do everything to win this fight. It is grim, savage war this time.

There are some things that populists have been doing that they must stop doing. One of them is, you must not furnish supplies to the enemy. One of our bitterest foes is the State Journal company. It is not an honorable opponent. It does not, as every populist knows, fight an honorable warfare. Yet populists furnish supplies to keep that enemy in the field. If populist support were withdrawn from that company it is doubtful if it could stand six months.

Populist county officers send it the blank book and other work on which it lives. Populist papers (a few) advertise it. It lives and fights by reason of this support. Withdraw it and this organizer of boodle, this defender of public thieves, this champion of the money power would dis unless supported by the direct contributions of the corporations and the banks.

If the support given to it by populists was given to a state populist paper, the fight is won. If county officers, if the state institutions under populist control gave all their work to their own paper instead of turning it over to various republican houses, they might put it into thirty thousand homes in six months.

To do what has been and is being done is to furnish supplies to the enemy in time of war.

You cannot fight an armed foe unarmed. You must know the position and objective point of the enemy. You can only learn this through your own paper. The enemy will not furnish you these facts. You must get them from your friends. Put this alert, watchful friend in every populist household in the state and you will have something to fight with. You will make it possible for you and your children to have something of life's comforts and luxuries.

NO CHILD'S PLAY HEREAFTER.

It is now no child's play to save the principles of Jefferson from total overthrow in this nation. The principles of Jefferson are the definitions and axioms of free society. One dashingly calls them "glittering generalities," another calls them self-evident lies, and others insidiously argue that they apply to "superior races." These expressions, differing in form, are identical in object and effect--the supplanting of free government, and restoring those of classification, caste and legitimacy. They would delight a convocation of crowned heads plotting against the people. They are the vanguard, the miners and sappers of returning despotism. We must repulse them or they will subjugate us.

(Is not that a pretty good populist editorial? Well, it is stolen, every word of it, from a letter written by Abraham Lincoln to H. L. Pierce of Boston, Mass., dated at Springfield, Ill., April 6, 1879, and can be found in The Complete Works of Abraham Lincoln, by Nicolay and Hay, page 533.)

However, that is not all of the good, populist doctrine in that letter. Mr. Lincoln further said of Jefferson: "All honor to Jefferson--to the man who, in the concrete struggle for national independence, had the coolness, forecast, and capacity to introduce into a merely revolutionary document, an abstract truth, applicable to all men and all times, and to so enshrine it there that today, and in all coming days, it shall be a rebuke and a stumbling block to the very harbingers of re-appearing tyranny and oppression."

Then Mr. Lincoln tells a story about two men whom he saw fighting. Both had heavy overcoats on. At the end of the scrap each had fought himself into the others overcoat, and shows how the republicans of that period had adopted wholly the principles of Jefferson, and the democrats those of the federalists. He adds: "The democracy of today (1859) holds the liberty of one man to be absolutely nothing when in conflict with another man's right of property; republicans, on the contrary, are for both the man and the dollar, but in case of conflict, the man before the dollar."

It seems today (1896) that the republican party has got the old democratic overcoat of 1859 on, and holds the rights of man as nothing when they come in conflict with property, or what is now more frequently called capital. Abraham Lincoln! we fought for you, we voted for you, and we wept for you when you were cruelly murdered. We still hold to the truths you taught, and shall fight for them while life lasts.

A FABULOUS FLOOD OF GOLD.

The magazines and the dailies again tell wondrous stories about the fabulous finds of gold in all parts of the world, and they pretend to tremble in every joint at the thought of this overwhelming "flood of gold." They think they can persuade a million or so of simpletons to stay in the "old party" by this sort of lying.

It would not make a particle of difference to the producing classes if unnum-

bered tons of gold should be found or if every mine in the world should shut down, as long as the money power controls legislation. If there should be an enormous output of gold they would demonetize it, as several nations did when the output from California and Australia was so great.

The leaders of the money power are all thorough economists. They do not delude themselves with "intrinsic value" ideas. They know that money is, as Aristotle said, "not by nature, but by law." They don't care whether money is made of gold, silver, tin, paper, or anything else. All they are concerned about is to so limit its quantity that it will constantly grow dearer. If gold should become so plentiful as to begin to grow cheap, it wouldn't be long until they would begin to talk about "the nasty yellow stuff," as they did once before, and they would take up something that was scarcer and harder to get to make the dollars of.

There is no safety for the producing masses but to control the government. It is for them to say whether [money shall be scarce and dear or plentiful and cheap; whether it shall take ten bushel of oats or five to buy a dollar; whether it shall take 100 bushels of wheat to pay their taxes and interest, or whether it shall take only twenty-five bushels and have the other seventy-five bushels left with which to supply their wants. It is not a question of gold, or silver, or paper dollars. It is a question of the number of dollars, and who shall say how many there shall be.

GREAT BRITAIN'S POPULIST.

Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, who is now the real head of the British Empire, recently said that the key note of his whole career was: "That all monopolies, which are sustained in any way by the state, ought to be in the hands of the representatives of the people, by whom they should be administered, and to whom their profit should go," from which it seems that the rankest kind of a populist is in charge of the British government.

Mr. Chamberlain began his career by securing the enactment into law of his theories. He began in Birmingham and carried through four schemes.

- 1. The town bought up the gas works, which now represent a capital account of \$11,150,000 reducing the price of gas from 75 cents to 26 and 35 cents, and making an annual profit of \$150,000.
2. The town bought up the water works, paying over \$72,456 per annum to the shareholders. The result was the creation of a property valued at \$11,000,000, the improvement of the supply and the reduction of water rents by \$149,170 per annum.
3. The town bought up the central slums, borrowing \$7,000,000 for the purpose, and constructed Corporation street through the improved area. The area was rebuilt on leases of 75 years. When they fall in Birmingham will be the richest borough in the world.
4. Birmingham formed a drainage union with surrounding towns and established a model sewerage farm of 1,200 acres in the Tame valley. It cost \$2,000,000 to lay out the farm, and it cost \$275,000 to work it.

Notwithstanding all the benefits conferred upon the people, the tax rate is less than it was thirty years ago. That is what one populist has done in England. Of course he is a bimetalist also.

SATAN COULDN'T BEAT IT.

There is but one legal tender money in the United States at this time. The gold dollar is an unlimited legal tender and nothing else is. There are nine different kinds of money in circulation, some with no legal tender power and others which are legal tender in various amounts. It is the worst financial hotchpotch any civilized nation ever had thrust upon it. It was all evolved out of the brains of that "wonderful financier, John Sherman." Gold is an unlimited legal tender. The standard silver dollar is a legal tender for all debts public and private "except where otherwise expressly stipulated in the contract." Greenbacks are a legal tender for all debts, public and private, except import duties and interest on the public debt; treasury notes (issued under the Sherman law) are a legal tender for all debts public and private "except where otherwise expressly stipulated in the contract"; silver certificates are "receivable for customs, taxes and all public dues," but are not a legal tender for private debt. Copper, nickel and subsidiary silver coins are legal tender for small amounts, and that is the hotchpotch that John Sherman has given us, which is puffed to the skies by the goldite dailies as "the best financial system the world ever saw." The devil himself couldn't have invented anything worse.

EARTH'S GREATEST LIAR.

February 24th, between 1 and 2 o'clock in the afternoon, old John Sherman arose in the senate and said:

"There is no poverty in this country, no unwillingness to pay taxes, no reason why taxes should not be levied."--Congressional Record, page 2405.

This is the man whom the daily press and republican leaders constantly laud, praise and glorify as America's greatest statesman, patriot, and financier. If the Father of Lies can beat, or ever has beaten that statement, history has never made record of the fact.

"There is no poverty in this country!" John Sherman! The prize is yours. You are the greatest liar ever found in heaven, hell or earth. You shall have the blue ribbon and the gold medal, and if you will only die quick, we will contribute to raise a monument to your memory, on which shall be inscribed: "Sacred to the memory of earth's greatest liar, Requisite in pace."

SENATOR TELLER.

Senator Teller will see the day when he will bitterly regret the part he played in the last campaign. All dictates of political common sense urged him to take the step that Stewart and Jones took two years ago. Neither he nor his state have anything in common with the plutocrats of the east, yet he stuck to their party organization, went home and secured the election of a man to the senate who had not one sentiment in his heart in accord with the common people. Walcott is a plutocrat of the plutocrats. Teller now finds that the men "with whom he has so long associated, openly insult and deride him. It would have been much more dignified and much pleasanter for Mr. Teller to have walked out of the party in '93 than to be kicked out in '96.

WHAT THEY KNOW ABOUT MORALS.

If John Sherman should take a \$1,000 bond, and by skillful forgery make it read \$2,000, even the ordinary gold bug would admit that he had committed a criminal act. The \$1,000 bond would, at present prices, be of about the value of 2,000 bushels of wheat, but if John raised it to \$2,000 it would be of the value of 4,000 bushels of wheat. All the gold bugs would admit that that would be stealing.

On the other hand, if John Sherman, by legislation, should make that bond, which is only worth 2,000, worth 4,000 bushels of wheat, all the gold bugs would say that was patriotism. That's all a gold bug knows about morals.

OF COURSE THEY WILL.

A Washington dispatch of February 27, says:

Nabraska Republicans insist that the sound money element in that state is largely in the ascendancy. The republicans are mainly for sound money and from 15,000 to 20,000 democrats. It was said would vote the republican ticket if the democratic party committed itself to a declaration favoring the free coinage of silver.

Well why couldn't they? Did any one ever say that they would not? That news is about three years old. Gold bug democrats have been voting the republican ticket in this state to a very great extent for several years. The party organization has only been maintained in the interest of the republicans. The Associated press is a grand old concern--News three years old will do it just as well as plain lying.

The Southern Mercury is still fighting all the constituted authorities of the people's party, both in its own state and the nation at large, while still claiming to be a populist paper. An editor, among the sheep who follow the bosses in the old parties, is supposed to know it all, but among the intelligent men who vote the populist ticket no such sentiment exists. The populist party cannot be bossed by editors any more than it can be by office holders. It is time the Southern Mercury had learned that fact.

We gather from the numerous exchanges that come to this office that at last the people of the state are becoming fully aroused. Meetings are being held every where in the smaller cities and towns to discuss the situation. Everywhere the people seem to be of the same mind, and that is that the contraction of the currency has caused the fall in prices and the present distress. There was one held in Central City last week, of which a good report was made in the Democrat.

The republicans have come down a good many pegs in their claims to sweeping the whole country clean. They don't feel so very certain about it now as they did a few weeks ago. They say now that they can throw the election into the house, and then they will have it all their own way. They are beginning to acknowledge that there is a big fight on hand. A good deal of arrogance has been taken out of them, and a good deal more will be before the campaign is over.

SENATOR Chandler thinks that if he could only get Allen out of the senate the republicans of that body might have some peace. His exact words were: "If the senator from Nebraska should be taken away from this body by reason of his candidacy as the representative of that party for the presidency, we should endeavor to get along with the reduced number of populists in this chamber."

We greet No. 1 of the Norfolk Independent, a populist paper, with best wishes for its ultimate success. It is a bright, readable paper and will help along in the work of redeeming Nebraska.

How to Sow Alfalfa.

The above is the title of a little tract published by McBeth & Kinnison, Garden City, Kansas, the leading growers and dealers in alfalfa in the United States. It contains valuable information concerning the growing and harvesting of this "King of Forage Plants" which is gaining such a hold on the attention of farmers and is solving the problem of profitable farming in this western country. It will be mailed free to anyone writing for it. The attention of farmers and dealers who desire to purchase pure alfalfa seed is directed to the advertisement of this firm in THE INDEPENDENT. This firm has a recognized standing, and is a reputable one.