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So far there has not been the slightest demonstration in Lincoln over the nomination of McKinley.

The State Journal, Bud Lindsey and the reservation are going to get up a McKinley ratification meeting one of these days.

Gorman has heard from the free silver democrats of southern Maryland and the eastern shore, and has concluded to stay away from Chicago.

Governor Boies' letter defending Cleveland for sending troops to Chicago is being re-read in all the labor unions in this country, now that he is a candidate for the presidency.

The figures in the INDEPENDENT office went crazy last week. Pettigrew and Cannon's terms expire in 1901, and the letter from Mr. Van Der Voort was written June 23, not June 13.

A correspondent says: "I often see in your and other papers the letters 'g. o. p.' What do they mean?" The letters "g. o. p." stand for "gold or politics." We will tell you what "d. o. p." means after the Chicago convention.

The potato bugs suck the life out of the potatoes, the chintz bugs out of the corn, the weevil out of the wheat, and the gold bugs the very life blood out of the people. The problem before us is how to kill off the whole lot.

Henry George has abandoned his free trade single tax ideas and gone over boldly and bodily to McKinley high tariff and protection. Level-headed populists always refused to have anything to do with him, but he was the idol of the kickers.

Little by little European conditions come upon us. A woman, crouched against a wall, holding a baby and turning a hand organ, can be seen on Lincoln streets. We have seen the same picture hundreds of times in London, Edinburgh and Glasgow, but never till now in Lincoln.

Populists ask democrats and republicans to do no more than they themselves were willing to do and did do. That is, denounce and leave their old party and unite with patriotic men who were formerly democrats and republicans to rescue this government from the hands of plutocracy.

When a great party gets to stealing money from little children it has descended to depths lower than ever reached by any set of public men before and that is the point which the republican state house gang has arrived at. Go on, steal the little ones money, but you will find there a hereafter in which you will wish you hadn't.

Mr. James Crawford writes the INDEPENDENT about the prayer with which the republican convention was opened. He thinks it was no good at all, because it left out both Jesus and silver, and asked the Almighty to bless the bosses and boodlers there assembled, all of which was an insult to high heaven. Mr. Crawford's theology is evidently sound.

An exceedingly valuable little book entitled "Cold Facts" has come to our table. In that book can be found the official documents answering the thousand and one questions that every body is asking concerning money and the financial legislation of the last thirty years.—C. St. John Cole, publisher, Minneapolis, Minn.

The sergeant at arms of the democratic national convention at Chicago has provided a "staff of able physicians and surgeons, ambulances, stretchers, appliances and remedies for instant use when any emergency arises in the coliseum or in the crush outside the building." From present indications there will be plenty of work for them before that body gets through with their discussion over "sound money" and "free silver."

After reading Taubeneck's dispatch to the New York World we suppose that all the kickers will again declare in every very large capitals that the national chairman is trying to force a fusion with the democratic party and sell out the populists. When he says that free silver men must unite with the peoples party and vote its ticket, that, according to the kickers, means that he is "going to sell out."

OUR POLICY.

The populists of Saline county convention June 27. After adopting a strongly written preamble and endorsing the Omaha platform, they

Resolved, That in view of the shameful submission of the republican convention to the most extreme demands ever made upon Americans by the money power, every thought and every effort of American manhood should from this hour be directed towards creating and cementing a union between those who would resist the conspiracy of wholesale robbery and grinding oppression and that in this, the most threatening crisis that has menaced the country since the civil war, it is the duty of every patriot to remove this obstacle so far as can be, by honorable concessions and reasonable sacrifices.

Resolved, That the convention does not contemplate even the thought of merging our party into any other, or the slightest impairment of its efficiency; but, alone, for the sake of humanity, and to avert, if possible, the disasters which the supremacy of the money power now menacingly forbodes to secure the union of good citizens who think alike upon those issues of the financial reform in behalf of the election of a president who in spirit is antagonistic to none of the fundamental principles of this party.

ROSEWATER RAVINGS.

There is free and unlimited coinage now in Mexico, but Mexican mine owners find no advantage in coining their bullion into Mexican dollars, and therefore the per capita circulation in Mexico is less than \$6, while in the United States it is nearly four times that amount.—Omaha Bee.

The first statement is rather amusing when compared with scores of others made by the Bee to the effect that free coinage would benefit the mine owner only, giving him 100 cents for only 50 cents worth of bullion; and the second statement, that Mexico has only \$6 per capita in circulation, with prices double what they are in the United States, is still more laughable. A little further along in the article the Bee says:

In his Kansas City debate Mr. Bryan, when driven to the point, positively asserted that silver would go for \$1.25 an ounce. If Mr. Bryan is correct, the Nebraska farmer could not get a farther more for his products than he gets now on the existing gold standard. The only gainers would be the owners of silver bullion and gamblers in silver mining stocks.

Free coinage of silver does not benefit the mine owner in Mexico, but he would be the only gainer by it in the United States! These goldite editors are funny people.

THE PARAMOUNT ISSUE.

The silver party, which will hold its convention at St. Louis the same time the populist convention is held, held a state convention in Denver June 24th and adopted the following platform:

"The paramount issue at this time in the United States is indisputably the money question. It is between the gold standard, gold bonds and bank currency on one side, and the bimetallic standard, no bonds and government currency on the other. On this issue we declare ourselves to be in favor of a distinctly American financial system. We are unalterably opposed to the single gold standard, and demand an immediate return to the constitutional standard of gold and silver by the restoration, without the aid of any other power, of the unrestricted coinage of both gold and silver in standard money at the ratio of 16 to 1 and upon terms of exact equality as they existed prior to 1873, the silver coin to be a full legal tender equally with gold for all debts and dues, private and public."

The resolutions indorse Senator Teller and recommend him for the presidency.

IT MUST BE DONE.

In the last issue of the Representative Mr. Donnelly says: A large number of old subscribers, despite our continued appeals, have failed to liquidate. With this issue we are forced to cut them off. We are sorry, but we cannot help it—we cannot "carry" them. It is better this paper should live for those who pay than perish for those who do not pay.

The INDEPENDENT Publishing Co. is forced to do the same thing. It costs eight or ten dollars a week to send papers to our delinquent subscribers. That money must be paid every Saturday night. With us, it is the same as with Mr. Donnelly, and the same question must be decided: "Shall the paper live for those who pay or shall it perish for those who do not?"

Those who are not able to pay now, and can name some time when they will, should write immediately. Some arrangement may be made with them. It is painful to write these words to the distressed men and women of Nebraska, but there is no other recourse.

Which is True?

The republican party, by a record of twenty-five years, has placed itself in unalterable hostility to silver as money, and in its last convention, by a vote of 8 to 1, has declared that it stands for the single gold standard. Now comes congressman Shaforth of Colorado and declares: "I am for free coinage of silver before anything else, and yet I am a republican, too, from the bottom of my heart." If Congressman Shaforth is a republican, he is not for the free coinage of silver. One or the other of those statements is a falsehood. Which is a lie and which the truth?

SENATOR THURSTON.

A very neat little campaign book has come to the INDEPENDENT. It is entitled "Hon. John M. Thurston on Silver," and has a good portrait of the senator. The subtitle reads as follows: "An able review of the money question by the chairman of the late republican national convention." The motto on the title page is a quotation from a letter written

by the senator in 1893, in which he said: "I advocated the restoration of free coinage before any of those who are now the self-selected champions of Silver in Nebraska had ever opened their lips on the subject." On the cover is another quotation from one of the senator's pre-election declarations, in which he said: "Silver was one of the standard coins of the United States from the birth of independence until its demonetization crept into the statutes of congress, either by mistake or fraud."—W. B. Crombie, printer and publisher, 127 North 12th St., Lincoln, Nebr.

RATIFYING MCKINLEY.

After much tribulation and several incontinent failures, the Lincoln republicans attempted to ratify Tuesday night. They waited until the arrival of the delegates to the republican state convention in town, so that they would be sure to have somebody at their meeting.

Thousands of dollars were expended in fire works and colored lights. The fire and police departments were ordered out so as to make some sort of show, but after all their efforts, counting delegates to the state convention and all, there were less than 400 voters in line of march. Thousands of people lined the streets to see the beautiful and costly display of fire works, but they took no other part in the ratifying. But one feeble cheer was heard during the whole march and that was when the procession started from the Capitol hotel. The people looked on in thousands but they would not cheer. They do not believe in the gold standard.

All the banners carried had mottos favoring the gold standard. One of them read: "16 to 1 and loose," which showed more familiarity with gambling terms than with the spelling book.

There was no heart in any part of the affair. In some parts of the line the men marched along in silence with their heads down as if they were ashamed. No signal was the failure, the speaker of the evening, Mr. Lambertson, announced that: "this is not a ratification meeting. The ratification meeting was held in St. Louis two weeks ago."

THE EAST BEGINS TO RALLY.

The cry for monetary reform does not come from the west and south alone. A great free coinage party is growing up in the eastern states and is today very strong in both New York and Massachusetts. While Whitney and Senator Hill were in conference in New York last Friday, a delegation reported to them that in the counties of Franklin, Jefferson, Lewis, Wayne, Genesee, Niagara, Delaware and Schoharie the silver men were very numerous. Almost the entire farming class of these counties, it was said, were eager for a free silver declaration.

Senator Hill listened to all the stories told him of the strength of the silverites by alarmed democrats, but he made no comment and offered no advice. This was a matter he decided that must not be discussed at present.

There are free silver republicans by the hundred in the state of Czar Reed and it is confidently predicted if there is a union of forces on Teller, Reed cannot carry his own state. There seems to be a general upheaval in the east as well as in the west and south.

HON. G. L. LAWS.

Hon. G. L. Laws as state chairman of the silver leagues, who issues an address to the people of this state this week, is widely known in this state. He has been secretary of the state and member of congress and a resident of Nebraska since 1876. He is an old Lincoln republican, and although he has bolted McKinley, gold standard and the whole crowd, has like the editor of this paper, who has not voted the republican ticket for years and never expects to again, is still a Lincoln republican, that is, he is for the interests of the common people against the cormorants and Shylocks of Wall street. We extend a hearty welcome to Hon. G. L. Laws, for he is an honest man, and a man of great intellectual attainments.

SENATOR ALLEN.

Senator Allen went to Washington a physical giant and athlete. He has come home, so those say who have seen him, a physical wreck. He has fought a battle against unnumbered odds for the common people of the United States such as has never before fought before. It has been a strain too great for any man to bear. Any other man would have completely broken down under it. But Allen has uttered no word of complaint not even when sneiveling populist editors have gone yelping at his heels—editors whose very vocation depended upon the cause which Allen was almost sacrificing his life to defend. Allen comes home to receive the plaudit "well done" from every class of society in this state.

WHAT A WHOPPER.

There is the same status of finance now as there was in 1891 and 1892 when times were good, and when there was plenty of money in the treasury.—Toledo Blade. Oh! what a whopper is that statement. During 1891 and 1892 we were adding to the circulation \$4,500,000 a month under the Sherman act. Since the repeal of that act, which the gold bugs said would bring prosperity in "ten days," there has been nothing but bankruptcy, misery and ruin. As the amount of money has grown less, so has our misery increased.

NO NEED OF TELLING IT.

There has never been a traitor in the populist party from the days of Holden until now, who did not proclaim himself to be the holiest of all the prophets of the reform movement. They are always the doubly redeemed and four times sanctified of the populist party and all the other members of the party are traitors. Men who have been workers in the fight against the Shylocks for twenty years and always willing to spend time and money to push the lines forward, never go around declaring "I am a middle of the road populist." "I am a true populist, etc., etc. They never even have occasion to say, "I am a populist," for everybody knows they are, and there is no need of telling it.

KISSING THEIR FEET.

W. E. Annin telegraphed to the State Journal from St. Louis under date of June 14 the following concerning the money plank of the republican platform: After the above plank had been agreed to, text was wired to the moneyed interests of New York and especially to J. Pierpont Morgan. The replies from these gentlemen were satisfactory. They commended the terseness of the plank and unequivocally indorsed in its sentiments. A more abject getting down and kissing the feet of Wall street snobocracy was never seen on the face of the earth.

There are a few silly chaps in the populist party who would like to create a despotic boss by the side of which Hanna's well constructed machine would be nothing but a one-hoss cart. If any prominent populist has the temerity, without first consulting them, to suggest a candidate for president, they fairly froth at the mouth and demand that he shall resign or leave the party. We would like to know how they became the special guardian of the populist party, or who appointed them the guides and instructors of the populist leaders? The Chicago Express assumes to perform both of these functions.

The Farmers' Tribune says:—"The address issued by a few leading populists who happened to be in St. Louis after the republican convention, while not binding the party in any way to Teller, being simply an expression of the opinion of those who issued it, yet it meets a hearty endorsement from nearly if not all members of the party. In fact the thought was general all over before the address was issued."

The populist executive committee met at the Lindell hotel last Tuesday, taking advantage of the half fare rates granted the republican state convention. Seven of the nine members were present. They fixed the time of the state convention at Hastings, August 5, at 10 o'clock a. m. All the members were in the best of spirits and reported everything going our way in their various localities.

The people turned out in tens of thousands to cheer Teller. Cannon, Pettigrew, Dubois, Mantle and Hartman when they got home from the St. Louis convention. Thurston rented a theater, hired a brass band, got Manderson, Cowin and Webster to help and then made a big fizzle of a McKinley ratification meeting. Johnny your goose is cooked.

We started a list of republicans, more or less prominent in that party, who had bolted the ticket since the St. Louis convention, but by Monday noon we saw that it would fill the whole paper, so we dropped it. Judge Scott of Omaha and about 1,000 others were on it by that time. Some counties have sent in lists of nearly one-third of the whole republican voting strength.

Years ago when this writer was a John Brown black republican, he and all the rest of the republicans of those days used to talk of the "effete monarchies" of the old world and all that sort of thing. Now the John M. Thurston republicans of the present day call those "effete monarchies" the "most enlightened nations" and say we must have a money standard like theirs.

The coal trust met in New York last week and levied an additional tax of \$12,000,000 on the consumers of coal by declaring an advance of 25 cents a ton and limiting the output for July to 3,500,000 tons. Our forefathers fought because they would not submit to taxation without representation but their degenerate sons submit without a word of protest.

The Nebraska state convention for the election of 59 delegates to the national convention of the peoples independent party at St. Louis July 22d, will be held in Grand Island July 15, at 2 p. m. We hope that only men who know what populism is, and also who have the courage to stand by it, will be sent as delegates.

Omaha had a great time on last Friday celebrating the inauguration of the exposition. Senator Allen, Governor Holcomb, General Manderson, Congressman Mercer and others made speeches to immense crowds on Jefferson Square.

The republicans hired a lot of boys to drag old, battered tin cans along the rear of their ratifying procession, last Tuesday night. That is prophetic of the manner their old gold standard party will be yanked over the plains of the west and the south next November.

DEFAMING POPULISTS.

We wish every populist in the state of Nebraska to read the following insult to every populist delegate to the national convention that will meet in St. Louis July 22d, and then remember it. It did not appear in the goldite State Journal, Chicago Tribune, or in any paper that is openly and squarely fighting the populist party, but in a paper published at Indianapolis in Indiana, where so many fake reports originate, and which is said to be a populist paper and is called the Nonconformist:

The national populist convention will be allowed to go through the forms of assembling and ratifying. It will probably be allowed the blessed privilege of suggesting—not naming—a candidate for vice-president. It may also be asked to re-elect and confirm in their places our marvelous national committee. Its platform has long ago been fixed upon and settled for it has not "my policy" been pronounced from the start as the one that must prevail and would prevail, and have not all the cuckoos said "amen."

That is a charge that the 1,300 populists who will be elected by the voters in the party and sent to St. Louis to nominate a president and make a platform are all a set of villains and cuckoos, who will have no principles and no will of their own.

The INDEPENDENT wishes to ask the brave men composing the populist party who long ago left the old parties because they would not be bossed, how they like that picture of themselves. You are all cuckoos are you? You dare not express an opinion of your own, or vote for a candidate of your choice without you first get permission! That is what the Nonconformist says you are, and it is a "holier than thou" four times sanctified, infallible judge of populism.

No doubt the Wall street reform club, which is furnishing patent insides and plate matter free to thousands of papers, would contribute liberally to circulate such literature as the above quotation from the Nonconformist. If the populist national convention is to be composed of men who are such villains or fools that they will do only what they are "allowed" to do, the people of the United States will have no use for such a party.

The INDEPENDENT proposes to print the above extract from the Nonconformist on a piece of canvass six feet square, place it on the platform of the national convention, and ask the delegates what they think of it.

Henry M. Teller is not a republican.

Is Hanna a King or simply a Rothschild's cur.

To say "I am a republican but I am for free silver" is an absolute contradiction.

If the democrats insist on having the whole hog at Chicago or none, they will get none.

McKinley is a pauper, and they say his nomination cost \$4,000,000. Who furnished the money?

The World-Herald did a good thing in reprinting Thurston's letters when he was a candidate in which he swore eternal devotion to silver. They were printed a month or so ago in the INDEPENDENT.

The republican national convention abdicated all authority in favor of Mark Hanna and allowed him to select the national committee. He has made it a committee of millionaires. Among them are:

- Sam. W. Allerton.....\$5,000,000
F. G. Nodinghouse.....7,000,000
Thos. DeLoach.....5,000,000
Cornelius S. Blinn.....2,000,000
W. B. Plunkett.....1,000,000
Redfield Proctor.....1,000,000
Wm. R. Marriam.....1,000,000

That public defaulter and unmitigated scoundrel, Matt Quay is chairman of the executive committee.

The Patches on My Pants.

"Tune—Auld Lang Syne,"
Of all the years since I began
To mix in politics
The one that tries my inner man
Is Eighteen Ninety-six;
And as this aching void I feel,
I cast a wistful glance,
And count them all from hip to heel,
The patches on my pants.
My mind runs back to '88,
When first I tried them on,
I walked with proud and joyous gait
To vote for Harrison;
Had I prophetic eyes to see
They'd swim with tears perchance,
To find that vote brought out on me
These patches on my pants.
—Echoes of '76.

Every plucky knows his duty,
Which ever party wins,
Each boodler goes where boodle flows
And calmly scoops it in.
—Echoes of '76.

Poor blind chump!
Go march to the music of drum and fife,
Then vote for the plutes if it staves your wife,
Did you ever see such a fool in your life
As an old party chump?
—Echoes of '76.

Individuality.

Neither you nor I have a right to ask any one to accept our construction of Christ or the Bible. The right to individual belief—that is Protestantism, that is Presbyterianism, that is Christianity.—Rev. F. C. Vrooman, Presbyterian, Chicago, Ill.

Madstone, who won the Toboggan Slide Handicap a few years ago in 1894, was sold the other day for the magnificent sum of \$65.

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DOLEFUL REPUBLICANS.

A Sorrowful Gathering at Brewster, Nebraska.

BREWSTER, Neb., June 30, 1896. The republicans held their county convention here Saturday, the 27th inst. Eighteen delegates responded to the roll call. There was a notable lack of interest in the proceedings. The chairman seemed lonesome, while the little knot of delegates clustered around his desk, stared apprehensively at the vacant seats in the centre of the hall as though they expected to see the shades of the departed republicans file silently into the room and surround them with a ghostly audience in keeping with their own thoughts.

Dr. A. B. Cox desired to address the convention on the silver question, but was given to understand that it did not desire to listen to a free silver speech. E. H. Riggs and Wright Rankins, both sound money men, were chosen delegates to the state convention.

The date of holding the populist county convention has not yet been decided upon. A. H. SHULL.

All for Teller.

OAK VALLEY, June 22, 1896. Hon. G. W. Berge addressed a large and enthusiastic meeting at Oak Valley school house in Oak precinct on Saturday evening, June 20. His address upon the silver question was strong, logical and convincing in all its details and made a splendid impression upon his attentive audience.

The populist and silver voters of Oak precinct will exhaust their last resource in opposition to the gold standard. Gold standard advocates are seeking to fasten upon agriculture through the power of money, European conditions. This can never be done permanently without a contest such as the world has never known.

We say "hail to the brave Teller and to his patriotic peers." I. N. LEGNARD.

Peffer for Holcomb.

WASHINGTON, June 25.—"Concerning the populist candidates," said Senator Peffer, "I personally favor the nomination of Governor Holcomb of Nebraska for first place on the ticket, and I had considered Nugent of Texas as the strongest man for second place up to the time of his death. Under the circumstances, Tom Watson of Georgia is probably the most available man. This combines the west and the south, the two sections to which we look for results."

Trying the Referendum.

Populists in Washington evidently believe in the referendum. M. P. Bulger, chairman of the state central committee, has submitted to a vote the question as to when and where the next state convention shall be held, and determining what are the "fundamental principles of the Omaha platform."

A Majority for Him.

Senator Teller is now one of the most popular men before the American people. Today he is the choice of a majority as their leader. Overtures have been made to the populist national committee looking to his nomination for president at St. Louis July 22d by the people party.—Seneca News.

Tell Billy Bryan.

MAYBERRY, June 29, 1896. EDITOR INDEPENDENT:—I like your paper and you tell my Bryan if he don't work for Teller I am done with him. ANDREW MCPHEETERS.

Already Decided.

It has been decided that the next governor of Nebraska shall not be a republican. It is now settled that a republican is a gold bug, and Nebraska has no more use for gold bugs to fill any office, high or low.—Outlook.

McKinley Prosperity.

An advance of 25 per cent in the price of coal, to take effect July 1st, is the first signal of prosperity's boom following the St. Louis convention.—Twentieth Century.

A Back Number

The campaign of '96 will be fought out on the money question, just the same, and tariff is a back number.—Headlight.

For Teller

For president of the United States:—Hon. Henry M. Teller, senator for Colorado, a free silver republican and a western man.—Allen News.

Samuel Lichty, president of the Farmers Mutual Cyclone company, paid out nearly 3,000 last Wednesday to sufferers by the recent cyclone. W. R. Kent received \$550 and others smaller amounts. All received one-half of their claim. The May assessments are coming in and it is believed that early in July the other half will be paid. Despite the hard times, the officers are doing all they can to hurry collections, and will pay it over as promptly as received. The farm mutuals all over the state are establishing a good reputation as to the reliability of mutual insurance when properly managed. The officers claim that all these adjustments, making assessment and all the expenses of same, will be about \$100. If this be true, and we think it is, then cheapness and reliability are both established. The custom heretofore has been, that one-half or two-thirds of our insurance money never came back to the people. But this mutual expects to return all but one-sixtieth of the amount entrusted to them.—Galls City Journal.

All Aboard for St. Louis.

Delegates and their friends to the people party convention, St. Louis July 22d, will travel by the Rock Island and Wabash Rys. on account of quick time and superior facilities offered by this route.

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