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Vote for wall street, McKinley and ten cent corn, because Lincoln freed the slaves. That is sound money logic.

The gold bugs are so delighted with their fat president, that they are anxious to get another, so they hurrah for Reed.

Whenever an editor gets cranky he goes to printing his matter two or three columns wide.

The last century was the age of bullets. This century has been the age of dollars, and the dollars have been more destructive than the bullets were.

The latest news from Louisiana is to the effect that the official returns as they come show that the populists carried the state by 40,000 majority.

To make an absolutely false statement on the floor is parliamentary and perfectly good form. To deny a false statement is unparliamentary and an outrage. That is the goldite idea, not ours.

In his Pertle Springs speech, Senator Tillman denounced the populist as renegade and then in the next sentence declared that he was going to become a renegade himself if the Chicago convention didn't act to suit him.

The tremendous populist landslide in Louisiana knocked the managers of both old parties crazy. The populist nominee was elected governor by over 40,000 majority and he will be seated on fight.

The republicans try to excuse themselves for sending Bud Lindsey as delegate to St. Louis by saying that his morals are no worse than those of his competitors for the place. But how does that relieve the situation?

It is wrong to blow a persons brains out with a pistol. It is not wrong to starve them to death, send them to the insane asylum or force them to commit suicide, by the ten thousand. To do these things is highly moral, for John Sherman did them and he is a truly great and good man.

Senator Wolcott says he would rather have the gold standard than populism. The populist would take Sherman, Carlisle or even Grover in preference to him, for those Wall street tools have all passed through and got on the other side of the point where the plutocrat declares he is in favor of silver. When they get there, they are not nearly so dangerous as at the place where Wolcott stands.

According to Parson Andrews, if we should contract the present volume of currency a thousand millions, wheat would be worth one dollar a bushel, for all the dollars left would be "fifty-cent dollars" worth only half as much as they are now, and it would take twice as many of them to buy a load of wheat as it does now. If he isn't the blue ribbon idiot, who is?

Dunn & Co. say in their last report: "Again, prices of commodities are on the whole lower than ever before, having declined about two per cent since April 1, and seventeen per cent since July, 1890, or October, 1892." Now why did prices thus decline? Because the amount of money in circulation has been constantly contracted, lately by locking up \$125,000,000 in the gold reserve.

The Arkansaw Kicker, speaking of Chairman Taubeneck says: "We are giving facts and will continue to give them until this man is known by the people." Now that is all labor in vain. The people already know all about Taubeneck. They knew all about him years ago, when the Arkansaw jackasses were still wading in the swamps of that state grazing on green democratic persimmons, declaring they were better than ripe strawberries, and were so thin, poor and scrawny that they could neither bray nor kick.

James Creelman, the Cuban war correspondent of the New York World is personally known by the editor of the INDEPENDENT to be an honest and honorable man. The list of innocent non-combatants whose names he sends to his paper who were murdered in cold blood by the Spanish soldiers is a long one. Americans can rely upon Mr. Creelman's reports. The butchery is equal to that of Kurds in Armenia. It is the most horrible thing that has occurred in the western hemisphere in the last half century, but with our "besotted tyrant" in the White House, the United States is helpless.

STATESMEN AND DEMAGOGUES.

If we consider statesmanship to be the ability to look well after the interest of ones own country and legislate for the interests of its people and not for some other country, and patriotism as the love and defense of ones country, then the present government of England is both patriotic and statesmanlike, while that of the United States is the reverse of it. Under the guidance of statesmen, England grows constantly richer and more powerful, while this country under guidance of demagogues, every day gets deeper into debt and from the universal discontent, grows weaker under the rule of men who set at defiance all economic laws and laugh at justice and equity.

England makes the rich pay the bulk of her taxes. Our demagogues put them nearly all upon the poor. England puts a tax of 16 cents on every \$5.00 of income of the rich. England makes the heirs of rich estates pay an inheritance duty of 8 per cent. The supreme court of the United States declares the first unconstitutional, and the great American dailies and a large majority of both houses of congress declare the latter to be "a supremely iniquitous tax."

English statesmen in the present parliament propose to take off a large part of taxes heretofore imposed on agriculture. American demagogues propose to increase the present hardship of the farming life by increasing by taxation the cost of everything a farmer has to buy.

English statesmen long ago made the telegraph and telephone line a part of the postoffice service, through government ownership of every foot of wire and every telegraph pole in the United Kingdom, while American demagogues insist that the means of rapid communication shall be owned and controlled by private parties.

English statesmen have so legislated that their government either owns or positively controls every mile of railroad and street car lines in the whole empire, while American demagogues have turned over all means of transportation to soulless and greedy corporations and given them unlimited power to tax the people through freight and passenger traffic as they may see fit.

Fifty years ago English statesmen took the control of the volume of money away from banks and bankers and lodged it in the issue department of the bank of England, a government institution, while American demagogues contend that banks and not the government should control the volume of money.

English statesmen are paying off their government debt. American demagogues are increasing ours in times of peace at the rate of half a million a day.

English statesmen, looking only to the interest of their own country, manage to double the debt we owe their country. American demagogues do all that is in their power to do the opposite.

English statesmen in upholding the gold standard and working to sustain a money unit always increasing in purchasing power do not deny fundamental laws as well established and as universally accepted as the law of gravitation. They say: "One country is a creditor nation and it is to our interest to do it." American demagogues unblushingly deny the final conclusion of science conclusions as firmly and as universally accepted as any well known law of nature—and do it to the detriment of every interest of their own country.

And yet the United States has as many and as great statesmen and as pure patriots as any nation on earth. All this trouble results from the demagogues being in power, while the patriots and statesmen are in private life. The object of the populist party is to reverse all this. Put the demagogues out and install the patriots in the places occupied by the men who work for England's interests and against those of their own country.

THEY WILL OWN THE WORLD.

About fifty years ago, when writers on political economy had for the first time, firmly and plainly stated the fundamental laws governing the value of money, the bankers of the world began to scheme to increase its value. The bankers of Holland made the first effort and that country demonetized gold in 1850. Shortly after that, Professor Levi informs us, "Portugal prohibited any gold from having a current value, except English sovereigns. Belgium demonetized its gold circulation. Russia prohibited the export of silver, and France, alarmed but less hasty, issued a commission to enquire into the matter. In 1857 Germany and Austria demonetized gold." (For a full account of this see report of United States silver commission of 1876; p. 16.)

In 1865 the bankers changed their tactics, called the Paris conference of that year and declared for the demonetization of silver. As there was about an equal amount in value of gold and silver in the world, of course it made no difference to them which metal was demonetized. The effect would be the same. It would contract the money of the world one half, and thus double the value of the remaining half.

The reason they changed their assault from gold to silver was because they thought they could more easily succeed, the then recent discovery of the Comstock lode and one or two other bonanza silver mines giving color to their charge of overproduction.

In the furtherance of their scheme they have captured the daily press of the world and purchased the services of hundreds of literary hirelings who call themselves professors.

For fifty years the bankers have worked to obtain a legal tender money which shall constantly increase in purchasing power and now at last, the final contest is near at hand in which it will be decided. If they succeed, a very few bankers will henceforth practically own the whole world.

THE PRIZE IDIOT.

William E. Andrews made a speech against free silver in the house of representatives February 13, 1895. He held it over for revision. He cogitated over it, revised and re-revised it for one month and four days and then put it in the record, where it was printed March 17, 1896. In that speech, speaking of the senate free coinage amendment he said: "If the logical title to this Senate amendment should be expressed in words, it would read as follows: An act to establish silver monometallism, to retire gold from use as money, to reduce all of our silver money to its commodity value, to depreciate all forms of our paper money almost fifty per cent on the dollar, to contract the volume of our money more than \$1,000,000,000." For stupidity, for pure idiocy, stolid, dull, obtuse, heavy-headed assinity, that sentence was never equaled in the history of the world.

If we have about \$1,500,000,000 of money, this jackass says if we contract it \$1,000,000,000, and leave but \$500,000,000 in circulation, each dollar of that \$500,000,000 will be only worth half as much as when the whole amount is in circulation!

If two-thirds of a crop of wheat is destroyed, the one third that is left will be worth just half as much per bushel, as if none of it had been destroyed! The scarcer you make an article and the bigger the demand made for it, the cheaper it gets! Destroy two-thirds of our money and that will make the one third that is left one half cheaper! If ever a bigger economic idiot than William E. Andrews got into congress, who, in the name of heaven was he?

THE KICKERS.

There are some men born to kick, and they keep at it because "it is their nature to." They would kick at the party gates because they sparkled, at the angels because they sang too softly or too loud, at the marshaled hosts of heaven because they did not always keep exactly in the middle of the road. There are three or four, in the populist party. They canonized ex-Governor Waite and took him for their patron saint. They said that he was denouncing Taubeneck and Gen. Weaver. But the old man denies it. In a letter to the Denver Daily News he says, in speaking of the particular time and place when it was said he did it:

"My own remarks were confined wholly to political issues, and I never mentioned Messrs. Weaver or Taubeneck or referred to the meeting at the Albany hotel. I first learned the preliminaries of that meeting, and also of the work of General Weaver in Oregon from your article. Not claiming that all integrity and wisdom will die with the "middle of the road" populists, admitting that I cannot as yet see my duty clearly, I most earnestly hope some way will be provided by which prosperity may be restored and liberty preserved."

What will these kickers do now that Gov. Waite refuses to be their patron saint?

SEIVED THEM RIGHT.

The gold-bug wholesalers of St. Paul and Minneapolis are whining terribly because they are losing the trade they formerly had with the silver states to the west of them. The Helena Independent tells why. It says: "Shortly after this (August 1893) the two cities issued a call for an anti-free silver convention, at which most violent resolutions against one of our leading institutions were passed unanimously. In contrast the jobbers of Chicago not only kept traveling men in the field but put in new ones. Customers were given extensions, helped through a perilous period to the extent of furnishing funds with which to settle with clamorous jobbers in other cities. At one of the most critical times which history records in the United States, leading business houses of these two cities, by deed and action, demonstrated their complete lack of confidence in the honesty of our merchants. Chicago wholesalers, on the contrary showed faith in both."

In consequence of the action of the arrogant goldbugs of St. Paul and Minneapolis, they lost their trade. They were served exactly right. If the western states generally should adopt the same line of policy it would be a good thing for the whole country.

CARNEGIE GETS ANOTHER SLICE.

The bids for 6,000 tons of armor plate were opened at Washington on last Saturday. Here is the story: "The aggregate of the bids were: For the Kearsarge, Carnegie, \$1,568,162.50; Bethlehem, \$1,573,390; for the Kentucky Bethlehem, \$569,750; Carnegie, \$1,572,477.50; so that the Bethlehem company was the lowest bidder for the Kentucky and the Carnegie company for the Kearsarge armor. The prices per ton ranged from \$516 to \$628."

That sort of bidding is merely a farce. It was all arranged before hand, and they put up the prices \$57 a ton although they were making over \$200 a ton on it before.

THE DEMOCRACY'S CANDIDATE.

This is the way Senator Stewart talks in the Silver Knight about democrats nominating a free silver candidate at Chicago:

"It remains to be seen whether the free silver democrats who meet at that convention will combine with the goldites on any terms. If they do they are lost. A democratic nominee supported by the united democracy of the south and east will turn out a gold bug, if elected, with as much certainty as night follows day, and with as much certainty as the two old parties have lied to the people in their platforms and through their candidates on the same question for the last twenty-five years. A union of the free coinage men of this country and the goldite trust with headquarters in London is as fatal to free coinage as the union in the same den of the lion and lamb is fatal to the longevity of the lamb. This union has been tried with disastrous results for the last twenty-five years, and we take this occasion to warn free coinage men that they must come out from among the enemies of the country if they expect to be trusted. The free coinage voters will no more support candidates who are supported by the gold trust than they will support an avowed goldite."

That is exactly the view expressed in last weeks INDEPENDENT in the notice to Mr. Bryan. A democratic candidate who is supported by Hill, Gorman, Brice, Carlisle and Cleveland, no matter what the platform may be, is as certain to further the ends of Wall street as the sun is to rise in the east. To expect populists to vote for such a candidate is to expect the impossible.

BOUND TO HAVE PEACE.

If populist editors do not print the truth there is no reason for their existence on this sinful earth. What object the Independent Era had in printing the following is beyond the comprehension of the ordinary mortal. He says:

"He (the editor of the NEBRASKA INDEPENDENT) has boycotted Nebraska reform papers (unintentionally, oh, of course) which stood up bravely for the triune of inseparable reform demands, and his course was seen to be anything but a middle-of-the-road one."

Now the truth is that the first week he took charge of this paper he announced that he would exchange with any populist paper in the state, and every populist editor who has asked for an exchange has got it, although it is a very great burden to carry in the poverty stricken condition of this office. Now, is it true that he boycotted reform papers?

Now, dear Independent Era, please tell us why you made such a statement. Will that help build up the populist party? Will it help bring relief to suffering humanity? Tell us why?

There has never been a line in this paper and there never will be while this editor presides over its columns in favor of a single silver plank platform. We have always advocated scientific money. We have declared times without number that it made no difference of what material money was composed. We have made numberless quotations from the standard economists to sustain that contention. We have held that opinion and advocated it for years and we are too old to change now.

We hope our distinguished contemporary will revise its remarks. But if it don't, we'll forgive it anyhow. We are bound to have peace.

PROF. LAUGHLIN'S DEPRAVITY.

Samuel J. Tilden invented the political literary bureau but he never dreamed of its expanding to its present proportions. He used to send out little slips printed on one side only of the paper, that could be clipped and used as editorial. Perhaps he did a little more, but not much. The republican papers were wont in those days, to devote column after column to damning that literary bureau. Now they have one of their own, beside which Sam Tilden's little affair was a mere toy.

Within the last week the INDEPENDENT has received, as near as we can measure it up, 2142 columns from the Wall street banker's literary bureau. Most of it is printed only on one side. They have hired the best literary talent that money can buy to extol the beauty of the gold standard. Among them we notice articles by Professor Sumner, Professor Tausig, Professor Laughlin and they all have professor attached to their names—a good many more of that sort.

It seems incredible that men of fine education could so prostitute their talents, but they do, and we must make the best of it. As a sample, read the following from Prof. Laughlin:

It is sometimes urged that the "people's money" should be issued directly by the people. It is not quite clear, however just what is always meant by the people's money. And our ideas on this point should be distinct and clear. In truth the money of a country ought to serve the whole people, just as its president, or any other public servant should. Certainly it should be the best of its kind, in all emergencies. Not only ought it to be the "friend" of the laborer, and not defraud the small depositor, but it should be as free as possible from change in value while he sleeps. Fluctuations are hurtful; for the laborer has discovered by experience that, if the money depreciates, the prices of the articles of his consumption rise, while his wages do not rise correspondingly. This was abundantly shown during and after our war of the rebellion. Moreover, if by the people's money we mean either gold or silver, then that one of the two should be used which is least subject—no matter for what cause—to sudden alterations in value. As we all know—particularly in 1876, 1890, and in 1893—silver has shown itself subject to great and sudden changes of value. Therefore silver cannot, in any just sense be regarded as a proper "people's money."

Prof. Laughlin is too well acquainted with history and too skilled in logic not to know that his appeal to history does not sustain him, and that taking for

granted as true the very proposition that is denied, is a quibble of which any honest and decent man ought to be ashamed. But gold will get men to do such shameful things.

"As we all know" says the professor, "silver has shown itself subject to great and sudden changes of value." Well we don't know any such thing. We positively deny the assertion. We have always denied it and Professor Laughlin knows that we have always denied it.

How do we know what the value of silver is? By what it will exchange for, silver will exchange for about the same amount of commodities it did twenty years ago. It does that in Mexico, in Japan, in South America, in India and wherever it is used as money.

How do we know what the value of gold is? By what it will exchange for. Gold will exchange for about twice the amount of commodities it would twenty years ago. Consequently gold has shown itself subject to great and sudden changes of value and silver has remained stable.

Professor Laughlin knows that this is true. He knows that gold will exchange for twice as much as it did twenty years ago, and therefore has doubled its value in that time, and yet for money, he will write that kind of trash for the banker's Wall street literary bureau.

If there was anything lacking to establish John Calvin's doctrine of total depravity, here is the final proof of it.

REED AND A BILLION DOLLARS.

Senator Gorman admitted in the senate the other day that while the expenditures for next year would be \$520,000,000, the revenues would be only \$374,000,000.

This Reed congress, in the most distressing times this country ever saw, has already appropriated \$506,000,000 which beats the notorious billion dollar congress by several millions.

Every instinct of statesmanship, every impulse of humanity would urge honest men to curtail expenses in times like these, yet these pirates of the gold ring continue to load men with burdens grievous to be borne, and they themselves touch not the burden with one of their fingers.

They have taken away the key of knowledge by capturing all the avenues of information, and have not entered in themselves and those who would have entered, they have hindered. They have done wickedness enough, "that the blood of all the prophets from the foundation of the world might justly be required of this generation." They have made a device it and intend to issue more bonds.

SENATOR TILLMAN

Those Associated Press liars are a torment to every editor who honestly desires to publish the news. Several articles in this paper which are grossly unfair to Senator Tillman were based upon the liar's report in the daily papers. Just before going to press, the Congressional Record arrived, containing Senator Tillman's last speech. If a correct report had been sent out by the Associated Press, those articles would have never appeared. We find in Senator Tillman's speech phrases like this:

"Here is my friend the Senator from New York (Mr. Hill), whom I dearly love. [Laughter.] You know his slogan. His brag when he gets before an audience is, 'I am a democrat!' Whenever I am labeled as a populist, as newspapers have done and as the Congressional Directory even did, though fixed up by a democratic clerk, I say that populism, which, of course, is derived from the Latin word signifying the people, ought to be good enough for anybody. In other words, the peoples party—having reference to those grand Democratic principles of the greatest good for the greatest number, the rule of the majority, local self-government, and the other cardinal principles which Jefferson and Jackson taught us—ought to be a party we all could join."

There are paragraphs in the speech from which populists would dissent, but the Associated Press liars sent out just as false and unfair a report of it as they did of Allen's encounter with Gear. Our Washington correspondent gives the true significance of the speech.

THE LIARS LINE UP.

After the gold bug democrats had learned that the populist had carried the state of Louisiana they called on the Associated Press liars for help. Here is a sample of the way the liars fell into line: "New Orleans, April 28.—The legislature is democratic on a joint ballot and will thus prevent the republican members from unseating Gov. Foster, as they had planned. The presence of the militia in Natchitoches has prevented the populists from stealing the ballot box, and a democratic member will be returned from there."

The populists were going to steal the ballot boxes to aid the republicans! After the years of practice it has had, the Associated Press ought to be able to lie better than that.

John H. Joslyn of Zanesville, Ohio, sends a list of subscribers and says: "We are populists, but we wish a paper to help others to our way of thinking and not to abuse members of our own party." That is just what a populist paper should be.

That was a great democratic free silver victory indeed, in Alabama. They elected a state committee, and that committee elected as chairman and secretary two rampant gold bugs to conduct the campaign, viz. John B. Knox and Thos. H. Clark. A great victory for free silver that was.

NO FUSION FOR US.

Every populist in the house and senate declares that he will support no free silver candidate of either of the old parties, and Chairman Taubeneck says:

"Populists will nominate a national ticket of our own, no matter what the democrats do at Chicago. The gold bugs will control both of the old parties, and the only thing for the masses to do is to come to us. We will make no bargains, however. If the free coinage democrats bolt at Chicago they are welcome to join our ranks, but they cannot nominate our ticket."

"We have done with both parties. We are here to stay as a party ourselves and will fight it out on these lines. There is absolutely no use of talking fusion to us; we do not want any of it."

That is the position taken by the INDEPENDENT weeks ago.

THE LIAR'S BELT.

The prize belt for the biggest lie goes this week to the Cedar Rapids Republican.

It says: "Coin Harvey thought by a stroke of bravado to get the people to believe his threadbare lie about the 'crime of 1873' at Omaha the other night. He furnished his arms and ponied on the desk and shouted: 'Silver was demonetized February 28, 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.' Editor Rosewater claims the money, a full account of the proceedings being found in the files of the Bee in February, 1873."

What the Republican calls "a full account" was two, three line items about the passage of the mint bill that did not mention the demonetization of silver at all.

Somehow the gold bugs can't manage to all tell the same lie no way. For five years a whole lot of them have been declaring that there were millions of silver dollars in the treasury that could not be got into circulation because nobody would have them. Now comes Carlisle and declares that there are no silver dollars there, and he mentions one day in particular when there was not a silver dollar in the treasury which he could lawfully pay out.

BEAUTIFUL BURWELL.

The Waters of the Calams Make Her Like the Garden of Eden.

BURWELL, NEB., April 20, '96.

Special to the INDEPENDENT: In the course of my travels I reached this little city situated in the southwest corner of Garfield county, at or near the confluence of the North Loup and Calamis rivers. At this point the river forms a horse shoe or crescent with the convex toward the northwest. The river at this point has a wide valley on the southwest varying in width from a half mile to a mile and a half, and skirted on either side with hills ranging from 50 to 200 feet in height, and make a very attractive view for the eye. Almost all this valley is under irrigation. I am credibly informed that there is at this time or will be in the near future 23,000 acres under irrigation in this valley within fifteen miles of this rapidly growing little county seat. The citizens of the city are now making arrangements to water their gardens from the ditch and expect ere long to beautify their streets with forest trees, propagated by the water of the Calamis river. When all these things are done the people here have faith in the belief that their already growing little city will grow like a tree planted by the "river of waters."

Burwell has a large grazing country adjacent and extending to the northeast and northwest for miles and being the terminus of the B. & M. railroad draws trade for twenty, thirty and forty miles inland, and her merchants therefore enjoy a large and profitable cash trade.

The growth of Burwell and vicinity within the last eighteen months has been very satisfactory to her people, in many ways. In that time she has added to her public buildings three churches as follows: Methodist, Congregational and Christian and the Baptists are making an effort to organize a society and build a place of worship. Rev. Williams of Lincoln is doing some missionary work along that line. Her saloons and gambling dens of the past have been swept away and her society purified and elevated. The village has no vacant houses, and are building new ones and her people are looking forward to a growth greater and more substantial than at any former time. The court house is occupied by officers of the populist persuasion and the county can safely be counted in the column headed, people's independent, in the coming election for the county, state and national ticket. The result of her people reading the NEBRASKA INDEPENDENT and other reform journals.

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Elect An American President.

The American voter should demand either the immediate and unconditional repeal of the dark-lantern act by which silver was demonetized or the demonetization of gold by our government and the issuance of national greenbacks, full legal tender for all duties and taxes, to a sufficient extent to enable the business of this country to be carried on on practically the cash basis. The demonetization of gold by our government would bring England to her knees before the great republic, and we would hear a general clamor from over the water for speedy consummation of international bimetalism. The prosperity of every wealth-creator in the republic no less than the dignity of this government demands that we cease the miserable servile cringing policy, fawning at the feet of England, that we cease to imitate India and Egypt. Patriots of America, awake! The tocsin has sounded; the battle is on. There is not a moment to lose. The next president of the republic must be an American in something more than name.—The Arena, May 1896