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AN OPEN SECRET.

The article on the first page entitled "Now an Open Secret," was written by one of Nebraska's most distinguished citizens, who has often been honored with the highest offices in the gift of the people, whose record is unimpeachable, and whose wide information and special knowledge of the details of the state government, gives great weight to his words.

Many men in this state who have said but little since the control of the republican party has passed absolutely into the hands of the corporations and banks, are now ready to speak out in defense of honest government. They have held their peace until every instinct of patriotism demands that they shall speak. They have seen the state treasury robbed once by the banks, but they do not intend that it shall be robbed again if they can help it.

They are determined that the affairs of the state treasury shall be fully investigated and the people informed where this vast sum of money is that the books show should be in the hands of the state treasurer, and why it is not invested in interest-bearing state securities. Where is that money? Who has it in charge? Who is getting the interest upon it? Will it ever be returned to the vaults of the state treasury? These are some of the things that many prominent men of this state are determined shall be made public. If the money is gone, we would better know it now, so that we can somewhat prepare for the coming disaster. There is nothing to be gained by postponing the evil day. We may as well know it now as at any later time. On the other hand, if the money is safe, that knowledge will help business and to some extent revive confidence in this state.

The republicans may trot out their advance agent of ruin and label him "Prosperity," but that will deceive no one.

Morgan of the Kicker seems to think that barking at eminent men as little dogs bark at strangers will give him notoriety.

The pope sang a song four years ago that some of the great statesmen are now just learning. It was entitled, "Good Bye Old Party, Good Bye."

If every county in the state had such a populist paper as the Red Cloud Nation the goldite plutocrats would soon cease to hold office in any part of it.

Always just before an election the New York goldite dailies begin to howl about the trusts. The World is at it now, at the rate of about half a column a day.

They have democratic McKinley clubs down in Connecticut. The INDEPENDENT is at a loss what remark to make on the subject. Will some one help us out?

A while ago they said it was the overproduction of wheat, corn and such things that caused our distress. Now they say it was the overproduction of silver. They can't tell the same lie twice alike to save their lives.

The kickers have a list of thirty "holier than thou" popeditors, out of about three thousand and they are publishing it in every edition. Even part of these papers are misrepresented, for they have Senator Marion Butler and his paper in it.

Taubeneck thinks issues lie flat in layers. The kickers think they lie edgewise, and therefore Taubeneck ought to resign or be hung to a lamppost. Edgewise or flat? That is the question upon which the mighty intellects of the kickers are at work.

Senator Allen has followed up his speech on the income tax decision with a bill which provides that no law of congress shall be adjudged unconstitutional except where all the judges concur. Let the populists get control of the government and it will not take a constitutional amendment to lawfully impose on income tax. There are more ways of killing a dog than choking him on hot m.ush.

MR. WEARY WAAGLES.

Every statement of fact put forth by the authority of the populist party, when the proof supporting the assertion has been submitted to the severest tests and closest scientific scrutiny has always been found to be based upon the immutable foundations of truth.

While the paragraphs of the plutocratic dailies have been filling columns with their stories about Mr. Weary Wagglies, Mr. Dusty Rhoads and the Rothschild's magazines like the Century, have devoted page after page to prove that all the men on the road hunting work were vagabonds who would not work if they had the chance, the populist party has said that while there were some of that character, most of them had been driven to that life upon account of our cruel financial system, and it was the duty of the government to give them the opportunity to work.

The Association for Improving the condition of the Poor of New York City, a society that cannot be supposed to be tainted with populism has made a thorough test of the matter, and has printed a report which ought to put the Dusty Rhodes paragraphs and the Century magazine editor to shame.

This society had charge last year of the vacant lot farming in the vicinity of New York and received reports of others engaged in offering work to the poor all over the United States. Its summing up of the evidence on this subject under the head of "Undeserved Poverty" is as follows:

1st. That if the poor are allowed free opportunity to work they nearly all will work. Those who will not work should be left to starve.

2. That the main cause of undeserved pauperism is speculation in vacant land near the cities which ought to be checked by enforcing the law requiring that they be assessed at the same rates for taxation as other property.

We suppose that these good people would be horrified if told that at heart they were populist, but never-the-less they are, although they don't know it.

LAMBERTSON AND CARLISLE.

Mr. Lambertson said we have a redundancy of money, and Mr. Carlisle was sustaining Cleveland and Carlisle as against Sherman, the former wanting to burn the greenbacks and the latter to lock them up.

Now Mr. Carlisle in his Chicago speech, a copy of which he was kind enough to send us, on page five, says:

The sudden withdrawal of \$620,000,000 from the volume of currency in the country would undoubtedly produce a financial and industrial disturbance far more disastrous to the interests of labor than has ever been experienced in our history, and no man who has a particle of sympathy for working men and women and their dependent families can contemplate the possibility of such a calamity without feeling that it is his duty, whether he occupies a public or private station, to employ every honorable means at his command to avert it.

The INDEPENDENT suggests that Mr. Lambertson and Mr. Carlisle hold a private confab and see if they can't agree in some way to tell the same yarn. This want of "parity" in their statements has a tendency to destroy their usefulness as public instructors on finance.

If the withdrawal, as Mr. Carlisle says, of \$620,000,000 from circulation would produce such dire results, and we have no doubt it would, then the withdrawal of \$346,000,000 greenbacks would go a long way in the same direction.

NOT GOLD THAT THEY WANT.

Those tyrants and oppressors of the poor and their allies, the goldite dailies, are always expressing a fear that the bond holders and mortgage owners will not be paid in pure gold, while they know that the debt-owners of the world would as willingly accept pure lead or pure tin if they could with the lead or tin buy as many commodities as they could with the gold. They are not all afraid if they should have free coinage of silver but that they would get the gold if they wanted it. What they are afraid of and what they know will happen is that gold would lose some of its purchasing power when silver was used equally with gold for money. It is not gold they want. The cry: "Pay in gold" is a fraud. What they want is to wring from the hands of labor all that labor can produce by means of the purchasing power of the interest on their bonds and mortgages. It is not gold, but an increased purchasing power—a power that will draw to them all the wealth produced by the labor of the millions who toil from the rising to the setting of the sun.

The bitterness of it all is, that millions of the toilers will, in their ignorance, vote to give it to them.

PROF. LANGLEY'S AIR SHIP.

There is not a particle of doubt that the air ship has come, for which let all good men rejoice. It comes just in time to arrest what has seemed to some the irresistible onward march of plutocracy.

The changes it will make in the government of the world will be much greater than those wrought by steam and electricity. Among the things it will render useless, will be navies, standing armies and tariff barricades. There can be no ports of entry where a government officer stands to collect import duties unless they build them in the clouds.

More than two years ago the editor of the INDEPENDENT, then the Washington correspondent of the Nonconformist, had an interview with Prof. Langley, who explained the principle upon which he proposed to navigate the air and was convinced that it was practical. It is the

same as that of the great soaring birds. We have stood on the deck of an Atlantic liner, going at the rate of eighteen and twenty miles an hour, against a strong wind and watched the great gulls following the ship hour after hour, without any apparent movement of a wing, and knew there must be a law that propelled those birds at that fearful rate of speed. Professor Langley has discovered that law. It is as simple as the law of gravitation, but hardly susceptible of explanation in nontechnical terms.

The French scientists have sought for it for years. Five of them spent seven years in Egypt, watching, photographing and studying the flight of the great African eagles, those immense birds that sail all over vast regions and sustain themselves without the movement of a wing. The French scientist brought back an immense amount of information, but failed to discover the law that produced this astonishing effect. Professor Langley discovered it. He has made a practical demonstration of it. The air ship is here to work the most wonderful transformation in society that the world has ever seen.

RAISED THE FREIGHT RATES.

In a letter to the Oakland Independent Mr. John F. Kessler says:

From ten years experience as a shipper, and a careful comparison of present charges, I am certain that the new rates in a good crop year will increase the cost of shipping the stock led in Burt county alone from \$2,000 to \$5,000 annually. In a statement I sent the Governor I showed an advance of \$125,000 on 37 cars sent by two Tekamah shippers, and yet Sutherland tries to prove from figures furnished him by the railroads that they are actually losing money by the change.

The Southerland of whom Mr. Kessler speaks is one of the secretaries of the board of transportation whom the people of the state pay \$2,000 a year to look after their interests. One might as well expect a hawk to protect the chickens, as to expect a clerk appointed by the republican party on a railroad board to protect the shippers. Any one who would suggest such a thing shows that he is somewhat addle pated.

This Burt county piebitter Sutherland says: "I never advertised myself as an antimonomopolist." Now the INDEPENDENT moves that be stricken from the answer as redundant and superfluous. There is not a man in Nebraska enough of an idiot to suggest such a thing. Into what brain would ever enter an idea so ridiculous and self contradictory as that a \$2,000 clerk to a republican railroad board had advertised himself as an antimonomopolist. But it is evident that what Mr. Sutherland means, and what he wanted to let the pie dispensers know was that he was a monopolist, so he says: "I am not an antimonomopolist." Mr. Sutherland evidently thinks that \$2,000 a year and free passes for himself and family are pretty good things.

BEFORE AND AFTER TAKING.

The Dixon County Leader publishes two letters written by John M. Thurston in 1893 when he was a candidate for the senate. The first one is addressed to E. J. Burroughs secretary of the Bimetallic League, Lincoln, Nebraska. In this letter Mr. Thurston says:

I am a profound believer in the use of both gold and silver as money. I advocated the restoration of free coinage before any of those who are now self-selected champions of silver in Nebraska had ever opened their lips on the subject.

At risk of being tedious I ask your careful attention to the representation of another grave question, which in my judgment, is of such momentous importance to the entire west that all our people should join in vigorous efforts to secure its early and favorable solution. We of the west must have cheap money.

When the greenbacker declared that the government should provide money enough to supply every demand for its use, he was right.

The second letter is addressed to George Gunton, Esq., Editor Social Economist, 34 Union Square, N. Y. In this letter Mr. Thurston says:

Every man who believes in the use of both gold and silver as money, should oppose the unconditional repeal of the Sherman act. If that act is once repealed, the gold men will be strong enough in every congress to prevent the enactment of any legislation reinstating silver money.

I have no doubt the remonetization of silver in the United States would speedily and certainly appreciate the price of silver, not only in this country, but throughout the whole world. No matter what other governments do, this country ought not to eliminate silver from use as a coin metal.

Kentucky has her John G. Carlisle, Nebraska has her John M. Thurston and every state which has put the interest of free coinage of silver in the hands of members of either of the old parties has had the same experience. Before taking oath of office they are for free silver. After taking it they vote with the gold bugs. When will the voters cease to be deceived and vote for the only party that would remonetize silver if given power.

FIAT MONEY.

The INDEPENDENT begs leave to most respectfully dissent from the statement of Mr. Bryan in the Rosewater debate where he said "silver money is not fiat money." If the fiat of the government does not make silver money, what is it that does make it money. All money, Mr. Bryan, is fiat money. Nothing can be used as money until the fiat of the government permits it. To attempt to use anything as money without the fiat of the government is prohibited by law. Gold is made money, and 25.8 grains of it, the unit of value in these United States by the fiat of the government, and without that fiat it would not be money at all.

THE NEW ARITHMETIC.

The gold bugs are going to have all the arithmetics now in use destroyed. They say they are the worst populist documents ever circulated. All the arithmetics say: Ten mills make one cent, ten cents make one dime, ten dimes or 100 cents make one dollar. To teach the children that, they say is to teach them socialism, anarchy, nihilism and communism and must be stopped instantly, forthwith immediately and without any delay, and the arithmetics must teach that 100 cents do not always make one dollar, and the true gold bug arithmetic must say so. The new arithmetic will say: Ten mills make one cent, ten cents make one dime, ten dimes or 100 cents make one dollar—sometimes. Sometimes they don't, and dear little children, any one who says that 100 cents always make one dollar is an anarchist, a communist, a socialist and everything that is naughty and bad.

DOWN MONOPOLY.

Finance, Land and Transportation constitute the fundamental principles of the Omaha platform.—Missouri World.

And those who control the volume of money will always and forever control land and transportation. If farmers could get fifty cents for corn, \$1.00 for wheat and fifteen cents for cotton, they could build a railroad from here to the Gulf within a year, fix such rates as would knock the foundation out from the monopolistic east and west through lines, and bring them to their knees begging for mercy in short order. But with corn at ten cents and wheat forty, the farmers are as helpless babies. The Omaha platform and every populist from Maine to California is for more money and higher prices so that we can be able to wring the necks of those transportation thieves and land monopolists till they cry "enough." We know what we want. We want to down monopoly. We know how to do it and we are going to do it. That's all.

THE LIAR'S BELT.

There is perhaps not an honest man in the United States but will agree that that Hon. John G. Carlisle has won the liar's belt again this week. He has not only won it, but he has so far distanced every other competitor that not one of them is in sight. He says in a letter to Hon. John H. Jones, dated Washington, D. C. May 17:

"The report that I made a speech in favor of the free coinage of silver was for the first time started about three years ago and has been kept constantly in circulation by the advocates of free coinage ever since, notwithstanding the well known fact that the only speech that I ever made upon the subject, and which is printed in the official records of the proceedings of the house of representatives, shows clearly that I was opposed to that policy."

No man will ever be able to excel that statement.

LAF PENCE'S PRESCRIPTION.

A democratic member once came to Lafe Pence and said: "Come now, Lafe, and vote for this bill. It is purely a democratic measure. You surely have some democracy left in you yet." Lafe replied: "If I thought there was I would take a quart of lobelia and an ounce of blue mass and see if I couldn't get it out of me some how." Most of the populists of Kansas were formerly republicans, and from the way some of their papers are quarreling about candidates, the INDEPENDENT suggests that they try Lafe Pence's treatment and see if they can't get that strain of republicanism out of them. There is none of it left in the Nebraska pops.

CARLISLE BOLTS THE RECORD.

In 1880 this country was on a gold basis and had been on that basis for many years, under the operation of the acts of 1834 and 1837.—Sec. Carlisle's speech at Chicago.

The above is a sample of the assertions of the principle gold-standard advocates in this country. When the most able advocates of a cause are reduced to the necessity of such mendacious lying as is contained in the above statement, the cause must be a bad one indeed. The like of it was never seen on the face of the earth before. It beats Satan himself. They seem to have adopted the advice of Voltaire: "Lie, lie, keep on lying; some of it is bound to stick."

TURNING POP.

The State Journal is beginning to advocate populist doctrine more boldly than ever. In speaking of Tesla's new electric lighting invention it says: "If he is now ready to make his invention known, it is time for the government to pay him a reasonable price for it and give it to the public at once. The people are weary of private ownership of water and lighting plants. Let us take advantage of these new inventions and make them free to all the citizens of the United States." Four years ago when the farmers and populists said such things the Journal said they were like "hogs in a parlor," and the doctrine it now advocates it then called anarchy and socialism.

TAKE A CLUB TO HIM.

A correspondent asks if we will not state in another way the fallacy exposed in the editorial entitled "Goldite Logic." He says it is perfectly plain to him, but he has a republican neighbor who can't see the point in it. Well here goes for another trial.

The goldites claim that free coinage of silver would not increase its value. They

say you cannot legislate value either into or out of a thing, that law cannot effect values.

Then they say that a law giving free coinage to silver would double the value of the silver miner's silver.

Now one or the other of these propositions cannot be true for they are directly contradictory.

They either lie when they say that you cannot create value by law or they lie when they say by a law ordaining free coinage of silver at 16 to 1 the value of silver bullion will be doubled.

Now try that on your neighbor and if he can't understand it, take a club and pound it into him.

The State Journal says that "the senate as it stands today consists of forty-four republicans, thirty-eight democrats, seven populists and one vacancy." The INDEPENDENT would like to know who that seventh populist is. Has another senator joined the populist party?

The National Bimetallist, Chicago, Illinois, Mr. H. F. Bartine, editor, continues to furnish half a library of facts and scientific economical discussion each week. As it is only a dollar a year, it furnishes a very cheap way in which any one can get a good, sound education in political economy.

The Record shows that Senator Allen is still fighting almost every day on the floor of the senate for pensions for the widows or orphans of private soldiers—sometimes making their claims amendments to bills giving pensions to the children or wives of colonels or generals. The g. o. p. senators invariably vote them down.

It is impossible for the editor of the INDEPENDENT to return rejected manuscripts. Many times articles are headlined and prepared for publication and then crowded out; some are laid away and appear weeks after they are written, etc., etc. The INDEPENDENT is thankful to all who write, and the editor will do the best he can.

Carlisle's speech at Chicago, for one sentence in which the Liar's Belt was awarded him last week, has been ordered by the senate to be printed as a public document, and you must help pay for it by selling twelve cent corn and forty cent wheat. You republican farmers like that first rate, don't you? Not a republican senator raised an objection.

Dave Hill used these words on the senate floor in reply to a remark of Senator Allen last Thursday: "I desire to say right here that the statement is false." Old Granny Hoar did not call him to order and ask that his words be taken down, and the Associated Press Liars did not send out a statement that Hill had disgraced himself and the senate.

Congressmen Strode and Andrews both presented petitions from citizens of Nebraska asking for the passage of the infamous Loud bill, which concerns second-class mail matter. Those who sign these petitions certainly don't know what they are asking for. If they want to suppress most of the country weeklies and make postmasters judges without appeal as to what is mailable matter, then they want the Loud bill, otherwise they do not.

An eastern reporter was greatly surprised that a western audience listening to a speech on the money question, would not applaud catchy phrases or well turned sentences, but did vociferously applaud the most abstruse economic statements whenever they deemed them sound. He will learn after a while that political economy has been pretty thoroughly studied by the common people of the west.

The Farmers' Tribune got into trouble by using one of the Associated Press Liars' reports. The editor of the INDEPENDENT learned better than that a long while ago, but not until he got his fingers badly burned. Now he never prints anything the Liars say until he first investigates, if that is possible, and if not, he lets it go solely on the Liar's authority, and not on his own.

Tillman supported Grover Cleveland in 1892. He acknowledges now that his judgment was not good then. Today he sets himself up as a judge of populists and populist platforms again. How do we know that he has grown in wisdom so as to be a good adviser. All there is of Tillman is what he has learned from populists. It would be well for him to learn a good deal more before he begins to advise.

The people are getting more fun out of the gold bug editors and speakers than usual. Some of their attempts at argument are more excruciatingly funny than anything that ever appeared in the comic papers. But perhaps the most dis-splitting joke of the season was when Rosewater appeared in his contest with Bryan as the apostle and exponent of honesty and honest money and stole the speech with which he did it. There has been nothing which has created more laughter in the state for ten years. Mr. Rosewater is "really and truly" a very funny man.

Reform Campaign Stories is the title of a new book by Jule Schoenheit. It contains humorous anecdotes illustrating every phase of the money question. See ad on fifth page.

The Hamilton County Register says:—"No populist has to wait for a national convention to tell him what he believes." And when he gets to a convention he does not allow a boss to dictate a platform for him, the Howling Kickers to the contrary notwithstanding.

Prof. Langley has forever put an end to McKinleyism. How will they collect high tariff taxes when the air ships drop down pauper made goods all over the land? Will the result of it be that we will all die of starvation? The republicans had better sue out an injunction right away.

The goldite papers say that the free coinage of silver will drive away capital—that all foreign investors will immediately withdraw. While everyone of them knows, if he knows anything, that the countries that are attracting capital are the free silver countries. Look at the millions of American capital that is pouring into Mexico and of English capital going to Japan.

The republicans howl about Holcomb's appointees, but not one of the said appointees has ever been charged with taking or misappropriating one cent of the tax payers money. The only kind of an appointee who will never be criticized by the goldite dailies is one bearing the republican brand and who will line his own pockets with money taxed out of the people.

Mr. E. D. Stark of Ohio says that the gold bugs stand dumb when he asks them this question: "Why do you say that a dollar worth two bushels of wheat in Nebraska, twenty pounds of cotton in New Orleans, eight pounds of wool in Ohio, one hundred pounds of steel in Pittsburg, instead of a dollar worth only one-half of the quantities respectively of each of those commodities as it was twenty years ago—why do you say that the dollar with this doubled purchasing power is honest, while the dollar of twenty years ago is dishonest?"

The Litchfield Monitor says: "It is the opinion of the people that the present republican incumbents of state offices have made a proud record, and we have yet to hear a single dissent." That goes to show what an editor of a country republican newspaper is. Never heard of Russell and the penitentiary! Never heard of the board that wouldn't invest the school funds! Never heard of mutual insurance! Never heard—well, of course he never did. An average republican editor's skull is so thick that he can't hear it thunder, and his eyes are so weak he can't see chain lightning.

Tom Watson is all right, and this writer has been one of his greatest admirers, but if he will get down to hard study of the standard economists for a while, he will make his writing much more effective. To say that government legal tender money "is based on the credit of the government," is to talk nonsense. "The credit of the government" is the power to borrow and nothing else.

To "base money" on the "power to borrow," is a scheme that Tom will repudiate himself as soon as he thinks it over. Moreover, he is very much mistaken when he thinks that Senator Stewart favors only gold and silver and paper money redeemable in those metals. He would do well to read the chapter in the senator's speech of '93 entitled, "Scientific Money."

The House of Yankee Doodle.

Cleveland rules from the president's chair. John Sherman rules in the senate: Wall-street Shylocks rule the pair. And the people are not "in it."

Cleveland buys votes with patronage pie—Sherman takes care of the boodles: The banks and trusts are having a "high" in the house of Yankee Doodle.

But tolling millions with wrath are blue, And their anger is deep and real; "Sometime" they will give the bandit crew A taste of genuine—Sheel.

—Dixon County Leader.

Light is Breaking.

A debate on the silver question will take place at the Union League tomorrow evening under the auspices of the house committee of the league.

One year ago it would have been considered high treason to talk free silver at the Union League. The change in sentiment shows how the popular tides is drifting.

Light is breaking.—Philadelphia Item.

Didn't Wait to Boil.

The republicans of Missouri in recent state convention declared unequivocally for the gold standard, and as a result of such action thousands of voters are deserting their party and joining the populists. The Carthage Daily Press, one of the leading republican papers of the state, has bolted the platform.

Dollar Wheat Again.

Let every man in the west and south understand that a free-silver victory on November 3d means \$1 wheat and 15 cent cotton before January 1, 1897; and good times and plenty of work at high prices for every workman in the land.—The Representative.

Omnipotent Power.

The legal tender quality and the fixed legal value imparted to money by law give it absolute omnipotence over other kinds of property.—Judge H. C. Caldwell.

Got One Little Bite.

The Mirror acknowledges the receipt of a bunch of garden seeds from Hon. Geo. D. Meiklejohn.—Lyons Mirror.