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State Committee Meeting.

The state central committee of the people's party is hereby called to meet at the Bestwick 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.

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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 Globe 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 an income tax to be paid by the rich is unconstitutional.

Four years ago McKinley was submitted to a vote of the people practically unobstructed by side issues, (both old parties discussed nothing but tariff) and McKinley 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 expressed the belief of all of them in this sentence: "I certainly think it quite essential that the issue of paper money should be kept entirely separate and distinct from everything connected with the banking busi-

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 Rothschilds something like this:

"You will dot Cuban resolution possessness shtop! Mein Gott in Himmel! I was of dot Spanish debt von pig shikes have. So come dees Cubans free, how shall I mein monish again get? Spain, mitout Cuba, vill a pauper becomen, und she will never, refer to me mein interest pay. Oh, mein Gott! Dis ish awful! I lose mein monish! I lose mein interest! Shtop that whole possessness."

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? Boddie 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 hoot. 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 Nikols 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 men to the treadmill of monopoly. Tesla is the wizard 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 that 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."

The Silver Knight has bought a lighting 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 subscription.

A good many people seem to be getting in earnest these days. Whenever they do get in earnest, they drop the diletanteism of convention and forms and then they talk a good deal in the style of the INDEPENDENT and 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 impudence."

BALLOT BOX STUFFING.

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 Winchesters 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 own 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, "yougit." Their enthusiasm is engendered by a sense of favors to come, and a man who does not know that much is very innocent indeed.

None of that sort of thing has ever found a place in the populist party. Let us pray that it never will.

WHO FURNISHES THE MONEY?

Senator Collier 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 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 commanded Gov. Boies' open, bold, frank and unequivocal declaration and beyond this the dispatch was a pure accident.

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.

Where 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 Ken-

tucky 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 ma-

jority.

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 uni-

formed men is all on account of the tar-

iff. If the tariff was only three per cent,

higher, men would not fight over the

silver question.

OUR POPULIST WORKERS

The following persons sent in clubs 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 Benoit, 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 injuriously 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 doesn'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.