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The republicans have a good deal to say about "honest money" but not one of them seem to have any interest in honest men.

Money can neither be honest nor dishonest. Such a statement however, is beyond the comprehension of a mullet head. Therefore they continue to go about the streets howling for "honest money."

No one can truthfully accuse McKinley of impartiality. He sends niggers to Idaho to kill white men and he sends white men to the Philippines to kill niggers. That is the way he satisfies his conscience.

The men denounced by the plutocratic press as "little Americans" are the men who believe in the declaration of independence with all their hearts, and the men who so denounce them think that document should be thrown in the waste basket.

"It is true" remarked McKinley, "that Lincoln said that no man was good enough to govern another man without his consent, but then you must remember that Mr. Lincoln was not very well acquainted with me or he never would have said it."

The democrats of Kentucky are today advocating the populist platform of 1895 without an exception. They have found out that the people of these United States demand populism and won't have anything else even if it is branded "just as good."

General King said that the Filipinos were far more capable of self government than the Cubans. Alger says that that statement is a perfect defense for the annexation of Cuba, and not an argument for the independence of the Philippines. All of which gives us another sample of plutocratic logic.

Pullman said "there is nothing to arbitrate." Pullman is dead and his vast fortune is fast being dissipated. Now Grant of the smelting trust says to the board of arbitration of Colorado: "There is nothing to arbitrate." One of those days before long Grant will be dead and when he appears before St. Peter he will be told, "there is nothing to arbitrate."

If money was something to eat or to wear, then what it was made of would be a matter of some consequence. But as we can't eat it or wear it, what difference does it make whether it is made of gold, silver or paper? But whether it takes a big lot of corn, wheat or cotton to get a small amount of money when we have a debt to pay, is a matter of very great importance.

If McKinley can find any vacant land like that that Jefferson annexed or like that annexed after the Mexican war—land that is good and fertile and upon which the young men of America can locate homesteads—then we are all for annexation. But when he wants to annex a lot of tropical jungle more thickly inhabited already than the states of this union, that is another question altogether and we don't want any of it.

Resistance to the power quoted by George III, to tax us without representation was the principal cause of the war of the revolution. Now the trusts come in and exercise that power without let or hindrance and the plutocratic editors, basing their action upon the published opinion of McKinley's attorney-general, declare that "we can't do anything." That is not the way that Patrick Henry, George Washington and Warren talked.

The object had in view by the Lincoln republican campaign managers in forcing the First Nebraska to come to Lincoln to be paid off, was first to give the railroad and street car companies a big rake off and then to make political capital for imperialism. A great big round up in Lincoln would put thousands of dollars into the coffers of the railroad companies as well as that of the street car corporation. After that the republican state committee could call on them for a good large slice and they could get it. It is not at all probable that the wife abuse men of the first will consent to be used in that way.

THE LIGHTY FRAUD. The Kearney New Era-Standard, whose editor was on the ground, gives an account of the Lighty-Mallieu resolutions that were sent out as the resolutions of a Farmers Alliance, when no such resolutions were ever passed by any farmers alliance, or by any body except Lighty, Stebbins and Mallieu. The account is practically the same as was printed in the Independent. The editor then remarks as follows:

"The politics in this kind of sneak campaigning is of the same brand Mark Hanna believes in, and which elected him United States Senator from Ohio. The republican party is the motive power behind Stebbins and Lighty in trying to palm off on the people the falsehood that populists of any number held a meeting in Kearney and issued an address. The populists of Buffalo county will not be fooled by it, nor will any intelligent populist in Nebraska be led to vote against an honorably nominated co-operative or fusion ticket in opposition to the desires of such mercenary tools of the republican party as the authors of the address above referred to. The intent of the address is to prevent fusion. If the republicans can profuse and there is a three-cornered cornered fight in every polling precinct, they will win. If they can hire so-called populists to create discontent, that is business, and this is the reason Stebbins and Lighty were in Kearney two days last week. Honest populists are thoroughly on the alert against the middle-of-the-road republican contingent of which Stebbins and Lighty are only two of a number actively at work.

WHERE THE FOOL LIVES. Mr. W. F. Fetterman, of Filley, Mo., writes a letter to the Independent and asks: "Do you know anything about that fool N. C. Henderson, of Wilsonville, Nebraska? No, we do not, except that from an enclosed letter we see that Mr. Fetterman has sized him up about right. In Henderson's letter he says: "The reason that I spoke of the pope claiming supply and demand as the law of better times is that they ignored such a theory during the campaign of '96 they contended that the Volume of Money was the only remedy. That supply and demand cut no figure." [We are quoting verbatim; capitalization, punctuation and all just as it is in the original letter.—Ed.] "but directly after election when times began to get better they then began to cry supply and demand."

Now there is history, economics, and literature for you. Wheat began to rise long before election. There was not a pop paper in this state that did not continually point out that the rise in wheat was caused by the famine in India and the failure of crops in Argentina. Mr. Towne, in a speech at the Oliver theatre in this city, long before the conventions met, and went into the whole subject. Portions of that speech were printed in every free silver paper in the state. The day the silver conventions met in Lincoln there were speeches made on the capitol grounds by Weaver, Bryan, Holcomb, and others, all pointing out that the rise was on account of short supply.

Populists have at all times held that supply and demand regulates the price of all commodities, as well as the price of money. If there were but ten dollars in the world, the demand for dollars with which to pay off debts requiring as many dollars as it now does, all the land in the great state of Nebraska would not be sufficient to buy a tenth part of one of those dollars.

This distinguished economist further says: "What was the cause of so quick a change after election? it couldn't have been on account of war because there was no war. It was simply because People had Confidence in the administration. Factories & mills were opened and gave employment to sale men and that caused a demand for our supplies."

There you have it. Open the factories and employ "sale men" and that will cause a demand for supplies! It don't matter a particle whether the people have any money to buy the goods or not. "Sale men" appearing in a city will immediately cause a demand for goods! That is republican logic. No wonder Mr. Fetterman wanted to know where that fool lived. Some mullet heads do live in Nebraska, but we have some doubts about this one.

DIDN'T SUFFER MUCH. The State Journal continues to insult the officers and men of the First Nebraska at every opportunity. In last Friday's issue it reprints the slanderous assault made upon the regiment by the Stanton Picket in which it said:

"It is not easy to see how, under the most favorable of conditions and best of management, a less loss could reasonably be expected."

The mullet head editor printed that in the same paper that contained a dispatch from San Francisco which gave the news brought by the transport dated at Manila, June 11th. This report says:

The volunteers are greatly debilitated in consequence of their hard campaigning through the three months of tropical weather. Since the middle of May no volunteer regiment has had a sick list of less than 20 per cent. Most of them at the present date had 25 per cent ill, and a few regiments have less than one-third of their number on duty. The Nebraska regiment has suffered the worst. It came in from San Fernando a few days ago with less than two hundred men in

the ranks. Some of its companies have only two sets of four. Twenty-four of the Nebraska officers are on the sick list, and the Montana, Kansas, Washington and South Dakota regiments show twenty or more officers in the hospitals or sick in their quarters. These regiments have borne the brunt of the fighting. Their losses in killed and wounded range from 160 in the Montana regiment to 280 Nebraska men."

When the First Nebraska gets home, that is, what are left of them, if some of these imperialists don't shut their mouths, they probably won't have any mouths that they can shut. PROPERLY NAMED. The Wahoo Democrat says: "The Nebraska Independent published at Lincoln, and by the way one of the strongest and most ably edited reform papers in the state, has coined a new name or term for administration republicans. It is such a happy bit and so fully expresses the intellectually befogged condition of the dupes of Mark Hanna that the Democrat believes it ought to be generally adopted as a party designation for the deluded followers of that prophet of evil. The term referred to is "Mullet Head" and is defined as follows:

"The Democrat then prints the article entitled "Mullet Head" which recently appeared in this paper and adds: "The definition is so to the point, any one, even a 'Mullet Head', conversant with the flopping propensities of the genus homo designated by the term will be compelled at once to admit the appellation is a fitting one. Henceforward 'Mullet Head, goes."

The Stanton Register, a red hot republican paper, does not take any stock in the sufferings of the First Nebraska. It figures out that they have not lost many by death or disease or in any other way. It says that 90 per cent of them are alive and well and that "it is not easy to see how, under the most favorable of conditions and best of management, a less loss could reasonably be expected."

There are more than 200,000 men out on a strike at this time. There are indications that many more will strike within the next few days. Several strikes have been successful but in no case has wages been raised higher than in '98 when the cutting down began. In many cases where an advance of wages has been announced in the plutocratic papers the rise was less than the cut made three years ago.

Since Peffer went back to the republicans, the pages of the great plutocratic quarterlies and magazines are all open to him. In the days when he called himself a populist, things were not that way. In the eyes of these literary gentlemen the political party to which a man belongs fixes his literary standing. If he supports the republican party he can have his articles printed in the quarterlies and magazines. If he doesn't, then he can't and that's all there is to it.

A panic is sure to arrive on time: Not one has ever failed to arrive on time since modern financiering came into vogue and it will not fail now. The interest on debts is greater by far than the producing capacity of the nation above the cost of existence. There will soon have to be another "liquidation," as the bankers say, and the books balanced by the bankruptcies. They are just cleaning up the last job and some of the mortgages have not been foreclosed yet.

Old Tiddle-de-winks gave a good demonstration of his constitutional mendacity and stupidity the other day when it published in one column a screed on Bryan, saying he was in Colorado but was afraid to go to Colorado Springs and make a speech in that stronghold of McKinleyism, while in another column it had an account of a tremendously enthusiastic meeting at that place at which Bryan had addressed over 3000 enthusiastic followers. Go it, you old mullet head. You are a source of a great deal of fun for the pops.

L. E. Brown, the socialist editor of the Independent Herald, gives the Lighty-Mallieu convention out at Kearney and the fake resolutions a great big boost. That is what the Independent has been telling its readers it might look out for from the socialists who pretend that they are populists. The Independent sized them up all right. This is a populist paper and will support the populist party, as we remarked to Mr. Brown some time ago. He winds up his puff of that fake affair at Kearney with the following: "The time for any successful reform movement is past."

Senator Thurston says: "Many republicans in the west have moderate silver views and will leave the party if the single gold standard is declared for. Beside the hope of ultimate bimetalism is not a vain one." It is too late in the day for such talk as that to have any force. The time for it was at the St. Louis convention when Teller, Towne, Pettigrew, Dubois and men who thought more of principles than of party walked out of it. Now after making a Mark Hanna campaign and help insuring the success of the gold standard upon the country it is too late. Other men who have always been true to principles will make the fight for silver and not John M. Thurston.

INSULTING THE FIRST. The imperialists of Lincoln and Omaha put a wet blanket on the enthusiasm with which the people of this state were prepared to greet the First Nebraska, by turning the meeting called to arrange for their reception into a regular republican campaign for McKinley and all that McKinley and Mark Hanna represents. The people of this state and of the city of Lincoln felt like assembling enmasse and pouring out their gratitude in cheers for the brave living and tears for the dead, wounded, sick and dying of the bravest regiment that ever marched under the stars and stripes. All without regard to religious beliefs, party affiliations, foreign and native born, wanted to assemble and take the returning soldier to their hearts and in their arms and tell them how proud they were that Nebraska had furnished to the world and to history such men. All, we say, because there were none who wanted any other sort of a reception, except the few republican campaign managers who gave to the state a Bartley, a Moore and hundreds of other defaulter.

When the First arrives in San Francisco they will doubtless refuse to participate in any such a reception. Some of the committee have already sent in their resignations and there are probably more to follow. The only officer who served in this war who was on the program, General Vilquin, distinctly repudiated the assertions made by the campaign managers. If the "First Nebraska" is to have a fitting reception, new committees must be appointed who will see to it that politics is kept out of it altogether. This meeting at the Funk opera house was an insult to every officer and man in the regiment.

REPUBLICAN POPULISTS. There is not a tenet of the populist party except that of the government issue of paper money, that is not now being advocated by the republican party in different sections of the country. Even the government issue of paper money was at one time advocated by the whole party with the exception of a few bankers in New York. The Progressives have succeeded by advocating populist principles and making them the paramount issue in their campaigns. Members of the cabinet of republican presidents have taken some of the populist principles and boldly advocated them while holding office. Some have advocated the public ownership of the telegraphs and some postal savings banks, and others other demands of the populist platform. The truth about it is whenever they get hard pressed they will take up some plank of the populist platform and win on it. That is the way Progress did and he is not the only one. They have been able to do this because of the action of some mullet headed populists. These sort of populists will leave their own party and vote for the republicans excepting when these republicans are elected to office they will snub these things into law. They are bigger fools than the mullet head republicans.

DON'T WORK WELL. The Christian Commonwealth, a socialist colony located in Georgia, is finding the same difficulties to contend with that have confronted those at Ruskin. Socialist theories are very beautiful to contemplate, but they don't work when a practical application is attempted to be made. A socialist colony to be a success must be very strict in the admission of members. The socialistic theories will not apply to mankind in general but to only a select few. Of the recent difficulties in the Georgia colony, the Social Gospel, the organ of the colony, says:

"It must be understood that while our door is open to all, yet people who come here and do not try to live pure, honest, unselfish lives, will be required to leave. "We have admitted to full membership, with all it implies of trusteeship, many after very brief acquaintance. In this we made a mistake which we are not likely to repeat. It cost us so much that we have been, and will be for some time, compelled to live on corn meal, shorts, and such vegetables as our garden furnishes. The colony cannot spend money for lawyers and for beans, rice, sugar and syrup. We were compelled to choose the lawyers, and think the complete decision in favor of the legality of our institutions worth the cost of a bread and water diet."

DEVELOP THE WEST. The Almerna Lantern says: "The way to sound the keynote of the future welfare of the west is to arouse it people to support the plan for federal storage reservoirs. Unite the west on this proposition and federal storage reservoirs will become a reality. Give the west these reservoirs to hold the waters which now annually run to waste, and there will be a development of this section which will make greater demands upon the manufacturers of the east than they are able to supply."

If the manufacturers of the east had a little pop sense they could see without being told, that the way to "develop trade" is to make a grain field of the arid west and fill it with inhabitants, rather than to waste our substance in trying to capture the tropical jungles of the Philippines. Millions of thrifty farmers would settle in the regions now

lying waste and they would want goods and be able to buy and pay for them. It is very little goods that the inhabitants of the tropics want and what they do want they will soon be able to manufacture themselves. They will prefer to do it too, rather than pay freight on them for 7,000 miles.

COME AT LAST. The welcome news has just come from Washington that Alger has gone at last. The two years that he has been in the war department has been two years of notorious incompetency and corruption. The history of it is written in soldiers graves in Cuba and the Philippines and at the bottom of the sea where many a dead soldier lies poisoned by Alger canned beef. A deadly incubus has been lifted from the army. It remains to be seen whether the incompetent who holds the presidential office will fill the place with anything better.

ANOTHER INSULT. The editorial that appeared in the State Journal some time ago advising that the First Nebraska be not paid off until they reached Lincoln because the boys were not to be trusted with money and would fool it all away in San Francisco is attracting attention of the families and friends of the boys all over the state. These young men are the sons of the best families of the state and are not the bums that such talk intimates that they are. A more insulting thing was never said about a lot of men and when what are left of the boys get back, the Journal will likely hear from them. The Wahoo democrat has the following remarks on the subject:

"The State Journal in a recent editorial, advocated withholding the pay of the First Nebraska until it arrives in Lincoln so as to prevent the boys from squandering their money at San Francisco and along the route home. It was a dirty, uncalculated fling at the morals of the regiment. The boys of this regiment are the pick and flower of Nebraska's best families, and the sheet in question has no grounds for such mean insinuations. It might as well be said here and now that the First Nebraska is coming home in a befitting manner and its members will retire to honored citizenship, respected and loved by all the people, and the attempts of the State Journal to insult the regiment and its friends will be resented by both; and further, the attempts of certain small-bore politicians to use the regiment as a political cat's paw will also fail. It will neither be made a side attraction to an Omaha show by Cadet Taylor and his gang nor a football for Lincoln political nincompoops of the Wheedon-Thayer gang and their ilk. The boys of the regiment will be received and welcomed by the decent respectable citizens of the state, and the slysters and political ringmasters will be given to understand so at the proper time."

There is a widow in the city who is the unfortunate owner of a building and corner lot valued at \$10,000. The taxes, water rates and repairs cost her \$47.50 a month or \$570.00 a year. The income from rents last year was \$498.00 leaving her \$72.00 behind. To earn her own living and that \$72.00, she has worked like a slave. She said the other day, that if it were not for that \$72.00 she could get along and not overwork herself. That is what the mullet heads call prosperity.

If free silver farmers would be a little more careful about the terms they use when talking with their neighbors they would make a lot of converts. When you start to town with a load of wheat and are asked what you are going to do, say: "I'm going to buy some money with this wheat. I have a note coming due and I have to buy some money to pay it, but it takes a lot of wheat or corn to buy a few dollars these days." That will start more thinking in a gold bug's head than an hour of argument.

While the populist is glad to see other parties advocating his principles he knows that there is a mighty difference in advocating principles for the sake of carrying an election and in advocating them because it is intended to enact them into law. So "he keeps his eye peeled" and works to maintain his party organization in fighting trim that he may hurl his whole force against any pseudo allies who don't stand up to the rack when the time comes for enacting them into laws. Organize and stand fast.

The Citizens National Bank of Michigan and the Savings bank of St. Paul, both failed last week. A few more depositors have lost their all. That is some more of the prosperity that Mark Hanna and McKinley are dealing out. If when a bank failed it were the bankers who were the chief sufferers it wouldn't matter so much. It is not the bankers, but the "widows and orphans" whom the said bankers are always so anxious to protect who are turned out to beg or are started to the poor house.

The imperialists read the declaration of independence something after this fashion at their Fourth of July festivities. "All men (except the Filipinos) were created equal (that applies only to the Anglo-Saxons) and are endowed with certain inalienable rights (that was not intended for the south seas) among which are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, (that don't mean any body but us.) All governments (except Aguinaldo's) derive their just powers from the consent of the governed (if they won't consent fill 'em full of lead) etc. etc.

Who is Asa Taylor who is trying to get another party on the ticket called the union reform party, said to reside at 2570 Leavenworth street, Omaha, Neb. If he can't get reform enough in the three reform parties of this state, what kind of reform does he want?

The catch phrases that the republicans will use to tickle the mullet heads have already been coined. They will be "The old flag and an appropriation," "Philanthropy and five per cent," "Benevolent assimilation and criminal aggression," "The bible and Krag-Jorgensen." They are all specimens of wisdom uttered by their advance agent, his secretary of the treasury and his ministerial supporters.

A Chataqua assembly will be held at Auburn, Neb., from August 10 to August 20, Rev. A. B. Whitmer, superintendent and J. H. Dundas, manager. The manager presents a long list of attractions and they are being added to every day. There will not only be a good time but "a feast of reason and flow of soul" as well.

Hardy's Column. Republican Party Patriotism—Traveling Men—Industrious Children—Revenue Short—Tariff—Constitutional Amendments—God and the War.

Why did not the patriotic republicans invite Bryan to the platform when they were planning to greet the First Nebraska regiment on their return? Because they knew he would call out greater applause than all the goldbug patriots in the state and that was the reason they did not dare let him be seen. We predict if the republicans undertake to ride this opportunity with McKinley, Thurston and McKeljohns, there will be two greeting organizations.

For the life of us we can see no harm in letting a few of our traveling salesmen turn their attention to productive industry. It is a waste of energy and expense for three or four to call on the same merchant the same day to sell the same kind of goods. We have thought for quite a while that traveling men were too thick.

There are those who think girls should not be taught self-support, that they better starve dependent on a shiftless husband than to earn their own living by honest toil. It is a fact that as a rule it is the idle girls that go to ruin as much as it is the idle boys who go to the reform schools and prisons. Boys and girls are brought up to work by the farmers but in the cities there is little that children can do, and that accounts for the fact that cities turn out so large a proportion of the bad characters. We are glad that our colleges and universities have been open to girls. Intellectual training strengthens self-control and self-denial. The immoral class are not the educated class. I would not go back to the old law that a woman could not her property, sue in court and collect wages only in the name of her brother, father or husband. We remember when it was lawful for a husband to whip his wife. Turn out all the factory girls and lady clerks and immoral women would crowd our streets day and night.

It appears that the revenue intended to pay the running expenses of government fell short during the last fiscal year ending June 30 about \$90,000,000. Then how much the war expenses fall short of paying the war expenses the present year will be more than last. That is what the money sharks want is more bonds.

It appears Chaucery Dewey begins to think the protective tariff only protects those who need no protection and make the farmers pay the bill. The only object of tariff on many kinds of goods is to make Americans pay more for American goods than the Europeans do.

There are several amendments that should be made to our national constitution. One is the old congress should not be allowed to meet after the new one is elected. Let their office expire with the new congress when elected. The new congress can meet in December after election just as well as the old one. Now after Bryan's election in 1900 the old congress and old president can burn the greenbacks, treasury notes, melt up the silver dollars, issue a lot more bonds, and make new and old ones payable in gold. They would dare to do that until after the presidential election. In England when an administration is beaten, parliament is prorogued and the people decide what kind of laws they want made by the election of a new parliament.

The idea that the God of battles seemed to smile on our navy in the battles at Manila and Santiago therefore he is pleased with the war with the Filipinos is all wrong. The two wars have very different objects and motives. One was for liberation the other is for subjugation. The two great battles were fought to liberate the Cubans from Spanish oppression and to give them a government of their own choice. But the war with the Filipinos is to prevent anything of that kind. The president says to them lay down your arms and bite the dust and after that we will talk with you.

The God of battles is a god of liberty not of subjugation. Those easy victories over the Spanish navy were not given us to cover up the sin of the Philippines war. We say easy victories because our boys did little more than target practice and when Dewey handed off for dinner he had no idea of the damage he had done. At Santiago the commander of the fleet was away on a pleasure voyage, and each captain had to fight on his own hook. The fleet report was that two of the Spanish ships had got away. Those victories were both for liberty but we have had none such over the Filipinos. Our generals have not dared to go out from under the protection of the guns of the fleet. The rest of the islands are under self-government just as our fathers governed the colonies during the revolutionary war.