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Nebraska will furnish the dark horse
for the republican nomination. His
name is Bud.

Would you rather forsake your country
and join hands with aliens than forsake
your party? Would you?

Every man of common sense knows that
the populist party is the only party that
would bring free coinage of silver if given
power.

Every party in the United States will
split wide open within the next six
months except the populist party. That
is as solid as the everlasting hills.

When the bosses have reduced a community
to such a condition that the voters
dare not scratch a ticket, the bosses
are in heaven, but the people in the
depths of perdition.

Bud don't seem to be able to get any
one act as his second in his fight with
McKinley's enemies, and John U. P.
will have to hold the bottle and handle
the sponge himself.

Sixteen thousand Italian immigrants
landed at the port of New York during
this month and McKinley still promises
to raise wages if we will only elect him
president.

The two most able and distinguished
men in the state of Nebraska are populists,
Senator Allen and Gov. Holcomb.
They both have national reputations
and are everywhere respected.

Pettigrew is keeping his promise to
stand in with the goldites hereafter. He
was among the foremost the other day
in objecting to the consideration of Puffer's
bond investigating resolutions.

The INDEPENDENT has no fight to make
upon Hon. Bud Lindsey on account of
his color. It is other reasons altogether,
which leads it to think he is not the
proper person to help select a presidential
candidate.

There are plenty of democrats who
would promise the coinage of paving
blocks if the populists would only
support them for the presidency. For one,
we have had enough democratic promises.

Truthful Annin says that Secretary
Morton's "sarcasm is deep." The sarcasm
of other men is infected with irony,
ridicule, satire, scorn, contempt and is
sometimes said to be keen, but this
Mortonian sarcasm is "deep." It is like
his financial policy, something entirely new.

There are some strong and pregnant
sentences in Senator Allen's great speech
against Gear. Here is one of them:
"That class of statesmen who sail under
false colors, who give their words to the
people and consecrate their lives and
their votes to the corporations."

According to the Associated Press liars,
if the most feeble minded statesman should
call the most brilliant statesman in the
United States to order, the said statesman
would be forever disgraced; even if
the senate should decide that he was in
order and permit him to proceed.

Put the populist party in full power in
this state and within a year we will have
an immigration boom. Farmers all
over the United States will come, for
they well know we will have just freight
rates, taxes reduced to the point of an
economical administration, and the
trusts and combines put under restraint.

The republicans are going to make a
straight fight for perpetual debt and the
single gold standard. They will be so
badly whipped and demoralized that they
will not be able to regain power for
twenty-five years. By that time the Old
Guard will all be dead, and then it will
make no difference to us if they do.

The Western Swine Breeder comes to
us this week with a cut of J. V. Wolfe and
the announcement of his editorship of a
department of the paper. Now that will
never do. If he edits the paper for a
year, he will have the Poland Chinas and
Berkshires contesting for prizes at the
State University.

The republicans of the first district
sought every county for a fit man to
represent them in their national convention
and by a large majority chose
Hon. Bud Lindsey of Lincoln. After
examining the record of the party for the
last twenty years, the INDEPENDENT is
inclined to think they did the best they
could, that their decision is right and
that Bud is the best man the rotten con-
cern can find in its ranks.

NOTICE TO MR. BRYAN.

Last Thursday night the populist mem-
bers of the house and senate held a caucus
and made a very important announce-
ment. There were present, Senators
Stewart, Puffer, Allen, Butler, Jones,
Kyle and Representatives Shufford of
North Carolina, Kern, Bell, Stroud,
Baker, Skinner, Goodwin and Howard.
Senator Stewart was elected chairman
and Senator Butler of North Carolina
secretary. A statement was issued by
the caucus, so the dispatches say, to the
effect that the purported interviews with
people's party senators and representa-
tives to the effect that the people's party
might support the nominee of one of the
old parties for president are incorrect.

As Messrs. Bland, Bryan and others
are making a desperate effort to carry
the national convention, evidently with
the hope that the populists will support
their nominee if they were successful, it
is only meet and proper that this
notice should be given them now.

These democratic free silver men will
be woefully disappointed if they base
their hopes on the idea that any con-
siderable number of populists can, by
any means, be induced to vote for a
democratic candidate for president. A
very slight knowledge of the feeling in
the populist ranks ought to convince
any one that that is a thing impossible
to accomplish. Even if the populist na-
tional committee should endorse the
democratic nominee, which it will not,
even if all our members of congress should
go over to the democrats, which they
will not, even if half of our populist
papers should endorse such a move, and not
three of them would do it—even if the
national convention, the members of
congress and editors should combine in
in favor of such a movement they could
not carry with them into the democratic
party 100,000 populist votes. No man
who knows even the epidermis of a popu-
list would ever dream of such a thing.

The INDEPENDENT has the very highest
regard for Mr. W. J. Bryan. It knows
him to be an honest and able man—a
man whom threats cannot intimidate,
whom power and money cannot influ-
ence, whom flattery and the hope of power
cannot swerve from what he believes to be
the line of duty, and it is only fair to
him to say, that the populists of Nebr-
aska can in no way be induced to support
a nominee of the democratic party for
president. That cannot be done and it
is no use to try it.

E PLURIBUS UNUM.

Mr. Harvey reiterated the false and oft-
repeated charge that the act of 1873 was
secretly smuggled through congress without
debate and all publicity of its enactment
corruptly suppressed, when he certainly
knows and must have known that the
bill in question was pending in
congress for over two years and the
discussions of its provisions cover forty-
eight pages of the congressional record,
—Omaha Bee.

This statement of the Bee is one of
those things commented on elsewhere in
these columns—a double distilled lie,
because it is a half truth. While the
discussion of the act of 1873 occupies
about that number of pages, yet the
demonetization of silver is not mentioned
once in all those discussions—not once.

The act of 1873 did not demonetize
silver. It stopped the coinage of the
silver dollar, but it left the silver dollar
a full legal tender with all the money
functions attached to it that it ever had.

Now comes the Bee and says in effect
that that demonetization of silver was
discussed to the extent of forty pages in
the Congressional Record, when no such
publication as the Congressional Record
was printed at that time. If any gold-
ite editor can crowd more false state-
ments into one sentence, the INDEPENDENT
will give him a year's subscription to
this paper free. It is an E. Pluribus
Unum sort of a sentence.

ROSEWATER AND HARVEY.

It is hard to decide which should have
the leather button, in the contest between
Coin Harvey and Mr. Rosewater of the
Bee. The statements of both men con-
tain so many inaccuracies that the whole
thing is laughable. Mr. Harvey said in
his speech at Creighton Theater, Omaha,
last week:

"Silver was demonetized February 12,
1873. I now offer a reward of \$100 to
any man or woman who will find a word
about it in any newspaper published in
the month of February 1873. You will
find the newspapers of that year in
your public libraries. It was the salary
grab congress that did it. Let no man
claim that the act was honestly and
openly passed till he can claim the reward
I offer."

Now Rosewater claims the \$100 reward
and prints as his proof that he is entitled
to the reward the following extracts from
the Bee of January 18, 1873, and February
7, 1873:

"Mr. Sherman called up the bill to
revise and amend the law relating to mints,
assay office and coinage of the United
States, which was amended and passed."
"Senate—The report of the committee
on conference on the mint and assay
office bill was also concurred in."

Silver was not demonetized in 1873,
but in 1874, when congress adopted the
codified laws into which four or five dis-
reputable lawyers inserted a paragraph
not in any statute ever enacted by con-
gress which limited the legal tender power
of silver to five dollars. There is where
he secret work was done, no member of
congress, excepting Sherman and two or
three others knowing anything about it.
The revised statutes were adopted as a
whole, and that thing had been stuck
in there by these lawyers forming the
commission. Of course they had to
commit perjury to do it. It is to that
transaction that economists refer when

they call the demonetization of silver "a
secret act of perjury."

Mr. Rosewater's extracts are a fair
sample of what appeared in the the daily
papers at that time. They do not refer
in the remotest way to the fact that the
bill relating to the mint and assay office
stopped the coinage of the silver dollar,
and it is doubtful if any newspaper in the
United States ever contained the announce-
ment that the coinage of silver
dollars had been stopped or that silver
had been demonetized until after General
Warner returned from England in 1875,
he having learned of that fact from a
British economist.

The INDEPENDENT decides that Harvey
shall pay the \$100 for being so inaccurate
in his statements, and that Mr. Rose-
water shall pay another \$100 for print-
ing such extracts as those he takes from the
1873 issues of the Bee as proof that the
demonetization of silver was fully dis-
cussed at that time, and that the money
shall be expended in extending the cir-
culation of the NEBRASKA INDEPENDENT so
that the people may get accurate infor-
mation on this subject.

THE YANKEE DEMOCRATS.

The Massachusetts state democratic
convention was held on April 21. The
convention praised President Cleveland
for his "statesmanship and broad-mind-
edness," and lauded his "fidelity, cour-
age and capacity."

The platform, straight and strong for
the single gold standard, contains this
sentence:

"When the democracy again came into
power in 1893 they found an empty
treasury, a want of confidence on the
part of holders of American securities in
all foreign countries which threw these
back upon our markets, forcing individ-
uals and great corporations into liqui-
dation."

Platforms are supposed to be declara-
tions of principles, and as a declaration
of a principles that beats anything that
ever came from "the wild and woolly
west." In the first place it is a double
distilled lie, that is, it is a half truth.
If English holders put a few American
securities upon the market in New York
no one was "forced" to buy them. How
could the selling of these securities
"force" individuals and great corpora-
tions into liquidation? The only men
who would have to "liquidate" were
those who owned no securities, but who
go down to the stock exchange, stand
there and bet for an hour or two on the
rise and fall in the quotations. If the
English offered to sell at a lower price
than had been current, then the fellows
who had bet on a rise would have to
put up more margins or "liquidate." If
a few gamblers were forced to "liquidate,"
did that wreck the country. These Yan-
kee democrats will have to invent some-
thing more plausible than that to fool
the wild and woolly west.

A COSTLY FAKE.

The comptroller of the currency, that
little fellow who not only controls the
currency, but thinks he controls almost
everything else in this wide world, has
decided that no part of the \$100,000 ap-
propriated for the Venezuela commission
can be used for rent. The matter was
brought up in the senate, whereupon
Senator Allen said it was singular that
the Venezuela commission had not taken
quarters in the state department instead
of renting private quarters.

Senator Gorman expressed amazement
at this condition of affairs. Amid great
excitement and on the advice of the pres-
ident, congress had made an appropriation
for the Venezuela commission. It is
designed to settle a conflict between two
of the greatest nations on earth. And
yet here steps in a comptroller of the
treasury and says this momentous com-
mission is without power to pay its rent.
"There is a feeling prevalent through-
out the country," added Mr. Gorman, "that
the emergency in this Venezuela question
is past, if indeed it ever existed. At all
events it is gratifying to know that this
grave question has dwindled down to a
question of rent of quarters for the Ven-
ezuela commission."

Gorman didn't tell anything new, at
least it was not new to populists. They
all said at the time that it was a costly
fake.

A STORY WITH A MORAL.

The New York World has come to the
conclusion that the next presidential
contest will not be a walk away for any
candidate. It says:

"A fool is born every day, and we
know no way to exterminate the race.
But if you are a well-informed, thinking
man you know in your heart that the
greatest uncertainty prevails about this
presidential race."

It seems to have just found out that
there is trouble in the two old parties
and announces that "the democratic
party cannot carry all the democrats for
the single gold standard; nor can it carry
all democrats for free silver. The same
can be said truthfully of the republican
party."

Mr. Pulitzer and his big newspaper are
away behind the times. Any backwoods
pop editor could have told him that a
year ago. Mr. Pulitzer does not read
populist papers. That is why he is so
far behind the times with his news.
Populist readers wouldn't stand that
sort of newspaper work at all. It will
do for the old gold bugs who are about
a hundred years behind the times in
all their ideas, but it wouldn't do for
wide awake, up to date populists. Popu-
list papers published that news a year
ago and now it has just got around to
the New York World. Moral. If you
want the news take a populist paper.

TELL US WHO THEY ARE.

Sound Money says:
"It is useless to disguise the fact that
many of the best workers in the people's
party are uneasy, disgusted and even
alarmed at the boldness of some men in
their efforts to switch the party off on a
single plank platform and abandon the
Omaha principles."

In the same column it asks:
"Where is the paper in our ranks of a
general circulation—that is considered a
national paper, that countenances the
elimination of a single plank from the
Omaha platform?"

The INDEPENDENT asks in all serious-
ness: Is it not time that reform editors
stop filling their columns with this sort
of trash? When and where did any
leader in the populist party ever say he
was in favor of substituting a single sil-
ver plank for the Omaha platform? The
INDEPENDENT has asked this question a
dozen times and no one answers. The
whole thing started from alleged inter-
views sent out by the Associated Press,
which in every case have been repudiated.

Why does Sound Money use columns
fighting a man of straw? It says there
are no papers advocating it. Who are
the men "at whose boldness is alarmed?"
Who are they? Please name them, so
that we may go and kill them.

The only effect of all this writing is to
create distrust among a body of as hon-
est men as ever banded themselves to-
gether to fight for humanity. For God's
sake stop it, or else tell us who these
villians are that want to fight on a
single silver plank.

A NEW TARIFF SCHEME.

The editor of the INDEPENDENT has re-
ceived an invitation to attend: "A Con-
vention of Commercial, Manufacturing,
Labor and Agricultural organizations of
the United States to be held in the City
of Detroit, opening Tuesday, June 2,
1896, and continuing from day to day,
until the business brought before it shall
be completed."

The time of the convention will be de-
voted to "the discussion of ways and
means for taking the tariff question out
of partisan politics and making it a busi-
ness question, instead of a "political
football."

The letter is signed by the presidents
of a great many "boards of trade" and
"chambers of commerce," who are so pro-
foundly ignorant, that they think there
are only two political parties in this
country for they say:
"The plans adopted by this convention
will be put in proper shape, and a com-
mittee appointed to present them to the
two great political conventions to be
held in June and July respectively, and
urge their embodiment in their respective
platforms."

It looks to the editor as if there were a
plan on foot to get the "two parties" to
put the same tariff plank in both their
platforms, and why shouldn't they?

IT WOULDN'T DO AT ALL.

That lying old concern, called the As-
sociated Press, has a very peculiar way of
sending election returns. If a town or
city goes republican it says: "John Jones
(rep.) was elected mayor by a large ma-
jority. The city council and school
board are also republicans." But if a
city or town goes populist, it says:
"John Smith was elected mayor. The
council and school board are of the same
political faith." Of course people living
fifty miles away don't know whether
Maor Smith is republican, democrat or
populist. The Jew who edits the Asso-
ciated Press dispatches knows it wouldn't
do to let the people know how many
cities and towns the populists carried
this spring. The only place any one can
get the news these days is in the popu-
list paper.

WON AGAIN.

Secretary Lamont, is said never to have drunk
a drop of liquor in his life, and Secretary Carlisle
has drunk no spirituous liquors since he has been
in the cabinet, and does not allow them in his
home.—Omaha Christian Advocate.

Well! Well! That beats them all! Kelly
you can't have the belt which was awarded
you last week after all. Sorry, but it
will have to go to the Christian Advoca-
te until the next fellow is heard from.

PLEASE TELL US.

If the gold bugs should capture the Chi-
cago convention will some one please tell
what they would do with it?—Minden Courier.

If the silverites capture it, please tell
us what they will do with it?

It will only take six weeks to make
democratic or republican voters out of
the 16,000 Italian laborers who landed
in New York last month, but it would
take ten years to teach them enough
about free government and political
economy to make them intelligent popu-
lists. While we are educating Americans,
the gold power imports enough foreign
ignorance to offset our work.

A half truth is a double distilled lie,
and this is the stock in trade of the
whole goldite crew. Here is a sample or
two. "There were only 8,000,000 silver
dollars coined from 1892 to 1873. "The
gold standard secures to laborers and
all producers money of the highest pur-
chasing power" etc., etc. Such half
truths are the most damnable lies a man
can utter.

Mr. Rosewater says that: "The volume
of gold and silver currency in the United
States at this day will approximate \$1,
250,000,000 and the amount of coined
gold alone exceeds \$625,000,000." Will
Mr. Rosewater please tell us where that
\$625,000,000 of gold is. There is about
\$175,000,000 in the banks and \$125,
000,000 in the treasury. Where is the
rest of it?

The Chadron Signal asks this question
and is waiting for an answer: "The republi-
cans of the sixth district denounced the
demonetization of silver by the democ-
ratic administration as acrimie." Three-
fourths of the republicans in congress
voted for the act. Now are three-fourths
of the republicans in congress criminals
or are all the republicans in the sixth
district liars?"

If any one knows who the man is who
wants the populist party to make a
single silver plank platform, for heaven's
sake tell us who he is and where he lives,
and we will go right straight there and
shoot him fuller of holes than a skim-
mer. After that we will be saved the
trouble of reading all this trash about
"a single silver plank."

Four years ago the editor of the INDE-
PENDENT was making a speech at Jeffers-
on square Omaha, when some democrat
called out, "Give the democrats a
chance," and the editor replied: "If we
do, you'll make a hell of the whole coun-
try." They got the chance. Didn't
they do it? Now they want another
chance. Not much.

The gold bugs ought to hold a conven-
tion and come to an understanding,
so they could all tell the same lie. Some
of them say it is the deficit in the re-
venue, others that it is the adverse trade
balance, still others that it is lack of
confidence and so on. As it is now, no
two of them are telling the same lie and
that has a tendency to confuse things.

Compositors and puding-headed proof
readers may think that there is no differ-
ence in the words "decrease" and "in-
crease," but there is. "The per capita
production of the great farm crops for
the whole world had decreased and the
price, had also fallen," is the way it was
written in the article on Senator Hans-
brough.

What became of John U. P. Thurston's
proposition "to coin the home produc-
tion of silver" in the late republican state
convention? Is there a man in Nebraska
now, so much of an idiot as to believe
that that proposition will ever be heard
of again. It was used to catch suckers
and it caught them.

The Lincoln News remarks that: "Pol-
itical parties do not seem to be at all
happy unless they have some idol to
worship." That is true of the two old
parties. They are worshippers or men-
some of them very bad men—but it is
not true of the populist party. Its idols
are not men, but principles.

Frank Jones, who has led the liquor
interest in every fight for twenty years
in New Hampshire, was lately elected
trustee of the Maine Wesleyan Seminary,
a theological school of the Methodist
church. The church and the liquor in-
terest seem to be coming to a mutual
understanding.

The Iowa populists held their state
convention the other day and elected
their full quota of delegates to attend
the St. Louis convention. It was by far
the largest convention of the party ever
held in Iowa. Gen. Weaver was chosen
to lead the Iowa lovers of Old Glory and
American liberty.

A farmer who votes for the gold stand-
ard and consequently for thirty cent
wheat and ten cent corn may do it with
"good intentions," but because he carries
around with him chunks of the pavement
of hell is no proof that he is not a witless
imbecile.

There is not an institution that so de-
serves the wrath and vengeance of all
honest men as that organization called
the Associated Press, but we will never
be able to wreak vengeance upon it until
the government owns the telegraphs and
telephones.

All the east is bowing to the altars of
Shylock and

"Massachusetts, God forgive her, She's a-kneel-
ing with the rest."
Just as she did to the altars of human
slavery until Phillips, Garretson and
Whittier aroused the New England con-
science.

This paper and the National Reformer,
a German populist paper published by
Robert Schilling at Milwaukee, Wiscon-
sin, both for one year for \$1.40, six
months for seventy cents.

Taubeneck's Book.

Chairman Taubeneck's book, "The
condition of the American Farmer" is
receiving very high commendation and
sometimes from very unexpected quar-
ters. The National Bimetalist says of
it: "All in all it is one of the most valu-
able of the recent contributions to the
discussion of the money question that we
have seen." For sale at this office. Price
10 cents.

A Salutal Policy.

Millions of men are anxious to form a
new political organization for the pur-
pose of compelling governmental affairs
to run according to the policies of
Thomas Jefferson and Abraham Lincoln.
They ask for nothing more and will take
nothing less. It is suicidal to undertake
to patch up either one of the two old
parties. No great reform has ever been
brought about by any old political
party. A new and vigorous organiza-
tion is absolutely essential to progress.

Not the Only Thing.

Free-silver is not the only thing that
should be put back on its ancient basis.
The whole spirit of our modern age is
cold-blooded knavery and rotten cor-
ruption. It leaks like an old ulcer and
stinks to heaven. It needs the surgeon's
knife more than poultices.—The Repre-
sentative.

OUR ECONOMIC EDITION.

(NORMAL) LINCOLN, NEB., April 27, '96.
To the Editor of the INDEPENDENT: I
only want to tell you how much I appre-
ciate the INDEPENDENT in general and
the economic edition of April 23 in par-
ticular. The economic edition is what I
call a "hummer."

I have never seen its equal short of the
expensive magazines. In fact it is su-
perior to them, for it presents foundation
principles of economics and the best
thought of the best writers and think-
ers in the most usable form. That which
would be obtained only by months of
patient research through extensive libra-
ries is here presented in such form that
the reader in a few hours can know what
the great economic writers of the world
have to say in regard to monetary
science.

I would not take a "fifty cent" silver
dollar for my copy if I could not get
another. I have literally transferred it
into my scrap book. Long live the INDE-
PENDENT to fight the battles of populism
in the state and nation.

G. H. WALTERS.

Populism Brings Prosperity.

LOUP CITY, NEB., April 23, '96.
Special to the NEBRASKA INDEPEN-
DENT: This, the county seat of Sherman
county is a very nice and prosperous
little city situated a little north of the
center of the county, in the rich valley of
the South Loup. The county offices are
all occupied by the friends of populism,
and Sherman county may be depended
on for a good round majority for the
people's independent ticket at the com-
ing fall election. As a proof of the ability
of the populist party to control public
affairs, it is only necessary to say that
old Sherman county under populist rule
is paying cash for all she wants, and her
people are enjoying a degree of prosperity
far beyond what the most ardent Nebr-
askan could reasonably hope for under
the conditions which have obtained in
the last three years. J. M. D.

Honor for Bud.

Bud Lindsey of Lincoln, a gambler,
saloon keeper and all around sport of a
low order has been honored by the re-
publican party as a delegate to the St.
Louis convention. He is a negro but for
that he is not to blame. A party that
lays claim to all the purity extant has
gone as low as it is possible to go. Mr.
Lindsey has money and keeps up appear-
ances, but if reports are true there is
none more vile or debased. Francis
Martin of Falls City declined to be his
alternate.—Minden Courier.

Raised The Freight Rates.

Mr. Paul Nelson of Pilger, Neb., send-
ing in a list of subscribers to the INDE-
PENDENT adds these words to his letter.
"I shipped some stock Tuesday. The
rate charged on a car of hogs from Pil-
ger was \$6.50 higher than before the
change and the weight of the hogs 220
pounds less, after the best feeding I ever
got at the stock yards, than on the F.
A. scales. A load of cattle cost \$3.20
more than formerly and a light load at
that—only 22,500 pounds. The freight
rates are no higher! Oh! no. Only just
equalized, don't you see?"

Tillman Not a Populist.

The following is taken from an inter-
view with Tillman in the St. Louis Re-
public:
"You are getting to be somewhat of a
populist?"
"Well, the populists say I am good
enough to satisfy them. But I am not a
populist and never will be. They are too
radical. They want to accomplish too
much at once; they are too radical, and
they cannot accomplish it at all."
And yet Tillman owes his seat in the
senate to the populists and farmers
alliance.

How do You Liket.

The official returns of the assessed
valuation of all the property of the United
States shows a decrease of \$210,671,153
in the wealth of the trans-Mississippi
states and territories; \$111,655,252 in
the central western states, and \$90,284,-
580 in the south, or, a decrease of \$412,-
610,985 in the tax valuation of property
in these states, against an increase of
\$314,568,307 in the taxable value of