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Nebraska, after two weeks of constant rains all over the state can say to the world that she will have for sale within the next five months the largest crop of wheat, oats, rye, barley and all the early crops ever raised in the state, and that the prospects of a big corn crop was never so good before at this season of the year. This means, first, the sale in this state of a large amount of farm and harvesting machinery, and as the crops mature and are sold the purchase of goods from our merchants in larger quantities than if we had had no crop failure, for the people have bought hardly anything in the last two years. Things are all worn out and must be replenished. The business men who advertise will get this great amount of trade sure to come. Advertisements in the INDEPENDENT PAY.

What kind of "cents" are they of which it only takes fifty to make a dollar?

When a Lincoln republican wants to vote his principles these days, he always votes the populist ticket.

One of the best things about a bicycle is that when you hitch it to a shade tree it won't gnaw the bark off from it.

No populist votes the people's party ticket because his dad did, for his dad was either a republican or a democrat.

When a secretary of the treasury in this enlightened age goes around the country talking about "intrinsic value" he deserves nothing but contempt.

Rosewater borrowed \$400,000 dollars, or thereabouts, and made it payable in silver. Now he says that any one else who wants to pay his debts in silver is dishonest.

Senator Allen says that the one who uses the expression "A fifty-cent dollar, might with as much consistency say there is a white black bird or that 90 degrees form a complete circle."

Henri Watterson is horrified because a Kentucky free-silver democrat, speaking of Cleveland, said he refused to have his thinking done for him by a man who looked like he had swallowed a bass drum.

It is said that the reason why some Nebraskans went to the hot south to settle was because they wanted to live in a country where, when they died, they would not notice the change of climate so much.

For the purposes of taxation, the railroads of this state have been estimated to be worth \$4,500 per mile. For the purpose of freight charges, they are estimated to be worth from \$40,000 to 105,000 dollars per mile.

Gold is going out of the treasury at the rate of \$2,500,000 a day, although there is over \$150,000,000 of free cash in the vaults. How now about the deficit story and that it was taken out to pay current expenses.

Silver was demonetized when the republican party had a two-third majority in both branches of congress and the president, yet some men who say they are for free silver are still shouting for McKinley and the republican party.

While Brice is in America busily engaged in laying plans to buy the Chicago convention for the gold bugs, his wife and daughter are in London hobnobbing with royalty. They were both presented to the Queen at last Monday's drawing room.

We don't want any money to circulate in Europe. Every dollar that is taken over there to "circulate," contracts our currency just that much. Gold bugs when talking about anything but silver, are always advising to keep the money at home.

The McCook Tribune (rep.) in speaking of the state treasury says: "Let us clean up before the other fellows do it for us." The Tribune should remember that every republican who has tried that has invariably been downed by the party. Look at Van Wyck, Judge Maxwell, and a host of other honorable and able men who were driven out of the party for trying to do that thing. The "other fellows" will have to do it, or it will never be done.

WHY ARE YOU HOWLING?

Sound Money came this week covered with blue pencil marks and it is a perfect enigma to the editor. We asked it to tell us who the men were who wanted to make a campaign on a single plank platform so that we could go and shoot them, and it gives us a list of thirty newspapers who are opposed to a single plank platform. We have been asking for the names of the fiends who wanted a single plank platform for three months and not a single name of man or paper has been furnished. Not one. Now what are you all howling about? That is what we would like to know. The whole crew of you had better stop kicking men of straw and go to punching the common enemy. This trying to make the people believe that "somebody" is going to make a single plank platform and that the delegates to the national convention are going to adopt it, because "somebody" tells them to, is the worst rot that ever got into print. For goodness sake stop filling populist papers with such insufferable trash.

If populist conventions, state and national are made up of the class of men, indicated by these "kickers"—men who have no principles, men who will adopt any kind of a platform that "somebody" tells them, then the sooner the populist party dies the better. But they are not that kind of men. They know on the average as much as a pop editor, and sometimes a good deal more. The membership of the populist party will make the platform and furnish the votes. These howling kickers can do neither.

COLORADO REPUBLICANS.

Latest news from Denver makes it very doubtful whether the Colorado delegation will bolt the St. Louis convention. The state convention adopted this resolution:

"We cordially and heartily commend and endorse the efforts of our republican delegation in congress in behalf of the silver cause, and we tender to them the sincere thanks of the people of Colorado for such efforts."

Edward O. Wolcott is one of that delegation and he says he will stand by a gold bug nominee.

A large part of the delegates to the state convention were men, so the Denver papers state "who are known to gain a livelihood from buncoing strangers. There were men there who have been in jail, others who have been indicted, but managed to keep out of jail, and others who have neither been indicted nor jailed, but should have had both experiences, and all of these for offenses other than against the ballot box. If the last class, those who make an avocation of jobbery at election time, were included, the roll would be a long one. The police board was safe in sending a number of its officers as delegates, because many of the persons they are supposed to watch were under their eyes. This motly crew, added to a swarm of taxeaters and a couple of dozen individuals who should have known better than to be found in such company, made up the bulk of the delegation."

Honest, patriotic citizens will put no trust in a delegation sent to St. Louis by such a crowd as that. Colorado was "redeemed" from populism and this is the result.

BRYAN VS ROSEWATER.

Bryan got a good one on Rosewater in the joint debate in Omaha the other night. Rosewater was inveighing against those who wanted to pay their debts in cheap fifty-cent silver dollars and then went on to relate how, when he secured a loan on the Bee building he had an option of making the notes payable in gold at 4 1/2 per cent. or in coin at 5 per cent. He chose the latter, for he had his misgivings that gold might be forced to a premium, and he would be unable to pay his interest in that coin.

Bryan replied that he was glad to be told of the mortgage on the Bee, for it proved that the cause of free silver was not dead when it could scare Rosewater into making provision to pay his debts in dishonest silver coin. Why did not he sign the notes calling for payment in money good the world over? Why select the money used in Japan and Mexico? Would Rosewater pay his debts in dishonest fifty cent silver dollars?

Rosewater having plead guilty to the very crimes he was charging others with wanting to commit, was knocked nearly crazy with the yell that went up from the audience.

THE COLORADO TRAITOR.

A resolution had to be introduced in the senate before the old "besotted tyrant" in the White House could be induced to raise his finger to prevent the cold-blooded murder of several American citizens in Cuba. He is the same old "besotted tyrant" that wrote a war message about a boundary line down in a South American republic. This is the resolution:

Resolved: That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, requested to protest against the execution the citizens of the United States captured on the schooner Competitor by a Spanish cruiser, and to request the demand of the government of Spain that they shall not be subjected to cruel treatment but be held only as prisoners of war, unless it shall be established that they were engaged only in carrying merchandise which was contraband and for which they were subjected to no punishment other than the confiscation of their property.

Of course the gold bug, foreign tory Wolcott sprang to his feet and objected. All the charge made against these men was that they had in their possession contraband goods. Never-the-less they were court martialled and ordered to be

shot in plain violation of the law of nations. The law on the subject is well established. Palmerston stated it in these words: "Your only remedy is to capture them, if you can capture them, they are not subject to any other punishment than the loss of property."

If there ever was an American citizen who deserved to be hanged to a lamp post, it is this traitor from Colorado, Wolcott.

THE LIAR'S BELT.

The belt goes this week to little Eckels, comptroller of something down there at Washington, but who spends a good deal of his time dining with the Wall street bankers and making speeches praising Grover Cleveland, the man who appointed him to office.

In a recent speech little Mr. Eckels says:

It is a significant fact that the great part of the total amount of legal tender silver which the great commercial nations now have was added during the period of what they term "silver discrimination and falling prices." This was almost wholly the case in the United States, where from that year to the present we have put forth in silver dollars of full legal tender quality, either in silver coin or the representative thereof, a total of \$428,299,916, as against \$8,061,238 coined in all the years from the establishing of the government to that time.

That is not a very big or a very important lie, and the belt is awarded to him, not on that account at all, but because it is a double distilled lie, that is it is a half truth, told with the intention to deceive. Mr. Eckels here asserts that two half dollars or four quarters are not a dollar. In no other way could the statement be true, for during the time Mr. Eckels mentions, there was coined at the United States mint \$84,000,000 of full legal tender silver, eight millions of it being in silver dollars and the remainder in halves, quarters and smaller coin. This is an ingenious half truth, double distilled lie and after full consideration the INDEPENDENT awarded the belt to Mr. Eckels.

ROSEWATER'S HONEST DOLLAR.

Rosewater says that "an honest dollar is a dollar that after it is hammered down and the stamp taken off it would exchange for just as much of any commodity as it would before the stamp was taken off; a dollar that would pass current the world over at approximately its bullion value."

If that is true he deals in and pays his debts with nothing but dishonest money. He advocates national bank dollars, and does his business with silver certificates and a very few greenbacks and treasury paper dollars, which would be worth nothing "after the stamp was taken off." A man must be hard pressed indeed when he talks such nonsense as that.

Again, if all the gold mines in the world should suddenly fail and gold should become so scarce that an office holder, or coupon clipper, could buy enough commodities to live on a whole year with the same number of grains as now go to make one hundred dollars, still 25.8 grains of gold would be an honest dollar because when the stamp was taken off it would exchange for just as much of any commodity as before. That is a kind of honesty that the American people will never sanction.

REPUBLICAN CONVENTIONS.

In several republican state conventions lately, the actions of the delegates were so unlawful and disorderly that the police had to be called upon to prevent bloodshed and preserve order. This was notably so last week in the state conventions of Colorado and Missouri. Are such men as composed these conventions who defy all law and all the rules of their own organizations, and rule by brute force, fit to govern or elect men to govern us?

In the days when the republican party was first organized its conventions were composed of orderly, conscientious men. Now they seem to be mostly composed of thugs and bruisers, from the very lowest elements of society. There will be no improvement in this matter while decent men continue to vote their party ticket, regardless of the manner of the nomination or the moral character of their candidates. The question is: Will the American people long submit to be ruled by this class of men. If they do long submit, then all that our fathers left us of free government is gone.

THE TRAIL OF ROTHSCHILD.

Senator Hill in his filibustering speeches against the bond investigation had the secretary read all of John Sherman's contracts when he was secretary of the treasury with the foreign syndicates, and therein he did a service for the populist party. These contracts will be good things to publish during the campaign. The signatures to most of these contracts were as follows:

John Sherman, secretary of the treasury; August Belmont & Co., on behalf of N.M. Rothschild & Sons, of London and associates and themselves; Drexel, Morgan & Co., on behalf of J. S. Morgan & Co., of London, and themselves; Morton, Bliss & Co., on behalf of Morton, Rose & Co., of London, and themselves; The First National Bank of the City of New York, by H. C. Fashnestock.

The trail of the House of Rothschilds is very plain from the first issue of bonds until the present time.

When a man has courage enough to advertise in a populist paper, populists should have principle enough to patronize him.

A GREAT WAVE OF THOUGHT.

The gold bugs have long been promising us a great wave of prosperity. John Sherman, in a speech in the senate, said that it would arrive "within ten days" after the repeal of the Sherman act. Of course all that talk was for the purpose of fooling the people and it fooled them. But there is a great wave sweeping over the country, not of prosperity, but of "thought." The people are thinking and nearly all are thinking on the same subject. When they get it "thought out" "a great wave" of reform will sweep over the country. After that the "wave of prosperity" will come. Not before.

Myron Reed the famous pulpit orator of Deaver, submits some very convincing evidence to prove that this wave of thought has swept over at least nine states. He says that he was appointed a judge in an inter-collegiate oratorical contest, where representatives of colleges representing nine states contested for the prize. The following are the titles of the subjects treated:

- First—The twentieth Century Political Idea.
Second—The lawlessness of Materialism.
Third—The Philosophy of Progress.
Fourth—Life and Work of James H. Lane.
Fifth—The Mob and the Law.
Sixth—The evolution of the Fraternal Spirit.
Seventh—The American Ideal.
Eighth—Has Industrial Society Attained Its Ultimate Form?
Ninth—The Policy of Metternich.

Mr. Reed thinks that if the students of all the colleges of these nine states had held a convention and resolved to treat only the sociological questions of the day, they could not have selected a list of titles that would have been more strictly confined to one line of thought, and he concludes that "the great wave of thought" has swept over nine states at least.

Another thing seems to be conclusively proved. Millionaire endowed colleges with gold bug professors of political economy, with all the plutocratic influences possible thrown around the students, cannot force American young men to advocate tyranny and oppression. American college boys have too much of the blood of patriots in them to ever advocate a system that will reduce the common people of this country to that of the peoples of gold standard Europe.

CARLISLE'S BABY TALK.

To call a dime a dollar would add nothing whatever to its intrinsic value or its purchasing power; it would still purchase only a dime's worth of goods."—John G. Carlisle's Chicago speech.

That whole sentence sounds more like the prattle of a child than the words of a grown up man. Any one who in this age will talk about "intrinsic value," will only be greeted with pity for his ignorance or disgust for his puerile attempts at deception. When a dime is made a dollar, it will purchase a dollar's worth of goods and not a tenth part of a dollar's worth as Mr. Carlisle says, whatever the amount of the goods might be. It would also pay a dollar's worth of debt and a dollar's worth of taxes and not a dime's worth. To make by law a dime into a dollar would not increase its power to purchase goods, but it would increase its power to purchase evidence of debt ten times. Such a law would not be just but that would be the effect of it. A speech made up of sentences like that, the goldites call a great speech.

CHILD'S PLAY.

Senator Pritchard of North Carolina has joined the ranks of those who are in favor of the free coinage of silver and the single gold standard. In the North Carolina republican state convention he offered a resolution which was adopted, instructing the delegates to the national convention to vote for McKinley for president so long as his name is before the convention. Then he followed this with another declaring that "we favor the use of gold and silver as standard money and the restoration of silver to its functions and dignity as a money metal. We are opposed to retiring greenbacks, the money of the people, the money favored by Lincoln."

The world has never seen statesmen indulging in such child's play before. McKinley and free silver! The majority of the people may be fools but we don't believe it.

A LOST REPUBLICAN HEAD.

A strange skull has recently been found. A professor describes it as follows: "At the upper part of the skull the union is very firm, with the epithotic or supra-temporal, the squamosal and quadrato-jugal. Running inwards and a little backwards as well as upwards from the glenoid is a flattened process which is evidently the pterygoid. But this is not all. The hemispherical occipital condyle slopes downwards and backwards, while the basioccipital is quadrangular and somewhat concave." It undoubtedly belonged to one of those republicans who "lost his head" and voted for free silver and McKinley.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS ON CYCLONES.

Lincoln got a sample last week of what the Associated Press Liars can do, and a good many republicans around here don't think it half as funny as when the said Liars send out a report of what Allen or some other populist is doing in Washington.

According to the Liars, Lincoln had a terrible cyclone, and a large part of the

town was damaged or wrecked, when the fact was that there was only a very high wind, lasting about twenty minutes. The editor of the INDEPENDENT was at his work in his office, situated right in the path of the disturbance, and never knew that anything out of the common had happened until on his way home he saw a number of limbs broken from the trees. But it must be remembered that there is hardly a tree with perfectly sound limbs in the whole city, the drought of the last two years having greatly injured them. In one instance a tree had blown over against a house, but the south half of the tree was dead and rotten.

Lincoln is not in the region of cyclones, has never had one, and probably never will.

THE GOLDITE WAY.

The goldite organs seem to get more and more silly every day. The Kansas City Times says:

As a correspondent, a cattleman, showed in the Times a day or two ago, he goes to Mexico and buys cows at \$9 a head, paying for them in 51-cent silver dollars—so that the cost is really but \$4.39 a head to him—and sells them in Kansas City for \$23.50 a head in 100-cent dollars. And when the poor Mexicans come to buy our dressed or canned beef, they have to pay for it in 100-cent dollars at the enormous increase in price, that is, they must pay us at the rate of \$47 per head in their currency for our beef.

Of course the poor Mexican, whom the Times so much pities, sends his cow to Kansas City, pays the transportation, has her killed, pays freight charges back all the way to Mexico on the beef, and gives the American \$47 for what he sold to him for \$9. Poor Mexican! He don't know enough, and is too tender-hearted to kill a cow.

The Times has no sympathy for the American farmer who, under this bounty caused by the difference in exchange, sees Mexican cattle taking the home market away from him. The Times has lots of sympathy for the poor Mexican greaser who is making more money than he ever did in his life before, but none at all for the poverty-stricken American. That is the way with all of those sort of fellows. Their sympathies are always with the foreigners.

MRS. BRANDT'S PARDON.

In an article in the State Journal Mrs. Angie F. Fewman, a sister of Senator Thurston, says of the pardon of Mrs. Brandt:

"All honor to Governor Holcomb. His gracious and courtly reception of the ladies, his prompt response to the claims of motherhood, are worthy of all praise. "Warden Leidigh moreover had for weeks made almost superhuman efforts in behalf of Mrs. Brandt's release, and is entitled to the gratitude of every lover of the good and the true."

Mrs. Brandt was sentenced to the penitentiary for three years for shooting a villainous brute known as "Bulldog Reeves" for attempting to assault her. In regard to this Mrs. Newman asks: "Must the verdict be written in this christian century that the alternative of woman's honor is the prison cell or the gallows?"

Nebraska is proud of such women as Mrs. Angie Newman.

THE END OF BATTLE SHIPS.

Every one around Washington knows that Professor Langley, of the Smithsonian institute has been at work on a flying machine for several years. The writer of this saw the then incompleted machine some two years ago, and made an inquiry into the principle upon which it was proposed to operate it. He was convinced then that Prof. Langley would succeed. Now Prof. Graham Bell, after witnessing two flights of the machine, states to the press that "No one could have witnessed these experiments without being convinced that the practicability of mechanical flight had been demonstrated." If the machine proves to be thoroughly practical, it will be the end of building costly battle ships. When a flying machine can drop down tons of dynamite upon them, their end has come.

BROAD GAUGED.

The INDEPENDENT heartily agrees with the following editorial, which appeared in last week's Farmers Tribune: "Knowing what we do of Henry Vincent, we believe that we are no more than expressing the views that he would entertain were he differently situated. He is too broad-gauged to want to retard the progress of the party for the sake of any one idea of detail. He knows that the really important object of the movement is to get possession of the government, and that the platform that will best enable us to do that is the platform that should be adopted." Provided, however, that we always stick to the fundamental principle: "Equal rights for all, special privileges to none."

ALLEN AND LINCOLN.

The republican party did not put a demand in its first platform for the abolition of slavery, but when it got into power it did it. If it had put such a plank in its platform Abe Lincoln would never have been elected president. The editor of the INDEPENDENT, who was at that time a ranting abolitionist, was willing to trust Lincoln then. He is willing to trust Allen now. The INDEPENDENT thinks it knows what course Allen would pursue if he were president, and is more willing to trust him than any platform that was ever written or ever will be written.

SHALL HAVE IT NEXT TIME.

In Nebraska populist ascendancy has almost invariably meant inefficiency.—North Platte Telegraph.

Nebraska never had an as able or efficient senator or governor as the populists have given the state, and the Telegraph knows it. If the Liar's Belt had not previously been awarded to Eckels this week it would have gone to the Telegraph. If the editor will do as well next week we promise he shall have it.

OVERWHELMING LOVE.

The overwhelming love of the gold bugs for the poor working man being now everywhere so conspicuously advertised is amazing. The Indianapolis Journal says:

"Debasement of the currency reduces the value of wages and increases the price of everything the wage earner has to buy."

The complete answer to all such hypocrisy is the reply of the Irishman, who, when the plutocrat told him not to vote for free silver as it would reduce his wages one half, replied: "Faith now, if ye believed that, you'd be voting for it yourself."

It is proposed that the next gold bug convention be opened by singing the following hymn:

"And are we yet alive, Most wonderful to tell! Amazing mercy, wondrous grace, That keeps us out of hell."

Sherman says he wants "a dollar equal to any in the world." That is just what we should have if we went to a silver basis. The only nations that have "dollars" are silver-standard nations. The rest have pounds, marks, francs, and such like things.

The gold bugs seem determined to take the Chicago convention and run it to suit themselves. The free silver democrats having carried the state by overwhelming majorities, the goldites are going to hold another convention and send a contesting delegation.

Church Howe said: "The old ship is leaking now," but a Michigan republican delegate goes him one better on watery metaphors, and says: "I hear the swash of a human sea beating about our foundations, and we are courting our own destruction by opposing it."

One republican convention will instruct for the gold standard and McKinley and the next day another will instruct for free silver and McKinley, which shows that the republican party is composed of the worst set of political villains that ever disgraced any nation on earth.

The New York World wants the Chicago convention to declare for the gold standard, so it is trying to make its readers believe that McKinley is not "really and truly" for gold, and if the democrats will only make a straight gold platform they will sweep the country.

Chairman Maxwell has secured good accommodations at 50 cents, 75 cents and \$1 per day for all who attend the St. Louis convention from Illinois. Somebody had better look after accommodations for the Nebraska pops or the first thing they know they will be left out in the cold.

Bolln the Omaha defaulter of public funds got a sentence of nineteen years and \$200,000 fine. If that sort of work had been begun by Nebraska judges ten years ago, there would not have been so many defaulters and the taxpayers would have been saved many hundred thousand dollars.

The B. & M. railroad advertises in this paper in another column that tickets at one fare for round trip will be sold to the following conventions: Republican, Democratic, Christian Endeavor, N.E.A. and Prohibition. It does not announce any reduction at all from full fare to either the Populist or Free Silver conventions at St. Louis. It is probable that it intends to give populists and free silver men all free passes.

The Colorado republican state convention elected Teller a delegate to St. Louis and a delegation instructed to follow his lead. As Teller has stated on the senate floor, and time and again elsewhere, that he will bolt if the St. Louis convention nominates McKinley or any other gold-standard man, and as the convention is sure to do that very thing, what is going to be the situation in Colorado? Will some one please tell us? The populist is the only free silver party in the state.

Trenton Silver League.

TRENTON, NEB., May 18, 1896.

EDITOR INDEPENDENT: A call for a mass meeting to form a free silver league was published in the People's Sentinel of Trenton, and on Saturday the 16th. inst. quite a number of all shades of political belief assembled in the old bank of Trenton building and a league regularly organized. L. H. Blackledge, County Atty. of Hitchcock is Pres. and R. O. Adams, Editor of the People's Sentinel is Secy.

An executive committee consisting of the following gentlemen were appointed to form by-laws for the league and have general charge, viz: W. Z. Taylor, C. R. Powers, M. H. Yerrick, G. W. Benjamin, M. Scott, G. W. Shurtleff and J. G. Burchell. Quite a little enthusiasm was manifest and the success of the league seems assured. Its aim will be to promote the cause of free silver at the ratio of 16 to 1 and will be non-political so far as party is concerned.—FREE SILVER.