

NEBRASKA INDEPENDENT.

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The Peace Jubilee

If you are going to visit Omaha during jubilee week, commencing October 10, we want you to keep two things prominently in your mind. One thing is that our store is at your service for accommodation and another thing is that if you have never been inside of it you'll find a different store from any you have been accustomed to trade in.

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The republican candidate for congress in the first district is still dodging. He doesn't dare condemn his party's program for retiring the greenbacks and he doesn't dare defend it before the intelligent voters of this district.

The table showing the amount of taxes paid in to the state treasury by the different counties is republished this week because of two or three typographical errors that crept into it last week. Two of these errors were in the Lancaster and Douglas county figures—both of which show a large decrease of taxes paid under McKinley prosperity.

The gold bugs speak constantly of a "fifty-cent dollar." Aside from the violation of the most common rule of grammar, which is excused on account of the universal ignorance of gold bugs generally, the phrase is a contradiction in itself. Fifty cents is half of any dollar.

A correspondent of the Chicago Record traveling with the McKinley party says that the president expressed the most profound astonishment at the action taken by Governor Tanner in regard to the Virden riot. He said that it was just what might have been expected of Algeid. It was also intimated that if the trains were interfered with so as to make any possible excuse, regulars would be sent there and the whole matter taken out of Tanner's hands.

SHAM REFORMS.

One of the very best points in the very effective speech made by W. A. Poynter was his quiet comment made by him on the republican state platform of 1898—in particular that part which refers to the work of the present state administration as "sham reforms."

"The populists reduced the state interest bearing debt over \$700,000 the past eighteen months, while the republicans increased it over a million and a quarter. Was the populist improvement a sham reform?"

"The present attorney general has sent the last republican state treasurer to state's prison for twenty years. Is that a sham reform?"

"The present commissioner of public lands and buildings has paid into the common school funds over \$300,000. Is that a sham reform?"

"The state expenses have been reduced over \$300,000 in the past two years. Is that a sham reform?"

REPUBLICAN TRIBULATIONS.

The republican party seems to be in a bad way in several different states all at once and at the same time as it were. Since Senator Quay was arrested and bound over to court, there has been a general smash up of the republican machine in Pennsylvania. It is generally conceded that the democrats will carry the state and elect a free silver senator.

HARDY'S COLUMN.

Election Cry—Republican Calamity Howling—Mexico and Morality—Republican Allies—Surplus in the Treasury—Evidence of Prosperity.

After the murder of the surrendered colored soldiers at Fort Pillow, the colored men took no more white prisoners. On going into a fight the battle-cry was, "Remember Fort Pillow." So the battle cry with our soldiers in Cuba was, "Remember the Maine." So the election cry next November among the farmers should be, "Remember Joe Bartley and Eugene Moore."

The Journal has raised the amount of money embezzled by pop county treasurers from \$700 to \$170,000, no odd hundreds, no odd cents. But not a single name, time or locality is given. They will probably raise it to \$575,000 before election so as to balance Bartley and Moore. Give us the names and counties or else shut up. We want no more republican calamity howling. Every state debt paid is a calamity, to republicans.

Mexico is one of the ten or fifteen progressive countries of the world that has not progressed backwards on the money question to please the millionaires, corporations and trusts. One of the long steps toward morality taken lately was to prohibit bull fights on Sundays and other church days. It is something like Lincoln's closing theatres and ball games on Sunday.

It is for the interest of the republican party to keep the national democrats in the field just as much as to keep the middle of the road pops in the middle of the road. You see if they declare themselves republicans, that ends their influence with the rest of the world.

As evidence that the issue of bonds the other day was unnecessary we have but to note that there are about four hundred millions of dollars in the treasury at this time. McKinley is doing just as Cleveland did, letting his New York banking friends have it to hold. Of course the same bankers are friendly to the present president who were friendly to Cleveland, because both presidents were elected by New York money. No matter which old party elects the president the millionaire bankers, corporations, trusts and liquor interests own and control him and they all get what they want.

The republican journals quote, as an evidence of prosperity, the large receipts of the railroads and the splendid dividends declared. That is just one of the calamities we howl about. Railroad charges have not been reduced to a gold standard as almost everything else has, and the highest court in the land has said the people have no rights that railroad men are bound to respect. So the white slaves must wait, just as the black slaves did, till the pro-slavery judges did and we get lovers of justice in their places.

Fixed charges and fixed incomes demand as many dollars, no matter whether the dollars will buy one bushel of wheat or four, five pounds of cotton or twenty. Every change in the money standard has always been made in the interest of these fixed incomes and the moneyed men generally. All the changes proposed by the present administration are in the same interest. Burning the greenbacks will increase the purchasing power of the gold dollar and the Shylocks know it. McKinley and the law making power will do it as soon as they can change two or three senators.

But it looks now as though both houses of congress would be strongly anti-McKinley and the common people will be protected in their present wrongs, but if any law is proposed for their relief the president will veto it. It was a long, hard struggle to convince the people that slave-driving was wrong but it was done, so it will be again. The people of the south and west are fast uniting against the east and the money power will be forced to loosen its grip. It may cost a little blood, but it has got to come through the ballot box first and then by the bullet if necessary. Our navies will be in the uttermost parts of the earth commanded by millionaires, but we care more for the farms than the water. The farmers blood is thick and will not flow in vain.

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GOLDBUG PROMISES.

Confound the goldbug - litors Who brint the Golden Sun, They tell such akful falsehoods Sust like a horse can run.

I took dat baper every week For more as three years straight, Und I remember all the promises Vich they made shust for a bait.

They said, "Wait till 'lection day, Und every money sack Vill come out form its hiding Ven confidence cooms pack."

Und ven 'lection day vas ofer The next thing day did say Vas, "Ve gif you some brosrerity On inauguration day."

I told my vife ve wait now Till the fourth of March is gone Und see vat story vill come next From dat confoundt Golden Sun.

Und sure enough they haf ene Vich they say would be the lust; They say, "You get some confidence Ven the Dingley bill gets pack."

Vell, the Dingley bill went past; Now they hind, but just don't say, "Wait while ve burn de greepacks," Or, vat til judgment day."

Silver Knight-Watchman.

MCKINLEY'S TRIP

A Writer Who Thinks He Had Better Look After the Algerines.

Editor Independent: Today people speak with contempt and abhorrence from Nero for fiddling when Rome was burning, but a few years ago when the Mississippi overflowed some of the southern states President McKinley made a pleasure trip on a man of war, instead of sending every naval officer and ship which was to spare to the place of inundation to help save precious lives and property.

What is the difference between Nero and McKinley? Their acts show that they were men of the lowest characters without any human feeling, sympathy or compassion for the suffering people. A man who will fiddle or celebrate a festival when his neighbor lays on his death bed is a monster, but in the case of McKinley he is doubly so because the neglect of his duty caused a great deal of the worst sufferings. Instead of doing all that he can to remedy the cost, he goes to a fair to serve as an advertisement. A man cannot have the least bit of self-respect if he allows himself to be exhibited amongst elephants and rhinoceroses as an attraction of a fair for the purpose of filling the money bags of some greedy speculators and money changers.

A president has no right to the disposal of his time as he wishes. He is a hired man who has to work for his wages just as any other man who sells his labor and he is just as well obliged to stay and work in his shop as any common laborer. The White House is the shop of the president and there, not at some castle, a Buzzard's Bay or Long Island is the place for transacting his business. But instead of working himself, McKinley appoints a white-washing committee to cover all trace of his neglect.

McKinley may banish witnesses to Devil's Island, Cuba, Porto Rico, or Manila—everywhere, but the hollow-eyed, starved, poisoned soldiers will appear, like Banquo's ghost, as witnesses, never resting until the whole truth is known. As Senator Thurston said, it is not Alger, it is McKinley who is now on trial. McKinley and not Alger is responsible that a horse and dog doctor was appointed as superior doctor over a military hospital and this single fact tells more than anything else what the gentlemen at Washington think of common soldiers. A dog doctor is just good enough for them and not better.

"REDEEMABLE IN COIN."

It Has Been Tried in Every Country on Earth and Always Was a Failure.

It was, I know, formerly held that if paper was convertible into coin, "no over issue could follow, but this doctrine was long ago exploded, and no statesman of standing has acted upon it in legislating on currency for the past half century, and no economist of repute, so far as I know, has undertaken to defend as a safe principle by which to regulate the supply of currency. The currency commission, however, announces that "if all the money of a country is convertible at par with gold, there may then be whatever, and as much of the representative forms of currency as the convenience of the people may require."

Against this I offset the experience of every country that has tried it, and nearly all have at one time or another. It has been tried in this country over and over again and has as often failed. Webster, in his celebrated speech, in March, 1838, said: "I contend that even convertibility, though itself indisputable, is not a certain and unfailing ground of reliance. There is a liability to excessive issue of paper, even while paper is convertible at will of this there can be no doubt."

No system could be worse than one that permits at one time an expansion of \$1 in paper where the expansion would be but one if the currency were entirely metallic, and then requires a contraction of four in one when gold goes abroad. Such a system of currency constitutes a snare to business enterprises; it has always proved so, and al-

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KANSAS STOCK YARDS.

Judge Clark's Report Shows How It Has Swindled the Stockmen of the State. Judge George W. Clark, who was appointed by the United States court to take testimony in the Kansas City stock yards case reported to the court: "First, That the Kansas City Stock Yards company started out in 1871 with a capital stock of \$95,000 paid in cash; second, that up to February 1, 1897, it had expended upon the plant cash to the amount of \$2,484,500; third, that during this time it had drawn out cash to the amount of \$4,000,975; fourth, that it had watered its stock from time to time until it had outstanding stock to the amount of \$7,388,650; fifth, that its present value is \$5,385,000.25. The report further shows that from an investment of only \$16,000 the company, out of the earnings of the plant, has expended \$2,484,500, divided in cash nearly two millions and a half and still has a property worth over \$5,000,000 upon which it is asking the stock raisers to pay revenue. There is a counterpart to this institution in the state of Nebraska. We have a case in court just like this Kansas case, but we have a Judge Munger instead of a Judge Foster to deal with. Judge Munger rulings have so far been just the opposite of Judge Foster's. The consequence is that we have no report on the evidence so far. When it comes it will show how the farmers and stock raisers of Nebraska have been swindled. It will fast up a bigger pile than in Kansas. For more than fifteen years the republicans have gone out during every campaign and promised the farmers to regulate the stock yards and for fifteen years they have never kept their promise. The first fusion legislature, without making any promises, went to work and passed a law to regulate the stock yards and cut down their exorbitant charges. A rush was immediately made to a gold bug judge, and the case is hung up while the corporators of the stock yards go on feeding themselves to repletion. If republican legislature is elected and the party returned to power that will be an end to all hope of a reduction of the excessive charges which that corporation has always collected. A republican attorney general would soon have the cash in such a fix that there would be no hope. He would act just as the other republican attorney general did in regard to the maximum rate case—see that no harm came to the plutocratic owners.

FORGOT CLOSED

One hundred farms in Fillmore county have passed into the hands of money lenders in the last two years and the process is going on as ceaselessly and relentlessly as the rise of the ocean's tide, not only in Fillmore county but in every county in the United States. Every neighborhood has its citizens who are tenants upon the farms they owned a few years ago. Under a continued gold standard and republican corporation rule this process will continue until the American people will be divided into two classes—the very rich, and the very poor—and the middle class which for 100 years has been the backbone of the Nation will have disappeared.

MCKINLEY'S WHITEWASHERS.

The commission appointed to investigate the Algerina is a commission wrong from terror and an effort to purchase safety from an or traced nation's wrath. The act of appointing it is a measure a plea of guilty. If no soldiers had been stagered or left to die without attendance when sick, no such commission would ever have been appointed.