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The contest in this campaign has narrowed to money against meanness.

In every claim of electors put out by the goldbugs, California is counted for them. Read the letter in this issue from Los Angeles.

The railroads are not running their free excursions to take people to bow at McKinley's feet for nothing. They will make you pay every cent it costs in the near future. Hurrah for the railroad! Hanna and McKinley.

The State House thieves have robbed the penitentiary, robbed the insane asylum, and robbed the school children, and any man who opposes their continuation in office is either an anarchist, a repudiator (of thieves) or a lunatic. That is what goldbugs say. To indorse thieves is patriotism. To repudiate them is anarchy. Hurrah for the thieves.

All obligation of what ever sort or kind are payable in "dollars." To double the figures in a note made payable in dollars, is in nature exactly the same crime as to leave the figures the same and double the value of the dollars. To double the figures in a note makes a man a criminal. To double the value of the dollars is an act of patriotism and statesmanship. This is a queer world.

The republicans held one of the biggest meetings of their party during this campaign in the Funke Opera House on Saturday night. Gen. Paul VanDerVoort was the principle speaker assisted by the Hon. Bill Deck. All the old republican stand bys were there. The populist candidates were roasted from Holcomb down to road supervisors. The republican crowd was delighted and cheered the speakers vociferously.

Keep right in the middle of the road and win this silver fight. After that we will get after the railroads, the telegraphs and the trusts. Let us get this free silver business disposed of and then the field will be cleared for action on the main principles of the populist party. Keep in the middle of the road. Down the VanDerVoort traitors. Stand by the party organization.

Repeaters are beginning to arrive already. It is the duty of every patriot to look out for them. Make a close scrutiny of registration lists and look up the pretended residences of these scoundrels. Some one must be appointed for every polling place in the state to look after this matter. Let the county committees go at this work at once. Don't let us be counted out again.

The \$665,000 contributed by the Armour Beef trust to the Hanna corruption fund will be taken out of the pockets of the people with the raise of a cent a pound on beef in less than a week. Walk up and pay your share through your butcher, then go home and thank God that all the blood of the martyrs shed that you might not be taxed without representation was shed in vain. Then go to the polls and vote for Hanna and corruption.

From the days of Peter Cooper until now, this writer has kept right in the middle of the road, and he is going to stay there. He has seen so many traitors that he can tell one when he is a mile away—tell one when he is talking free silver just as well as if he kept his mouth shut, tell one when he hires an opera house just as well as when he bobs up in a convention and yells "I am a rep—no, a populist."

VANDERVOORT ON SCALPS.

In the State Journal's report of VanDerVoort's speech this passage occurs: "As for this man Tibbles who wrote for Governor Holcomb's newspaper Mr. VanDerVoort had little to say. He merely referred to Tibbles as the man who had wavered in support of political friends, as the man who went off on an Indian expedition and brought back no scalp except his own. The speaker hoped Mr. Tibbles would retire to his reservation and there consorting with his tribe reflect on the reason why he had hired himself to write against people who were the better of his employers." The truth is that when Tibbles went after the scalps he came back to his reservation with the scalps of the whole Indian ring dangling at his belt, including those of Carl Schurtz, Commissioner Bayt and Senator Allison and the greatest glory ever ascribed to John L. Webster and Andrew J. Poppleton is that they argued a case which Tibbles prepared, secured the funds to prosecute and procured the witnesses to sustain in the courts. Of the results of Tibbles' going on the war path after these scoundrels who had infested the lobbies of congress and every Indian reservation in the United States every intelligent man knows.

That Mr. Tibbles won the scalps of the Indian ring fairly and honorably is proven by the following excerpts from the Omaha papers, to which could be added scores of similar notices from every great daily in New York, Boston, Philadelphia and all the other great cities of the United States.

"Mr. Tibbles deserves the gratitude of every lover of fair play and justice for his part in the matter. It is the first glimmer of common sense that has been shed in an official manner upon the Indian question in the country."—Omaha Republican.

"The News desires to publicly acknowledge the gratitude which every lover of justice owes to Mr. T. H. Tibbles who has been the motive power in the Ponca habeas corpus case from first to last. We know something of the difficulties under which this gentleman has worked; something of the petty jealousy which has confronted him from a source where sanity would consider hearty assistance to be almost the only possibility. If the Ponca Tribune of Indians receive their rights, they may give their thanks most of all to this gentleman, whose efforts have been put forth without hope of greater reward than a consciousness of duty well performed. Men have become famous for doing less."—Omaha News.

"The press of this and other states have referred in just terms to the fact that Mr. T. H. Tibbles, of the Omaha Herald force, personally brought the now celebrated Ponca habeas corpus case into the courts of the country to test the rights of human nature and brown colored native Americans to the protection of the writ of liberty and of the national laws. From the circumstances that Mr. T. H. Tibbles was connected with the Herald, it has deferred until now to say that he is entitled to great credit, and to the lasting gratitude of the friends of humanity everywhere, for the step he took, by the aid of Messrs. Poppleton and Webster, to vindicate a great principle of human rights and liberty in the person of Standing Bear. If this kind-hearted man had never done anything else in the world for the good of men, this single act, as it insures, also entitles him to signal honor and grateful remembrance. This much we say for Mr. T. H. Tibbles and his acts and efforts in the Ponca case without his knowledge."—Omaha Herald.

To this might he add the following from Gen. Crook:

OMAHA, June 2, 1879. I have known Mr. T. H. Tibbles for years. He is a MAN OF HONOR AND INTEGRITY, deeply interested in the welfare of the Indians, and thoroughly understands what is required to relieve them from their oppressors. I wish him success in his present endeavors in behalf of the Poncas, and commend him to all who desire justice done to the Indians, who have been so long robbed and wronged, with none to plead their cause. GEORGE CROOK, Brig. Gen. U. S. Army."

If "General" VanDerVoort has any scalps like these let him exhibit them.

A PLEA OF GUILT.

The ominous silence that has prevailed about that corruption roost from which the State Journal issues, in regard to the attempt to bribe D. J. Poynter to play Deck and VanDerVoort, is a plea of guilty. The old thing has the cheek of a government mule, but it hasn't the cheek to deny that the republican state central committee made an open offer to bribe a reputable citizen.

Was there anywhere on the face of the earth ever discovered such a set of black legs, corruptionists and all around scoundrels as are trying to re-elect the State House thieves and send a few gold bug congressmen to Washington from this state? They are a disgrace to the age, to humanity, and would be run out of a tribe of Zulus.

A PLUCKY EDITOR.

The populist editors of Nebraska have reason to feel proud of their whole membership in this state, and especially proud of the editor of the Beatrice Tribune. He is a poor man, and the republican VanDerVoort gang thought his poverty could be used to force him to join their crew of traitors under the guise of the

middle-of-the-road deception. He was offered heavy bribes and when he rejected them with scorn, a legal process was procured which, although he owed them nothing, would serve to stop the paper until after election. The plucky editor gathered up a little type and by the use of plates got out a half sheet of genuine middle-of-the-road defence of the homes and fire-sides of American citizens. The VanDerVoort gang have captured most of his type, but with what is left he is still firing hot shot into the ranks of the corruptionist propaganda that is trying to make us all serfs and slaves of the money power.

Hurrah for the loyal and true editor of the Beatrice Tribune. Somebody ought to send him some more type. Surely some free silver committee will do it.

THE EIGHTH WORLD'S WONDER.

Every one will remember that when the Harrison boys took the Chicago Times and run it in the interest of the people, how its circulation increased by leaps and bounds, and that in a few weeks it had more than doubled its circulation.

Another illustration is that of the New York Journal, which in the last few months has achieved the largest circulation of any newspaper ever printed in the English language, having at present over 400,000 paid subscribers, besides its exchanges and complimentary list.

If there was any proof lacking that the money power owns and controls all the other great dailies, the history of these two great papers is a demonstration of the truth of the charge. They are the only two great papers that ever turned their batteries on the money power. The moment the people found it out they subscribed for them by the tens of thousands. If papers were published as an honest business venture, they would insert the matter that the people want and are willing to pay for.

The course of the New York World, shows that it is willing to sacrifice its prestige and ruin itself as a property, rather than furnish to the people the kind of matter they ask and are willing to pay for. Why? Because the money power demands it.

When the money power, at an enormous cost bought the Chicago Times and turned it into an advocate of the interests of foreign bond holders, its new subscribers stopped it instantly, and the money paid for it was sunk. That was the price paid to suppress it.

If the New York Journal continues to persevere its present course, and stands by the common people, it will not be long until it will have a million subscribers, and will be the wonder of the whole world. The common people of the United States—and there are 60,000,000 of them—will stand by the Journal as long as it stands by them. It will have the same influence in shaping the destinies of this nation that the New York Tribune had at an earlier period of our history. The New York Journal is the world's eighth wonder.

OUR RAILROAD MASTERS.

The fight with the railroad corporations of this state must be waged with the very bitterness of death from this day forward. There can be no compromise made and no quarter given. Either the people of this state must give up free government or the railroad political power must be crushed.

The railroads have gone into politics. They propose to control the government of this state that they may tax the citizens thereof without let or hindrance. The question before the people is: Shall we turn over the government of this state to the railroads, or shall the people govern themselves?

Look what they have done in this campaign. Every goldbug editor in this state has an annual pass. Free transportation is given to any part of the state to every goldbug public speaker, campaign manager and committeeman. If the goldbugs want a big rally, clubs, brass bands, speakers, and those who will attend—men, women and children—are transported free. All this is done for the goldbug party.

On the other hand, if a free silver meeting is attempted, the same railroad magnates refuse to furnish special trains when the money is tendered them to pay for them in advance. In some instances they have prohibited the sale of free silver literature on their trains and news stands.

They force their employees, by a threat of discharge, to join McKinley clubs, to wear McKinley buttons and march in McKinley parades. Every man whom they discharge is a Bryan man. They allow their employes no choice of how to vote. In this way they overthrow free government. Their employes are no longer free men.

Will the people of Nebraska allow this overthrow of the free state government? Will they permit these worse than feudal lords to rule over them and make slaves and serfs of the soil out of them.

ONE OF THE SILVER BARONS.

Mr. J. J. Hagerman of Colorado Springs, one of the largest owners of silver mines in the United States, announces his opposition to the election of Bryan and declines to make any subscription toward the circulation of silver literature. Mr. Hagerman occupied a prominent position in the recently published list of "silver barons" who were subscribing numerous millions to secure the election of Mr. Bryan. We trust that due apology will be made by the gold press for a publication that must have hurt his feelings.—Denver News.

HOW THE FIGHT GOES ON.

Judge Gregory, who has just finished a list of appointments beginning at Tecumseh and ending at Wilbur, writes that the meetings were "exceptionally enthusiastic, and the most successful meetings that had been held at any time in the respective counties." He adds that "the ticket, both state and national is reasonably safe," and that he is going to Iowa to make a few speeches to help them out over there.

Judge Ambrose who has been making a series of speeches beginning at Lexington and coming down the Union Pacific, writes: "Had great meetings everywhere. No trouble for Bryan in this state. Make the fight from this on, for state ticket and congressmen."

Governor Holcomb's meetings have been enormous, and enthusiastic beyond anything ever before seen in this state. The populists, in addition to the state speakers, are making a school house campaign in every county in the state with local speakers, most of whom received their education and acquired the art of public speaking in the Farmer's Alliance.

Never in the history of politics has such universal hard work been done in a campaign as is being done in this.

If Bryan is doing more work in this campaign than any public speaker ever accomplished before, there are also thousands of humble workers, scattered all over the United States, who night after night tramp from school house to school house, without pay or hope of reward, preaching the gospel of salvation for the common people.

MORALS OF THE MONEY QUESTION.

Mr. M. H. Wart of Creighton, Neb., sends a copy of the Sandy Creek News, of Oswego county N. Y. and asks us to reply to an article in it, so he can send it back to New York and make some voters for Bryan in that state, where he has many friends and acquaintances.

The writer of the article says he wants to talk about the moral phrase of the money question. Here is one sentence which seems to have neither morals or sense in it.

"This difference in the intrinsic value of the two metals as measured by the cost of labor in producing each, naturally caused the fixing of a ratio or proportion determined by weight of value between the two metals."

If the value of the metal is "intrinsic," how does the labor cost of producing them have anything to do with fixing a ratio? If the value is fixed by the cost of production the value is not intrinsic, it does not inhere in the metals but depends on something entirely intrinsic.

Another sentence is as follows: "The nominal unit of value up to 1834 was the silver dollar, but the real unit or measure of value has been the gold dollar since 1816 when England refused free coinage to silver and made gold the standard or measure of value."

Granting for the moment that there is such a thing as a "unit of value," we would like to know how an act of the British parliament could fix a unit of value for the United States after we had made good, on many bloody fields, the Declaration of Independence?

But there is no such thing as a "unit of value." The fathers of the republic never made use of such a nonsensical term. They talked of a "unit of account," but of a unit of value never. That term was invented by John Sherman and inserted in the statutes by him. Suppose congress should meet tomorrow and declare that the silver dollar was the "unit of value," and did nothing else, what possible effect could it have? What effect could it have on gold, silver or commodities? Simply none at all.

What is value? Economists define it as "power in exchange." What is the value of a 100 cent gold dollar? To reply that it is 100 cents is to talk like an imbecile. Then what is the value of a gold dollar? Its value is what it will exchange for. Its value in wheat out here, would be about three bushels. Its value in corn would be about eight bushels. When one talks about the value of a thing he must always inquire: Value in what? The value of commodities is usually given in terms of money, i. e., in dollars. But what is the value of dollars? How can you find that out? What is the value of dollars? It is what they will exchange for. It cannot be given in cents, and a man who has any sense will never run around in a circle like a cat chasing its tail, by telling the value of dollars in cents.

What would you think of a farmer if asked what was the value of a bushel of wheat if he should reply: "Four pecks of wheat." There is not a farmer in America idiotic enough to make such an answer. But men who pose as great financiers when asked "What is the value of a dollar?" will solemnly reply: "One hundred cents," and look at you as wise as an owl.

Whenever any great nation, with a considerable foreign trade, will open its mints to the unlimited coinage of silver, the mint value will always be the commercial value, regardless of the ratio of production. The commercial ratio of silver to gold was 15 1/2 to 1 for the eighty years that the French mint was open to the free coinage of silver, although the ratio of production, according to Secretary Carlisle's table, varied from fifty-two ounces of silver to one ounce of gold to four ounces of silver to one ounce of gold. All official statistics of this country and Europe show that the ratio of production of silver to gold

has been less since 1873 than in any two decades for 400 years, and yet the gold price of silver has constantly declined. So something else than the overproduction of silver has been the cause.

The claim that the free coinage of silver would produce a great contraction of the volume of money by driving out gold, and at the same time reduce the value of money one-half is too silly to reply to seriously. Destroy one-half of the money and that will make what remains easier to get and one-half cheaper, will it? A man who will make an assertion of that kind is not a good teacher of either morals or economics.

This New York instructor further says that "the scriptural standard of weights and measures must be sacredly maintained or Christianity will break down and be espured by the civilization of the heathen." That statement startled us and we concluded we would hunt up the "scriptural standards of weights and measures." In weights we found that 10 gerahs made 1 beka, 2 bekas 1 shekel, 60 shekels 1 maneh, 50 manehs 1 talent.

The long measure, the land measure, the liquid measure and the dry measure was just as unintelligible to us as the scriptural weights. If christianity and civilization can only be saved by maintaining the scriptural weights and measures in this country, we fear that we are lost.

THE STATE TREASURER.

As we have previously asserted the banks are mustering all their forces to elect the republican candidate for state treasurer. All the power of the whole ring of goldbug banks will be concentrated upon the defeat of Meserve.

A large number of bankers in this state are doing business upon that \$675,000 of school money, which the state house anarchists refuse to invest as the constitution and law requires. The banks want to continue to bank on it. If Meserve is elected they cannot do it. If it is not irretrievably lost Meserve will soon have it all invested as the law requires after he takes charge of the office. It is passing strange that that one honest man in the whole state of Nebraska could be induced to vote for the republican candidate for state treasurer. What good could be expected to come to him, his children or his state by casting such a vote?

The election of that candidate is to give sanction to the repudiation of the constitution, to violation of law and the robbery of the children of the state. Notwithstanding all that, the banks really expect to elect their candidate. They will trade off their whole ticket state and national to do it.

HE'S AN ANARCHIST.

A short time ago we published the contribution of the Beef Trust to Mark Hanna's corruption fund.

Local retail meat dealers yesterday got a quiet joke to the effect that "meat had riz." The price was advanced from 1/2 to 1 cent on every pound of meat by the combine—and thus it is that people who eat meat must pay the campaign expenses of McKinley. And this rise in the price of meat comes at a time when hogs and cattle are selling at a lower price than usual, about one half what they ought to sell for.

This is one great country sure enough. If you undertake to levy a tax on a railroad, the managers will raise the rates and make the public pay the tax. If the plutocrats want a corruption fund, they will raise the price of coal and meat and make the people furnish it. Any man who says that way of collecting taxes and corruption funds isn't right, why, he's an anarchist, and all the plutocratic bishops say, "amen, yes he's an anarchist."

ANOTHER ANARCHIST.

The following conversation occurred at the corner of O and Eleventh streets. Rep. What do you want to vote for free silver for when it is only a scheme of the mine owners to force up the value of their metal so they can make 100 percent on it?

Pop. It will do that.

Rep. And you are going to vote for it are you?

Pop. I am.

Rep. And you want to ruin everybody in the country for the benefit of the silver barons, and make the wage earners and every body else take a fifty cent dollar when they are entitled to 100 cent dollars, do you?

Pop. I thought you just said free coinage would force up the value of silver 100 percent.

Rep. Look here, you'r nothing but a d—d anarchist. That's what you are.

WHAT IS A CENT?

The republicans are all the time saying that they want a dollar worth a hundred cents. To find out what a dollar is worth, we must then find out what a cent is. Under our law as it exists at present, a cent is a disc of bronze weighing 36 grains. It takes 160 of them to weigh a pound. A pound of bronze prepared for the mint costs 20 cents. That is what the government pays the manufacturers for it in the shape that they deliver it to the mint.

Now if a dollar is a hundred cents, as the gold bug say, then they believe in 12 1/2 cents the material in which is worth 12 1/2 cents. The republicans therefore are all flat lunatics for there is four times as much flat in that kind of a dollar as in a silver dollar.

THE LEGISLATIVE TICKET.

While the banks are exerting all their efforts to capture the state treasury, the railroads are putting in their work on the legislature and expect to capture that. To aid them they have the old line insurance agents who are scattered all over the state and the sugar trust. Wherever a scheme can be put up to defeat a populist nominee for the legislature that will be done.

The fight in this state is on the state treasurer and the legislature. None of them have any hope of beating Bryan.

Don't let any free silver man go to swapping votes on any candidate, vote the whole ticket from presidential electors down to road supervisors. Don't protect part of your interests, protect them all.

Revolutions never occur when the people rule. A government by the people is conservative.

Columbus discovered America for Hanna and the trusts. Any one who denies it is an anarchist.

What will be the condition of the labor unions, and the country generally after four years of Hanna's power in the White House.

The republicans have not dared anywhere in the whole state to carry a banner in a parade inscribed: "We are for the gold standard."

Hobart has raised the price of coal three times in the last few months. Any farmer in Nebraska who will not vote for Hobart is a repudiator.

The right of every citizen to cast a free and untrammelled ballot can never be surrendered by a free people. Once surrendered, our republican form of government is at an end.

Republicans express great confidence that Mark Hanna's ten millions insures the election of McKinley. This is simply asserting that American manhood is for sale to the highest bidder. In behooves every true American to see to it that this insult is appropriately rebuked at the polls.

If India, Mexico and Central and South America sent us all their silver money and went themselves back to barter, they could not send us enough to double the amount of money now in circulation, and the money now in circulation would have to be doubled to reduce its purchasing power one-half or make what the goldbugs call a "fifty-cent dollar." The "flood of silver" and the "fifty-cent dollar" are both myths.

About all the preachers in the million-naire churches of New York let loose on Bryan last Sunday, among them William Justin Harsha, formerly of Omaha. But those who were in the first Lincoln campaign instead of being at all dismayed at this torrent of pulp wrath, are encouraged by it. They remember how the plutocratic preachers abused and maligned Lincoln. We also remember that Lincoln was elected and made the greatest and best president we ever ever had.

The filing of the middle-of-the-road republican ticket will have the effect of making the supreme court either fish or cut bait. The farmer decision that any set of men can file nominations under a well established party name and have them printed on the official ballot is too ridiculous to command the respect of any one. The idea that three or four different tickets can be printed under the head of democrat, republican or populist is a deception of the voters, which no court but a political one would sanction.

The silver in the world is about \$4,000,000,000. All that is used in Europe has a greater purchasing power than gold at 16 to 1, for all European silver has been coined at ratios of from 14 1/2 to 1, to 15 1/2 to 1. Outside of this European and Indian silver, there remains today but \$1,845,000,000 in all the world to be lifted by an unlimited coinage demand from the United States to the ratio of 16 to 1. Admitting that it would all come here, does any man doubt that our 70,000,000 people could find a use for it?

JUDGE SCOTT.

A tremendous audience assembled at Beatrice on last Saturday night to hear Judge Scott. The judge was especially severe on the few republicans in this state who yet claim to hold membership in that party, while to do so they have to abandon the teachings of every great leader in that party from the days of Lincoln to the present time, with the single exception of John Sherman.

The judge read passages from the speeches of Logan, Blaine, Garfield and many others declaring for free silver and backed it up with the decisions of the United States supreme court and opinions of the great constitutional lawyers, declaring that silver coins were a legal tender and primary money by virtue of the constitution, even without any act of congress declaring them to be so.

The positive statements of McKinley when in congress and of every republican platform until the last republican convention, were read and then their leaders got such an exhortation as seldom falls from the lips of mortal man. Every one of them deserved it, for such villainy was never known on the face of the earth before.