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We can't have a Nicaragua canal.

A man down in Kansas claims that he has invented a ballot box that cannot be stuffed.

The republicans tried to cover their attacks on the First Nebraska by expunging the Stotsenburg resolutions.

Just as soon as the republicans got reinstated in power in Kansas they sent word to all insurance cormorants that Web McNeil had kicked out of the state to come back and go to skinning the people again.

The correspondents of the Independent will have to have patience.

If the Saunders County Journal, or any other journal in Nebraska, prefers to call itself a socialist instead of a populist newspaper, the Independent has not the slightest objection.

Tom Johnson says the time will come when the people will ride free on the street cars.

It is a trifling with words to say that a nation is rich when all the wealth is owned by a few men and the masses are all steeped in poverty.

Mayor Jones got 2,000 more votes, than the republican and democratic candidates combined, in his independent race for mayor of Toledo, Ohio.

How the streetcar magnates have been swindling the public can be seen when the fact is taken into consideration that three perfectly responsible men have made an offer to the city government of Indianapolis to take over the lines in that city and give three cent fares, universal transfers, to do all paving between tracks and at the expiration of twenty years to turn all street-railway lines over to the city for nothing.

There is a great deal of talk in the plutocratic papers about "cheap money."

ECONOMIC PREDICTIONS.

In a private letter an old friend and co-worker says: "You quite frequently say that the economists predicted just what occurred since the demonization of silver."

"It is a great mistake to suppose that the adoption of the gold valuation by other states than England will be beneficial. It will only lead to the destruction of the monetary equilibrium hitherto existing, and cause a fall in the value of silver, from which England's trade and the Indian silver valuation will suffer more than all other interests, grievous as the general decline of prosperity all over the world will be."

"The strong doctrinism existing in England, as regards the gold valuation, is so blind that, when the time of depression sets in there will be this special feature: The economical authorities of the country will refuse to listen to the cause here foreshadowed; every possible attempt will be made to prove that the decline of commerce is due to all sorts of causes and irreconcilable matters. The workingman and his strikes will be the first convenient target; then speculation and over-trading will have their turn. Later on, when foreign nations, unable to pay in silver, have recourse to protection, when a number of other secondary causes develop themselves, then many would-be wise men will have the opportunity of pointing to specific reasons, which in their eyes account for the falling off in every branch of trade. Many other allegations will be made totally irrelevant to the real issue, but satisfactory to the moralizing tendency of financial writers. The great danger of the time will then be that among all this confusion and strife, England's supremacy in commerce and manufactures may go back to an extent which cannot be redressed, when the real cause becomes recognized, and the natural remedy is applied."

It cannot be denied that every one of these predictions have been fulfilled, even to the one that foretold the loss of England's supremacy in commerce. England no longer ranks first in commerce although as a bond holder and an interest grabber she leads the world. Wolowski made the most detailed prediction of this character which was printed in 1868 but some scoundrel borrowed that book and never returned it.

Some day when the editor has more time he will get another volume and print the whole passage. Many other economists wrote in the same way. In fact any man who had enough sense to run a saw mill would have said the same thing if it had been brought to his attention, and he had stopped to think about it.

GIVE ONE BIG WHOOP.

Populism is bursting all the bounds set for it by the managers of the republican party. It will not down but continues to arise and assert its strength in most unexpected places. It breaks out in revolt in the most severely guarded republican camps. It starts up and asserts itself in the very head quarters of the democratic party. It has risen upon all the unrestrained force of eternal truth in four of the great cities during the last month and has triumphed. In Detroit, Chicago, Toledo, and New York the issue before the people were all issues raised by the populist party and are contained in all of its national and state platforms. In three of these cities populism has had a magnificent triumph. City franchises are hereafter to be owned by the people instead of by the corporations. Oh! you long haired, wild eyed pop, what do you think of it now? All these long years of self sacrifice have not been in vain. You will smile now when you think of the time we use to get up on a dry goods box on a street corner and try to teach the people the doctrine of the public ownership of public franchises while the republicans hooted and called us anarchists. Now these very doctrines are tearing the republican party in shreds. They overpower the most carefully set and provided for Mark Hanna conventions. Look at Toledo, give one air splitting hoop, then pull off your coat and go it again.

A NEW ISSUE.

Old Tiddle-de-winks seems inclined to make a state issue out of Gov. Poynter's veto of the resolutions declaring that war in the Philippines is a war in defense of the principles of this government. Of course when it tries to make a part of that issue the statement that the governor vetoed a resolution of thanks to officers and men of the First Nebraska it lies, for the veto expressly says the contrary and is open to the inspection of all men. Nothing could please the populists more than to make an issue on the war in the Philippines. That stem up the coming fight just in the way we would like to have it. There is not a particle of doubt that three fourths or more of the people of Nebraska are dead against this war. Every relative and friend of the officers and men of the First

Nebraska are against it and nothing would please them better than a chance to so express themselves at the polls. On that issue the populists would carry the state by about 110,000 majority. If any one doubts that the First Nebraska would not approve of that resolution to a man, he should read some of the private letters that have come from them during the last few days. Every one of these letters contain the most positive injunctions not to print them as the writers fear a court martial if they were caught writing such things home, but they are all opposed to this war of criminal aggression. After the Nebraska boys are discharged, if any of them ever live to be discharged, some of these letters will be printed.

JOE PARKERS IDEA.

Joe Parker, one of Milton Park's organizers of the Wharton Barker kind, says he wants more populism and less silver. As all the other planks of the populist platform are being taken up, endorsed by republicans and democrats in every part of this country and by the citizens of almost every other country, Joe need have no fear about them. In several of the city elections this spring they were made planks in the platforms of all the parties. But silver—they don't want any of that. Free silver and the government issue of all money will soon be the only plank left to distinguish us from the Rothschild outfit. The other things show a strong tendency to take care of themselves. The fight from this on will be for free silver and full legal tender government money.

All the claim we have in the Philippines is what we bought of Spain for \$20,000,000. When Spain was trying to enforce that claim, every paper in the United States denounced it. Now that McKinley has purchased the rotten old thing it must be defended with the blood of our best young men. Is the claim any more just after it was purchased by McKinley than it was in the hands of Spain? If it is, we would like some one to tell why.

That committee to formulate a money measure that will suit plutocracy and be enacted when the next congress meets is working away. They are going to flood the country with bank paper upon which the people will have to pay interest. That committee, it is to be hoped, will not fail to put a lot of intrinsic value into their new issue of bank paper for that is the only kind of money that is any good they tell us.

John M. Thurston has flopped over to the imperialist side. In doing so he uses enough cant to nauseate a carrion eating crow. He talks about "God's providence," says that "God has given us the responsibility" etc. etc. From his speech one would infer that John has just been having a private interview with the Almighty and has found out just what God intends to have us do. It will be regretted, if that is the case, that some more credible messenger was not employed to carry the message.

One by one the roses fall. John C. Watson, so the papers say, skipped the country last week. John was one of the big red roses in the Nebraska republican bouquet. He use to run things in the republican legislatures. There he acquired that Bartley and Norval habit and now he has left his country for his country's good. Soon the last republican rose will be left blooming alone on the supreme bench. Then in due time he will fade away and Nebraska will know them no more forever.

The republicans killed the bill that was introduced to send money to the Nebraska boys who were fighting in the Philippines; they passed resolutions condemning their commanding officer, and now they are trying to make political capital out of the fact that the governor vetoed a resolution which, if adopted, would have a tendency to keep them fighting in tropical jungles for the next five years, provided they could be forced to stay there that long. If the republicans can make anything out of that they are welcome to it.

While the adoption of a part of the principles of the populist party and their enforcement in some of the cities in England brings a measure of relief to the citizens of those cities, the failure of the British government to adopt the populist financial doctrines, works suffering and loss in many other portions of the kingdom. A glance at an article in another column of this paper written by a British subject residing at Tetbury, England, will show that the gold standard has produced exactly the same effect there that it has here.

Wall street came very near another Black Friday last week. The banks had been preparing for it several days and it turned out to be only a general shearing of the lambs. The banks absolutely refused to loan money with the stock of recently formed trust companies for security. Is that the banks are right, for these stocks, as the Independent has constantly been asserting, have not much behind them except water. It is another South Sea-Tulip Bath case. All the lambs have not been sheared yet. There will be still another and a larger shearing in the near future.

POPULISM IN ENGLAND.

The growth of populism in England and on the continent still continues to be phenomenal. The city of Manchester, England, which has always taken the lead in populism in Great Britain, has made a new departure by adding manufacturing of soap, tallow, oil, glue and fertilizer to its garbage and sewerage department. The city government now owns street-car lines, gas, electric light and water works, ice factories, fifteen markets, baths and public laundries, slaughter houses, cemeteries, cheap lodging houses, technical schools, art galleries and work-shops for the manufacture and repair of its vehicles, tools and implements. It has reclaimed a large swamp by depositing its street cleanings and the solid matter found in its sewage, and is now reclaiming another, by which it is expected to add several millions of dollars to the wealth of the city. The most novel branch of the city government is a corps of housecleaners, who can be employed by the occupants of stores, flats, office rooms and residences to overhaul and clean their establishments as often as desired. A Manchester woman who desires her house cleaned can telephone to police headquarters, and a gang of scrubbers, sweepers, window-washers, etc., will be sent at once to take up the carpets and relay them and do her spring house cleaning in a few hours and in first-class style while she goes to London or visits friends.

It is this sort of government that the Independent advocates in contradistinction to socialism. The principles of populism enacted into law and enforced in Manchester is making it the cleanest, wealthiest, the most highly educated and happiest city in all of England. The sweat shop and starvation among the wage workers, which are such a curse in New York and Chicago are becoming, and soon will be known there only as a horrid nightmare of the past. There is no attempt there to interfere with the freedom of the individual. Every worker is free to choose his occupation and each one is paid a salary which becomes the private property of each individual worker to expend as he or she sees fit. There are thousands of wage workers employed by the city and the rate of wages is controlled by the vote of the whole people.

Other cities are taking note of the prosperity of Manchester, and will pattern after the good example set in that city. They will soon be employing thousands of wage workers also and the outside employers will be forced to pay equal wages. Populism will thus come to be the redeemer of the downtrodden of Europe before the plutocrats will allow its enforcement in this, the land of its birth.

The salvation of society lies in populism. Its blessings can be obtained without the overthrow of present constitution or the change of form in any government. It does not make the individual a cog in a mighty machine governed and made to revolve or stand still at the dictation of a superior power, called the "state." He is still a man and the director of his own destinies. He can still have a family and a church of his very own. His children will be under his own control, supported by his own and not by the "state." Even politics will be purified, not by any change in human nature, but by the conditions it will create. When public utilities become the property of the government, there will be no bribes giving lobbyists haunting the halls of congress, the state capitols or municipal councils. There will be no immense campaign funds raised to corrupt the electorate. Not because men have become angels and have submitted themselves to Captain Ashby's law of love, but because there will be "nothing in it." There will be no more Yerkes and C. P. Huntingtons in Washington or Chicago, for the reason that there will be no more millions to be stolen by means of railroad charters and municipal franchises. There will be no more Atkins and Matt Quays to hold up legislatures and prevent the people from having their just representation in the United States senate, for gas combines and railroad pools will be things of the dreadful past.

In populism lies the hope of the world. It points out the plain practical way to relief from the conditions that oppress and demoralize the people. Off with your coats all ye old workers! Strike out as you have never struck before! Your place in the ranks no other man can fill. In the battles against plutocracy that have gone before you have learned to fight. You are a veteran now. Make your last days the most glorious days. New recruits are coming in but they are only recruits. It requires much study to understand the principles of populism and they must be understood before the recruit can be made into a fighter. The next battle must be fought by the Old Guard. Are you ready? Have you got your war paint on? Write and let us know.

THE MAIN QUESTION.

It is with regret that the Independent notices that some populist papers are giving nearly the whole of their space to the advocacy of some of the minor planks of the national platform. Let us all stick to the main question. While some of the supporters of the Rothschild ring are deeply interested in the private ownership of what they call the "industrial," the men who are really the govern-

ing power in this country care but little about them. What they are interested in is the maintenance of the gold standard. That is the real question, the paramount question. That Indianapolis committee is at work night and day. The congressional committee is laying its plans. Their press committee is filling the great dailies all the time with their lies and their sophistries. Their associated press censor is never off duty. A great battle is to be fought in the next congress. More gold bonds are to be issued in the next five years, if their plans succeed, than are now outstanding. The heavy hand of the money power is to be laid upon us with more force than all the past. It means serfdom for the producer. It means a peasant agricultural class. It is what J. Sterling Morton has declared, that hereafter those that are born landless must always remain landless. Let us keep after the bondholders and the money power just the way we did when the party was first organized.

A BIG DIFFERENCE.

The Saunders County Journal says: "Mayor Jones is an advocate of municipal ownership of street railways, is in fact an avowed socialist." It doesn't seem to the Independent that that statement accords with the facts in the case, and for two reasons. In the first place Mayor Jones calls himself a republican and there is a wide extended movement in Ohio to make him the republican nominee for governor. In the second place, the municipal ownership of street railways, where the employees are paid salaries which they are free to spend as they please, is not socialism and no socialist of authority ever claimed that it was. Under socialism, if a man were a conductor on a street car he would get no salary, but would have a common interest in all property with the other 70,000,000 citizens of the United States. The one is populism and the other is socialism and there is a mighty big difference between the two.

MADE IT GOOD.

Editor Independent:—My copy of the Independent of April 6 came to hand today. After reading the letter of H. Kilgore I am reminded that my subscription expires today and I immediately lay down the paper and take up my pen to renew. Inclosed find postal order for one dollar. Go on with the Independent. You are on the right track.

J. M. WAHD, Marquette, Neb.

The Nebraska Independent, of Lincoln, publishes more good sound fusion doctrine, every week, than most fusion papers do in a year. We would like to reprint the entire issue each week, but we can't.—Adams County Democrat.

Several papers in the state have had the honesty and manhood to acknowledge that they were a little too fast in their denunciation of the auditor and have taken it all back. Some others should do likewise.

THAT EDITORIAL BUREAU.

Mark Hanna's editorial bureau is working over time these days. At the beginning of the week it sent out an enormous amount of imperialistic editorials. One of them begins as follows:

The mistake made by congress last spring when the resolutions were passed in connection with liberating the Cubans from Spanish rule and establishing a free republic is only too evident now. Up to a few days ago the general opinion in Cuba was anti-annexationist; but since the assembly has given patent proofs of absolute incapacity to direct the affairs of the country, beginning by passive resistance to the military government of the United States, and crowning their inefficiency by the deposition of Gomez, Cuban popular feeling has undergone a complete change.

The whole package is full of the cry: "We must hold Cuba." Watch the great dailies and see how they will take up the cry. They are all edited in Mark Hanna's quarters in Washington.

FRANK IAMS IMPORTER AND BREEDER 100 Percherons, Belgians, Shires-Clydes and Coaches IAMS HORSE SHOW at the Omaha Exposition, had ALL THE PEOPLE—Judges Superintendents and all—ON THE RUN—to see the largest exhibit of horses on grounds. MORE BLACK STALLIONS than all exhibitors; MORE 2,000-LB. HORSES, 1,800-lb. two-year-olds; more state prize winners, Exposition winners—at leading Ill., Ia., Nebr. and St. Louis fairs—and the largest stallion and mare in U. S., weight 5,000 lbs. IAMS RECEIVED \$1,320 For Making Greatest Horse Exhibit at Omaha Exposition. IAMS "BON TON" and "JAQUES COEUR," largest and most noted stallions in U. S., first prize winners at Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska and St. Louis fairs, WERE NOT SHOWN for ribbons at Exposition. Iams always has a bare full of ribbon-grabbers. IAMS has NO colts in country, selling inferior stallions to companies at low prices. Have half this money by going direct to Iams' barn and buy a winner—headquarters to show you more stallions than all other importers in Nebraska. Good guarantees—and Iams pays freight. Good terms to responsible parties. Stallions exchanged. Iams and his Horses are Masters to People Who Do Business With Him FOR SALE—Fine Pair Matched Coach Team. Exposition Winners. On U. P. and B. & M. Ry. ST. PAUL, NEB.