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The Truth of the Matter.

The Call of yesterday morning contained quite a lengthy interview with Mr. Russell, the commissioner of public Lands and Buildings, in which it was charged that Warden Leidigh of the Penitentiary repeatedly refused to make a report of the financial condition of that institution.

A reporter for this paper investigated the matter and finds that at the beginning of Warden Leidigh's administration the Board of Public Lands and Buildings appointed James Whitehead as financial manager of the penitentiary and in a letter to Warden Leideigh said he was to act as their financial agent. He lets all the contracts both of prison labor and for supplies and does so with-out any requisition from the board. Warden Leideigh has had all these matters taken from his supervision. Hence it is impossible for him to make any report as to the finances of the institutionknows nothing about them. After receiving the letter from Commissioner Russell he asked Mr. Whitehead to give him a financial statement. This he refused to do stating that he was under no obligations to make a report to him, as he acted under instructions from the board of public lands and buildings and not the warden. The following letter of Warden warden. The following letter of Warden Leidigh to the commissioner fully ex-plains the warden's position: Aug. 8, 1896.—Hon. H. C. Russell, Commissioner Public Lands and Build-

ings, Lincoln, Neb .- Dear Sir: Your communication of August 6, requesting me to furnish you with a report of the business of this institution, at hand and

I have asked the agent of the board of public lands and buildings, Mr. J. White-head, on several occasions to jurnish this office with a report of money received and expended on labor account, but he has refused to furnish such report, stating that the board had informed him that he did not have to make a re-

It is absolutely necessary that the agent should furnish me with his report and also the semi-annual report to the governor. I would have made these reports a month ago, if I could have obtained the figures from Mr. Whitehead. Yours respectfully, GEO. W. LEIDLIGH.

In the opinion of most people the board of Public Lands and Buildings have wholly exceeded their authority in appointing Mr. Whitehead as financial nager for the state penitentiary. The statutes provide for the officers of that institution and determine their duties.

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Section 14 of chapter 86 provides that all transactions and dealings of the prison shall be conducted in the name of the warden, who shall be capable in law of suing and being sued in all courts and sue for and recover all sums of money, or any property due from any person to any former warden of said prison, or to statute says. It explic-states that all transactions and dealing shall be in the name of the warden. But the board of public lands

and buildings, considering themselves a body superior to the lawmaking body of the state which made the statute, appointed Whitehead financial manager the institution, essigning to him the du-ties to which the statute imposes upon the warden, and thereby rendering the statute null and void.

This is the manner in which a repub lican board is managing our state insti-tutions. While that board is insisting tutions. While that board is insisting upon reports would it not be a good idea to have James Whithead make a report in regard to the moneys he has received as financial manager of the state penitentiary? Thus far nothing has been heard from him. He has entire charge of these matters. He has without bond to the governor of the state assumed the duties of the warden who is under a \$10,000 bond.

HOW LABOR WILL VOTE.

If any of our Lincoln goldbug friends are in doubt as to the course which the laboring men will pursue when they enter the voting booths on election day, they need only to be referred to one instance-the great labor demonstration which occured in Brooklyn the other night in honor of William J. Bryan. It is indeed convincing proof that the toiling masses are alive to the great issues now before them as never before in his-

The labor vote is one which the money power cannot control. Organized labor cannot be coerced or bullied. It is accustomed to waging battle with the enemies of the people, with those who seek to maintain the money power in control of the government and who would degrade labor to the lowest level. The labor unions years ago perceived the true cause of the steady decline in prices and the reason why thousands of men, strong, capable and willing to work are unable to find employment, and they declared in favor of the restoration of bimetallism. In the Chicago platform they now find a straightforward expression of their views and a binding promise to carry them into execution, if given the opportunity, and in William Jennings Bryan they perceive a man, honest, able, sincere, whose heart beats in sympathy with theirs.

This is why the voice of organized labor is raised in loud acclaim to greet the leader of the silver hosts on his triumphant tour of the country.

The Hanuacrats may threaten. They may try coercive measures, they may seek to intimidate and even to corrupt but their efforts will be in vain. Plutocracy cannot win in the great battle this year. The protest of the millions against an unjust system that has created millionaires and paupers, palaces and poorhouses will be registered at the polls on November 3, and the doom of plutocracy will be pronounced by an overwhelming vote. In this connection we are impelled to

republish the following letter of Secretary

Hanna's attitude toward organized

"CLEVELAND, O., Aug. 30, 1896.—
Dear Sir and Brother: In reply to yours
of the 24th inst., in which you desire to
learn the attitude of M. A. Hanna relating to labor unions, I will say that previous to the republican convention at St. Louis the C. L. U. of this city propounded a number of questions to the republican workingmen of this country to ask of M. A. Hanna. In that manifesto it was charged that Hanmanifesto it was charged that Hanna had wrecked the Seaman's union of
the lower lake regions; that he had employes and refused to allow them to organize now; that he had assisted in destroying the iron workers' unions of
Pennsylvania; that he had attempted to break up the carpenters' unions of this city by employing scabs on a new man-sion at a critical time this spring when the eight-hour day was being put into effect; that he had a strike of laborers in the shipyard in which he is interested this spring, and told a committee of the men, who demanded the same scale of wages paid in a competing yard, viz., \$1.35 a day, that if they voted for Mc-Kinley they might receive higher wages, and dodged the issue.

"Neither Mr. Hanna nor any of his

satellites has dared to meet these ques-tions, and they are unanswered today. Here in Cleveland he is so well known as a labor crusher that not a solitary mem-ber of a labor organization, or, in fact, any other citizen, will attempt to defend the man's malodorious record. I will add that several weeks ago Mr. Hanna attempted, through a third party, to have the president of the C. L. U. or my-self wait upon him to have a 'talk,' but his overtures were treated with the scorn that they deserved. If Hanna has anything to say he can come before the C. L. U. and say it. He has been challenged to do so. Yours fraternally. M. S. HAYES.

"Corresponding Secretary, L. C. U." In view of the above facts, it would b strange indeed if any member of or-ganized labor support Mr. Hanna's can-didate, Major McKinley, in preference to the people's champion, William J.

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Cleveland, Ohio, to the secretary of the New York board in regard to Mark Fakes Wont Go.

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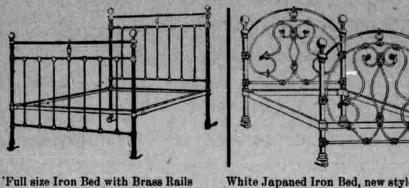
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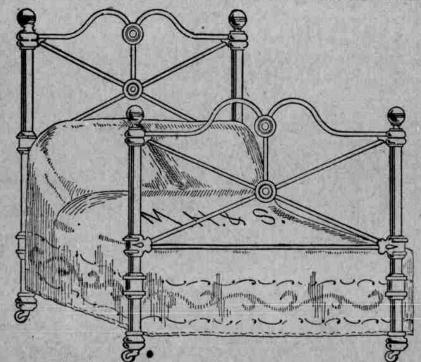
LACK OF INFORMATION.

It is surprising to notice the lack of nformation which some of our goldbug friends betray in their discussion of prices in India and the manner in which England uses silver to turn and control the market against us, using the difference between the silver prices in India and the silver-using countries and the gold prices in the United States to force down prices and compel the American farmer to sell at ruinous rates. If the goldbugs and others who are studying this question, but have not yet advanced far enough to get the facts clearly fixed in their minds, will remember that the Indian wheat grower knows nothing about gold prices and that it makes not the slightest difference to him what the rupee is worth in gold, they will make more rapid progress in obtaining an in-

The Indian wheat grower sells his crop for silver. His taxes, debts and are paid in the same silver coin. rupee today will buy as much, and i will go just as far in paying the cost of producing wheat as it did in 1880 or 1878 when worth much more in gold. Thus, the Indian wheat grower, without reducing at all the price he receives, can sell his wheat in London for a s gold price than he could in 1880 or 1878 gold price than he could in 1880 or 187, equivalent to the fall in the rupes a measured by gold. Where the America farmer received in 1804, for instance, of cents in gold, less freight and other charges to Liverpool, for wheat sold the England the Indian farmer received \$1.1 in silver, and the silver is worth as much to the Indian farmer as the gold worth to the American farmer. Silve has not lost any of its purchasing power in India, and it is therefore utterly all surd to talk about the working man of India getting wages that have lost in

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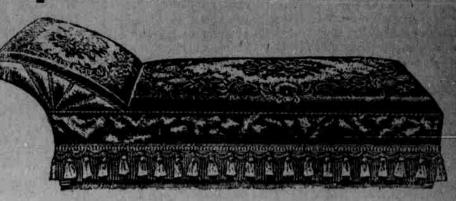
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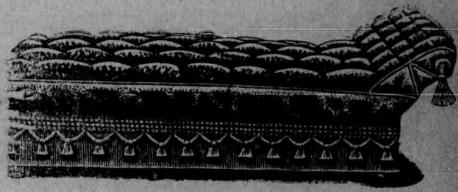
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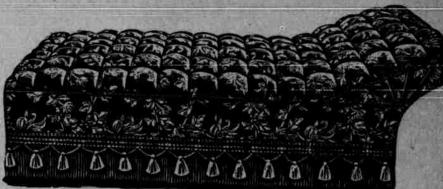
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