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McKinley favors international bimetallism, but every member of his cabinet is a pronounced goldbug.

How many farmers would quit their farms at this season of the year to attend an unnecessary political conference?

The Independent Era of North Platte published Congressman W. L. Greene's speech on the tariff bill in full in their issue of April 22.

Lieutenant Governor J. E. Harris, has been governor of Nebraska during the past week. His administration though short has been a pronounced success.

Quite a change—a republican candidate for the U. S. senate—indicted by the grand jury for offering bribes. There is no room in the U. S. senate for such men as Dr. Hunter of Kentucky.

Keep up the fight for populist principles. Educate your neighbors. It is recruits and converts to the party principles that we need. The matter of conference, convention and candidates will be attended to at the proper time at the national convention.

The governor's trip to the south will be of incalculable value to the state if it results in closer trade relations. The value of a southern outlet for the products of this state could hardly be estimated. It would save millions of dollars to our farmers annually.

Any number of populists, one, two or two-hundred can get together and hold a little revival meeting, and fix up a political slate, if they desire to do so, but there is only one power that can call a national convention of the populist party and that is the national committee that was duly elected at the last national convention.

The Kansas legislature passed resolutions favoring an amendment to the national constitution making it possible for congress to levy an income tax. This was certainly a step in the right direction. Other states should take the same action. An income tax is just and the people should demand and enforce the demand that such a law be placed in operation at the earliest possible moment.

The populist party is the only organization that stands for honest and rigid economy in the management of state affairs. There are many honest democrats and many honest republicans but the democratic and republican organizations are controlled by aristocratic and plutocratic members in the interest of certain classes without regard to the welfare of the common people.

The arbitration treaty was the foulest blow at the liberty of the American people ever attempted. It involves nothing more than a complete surrender to the English gold power. This government should refuse to be a party to any international or European war or peace agreement. Aside from commercial relations we want no dealings with European powers. We need no representation in their entangling alliances.

The republican mayor of Lincoln has appointed the notorious Bud Lindsey to be street commissioner. Bud has been the proprietor of several saloons, wine rooms and other institutions peculiar to a large city. The selection is a very appropriate one, as all of the class of people to which Bud belongs vote the straight republican ticket. They are certainly entitled to a slice of that great wave of prosperity.

Professor H. E. Dawes read a most valuable and interesting paper before the meeting of the Otoe county teachers' association on the subject of free libraries for public schools. He took the position that the government in publishing its reports should supply them to the public schools where they should be kept for reference. In time they would form a valuable reference library, to which could be added works of literature and history.

THE BANKING SYSTEM.

Banks continue to fail, and each failure means enormous losses to depositors. The Globe National bank of Chicago is one of the recent cases. It appears that the depositors will receive practically nothing. The failures of the past three years ought to convince everyone that the banking system as it exists at present is about the most dangerous that could be devised. Business men and laboring men deposit their earnings with the bank. These deposits in the aggregate amount to an enormous sum. The officials of the bank loan this money to the highest bidder or use it in some more dangerous speculation. If by chance he is fortunate and successful all is well with the depositors. If his guessing is bad, if unfortunate in his speculation it means the wreck of the bank, and financial ruin to hundreds of depositors. One of the greatest needs of business men is a stable and reliable banking system. It is important to the business man to know when he deposits his money from day to day in a bank that he will be able to get it again when his obligations become due. It is essential to the laboring man to know that his savings from week to week are safely deposited where he can secure the money on demand in case of sickness or other emergency. It is the duty of government to look to the welfare of its citizens in these particulars. The government should establish a banking system, and guarantee with all its credit and taxing power, the safe return of every dollar deposited in its banks. Panics would then be unknown. It would afford a stability in business that has never existed. That the government can do this successfully none need doubt. In the treasury department where hundreds of millions of dollars are handled every year there has not been the slightest defalcation since the beginning of the government. In the postoffice department where the daily transactions in the money order department are enormous the losses by error or otherwise are too small to deserve serious consideration. No loss occurs but the government makes it good. The government is in duty bound to protect its citizens. It has made laws against highway robbers and protects its citizens in the enjoyment of their savings so long as they keep them in their pockets, but when the savings amount to more than it is prudent for them to carry it furnishes no relief. It only half performs duty.

THE EUROPEAN CONCERT.

About the greatest fiction of modern times is the so-styled "European Concert," supposed to be an organization or agreement between the great nations of Europe to protect the rights of the smaller and weaker nations in time of dispute. The fact is fast developing that this "concert" is nothing different from any other gigantic trust combination, that it has the same object, to prey upon the weak and helpless. It stood idly by during the massacres in Crete, the rebellion in Syria. It upholds Spain in the Cuban war and now has brought about war between Greece and Turkey and adjoining states. As a peace preserver it is a total failure. As a machine for plunder and robbery it is a remarkable success. The insincerity of the agreement is shown in the fact that all of the nations that belong have been constantly increasing their armies and navies and continually preparing for war. When they have wrecked, destroyed and plundered all of the smaller states, we may expect them to fight among themselves for the supremacy and ultimate conquest of the continent. What other object can they give for their continued activity in preparing for war? This is an age of trusts, and the military trust of Europe is the greatest of them all. What will come of it no one can tell.

THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER.

The recent disastrous floods along the southern half of the Mississippi river; the great loss of life and damage to property, demand careful attention at the present session of congress. Large sums of money are expended each year in river and harbor construction, but it does not seem to have been expended in such a manner as to afford any material protection in time of flood. The common sense manner to control the great "father of waters" would be to give it room according to its size. The attempt to confine it within high levees constructed along the banks of the river has proven a failure. These levees should be constructed back several miles from each bank. This would afford a channel of sufficient width to carry the great volume of water. The embankments would not need to be as high as at present and could be more strongly constructed. This would require a considerable outlay of money, but would afford the protection desired. Once constructed by the government, the states through which they pass should keep them in repair.

If you will send in a club of four new subscribers at \$1 each (cash with the order), we will send you prepaid a copy of Bryan's famous book, "The First Battle."

Send in a club of three yearly subscribers, \$1.00 each (cash with the order), and we will send you the INDEPENDENT one year to pay you for your trouble.

The new organization of the freight and passenger associations has been completed. Nearly all the roads have signed the articles of agreement. Everyone will admit that this organization has for its object, and will produce the same effect as did the recent associations that were declared to be unlawful by the supreme court. In an effort to evade a court's decision Eugene V. Debs was punished for contempt of court and compelled to serve a term in jail. These railway magnates are a different class of men. They organize for mutual benefit and bind themselves to pay tremendous forfeitures and fines for violation of the agreement. A test case is made and several years time is used up in the courts in getting a final decision. The court decides that their "association" is unlawful. They immediately dissolve the "association" and enter into an "agreement" having the same purpose and intent as the "association," and the American people will be forced to wait eight or ten years for another case to take its wearisome course through the courts. It is not alone contempt of court, it is contempt for the rights of the American people.

A number of Americans, who evidently wish they were not, have arranged to send a \$1,500,000 present to Queen Victoria on the occasion of the Queen's jubilee. They do this in face of the fact that they have already been notified that their presence on that occasion is not desired. Queen Victoria is a woman worthy the esteem and admiration of the world, not so much because she is queen of England, but on account of her womanly qualities. The jubilee celebration is purely an English affair. It has been so announced to the world. It borders on insult to the queen to have a few Americans presume to buy recognition at the celebration by sending a present calculated to be of sufficient value to attract the attention of everyone. It is certainly humiliating to the great body of American citizens to see the self exalted few multi-millionaires of New York claiming to represent the pride of America bowing in sackcloth and ashes at the feet of English royalty.

The republican press of the state finds it difficult to specifically criticize the actions of the last legislature. There were no disgraceful scenes of immorality and drunkenness at the close of the session to be held up as a horrible example of "hogs in the parlor." The legislative expenses were less than at preceding republican administrations. The number of clerks and the salaries appropriated are less than two years ago. In the general appropriations there is a saving of more than half a million, more than two dollars for every voter in the state. The wail of the republican press is that the saving should have been a million of dollars. Had the savings been greater than they were we should find them assailing the party because it had crippled the state institutions. As it is they are without ammunition, with a record of more than a quarter of a century of stealing and plunder of public funds to defend. Indeed, "the way of the transgressor is hard."

A woman attending service in Park Avenue church, Syracuse, removed her pretty spring hat, and sat with uncovered head throughout the sermon. Some of the Syracuse papers are commending her highly, and say that the custom of removing hats in church should be just as much of an item for public comfort as it is in the theaters. They are right. There is nothing that so completely ruffles a man's temper as to be dropped down behind some woman wearing a hat as tall as a steampack that completely shuts off his view of the speaker. The sermon is of no value to him. He will go home disgusted with the whole performance.

We have no objection to conferences of individuals as individuals, but when they attempt to bind the populist party by their action, they are assuming the authority that of right belongs to the millions of voters of the populist party. Their duly accredited and elected representatives, the national committee has decided that a conference of the party is unnecessary. That settles the conference so far as the populist party is concerned. Individuals may hold a conference in every precinct in the union; we hope they will and that they will discuss the best methods to adopt to drive the English gold combine forever from our land.

The last legislature did the people of this state a great benefit in the improvement and extension of the laws in relation to Mutual insurance. They made it possible to insure almost every kind of property in Mutual insurance companies when properly organized for that purpose. The Farmers Mercantile Mutual Insurance Company, organized at Lincoln, with Governor Holcomb as president and W. B. Lynch as secretary is thoroughly organized and is writing a large amount of insurance. They have complied with the law in every particular and will conduct a Mutual insurance company in a business way. Those desiring insurance should address the secretary at Lincoln.

Stand up for Nebraska papers. They stand up for Nebraska.

POPULISM IN NEBRASKA.

The populists of Nebraska have been more successful than the populists of any other state in the union. They have been criticized by some members of the party in other parts of the country. Those who have criticized them have not fully understood the political conditions in this state. There are peculiar features in the politics of every state. What may be the best course for one state may not always be the best course for the party in the other state. In Nebraska populism has had a steady growth. Beginning in 1890 the principles of the populist party were thoroughly taught and instilled into the minds of the farmers of this state through the teachings of the secret meetings of the farmers alliance. The result of the election that Fall was a surprise to everyone. The farmer vote was about three-fourths for the populist ticket. The cities were divided between the republican and democratic parties as usual. It is admitted by everyone conversant with the facts that the populist candidates were in reality elected, but by shrewd manipulation of the old political parties, were defrauded of their offices. The republican party had been for many years the dominant party in the state, had controlled all of the state and practically all of the county offices. As is usually the case with a dominant party, all "spoilsmen" were adherents of the republican party. The democratic party was in a hopeless minority. As is usually the case with a minority party its members were members from conviction. In general they opposed the high tariff system and extravagant methods of the republican party in both state and national affairs. The populist party, with probably as many converts from one of the old parties as the other, had shown itself a foe able to cope with the republican party. It was natural that the democratic party should prefer to aid the populists in preference to their long hated enemy. The more liberal, unselfish and patriotic elements of the democratic party lent their assistance in the different localities and gradually populist county officers and liberal democrats displaced the republican officers. In 1894, with the aid of many liberal republicans they were able to defeat the republican candidate for governor. Nebraska had the only populist governor in the Union. On the success of his administration largely depended the fate of the populist party in this state. That it was a success and met with the approval of the masses of the people is shown by the fact that he was re-elected with ten times his first plurality, together with the entire state ticket and two-thirds of both branches of the legislature. It was an endorsement of the principles and administration of the populist party that ought to forever silence the slanderous abuse of the opposition press. The truth of the assertion of the populist party that republican administrations in this state had been a succession of robberies and plunderings of public funds is fast appearing. They have already unearthed defalcations in all amounting to more than a million of dollars, and work of investigation has only just begun. The eastern press would do well to investigate as to facts before they heap slander upon Nebraska and Nebraska populism.

THE GOVERNOR'S TRIP.

There has been much said about Governor Holcomb's "special car" trip to Texas. The opposition press have said that the trip was in the interest of the railroads, a real estate boom, for private gain etc. The facts are that the governor and wife and his private secretary, Benton Maret and wife, and party left Lincoln in an ordinary railway coach. At Kansas City they joined the Moffit and Edwards excursion to Port Arthur. There were four of the so-called special coaches in which were traveling, business men, merchants, traveling men and farmers in the same proportion as usual upon a railway train. The governor's party was not wined and dined by any man or set of men. They paid for their sleeping berths and got off at the proper stations and bought their meals in the same manner as the rest of the 150 excursionists. They spent three days at Port Arthur, took a plunge in the great bay and enjoyed themselves in the best manner possible. It was a recreation that the governor greatly needed after his close confinement and arduous labors during the legislative session.

At Port Arthur the governor received considerable attention. Why should he not. The chief executive of the great state of Nebraska is entitled to attention. In a speech the governor advocated closer trade relations between the south and west, and suggested that a north and south railroad would be a great benefit to both states. If Governor Holcomb never has any greater crime to answer for than this trip to the southern seaports, he will be remembered in history as one of the noblest of state officials.

Patronize Nebraska industries. Buy flour made at Nebraska mills from Nebraska grown wheat. Always give the preference to home industry. This will keep money at home, and build up Nebraska institutions.

Just try a 10c box of Casareta, the best liver and bowel regulator ever made.

In 1893, four years ago, in the face of a temporary defeat Mr. Bryan said: "You may think you have buried the cause of bimetallism, you may congratulate yourselves that you have left the free coinage of silver away in a sepulchre newly made since the election; and before the door rolled the veto stone. But, sirs, if our cause is just as I believe it is your labor has been in vain. "No tomb was ever made so strong that it could imprison a righteous cause. That will lay aside its grave clothes and shroud. It will rise; and its rising and reign will bless mankind."

At that time there were comparatively few supporters of the cause of free silver. Today a majority of the American people stand ready to support that cause and its greatest champion. In the history of this government there never was a principle so far reaching in its results that gained popular favor so quickly; there never was a leader who won the entire confidence of the American people in so short a time. Centuries from now historians will tell of the wonderful leadership of William J. Bryan.

UNITED STATES MILITIA.

It May be Assembled at the Trans-Mississippi Exposition.

An effort is being made by the Trans-Mississippi Exposition to have the militia of the United States assembled during the fair. This would be a new and very attractive feature at the exposition. The war department has taken the matter up and the feasibility of the plan will be carefully investigated. It is generally believed that the general government would favor the affair and provide for the necessary expense. It looks at this time as if the plan may succeed. Assistant Secretary of War Mikklejohn should, and doubtless will, use every opportunity to push the matter to the front.

Duties of the Governor.

A gentleman in the state of New York considers it the duty of the governor to conduct an advertising department in connection with his office as shown by the following letter received at the governor's office last week:

Mr. Governor, State of Nebraska, Dear Sir: I have an uncle by the name of John H. Armstrong and his whereabouts I don't know and take this way to find him and now his last whereabouts as I find by letters is Saratoga, Holt county. And now I ask a favor of you and it is to advertise for his whereabouts and let me know.

Ever yours, A. F. REED, Savannah, Wayne Co., N. Y.

A Nebraskan Honored.

Professor Lawrence Bruner sailed from New York for Argentine Republic last Saturday. He will investigate the best means of exterminating the grass hoppers that are now destroying the crops in that country. Mr. Bruner has been connected with the university of Nebraska for many years and is regarded as one of the best ornithologists and entomologists in the United States.

BARTLEY ARRESTED AGAIN

On a Criminal Complaint Filed with Judge Gordon in Omaha.

Sheriff McDonald came to Lincoln last Wednesday to arrest Hon. J. S. Bartley, ex-state treasurer, under a warrant issued by Police Judge Gordon of Omaha. The complaint is of the regular form of criminal complaints and charges Bartley with appropriating to his own use \$201,848.05 of the state's money. The object of commencing the trial in Omaha is to get a hearing outside of Lancaster county for it is well known that no defaulter can be convicted in the republican courts of that county. The sheriff did not take Mr. Bartley to Omaha until Thursday morning. A continuance will be asked for and Mr. Bartley will be required to give bonds to appear for trial.

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SCISSORS DEPARTMENT.

It is reported that an organization of iron workers has been effected in Pennsylvania, whose cardinal principle is that they walk backwards to the polls hereafter. It is based upon the conviction that their hind sight is much better than their foresight. We would advise miners and farmers in other localities to do likewise.—American X Rays.

When a republican howls about our legislature's record just refer him to the Illinois outfit of hoodlums now in session at Springfield. The great monopolies of Illinois have full swing and even the Chicago Record has entered a protest. When a corporation wants something, all it has to do is to ask for it and it comes.—Geneva Gazette

A Lions Share. Man wants but little here below. His share must needs be small, For doesn't everybody know That woman wants it all. The Squibbler.

Query: If John M. Thurston is not still in the employ of the Union Pacific railroad company how does it happen he has authority to order the Union Pacific to furnish him an elegant private car? Does he pay for it out of his senatorial salary, or is it deducted from his salary as attorney for the Union Pacific railroad? Perhaps this is a fitting recognition on the part of the railroad for the excellent services of Mr. Thurston when he slyly took the maximum freight case out of the state court into the United States court.—New Era. (Kearney.)

To Divide the Reform Forces.

The aim of the republican press at present is to divide the reform forces. The leaders of the opposition see by the recent local elections that wherever the reform forces have held together they have made great gains over the presidential returns. This is so very plain that it has set the leaders at work. They are working through all their channels of education with this object in view—the best way to divide the reform forces. Even the English press is taking up the game of Washburn and applauding it. Of course thoughtful men understand what this is for. It is of benefit to England and the great eastern magnates and the g. o. p. it cannot be of benefit to the reform party. The stronger the reform forces are united the worse the other fellows like it. This ought to show us that we all ought to be united the more firmly if we want to perform more effective work.—Fremont Leader.

McKinley's elected; Bryan is not. The election is over; the campaign is not. Confidence has been restored; prosperity has not. The capitalists are banqueting; the idle class is satisfied; the toiling masses are not. The population is increasing; the volume of money is not. The number of empty mouths is increasing; the ability to fill them is not.—South Omaha Sun.

Sewall Gets Something.

Harold M. Sewall, the son of the democratic candidate for vice president upon the democratic ticket, has been appointed and confirmed as minister to Hawaii. Sewall is a bright and capable young man, but if the News had been giving out the offices it would have passed over in silence any claims that this gentleman from Maine might have made.—News (rep) Lincoln.

Senator Chandler introduced a bill in the senate reflecting republican sentiment, whereby competition in trade is to be abolished and organizations forced to maintain prices and make profits notwithstanding business depressions. This was too good an opportunity for Senator Allen to pass by in silence, so he demanded of the senator from New Hampshire if he was aware of the fact that this was the rankest paternalism, and that no man in the palmy days of populism was ever wild-eyed enough or long-haired enough to introduce a bill of this kind.—Western News. (Valentine.)