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The republicans have furnished the defamers and the judges to try them. Over these two things they do an immense amount of bragging.

They must be having a whole lot of McKinley prosperity up in Custer county. The delinquent tax list fills eighty columns of the Custer County Chief.

The Iron Age, perhaps the most bitter gold standard paper in existence, says that "prosperity has returned, but it is a prosperity based upon a permanently lowered rate of wages."

Mr. Burkett's attention is called to a letter addressed to him by Mr. Manahan. It is likely, however, that Mr. Burkett has gotten so far into the woods since he started to run, that it will not be possible to find him.

Bixby has got another stove, and now he thinks he is fixed for time and eternity. The stove will keep him warm for the few years he has yet to live, and in the next world he knows that he will be warm enough without one.

It is not the promises that the pops have broken that troubles the republicans. It is the promises that were kept. They are afraid that the pops will make some more promises and keep them again. That is what makes their nights so sleepless.

Hitchcock is going to be elected in the Second district. After that the old soldiers will have a chance to get some of their pension claims attended to that have been so long pigeon hole down at Washington while Dave Mercer devoted his time to helping the bankers.

Ask the first republican you meet why he favors the gold standard, and just see what he will say. There is only one reason why he does it, and that is because the party leaders tell him to, but he will be ashamed to say so. What he will say will probably be very amusing.

The republican papers are always telling how proud they are of Nebraska history. Most of Nebraska history is a thing that any man might well be proud of, but the page of it that records the rule of the republican party, with its "stunt" proceedings, its treasury defaulters, its 144 tons of coal to keep the saloon warm during the month of August, and a goodly number of other crimes of like nature, are things that every honest man would like to see blotted forever from the pages of that history. They are not things that an honest man is usually proud of.

A NEW ISSUE.

During the last few weeks old Tiddle-de-winks has had the jim-jams and several other kinds of contortions, but last Sunday it got the "jabberwocks," which it acknowledged in a plainly printed headline on its editorial page as follows: "George Fred's Jabberwock." From its hysterical screams only this could be made out. It had never heard of the Gage-McCleary-Walker scheme to create the most gigantic money monopoly that ever entered the mind of a man until George Fred Williams delivered his speech at the Oliver. That is what gave it the "jabberwocks." The Journal's claims of ignorance will be readily granted. There will be no dispute on that ground, but when it puts the republican members of congress on its own level of ignorance by saying that not one in ten of them ever heard of that scheme, it only makes itself supremely ridiculous. A bill of that character was introduced in 1893. At that time it was called "The Baltimore Plan," on account of having been drawn up by a lot of bankers who assembled at Baltimore. A great discussion arose in congress over it. The committee on banking and currency held numerous sessions, with Bill Springer in the chair. All the great bankers of New York, were summoned before the committee, including Williams of the great Chemical bank and St. John, who soon after had to resign because of the testimony he gave. A full report of these proceedings were published in the Nonconformist and copied into all the populist papers. The republicans papers said very little about it, and of course those who read only republican papers are in ignorance of this, as of almost every thing else that they ought to know.

This bill has been in congress in some shape ever since. It was part and parcel of the repeal of the Sherman act scheme. It was the plan submitted by the Indianapolis convention and was sent to congress with McKinley's approval. During the last congress there was a great furor over it. Walker the old crank from Massachusetts wanted the bill known by his name reported, but one day when he was away the committee reported one of the other bills and when he came back he kicked up a great row and the bill was sent back to the committee. The scheme has been the talk of Washington for four years. Gen. Warner devoted the whole of his address to a discussion of the bill at the Omaha money conference. McCleary, himself, was there and the convention badgered him for a whole evening about his bill and he employed all his time in dodging. The scheme has been discussed for three years in all the free silver papers and magazines of the country. This writer has written columns about it which have been reproduced in hundreds of papers all over the west. Now old Tiddle-de-winks says that George Fred Williams sprung a new issue! As for its assertion that it never heard of it, it is probably true. It never heard of much of any thing that was of value to mankind.

It appears that the republicans undertook to get up a disturbance at the meeting assembled to listen to an address by George Fred Williams at Plattsmouth the other night, and in return McKinley got such a skinning as has not been administered to him in a long time. The fusion leaders have treated the president with the greatest respect. In return for it the republican papers are now trying to set McKinley up as a sort of a god to be worshipped—a man who is not to be criticised under any circumstances. As far as this paper is concerned, it will always render due respect to the office of president, but as for the man McKinley, it has the most profound contempt for him. There is not a man today prominent in American politics who is more contemptible than this man McKinley. He has been a trickster and a fraud—a supporter first of the tariff barons, then of the trusts, corporations, and the money power. For years he was a rabid advocate of free silver. He made speech after speech in congress in favor of it, and voted for it just as long as it was necessary for him to do so to hold his seat.

There was never a more disgraceful thing done by a public man than when he allowed Mark Hanna to take up his paper for \$180,000, and while Mark held the mortgage over him put him up for president and play with him as a child pays with a toy. His associations were he went into the White House are a disgrace to the nation. He appointed a man secretary of war who had once been court-martialed for cowardice; he took as his most confidential friend the notorious Steve Elkins; he allowed his brother to set up office next door to the treasury and do a brokerage business in offices and army contracts, which became such a disgrace that even the gold bug New York Sun could not stand it. That paper sent a staff correspondent to Washington who wrote up the vile business in all its detail and showed it to McKinley, with the statement that if Abner McKinley's office in Washington was not closed in three days the article would be published. Abner left the next day and opened an office in New York, where he is engaged in the same business. All this and much more has been known all the time by the free silver editors, and they have said nothing out of respect to the office which McKinley holds.

Even when Mark Hanna, who will soon have to meet charges of wholesale bribery, started McKinley out to swing around the circle in the midst of a campaign as an electioneering dodge, accompanied by a large part of the cabinet and all the army and naval officers that could be induced by positive orders to go, the silver editors said nothing, although a constant fire was kept up all the time on Bryan, who was with his regiment taking care of the sick and dying. But the thing has gotten beyond endurance. Courtesy has no more effect on the men who are planning to give the sovereign power to coin and control the money of this country to the banks and reduce the people to abject slavery under them than water has on a duck's back. McKinley and his whole Hanna-Steve Elkins gang can prepare themselves for a defence of the toy who occupies the White House.

FOREWARNED.

Every one of the correspondents of the great gold bug dailies who have remained in Washington during the campaign and all of whom have access to the national headquarters of the different political parties have for the last four weeks said that there would be a majority in the next congress against the republican party and the "more permanent establishment of the gold standard." Last Sunday the Journal's Washington liar gave up and practically acknowledged that the next house was lost.

Let every reader of the Independent preserve the following statement. It will be of use in the near future. If the free silver forces carry the next congress, there'll be a howl go up from one end of the country to the other that the election of a free silver congress has so frightened the people that a panic is inevitable. The fall in prices that is sure to come, no matter what the political complexion of the next congress will all be laid to the fact that there was "a threat" against the gold standard, if the republicans succeed, and if the free silver forces succeed, it will be because of that.

Every economist knows that there must be a further fall in prices if the gold standard is policy pursued. Banks cannot long continue to do business with \$10. of credit to \$1. of actual money. The thing is impossible. Every sort of effort is being made to hold up the weak concerns until after election, but even that is impossible as will be seen by the list of recent bank failures printed in another column. When it comes, the old cry will be raised that it was all on account of "the threat of free silver." Remember this and be forewarned.

STABBING THE COMMON SCHOOLS.

It is a month since the INDEPENDENT printed from the senate and house journals of 1895 the damnable record of the last republican legislature showing that that body passed through the senate and only lacked a few votes of passing through the house a bill that absolutely closed hundreds of country school houses in this state and left thousands of children without the means of securing a common school education.

No denial of the charge has ever been printed in any republican paper simply because the record was given in full and as it was made up by the republican clerks of the senate and house no denial can be made.

It stands as a proven fact that the last republican senate did pass senate file 222 which reduced the limit of taxation for school purposes from 25 mills to 15 mills and provided that any school with an average attendance not exceeding five should be closed.

It stands as a proven fact that a majority of republicans in the house voted for that bill and that it was only prevented from passing there by a minority of the republicans acting with the populists to defeat it.

It stands as a proven fact that the only object of this infernal bill was to favor the railroads and non-resident land owners who objected to paying their share of school taxes to educate the children in districts where they had property.

It stands as a proven fact that at least six of the republican members of the 1895 legislature who voted for this bill stabbing the common schools of the state in the interest of corporations are candidates for election to the next legislature. They are:

- Noyes of Douglas. Crow of Douglas. Burns of Lancaster. Harkson of Lancaster. Roddy of Otos. Haller of Washington.

The bill was introduced and fathered by Senator Noyes of Douglas. It was introduced at the special request of the corporations that did not want to pay school taxes. Its object was to close school house doors either entirely or for a part of the year. It was voted for by a majority of the republican members after ITS REAL NATURE HAD BEEN EXPOSED.

From start to finish, from beginning to end the bill was a deadly stab at the free school system of Nebraska.

A majority of the republican members of the last republican legislature voted for this bill. There isn't a republican speaker or newspaper that dare deny it for it is in the record.

Do the parents of Nebraska want to take chances on another republican legislature?

"AVAILABLE FUNDS."

The populists have nothing to conceal and no misrepresentations to make concerning the state treasury. All that they desire to do is to present the facts in such a manner that the every day working man can understand them. The speeches of Judge Hayward and the articles generally appearing in the republican papers, whatever the motives, certainly do not present the facts, which are as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Total amount turned over by Bartley: \$862,662.75. Amount available for reduction of debt: \$462,065.24. Judge Hayward's statement that Meserve had \$900,000 with which to pay the debt of the state is false. This \$462,065.24 was the amount of money that was in the funds that could be used for that purpose and the payment of the current expenses of the state as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Fund Name and Amount. General Fund: \$304,960.70. Sinking Fund: 143,960.01. Temporary University Fund: 9,566.65. Relief Fund: 1,566.65. Institute Feeble Minded: 2,888.04. Total: \$462,065.24.

The amount of the general fund could be used for canceling and paying off state warrants and that in the other funds for paying the debts standing against them. There are 14 other funds in which there were \$400,597.51, not a dollar of which was "available" for the reduction of the state debt. Among them was the permanent school, capitol building, state library etc. On August 31st, 1898, there were in 27 different funds, \$467,441.06 on hand but only the following were available for the reduction of the state debt:

Table with 2 columns: Fund Name and Amount. General Fund: \$ 8,987.81. Sinking Fund: 3,487.79. Total: \$11,555.79.

Since Meserve's incumbency of the office, all of the temporary university warrants, relief bonds and institute for feeble minded warrants have been paid. There is quite a large sum of money locked up in six or seven different funds, where all claims against them have been paid off and it lies there idle. But Meserve cannot touch it until the legislature takes action. As soon as it does, it will be applied to a further reduction of the state debt. It must first be transferred to the general fund by act of the legislature.

The above statement forever sets at rest the charge that there is a large fund in the hands of the treasurer that ought to be paid out. There is only \$11,555.79 that can be paid out without making the treasurer and his bondsmen personally liable for misappropriation of public money. That will be paid out on the next call for warrants.

STILL AT THE OLD STAND.

Old Tiddle-de-winks has discovered another mare's nest. In speaking of the populist circular it says: "In one place in this circular the state treasurer says he has reduced the state debt \$738,488.99 and in another place in the same circular he gives the amount as \$700,524.99. Which is correct? The latter figure is the amount that the state debt had been reduced up to July 1st, and the former the amount of the reduction up to August 1st. Republicans should not forget that Meserve is still doing business at the old stand and the reduction of the debt of the state of Nebraska goes steadily on and will continue to go on, until the last cent is paid—provided always that the populists continue to run the treasury."

TOOK PITY ON THEM.

The Nebraska Advertiser, published at Nemaha, asks the following questions: "Why did the educational board cancel the delinquent leases of school funds just when the holders were getting able to pay? How about the \$400,000 back rent money that was wiped off the books and lost to the state?"

We give it up. Perhaps it was because Uncle Jake thought that if he collected those delinquent leases and that \$400,000 back rent and added it to the \$385,660.93 increase that he made in the disbursements to the common schools in 18 months, the people would rise up in their wrath at the cheating the republicans had done and hang every one of them. In that case W. W. Sanders, would not now be printed at the head of the editorial columns of the Advertiser. We fancy that the only answer to the board and Uncle Jake just took pity on such poor creatures as Sanders and thought they would let them live long enough to repeat of their sins.

SEE THE BROKEN BANKS.

The gold bug dailies are not putting any display heads over the telegrams announcing bank failures during these election times. A close scanning of the news columns, however, tells the tale of how they keep tumbling one after another. Within the last few days, tucked away in the graveyard of the daily press the news of the failure of the following banks have been noticed. Tradesman National of New York, Senator Platt's bank of Utica, N. Y., and the First National of Natchez, Neb., the First National of Lisbon, Ohio, and a big run on the Mechanics and Traders bank of New York City. There are a lot more to follow in the near future. Desperate efforts are being made to stop a few of the rotten ones going on after

THE QUANTITY THEORY.

The very first step in the study of political economy must consist in gaining a right conception of what value is. The term is used from the very first lesson to the last and the one who does not know what value is, can know nothing else of the science. The definition that economists use is: "Power in exchange." That is evidently correct, for a thing that could not be exchanged for anything—not for money or any commodity—could not be said to have value. The definition given by Senator John P. Jones, however, will convey a clearer idea to most minds. He says: "Value is human estimation placed upon desirable objects whose quantity is limited."

It will be evident to any, with the exception of a gold bug republican, that anything of unlimited quantity could have no value. If wheat were piled up in unlimited quantities on every hand it would have no value. Even a republican gold bug would admit that, and after admitting it, would turn right around and say that an unlimited quantity of gold would not affect the value of that metal in the least. All gold is potential money. The amount of money—even if there were unlimited quantities of it—would not in the least affect its value, is what the republicans claim and some of them are such idiots that they believe what they say.

The value of everything increases just in the ratio that the quantity is diminished. Water on the bank of lake Erie has no value. One can dip it up—become possessed of it, but he can't exchange it for anything. Water in the midst of a desert, where the quantity is exceedingly limited becomes of great value. The value has increased just in the ratio that the quantity has diminished. Any one save a gold bug republican can see that. He can't. Don't swear at him. He can't help it. These are wheels in his head.

The republicans are resurrecting their old, dead and buried theory of over production to account for the constant fall in the price of wheat and cotton. With thousands half naked and thousands more half starved, they will find that it will not work half as well as it did when John Sherman first promulgated it.

ONCE UPON A TIME THE REPUBLICANS STARTED OUT IN THIS STATE TO WIN A CAMPAIGN WITH A CATCH PHRASE THAT READ AS FOLLOWS: "GOD HATES A COWARD."

Since Burkett and Dave Mercer took to the woods upon being challenged to a fair debate, they have had no use for the phrase. It is, however, just as true as it ever was.

Judge Norris, who is running for congress on the republican ticket in the Third district, is very much disgusted with the fusion of the democrats and populists against him. He thinks that it is an unholy alliance, a political crime. A few years ago when he got up a fusion with the populists and republicans to elect himself to the district bench, he thought fusion was all right, and there was nothing unholy or criminal about it.

The main argument made by Judge Hayward and the inducement held out to get the citizens of Nebraska to vote the republican ticket, is that Bartley did not steal all the money there was in the treasury. He thinks that the republican party ought to have a lot of credit for that. The inference is that if the party is returned to power they will not take it all next time. They will leave a little for a nest egg.

When the First National bank of Neleigh closed its doors last week, a telegram was sent out from that burg stating that it was closed pending an examination and it would resume again, but in the report that the examiner sent to Washington these words are found: "The condition of the bank makes resumption impossible." It was only the repetition of the old story: "All the depositors will be paid in full."

Shafter proved himself to be a regular cad before ten thousand people in Chicago the other day. General Miles met him on the platform with McKinley and extended his hand. Shafter drew himself up and refused to shake hands with his superior officer. He was hissed by the crowd. There is an old soldier in Lincoln who served seventeen years in the army. He can give a history of the private character of Shafter that would make the hair stand on the head of a man of average moral sensibilities.

A POP IN TROUBLE.

The pop editor out at Hebron, who publishes a four column weekly has gotten himself into trouble up to his eyes. When the county officers changed, he got an order for a thousand letter heads. He printed them and took them over to the county officer who had ordered them, and asked the officer what he thought he ought to charge for them. The officer didn't know but suggested that the editor look at the last bill for letter heads paid by the republicans. That the editor did. He found that the price charged was \$4.75 per thousand. The pop editor concluded that must be too much and cut his bill down to \$4.50 and it was paid. Now he is assailed for making a charge and don't know what to do. He admits that he got the \$4.50, there isn't any conscience fund kept by the county officers and he is in a peck of trouble. All of it came upon him from following, even afar off, republican precedents in charging up bills against the county. He ought to have known better than that. The only advice the INDEPENDENT can give, is to send for a priest, confess, do penance and never try to follow a republican precedent again.

Was Never Well

But Hood's Sarsaparilla Has Given Her Permanent Health. "I was a pale, puny, sickly woman, weighing less than 90 pounds. I was never well. I had female troubles and a bad throat trouble. I came across an advertisement of Hood's Sarsaparilla and had faith in the medicine at once. I began taking it and soon felt better. I kept on until I was cured. I now weigh 124 pounds, and never have any sickness. Hood's Sarsaparilla will not cure. My blood is pure, complexion good and face free from eruptions." Mrs. LUNA FARMER, Box 118, Hingham, Rhode Island. Hood's Sarsaparilla is the best in fact the One True Blood Purifier. Hood's Pills are also fine, and effective. All druggists.