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The Silver Knight recounts thirty-one failures for the week past. This is the vance Agent."

has bought the Tom Boy, of Colorado, one of the richest gold mines of the United States.

In the Idaho legislature no solution has been reached yet. Dubois holds the silver republican vote. The populists and democrats have not been able to agree on anyone.

Georgia recently passed a most rigid anti-trust law, the most sweeping measure of the kind yet known. South Carolina will soon follow. What's the matter with Nebraska doing the same?

The arbitration treaty between the United States and Great Britain probably marks the beginning of a perpetual have been designated as state deposipeace among all the greater nations, It tories? is one of the landmarks of civilization.

The refunding bill for the Union Pacific railroad having been defeated, now let titles it to, is the state treasurer who the government proceed to foreclose its makes such excessive deposit liable for mortgage and buy in the road. That is the excess or for the whole amount dethe short cut to government ownership. posited in such bank?

fight and it now seems that he will be the man. The other candidates are Loucks, Goodykoontz and Judge Plow-

til it is completed.

Monday saw three more important bank failures: The German National of Louisville, Ky.; the First National of Newport, Ky., and the Minnesota Savings bank of St. Paul, Minn. They were crushed between the weight of too the United States, which in the main, we much McKinley prosserity.

The Maine Populist is no more. L. C. Bateman, its editor, announces that he must abandon it in order to make a living. The Populist has been one of the the union. Our sorrow at its demise is somewhat tempered by this fact.

as to the constitutionality of such a pro- to him. He is a railroad boodler. He ceeding and he said there was nothing is not a populist. His object is to dito prohibit the present legislature from vide the forces of reform. He is emmaking a new apportionment. He said ployed for that purpose. it could be based on the vote at the last election.

One of the largest land-owners in Wyoming has started a co-operative of all decent people in his own state! stock farm. He cuts his land up into 100-acre tracts, puts on each a house, rental, furnishes irrigation and guarantees his renters a market for their stuff. ture will kill it. His experiment will be watched with in-

People in New York City have long talked about the "wild and wooly west." Well, we may be "wild and wooly," but and in their present or an amended form we don't have "Seeley dinners," where should pass the legislature. His bills women dance in the nude, as they did provide that telegraph companies, telein the upper tendom of New York City the other day. New York City should clean out her own filth and quit trying to talk morals to the rest of the coun-

There is one editor of a country weekly in Nebraska who in his way is a genius. Of course, there are others. But we are now speaking of only this one. His name is Wills, of the Central City Democrat and he uses the first person singular. His humor is quaint, fresh and genuine. He is truthful, he is honest. Brother Wills, we don't know you personally, but you are all right.

The Indianapolis monetary conference, composed almost wholly of bankers and ha in 1898. stock jobbers, after several days of profound meditation, solemnly announced two things: First, that the gold standthe greenback must be destroyed. There and believe that it will show forth adeis one refreshing thing about these people. They do not try to hide behind But we warn its promoters against ask-

AN APPROPRIATE SELECTION

It is announced through the public press in what seems to be an authoritative manner that John Sherman is to be premier of McKinley's administration This is as it should be. McKinley was elected by the gold standard forces and it is quite appropriate that the foremost gold standard advocate in America should be at the head of his cabinet. John Sherman is the man who struck down silver in secret in 1873. He has been the man who, pretending to be friend silver, has struck it treacherous blows again and again. He is the man that entered public life a poor man and is now a multimillionaire. He is the man whose policy as secretary of the treasury was to steadily contract the currency. He is the man who as United States senator has been the attorney of the money power in the national congress. He is the man who utilized the services of the treasury employes under him in building his Washington mansion prosperity for which McKinley was "Ad- He is the man whose picture hangs in Rothschild's bank of England-their American agent. In a word, he is the The Rothschild Syndicate, of London, father of almost all that is damnable in our present financial system.

It is altogether fitting and proper that Mr. McKinley should select John Sherman for his secretary of state. It furnishes in advance an index to the character of his administration.

TRANSFER OF CASH.

The counting of the cash goes on slowly, in the transfer of the state treasurer's office In settling the matter of state depositories Treasurer Meserve bas asked the supreme court to pass on the following points:

First-Is the state treasurer compelled to accept certificates of deposit in lieu of the state funds deposited in banks which court in a week or two.

Second-Where a designated depository bank has received more state money than the amount of its bond en-

Third-Can two members of the board Senator Kyle is leading all other can- approve a bond and designate a bank as didates in the South Dakota senatorial a state depository when the governor, who constitutes the third member of the board, refuses to give his consent to such approval?

State Treasurer Meserve has refused to accept certificates of deposit on so-The Independent is glad to chronicle called depository banks. His reasons and punish bribery; House Roll 170, the fact that State Treasurer Meserve are found in the last two questions: is strictly living up to his promises to First, that several banks have an exthe people and is demanding the cash. cess of deposits over what their bonds The transfer from Bartley is being made call for and second, That Russell and the bringing in of illegal voters into the slowly and we refrain from comment un- Piper designated a number of banks as state depositories that Governor Holcomb refused to approve.

A BAILROAD BOODLER'S GALL.

George F. Washburn, member of the populist national executive committee, has issued an appeal to the populists of approve. We believe a conference should be called, as suggested by Mr. Washburn, as soon as practicable. Such a conference doubtless will be called soon by the national executive committee.

But here comes Van Dervoort and rabidest "middle-of-the-road" sheets in calls a conference, in pursuance of Washburn's suggestion.

What right has VanDervoort to call a conference? He has no official connec-It is probable that a new legislative tion with the party. The party has apportionment will be made. Judge never delegated any such authority tor Maxwell was asked to give an opinion any authority of any kind whatsoever)

His gall is unspeakable.

He, the railroad lobbyist, the republican police commissioner; whose name is a hissing and a by-word in the months

We notify Mr. Washburn that if he wants his conference to be countenanced corral and stables. He charges a small thy honest people, he wants to rescue it at once from Van Dervoort. That creato to the defeated candidate and most in-

ANTI CORPORATION BILLS.

Mr. Straub, of Otoe, has introduced a number of anti-corporation measures in the house that possess much merit phone companies, express companies, life and fire insurance companies, shall file yearly with the state auditor a statement of their gross earnings from business in Nebraska and that a tax of 3 per cent shall be levied upon them.

Another bill of Mr. Straubs provides that the rental of telephones in a city shall be not more than \$2 per month; and out of town connections shall be 30 cents; that ten word telegrams shall be 20 cents and one cent for each word additional.

THE EXPOSITION APPROPRIATION. A bill has been introduced in the legislature for a \$350,000 appropriation for the trans-Mississippi exposition at Oma

The INDEPEDDENT would be loath to say one word to injure the Omaha Expesition. We are proud of the fact that ard must be maintained; second, that it is to be held in Nebraska and hope quately the great resources of the west. the filmsy pretext of "international bi- ing such an appropriation as that pro-

and a half in debt. The taxpayers ar now struggling under a load grievous to be borne. For God's sake, don't pile elected by the republicans, made some any more on them. They cannot carry

The farmers pay the burden of the taxes in Nebraska. Their principle staple is corn. That is today selling for eight and ten cents per bushel, less than the cost of production.

Gentlemen, don't seek to make this burden any heavier. Let the state be run with the rigidest economy until the people have time to recover and get a new foothold.

STATE BOARD OF TRANSPORTATION.

Monday noon the newly elected secretames of the state board of transportation assumed their offices. The republicans in the past have celebrated this event by calling up the spirits (liquid), but this was not indulged in during the late installation. The new secretaries are Joseph W. Edgerton, Grand Island (populist); Gilbert L. Laws, Lincoln (free silver rep.), James C. Dahlman, Chadron, (dem.). Let ushope that this board will serve the people so well that it will remove much of the odium which past boards of railroad lackeys have left upon this office.

The chief executive of the house of representatives would make an excellent chief executive for the state of Nebraska.

Senator John P. Jones, of Nevada, the great free silver philosopher of congress, has been re-elected to the senate for another six years.

A report comes from Washington that the hearing on the Maximum Rate Bill is liable to be taken up by the supreme

An experiment has been made at the State University experiment station which shows that, for the amount of heat given out, it is cheaper to burn corn at ten cents a bushel than coal at six dollars a ton. In other words the amount of heat is the same for the same cost with corn at 9 cents per bushel, and coal at \$4.87 per ton, or corn at 10 cents per buscel and coal at \$5.41 per ton.

TO AMEND THE BALLOT LAW.

Speaker Gaffin has introduced into the house four bills to stamp out intimidation and bribery in elections. These bills are House Roll 169, to prohibit provides a penalty for non-residents of the state voting at state elections; House Roll 171, to probibit and punish state; House Roll 172, to stop the intimidation of voters. All these are meritorious measures and should be enacted into law. This session of the legislature must make it impossible for the frauds of past elections ever to occur again in this state.

BRYAN DON'T LECTURE.

The New York Journal says it can give with positive authority the actual facts in connection with William J. Bryan's lecture tour contract.

Although the first and last lecture at De Give's opera house, in Atlanta, Mr. Bryan was induced to cancel his conwho insisted on making a hippodrome of his appearances Rather than depart from the dignified position he maintained throughout the campaign, he de-Mr. Bryan was led to believe from the very start that his tour was to have been of the most nonsensational. He understood that he was to be taken strictly on his merits, and the most formal and modest method of billing was to be used in announcing his com-

Instead of this, he was confronted in Atlanta with huge posters stuck indiscriminately throughout the city and picturing him in a most vulgar and distasteful manner. One bill showed him in lithograph standing beside Jackson, Jefferson, Lincoln and Washington. This particular bill was most obnoxious imical to his sense of judgment. He was so disheartened at the coarse display that had been made of him that he was tempted to refuse to enter the opera house. Kindly consideration for the enthusiastic audience booked for the house only deterred him from refusal.

However, when he went upon the stage, he had fully determined to speak no more under the contract he had made. He so announced himself to his managers, Roache & Comstock, next day.

It had come to Mr. Bryan's ears pre vious to his entry into Atlanta that Roache & Comstock had quarreled in an ugly manner over the notoriety that each was to get out of his affiliation with him. This he was willing to pass over, as it had not become public, but the vulgar display of posters and the wording of the advertisements offended him to the soul.

Mr. Bryan had the close advice of friends before he shut off his tour after the lecture in Atlanta, and they agreed with him that he would be wise to discontinue any euch outrageous sensationalism. Mr. Bryan promptly gave Mr. McBee a certified check for the \$10, 000 he had received. He was paid \$1, 000 for his night's work and his rail-

road expenses Far from being compelled to quit on account of discouragement in respect to audiences, Mr. Bryan had every reason to believe that the tour would have been a great financial success. He valned his dignity and standing too highly to submit to vaudeville advertisement. -David City Press.

As Senator Allen says, republicans

TALKS LIKE A POPULIST.

Governor Pingree, of Michigan, though recommendations in his inaugural ad-Here are a few of them. We quote from people.-Facts From Denver. the Chicago Sentinel:

At the outset he recommended abolishment of party conventions, which, he says, have become the mediums of trickery, bribery and fraud. He advocated instead the direct vote of the people in nominating candidates.

The governor urged that the property of corporations be taxed as other property is, and argued that present railroad

The legislature was urged to consider the question of uniform 2-cent fares.

The governor proved that he favors ing outgrown.-Star and Kansan. direct legislation by insisting on the referendum; the referring of legislative acts to the people in the granting of public

After denouncing the trusts and com binations of the present day, the governor warned the legislators against permitting Michigan to become the field for operations through which great corporations might acquire possession of the state's mineral resources, and in connection therewith control the lake shipping interests. He advised consideration of the supervision of corporations by a corporation commissioner, who should ascertain the exact available assets of every corporation before permitting it to enjoy corporate privileges.

On the subject of railway taxation, he advised the creation of a state board, which should determine the value of all corporate property not now taxed locally, and which should levy taxes thereon, in the same proportion that private property is taxed.

The governor cameout openly against the paid lobbyists who infest our halls ot legislation," and added:

"If the legislators are not intelligent enough to give intelligent thought and action to public measures without the aid of those who wine and dine, cajole, flatter and bribe, at least steps should be taken to modify the nuisance."

In regulating the granting of public franchises, the governor advised as fol-

Reserve the right to fix rates of charges; let the construction of plants be under supervision of the municipality. Provide that no mortgage be executed or bonds issued to a greater amount than one-half of the cost of the plant.

Require the corporation to file sworn statements of its receipts and expenditures, certified by a public accountant. Provide against consolidation of com-

Provide that no franchise be extended during the life of the original grant, and especially provide that no franchise be granted without being submitted to a vote of the people.

He also favored the establishment of a state board of arbitration and declared unqualifidedly for an inheritance tax and an income tax.

POSTOFFICE STOPS US.

A complication with the postoffice de partment prevented us mailing out Tuesday's edition of the INDEPENDENT, so brought receipts amounting to \$2,300, that our subscribers will only receive the paper once this week. The INDEPENDENT tract by the actions of his managers, is entered as a weekly and it cannot be sent out twice a week until entered as a semi-weekly. We hope to have the matter adjusted in a few days, when subcided to return to his home in Lincoln. scribers will receive the paper twice a week as promised.

CURRENT OPINION.

An exchange remarks that the principal excuse of Cleveland and Olney for not favoring the Cuban resolution is that the agitation is hurting the business of the bond sharks.-Independent Reform Press, (Pueblo, Colo.)

The governor's message was a long one and it was likewise a farreaching one. The east will please take notice that we have as an executive officer for the state of Nebraska, a statesman, a business man and an honest citizen. Cortland Herald.

It should be borne in mind that Thos Jefferson the first popocrat ran for the presidency in 1796 and was defeated. ust as Wm. J. Bryan ran 100 years ater and was defeated. It should also (Pueblo, Colo.) be borne in mind that Jefferson was elected four years later and was reelected in 1804. The parallel is the same. Brymost worthy successor .- Wymore Ar-

Wong Chin Foo, a heathen Chinee, is in Chicago trying to convert the windy city to Confucanism. In his opening service Wong gave utterance to the following sentiments:

"You have taught Christianity for twenty centuries, and with what result? You are a race of money grabbers and

"I admire American genius and thrift, but I deprecate American morals. Your jails are filled with criminals, and your courts with divorce cases. Men rob in broad daylight on your streets; children knock their parents down, and people are committing suicide because they cannot find work.

There are cities in China containing 300,000 inhabitants without a single policeman. In Chicago there are thousands of them, and yet people are not sale here even in broad daylight.—Sioux Falls Press.

Speaking of direct legislation, W. J. must either vote for his resolution and court investigation of the alleged campaign frauds or vote against it and initiative and referendum is democratic.

who endorses the declaration of Jefferson that the people are capable of selfgovernment, nor will it be opposed by any republican who holds to Lincoln's idea that this should be a government dress which sound very populistic to us. of the people, by the people and for the

> Fifty-four countries own their own railroads and the United States isn't one of them. Sixty-eight countries own their own telegraph system and the United States isn't one of them; neither is Cuba.—Southern Iowa Educator.

In Arkansas distinguished jurists, including the chief justice of the state, declare that there is no legal objection to that state building, equiping, owning and operating a railroad or leasing it to rates were a proper subject for legisla-tion. others to be operated. They also say that convict labor may be legally employed in building such a road. The spirit of the times is moving upon the hearts of men. The old systems are be-

> , Those eastern papers who are abus-ing the populists of Kansas as "repudiators," anarchists," etc., should read the report of the warden of the penitentiary. By that report it appears tat the republican party, not the populist party, is headed for that institution. For although we have a large majority of the voters outside of the prison, but in the prison, they have more than five to our one. The vote in that institution stands

as follows: Republican 426. Democrats 178. Populists 72.

No party 198. Probably it was because so many of heir party got into the penitentiary or were fugitives from justice that the populists had such a majority."-Norton. Kansas) Liberator.

SNAP SHOTS.

What have become of "Hardy's Hits" We have never seen any of them since once when a Journal typo spaced the head wrong. Men should not let little things of that kind discourage them.:

Dancing in the "altogether" had quite a run in New York's swell society a week or two ago till the police stopped it. It will soon be time for our good Christian brethren to send missionaries to New

Of all the detestable men in the world the most detestable is the hypocrite. A rogue who is honest and frank about his shortcomings is preferable.

for the hypocrite in addition to his sroguery, constantly lives a lie to cover Goody-good people make us weary. God bless the man who appears what he is, who says what he thinks, who stands with open countenance before the world. But save us from the man who pretends to be better than his fellows, who thrusts his piety offensively into view, whose face is clouded with a olemnity through which the sunshine of laughter never breaks. Such a man will bear watching. In nine cases out of ten he is a hypocrite; and in the tenth case ie is usually a tiresome old give men-broad-minded, big hearted,

McKinley, the Little, unto his man Hanna: "Mark, what is that ripping up sound?" savs he.

'O, that is Prosperity's op'ning hosanua; The banks are all hitting the ground,' says he.

'And what is that slamming we hear to the west of us, The stamp of the terrible pop?" says he.

'O, no, but the good times seem getting the best of us, The factories are shutting up shop,' says he.

"And what is that noise we hear all around us, That sounds like all hell on a toot?' says he.

'That's nothing, the business revival has found us, The merchants are shooting the chute," says be.

make me weary, Do something to smother them quick," Cloud Nation. savs he.

My nights are now sleepless and life has grown dreary; Prosperity's making me sick," says he.

'I have it, O, sire," replied Marcus A. Hanna. "Ol Wolcott is great on the blow," savs he.

We'll send him to London, Berlin and Vienna. To beg them to help us let go," says he.

SCISSORS DEPARTMENT.

A lot of very smart people are urging the name of Tom Watson for president in 1900. Such fool friends may kill off several good candidates during this four years.-Independent Reform Press

A Chicago man jumped into a lake in the park to drown himself, but was coman will be elected in 1900 and reelected pelled to come out by a policeman, who in 1904. When we celebrate the hun-threatened to shoot him if he did not dreth anniversary of the inauguration obey. It has come to a pretty state of of Jefferson we will be inaugurating his affairs in Chicago when a man can't commit suicide without placing his life in jeopardy.-South Omaha Sun.

The appointment of our German friend, Peter Birkhouser, to succeed that traitor, Paul Van Dervoort as a member of the Omaha Board of Fire and Police Com missioners is a righteous move. Peter made several good speeches in Washington county. He is honest and capable. -Blair Republican.

The issue of postage stamps is limited no one ever heard of postage stamp inflation, or of stamps being depreciated by over issue.-New Era, Springfield, O.

To people of intelligence it is amusing to note the sigh of relief that comes from republicans when they read some of the late and very ordinary utterances of leading men in the people's party, such as Allen and Holcomb. These men have said nothing not in keeping with their general expression, nor at variance with the almost universal sentiment of the rank and file of their party. The important "two political pronounciamentos" from Allen and Holcomb are taken posed. This state is already a million and plead guilty.—David City Banner. It will not be opposed by any democratic work from the beginning has been in the

interests of good government on sound busines principles. But what feigned astonishment from the republican press at the pretended discovery that they havn't a corner on all the sense and honesty in the state. Now one of two things must be a fact. Either the republican press knew when they were defaming their opponents that they were doing it unjustly or else they did not know it. If they knew it they are guilty of most willful and malicious lying about their neighbors whom they hoped to defeat by such disreputable tactics, and failing they seized the first opportunity to back down by saying they were mistaken. On the other hand, if they really did not know better, they furnish a parallel to the people of the south in war times who are said to have believed that the vankees had horns. The republicans are just finding out that populists do not have horns, and by confessing to the discovery they prove how stupidly ignorant they have been.-Nebraska Home stead, (Gering.)

"I do not care to say more of the last election than that, in my opinion, it was a parody on popular government and free institutions I am curious to know what will be the result of the investigation proposed under the resolution of the gentleman from Nebraska-Allen. I would like to understand why in the new and growing state of Texas and others in the west there has been no increase population in four years, while in old, finished and completed states Ohio, Indiana and Illinois there has b an enormous increase, such as was never found before in any of the United States," -Senator Vest.

Mr. Bryan is a greater man since election day than he was before. Then he was only the leader of an unknown host; supposed in the popular belief to consist only of a few ragged regiments of unknown anarchists and reckless repudiators of honest debts. Even his friends. looked upon him as the to be pitied leader of a forlorn hope.

Today he stands before the world as the unchallenged and idolized chieftain of six and a half millions of the bravest most intelligent and patriotic citizens of America. He has demonstrated the very highest qualities of political leadership and statesmanship. Already his cause is recognized as a rising one, and even now his forces are gathering a vast army of recruits for the battles yet to come. His opponents, who, after the most apalling and reckless use of money in the campaign, succeed in winning by the narrow margin of twenty-five thousand votes out of fourteen millions, realize how slender is their hold on power and how hopeless is their battle against the resistless tide of the times and the ever rising waves of popular discontent that sooner or later, will surely sweep the plutocrats and their minions from the places of power they now hold in America.

-Knights of Labor Journal. Gold is a coward; it never fights wars; when it is most needed it sneaks off and hides; it only comes out when there is nodanger and has always been used as a leverage to rob the common people. Its use as money is a relic of barbarism and unworthy of the civilization of the nine teenth century .- Southern Iowa Educa-

A visit to the office of Mr. Bryan's private secretary, W. F. Schwind, is refreshing. A Nation man while in Lincoln strolled in there the other day, and such a curiosity shop we never saw before. There are thousands of letters bushels of them. Some of them contain photographs, some of them poetry, some long articles on economics, and all of them start out with a regret, of temporary defeat and close with a hope that Bryan will "lead us to victory in 1900." Some are earnest prayers for the preservation of Mr. Bryan's health four years more, some want his autograph, and offer suggestions for the campaign of 1900. One letter we saw was written by some crank in Connecticut, and contained sixty-one pages of closely written foolscap, trenting on the financial question. Some were from Maine, some from Florida, some from California, some from Texas and in fact from every state in our glorious union. To look at the great stacks of letters, it would seem that Mr. Bryan's votes were not all counted. It is needless to add that no "O. Mark, help me out, for these sounds letters from Mark Hanna or General Palmer were found in the pile.-Red

> Some people profess to think that congressman Kem's seat in the house should be declared vacant because he is a resident of Colorado, or at least has bought a farm there. These same fellows thought it would be right and proper to elect Oxnard senator from South Dakota, although he never was a resident of that state, and never intended to be come one,-Brownlee Hornet.

THE OMAHA EXPOSITION.

The Meeting Held to Boom It Was a Failure.

The meeting held in representative hall n the state house Tuesday evening to hear the beauties of the Omaha trans-Mississippi exposition shown up by the gentlemen of Omaha, and incidentally to insure the successful passage of the bill through the legislature to aid the exposition to the tune of \$350,000 proved somewhat of a boomerang, judging from the frequent applause that greeted Representative Wooster of Merrick county

in his opposition to it. The unadulterated unselfishness of the Omaha gentlemen who originated the scheme of the exposition add selected the entire board of fifty directors from among its own citizens, but who now demand a donation of \$350,000 of state funds for its aid on the grounds of "state pride," is truly appalling. That part of the bill authorizing the governor to appoint two commissioners from each congressional district in the state to sit only by the demands of the people, but with the Omaha directors at a per diem and expenses to see the state's appropriation paid out by the fifty Omaha gentlemen might be a bait for some exsectant "commissioner" to labor for the bill, but to the tax payer too much of

> While every citizen of the state feels just pride in our metropolis, still the farmers of Western Nebraska should not be asked at this time to increase the burden of taxation for the purpose of booming Omaha real estate.

the book is exposed.

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