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The election of Stephen R. Mallory to be United States Senator from Florida to succeed Senator Call, fills all vacancies except one. It is generally conceded that with all of the 89 members present the silver men have one majority. On all party questions except silver the republicans have a majority.

An old Kansas City colored man who stole a lump of coal valued at 2 1/2 cents got two days in jail. It is figured out that if a conviction is secured and a proportionate sentence given, the defaulting republican treasurer of Nebraska will get 109,586 years—Vancouver Register.

Send a list of ten or more names and addresses of responsible farmers or business men in your locality who would be likely to subscribe for this paper and we will send you a copy of S. S. King's book "A Few Financial Facts" to pay for your trouble. We will send them sample copies.

W. J. Bryan asks the advocates of the gold standard a very pertinent question. During the campaign the gold standard advocates said that bimetalism meant barbarism. Bryan asks: "If the gold standard is the standard of civilization why should we risk a return to barbarism by chasing after international bimetalism?"

Jo A. Parker, the populist candidate for clerk of the court of appeals in Kentucky is making a lively contest for election. He is an out and out populist true to all of the principles of the party. He is conducting a campaign of education and asks the support of the voters because the principles of his party are correct. He deserves election.

The senate has passed the Morgan resolution recognizing the belligerent rights of Cuba and has turned it over to Tom Reed, the solitary survivor of the house of representatives. The people of the United States await his pleasure. What will it be? Reed could and did pass a tariff measure in a very few days, but a Cuban resolution—that's a different thing. He must wait and listen carefully to the roar from the Shylocks along the Atlantic seaboard.

The populists and free silver democrats of Pennsylvania are making an effort to nominate Ex-Congressman Joseph C. Sibley as the joint candidate of both parties for governor this fall. Sibley was first nominated for congress by the populists and endorsed by the democrats and prohibitionists and elected four years ago. He is one of the ablest advocates of financial reform to be found in the United States. If he should be the combined candidate for governor of Pennsylvania he could hardly be defeated.

Populism is spreading. At Des Moines Iowa, at the municipal election last week the voters decided by an overwhelming majority that the city of Des Moines should own and operate its own electric lighting system. The vote was 3,864 in favor of municipal ownership to 1,877 against, nearly three to one. The existing lighting companies did all they could to defeat the proposition, but for once the right prevailed. The plant will be constructed at an early day and is to be paid for in six and one third years. It is believed that it will ultimately reduce the cost of electric lights to one third of the present charges. There are cities in Nebraska that might very profitably follow the example set by Des Moines.

MUSHY FOREIGN POLICY.

The present national administration seems to be following in the footsteps of Grover Cleveland so far as a foreign policy is concerned. Cleveland would not interfere in behalf of the Cubans and allowed American citizens in that island to be imprisoned without cause, explanation, or trial. McKinley is engaged at present muzzling members of congress for fear they will pass a resolution condemning such action and recognizing the belligerent rights of the Cuban insurgents. He had abundant information concerning the progress of the war and the savage and inhuman methods of General Weyler, which he concealed from the press and from the members of the senate and house for many weeks. When the senate passed a resolution calling upon him to furnish the facts and information in his possession he responded by sending in a little information, but withheld the names of the consuls and the sources from which it came for fear that the Spanish soldiery might do violence to the American ministry. Is it possible that a duly accredited representative of the United States must speak in a whisper in the dark, for fear that Spanish soldiers will take his life? Is that the condition that exists, and yet the American congress hesitates to notice that there is war in Cuba. Such a mushy foreign policy deserves only the contempt of every loyal and patriotic American. Think of other nations under similar circumstances. How long would it take England, Germany, or Russia to send a war vessel to protect her consul in sending an official report to his government? Such a policy will cause the American flag to be despised among the nations of the world, and hooted at by little principalities. The "vigorous foreign policy" of the republican party proves to be only an international commercialism, dictated by the bond manipulators of the east. The nation that would have the respect and loyalty of its subjects must protect them on land and sea in all parts of the world, in the dark and in the daylight.

A nation that fails in this fails in its object. An Englishman breathes freely in every clime. He knows that when his credentials are known the nation that dares to give him insult or injury must answer in damages or face the English army. It is her determined foreign policy that makes the blood of England's subjects boil with patriotism. Would that we had a president with courage equal to the patriotism of the American people. American missionaries would not be murdered with impunity by the Turks, and American citizens would not then be languishing in filthy Spanish prisons in Cuba.

VETOES THE INHERITANCE TAX.

Governor Black has vetoed the inheritance tax bill passed by the last legislature of New York. The bill was a very just one and was designed to place a part of the burden of taxation upon the great wealth of New York where it properly belongs. The only opposition that was urged against the measure was that it would drive the wealthy men out of the state. It would be interesting to know where they would go. Such a tax has already been levied in most of the central states and other states are rapidly following. All of the civilized countries in Europe levy such a tax called an "estate duty" and in almost every case is higher than that proposed by the New York legislature. Such a tax is levied in most of the provinces of England and is levied on both real and personal property. The New York law only applied to personal property and such property as is not easily taxed during the lifetime of the owner for the reason that he usually conceals it. In England an estate valued at one million dollars would pay an estate duty of \$65,000. The same estate in New York if entirely composed of personal property under the law which was vetoed would have to pay an inheritance tax of only \$10,000. A two million dollar estate in England pays \$140,000 while under the law vetoed in New York it would have paid \$60,000.

England's lords and aristocracy must contribute to the support of the English government, but America's millionaires are a source of continual expense to the American government. They insist and secure through congress all kinds of special legislation in their behalf, but strongly refuse to be taxed or in any way contribute to the support of the government. In England and other European monarchies an income tax and inheritance tax are just, equitable and constitutional, but in America our financiers would make the people believe that such ideas are born of socialism and reared by anarchy. When the people place the populist party in power inordinate wealth will be properly taxed and not until then.

BROKER CHAPMAN'S CRIME.

Broker Chapman has gone to jail. The crime of which he was convicted was committed in 1894. The House had passed the Wilson tariff bill and put sugar, both raw and refined on the free list. In the Senate the bill met a strong lobby in opposition demanding discriminating duties in favor of the sugar trust. The value of stocks of the sugar trust depended largely upon the vote of the senators. Stocks fluctuated greatly in price according as the senators expressed an inclination favorable or antagonistic to the trust. Senators thus had it in their power to cause the price of shares to go up and down at will. Some of them availed themselves of the opportunity and began speculating in the stocks. The matter was aired through the press and criticism was severe. The senate ordered an investigation in order that the guilty might be known and the innocent cleared of suspicion. Chapman was a New York broker who had been "operating" for some of the senators. He was summoned before the investigating committee and was questioned as to his dealings. He admitted that he had bought and sold stocks for senators but refused to give their names saying that he wished to "protect his clients." The statute declaring it to be a criminal offense to refuse to answer the questions of a duly authorized committee of the senate was read to him in order that he might not claim ignorance of the law. Senator Allen explained it to him fully, and then taking the roll of senators and naming them separately asked Chapman whether he had operated for them or not. In the case of Senator Brice Chapman stated that he had not, in regard to all of the others he refused to answer. For his willful and deliberate refusal Chapman was tried in the United States court; convicted, and sent to jail. The same charges are now pending against Havemeyer and Searles, the president and secretary of the trust.

The people of Nebraska would appreciate an explanation from Hon. John M. Thurston as to why the president and "Tom Reed the congress" oppose the recognition of the belligerent rights of Cuba. Everyone knows that if President McKinley and his Czar favored the passage of the Morgan resolution it could be passed in two or three days. There is not a populist and scarcely a democrat that would go on record against the resolution. In the senate there were no populists and only two democrats who voted against it. If there are those who think it ought not to pass they should read what Senator Thurston said concerning the war in Cuba. In the progress of his speech he said: "Peace in Cuba! If there is peace in Cuba, it is the peace of devastated fields. If there is peace in Cuba it is the peace of desolated homes. If there is peace in Cuba it is the peace of ravished women and starving children, and the paeans of this peace are sung by the uncoffined dead." This is the condition of affairs in Cuba as described by Nebraska's junior senator and yet the republican president refuses to act. Senator Allen and every other populist senator have been speaking for Cuban independence at every opportunity for the last six months and at last have aroused a little patriotism in the bosoms of a few of our republican statesmen. We appeal to the president and his Czar in the words of Thurston: "Let us despatch the mightiest battle-ship of the United States to Cuba. Let us station her in the harbor of Havana. There her crowning guns may disturb the spirit of tyranny by night, and by day her shining stars may cheer the hearts of those who are struggling to be free." Let Thurston boast no more of the loyalty and devotion of the republican party to the American flag until it has acted in behalf of humanity and Americanism on the Island of Cuba.

A MERE MATH.

Since the change in the administration of the state's affairs events are transpiring which must give to the public considerable satisfaction. Not only is there a widespread desire to see justice meted out to embezzlers of funds, both public and private, but there is a growing sentiment in favor of some action that will prevent in the future any chance of such criminal actions in officials. That this sentiment is sincere among the masses of the people no one doubts. Just how sincere it may be among certain political leaders is hard to determine. There has been in the past just such a carnival of corruption among officers as has occurred in the last administration in this state, but all attempts to punish the guilty parties were made with such a lack of vigor and desire to see justice done that few convictions followed. And even when conviction was had the punishment inflicted was farcial in the extreme. This was especially true where the accused; the judge and the jury happened to belong to the republican party. This was true in the case of the penitentiary investigation several years ago. It was true in Outcalt's case, and was the powerful factor in securing the extremely light sentence for Charley Mosher. It accounts for the escape of Treasurer Hill and the other conspirators of his time. The present officials will prosecute the case more vigorously than preceding officers have done. We predict a different ending in the cases against the twin criminals Bartley and Moore. The active and energetic prosecution by Attorney-General Smyth will force the republican party to desert these men, to offer them up as a sacrifice, in the interest of its own self-preservation. The republican courts will not dare to trump up legal technicalities to defeat justice in these cases. The party still suffering from the wounds received in the engagement last fall, had what little vitality it still possessed taken from it by the exposure of the rottenness existing in the treasurer's and auditor's offices. Lifeless, robbed of glory through the perfidy of their own officials, they will leave no stone unturned which could in any way aid them to gain back what they have lost. They are aware that the people are aroused and look with suspicion upon their premises, and they stand ready to take desperate steps to recover the ground lost. It is this desire on their part that will in all probability allow justice to take its course in the courts in the cases against Bartley and Moore. The republican politicians will stand and look on without interference and then claim the glory of the conviction. The party must be saved. This is one way to do it. Of course it may be only spasmodic, but even being so, the people are to be congratulated that in these cases the chances for conviction and punishment are at present brighter than ever before. The people understand the situation and will place the credit where it properly belongs—on the side of the present administration. The spasmodic efforts of the republican press to repudiate their defaulters will deceive only a few. It was said long ago "render unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's." We now tender to the republican party the things which are republican and refuse to omit the Honorables, Eugene Moore and J. S. Bartley.

THURSTON ON SILVER.

Extracts from the famous speech of Hon. John M. Thurston concerning the free coinage of silver will appear in the session laws for Nebraska this year. This is made necessary from the fact that the legislature, in accordance with the senators request made two years ago, passed a joint resolution instructing him to vote in favor of the free and unlimited coinage of silver. The chapter will be the last in the book. Mr. Sheldon who has compiled the session laws for publication, has made this chapter as interesting and attractive as possible. That he has been successful is well shown by the fact that many republicans talk of an injunction suit to prevent the insertion of this resolution which was duly passed by the legislature, in the session laws. There is no court not even those in Lancaster county that would dare to make such a ruling. Mr. Sheldon has selected for marginal notes statements from the speeches indicating clearly the senator's position on the silver question. The first one reads: Hon. John M. Thurston's declaration on the free coinage of silver." Others are as follows: "Favored Free Coinage before any other champion in Nebraska." "West must have cheap money" "American people denounced free and unlimited coinage of silver." "Money is scarce." "Stringent money makes rich richer and poor poorer." "Demonetization of silver not for the best interests of the people." "Cannot be too much money." "Hardship on debtors." "We are not realizing prosperity under gold monometallism." "Money ought to be loaned for three or four per cent per annum." "Bankers and capitalists should not have power to contract currency." "Asks instructions from the legislature." All of the above declarations were made by Senator Thurston and in his speeches were clearly demonstrated as correct principles of finance. Read the session laws.

The Times at Louisville, Kentucky, (republican) publishes an extended editorial in favor of the election of United States Senators by direct vote of the people. The Times during the campaign denounced Mr. Bryan and populism more severely than any other Kentucky paper. Perhaps they have forgotten that the election of senators by direct vote has been a principle of the populist party from the beginning, and that Mr. Bryan has advocated the principle for many years. One by one the eastern papers are admitting that the principles of the populist party are just and correct.

The United States is the solitary exception to the rule that each nation makes its own laws. Our statesmen must consult European powers before they legislate on either finance or Cuban independence. Brave statesmen. Glorious administration.

Havemeyer, the sugar king, says that Senator Allen was personal in his questioning. Perhaps he was. The case required that he should be. If you need a sewing machine you can not do better to than buy an "Independent." See ad on another page. It has developed that Greece had a king, as we had a president, willing to become rich on his country's misfortune. Is it any wonder that Havemeyer and Searles contribute liberally to keep the republican and democratic parties in power? They are anxious to prevent the spread of populism. They have met one populist senator from Nebraska and are likely to serve a term in jail for refusing to answer his questions. One populist senator is enough for Havemeyer, Searles and Chapman. The farmers of this state should stir up the state board of transportation, with a view of securing a reduction in freight rates. The members of the board are Hon. G. L. Laws, Hon. J. W. Edgerton and Hon. J. C. Dahlman. Their address is Lincoln, Nebraska. Write them a letter and suggest that they get a move on themselves before it is everlastingly too late. The law enlarging their powers takes effect July 9.

H. Wittman & Co., wholesale and retail harness, saddlery and bicycles, have a half page ad in this issue of the INDEPENDENT. This firm is one of the oldest and best established in Lincoln and have by far the largest and best selected stock of goods. If you need a harness, saddle or bicycle, do not fail to write them for prices. They keep first class goods and retail them at wholesale prices. It is not infrequently said that if a man is a good newspaper man he is good for nothing else, but to this there are many exceptions, one of which is our esteemed friend who edits the Granger at Auburn. Mr. Dundas conducts a good paper, made a creditable record as state senator and is also the inventor of the most practical farm gate to be found. So simple, cheap and practical is this gate that he has sold as high as eight gates to one farmer. Mr. Dundas is at present at 1446 N street of this city where he is putting agents to work selling both gates and territory and as Bro. Dundas is one of the writers in the newspaper field we wish him success.

The decision in the Mills case, in Harlan county, that a man that borrows public money from a public officer is as guilty as the officer that loans the public funds and should be punished to the same extent, is a just decision. It should be strictly enforced. Public officers are continually besieged with applicants for loans of public money. The application to an officer for public money ought to be declared as an "attempted conspiracy against the state" and should be made a crime punishable with a long term of imprisonment. The most genial county treasurer that Lancaster county ever had, committed suicide when he learned that those whom he had aided with county money would not repay when the time came. They should be held responsible for his death. This defaulting treasurer of Omaha is to serve nineteen years in the penitentiary because his friends borrowed of him and he betrayed him. Of course he is guilty and ought to be punished. But the others are equally guilty and ought to be punished equally.

POPULIST EDITOR WANTED.

We have information of a good opening for a POPULIST editor. The paper has a large circulation and is well established. The pay as is usual, would not be very good, but it would be sure. The position would be steady. A man of experience and known ability would be preferred, but the position is not beyond the reach of a younger man if he can show that he has ability, and is a thorough believer in all of the principles of the populist party. For further particulars address EDITOR THE INDEPENDENT, Lincoln Neb.

The present telephone rates in the United States are unproductive of the consequences of private ownership. In Boston the annual rental of a telephone is from \$75 to \$156, within a mile of the exchange, with extras raising it to \$200 for greater distances. In Philadelphia the charge for an ordinary house telephone runs from \$100 to \$250 a year. In New York it is usually \$240 a year. The charge for five minutes' use of the long distance telephones between New York and Chicago is \$10. The public telephone in Germany costs a subscriber \$36 a year; in England the charge is \$35.00; in New Zealand, \$24; in Switzerland \$24 the first year, \$20 the second and \$16 the third; in Sweden, \$10 a year, put in free of cost and connected with every city in the kingdom. The populist party advocates the government or municipal ownership of the telegraph and telephone systems.

Many of the "notables" of New York and other eastern states are urging the necessity of a new executive mansion for the president. The present White House is not large enough to accommodate the millionaires and politicians in attendance at the state balls and banquets. This nation must not fall behind the aristocracy of Europe in such lines. Two or three millions expended in building a "suitable" executive mansion would scarcely be felt by the American people. Increase the tax on tea two or three cents more and levy a little more tariff on sugar and lumber, and each family would be compelled to contribute about equally to the support of the great show that comes off in Washington every season. We have had great strides of progress in "court manners" since the days of Thomas Jefferson and Abraham Lincoln. The McKinley inauguration cost more than any in the history of the United States, and the construction of a many million dollar mansion would be in perfect harmony with the principles of the party which he represents.

In 1868, Wheeling W. Va., bought her gas plant for \$170,000. The price of gas was \$2.50 per 1,000 feet. Under municipal operation the debt has been paid, the plant is now worth \$500,000 and there is a surplus. In 1888 gas was 75 cents, many of the public buildings were lighted free, and the net municipal profit was over \$27,000. A member of the Wheeling city council said in a New York paper: There was no burden on the city treasury to the taxpayers after the original purchase of the gas plant, for there was sufficient immediate returns from the sale of gas to meet the cost of every improvement. From the first day the city took charge of the gas works they were turning out improved gas at a profit and the money thus made was used for payments upon city loans. From the profit of manufacturing improved gas at reduced prices, we enlarged, rebuilt and modernized the plant. Gas companies cannot do business in our city, though the field is wide open to them and there is no restrictions. Populist principles are a success when enacted into law in states as far east as West Virginia.

A BOOK FREE. We want the names and addresses of responsible farmers and business men to whom we may send sample copies of this paper with some chance of getting them to subscribe. In order to get such a list we have decided to send a copy of S. S. King's book, entitled "A Few Financial Facts" to every person sending in a list of ten or more names and addresses. It is a valuable book with over sixty illustrative diagrams and retails at 25 cents per copy. Senator Allen says of the book, "it possesses great merit and should be extensively read by all who desire to see a reform in our monetary system." All that is necessary for you to get a copy is to send in a list of the names and addresses of ten or more farmers or business men in your locality. We wish you to make as good a selection as possible. The names of populists who are able and likely to subscribe for this paper are preferred.

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