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A WORD TO ADVERTISERS.

The INDEPENDENT asks all business men who have anything to sell to glance at the endorsements of this paper printed elsewhere in this issue.

It takes a populist victory to knock the London Rothschilds' crew crazy.

Even truthful Annin acknowledged that the opening session of the republicans was an exceedingly dull affair.

The Jewish gold bug menagerie at St. Louis did not draw well.

The next Morning after the Oregon election the Associated Press Liars announced an overwhelming republican victory in that state, and that is about as near as they ever come to telling the truth.

The republican national convention did a very appropriate thing when they opened their proceedings with prayer by a Rabbi of the Rothschilds family the whole assemblage, as the papers say, "standing up in a devout manner as the Rabbi invoked the divine blessing."

We have been somewhat troubled about the meaning in politics of this word "anarchy." We have found out at last what it means from so great an authority as John Sherman.

Several of the New York great plutocratic papers announced, on the passage of Senator Butler's bill prohibiting Grover from issuing bonds, that the senate had gone over to the populists.

The English like the republican national convention immensely. A cablegram dated at London, June 16, says: "The Standard and the Post, commenting on the situation at St. Louis, will tomorrow say in substance that it is a pleasant surprise to find that the supporters of a gold standard, instead of silverites, are likely to impose their will on the convention."

There lies before us a code of criminal laws defining crime and its punishment. It would be just as logical to say that book is crime and its punishment, as to say a piece of gold is money.

The citizens of Koenigsberg, Germany, pay no taxes, but instead receive a dividend which is declared each year by the city authorities.

ABOUT PROPHECYING.

The editor of the INDEPENDENT last week received a private letter from one of the most distinguished men in the state, in which the following passages occurred:

"I want to congratulate you on the plucky fight you are making. I am more inclined to believe with you than I was years ago, when I first knew you.

"I remember that, as the prediction was made in one of the most prosperous years we ever had in the state, I honestly thought you were going insane over the greenback question.

"I have always liked your writings, however much I might disagree with your conclusions, because it always has a sort of snap to it, and you seem to so thoroughly believe every word you say that even when you attack men of my way of thinking in the past, and pile on the adjectives until you impoverish the dictionary—calling us fiends, devils incarnate, robbers, boodlers, destroyers of mankind, oppressors of the poor—all of which I find in the paper before me, we excuse you, because we know your honest earnestness, and whatever you write is always entertaining.

"I find that I haven't said what I started out to say. (I fancy you never have that failing.) I wanted to say that you made at least one prophecy that came true."

We beg leave to decline the honor. There was no prophecy about it. Any man having three grains of common sense ought to have known twenty years ago, as well as now, that if we went on contracting the currency, prices would fall, railroads would go into receivers' hands, farmers become poverty-stricken, and merchants bankrupt.

NOT A GOOD WAY.

We publish what the Missouri World has to say in regard to the criticism made upon it by this paper so that our readers may know what sort of a defense it puts up. It says:

The Nebraska populists lost an able and middle-of-the-road paper when George Howard Gilson retired from the Wealth Makers, now the Independent.

The Missouri World says that of us, when this paper from week to week has declared that it would not support a democratic candidate nominated at Chicago, when it gave notice weeks ago to Mr. Bryan that the thing could not be done, when not one line has ever appeared in this paper advocating what the World calls "trimming," when the editor has announced himself the most radical man in the state of Nebraska.

We do not believe one in a thousand of those who believe in the Taubeneck-Weaver policy would go so far as to favor endorsing the democratic ticket, even though the democrats were to copy the Omaha platform.

Now, if you believe that, what in the name of common sense have you been howling about, anyhow? The populists who will assemble in St. Louis will make a platform and nominate a ticket, and they will do both better than the Missouri World can.

FLEXIBLE LOGIC.

The Southern Mercury blazed out last week in a tirade against Senator Allen, and declares that it is in favor of "a flexible" currency.

system of populism included in that platform. Prices can only be "flexed" by increasing and diminishing the volume of money.

All over the nation reformers were turning to Allen with hope that a man of the people had been found, and a gallant, brave and fearless leader developed in the Nebraska senator.

In that infernal fight, lasting for hours, in which every gold bug corporation lawyer in the senate jumped onto Allen all at once, he was not as circumspect in his language or as convise in his definitions as one would be in a prepared speech.

A FOOL EDITOR.

The editor of the Nonconformist, taking advantage of the fact that there is no law preventing a man from making an ass of himself, did a complete thing in that line last week.

General A. J. Warner is a profound scholar and economist, with a high reputation among scholars on both sides of the Atlantic.

Gen. Warner is one of the ablest advocates we have of three of the principal tenets of the populist party, viz.: Free coinage of silver; the issuance of all paper money by the government without the intervention of banks, said money to be a full legal tender, and the prohibition of the issuance of interest-bearing bonds.

So earnest is Gen. Warner in this that he is using every scheme he can invent to draw votes out of the two old parties and get them to unite with the populists to enact these ideas into law.

Gen. Warner called a council of men in Ohio who believed in these doctrines. This editor, taking the Associated Press Liars' report of the meeting as a basis, undertook to ridicule Gen. Warner and his friends and drive them away from the populist party, while professing to desire the success of the party at the polls.

General Warner, proprietor of the bimetallic league and boss of the whole silver conference business which culminated in calling a convention at St. Louis to "unite" with the populists, or rather to "unite" the populists with them, has been heard from again.

If any editor ever made as big an ass of himself in all the world before, history has not recorded the fact. No wonder this jackass denounces "practical politics."

Work on any theory of honesty, in the writer of that screed, we should like to see it done. The most charitable thing that can be said is that either that editor was drunk or is a natural born fool.

THE LIAR'S BELT.

The belt goes this week to the New York Sun for the following outrageous, whopping big lie:

Workingmen by things for less money than formerly, but they also have more money wherewith to buy. The truth is that a man need give less of his labor to secure a dollar, gold though it be, than ever before in the history of the country.

Attorney General Churchill was a close competitor in his article in the State Journal on the school fund, but while he had a whole cart-load of lies, they were all insignificant, and the judges finally assigned the belt to the New York Sun for the above whopper.

HERE TOO.

Before I die I'd like to strike somebody who has seen A modern preacher something like The lowly Nazarine.

WHAT'S A KICKER?

"Kickers," in the nomenclature prevailing out in Nebraska, are populists who insist on adhering to populist principles and the populist national platform, and who refuse to endorse old party candidates before they become populists.

That is not the Nebraska idea of a "kicker" at all. Our idea of those chaps is men who ransack heaven and earth to find some basis to attack any and every prominent populist or active worker in the cause from Allen down to the humblest farmer who tries to coax his democratic or republican neighbor to vote the populist ticket, and who is not satisfied with that, but threatens to organize a bolt from the party, as the Missouri World did, or organize what they call a "middle of the road" faction to draw votes from the regular populist nominees, as they did in Oregon, where they pulled off 1,500 votes to aid the g. o. p. candidates and endangered the whole ticket.

BETTER SHUT UP.

The howlers who have been attacking everyone who does anything to further the cause of populism have gotten themselves into a hole. They were for the Omaha platform. Any body who intimated that it might be improved was a traitor and a villain.

THE WARNER INTERVIEW A FAKE.

In a purported interview with General A. J. Warner published recently in the Chicago Record the General was quoted as having declared that the St. Louis silver convention would endorse the action of the democratic national convention if the latter should be controlled in the interest of free silver.

If the populist national convention does not declare that money is a creation of law, and its value regulated by the quantity, here is one pop editor who will be mad enough to bust things generally. That is the truth. That is the testimony of every economist from Aristotle to John P. Jones.

A populist school boy by the name of Will Twiford, living at Eustis, wrote a composition on politics in which he said: "Something is wrong with the management of public affairs. That everyone admits. The republicans blame the democrats. The democrats blame the republicans, and the ministers blame the devil. But the populists say that the republicans, democrats, and the devil combined and all three of them are to blame."

Can't Be Bossed.

There is one grand thing about populists, they know what they want and are not afraid to say so in plain words.

I am highly pleased—if you continue to do so exceedingly well the INDEPENDENT will be a power in the land.—Jas. Crawford, Dewese, Neb.

Stump Ashby, chairman of the people's party state committee of Texas, has been engaged to speak in Indiana, during July.

THE INDEPENDENT O. K.

No Paper Ever had Such Universal Endorsement From Press and Patrons Before.

FORWARD, ON WITH THE FIGHT.

Bally to the Cause of the Common People and Redeem This State From the Boodlers and Shylocks.

Let Every Pop in the State Send in a Club.

The course of the INDEPENDENT having been endorsed by nearly a hundred populist editors in this state whose notices have been printed from time to time and unfavorably criticised by but two, this week we publish what the subscribers—the true and tried old pops of the state—say on the subject.

The editor wishes to return thanks alike to the Old Guard and new recruits, for their kindly words. Now that you have a state paper that you all endorse, cannot you help make it a power in the land.

To enable this to be done, the publishers offer to send the paper during the campaign for twenty-five cents. If every one who has written to endorse the paper will get a club of five, we shall have more than 40,000.

As to the future course of the paper, the subscribers can rely on this. We have only been firing scattering shots at the corporations, shylocks and boodlers from the skirmish line.

Read what the the subscribers of this paper—many of them men who have been fighting gloriously and gallantly in the rank from the beginning—have to say about it, then take a half day off and get up a club.

I like your paper.—James Bromfield, Invali, Neb.

I like the paper well.—Axel E. Anderson, Central City, Neb.

The INDEPENDENT is the best paper I take. I wouldn't be without it for twice its cost.—Wm Atkinson, Kirkwood, Neb.

It meets my views exactly.—L. G. Aldrich, Arborville, Neb.

I must have it and can not get along without it.—John F. Anderson, Liverpool, Texas.

Your paper gives satisfaction to all who take it at this place.—Edward Arnold, Odell, Neb.

I am well pleased with it.—E. T. A. Alford, Danneberg, Neb.

I like your paper well and bid you God-speed.—J. M. Barnett.

The INDEPENDENT fills a long felt want.—J. P. Batten, Endicott, Neb.

Just what we need; it is an eye opener and ought to be in every house in the state.—G. N. Bishop, Wheeler, Neb.

The NEBRASKA INDEPENDENT is of the right material.—R. A. Bengtson, Shickley, Neb.

You just keep right on sending it.—Henry Brander, Faribault, Minn.

I like to read a paper that talks stout and exposes the rascals.—G. R. Budy Keneaw, Neb.

I hit the nail on the head every time.—G. N. Bishop, Wheeler, Neb.

Just what we need and the best paper the state has ever had.—E. E. Binfield, Underwood, Neb.

Pleased me better than any of the others.—James Busham, Wauweta, Neb.

Good enough to hand to any man.—W. H. Bishop, Hansen, Neb.

Am highly pleased.—Moses Campbell, Battle Creek, Neb.

I am well pleased to read your paper.—D. W. Carlson, Shickley, Neb.

Your paper is all right; go ahead in middle of the road for reform.—G. E. Conley, Grand Island, Neb.

I am highly pleased—I could write all night on this subject.—J. W. McCallum, Emerick, Neb.

I like your paper.—Mrs. Riley Cole, Grafton, Neb.

I cannot do without your paper.—J. H. Darner, Cozad, Neb.

I like the tone of the INDEPENDENT and the way it scores boodlers and the support that it gives to all reform measures.—F. M. Denman, Bruning, Neb.

Nebraska.—Albin Dahlgren, Benedict, Neb.

Your paper is true blue. Mrs. H. V. Gamble, Franklin, Kans.

I think the paper the best state paper I have seen yet.—C. N. Greathouse, Whitman, Neb.

To say that I appreciate the NEBRASKA INDEPENDENT beyond any other populist state paper is putting it very mild. It is fearless and outspoken.—J. W. Heapy, Litchfield, Neb.

Have taken it ever since it was printed and like it very much.—Geo. Hammitt, Ceresco, Neb.

You are giving us a good paper every issue. Keep at it.—I. E. Hall, Sisco, Neb.

You are doing a grand and noble work. Your paper is the right thing in the right place.—C. B. Howard, Dakota City, Neb.

I like it first rate.—H. R. Henry, O'Neill, Neb.

I feel very much pleased with it; it is full of goodness. I don't see how I can get along without the INDEPENDENT.—Herman Haselbarth, Hartwell, Neb.

I want to say that I appreciate the improvement in the paper.—S. Hosterman, Auburn, Neb.

I did not get the NEBRASKA INDEPENDENT last week; can't do without it.—John Harris, Arapahoe, Neb.

I like your paper very much.—J. P. Jewett, Stratton, Neb.

You have the grit to stand up for the common people.—R. H. Jones, Oak, Neb.

Am more than pleased with it—success to its able editor.—Thos. Knox, Bennett, Neb.

I am much pleased with the improved condition of the state paper.—Ham Kautzman, O'Neill, Neb.

I am greatly pleased with the improvement that has been made on the INDEPENDENT.—W. E. Mercer, Tamora, Neb.

I had intended not to renew but since the paper has changed hands I have changed too, therefore must have the INDEPENDENT.—G. W. Moore, Fullerton, Neb.

I think it is the best paper in the state. I would not do without it.—Hiram Meester, Hastings, Neb.

It is O. K.—C. Marshall, Riverton, Neb.

It suits me well.—J. S. Meyer, Hallam, Neb.

Have been a subscriber to this paper ever since 1889 and I never liked the paper so well.—Valentine Nickel, Kearney, Neb.

Nothing suits me better than to get a populist paper so strong and outspoken in populism that any man will know by reading to what party it belongs.—Geo. Osborn, Oakland, Neb.

Am well pleased with the appearance of our state paper.—C. W. Norwood, Nelson, Neb.

We feel sure your paper is going to do a good work.—H. F. Palmer (and family), Auburn, Neb.

I like your paper, you hit a head wherever you see it.—M. Patterson, Boone, Neb.

Am pleased with the INDEPENDENT; after reading the editorial page I can heartily say "them's my sentiments"—and when I can't get a dollar to pay for the paper I will go without tea, coffee, and sugar and good clothes.—C. A. Patrick, Lone Pine, Cal.

Your valuable paper improves. I could not get along without it.—H. Rolls, Arborville, Neb.

We have just read one of your papers which gives us new courage; it seems like a ray of sunshine through a dark cloudy sky. Yes, give us less platform, a greater union and more votes.—M. B. Reyman, Talmage, Neb.

I cannot let so valuable a paper pass without reading it. It contains such valuable news; it is just such news as we ought to know, and such as we scarcely ever get or see in the papers.—Joseph Rulls, Collins, Neb.

I am very much pleased with the INDEPENDENT keep the ball rolling.—J. W. Smith, Ong, Neb.

I got hold of a copy of your paper and it has the right ring. I like to run across a man occasionally that isn't afraid to call the devil by his right name.—J. F. Smith, Elgin, Neb.

Of all the papers that reach my table the INDEPENDENT caps the climax. This is just the kind of a paper we have been wanting. Give it to them and show the people what that G. O. P. is doing for them.—L. H. Suter, Neligh, Neb.

I want the INDEPENDENT sure.—D. A. Shull, Syracuse, Neb.

I am very much pleased with your paper; just keep on and give us a good state paper. That is something we need very bad.—J. P. Skow

Have been a democrat all my life, but myself and my four sons are for the populist ticket in 1896. Have been reading my neighbor's paper, and think it too valuable a paper to be without.—Spencer Taylor, Inland, Neb.

Long life to the INDEPENDENT.—James Webber, Sterling, Neb.

Every producer in the state should have your paper, and read it carefully as well as prayerfully. I consider it the best paper in the state today.—W. A. Wagner, Odell, Neb.

I can't get along without the paper; keep sending the paper.—G. V. Wait, Fullerton, Neb.

I think the NEBRASKA INDEPENDENT is the best paper in the state.—Klaas Wessels, Hickman, Neb.

I like the energy and intellectuality of the INDEPENDENT displayed under the new management—Ellis E. Wolfe, Table Rock, Neb.

I consider your paper the best populist