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STOTSENBERG'S REPORT

Governor William A. Poynter yesterday cabled Colonel Stotsenberg of the First Nebraska regiment at Manila, informing him of the passage of the house resolution allowing funds for the purpose of ascertaining everything possible concerning the fortunes of the Nebraska troops in the recent battles and skirmishes in and around Manila.

The following reply was received this afternoon: Manila, Feb. 11, '99.—Governor Nebraska (Lincoln): KILLED: EDLUND, PHILPOT, PEGLER, KELLS, BALLINGER, LIVINGSTON.

SEVERELY, NOT DANGEROUSLY, CORPORAL HULL, hand, KECKLEY, arm; SERGEANT CURTIS, arm; PERRY BROWN, arm; MADDEN, leg; SIMONSON, arm; MCKINNEY, arm; KERR, thigh; None lost limbs.

The message of Colonel Stotsenberg was found upon comparison not to include several names previously given in official dispatches, and he was wired for corrections, the following names sent in the telegram were: Henry Epp, F. Egger, George L. Clothier, Douglas T. Bridges, Oral Gibson, Perry Seabrook, Boyd Grant, M. C. Shepherd and Daniel Campbell.

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THE PASS QUESTION. The house this morning debated the Grosvenor bill against free transportation to public officials. The bill was recommended by the railway committee for indefinite postponement.

Mr. Grosvenor, the introducer of the bill, stated to the house that he was refused a hearing by the railway committee; that it was the first time in his short legislative experience he was refused a hearing before a standing committee. He believed the measure was a good one. It is not a political measure. He stated that nearly every public official in the state with few exceptions traveled on free transportation and that they solicited passes for their friends. There are many who believe that a free pass is a bribe. He did not believe a free pass was a bribe but it was necessary to pass such a measure in order to enable the railroads to reduce rates.

Easterling of Buffalo said he favored the measure and he was sure the railroads would favor it. He was told on reliable authority that 35,000 outside of employees traveled on free passes. He also said there was a measure before this house which provided mileage for public officials who were required to travel.

Whether of Burns favored the measure, believing it would enable the people to secure lower rates. Burns of Lancaster opposed the

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measure because it was a buncomb measure.

Taylor of Custer wanted to know if it was buncomb which permits state officers to get free transportation at the expense of the people.

Burns said he still believed it was buncomb because it was a campaign text of the populists, and because the fusionists said they never favored passes when they were candidates and when they were officers they filled their pockets.

Evans of Adams favored the measure but he believed it was used as buncomb and that the fusionists were not sincere.

Cunningham of Harlan favored the measure.

Wileox of Lincoln believed the remarks made had a tendency to confuse one who was honestly seeking light on the subject. He denied that the state officers were using passes because he heard them when they were campaigning say they were opposed to passes and he came from a part of the state where people are honest and therefore he believed them honest, and favored an investigation and wanted all state officers brought before the bar of the house to be questioned for the protection of the people against them in future should it be found that they proved false to their promises.

Easterling of Buffalo favored bringing them before the house and also the members and said it came with poor grace from men asking to have them brought before the house who voted down a resolution to turn back the mileage of the members which cost them nothing.

Wileox replied that he told his people he had a pass when they voted for him and he did not deceive them, and asked Easterling what he told his people.

Easterling replied that he told them he would not take a pass and he did not.

The following message was received from the governor:

Executive Chamber—To the Honorable Members of the House of Representatives: On account of the extreme anxiety of the citizens of this state who have relatives and friends now in the United States service at Manila, and in view of the meager and unsatisfactory reports received of the casualties in the late battles, I deem it my duty to request of you at this time authority to incur the necessary expenses for the war department of this state to cable to the colonel of the First Nebraska, Nebraska volunteers, now in the service at Manila, for a full report of the killed and injured in that regiment.

Owing to the heavy drain caused by numerous telegrams and cable messages transmitted on received since war with Spain commenced, the governor's appropriation for this purpose has been completely exhausted, hence the present legislature would be compelled to meet any further expenses incurred in sending messages of this character.

WILLIAM A. POYNTER, Governor.

Feb. 9, 1899. The governor was authorized to expend a sufficient amount to cable to Manila to ascertain the full list of casualties to the First Nebraska.

THE PLAN ENDORSED.

Editor Independent: I read a piece on union of the three parties, populists, silver democrats and silver republicans, in the Nebraska Independent of February 2d, written by Helen M. Goff which agreed with my sentiment on the fusion parties of our state exactly. I for my part cannot see how we could find a more wise and successful plan than the one above mentioned in that way the majority of the voters of the fusion parties would really formulate a foundation for a platform acceptable for the majority of the voters which would be sure to win at the polls, providing we had good men on our ticket. I am in favor of referendum and think it is the best way of getting the opinion of the majority of the voters. If our political situation goes on at the present rate a few years longer we will be controlled and crushed by the monopolies, trusts and money power. Then farewell liberty. I am a native of that small but free country where the initiative and referendum was first tried, and although I have an adopted "Fatherland" I cannot help but sincerely love my native fatherland as long as my heart beats. May God protect us from the threatening danger of our liberties.

Respectfully yours, GOTTLEIN HALLMER, Gothenburg, Neb., Feb. 8, 1899.

COUNTERFIT MONEY.

The Bankers Want the Exclusive Privilege of Manufacturing It.

Editor Independent: The writer has no disposition to criticize the able article of Walter Johnson in the Independent of January 20th, but as Brother J. covered so wide a space in his short article, he left the gates open, so to speak, on some points, by inference at least. The object of the writer is to sound the more basic principles of the populist party, and to see that any

gates which might be left ajar are securely closed.

In one part of the article the impression is left that silver dollars are redeemable in gold. Nothing could be farther from the fact. This is the goal which gold bugs are strenuously striving to reach. If they can but reach that to them all important base, they can then give a tangible gold-bug reason why a silver dollar is worth a hundred cents.

Brother Johnson, though no doubt unintentionally, admits that all our paper money is worthless in foreign countries. While it is a fact that there is much truth in this, not only in foreign countries but also in our own country, yet it is not all truth. The kind that is worthless is that which professes to have a metallic redeemer. This is the only kind of worthless paper money the world has ever known.

It seems strange, nevertheless it is true, that those who are the worst defamers of worthless paper money are its only promulgators. Strange, too, it is that those loudest in their imitations of "intrinsic value money" (money "worth as much after going through a fire and melted into a shapeless mass as it was before the fiat stamp was destroyed") should be the advocates of a money which, according to their "intrinsic value" test, is not worth one-twentieth part of 1 per cent and which in their fire-value tests would disappear in thin ashes. In reality none of this so-called money is money—virtually it is counterfeit. I say counterfeit for the reason that all money issued without warrant of law is not money, but counterfeit, whether issued from the vaults of some corporation or from the swamps or caverns of some mountain wilderness. All the authority existing in our country for the issuing—making—of money is by the constitution vested in congress and cannot be delegated. Money is made by the fiat of law and only by that fiat, and never can be any other than fiat money. All other is a counterfeit, and all who thrust such money upon the people under whatever pretense, are criminals—criminals not only to the extent to which they defraud the public, but criminal violators of the organic law of the land. The man who issues counterfeit money from some secluded spot is sent to prison. Those who can buy immunity from the law through the bribing of the law-making power cannot issue counterfeit money without fear of imprisonment, but are the nabobs of society, masters of industry, rulers of the realm. The great money power has never allowed governments to issue fiat paper money when it was possible to prevent it, falling in this, either some subterfuge making such money in some way dependent upon such money power or a derogatory clause inserted into the law to discredit and degrade it. For instance, our greenback. Knowing full well that when the people once understood the safety and the blessing of government fiat money that their power to levy tribute upon industry will be at an end. To believe these fellows is to believe that fiat money is the worst absurdity and abomination known, a something that no honest man could possibly think of defending. Yet when we look back into history, history within the memory of thousands of people now living, or digest the money power's banking bill now before congress, we discover that this same vile fiat paper money—this serpentine octopus—becomes an angelic creature, with power to bless and to transform all animate nature. This, though, only when Shylock is to reap the benefits of such fiat.

Brother J. says "they (the republicans) say you may take the paper dollar to Europe and it is not worth the paper it is written on." Thus leaving the impression that populists admit such to be the fact. But is it? Is it not a fact that the much despised greenback has been continuously at a premium for twenty years over Shylock's honest money, gold, in every commercial center of the world? This, too, notwithstanding that Shylock's infamous discrediting brand is spread all over its back—"mutilated," as Thad Stevens, the author of the original bill, said, "until its own father would not touch it."

Brother J. gives some very interesting and basic facts upon the price of gold—facts which it would be well for all students of finance to remember. But he leaves some of the most important truths untouched. He tells us gold bullion is worth \$16.80 per ounce the world over, but he does not tell us why it is worth that. Is there any other commodity, be it the product of nature or art, that is at all times of uniform value the world over? There most certainly is not another instance of this kind anywhere in all the history of material things. Then why is this the case? By the wisdom of the goldbug this phenomenon is unaccountable. But let us see if it is not as plain and easily understood as any other every-day economical problem. If every civilized nation on earth should, by legal enactment, agree to take all the wheat brought to their ware houses at one dollar per bushel, would not every bushel of wheat in such country and in every country be worth a "hundred red cents"? That is just what the "civilized nations" are and have been doing with gold bullion. This is what goldbugs call "intrinsic value." Any fool ought to be able to see, and does see, that it is law-made value—fiat value.

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TO BE OR NOT TO BE.

Father Snyder Makes Some Remarks on Miss Goff's Plan to Get Together.

Editor Independent: A great soul is never a selfish soul, and per consequence a selfish soul is never a great soul, and cannot be great. All great souls are not equally successful, because their environments may not be favorable. But when a great soul appears on the stage of action or in the field of

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thought, and evolution of the human race upward may be looked for, and hoped for if the resisting force of environments is not strong enough to prevent it. Galileo, Newton, Luther, Alfred the Great, Washington, Franklin, Jefferson, Lincoln, and many others, have reached imperishable fame as leading minds because the environments were not strong enough to successfully resist them. Every man of them ventured on an experiment. They won because the opposing force lacked strength enough to successfully resist them. Others equally an offish—and in a case like Socrates, just as great in measure—have simply been a "flower born to bluish unsuccess."

I have been moved to write these sentences through reading the article of Helen M. Goff in the Independent of Feb. 2d. It now remains to be seen what the environment is and what it will bring forth. If the spirit that moved the crusade can be invoked, W. J. Bryan will be our Godfrey and W. V. Allen will be our Richard de Lion, and the multitudes about "God wills it," these United States will be at a white heat before the conventions of 1900 have time to meet.

But if manly quality is dead, if the spirit of liberty is in chains, and the Samsen Agonistis of Milton moving—"But what more oft, in nations grown corrupt, And by their vices brought to servitude, Than to love bondage more than liberty—Bondage with ease than strenuous liberty—And to despise, or envy, or suspect Whom God hath of His special favor raised As their deliverer? If he must teach, How frequent to desert him, and at last To heap ingratitude on worthless deeds."

If that is our environment then all is lost this time. All appeals are to the dead. Bipes we have, but not men. I am not quite gone with despair, if permitted I shall wait to see the last gun fired. With its last echo let me cease to breathe if liberty perish there. I confess that I am annoyed and not a little distressed at the time, nonresisting spirit everywhere visible. It is not quite the indifference of the dead, but it soon will be if it grows worse.

Meanwhile I am hoping some and praying earnestly that reconstruction power may awaken our Lazarus, and in 1900 a tidal wave sweep the land from the Atlantic to the Golden Gate. The plan proposed is a good one—perhaps the best ever advanced. Besides, a woman said it. It may be the trumpet call of our Joan of Arc, but alas, it is a woman. Ye gods, the idea of a woman planning a successful salvation of her country. How preposterous! If adopted, every precinct, county and state ought to have a live, a real vehement meeting the day they meet to vote. And God knows there is call for it. Courts are now the only law and the only government. All legislation, municipal, state and national, is dead, or will be the moment some drunken judge says so. Never on earth had a nation less to say about law and government than we have. All the czar or sultan can do any judges can do with the exception of taking life, and that is not excepted if a sheriff and some deputies are at hand to shoot miners and strikers. And the people are quiet. No indignation. Ozen never worked in a yoke more obediently. They pay their little money and get the Journal and Bee cheap, and leave reform papers to die. What an orderly, law-abiding nation we are. Emboldened here will do, and the disgrace of the faithful officer who tells it is quietly submitted to. All for law and order, don't you see?

Patric Henry is dead. Everybody knows that. If he could come back here we would have some hot indignation meetings. But he won't come—perhaps the funeral of liberty will come.

It is easily possible for the three national committees to adopt the initiative and referendum. That secured once and every item in the platform is sure later on. But they can agree on more than one thing. Free silver, protest against government by U. junction, and several other things are easy to agree on unanimously. Bryan must know by this time that a split up democracy is in sight. By the time the republicans get through with the Philippines there is no telling where they will be. The populists are the only safe rallying point. So I have seen and so I have said all the time. Give the populists the initiative and referendum and they will soon settle the railroad question and show the courts how to keep on their own territory.

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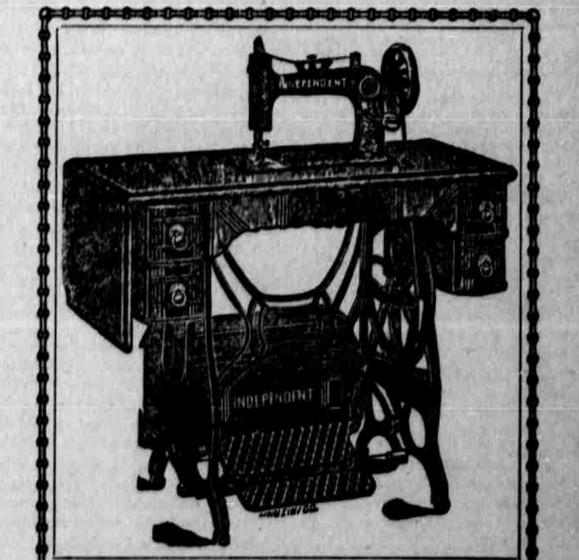
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