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THE GOLD CONSPIRACY.

The Indignation of the People Against it has Been of No Avail.

SHYLOCK IS IN ECSTASIES.

The only Question now is, how the Robbers Will Secure Their Swag.

Lying Obfuscations of Goldite Newspapers.

The following is clipped from an article by John Clark Kidpath L. L. D. in the March number of the Arena:

The conspiracy of the International Gold Trust seems to have triumphed. The indignation of the people against it has been of no avail. That power, which became organic as a bondholding class in America just after the close of the civil war, has, by its league with the financial system of Great Britain, succeeded in tramping down truth and justice, in choking the protests of a mighty people, in despoiling their industries, in reducing them from proprietors to tenants, in taking away the rewards of labor and enterprise, and in establishing a condition which tends inevitably to the early and permanent institution in the United States of a peasantry subordinated to the will and purpose of their masters.

The visible gold in the world amounts to about four hundred and eighty-five cubic feet. The greater part of this, nearly all of it indeed, is owned by private parties. It is controlled finally by a few men who have free institutions and who care nothing for the rights of mankind or the interest of civilization. On the basis of these four hundred and eighty-five cubic feet of gold it is proposed to conduct the business of the world! It is the most monstrous scheme ever known in history. The public and private debts of the American people amount to about forty-five billions of dollars. Of this debt less than ten per cent is held abroad. Most of the foreign holding is in Great Britain. Yet by the bond of this ten per cent the United States has become an appendage of Great Britain. The independence which we thought we had achieved one hundred and twenty years ago and which we supposed we had confirmed four score years ago, has been reconverted into a miserable dependency which might suggest to a pessimist that it would have been better never to break with our good mother at all!

The present aspect of the world is that of one centralized power, having its seat in London, with outlying dependencies. India with nearly four hundred millions is one dependency; Australia with four millions is another dependency; Canada with six millions is a third, the United States with seventy million is a fourth; the states of the Latin Union are the fifth. Germany and Russia are flattered with the belief that they are members of the league; but as matter of fact they are only Cambaceres and Lebrun in the consulate. The First Consul—and the only one of any importance—has his headquarters in the banks of England.

It is now only a question how the robbers who have despoiled mankind in the Bond and the Dollar are going to get off with their swag. They must have a little time and opportunity. In order to secure these, they enslave the nations with pleasing delusions and fancies. One of these fancies is impending universal war. War is an exciting circumstance and the prospect of war serves to distract the attention of people from the wrongs which they have suffered. The rumor of world-wide war is the substance of the daily news. People read it and believe it; Shylock is in ecstasies over the success of his ruse, and if he thought he could sell more bonds he would plunge all nations into a bloody and exterminating conflict. Another one of the illusions is the factitious discovery of gold. The propagandists having its headquarters in London and its American branch in William street, New York, has been engaged during the year 1895 in the dissemination of the news of gold discoveries in all parts of the world. South Africa is teeming with gold; the mountains of South America are founded on gold, and the outcroppings of it are seen in many parts; the Australian hills are made of gold; California is nothing but gold; the Alaskan mines are also rich in gold; the very sea-bottom on several coasts reaching out for leagues is a mine of gold; new discoveries are made in Colorado, and Arizona, New Mexico and Georgia added finds that are heralded with every mail. Soon it will be that gold will be a drug in the streets; it shall be

heaped up in crates, from which the passerby may help himself and his friends. The price of gold will thus be brought down, and we, the managers of the enterprise, will have to adopt strenuous measures to prevent the over-coinage of gold as money. Strange that all this ineffable lying should be propagated by the press and be believed by an intelligent people!

Another pleasing fancy of the goldites is the great and prosperous revival of business. Why, here is a marvelous paradox! Business, according to the great distinguished organs of public opinion, revives and does not revive! Enterprise once more goes forward with a bound, and enterprise does not bound forward at all, but remains inert and dead!

The farmer with his fat-lean kine rejoices and weeps! The collapsed bins of ten thousand farm yards are bursting with high-low wheat! The gold organ performs this paradox for the reason that it must. According to the organ, the adoption of the Wilson bill in 1893, in place of the war-tariff schedule that had been aggravated to an inflammation by the McKinley law, prostrated all enterprises, ruined all industries; and neither can the one revive nor the other ever flourish again, until the flamboyant protective scheme shall be revived. Therefore, sayeth the capitalistic press, business does not flourish and cannot flourish again until the wrong shall be righted, after the next presidential election.

But on the other hand, crieth the organ, the adoption of the single gold standard instead of the bimetallic standard of the constitution has restored confidence, and with the restoration of confidence, behold how the business revived, all enterprises rise from the dust; all manufacturers rekindle their fires and pour forth their treasures. Hence business, in the same act and by the same token, both revives and does not revive! The proclamation of prosperity and of industrial despair goes forth from the same gold organ on the same day! The fact that the alleged ruin of American industry by the passage of the Wilson bill and the alleged revival of all American industries by the coincident passage of the Gold bill of 1893 do not consist, seems not at all to trouble the advocates and owners of the honest dollar! All this furnishes instruction for the people and amusement for the few whose understandings cannot be darkened with the lying obfuscations of a goldite newspaper.

GOV. HOLCOMB PETITIONED.

He is Asked to Use His Influence Against Militarism in Public Schools.

UNIVERSITY PLACE, Neb., March 18, 1896. EDITOR INDEPENDENT:—Encouraged by like sentiment heretofore expressed in the columns of your valuable paper, I venture by request of the Lincoln Executive Meeting of Friends, to ask space in your paper for the following memorial to the Governor, which we believe will be duly appreciated by many of your readers.

Very Respectfully, ADDIE A. GAILOCK, Clerk.

The following petition bearing about seventy-five signatures is herewith presented to Governor Holcomb:

WHEREAS, all history shows that war and its attending evils is a relic of barbarism, at best but a passionate means of deferring justice, whose blood written pages should never have darkened the pages of a 19th century history, their repetition of which could and should be rendered impossible by proper legislation, and,

WHEREAS, the peace loving people of this country and of our state of Nebraska are deeply concerned in regard to recent legislation by our national congress looking to the establishment of military training in our free public school system, and,

WHEREAS, realizing that what we put into the schools of a nation will appear further that such training will engender a spirit of militarism that will not only be detrimental to the peaceable interests of our country, but will also incalculable errors of ideas of true patriotism and statesmanship, and,

WHEREAS, all warlike tendencies are inimical to good government, contrary to the spirit and teaching of the Scriptures and retrogressive to the universal "brotherhood of man" (which is the essence of true reform), therefore, be it

Resolved, that we, through the Lincoln Executive Meeting of Friends, respectfully and most earnestly petition thee, Silas A. Holcomb, Governor of the State of Nebraska, to use all proper influence within thy power to discourage militarism in all its forms and to prevent, if possible, the introduction of military training into the public schools of our state.

Delinquent subscribers must pay up, at least in part.

FAITHFUL OLD GUARD.

They Have Stood by Their Guns for Twenty Years.

WILL NOT DESERT THEM NOW.

The Correctness of Their Principles Insures Their Final Triumph.

The Course Pursued by the National Committee and Members of Congress Eminently Wise.

[It is with greatest pleasure we publish the following excellently written letter, but take occasion to express surprise that such able men will be led to imply that the present efficient, capable, honorable and honest leaders of the populist party are willing, or could be induced to "trim and compromise just to get into office." Some of them have been tried in the fiery furnace, heated seven times hotter than ever before and have come forth without the smell of fire on their garments. Others of vigorous intellect and fine education have devoted almost a life time to the upbuilding of populist principles and are today in poverty, when if they had been willing to serve the money power and the corporations, they might have lived in luxury and left a fortune to their children. Is it sensible to believe that these men, many of them now near the close of life, are engaged in a contemptible scheme to betray every trust, abandon the works of a life time and turn traitors for the hope of getting an office? They have all been offered offices, they have all been offered money in the years gone by and rejected them with scorn and contempt. This writer knows that the one among them most bitterly assaulted once had \$40,000 in cash laid down on his table and was told that if he would cast just one vote, it was his, and the offer was rejected. Has that man changed his nature? Will he for the chance to get an office betray those who have trusted him? Does Mr. Snyder suspect him? Are all men dishonest? This suspicion was started and has been kept up by the associated press. If men will continue to believe the lies sent out by that corporation and constantly printed in the daily papers, then there is no hope for us. If men tried and proven true, men who have withstood every temptation, men whose poverty proves them honest, are to be constantly assailed in our own papers and by our own people, on the basis of associated news items, then we might as well give up the fight.

It seems to us that the course so far pursued by the national committee and populist leaders in congress has been eminently wise. It is the course pursued by Lincoln in the formation of the republican party. He, too, was assaulted most bitterly both before and after his election, by members of his own party, just as our leaders are today, for not being radical. We all now see and acknowledge the wisdom of his course. The "old guard" is true. We are proud to have been a member of it, (we published a paper supporting Peter Cooper, we have stood by the guns ever since, and here's one that is not going to surrender any principle) but it holds out the hand of fellowship to all men who will unite with us to down plutocracy and redeem this nation. We endorse every word of the following and object only to the "implication" that somebody in the leadership of the party is going to "trim and compromise just to get into office."—EDITOR INDEPENDENT.]

VERDURETTE, Neb., March 20, 1896. EDITOR INDEPENDENT:—The experience of the human family furnishes a vast field for observation and reflection. A close observation of this field finds a vast number of compromises of human expedients intended to meet emergency, but all of such work has sooner or later perished in the using. In 1787 our fathers compromised with slavery. In 1861 to 1866 we gathered the harvest of the compromise. This case is only one of many thousands spread all over the history of six thousand years. Amid this wreck of human weakness and human folly, like sunshine breaking through rifted clouds, appears an occasional state paper asserting eternal principles, and moral heroes to defend them. These have abiding qualities. They are here to stay, and their innate life is in the eternity of their correctness. There is no accident about it. Fortuitous circumstances do not, and cannot account for the imperishable feature of their life. It does not depend on human consent. They have life in themselves, and cannot die, and will not die.

Thomas Jefferson is in point here. The democrat party may die, and probably will die, but Jefferson never. The name of Lincoln is the life memory which vitalizes the republican party today. That apostatized and backslidden party may divide, and finally perish, but the name of Lincoln will live on in undiminished grandness and glory. Many other immortal names might be written here, but brevity is a necessity. Why this imperishable fame in these noble names? Simply because of their fidelity to those eternal principles. This secured them the enduring quality and fame of real statesmen. They got the result because they possessed the necessary quality. All that our country has built up in more than one hundred years, based on the principles and measures of these men, is at this moment an element of strength, safety and peace for the country from one ocean to the other, and from lake to gulf as well. It is only in the departure from this that the country is now agitated from center to circumference. Political parties are convulsed and the wisest and most patriotic men in the land are no longer free from apprehensions about the possibilities involved in present conditions.

We are to meet in St. Louis July 22. What will we do—how will we build—on what foundation? We can compromise and do more patch work, and further on find a grave as many others have done before us. We ought to build on principles nearest the Great White Throne, and possibly we can. For my part I can see no use for the populist party if we are going to St. Louis to trim and compromise just to get into office. The democrats and republicans can do all of that better than we can. Their machinery is quite complete and their capital ample. But I can see any amount of need for a populist party if we are going to St. Louis to build up the nation on all the glorious truths espoused by the fathers and taught to mankind by Jesus Christ hundreds of years before Washington fought for them. That will be statesmanship worthy of the name. That will be health, life, peace and duration to our nation. Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln, and above all Jesus did not let down the standard to accommodate half converts, and we shall commit a fatal mistake if we do it. Will our convention be made up of men who can and will apply these heaven born principles to the new conditions which have grown up in a hundred years? Well we shall have to wait and see when it comes. All may rest assured that the "old guard" have no use for a platform shorn of the vital parts which gave our party birth.

J. M. SNYDER.

BERGE AT BENNETT.

He Addresses a Large and Enthusiastic Audience on the Money Question.

On Monday evening March, 23, there was held at Bennett a meeting which for large attendance and enthusiasm has never been surpassed in the village of Bennett. The meeting was non-partisan in character. It was announced that G. W. Berge, of Lincoln would talk upon "hard times and money," and although the roads were bad the large hall in which the meeting was held was filled and many were obliged to stand throughout the entire meeting.

Mr. Berge said that low prices, shortened hours of labor, forced idleness and hard times always go hand in hand with a scarce supply of money, that with an increased supply of money, prices would rise, labor find employment and business revive generally. He said that if a gold standard was permanently fastened upon this county that times would not get better but that the march of the American people would continue in the direction of serfdom and slavery. He showed how the money in circulation had been decreased and eloquently portrayed the effects of such vicious legislation. He was in favor of the U. S. alone opening her mints to the free and unlimited coinage of both gold and silver and not wait for England to join us because he did not believe she would ever consent to an international agreement.

The meeting was a pronounced success in every way. The silver sentiment is stronger in the vicinity of Bennett today than it has ever been.

HASTINGS IS JUBILANT

Thirty Inches of Snow Has Fallen and the Creeks are Full of Water.

HASTINGS, Neb., March 17, 1896. John Burke, superintendent of the Burlington Water System, was a Hastings visitor this morning.

Twenty-seven car loads of stock left Hastings last night. They were all loaded within a radius of 35 miles of Hastings.

The Busy Bees and Willing Workers of the Presbyterian Sunday school will give an entertainment in the Presbyterian church Friday evening of this week, March 20.

R. W. Norton who lives five miles east of this city shipped 184 head of fat steers last night over the Burlington for the South Omaha market.

Mark Long of this city, manager of the Boston clothing store, is prepared to make contracts with farmers for raising sugar beets or chicory, and he promises that if he can secure contracts for about 200 acres of the beets, that a chicory plant will be located here this year. This evening Rev. Father Roache of David City, will lecture at St. Cecilia church on the life and services of St. Patrick. A learned discourse is in store for those who attend.

Herman Benter, a young farmer living about four miles north of this city committed suicide by hanging. He had shown signs of nervousness for several days and upon the night previous to the committal of the rash act he was so restless he did not sleep and in the morning he appeared worse, stubborn and refused to do any of the chores which was his ordinary custom. He finally left the house and went out about the barn and not returning for some time his father went out to look for him and found him hanging in a corn crib apparently dead. When cut down life was gone. No apparent cause is known for the rash act.

The political pot in this city and county is just now in a state of fermentation almost to the boiling point. In the city we have three different tickets: the citizen's prohibition and regular republican. The last named party has been, as it were in the saddle for lo! these many years, and some of the dear people are getting tired. Very tired and the chances are good for a flop of city control by the election of the citizens ticket which is composed of very good timber.

Farmers, merchants and all classes of people are very much elated over the splendid wetting the land has received from the recent snows in central Nebraska. With such a favorable start, the small grain is almost an assured crop. Reports from all parts of this county are very favorable concerning the growing wheat, of which, however the acreage is not as large as former years. A large number of farmers will sow spring wheat this year.

During the past week we have had in this county about thirty inches of snow which in the judgement of your correspondent, will make about two inches of water. It has been snowing here most all day with fair prospect to continue all night. The snow has been melting and the surface of the ground is covered with water. Therefore dry creeks and draws are filling up with water and the drooping spirits of the people of this locality are rising with the water in the creeks.

The Meanest Gold Bug. Don't forget that the bi-metallic who favors free coinage of silver "as soon as it can be attained by international agreement" is a goldbug of the meanest kind and his bosses know it.—People's Champion.

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D. R. LILLIBRIDGE, Pres., Lincoln Business College, Lincoln, Neb. Helping Along. BLOOMFIELD, March 23, 1896. EDITOR INDEPENDENT:—I enclose a list of sixteen names of the parties. Most of the parties are independents, some on the fence. My business keeps me from doing as much as I would for our cause but I have done some effectual work. I have to avoid debates all I can. If you have anything that will make votes, I will put it where it will count. I have taken the state paper for nearly five years. I am well pleased with it. It will make votes wherever it is read. S. Elwood.