

A PLUTOCRATIC BAD FIX

Butler's bill to Stop Bond Issuing Makes Them Howl.

TRUST GOVERN THE PEOPLE

Bankers Making Threats and Ordering What Shall be Done.

Wall Street Corruption Fund Bigger Than Ever.

WASHINGTON, D. C. May 25, 1896.—One of the shortest as well as one of the most important bills ever introduced in congress is now before the senate, and will probably pass in a few days. It was introduced by Senator Butler, and is as follows:

"Be it enacted, etc., that the issuance of interest bearing bonds of the United States, for any purpose whatever, without further authority of Congress is hereby prohibited."

This single sentence hits at the very root of the evil which has piled up a large debt in the United States, contracted the currency of the country, lowered prices, and brought hard times upon our people. For years congress has sat still and seen the president issue millions and millions of interest bearing bonds without a word of protest or any effort to stop such a criminal wrong. This bill was introduced by Senator Butler on January 3, before the last issue of bonds. He made repeated efforts to bring it to a vote before the last batch of bonds were issued, but without success. He has made repeated efforts since to get congress to take action, showing that each senator and congressman was equally responsible with President Cleveland for the issue of these bonds as long as they refused to make an effort to stop such a terrible folly. On last Thursday, Senator Butler, having secured the assurance of a majority of the senators to stand by him, moved to take up his bill and press it to a final vote. As soon as the gold men saw that a majority of the senate would support the measure they began to filibuster to defeat the motion to take up the bill for consideration; when at last the filibusters were exhausted, the motion passed by a vote of thirty-four to twenty. Senator Hill of New York and Senator Sherman of Ohio have led the fight against the bill, which is still before the senate and under discussion. They have taken the position that the honor and credit of this country was safer in the hands of the president than in the hands of congress; that is, that the bond holders and the gold trust could rely on the president to issue bonds whenever they wanted it done, but could not rely on the senate, in which body, unfortunately as they claim, the people's party holds the balance of power. Senator Butler replying to them in support of this bill said that the gold trust was putting up a big campaign fund to control both of the old party conventions and to make the election of a gold bug for president certain; that the gold men were not sure that they could control both houses of the next congress, but that they felt absolutely certain that they could control and own the president. In the course of his speech, Senator Butler produced a copy of a letter which is being sent out by the American bankers' association from Wall St., New York, under date of March 23d, 1896, to all of the banking establishments in America. This letter of instruction to bankers in every state contains the following:

"The executive council of the American bankers' association declare unequivocally in favor of the maintenance of the existing gold standard of value and recommend to all bankers and to customers of all banks the exercise of all their influence as citizens in their various states to select delegates to the political conventions of both the great parties who will declare unequivocally in favor of the maintenance of the existing gold standard of value."

The circular goes on to say: "Your influence is earnestly requested to give practical effect to this action. The association seeks to unite all banks and bankers in one efficient national organization."

The letter was signed by Eugene H. Pullen, president; James R. Branch, secretary; Joseph C. Hendrix, chairman of executive council.

Senator Butler then proceeded to show that this bank circular was proof positive that the banks were putting up a big campaign corruption fund to nominate and elect a gold bug this year, as they did to nominate and elect Grover Cleveland in the last campaign; and turning to Senator Sherman he said: "If the republicans should elect Mr. McKinley, or any other gold bug for president, you may expect to be called to the cabinet as secretary of the treasury, and in that capacity you wish the present law to stand as it is, so that you can continue to issue bonds as Mr. Carlisle is doing now. Mr. Carlisle is carrying out the infamous policy that was commenced under the republican administrations, and you desire to succeed him to consummate this policy."

The presentation of this secret circular by Senator Butler created no little sensation in the senate, and it was passed over that body from hand to hand, each senator being desirous of seeing and examining with his own eyes that (as termed by one of them) "secret and criminal missive." But, strange to say, the Associated Press in their report next morning, failed to say anything about this most important feature of the whole discussion; but this only goes to show how much the money power fear for their games to be exposed; and it shows further how the Associated Press, the mouthpiece of the money power, try to suppress all information concerning the schemes of this combination.

This bill will be discussed several days longer, and will probably pass.

Chinese Cheap Labor. Sixty Chinese blouse makers in San Francisco, working for a Chinese firm struck because their pittance of wages was reduced. The firm advertised for American sewing girls and the next morning 350 applied for the places at the reduced wages. Talk about Chinese cheap labor.—Appeal to Reason.

THE ASYLUM CONCERT.

The Blind Musicians Come to Cheer the Patients of the Hospital.

It seems an odd thing to say, but it was refreshing to leave the close, muggy atmosphere of a city full of sane(?) people for the cool, breezy precincts of the insane. The occasion was the pathetic attempt to bring brightness and pleasure into the lives of God's afflicted.

Professor Jones, superintendent of the Blind Asylum, brought down a band of blind musicians to help cheer their fellow sufferers of the insane asylum.

The urbane host, Dr. Abbott, was here and there and everywhere, welcoming the guests and trying to make them feel "at home," the curious and miscellaneous assemblage on the lawn, being ably seconded in his efforts by Mr. Rewick. It was a pleasant and picturesque enough scene, the gray stone building, on the piazza of which the blind musicians were seated, the scattered groups of the audience on the lawn, the various colored dresses of the women blending harmoniously with the grey and the green, and in spite of the pathos and tragedy underlying the whole, there came a sense of restfulness and peace when in the intervals of human voices, there could be heard the rustling branches of the trees overhead, and the twittering of the birds, as though trees and birds were saying, "the tragedy is there, but we, too, are a part of it all. Take comfort. Be happy; be happy."

By the by, would it not be a good idea to have a world's fair to which, instead of inanimate things, all the best specimens of human kind should be sent, each state and country sending its best? Nebraska certainly could not be outdone, for she would assuredly send the two towering forms of her governor (Holcomb) and one of her senators (Allen). This thought was suggested by the sight of our governor—who certainly cannot be accused of any want of interest in the institutions of the state—towering head and shoulders over a group of men, who, when he was not present to prove the contrary, looked as though they might fairly compete with him in point of size.

If there could be a "world's fair" for the best specimens of humanity physical, intellectual and moral, perhaps there would be no more need of asylums for the blind and the insane. The laws seem to put the rights of money and property above the rights of human beings. When the process is reversed then perfect human beings and the millennium will result.

In the meantime dark clouds are gathering rapidly overhead, and before the music has ceased we have left the grounds of the insane and returned to the city of the sane(?)

In the evening another concert was given in the chapel, which was highly enjoyed by the patients and many visitors. The music was noticeable for the perfect time, harmony and delicate expression. Accompanying the band from Nebraska City was Professor Jones, superintendent; Prof. Henry Blake, musical instructor; Miss Connor, teacher; and one or two others to whom we were so unfortunate as not to be introduced.

The governor did not stay for the evening entertainment, but there were present from the city, Gen. Russell, Sam Mellick, Mr. Mary and his wife, Dr. Steele of Hastings, wife and daughter, and others from abroad were also there.

As the musicians alone numbered nearly thirty, the grounds and buildings presented a very lively appearance.

HASTINGS ITEMS.

HASTINGS, Neb., May 26, 1896. The musical given at the home of Judge and Mrs. Beall on Friday evening was a decided success.

Mike Condon came home from Cripple Creek on the 19th inst. Mike has but little hope of the short lived city being rebuilt.

Mrs. J. A. Ferguson was called to Lincoln last Monday by telegram to the bed side of a dying relative. Mr. Ferguson was also summoned later in the day and took the 4 p. m. train Tuesday evening.

The reception and banquet given by the members and friends of the A. O. U. W. lodge Tuesday evening, 19th inst., was a glorious success. Some four hundred visitors from the neighboring towns of Harvard, Trumbull, Glenville, inland, Ayr, Keneaw, Prosser, Hansen and Juniata. The reception was held in the opera house where a beautiful and interesting program was rendered. After the drills the assembly formed in line and marched to Dutton's hall where the banquet was spread. At banquet hall Dr. VanSickle, master workman of Butler lodge, delivered an address of welcome to which in behalf of the visiting lodges, Hon. H. G. Hard of Howard responded with well chosen words. Short speeches, toasts and jokes were indulged in and a general good time all around was the final result and all agreed that it took Hastings people to do things up just right.

Last week complaint was filed against Mr. G. M. Wilcox and a warrant issued for his arrest based upon an affidavit charging insanity. He was arrested and taken before the examining board and after hearing the testimony of several witnesses he was declared to be insane and ordered taken to the asylum at Lincoln. Sheriff Otten started with him to Lincoln on the Burlington fast freight Saturday morning.

Hoyt Pottinger returned home from Cripple Creek whither he had gone a few days before the fire and had accepted a position as operator with the Union telegraph company. He relates some exciting scenes in connection with the Cripple Creek fires and rejoices that his life was spared and that he is again with friends in Nebraska.

The high school commencement exercises will be held in the Presbyterian church Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock and 29. Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock public promotion exercises by representatives of the different grades and all certificates of promotion in connection with the high school will be presented on that occasion. About 160 promotions will take place. Friday afternoon 2 o'clock by graduating class. At 8 o'clock commencement address by F. H. Sanderson of Omaha and diplomas will be awarded. Saturday evening alumni banquet at the Bostwick hotel. This class consists of eleven members, seven girls and four boys.

The cherry trees in this vicinity are loaded with cherries and will ripen in a few days. Mrs. J. M. DOYLE.

Insurance Department.

Conducted by J. Y. M. Swigart. Correspondence solicited.

We hear of cyclones, and cyclones. One day in Texas the next in Michigan again in Nebraska, Illinois, Wisconsin etc. The cyclone is no respecter of persons and it may be your turn next.

It is not safe to conclude that because you have never had one in your neighborhood that you never will. Hundreds of men are now ready to insure in neighborhoods of recent storms. But you should do as all wise men do, carry your (coat) insurance in fair weather and you will have it when you need it.

The loss to one Cyclone Co. will necessitate an assessment but at this time we do not know how much. We have several losses that have not yet been adjusted.

HAIL. Many inquire for hail supplies. Write us for hail and cyclone applications. Special rates for the INDEPENDENT to our members.

SUPREME COURT. The farce against the constitutionality of the 1891 Mutual Insurance Law will end June 2 and the old line companies will no doubt feel that the court realizes the fact that the people have some rights that corporations must respect.

FREE SILVER FRAUDS.

They are Always for the Corporations, Monopolies and Trusts.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 20, 1896.

There are in congress a certain class of silver democrats and silver republicans who on nearly every question where there is a contest between the people and railroad corporation or other monopolies, vote against the people and with the monopolies. It may be questioned whether or not such men are at heart true silver men. Their votes on other questions besides silver would give strong color to the belief that they simply voted for free silver because the sentiment is so strongly that way among their constituents, while at heart they are the other way. A man who stands for the corporations and monopolies against the people is certainly at heart a gold man, just as all gold men naturally stand in with all the monopolies and combines. We make this prediction, that those congressmen and senators who claim to be silver men yet who always vote with the monopolists on other questions will be the kind of silver men who will stick to their parties no matter who is nominated or what kind of a platform he is on. It is the silver man who is not only for silver but also against trusts and monopolies who will stand squarely by the people when the test comes, and put principle and country above party. In short the best test for a true friend of the people is the position which congressmen take on questions relating to corporations, monopolies and trusts. We expect at some future time to send the votes of the members of congress on certain questions where there was a conflict between the interests of the people and the greed of the monopolists, and show which so-called silver men voted against the people.

Eminent Populists. It is quite manifest it [the telegraph] is destined to exert great influence on the business affairs of society. In the hands of private individuals they will be able to monopolize intelligence. I think that such an engine should be exclusively under the control of the government.—Henry Clay.

The powers thus granted [by the constitution] are not confined to the instrumentality of the post service known or in use when the constitution was adopted, but they keep pace with the progress of the country and adapt themselves to the new developments of time and circumstances. They extend from the horse to the stagecoach; from the stage to the steamboat; from the steamboat to the railroad, and from the railroad to the telegraph.—Morrison R. Waite, Chief Justice of the United States, 1874-1888.

[This judge did not think an income tax unconstitutional either.] If the government may be safely entrusted with the transmission of our letters and papers, I see no reason why it may not also be entrusted with the transmission of our telegrams and parcels, as is almost universally the case in Europe.—Justice Brown, of the Supreme Court of the United States.

[This judge also believes in an income tax.] It becomes a question of great importance how far the government will allow individuals to divide with it the business of transmitting intelligence. The use of such an instrument [the telegraph] cannot, with safety to the people, be left in the hands of private individuals.—Cave Johnson, Postmaster-General under President Polk.

The Dollar of our Daddies. HAZARD, Neb., May 20, 1896.

EDITOR INDEPENDENT:—I may not know much about finance but I hurrah for the dollars of our daddies, as one hundred cents is a dollar and made so without asking kings, emperors, potentates, church or any state in the world. The dollar was made by the fiat of the government. That fiat may be on gold, silver, copper, nickel or paper, in fact anything the government saw fit to put it on.

If our government is sound, its fiat is sound. It irritates me to read of sound money applied exclusively to gold. If other countries call gold sound money I have no objections. We are not running foreign finance. Shall they dictate to us? If they don't like our terms they need not. This talk of foreign commerce and foreign trade is all a humbug. Our daddies ran our own affairs in our own way. The so-called democracy and republicanism is also a humbug. Please quit quoting sound money and hurrah for the dollars of our daddies.

Yours with great respect, S. G. SWIGART.

A Regular Picnic. The gold mine owners and gold monopolists are having a picnic furnishing all the "sound money" for the world.—Appeal to Reason.

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8 dozen Linen Damask, extra heavy, 20 1/2x46, worth 25c, this week each..... 19c

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Democratic Pledges.

In Kentucky, in 1892, ten democrats were elected to congress, and with two or three exceptions, those democrats as candidates, loudly proclaimed that they were as good free silver men as their populist opponents.

Of those ten men, only two were true to their pledges. If democratic pledges made in 1891 and 1892 were so ruthlessly broken why should we expect them to be kept in 1896?

In 1891 the Kentucky democracy formulated a platform with a silver plank as "strong as the English language enabled them to draw."

In 1892 eight out of the ten congressmen they elected were gold bugs. Later on they refused to elect a democratic senator, when with the votes of two populist legislators, they had a clear majority, because the democratic nominee was for free coinage of silver.

MORE BONDS IN SIGHT.

A big Fight in the Senate Coming on. WASHINGTON, May 19, 1896.—On last Friday Senator Butler called attention to the fact that the administration had started up the "endless chain" again and was drawing gold from the Treasury at the rate of over one million dollars per day. He showed that over fifty million dollars have been drawn out from the treasury since the first day of last February without a single thing to show for it. He pointed out that at the rate Cleveland would be sure to issue more bonds during the present session, therefore, that it was the duty of congress before it adjourned to pass his bill, or some bill like it to prevent the further issue of bonds without the consent of congress. Senator Butler then asked unanimous consent to fix a day when the senate would vote on his bill to prevent the further issue of bonds. Senator Hill promptly objected, whereupon, senator Butler gave notice that as soon as the present appropriation bill was disposed of that he would move to take up his bill for consideration and action. It is probable that the fight over this bill will come up next week.

A Clear Case of Bighead. A few editors of peoples party papers are following the lead of W. S. Morgan. The trouble with Morgan is that while he apparently sets himself up as the chief conservator of the principles of the Omaha platform his real trouble is, that being elected to the position of editor of the peoples party ready prints, has brought on an acute attack of big head. Morgan and others of his ilk, are doing incalculable damage to the peoples cause. For the sake of humanity we hope they will see the folly of sowing dissension in the peoples ranks, and turn their guns on the enemy.—Iowa Searchlight.

What the Fat Fellow Costs. It costs the people \$400 a month to guard Grover Cleveland's private residence at Woodley Lane, near Washington. No one except a cabinet officer is allowed to enter the gates of the grounds surrounding the house. There is no European monarch as unapproachable as the fat fellow whose readiness to obey the behests of the gold conspirators who made him president.—Brabster West.

A Word from the Workers. Beside the renewals and single subscribers the workers sent in the following club lists:

- R. A. Tawney, Price, 3.
E. B. Sutton, Imperial, 3.
W. B. Green, Johnson, 6.
A. H. Dilley, Friend, 3.
J. T. Vorhes, Hampton, 5.

Connecticut Populists. HARTFORD, Conn., May 21.—The state convention of the people's party of Connecticut met this afternoon and adopted a platform declaring for the free and unlimited coinage of gold and silver at the ratio of 16 to 1. Uninstructed delegates to the national convention were elected.

The American Federation.

Federal Union, No. 6332 moved into the commodious hall, being out of debt, and having no rent to pay, and having a large membership of upright and useful citizens, invites all workmen, all men engaged in any useful occupation, regardless of nationality, color, class or party, to unite with the American Federation of Labor for mutual education in regard to all questions affecting the material welfare of all. Meetings every Friday at 8 p. m. at 1114 O street. No invitation or admission will be charged.

The Crete Chautauqua.

The 15th Annual Session of the Nebraska Chautauqua Assembly will be held on the Chautauqua grounds at Crete July 3d to 15th 1896. No pains have been spared to secure the best talent in all departments, and those who attend the Crete Chautauqua are assured that no finer array of lectures, speakers, teachers, and musicians will appear on any western platform. The program is now in the hands of the printer and will soon be ready for distribution.

Enterprising Farmers.

The farmers in this and adjoining counties have been organizing joint stock companies and putting in creameries in several of the small towns. There are two in successful operation already, one at Gormantown, the other at Raymond. There is another almost completed at Malcolm, will be running in another week, and Emerald has one well started.

No Back Seats.

The doors of the populist party are wide open, and the house has no back seats in it; all are in the center, and when a man enters he is as much in the front ranks as if he had been in for the past four years.—Farmers' Outlook (Ga.)

A Hard Hitter.

The Lincoln INDEPENDENT is a hard hitter in the cause of the common people and is doing a good work in this state. The INDEPENDENT lets no guilty man escape, and is not slow to show up the political hypocrite in his true light.—Superior Sun.

For the N. E. A. Meeting

at Buffalo, N. Y. July 7th to 11th, it will be of interest to teachers and their friends to know that arrangements have been successfully accomplished by the Nickel Plate Road providing for the sale of excursion tickets at \$12.00 for the round trip with \$2.00 added for membership fee. Tickets will be on sale July 5th and 6th and liberal return limits will be granted. For further information as to stop overs, routes, time of trains, etc., address J. Y. Calahan, Gen'l Agent 111 Adams St., Chicago, Ill.

A Squealer on the Supreme Court.

A bill was introduced by Mr. Allen, and was referred to the judiciary committee, defining the jurisdiction of the supreme court in the determination of constitutional questions. It provides that no law of congress shall be held or adjudged to be unconstitutional except where all the justices concur in the opinion to that effect.

Populist Music.

The second regiment band of Wichita, Kansas, composed of thirty-five musicians, are making arrangements to accompany the Kansas delegation to the national convention.

Local populist committees in every state, county and town or precinct should see to it that there are copies of our Armageddon song book in the hands of all good singers.

Patronize those persons who advertise in this paper. Tell them that you saw their ad in the NEBRASKA INDEPENDENT.

Good Bye Old Party.

Senator Lee Mantle of Montana predicts the nomination of McKinley by the republicans and a bolt of the free-silver delegates to the St. Louis convention. He says the Montana republicans will not support a gold-standard platform and that the other silver states will walk out of the convention.

Reform Editors.

The national reform press association will convene in St. Louis on July 20.

Cheap Rates to St. Louis and Return.

The Northwestern is now selling tickets at reduced round trip rates to St. Paul, Minneapolis and Wisconsin. This is the short line. City office 117 So. 10th St. Lincoln, Nebraska.

Wasting His Brays.

It looks like the Arkansas Kicker is wasting its energies fighting men within the populist party when there is such a vast amount of missionary work outside of our party.—New Era-Standard.

Half Rates to Hot Springs, S. D.

June 12th the Elkhorn line will sell tickets to Hot Springs and return at one fare limit thirty days. For pleasure or health this trip is unsurpassed. For tickets call at city office 117 So. 10th St., Lincoln, Neb.

Fare Three Well.

A. H. Buchanan, a delegate from Douglas county, N. Y., to the state democratic convention, has resigned from the position, left the party and joined the pops.

Hints to Tourists Where to go and what it Costs.

Is the subject of a little pamphlet published by the Northwestern line giving a large amount of information regarding the lake regions of Minnesota and Wisconsin. For a copy address city ticket agent, 117 So. 10th St., Lincoln, Nebraska.

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