

ECONOMIC DISCUSSION.

Editor Independent:

In a recent issue of your paper Brother Johnson of North Loup proceeds to give us some lessons on "flat" money.

First, I object to his statement that money is value. Whenever this is admitted we loose much of the strength of our position on this all important question.

And to declare that money is value puts us in the same position and furnishes our opponents ample grounds to stand on to defeat our financial theories.

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Mr. Stewart mistakes Mr. Johnson's position. When he spoke of \$50,000,000 flat in the gold in circulation, he was showing that from the gold standard argument as used by themselves they could not escape the conclusion that there was \$50,000,000 of flat in the money that they worship, while all the time they were denouncing flat money.

Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup invariably cures promptly an catarrhal affections. This wonderful medicine performs today and has performed in the past half century, the speediest cures of colds in the throat, chest and lungs.

HOW IT COMPARES.

Gering, Neb., Feb. 1, 1899. Nebraska Independent, Lincoln, Neb. Dear Sir: I purchased from you or through your paper, last September, one of the machines you recommended in your paper called the Independent.

WALTER JOHNSON, North Loup, Neb.

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Private Charles E. Park, company F, right thigh, slight.

Private John Williams, company G,

CALIFORNIA FRUIT FARM

To exchange for Nebraska land property. Forty acres in prunes and olives chiefly.

I sincerely believe the solution under three party banners is the prime cause of the defeat of Senator Allen, first owing to a false confidence infused into many of our workers, second a spirit of mutual jealousy.

I would suggest people republican democracy as a suitable name for the new party in contradiction to Mark Hanna republicanism and Grover Cleveland democracy.

If the legislature desires to do the right thing in making the highest education both accessible and free to all pupils alike, they will transfer all school taxes from all sources, railroads etc., into one common or general school fund, build higher schools in the center of each township, compel each district to tax itself to a certain limit for teachers wages and make up the deficiency if there be any out of this general fund for teachers wages for all know that parents as a rule are neither able to send their children to the county seat, high schools or the state university.

THOMAS A. DONAHUE, Wood River, Neb., Feb. 8, 1899.

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I see in the last issue of your paper the following editorial: "How a union of forces is to be effected in the next campaign is being discussed more or less in all the populist papers."

I see that we have got back into the same old question that set Wharton Barker on his ear. Ignatius Donnelly went to pieces over the same thing. Being that these middle-of-the-road fellows have deserted their company, I suppose that leaves us free to do what we would consider best for the welfare of the party and the people.

Now we advocate these things because it would be to our benefit. I do not mean as a party, but as a people living under the law.

Now I do not mean to say anything about fusion because I was in favor of the endorsement of Bryan. Fusion, as long as we have it, will be a trouble to us, and we can carry as many votes as democrats as we can as fusionists.

MORE KILLED.

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Sergeant Wilbur E. Camp, company G, left thigh, slight.

First Sergeant William F. Cook, company G, neck, severe.

Captain Albert H. Hollingsworth, company C, thigh, severe.

Second Lieutenant Bert D. Whedon, company C, right thigh, severe.

TWENTY-THREE KANSAS WOUNDED.

Private Frank D. Hulings, company K, shot through knee yesterday, accidental, serious.

In the cable of February 11, in the list of First Montana wounded, James W. Kennedy and William Kennedy, company G, are identical, the latter name being an error, shot right thigh, severe.

Lieutenant Gardenshire, First Montana, wounded, is William Gardshire, formerly private, company G.

HUMPHREY BROS. SALE.

The Humphrey Brothers Hardware Company of Lincoln, Nebraska, will sell the following articles on the East Larson farm three and a half miles northwest of Davey, February 28, 1899:

Horse and carriage, cultivator and other small articles.

A BROAD PLATFORM.

Our Platform Covers the Field and Offers Relief to the Many of the Present.

The new quarterly called Justice, recently started and published at 16 Day street, New York, has in its first issue a vast amount of sound and solid reading.

Thus it is that we find society more and more divided into but two classes, compared with which, all former class distinctions were merciful.

Between them stands the soulless monster itself, deaf to all appeals, and to every consideration of humanity; and we see labor reduced to the lowest extremity, and worse, turned out of employment, as machinery does more and more the work.

Politics is infected with these conditions; wealth and corporate influence control legislation. If laws are undertaken against them, it is but to satisfy popular clamor, and such laws are not, nor intended to be, effective; while on the other hand, the most vicious legislation in their interests can be had whenever desired.

The courts having dissolved the railroad trust, the most iniquitous of them all, its promoters make their open boast that they are "waiting for legislation." And well they know they can procure it; their benches fill the halls of legislation, many of them in their service as paid counsel, their pockets filled with railroad passes, and not hesitating at more open bribes.

Well might the great Lincoln, his brow yet saddled, and his heart wrung, by the awful havoc of our civil war, cry out in anguish of spirit that not all of that dire conflict, not all of the thick gloom and dreadful uncertainty of its worst days, had ever filled him with such apprehension and dread as these conditions which he so clearly foresaw.

The toilers of the world can, many of them, recall the days when their fathers, by the hard toil of their hands, with but the rudest implements of industry, yet lived in plenty.

The farmer planted and cultivated his corn with hoe and shovel plow; he sowed his wheat by hand, harvested it with hand sickle or cradle, and threshed it with the flail or by the crude treading of horses.

But the question men are everywhere asking themselves is, why, since their labor power has increased so enormously, does it not bring them a corresponding return. This wealth now so rapidly created in every field of industry, is created all that of which the real wealth of the world consists.

It is not in the reconstruction of society upon an ideal basis, as demanded by socialists, that relief is to be found, for this would require ideal men; and as business men are prejudiced as they are, impossible of present fulfillment.

adoption; for the advocates of each will give no real or lasting support to any partial platform which does not include the issues themselves regard as important.

In accordance with the above conclusion the editor treats of the extremes of wealth and poverty, trusts, railroads, city franchises, banks, land monopoly, inheritance and in fact all the distinctive principles of the populist party.

Accident in a Quarry.

OMAHA, Neb., Feb. 17, 1899.—John O'Connell, 2217 Pacific street, this city, while working in a stone quarry, received a bad cut which refused to heal until he began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla and used Hood's Olive Ointment, which cured him.

SACRIFICED.

It is with great regret we note the death of Guy Livingston at Manila, killed in battle. Guy was one of Nebraska's brightest, best and most promising young men.

WATSON UPHOLDS JOHN LAW

In His Story of France He Discusses the Currency Question.

It is the history of France, written from the point of view and with the polemic purpose of Populism. Mr. Thomas E. Watson believes in John Law's theories of money.

He thus ironically writes of the reception at first given to that idea: "He was an expert mathematician and an enthusiast on financial subjects, believing, as many other well meaning enthusiasts have done, that he had penetrated the mystery of the money question."

"What was the famous 'system' of John Law? In a nutshell it was this: To increase the money supply of the nation so that circulation would be quickened, business encouraged, enterprise stimulated, labor employed, products multiplied, prices raised and debts more easily paid."

"When this suggestion was first made, it was laughed out of court. Even now there are well meaning people the world over who have a superstitious reverence for the old orthodox doctrines about money."

"He sees nothing unsound in the 'Mississippi Bubble,' but on the contrary cites the present wealth of the great American states which have been since created out of Law's grant, as showing conclusively that his enormous stock issues, based upon what was then a wilderness, were not excessive."

"There was nothing chimerical in hoping that dividends could be paid upon such a sum. The more the system of Law is studied the less extravagant it will appear. His bank was organized upon precisely the same principles which bring prosperity to the banks of our own time."

"Mr. Watson says that while 'paper money is a good thing, as rain is, it is possible to have too much paper money, just as it is possible to get a calamitous surplus of rain.' But he declines to share the fears of those who believe that the plan of issuing government fiat money would lead in our day to any such excess. He says:

"It may be said that where the government exercises the power of creating money it will always create too much. This is equivalent to saying that governments are not fit to govern. If the government is to be intrusted with the power to decide how many soldiers shall compose the army, how many vessels shall constitute the navy, how many harbors, forts, custom houses, post-offices, signal stations, lighthouses, dockyards there shall be, why can it not be intrusted with the power of deciding how much money there shall be? As a matter of fact John Law's theory of credit money has been the salvation of the very nations which revile his name."

THE DINNER TABLE.

Every good housewife takes a pride in having her table set with a pretty cloth, fine china, and sparkling glass; and our husbands and brothers enjoy it as much as we do, only they do not often mention the fact.

A silence cloth saves the linen and deters the sound of the dishes. Two or three thicknesses of an old white wool blanket will answer the purpose, or if necessary to buy the material, the white cotton blankets which are thick and soft, will be no less expensive as anything and will do nicely.

Colored damask will do for other meals, but let the cloth used on the dinner table be white, with no color unless it is a border of pale blue, pink or yellow.

Embroidery silk in delicate colors show the work to better advantage than pure white, and if one will use the proper care in laundering they will retain their beautiful coloring to the last.

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A Government Telegraph.

Congressman Corliss of Michigan has introduced in the house a bill for the laying of a telegraph cable from some point on the Pacific coast of the United States to Hawaii and thence to the Philippines and Japan.

As was pointed out in these columns months since a coterie of capitalists has obtained from the local Hawaiian government certain concessions for the laying of cables, subject to the approval of the American secretary of state.

For more than a third of a century there has been an incessant demand for the restoration of the telegraph to postal service. Therefore this move of Mr. Corliss is in the right direction and we pledge him the support of our order in making it a complete success.

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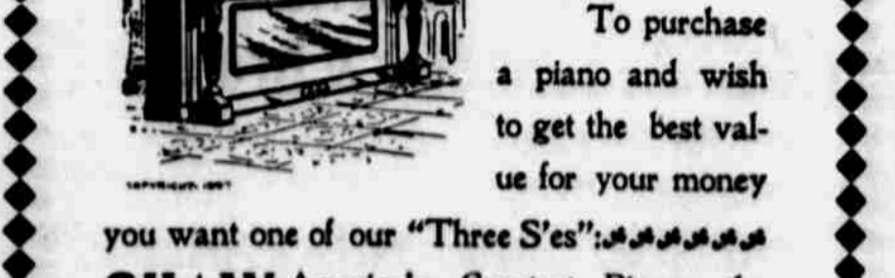
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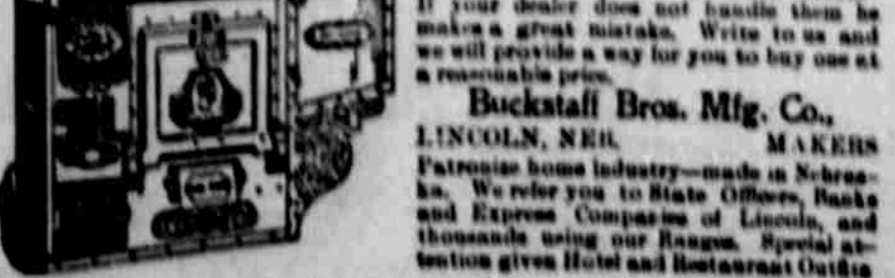
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