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The mortgages are all running night and day but the mills are closing down.

Don't be carried about by every wind of doctrine tossed too and fro, here and there.

The only time the stars and stripes were hoisted down to Great Britain was when Mark Hanna landed his candidate.

They cried "overproduction" all over the land during the campaign and now they are going to "open the mills" to cure it.

Don't go too fiercely for those places, gentlemen. They won't be worth nearly as much after the pop legislature goes through them as they are now.

Bryan will start off the campaign of 1900 in Colorado by making 31 speeches there on November 24 and 25, that at least is the published program.

A good many weekly republican sheets in Nebraska will now experience the same kind of prosperity the rest of us have enjoyed since silver was demonetized.

Mark Hanna has announced that he will run the inaugural ceremonies of his man himself, and pay no attention to the usual Washington committee, where at there is a feeble kick.

Let the World-Herald send a man with a petition to every merchant of Omaha asking for a union depot, then make a list of those who refuse to sign and the public will know who are receiving rebates.

The World-Herald is making a great fight for the union depot. It has to back it, the most abject set of business cards and rebates on the face of the earth.

Stand up for Nebraska and keep her appropriations within the limit of the annual tax levy. The other crowd has stood up for Nebraska so long that it will require the utmost frugality to enable her to pay her debts.

The complete returns from Iowa show that there were 77,000 more votes cast this year than were ever cast in that state before and every one of them voted for McKinley. That beats Georgia ballot box stuffing two to one.

There were 70,000 more citizens of Ohio who voted for Bryan than voted for Harrison when Harrison carried the state, yet Bryan was beaten by 50,000. Mark Hanna stuffed 120,000 fraudulent ballots into the boxes. That beats the bulldozers of Alabama five to one.

Some of the gentlemen who are making such a persistent fight for places will be sadly disappointed even if they are successful. This populist legislature is going to cut down official salaries and they will begin at the top. As far as heard from, every one of them is determined to stand by the platform and reduce salaries.

Mark Hanna says that when he closed up shop at the end of the campaign he had \$75,000 left over. Would it not be a good scheme for him to use that money in sending out agents announcing that the advance agent has arrived and prosperity has returned. The people don't seem to have found it out yet, for corn is only ten cents a bushel and freight rates have advanced.

The populist party is like the good old woman in Cleveland, Ohio, who is 104 years old. When it was remarked to her that she might not live another century, she replied: "Well, I don't know about that, I am starting on my second century a good deal stronger than I did on my first." The populist party starts on the next campaign a good deal stronger than on the last.

While they were claiming all the "honor," honesty and patriotism in the land, ordering the flag displayed and calling everyone outside their ranks anarchists, socialists, repudiators etc, they were at the same time plotting anarchy which they consummated when they stuffed the ballot boxes in four different states, for which some of them will see the inside of the penitentiary yet, if there is any judge left who will enforce the law.

THEY STUFFED THE BALLOT BOX.

Some of the money now being raised for the campaign of 1900 ought to be expended in investigating the frauds by which Mark Hanna stole the election for McKinley, for steal it he most surely did. How did it happen that there was such an enormous increase in the number of votes in the doubtful states and no appreciable increase in all the others? There were not less than 1500 more votes cast in Nebraska than there are voters. Holcomb's honest majority is nearer 50,000 than the reported 20,000.

Tom Watson thought that Richmond county in his district could poll more votes to the inhabitant than any other county in the world, but the returns from the presidential election show that he was badly mistaken. A democratic southern ballot box stuffer is an amateur alongside of a northern republican. Gen. J. B. Weaver has been making some remarks on this subject. This is what he says about the voting capacity of Iowa republicans:

"In 1892 Harrison polled 219,795 votes in that state, which was the largest republican poll ever cast in Iowa. The Cleveland and Bryan vote united was 216,467, prohibitionists polled 6,000 votes. We have had four years of hard times, which certainly have not resulted in a very large increase in our total population. Governor Drake polled last year 208,000 votes, the total vote of the state of the state being about 401,000. To have reached their old vote of 1892 required a republican gain on the average of 110 votes to the county. This would have been natural enough under the circumstances. But they not only do that but make an increase of 880 republican votes to the county. Where did these votes come from?"

"The census of 1890 placed our population at 1,911,000. The state census of 1896, five years later, gave us 2,058,000. The present vote, if an honest one, indicates that we have a population of about 2,500,000. In other words, there were 689 votes to the county whom they overlooked. Our poll takers failed to find them and Mark Hanna, in a New York interview last week, conceded that the first republican poll of the state showed the state to be against them. The republican poll, it will be seen, corroborated our poll and both were in accord with the returns of the census takers. Is it not a little queer that 680 voters of the county who had never voted before in the state all came out this year and happened to be republicans? Even if this tremendous increase had been fairly distributed between the parties it could not, in view of the authority of the census, be received without serious distrust."

The enormous increase in Ohio and the other doubtful states was of like character, and what is most strange, every one of this increased number of voters, voted the republican ticket. The truth is, the money power stuffed the ballot boxes and stole the election.

MCKINLEY AND BRYAN.

The attitude of the people toward the two presidential candidates since the election is very peculiar. McKinley is overwhelmed with beggars. Bryan is offered gifts from every side. Positions have been tendered him which would bring him a greater net salary than McKinley will receive as president. A gold miner has offered to support him and his family as long as Bryan will fight for silver. A United States senatorship has been tendered him in another state. Great crowds rush to see him, hear him and shake his hand, who expect no favors and hope for no office. Even a hostile press is forced to chronicle his every movement and report every word he says in public, while only those who seek favors visit McKinley, and his words are not read with half the eagerness of those of Mark Hanna. There was never such a state of affairs seen in all the world before.

NOT TRUSTWORTHY.

The distrust of the southern free silver democrats by the populists who live among them, seems to be verified by recent events. Read the following from the Augusta, (Ga.) Chronicle: "We do not think that continued and continuous agitation of the issue is wise at this time, or necessary to its preservation. The question has been plainly put before the people. In general terms they understood the issue. They voted to continue the trial of the gold standard. We accept their verdict, and say give it the fullest and fairest trial. For the present, we believe it to be the part of wisdom to discontinue the financial discussions and turn attention to material development and the encouragement of commercial prosperity."

How much would any Nebraska free silver man trust a paper like that or the candidate that it supported? It looks very much as if the Chronicle was preparing to help Whitney, Hill, Cleveland & Co. recapture the democratic organization. The southern populists would not trust those fellows, but they were all willing to trust Bryan.

SOME PURE HYPOCRISY.

The Sterling Sun says: "A California millionaire says he will back Mr. Bryan during the next four years in his fight for free silver and will provide him with enough money to support him and his family and pay all traveling expenses. That is just what the miners have been doing the past four years and yet some

people don't realize that they have a personal interest in doing so. They expect to make all back they spend, with good profit." For hellish malignity and satanic excellency in the art of deliberate thoughtout and premeditated lying, the editor of the Sun has no competitor. A half truth is the most fiendish of all lies.

In every account of that matter that has ever been printed, it has always been stated that Mr. Lane, the miner referred to, was a gold miner. But the sneaking editor of the Sun carefully left out the word "gold," the insertion of which would change the whole result.

Mr. Lane, a gold miner, a man who has no interest in silver mines or silver bullion did make such a statement, and he did honor to himself and to Mr Bryan by so doing.

This chap who edits the Sun is one of the hypocrites who have been talking about "honor" during the whole campaign. He is of the sort to whom we must trust the "honor of the nation." A fouler hypocrite never lived.

CREATING WEALTH BY LAW.

It is about time a thorough quietus was put upon the goldbug writers and spokesmen who fill columns with their arguments about the impossibility of creating wealth by legislation. No one ever made such a claim, and Henry Watterson in his recent tirade against Bryan, knew that neither Bryan or the populists ever held such a doctrine. Hardly a populist speech was ever made, but somewhere in it the speaker asserted that all wealth was created by labor and not by legislation.

We have had enough of this senseless assertion about creating wealth by legal enactments, and the next man who makes the assertion that either Bryan or the populists believe in it, deserves a smart slap in the mouth.

What Bryan and the populists believe is, that after wealth is created by labor, it can be transferred by legislation from those by the labor of whose hands it was created, to men who never produced a dollar's worth of wealth in all their lives, and they further believe that a very large part of the wealth of this country has actually been transferred from those who produced it, to those who never produced a dollar's worth. That is what we believe and what we intend to do, and by the help of God will do, is to stop this transfer of wealth from those who produce it, to those who produce nothing. We also believe that in taking this position the Lord is on our side, for has he not said in the Holy Scripture, "If any would not work, neither should he eat." It is only fair to state, however, that the modern bishops like Newman declare that to be anarchy.

SELF CONTRADICTIONS.

If there was any "soundness" in the gold standard theory it would be possible for some of the brilliant editorial writers on the great dailies to write a column article in its defense, without contradicting themselves two or three times. But not one of them seems able to do it. Take for example, a leading editorial in the great Chicago Tribune. The article is only half a column long, but it has these sentences in it: "Money has been getting cheaper during the last fifty or twenty-five years. Money has become cheaper, and so the working man has received more of it for his labor. The money he has been paid in since 1878 has been gold money. As the working man has received more of it gold has grown cheaper. It has depreciated."

In the same article, a little further along the Tribune viciously attacks Bryan because Bryan wants cheap money. It says: "Bryan does not explain that one of the uses he has for 'cheap money' is the violation of all existing contracts. Debts contracted on the basis of the 100-cent dollar could be paid in 50-cent dollars if Bryan could get his 'cheap money.' Why those debts should be only half paid he does not explain."

The Tribune says that gold money is the kind it wants, cheap money and depreciated money, and then calls Bryan a repudiator because he wants a cheaper money. That is the kind of reasoning with which the gold standard writers defend their theory.

There isn't a wild and woolly pop in all the sod houses of Kansas or Nebraska who cannot do better than that.

The republican governor of Colorado has established a standing army. The state militia has been stationed for months at Leadville at a cost of \$2,500 per day in an attempt to break up the miners' union. Last week he enlarged the force and established recruiting stations in Denver. Many new recruits were obtained. That's republican government. We will show them a specimen of populist government in Nebraska.

Coxy is going to organize a new party. Morris I Swift will organize one. There is a fellow out in California who has one under way, and so it goes. Every populist will give all these chaps the cold shoulder. Populists know something about the time the money and the self-sacrifice it takes to organize a new party. They undertook the job and at the end of six years they find that they control eight states and have a small force of well trained fighters in both branches of congress. They are not going to quit and do it all over again.

MAKING A LIVING.

Dun & Co's report of last week was an astonishment to mankind. The first three sentences were as follows:

"The gain in the volume of business continues entirely without precedent. More than 390 establishments have started work since the election, which were idle, and at least 500 have increased their working force. Every day thus adds thousands to the number of those who are able to buy a week's supplies and then make up gradually for many months of enforced economy."

The last sentence reads this way: "Failures for the week have been 344 in the United States, against 320 last year."

One would think that this firm would get tired of lying after so many years of unceasing falsehoods. But we suppose that is the way they make their living.

A THING THAT BEATS US.

We have seen the following item in several Nebraska papers and always credited to the Nebraska State Journal.

"Alabama appears to be for the gold standard, notwithstanding she gave Mr. Bryan about 20,000 majority. It is a curious situation resulting from race and sectional prejudice and the habit of opposing anything labeled 'republican.' Governor Oates, who has been chosen to succeed Senator Pugh, a silver man, for United States senator, will support the sound money party in that body and the house of representatives elected a pronounced gold democrat for speaker much to the surprise of the genuine Bryanites. The democratic party in the south is likely to repudiate free silver altogether." -State Journal.

This was clipped from the Plattsmouth News of Nov. 18. It is a fair specimen of the kind of News the State Journal prints. It seems that its habit of lying has become so fixed that it can't tell the truth even when it tries and it didn't try that time.

Every reader of any other daily paper knows that Governor Oates was not elected senator from Alabama, that he had but few votes in the legislature and that all the other statements in the paragraph are false.

We have long since ceased to read the State Journal. It lies so persistently, so continuously and at such a wholesale rate, that to read it is a waste of time. Yet there are some populist editors in this state who continue to advertise it. That is what beats us.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE.

The speakership of the Nebraska house goes, by common consent, to some straight populist. The free silver democrats all seem to be favoring Hon. J. N. Gaffin. Mr. C. L. Casper in the Butler County Press says:

"The most important factor in this connection will be the election of a good man for speaker. We have noticed the names of several worthy gentlemen, and among them J. N. Gaffin of Saunders county. If the writer was a member this winter he would certainly support Gaffin, because he proved his competency in that position four years ago. That was a very trying situation to place a man in four years ago. Shortly after the house was organized two goldbug democrats went over to the republicans, which gave them the party majority, but the fair and impartial methods of Speaker Gaffin having won the respect of the better class of republicans, the session was successful and closed with credit the work it was elected to do."

Several others have spoken in the same strain, and many populists take the same view of the matter. No other man, so far as we know, has been announced as a candidate, although it has been stated that there would be a candidate from the western part of the state. Several very good men have been suggested but no one except Mr. Gaffin has been formally announced as a candidate and there seems to be no one opposing the suggestion.

Two hundred and ten thousand votes, properly distributed, added to those we now have will give us every state in the union except Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Wisconsin and Iowa. During the next four years we will get more than 210,000 votes and the first Tuesday of November 1900 distribute them in the right places.

A man writes to the INDEPENDENT that he dreamed that after John U. P. Thurston was defeated for the senate, John was offered a position as attorney of a great corporation at \$25,000 a year but refused it, saying he would still keep on fighting for the people, and wants to know what the INDEPENDENT thinks of that. Well, the INDEPENDENT thinks that any man who had no more sense than to dream such an impossible thing as that ought to be sent to the idiot asylum.

The following item which shows that there is at least one Nebraska pop who sees the advantage to be gained by getting truthful news reports is taken from the Jefferson county Journal.

"THE NEBRASKA INDEPENDENT last week contained an editorial headed 'To Populist Editors' which touches upon a matter that is of interest to every newspaper man in our ranks, an arrangement whereby populist papers can secure fresh and reliable news outside the plutocratic press associations. Let the NEBRASKA INDEPENDENT lead the way; every populist paper in Nebraska will do all it can by way of assistance."

Would it be possible for 30 or 40 editors to come to Lincoln and organize a reform news association?

Mark Hanna says that silver is dead never-the-less he is so afraid of the corpse that he dare not close his headquarters.

THE MANAGER ALL RIGHT.

An Editor Second the Publishers Motion.

The manager of the NEBRASKA INDEPENDENT presents the name of Mr. T. H. Tibbles as the populist secretary of the board of transportation. Its a good motion and we take considerable pleasure in endorsing all that the manager says in his advocacy of his claims and second the motion. But, however, in view of Mr. Tibbles' well known qualities and his standing in the populist party we cannot see any need of a petition a mile long or any other length in his behalf. He is the best man yet named for the position and that fact is no secret to the board of public lands and buildings. He should receive the appointment for the reason that a better man for the position cannot be found within the borders of our state. He is all right. -Beatrice Tribune.

CENTRAL CITY, Nov. 23, 1896.

MANAGER INDEPENDENT:—I second the motion for the appointment of Mr. T. H. Tibbles as one of the secretaries of the board of transportation, for he has been a great power in redeeming the state from the ring power. Men of his ability and courage are scarce and we need some of his kind looking after the railroads. The governor has a chance now to clean out Rotten Row in the state house and should have the very best men in every office for the next two years to show the tax payers what the real cost of running the affairs of this state should be. Dahlman and Edminsten have managed the political campaign to perfection and are the right men in the right places. Give them something else to do and no doubt they will fill the bill just as well as in the past. It always pays to keep good men in office, for people then feel that there is good work being done for them, and distrust does not creep in. Give the best governor the state ever had, a chance to show his good qualities and the people of the state will never regret that Mr. Holcomb was chosen for four years to serve the people of Nebraska. Scratch out all the cyphers and fill their places with good large figures. Respectfully, M. M. HALLECK.

BUSINESS MANAGER NEBRASKA INDEPENDENT.

Dear Sir:—In response to your proposition to appoint T. H. Tibbles secretary of the state board of transportation I desire to say that during the 20 years that I have been in this fight, I have recognized in T. H. Tibbles one of the ablest and most devoted workers in this state. The power which he has wielded by pen and tongue and the many sacrifices which he has made for our cause together with his ability and qualifications entitles him to appointment and I therefore second the nomination of Mr. Tibbles for the office of secretary of the board of transportation. Yours Respectfully, J. B. ROMINE.

ALLIANCE, Neb., Dec. 1, 1896.

MANAGER INDEPENDENT:—Dear Sir:—Thirty-two years residence in Nebraska certainly not only qualifies but also gives me a right to urge the appointment of Mr. T. H. Tibbles to the appointment of secretary of the board of transportation. I have known of Mr. T. many years. I have no hesitancy in saying that I firmly believe his appointment would give general satisfaction, that it would be in the interest of the state, of bimetalism, of the people and be meritorious. Yours Respectfully, Wm. T. JOHNSON.

SENTENCE COMMUTED.

A Dixon County Living Skeleton Released From the Penitentiary.

Governor Holcomb has commuted the sentence of young Ford Wright, sent up from Dixon county to serve two years and a half for manslaughter, and he was released today after having served a year and four months in the penitentiary. Wright shot and killed a companion while the two were out hunting. He is but seventeen years old, and while he weighs but 120 pounds, is over six feet tall. His friends have always contended that the shooting for which he was convicted was accidental, and when released today all disabilities imposed by conviction were removed.

Dr. Clyde Davis, dentist, Richard's Bk.

NEARLY A CLEAN SWEEP.

Only Nine Members of the Last Session Come Up Again This Year.

There is not a member of the new state senate who was a member two years ago, but there are four of the new senate, Messrs. Nick Fritz of Dixon, W. A. Haller of Blair, E. R. Spencer of Firth and J. B. Conway of York, who were members of the house two years ago. The only members of the new house who were members two years ago are James J. Bernard of Lewistown, William Sutton of Table Rock, Patrick Roddy of Nebraska City, Joseph Crow of Omaha and E. Soderman of Bertrand. All of those returned are republicans except Soderman, a populist. All of the members of the last house who have been promoted to the new senate are republicans except Nick Fritz, who is a fusionist democrat.

QUARANTINED THE HOUSE.

Hon. W. J. Bryan's Eldest Child Afflicted with Diphtheria.

Health Officer Rohde this morning went out to 1621 D street and tacked a quarantine card upon Hon. W. J. Bryan's house. Ruth, the 11 year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bryan and the eldest child in the household, is afflicted with diphtheria and the usual precautionary measures had to be taken by the authorities to prevent the spreading of the disease. The doctors in attendance pronounce the attack to be a slight one and have hopes of a speedy disappearance of the dread disease. The quarantine will not materially affect Mr. Bryan's movements nor prevent his western trip.

Mr. Bryan returned home last night from his outing in the Ozark mountain regions, and was much improved in appearance. He talked of his experiences as a nimrod with much enthusiasm, showing that he had greatly enjoyed his trip. Mr. Bryan leaves tonight for Denver to attend the celebration of the anniversary of the admission of Colorado into the union and he expects to return on Thursday in time for Thanksgiving dinner at home. Mrs. Bryan will not accompany her husband on his Colorado trip. It is impossible for her to leave for various reasons besides the sickness of her child, and the special invitation of the Colorado women has been regretfully declined. Upon Mr. Bryan's return, the work of collecting material for his book will be commenced, and his literary labors will keep him far from idle for some months.

GETS TWO YEARS.

Capt. Stickle, Once a Congressional Candidate, Now a Convict.

HEBRON, Neb., Nov. 23.—Captain J. H. Stickle, for years a leader in politics in Central Nebraska and president of the defunct Blue Valley bank of this place, was convicted Saturday night of wrecking that institution and sentenced to two years in the penitentiary by Judge Hastings. The specific charge on which he was convicted was the embezzlement of \$800 of the bank's funds. Captain Stickle made an unsuccessful race for congress as an independent republican in the old second district.

Governor Holcomb yesterday issued a requisition for John Doe, alias Francis, who is wanted at Omaha for horse stealing and who is under arrest at Atchison, Kas.

Sheriff McNahy of Hamilton county was in the city yesterday to arrest John Riddle, who just completed a three years sentence in the penitentiary for obtaining money by false pretenses. He is wanted now for stealing a lot of harness.

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