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State Committee Meeting.

The state central committee of the people's party is hereby called to meet at the Roswick Hotel, Hastings, on Friday, April 17, at 2 p. m. for the purpose of making necessary arrangements for the election of delegates to the national convention, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the committee. No proxies will be admitted unless a writing and unless those by whom they are presented are actual residents of the respective counties which they seek to represent.

J. A. EDGERTON, Chairman. FRANK D. EADEL, Secretary.

To love your party more than your country is treason.

Senator Peffer is booming Governor Holcomb for president.

The silver craze is dead—looks like it in Kentucky don't it?

Grover went duck shooting again last Thursday. Now look out for another bond issue.

The Texas papers are bragging about their balmy spring weather, but it is all on account of the tariff.

The average price of cows in 1870 was \$31.01, in 1895 \$14.06. It is all on account of the tariff.

Thurston says that Manderson lied, "speaking metaphorically," about a private and confidential interview.

The Utah Democrat prints a fine cut of Senator Allen, with the words: "Our next president" underneath.

The republicans now have 247 members. They unseated a democrat from Alabama and put in a republican last Friday.

A Few Financial Facts, by S. S. King, is a very valuable book published by the Bi-metallic Union, 133 Monroe street Chicago.

The Boston Globes says: "that the world is threatened with a flood of the yellow metal." It is all on account of the tariff.

Our nation has given land and bonds to build railroads, but it must not own them. That is all on account of the tariff.

Prices in all gold standard countries are tending downward no matter whether they are free trade or protective, but it is all on account of the tariff.

The populist mayor of San Francisco is to be arrested for sending letters to congress on the envelopes of which were printed the words: "Collis P. Huntington would not steal a red hot stove."

After reading the speeches of Hoar, Hale and Hill against the Cubans, one could almost swear that each received identically the same telegram, from the Denver Road's bete noir.

Cotton has fallen from 17.3-10 cents in 1890 to 7 cents in 1895, and Bill McKinley will solemnly look a bale of cotton in the face, roll up his eyes and say: "It's all on account of the tariff."

The democrats are claiming that Carlisle could actually carry his own county in Kentucky, and that Secretary Olney, if he could not carry his own county, could certainly carry his own precinct.

The row, the fighting, the militia, the governor's proclamation, the whole disgraceful affair in Kentucky only vindicates the wisdom of the populist demand that United States senators should be elected by the people and not by the legislature.

The difference between a three cent and a five cent street car fare is a four per cent tax on the income of the working man. Dave Hill, all the goldite plutocrats and the supreme court, think that kind of an income tax constitutional, but that is an income tax to be paid by the rich is unconstitutional.

Four years ago McKinleyism was submitted to a vote of the people practically unobstructed by side issues, (both old parties discussed nothing but tariff) and McKinleyism was downed by an overwhelming vote. Now they say the people want it. They are badly mistaken.

There is not an economist in the whole world who will endorse the theory of banks of issue. Lord Overstone expresses the belief of all of them in this sentence: "It certainly think it quite essential that the issue of paper money should be kept entirely separate and distinct from everything connected with the banking business."

ROTHSCHILD'S TELEGRAM.

The senate has spent a great deal of time during the last week in talking about the Cuban belligerency resolution, and one by one, the goldites and plutocrats begin to line up on the side of Spain. It is probable that they got a dispatch from Rothschild's something like this: "You will dot Cuban resolution peenish shtop! Mein Gott in Himmel! I was of dot Spanish debt von pig ehlice have. So come does Cubans free, how shall I mein monish again get? Spain, mitout Cuba, vill a pauper become, und she vill refer, refer to me mein interest pay. Oh, mein Gott! Dis ish awful. I lose mein monish! I lose mein interest! Shtop that whole peenishness."

What else could Hale and Hoar do but fight poor Cuba, after they got that?

WHEN WILL IT STOP.

When will populist editors cease to give credence to fake telegrams and interviews printed in the gold bug dailies? Will they ever? Will they forever continue to repeat them? Boodler Russell was down at Washington. He gave out an interview to the effect that the populists and democrats would fuse on Bryan for governor. A lot of populists assume that it is a matter of fact and begin to howl. That is just what the interview was printed for in the first place. Russell did his part and these chaps take up the strain and the object of printing it is accomplished.

For goodness sake, if you have the slightest interest in the success of the populist party, stop taking your populist news from the gold bug dailies. The INDEPENDENT is at the very center and heart of populist state news. It has trusted friends in Washington who will not fail to send information of importance at the seat of government if it is suppressed by the press association. If you take your news from the INDEPENDENT you will be on safe ground. You will not be carrying out the schemes of the agents of the money power.

ALMOST OMnipotent.

The New York World says: "That if Nikola Tesla succeeds in harnessing the electrical earth currents and putting them to work for man there will be an end to oppressive extortionate monopolies."

"The successful adaptation of Tesla's discovery will administer a death-blow to the most galling slavery that has ever yoked the activities of man to the treadmill of monopoly. Tesla is the man who is going to emancipate modern industries from the shackles of corrupting, dividend-grabbing, monopolistic corporations."

All that is nonsense. Tesla may harness the earth currents, and produce heat, light and power almost without cost. He may use the currents for transmitting thought by telephone or the Morse instrument, but if the money power controls legislation, the galling slavery of mankind will still remain. If the World's own theory of overproduction is true mankind would be a thousand fold worse off than now.

After Tesla has abolished the cost of power, heat, light and telegraphy the debts, taxes and interest of the world remain to be paid, and the money power, if it still controls legislation, can make money so dear that it will take 1,000 bushels of wheat to pay a debt of one bushel will pay now. By reason of existing debts and taxes, if that power is allowed "to regulate the value of money" no invention, no decrease in the cost of production, will emancipate producers.

Tesla's success, with the money power in control, would add millions of paupers to the millions that now exist, by destroying the present occupation of millions of men and women. He will bring no blessings but only curses upon the world. There is a power greater than steam, greater than electricity to bless or to curse, and mankind will make no progress until that power is harnessed and controlled. It is the power to "coin money and regulate the value thereof."

That power can make slaves of mankind regardless of science or invention. It can also make the world a second Paradise, till its fields, and fill the land with schools, colleges and songs of happiness, if used for the benefit of mankind and not for a privileged few. It is the greatest power on earth. It is almost omnipotent.

A SAD STORY.

The Omaha Merchantile Reporter gives the monthly real estate transfers, building permits and clearing house exchanges for the last three years. The decrease between 1893 and 1894 in transfer of real estate was \$4,577,928.00 and between 1894 and 1895 it was \$1,433,622.00. The decrease in building permits in the same years was respectively, \$362,650.00 and \$106,683.00. The decrease in the clearing house exchanges for those years was \$54,844,946.97 and \$51,092,845.20.

This is a very sad story but it is the story of the whole south and west. It is the story of the gold standard.

THE ONLY SURE WEAPON.

The result of the contest between Mr. Allen, a farmer living near Ashland, the mortgage on whose farm was foreclosed, and the officers of the law who attempted to eject him, is what all have foreseen. Mr. Allen armed himself and family and held the officers at bay for some days, but at last was captured. The record of the facts in the daily papers was as follows:

Allen was arrested and brought to town. The entire family came in about 10 o'clock last night and presented a pitiful sight, as they sat around the stove at the Commercial hotel. The family consists of seven small children. They will be taken to Wahoo for trial. It is feared that Allen will lose his mind.

There are hundreds of just as pitiful cases in Nebraska, and there will be hundreds more during the next two or three years. There is only one way to fight this sort of thing. It cannot be done with Winchester and shot guns. It can only be done with ballots. If the farmers of Nebraska and other states had only rightly used their ballots, such things would never have occurred. The ballot is the only weapon that can defend the farmer. Yet men sometimes sell it for a glass of beer, then stand helpless before the most grasping and cruel tyrant the world has ever known, namely, the power of money.

A MILLION IN IT.

A very nice gentleman, a Lincoln merchant, said to the editor of the INDEPENDENT. "I have never taken much interest in politics. I have always voted and sometimes attended the republican primaries, but I confess that this fierce fight over the delegation to the national convention is a puzzle to me. Either Manderson or McKinley would carry out the republican policy of sound money and protection. There would be no difference in the policy pursued which ever is nominated. Why such a fierce fight, and why is so much money being expended?"

There's innocence for you! Perhaps nine-tenths of the voters are just as innocent. Why? It is because there is more than a million dollars in it. That's why.

The salaries of presidential appointees in this state, including postmasters, revenue collectors, marshals, judges, inspectors and others, during a presidential term is much more than a million dollars. If a McKinley delegation is chosen and McKinley is elected, then these chaps will get the offices. If a Manderson delegation is chosen and Manderson is nominated and elected then the other chaps will get the offices. There is more than a million dollars in it. That is what they are fighting about, and this innocent merchant couldn't understand it at all.

What do these chaps, who yell every time the name of their candidate is mentioned, care for Manderson or McKinley? Not one in ten of them ever saw either of those gentlemen. When they talk about "the great Ohio statesman," or "shout stand up for Nebraska and our o n favorite son," it is all a sham. If Manderson or McKinley, out of office and out of power and influence, should come to any one of them and ask a loan of five dollars they would say, "youngit." Their enthusiasm is engendered by a sense of favors to come, and a man who does not know that much is very innocent indeed.

WHO FURNISHES THE MONEY?

Senator Cullom charges that the McKinley managers have bought up Illinois with clean cash. He says: "The McKinley forces are organized all over my state. They have their agents tramping round, organizing McKinley clubs and doing anything in their power to make the state solid for McKinley. There has been a large amount of money spent in Illinois by McKinley workers and it is not easy to break up the schemes which have been set up for him."

Who is furnishing this vast amount of money and how do they expect to get it back? McKinley is a bankrupt and a pauper living on the contribution of his friends.

The editor of THE INDEPENDENT would like to know what is the proper thing to say, when a pop editor has hunted three hours for a quotation, found it, and then in a fit of absent mindedness pastes it on wrong side up and gives it to the printer?

It turns out that the express companies are at Washington with a lobby working up that plutocratic scheme to exclude populist quarterly publications from the mail. At every turn these days one meets a monopoly crying "more! more!"

Gen. Weaver denies having suggested Gov. Boies as the nominee for president by the populists. In a card to the American, at Creston, Iowa, Gen. Weavers says he merely commended Gov. Bois' open, bold, frank and unequivocal declaration and beyond this the dispatch was a pure fake.

Populist papers have just as large subscription lists, and often larger, than any old party paper published in the same counties. Their readers have just as much money to buy goods as do the farmers and laborers of the two old parties, and they are more intelligent and more likely to see a good point in an advertisement.

The Silver Knight has bought a lightening perfecting press, and comes to us this week in eight large pages. Our copy, full of facts is only one of the hundred thousand sent out weekly. You can get it and the INDEPENDENT both for one year for \$1.15. Send in your subscriptions.

A good many people seem to be getting in earnest these days. Whenever they do get in earnest, they drop the dilettanteism of convention and forms and then they talk a good deal in the style of the INDEPENDENT or Tillman. It seems that Bishop Potter is getting in earnest. He says of the church in its present attitude, that it is revealed as a monstrous, insolent impertinence.

BALLOT BOX STUFFING

There has been a good many guesses made as to the manner in which the republican house would dispose of the populist contestants to seats. It was well known that the frauds perpetrated in the south were so flagrant, bold and well known in counting out populists who were elected by overwhelming majorities, that they could not be denied or covered up. The question was: Will the republicans, who for twenty years have been denouncing these frauds, now that they are in power, seat the men who were actually elected? There were few who believed that they would. Last Monday the first of these cases was reported from the committee on contested elections. The following is the report of what they did:

WASHINGTON, March 7.—The House Committee on Elections, No. 2, has decided to report that the last Congressional election in the Fifth Louisiana District was null and void, on account of fraud and intimidation. The sitting member is Charles J. Boatner, a democrat. The decision if sustained by the House will unseat Boatner, without seating the contestant, Alex Besoit, a populist, and will create a vacancy from that district. The vote in committee was strictly on party lines.

It is evident that not a populist will be seated, however big a majority he may have.

THE WORLD REDEEMED.

A correspondent sends the following list of questions:

First, can a tariff on imports directly or indirectly protect the home market prices of agricultural staples as long as the surplus is sold for export, and the export and home price for these are the same?

Second, if it cannot, must this unprotected industry pay for the cost of protection of the protected industries?

Third, is not such a system of protection injudiciously unjust and inequitable to the producers of agricultural staples?

The American Economist says that the low price of wheat and corn is because of the repeal of Bill McKinley, or the McKinley bill, we forget which. Any way, "you can bet your life" it is all on account of the tariff. Put on 3 per cent more and the world's redeemed.

The government can't run a railroad. That would be impossible says the plutocratic press. It don't seem that the plutocrats can run railroads either, except to run them into the ground, and then call on the government to dig them out. The government is today running eighty-seven railroads, some of them great trunk lines, and running them at the request of the aforesaid plutocrats. The great magnates who, to hear them talk, know all about railroads will take a great trunk line with the taxing power of a czar, and in a few years will have to throw up the job and ask the government to please appoint a receiver and put it in shape so that the said magnates may take it and try a hand at it again.

The most idiotic performance ever recorded was that of a republican congressional convention in Kansas last week. They resolved that they were in favor of the free coinage of silver and McKinley for president, when they knew that McKinley had publicly stated that if the national convention of the republican party declared for free silver he would leave the party. If any one knows of a more idiotic thing please report, that the world may know where the best breed of human donkeys reside. Up to date Kansas has them.

Senator Allen has introduced a resolution calling on the secretary of the treasury for a statement of the gross earnings, operating expenses and net earnings of the Union Pacific road from its organization to July 1895. That is a specimen of the practical work Allen is doing in the senate. A correct answer to that question will go farther in the settlement of the Pacific railroad question than four hundred speeches.

Several students, members of the economic club of the state University, called at the INDEPENDENT office and stated that all the speakers who had addressed the club were chosen by the executive committee and that the head of the department of economics had nothing to do with it, and if they had all been on one side, during this college year, that was purely accidental.

"When are we most troubled with a glut in the market?" asks Professor Ely "Undoubtedly when least is produced. When is there the most ready sale for commodities? Undoubtedly when everybody is at work, and when most is being produced." But it is all on account of the tariff.

"With the support of the mints withdrawn from gold" says Banker St. John, "the market price of gold would fall rapidly until the price attained would permit the lower arts, in utensils and the like, to absorb the surplus gold." But Bill McKinley says that could not happen all on account of the tariff.

The papers report that Mr. Cleveland has stated that he regrets he did not make the bond issue two million instead of one million, so as to provide for all contingencies to the end of his term. That is an indication that there is to be another issue soon, but it is all on account of the tariff.

Mr. Poor, the one populist in the Kentucky legislature has stood the test. He could not be bought. The populists in the next Kentucky legislature will not be represented by one man, but by a majority.

OUR POPULIST WORKERS

The following persons sent in clubs during the week. In behalf of the populist party, the distressed merchants, the suffering farmers, the thousands of laborers out of work, the landless tenants and all those to whom the INDEPENDENT would bring prosperity, we return them sincere thanks: R. A. Lawson, Pierce, Nebraska, 2; D. H. Thompson, Mead, Nebraska, 5; P. B. Garrett, Lebanon, Nebraska, 5; W. C. Brown, Brainard, Nebraska, 6; G. Hickie, Ashland, 2; J. T. Vorhes, Hampton, Nebraska, 9; D. Turner, Osmond, Nebraska, 7; S. J. Goodin, Cody, Nebraska, 3.

ABOLISHING THE POSTOFFICE

For five or six years the plutocrats have been trying to curtail the circulation of populist literature, and they strike at the post office laws to do it. The house bill in the present congress No. 4566, is the same old bill that has been introduced in the last three or four congresses to accomplish that purpose. If the bill should become a law, all "books or reprints of books" which means paper covered books, issued periodically, which have done more than any other thing to cheapen our literature and place good reading within the reach of even the humblest student, will be driven out of the market, besides stopping the circulation of populist literature, for the postoffice is the only means of communication with the people we have—the telegraph is controlled by the gold power. It will cause a decrease in the amount of paper consumed by about 100,000 tons, annually. It will lessen the amount of type-setting, printing, stereotyping, etc., and will throw thousands of people out of employment. But that just suits the goldites. The more traps there are the easier it is for them to control the government.

ASSOCIATED PRESS LIES

Gen. Weaver at a populist meeting in Des Moines recently nominated ex-Gov. Boies as a candidate for president. Mr. Boies has not left the democrat party but has declined to be its presidential candidate. It is to be hoped the populists will not be compelled to nominate all the chronic office seekers who are unwilling to be ignominiously defeated by being democratic candidates.—F. A. & I. U.

It is exceedingly strange, past comprehension in fact, that populist papers reprint Associated Press lies, for the above report is one of that kind. The paper also says: "It is to be hoped the populists will not be compelled to nominate all the chronic office seekers," thus ranking populists as a lot of imbeciles who were to be "compelled" by some body. Populists are not that sort in this state. If any one thinks he could do some "compelling" just let him try it. THE INDEPENDENT is exceedingly weary of this kind of talk. It thinks that instead of populist delegates selected from among our most intelligent citizens, being a lot of imbeciles, whom somebody will "compel" to make unfit nominations, the imbeciles are the men who write that kind of trash. Certainly they cannot be of a high grade of intellect when they will give credence to every Associated Press lie that is printed for the express purpose of injuring the populist party.

ANARCHY.

One of the epithets constantly hurled at the populist party is "Anarchist." It seems about time for the American people to seriously consider this question of anarchy and find out who the anarchists are, and then deal with them as they ought to be dealt with. When Cleveland ordered the United States troops to Chicago against the protest of the governor of the state and the constituted authorities of the city, in direct violation of the constitution of the United States and state of Illinois that was democratic anarchy.

Now Governor Bradley of Kentucky has in violation of the constitution of the state of Kentucky, surrounded the legislature of that state with an armed force. This strikes at the very foundation of government. This is anarchy undeniably. Even in the monarchies of Europe parliamentary bodies and the members of them are free from military influence and free from arrest.

It will be remembered that two years ago a German socialist who was serving a term in prison was elected a member of the Reichstag. The day that body met, the prison doors opened and this legislator went free and was free as long as that body was in session. Even the despotic German Emperor dared not lay his hand on him. There is no principle so well founded in all free governments as that legislative bodies and legislators shall be free from military influence. Governor Bradley defies that principle and inaugurates republican anarchy in Kentucky.

The people have now had a sample of both republican and democratic anarchy and can decide which is the worst.

Meantime the populist party stands as it has stood, the only party in existence in these later years that defends constitutional government and law and order. It believes that the military should be subservient to the civil power.

McKinley says that that row down in Kentucky, the fight in the legislature, the militia, the camp of soldiers, the public meetings and the tramp of uniformed men is all on account of the tariff. If the tariff was only three per cent higher, men would not fight over the silver question.

A LAW MADE PRICE.

Wm. P. St. John, president of the Mercantile National bank of New York, in his testimony before the Springer committee page 329 said:

"By law, gold carries the right of transition into English money at the price of £3, 17s., 10½d. per Troy ounce, eleven-twelfths and one penny weight fine.

By law, France, Germany and other important continental states similarly endow gold and, by virtue of our law, gold carries the right of transition into the money of the United States at the fixed price of 23-22 grains pure, or 25.8 grains nine-tenths fine for a dollar. Thus, by law the market price and the mint price of gold are one and the same."

Why Money is Hoarded.

The following paragraph is from a speech delivered by Gen. A. J. Warner in the House of Representatives Jan. 15, 1885:

I repeat, then, that prices will always fall when the money volume is undergoing contraction, and as prices begin to fall money is withdrawn from investment and hoarded in idleness. Why? Because investment is not safe. It is neither profitable nor safe to put money into property that is falling in value nor to employ it in business. Production is therefore checked or stopped. For if what is produced one month is worth less the next, who wants to invest money in production? That road need only be followed long enough to carry any one into bankruptcy. It has already carried thousands there, and has just carried the great firm of Oliver Bros. & Phillips, of Pittsburgh, into that pitfall.

Senator Tillman's Position.

In answer to a letter written him by a South Carolina Democrat, Senator Tillman replies:

Washington, D. C., Feb. 29, 1896.—Sir: I have your letter of February 5, and appreciate very much your kind words of commendation. In order to preserve the unity of the white democracy of South Carolina we cannot act on your suggestion not to send delegates to Chicago. We have already captured the state Democracy. We are the state democracy and we must go to Chicago prepared to bolt if need be and ally ourselves with the free silver men of the west. It would be a fatal blunder not to send delegates to the national democratic convention and would only be putting it in the hands of our goldbug enemies. If the national convention does not adopt a platform to suit us and put a man on it above suspicion as to his loyalty, we can then leave the party, but not before. The efforts of every true friend of silver and financial reform should be directed to having our state democratic committee composed solely of men of our way of thinking, so as to have it act as a unit.

BENJAMIN R. TILLMAN.

The populists carried the city of Winterset, Iowa. The editor of the Review, having worked night and day, starved, wrote, talked and printed to accomplish that end, finding that he had actually won wrote it up in this way: "Winterset populists win and send greetings to their brethren. We make a clean sweep and elect the whole ticket in each ward. The Millenium is only four miles away and the Review commences printing green backs tomorrow. Free coinage commences as soon as the new council organizes."

The Trouble With Allen.

Senator Platt (republican). The trouble with the senator for Nebraska is that his only definition of bimetalism is the unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1 by the United States alone. I say that is no honest definition of bimetalism.—Congressional Record.

Let Her Come.

Let the new woman come if she wants to, she can't be any worse than the old women now in the U. S. senate.—Saline County Democrat.

Senator Blackburn, in a speech at Frankfort on Saturday night made the remark that "there has not been one single original, copied, borrowed or stolen idea in the democratic press of Louisville for the past twelve months which was not a lie." It is probable that the statement that he had said that he would support the democratic nominee for president even if he was a goldite is also a lie.

A report of a meeting held at Crouse, at which Mr. Jerome Schamp made a speech which received the endorsement and applausits of a very large number of the most intelligent citizens of that place was lost in this office after it was prepared for publication and sent to the composing room.

A farmer can make one hundred per cent more money raising the right kind of votes than he can raising corn at twelve cents a bushel. If he will put in some time and money in getting in a good crop of votes, in the end he will have a good deal more spare time and money than he has now.

Among the "silver lunatics" are the learned professors of political economy in the colleges of London, Oxford, Cambridge and Edinburgh, and the late De Leveley with others of the profession on the continent. The populists stand side by side with the learned of all the nations of the world.

Some of the big dailies have got to clipping matter from the INDEPENDENT without credit which proves that this is the best "news" paper in the state.

A list of the populist papers of Nebraska will be found on page seven of this issue.