

THE POPULAR LOAN.

DO BOND SUBSCRIPTIONS MEAN THAT THE PEOPLE ARE PROSPEROUS?

Did the Administration Fool the Plutocrats and Fill the Poor Men's Pockets? What Would It Signify if Men of Small Means Did Buy Bonds?

The Cleveland Citizen says that when it was announced that the total subscriptions to the \$200,000,000 war loan, including syndicate offers, had reached \$1,325,000,000 the subsidized capitalistic organs shouted for joy at this "splendid evidence of patriotism among the common people." The workingmen and farmers received endless encomiums of praise, and good natured paragraphs reminded us that the sharp eyed, bond grabbing plutocrats "have been fooled." Lucky workingmen, lucky farmers, to find themselves with bonds sticking from their pockets! How happy they must feel at their good fortune! It is such a pretty picture to see the toilers wearing grins of joy as they display big wads of bonds—in the comic papers—and the plutocrats stand by wearing scowls and cursing their ill luck. McKinley is such a saintly man, bless him! He "fooled" the plutes, fellow countrymen! Of course here and there we find a toiler who was not in on this "popular loan"—who couldn't help McKinley fool 'em—but he is usually cocksure that "some other workingmen" assisted in the fooling business.

Certain people are unpatriotic enough to declare that the "popular loan" was a delusion and a snare—that McKinley and congress have been humbugging again. But such people should not be heeded. They are irresponsible agitators, without money and with no standing among the best people. The disgruntled and noisy copperheads make the ridiculous claim that the bankers and brokers fooled the people after all; that the rich money kings merely sent their trusted agents to certain poor depositors and borrowers and had them apply for bonds in their names, and they (the bankers and brokers) to advance the money and take them off their hands when issued; that families of as high as ten members, head over heels in debt, subscribed for \$200 bonds for every person, including the baby in the cradle; that not one in a thousand workingmen secured a bond, for the good reason that they had no money to purchase the same, and that where a few of these evidences of indebtedness, and consequently prosperity, fell into the possession of the middle class capitalists it will be only a little while until the strong section of the big whales will have gulped them down and some of the little minnows with them.

Such talk is scandalous. We have no patience with it. People who declare that the workingmen and farmers are not becoming bloated bondholders are enemies to this country and its flag, and they ought to be made to go back to where they or their fathers came from. Down with everybody who dare hint that our McKinley did not fool the plutes more effectually than Lincoln ever did!

Writing on this subject, Willis J. Abbott in the New York Journal says: Here is the other side of the popular subscription for United States bonds, which many newspapers are pointing to as evidence of the great prosperity and thrift of the people of the United States today:

The heavy subscription for bonds in sums of \$500 or less shows that industrial and commercial conditions in the United States are singularly hard. It shows that trade, business, farming, industry of any sort, offers so little chance to the many with small means that he despairingly puts his little money into a bond which pays him pica-yune interest as an alternative to a savings bank, which may fail, or an old stocking, which may be stolen.

Not so many years ago a man with \$2,000 or \$3,000 was fit to make a start in business for himself—to become his own master. Now in 999 cases out of 1,000 he is almost as badly off as if penniless. Great aggregations of capital control every branch of industry. Rockefeller began with nothing, but woe to the man who puts a few thousands into an oil refinery today. Commodore Vanderbilt's ferry did not cost much, but he who would try to carry passengers to Staten Island today has a monopoly to fight. The original Astor, with his real estate purchases; the Armours, with their magnified butcher shops; Marshall Field, who now conducts the greatest dry goods business in the world; the Arbuckles, with their great coffee business; the Havemeyers, dominant spirits of the Sugar trust, began with but slender capital earned by their own exertions. Their success and the form in which they have embodied it make repetition of their achievement impossible. Enormous capital scarcely suffices now to do what they did without capital. Not even the village butcher can live if the Armours say nay, nor the grocer trade profitably in sugar or coffee except by permission of the trusts.

The man with \$500 looking about him for a chance to invest it in a business enterprise and work with it, increasing it by his own skill and industry, finds every avenue closed by monopoly or held by aggregations of capital too great for him to attack. So he clings to his clerkship, invests his savings where they will bring him the magnificent income of \$15 a year and is called upon to exult in the great prosperity of which his investment is the irrefutable evidence.

No people in the world have so eagerly taken up the bonds of their government as the French possessors. But in France the peasant remains a peasant into the third and fourth generation, herds in cabins scarce fit for swine, goes ill clad, starved and uneducated and rejoices if he can afford a dinner of meat once a week.

WHO PAYS THE TAXES?

Some Up to Date Points on an Old and Well Worn Subject.

It seems like thrashing over old straw to discuss this point, but the plutocratic press is so persistent in lying about it and so brazen in their assumptions concerning it that reiteration of contradictory evidence becomes a necessity.

A notable case is the Chicago Tribune's objections to the purchase of school supplies with public funds on the ground that property holders now pay more than their share of the taxes for the education of poor children.

The man who pays rent on a house pays the taxes. If he didn't pay them and a profit to the landlord also, the property would be let go as unprofitable. Vacant towns prove this.

Owners of property will quit paying taxes unless they are getting rent or are holding it with the expectation of profit through rent or sale. What a pity that landlords who claim that they pay the taxes cannot have vacant houses as pay for their impudent assumption. That would teach them to quit lying. The owner of a house pays tax on it when he occupies it—the tenant pays taxes when he pays rent.

The Times-Herald gave publicity to an equally despicable falsehood. It said that the people did not pay the soldiers' pensions—that they were paid by the import tax. Opposed to this is the simple fact that the consumer pays the import tax and pays all rents and other expenses and profits added.

My grocer pays the added price for sugar because of the import duty, and when I buy it I pay him the import tax, added to his usual profit, because he had to pay it to the importer. Otherwise he or the importer would lose money by handling sugar. Marshall Field didn't make his money by paying import duties and never getting them back.

Ask him. Now that I have bought the sugar and paid the import tax my only chance to save paying that tax is to sell the sugar. If I eat it, I must consume the import tax along with the other cost of the sugar. Each man pays tax on what he consumes and uses, and no more. Property which pays a profit must pay the tax first.

Capital used for profit is a taxgatherer. The consumer is the taxpayer. It may not be out of place to observe that the tax on sugar is a direct penalty on parents for raising children.

The laboring people should not be deceived or cajoled or bullied out of their right to rule.

What must be thought of wise newspaper men who will presume upon the ignorance or modesty of the people and try to work injustice by wholesale lying?

Just now there is a great deal of talk about how the Spanish plutocrats lie to the people and deceive them about matters of public interest. Do The Tribune and Times-Herald and other plutocratic papers of their ilk hope to deceive the people of America?—Allen Henry Smith in Chicago Express.

Fruits of Bonds.

Twenty-seven years ago the citizens of St. Clair county, Mo., voted \$250,000 in bonds for a railroad, and the bonds were given to the Tebo and Neosho Railway company, a company which existed only on paper. They sold the bonds to eastern capitalists, and the road was never built. The \$250,000 in bonds has grown to \$1,504,896 by the accumulating interest. This amount the courts have tried to collect, and the people refuse to pay it. Four years ago the United States judge had the county judges placed in jail for contempt because they refused to pay the bill. The judges spent 15 months in jail, until their term of office expired. Last month the same procedure took place, and three judges—Thomas Gill, Thomas Nevitt and Robert Lyons—are in the Kansas City jail for contempt.

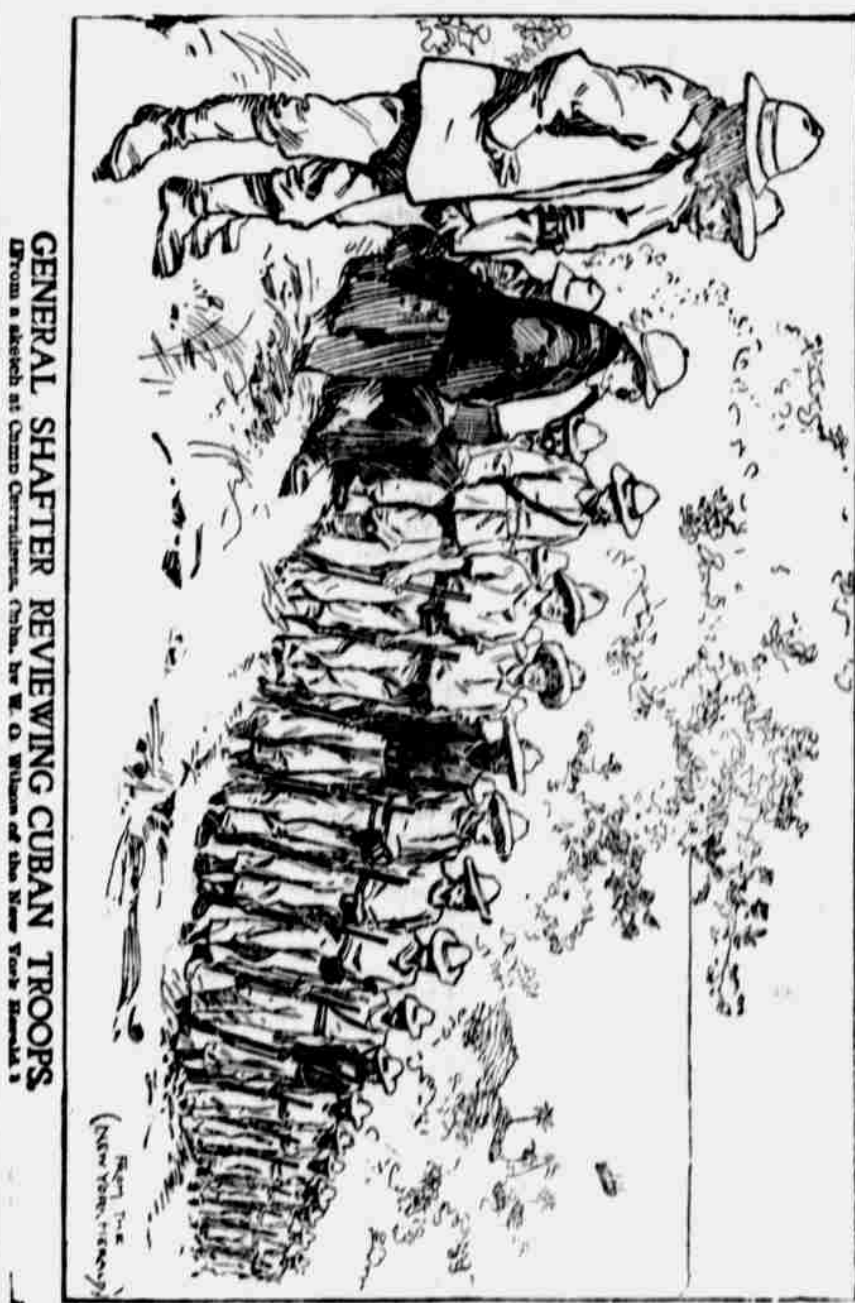
This is a rare example of judges standing by the people. Nevitt and Lyons are candidates for re-election, and the county should give them a rousing vote. A compromise is proposed by the county of the par value of \$231,000, but the corporation demands \$240,000. The United States judge can place the whole county in contempt and take control of the affair and pay the bogus railroad thieves the full amount. If this were done, it might serve as a good illustration of the rottenness of the courts and bond system. It is high time the Populist party take the initiative in purifying the courts, and here in Nebraska is one of the best examples of a machine court. One year it will make a point of law constitutional if it will give the offices to the Republicans, and the next year it will make it unconstitutional if it will give the offices to the Republicans. In short, it is a Republican court.—Omaha Nonconformist.

Persecution in Texas.

T. P. Gore is a blind orator, the silver tongued speaker of Texas. His musical voice has peculiar charms upon the rostrum as his slightest eyes are turned toward the upturned faces of a listening throng. He is by long odds the most charming speaker in Texas, and Texas politicians endeavored to blacken his name and reputation by charging him with seduction. Mr. Gore has at last secured a hearing and is triumphantly acquitted—the jury not leaving their seats to render the verdict. It is horrible to think that men must pass through such a hail of persecution for truth's sake. The politicians of Texas may now kill Mr. Gore. His voice while he lives will make life a burden to his defamers.—Omaha Nonconformist.

We Are Not Free.

A people cursed with a money power of sufficient strength to control the government are not and cannot be free. There can be no social or political liberty so long as this republic is controlled by greed and avarice. Therefore the American people will never again be free until they are financially independent.—National Intelligence.



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Spend August in the Black Hills.

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Editor Independent:

I have received the following letter from the chairman and secretary of the people's party state central committee: Lincoln, Neb., April 26, 1898.

Mr. Marvin Warren, Fairbury, Nebr. Dear Sir:—We have examined your book, Money Chart, with Part Eighth addition thereto, and with pleasure can endorse the same. And will add that your book fully and clearly defines the true system of money as we believe, and is in harmony with the platforms put forth by the People's Party, and we recommend it to all persons in search of the true basic principles of money.

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