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GREETING.

Having been employed to write for the INDEPENDENT, I send greeting to the thousands of old subscribers who for years have read my writing in this and other papers. Be of good cheer. Populism marches onward. The principles for which so many of us have contended for many years gain adherents every day. The times when we were only permitted to speak on a street corner or in a sod school house are passed. Our ability to conduct an economic state government has been demonstrated. Every honest man is so well pleased with the results that we shall soon be asked to take charge of the national government and run it after the same fashion. When we do, the great common people, whom Lincoln said that God loved so well, will come to their own again and prosperity will permanently abide in the farmer's homes and in every village and city in all our beloved land. Write me how you like the INDEPENDENT. T. H. TIBBLES.

Judge Moore of Deadwood declares that the populists will carry South Dakota by 10,000 majority.

Senator Kyle was stricken with paralysis the other day. He was elected as a populist and voted for the issue of bonds.

The State Journal has been a rat office for years, but just now it is mourning over the oppression of the labor organizations by the wicked pops.

The State Journal has one feature that all lovers of truth will commend. Its press work and type are so bad that not more than half the list it prints can be read.

All those in a position to know assert most positively that it was the Doc's liar who furnished the figures for which Judge Hayward made himself liable in his Lincoln speech.

It does not seem necessary for Dun and Bradstreet to waste so much space reprinting the "signs of prosperity" when they are so conspicuously displayed on all the street corners all over the United States.

With half of the real property in Lincoln not returning rental enough to pay taxes, repairs and insurance, with blind beggars on almost every street corner, with the dullest season's business ever known, with no hope for a change for the better, old Tiddle-de-winks still continues to shout that "prosperity is here." It now proposes to make the thing doubly sure by issuing \$100,000 more bonds for paying purposes. That is the goldbug theory. The more bonds the more prosperity.

ANOTHER DECEPTION.

The Iowa state convention put the following statement into their platform: "The monetary standard of this country and the commercial world is gold." Senator Allison wrote that, but the statement is false and he knew it was false when he wrote it. The monetary standard of this country is not gold. A gold standard country is one in which gold is the only legal tender. In this country there are \$462,000,000 of silver and \$346,000,000 of greenbacks which are a full legal tender for all private debts. We are not within a thousand miles of a gold standard, and that Senator Allison knew that we were not is proven by the words that follow the above statement in the Iowa platform. They are very significant: Senator Allison says: "The permanency of this standard must be secured by congressional legislation, giving to it the validity and vitality of public law."

If those words mean anything, they mean that the gold standard has no "validity" in law and no "vitality" except that to be hereafter secured by law. What is the nature of this law that Senator Allison wants? What will give the gold standard "validity"? What will give it "vitality"? Nothing will do it except a law that will make silver dollars and all other forms of money redeemable in gold on demand. That means a further contraction of the legal tender money of this country of at least \$462,000,000. That is the goal aimed at by the republican party. Senator Allison secured his seat in the United States Senate by falsely pretending that he was a bimetalist and has for twenty-five years kept it by deception. Now he attempts another deception.

A NEW YELLOW JOURNAL.

According to the highest authority in the republican party of the state of Nebraska, Senator Mason of Illinois has turned into a "yellow journal." In a recent interview in speaking of the treatment of our private soldiers he says: "Shameful, disgraceful, infernal, damnable—there is no word too strong to use, not alone against the official neglect and blundering, but also against the railroads. This is the crime of the century, the tragedy of the nation. Our soldiers have not poured out their blood on the altar of their country, but have been crucified by blundering and plundering officialdom." If another citizen of Illinois, by the name of Altgeld had made those remarks, what would have happened then? Oh! what? It is frightful to contemplate the result.

A MISAPPREHENSION.

One of the most common misapprehensions is that if we have money all of which has the same purchasing power of gold, then we have the gold standard. Nothing could be farther from the truth. The government could tomorrow issue five hundred millions of paper money and by making it a full legal tender, every dollar of it would remain at a parity in purchasing power with gold. But that would not be a gold standard. There is not a gold standard country in the whole world except Great Britain and she hardly fills the bill. The object of the republican party is to establish the gold standard. It means greater suffering than the world ever knew. But if it is continued in power it will surely do it.

WALT MASON TAKEN IN.

Walt Mason got taken in by the State Journal just as easy as any country yokel was ever skinned by a bunco steerer. Walt took for granted the statement of old Tiddle-de-winks that the "pops" had been feeding the old soldiers on butterine instead of butter and grew very pathetic over the sad fate of the old veterans having to eat foul and nasty butterine. Well it was the republicans that fed the old soldiers on butterine—eight thousand pounds of it—as is proved by the vouchers in the auditor's office. The pops never fed the old soldiers a pound of butterine. Poor, genial, fun-loving Walt! He got badly taken in that time.

A POLITICAL SCHEME.

It is high time that the rascals out—State Journal, Sept., 17, 1898, 2d column, editorial page. The INDEPENDENT is truly sorry that it cannot agree with the State Journal in this demand. Bartley has only been in the penitentiary for about three months and the remainder of the defaulting republicans not much longer. It is entirely too soon to turn them out. Much as the INDEPENDENT dislikes to say it, it never-the-less can't help thinking that demand is simply a political scheme to increase the republican vote by letting those rascals out so that they can vote the republican ticket. Not yet, dear old Journal, not until after the election anyhow.

NO SOME HANGING.

The republicans press constantly asserts that wealth is increasing and that prosperity is here to stay. The assessment of the state of Illinois has just been completed and the Chicago Record announces that: "A comparative statement of the assessment of the state by counties, shows a decrease for 1898 of \$29,292,292. Cook county has decreased \$17,023,948." If republican editors intend to keep up the cry that wealth is increasing, they had better get up a hanging bee and hang all the assessors.

With \$20,000,000 less wealth in Illinois and \$10,000,000 less in Iowa as reported by the assessors, the mullet headed republican editors will have a hard time making the people believe that wealth is increasing. When they come to think over the subject more fully perhaps the said editors will conclude that the best way would be to hang themselves.

GAMBLING, NOT BUSINESS.

The commercial reports of immense volumes of business being transacted are frauds of the first water. It is not business at all that they are talking about unless gambling is to be considered a regular business. Some fellows go on the board of trade and buy a million dollars worth of securities. They circulate some lies about this or that company and the securities rise or fall an eighth of a cent and they sell out. That is an increase of two million dollars in business according to Dun and Bradstreet. That is what the gold bugs call prosperity. When it comes to actual business in buying and selling commodities there is no increase but a falling off. Prices are all the time falling, and there is no such thing as prosperity with continually falling prices. In Dunn's report of September 11th the following appears:

"No doubt some farmers have learned that it is poor business to hold back for higher prices, yet many are doing it and so are making inevitable more disastrous decline in prices after a time." In other places he says: "The prices demanded at the west cannot be maintained." Dun is trying to break it gently to the farmers for fear they will all leave the republican party and join the "pops." When this year's crops get fairly on the way to market and wheat is 40 cents and corn 18, the most of them will join the "pops." The sensible ones have already.

EXPORT AND IMPORT PUZZLE.

An old friend writes to inquire about exports and imports and says: "I don't understand the thing at all. Sometimes I am inclined to think that the figures sent out by the treasury department are all lies. Now here is the last statement, said to be the official figures of the exports of the United States to Great Britain and the imports from that country into the United States. Exports: \$540,860,152. Imports: \$109,138,152. Now if we sent to England goods to the amount of \$431,721,787 more than we bought from her and we only received about \$100,000,000 more gold than we exported, what became of that other \$331,721,787? That is the thing that I want to know."

In the first place a very large part of it was kept in England to pay the interest on the debts we owe her people. Another part went to pay ocean transportation which is nearly all carried in English steamships. About \$100,000,000 were spent by American travelers and in the support of dukes and lords who have married American heiresses. Some of it went to Brazil and other South American countries to pay for coffee and things we buy of them for they are paid with drafts on London. The figures show that the assertion of bimetalists that we are indebted to Europe about five billion dollars is true and that we must send a large part of the products of American labor every year to Europe to pay interest charges. We didn't give England any of those goods. They were all paid for.

GOLDBUG FIATISTS.

The Horace White-Atkinson gold buggers propose to outdo the wildest ideas that a Kansas pop ever entertained. While denouncing fiatism, they propose to take a journey into the region of fiat land never before explored. The wild and woolly pop has sometimes proposed to issue money based upon land, wheat or cotton, all of which had something real and tangible, something that could be seen, felt or smelled, but White and Atkinson propose to base a thousand million of paper money on what they call bank assets. In these days of banking on wind what are bank assets? Their assets consist chiefly on what they owe. The last report of the state department of banking of this state, gives the indebtedness of the banks, state and national, at \$77,517,335.74. The member of congress from New Jersey stated at the monetary conference that the banks of this state could issue \$10,000,000 more of indebtedness and would do it if the goldbug banking bill was only made a law. That would make an indebtedness of \$93,517,335.74 every dollar of it payable on demand. If their bill became a law, only gold would be a legal tender, and of that the banks had, according to the same report \$2,416,280.40. With \$60,000,000 to pay and only \$2,416,280.40 with which to pay it, is Horace White's idea of a "sound, safe and stable monetary system." And that gentleman has the face to make fun of the flat ideas of the populists.

In an address before the editor's national association at Denver, one of the speakers said: "The editorial articles should be moderately short, fair in treatment, honest in statement and logical in its conclusions." A member arose and asked the speaker to explain how that could be done when writing in favor of the gold standard. The orator failed to reply.

THE SAME OLD MONEY.

The way Jake Wolfe has evicted the occupants of school lands and raked in rents in the last two years is a caution. It is all owing to pop science and nothing to good crops and good prices. In ninety-six Uncle Jake and Bill Greens creted give us Bryce and cheap money or the "plain people" will perish and the whole country will go to the bow wows. We've got McKisley, the same old money and the "plain people" have gotten three times the democratic price of wheat in ninety-six.—Greely Leader—Independent.

The people who are forced to read the effusions of mullet headed republican editors are to be commiserated. What must an intelligent farmer think after reading such rot as that. He knows that the price of wheat at his railroad station is from 38 to 40 cents and the price of corn is from 17 to 19 cents. He knows that those prices are just about the same they were two years ago "under the same old money." He also knows that Jake Wolfe distributed to the school children of Nebraska during the last 18 months \$671,733.54 and that the republican officer who preceded him, during a similar period of 18 months, distributed only \$313,073.51. When he figures it out he sees that he received for the education of his children under the management of Jake Wolfe 108 per cent more than he did when the republicans ran things at the state house and that his taxes have not been raised one cent. With wheat 40 cents a bushel "under the same old money," Uncle Jake's care for the education of farmers children is about the only consolation that he has. The editor of the Leader-Independent should go and soak his head in a bag of ice.

BRYAN'S PLAN.

Nebraska has 700 more troops in the field than her quota. Many of the men in these regiments enlisted when the country was in danger leaving vast business interests or families unprotected. They enlisted because they thought their country needed their services. As long as their country needed them, they were willing to serve regardless of the personal sacrifices they were forced to make. There are many men in those regiments who can serve without great personal sacrifice and are willing and anxious to do so. Col. Bryan, with the good, hard common sense with which he has always met every problem of public policy suggests to the authorities that the men in these regiments who cannot serve except at a great financial loss to themselves or great suffering to their families should be permitted to resign. In answer to that reasonable request, the Journal's Washington bar telegraphs that Nebraska having 700 more men than her quota, the president will recall the first regiment all the way from Manila and ship another regiment half way around the world to take its place. Now in all candor, which proposition will commend itself to thoughtful American citizens? Bryan's common sense plan or the plan to aid Mark Hanna's party proposed at Washington?

STABBING THE COMMON SCHOOLS.

The record of the most successful effort made four years ago by a republican legislature to stab the common schools of Nebraska will be a revelation to a good many voters. It is the first time this record has been given in full to the public. It is given in full now because it is time the people woke up to realize how dangerous are the influences that control the councils of the republican party in this state and the majority of those elected by that party to the legislature. It is given in full from the records themselves because the people ought to know the full story of this infamous bill and be able to read it to their neighbors.

Here are the essential features of the bill. We challenge contradiction of any of them.

The bill reduced the limit of taxation from 25 to 15 mills in all country school districts.

The effect of this provision alone would have been to have closed several hundred of the brightest and best schools in the state. Besides this it would have crippled two or three thousand other schools, causing some of them to lose their state apportionment.

The bill absolutely closed any school house where there was not an average attendance of more than five for three months.

The effect of this provision would be to close several scores of schools in the sparsely settled districts of the west and deprive several hundred children of a common school education.

The only interest benefited by the proposed changes were the railroads and non-resident land owners. It would have saved it at the expense of the little children. It would have saved it by closing school house doors or shortening the terms of school in country districts.

It was a clear case of the corporations vs. the common schools and that a majority of the senate and almost a majority of the house should vote for a bill calculated and intended to deprive little children of school advantages merely to save a few thousand dollars to corporations—that a majority of a great party should vote for such an iniquity seems almost incredible and would be so if the record did not prove it.

The following republican members was voted for this bill are candidates

for election to the senate or house this fall:

Crow (of Douglas,) Burns (of Lancaster,) Harkson (of Lancaster,) Haller (of Washington,) Noyes (of Douglas,) Roddy (of Otoe.)

There are others who may yet be nominees. Whoever and wherever they are the people have the right to know why they supported a bill to cripple the common schools of Nebraska. And they have further than this the right to be justly suspicious of the party that supported such a measure.

"Signs" of Prosperity.

"Boots and shoes repaired, half soled or heeled while you wait."

"Suits scoured, cleaned and pressed during the night. Sent for and returned."

"Cash paid for wheat. Price today 40 cents."

"No more patients can be received at this insane asylum. We are now so overcrowded that the patients cannot be rightly cared for." Dr. Abbott, superintendent.

"Good white shirts, linen bosoms, 19 cents. We can sell these shirts for that price because women make them for 6 cents a dozen."

Where did Hayward get his figures from? That not one of them was taken from the public records is proven by the fact that the books at the state house have altogether different figures.

Senator Kyle went to Cleveland and had an interview with Hanna. After the interview he announced that he would stand by the gold standard. A few minutes afterward he was struck with paralysis.

The goldbugs wouldn't let Uncle Sam levy an income tax, own the telegraphs or establish savings banks, so he just annexed an income tax and savings banks in Hawaii and government telegraphs in Porto Rico and got ahead of them in that way.

Governor Holcomb will come back from Washington with \$19,000 in his pocket with which to pay off the debts incurred in mobilizing the first and second regiments. Nebraska is the first state to get all its bills cashed at Washington. Now let Annin telegraph some more lies about it.

Judge Hayward don't deny that the fusion state government paid off \$700,000.00 of the \$2,463,709.95 of state debts that the republicans contracted while they were in power, but he swears by the holy horn spoon that every man who had a hand in doing it ought to be turned out of office.

Populism everywhere has made the same record. Every one of the six populist governors can show a great cutting down of expenses in the state of which he has been the chief executive. This year South Dakota reduces its taxation twenty-five per cent. It is a very great privilege to live in a pop state.

State Treasurer Meserve made a speech at the Oliver theatre Monday night in reply to the one delivered there last week by Judge Hayward, the republican candidate for governor. The speech was taken down in short-hand, but it has not yet been given out for publication as Mr. Meserve is carefully comparing every figure in it with the books in the treasurers office. The speech shows up the folly of a candidate trying to falsify the public records. It makes Judge Hayward a laughing stock for the whole state. It will be published in the next issue of this paper.

Manahan, the fusion candidate for congress in the First district, challenged Burkett, the republican candidate, to a joint discussion. So for the only reply that has come from Burkett is that he does not want to furnish audiences for Manahan, being the same cowardly plea that has been entered by republicans in every case for the last ten years whenever they felt incapable of meeting an opponent in a fair debate. Burkett has probably heard of the sad fate that has overtaken the republican candidate in the Sixth district, who, in an evil hour agreed to hold a joint debate with one Bill Greene.

A populist editor up in Fillmore county describes the failure of the Fillmore county bank of Preston, Minn., after this fashion: "A decided goldbug victory was won in Preston last week in the explosion of the Fillmore county bank with a loss of \$60,000 deposited for safe keeping. The officers of the institution had the nightmare whenever anyone talked about what they falsely termed fifty cent dollars. Among the throngs of its officers was \$300 deposited by an old lady alone in the world; \$1,000 by a school teacher who had saved it to enter school in September; 12,000 school funds; \$50, the proceeds of a band concert deposited after banking hours the evening before the bank closed; the money the Presbyterians had raised for a bell to call sinners to repentance, of whom Todd, the bank cashier, was the greatest."

"OH! AIN'T YOU GLAD?"

Wherever the goldbugs rule the common schools go to decay. Even Boston, where the common schools had their first beginnings, since it came under the vile influence of the money power, no longer keeps up its schools as it did before that baneful blight fell upon the city. Boston has reduced the salaries of its school teachers and is considering the propriety of abolishing all the kindergarten. In New York City when the schools opened for the fall term, 26,000 children were turned away because there were no school houses in which to teach them in that city of multimillionaires. Out here in populist Nebraska, the fund for common schools has been doubled in the last two years and every child has a chance to get an education. Oh! aint you glad that you're a pop? And aint you glad that you live in a pop governed state?

It now appears that Eugene Moore was a protege of Judge Norris, the republican candidate for congress in the Third district. It was through Judge Norris that Moore got into the state house. Note for Robinson.

Because gold dollars and greenbacks and national bank notes are all on a parity with silver dollars, is not a proof that we have the silver standard in this country. Neither is it proof that we have the gold standard because silver dollars, greenbacks and national bank notes are on a parity with gold.

Ever since the reform movement was started, news of progress has come by the slow freight. Some days ago there was an election in the state of Vermont. Mighty little has been said about it in the great dailies. There was a good reason for keeping still. The republican vote fell off more than thirty-three per cent!

Rev. Mr. Stone in his sermon last Sunday said that freedom was only another name for opportunity. That is what the pops have been saying for the last ten years. To call this the land of the free, when thousands of men were denied the opportunity to labor was not stating the whole truth about the matter.

The strong holds of republicanism in Nebraska are the cities of Omaha and Lincoln. They manage to hold on to power there yet. The mayor of Omaha has just been deposed because he is a defaulter and the mayor of Lincoln is under indictment for bribery and other crimes. That shows how much that party has reformed.

The gold democrats captured the Connecticut democratic convention after a hard fight and organized the state committee with none but gold bugs on guard. It is evident as 1900 approaches that the gold standard, bank currency democrats are gaining strength in their party. They may not be able to control the democratic national convention, but they are going to control the state organizations in many states.

The trusts are organizing for the purpose of plundering Cuba and Porto Rico and if they are allowed to have their way will do the work more thoroughly than the Spaniards could have done it. A corporation under the name of American-Illios company has filed articles in New Jersey with that purpose in view. It has a capital of \$18,000,000. Between an American trust and a Spanish plunderer there is not much to choose.

"The same old money" is doing business at the same old stand and at the same old prices. McKisley is still president and the Dingley bill is in force in every school district in the United States. Wheat is 40 cents and corn 18 and a lger wants to be investigated. Republican editors are having a hard row to hoe. Please send them a few cabbage heads and turnips for the popocratic majority is going to be about 100,000.

One of the goldbug speakers at the monetary congress undertook to be particularly funny. He told a story about an order for a row and said: "You would not undertake to milk an order, would you?" The money lords are doing something very like that. Thirty-six years ago they got an order for the future delivery of money in the shape of government bonds. They have milked these orders for twice their face value in interest and the bond itself has taken the purchasing power it had when it was first issued. That is milking an order with a vengeance.

The regular republicans hold a convention in Colorado the other day and resolved "that the republican party is, and always has been a bimetallic party." These men declared that they were McKisley pure, McKisley republicans. The republicans of Utah resolved to the same effect. The republican party had better get itself together and "resolve" to hereafter all tell the same lie. One half of them declaring for free silver, the other half swearing by the gold standard and all voting together for goldbug candidates don't look pretty. It don't make any difference what they "resolve" the only thing that is sure about them is that they will always vote for more bonds and back up the money power, the railroads and the trusts. At that kind of business they never fail.