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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 Leideigh 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 Leideigh'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.

Aug. 8, 1896.—Hon. H. C. Russell, Commissioner Public Lands and Buildings, 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 contents noted.

I have asked the agent of the board of public lands and buildings, Mr. J. Whitehead, on several occasions to furnish 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 report to me.

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.

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

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

This is the manner in which a republican board is managing our state institutions. While that board is insisting upon reports would it not be a good idea to have James Whitehead 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 occurred 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 history.

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.

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 Hancuocrats 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

M. S. Hays of Central Labor union of Cleveland, Ohio, to the secretary of the New York board in regard to Mark Hanna's attitude toward organized labor:

"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 Hanna had wrecked the Seaman's union of the lower lake regions; that he had employed 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 mansion 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 McKinley they might receive higher wages, and dodged the issue.

Neither Mr. Hanna nor any of his satellites has dared to meet these questions, and they are unanswered today. Here in Cleveland he is so well known as a labor crusher that not a solitary member of a labor organization, or, in fact, any other citizen, will attempt to defend the man's malodorous 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 myself 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.

"Corresponding Secretary, C. L. U." In view of the above facts, it would be strange indeed if any member of organized labor support Mr. Hanna's candidature, Major McKinley, in preference to the people's champion, William J. Bryan.

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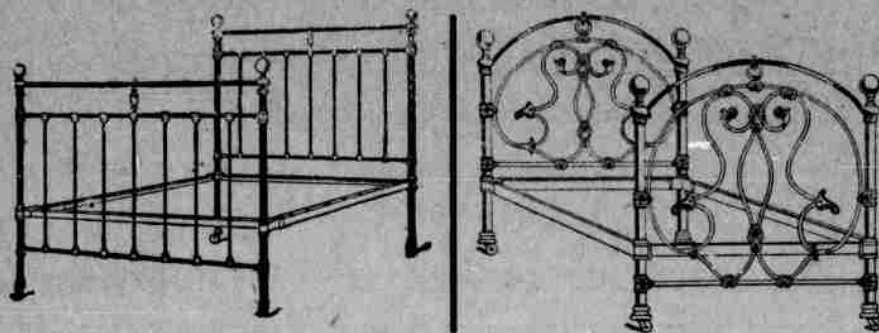
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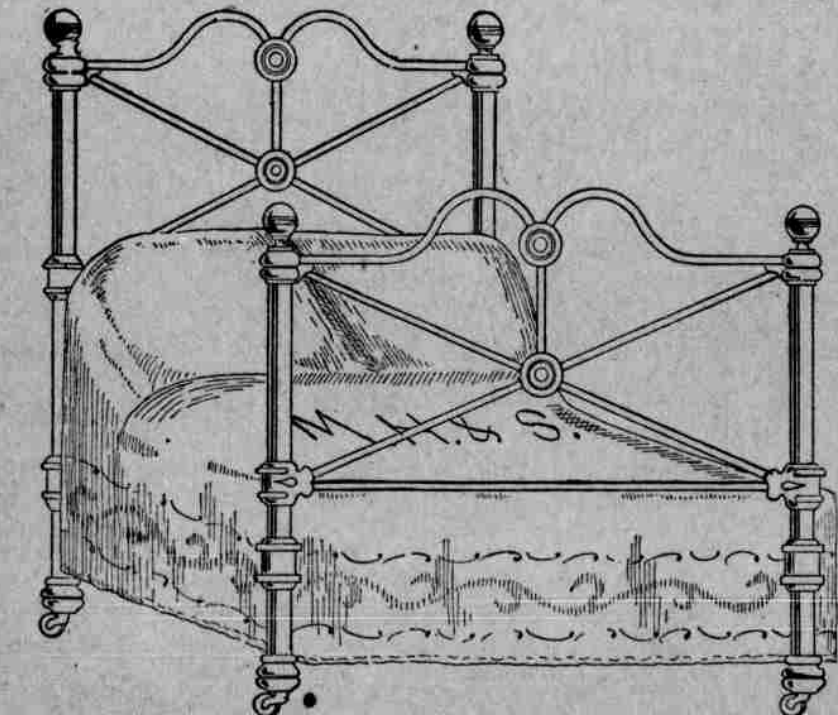
It is surprising to notice the lack of information which some of our goldbug friends betray in their discussion of prices in India and the manner in which England uses silver to turn and control the market against us, using the difference between the silver prices in India and the silver-using countries and the gold prices in the United States to force down prices and compel the American farmer to sell at ruinous rates.

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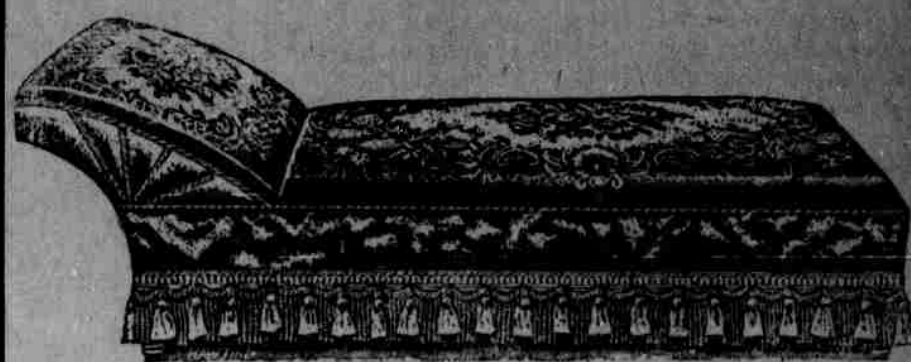
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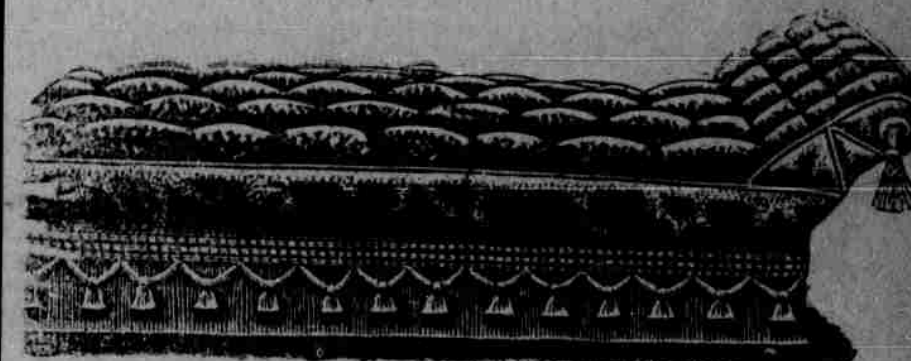
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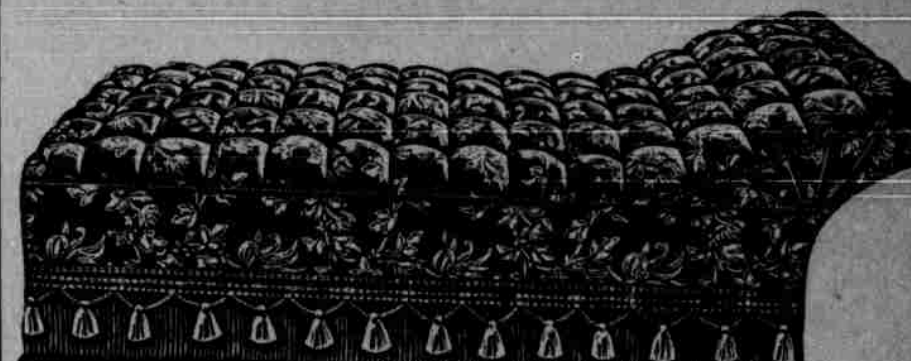
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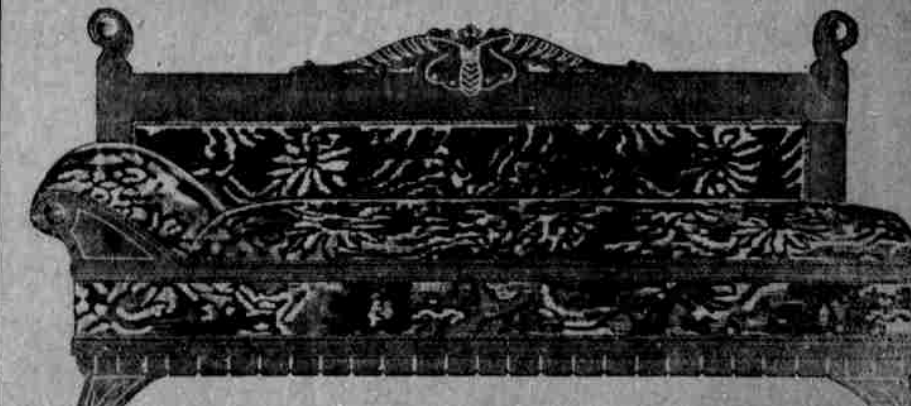
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