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"C. O. Whedon, chairman of the state reception committee." "The Governor is a private party."—F. H. Harrison.

An honest banker is the noblest work of God. Do not fail to read what he says in the article in this issue entitled "A Banking Abyss."

The English statesman, Walpole, declared in Parliament during the American revolution that he could not understand how an Englishman could exult in the defeat of the American army when it was fighting for liberty.

The Independent has been informed that Litchy and Stebbins are constantly traveling over the state undertaking to organize a middle-of-the-road party, and that many thousands of copies of Morton's paper are being sent free to voters.

From the numerous cuts printed in the daily papers it seems safe to say that the new secretary of war has a mustache. As to any of the rest of his features great uncertainty prevails.

The rate of taxation is higher in this republican county of Lancaster than in any other county in the whole state. Just voter straight and keep doing it is the mullet heads idea.

It seems to be the opinion of all the republican editors in this state that if the First regiment is paid off in San Francisco the boys are such a miserable lot that they will spend all their money in licentiousness and riotous living and have none to come home with.

A gentleman was in the Independent office this week and wanted to know something more about the genesis of the mullet head. Well a mullet head is a fish that has less brains to the size of its head than any other living creature.

Every advocate for the nomination of Holcomb for supreme judge, reverently give thanks three times a day for the assaults made upon him in the republican press.

THE SUBJECT OF TAXATION.

The spirit of the fundamental law of our country on the lines of revenue, is that each person shall pay a tax from year to year, in proportion to his or her ability to pay.

State laws based on the property valuation system likewise fail to carry out the spirit or real intent of the constitution, and act in the same way as the tariff legislation, touching only imperfectly the letter.

Now, during the spring and summer months, some portion of the state is sure to be devastated by drouths or by floods or wind and hail storms.

Are such laws just, are they equitable, are they humane, are they in harmony with the basic ideas of our government and institutions?

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RIFF-RAFF AND SKULKERS.

In justice to the readers of their papers the republican editors should publish a dictionary giving definitions of the words that they use when writing for their mullet head readers.

In all justice to their readers the republican editors should inform them in this matter and let them know just what they mean when they talk of certain soldiers who have recently returned from the Philippines and call them "riff-raft" and "skulkers."

ALL OUR ENEMIES.

News comes from London to the effect that all the South American republics are forming a coalition in opposition to the United States.

Two years ago the South American republics looked upon the United States

as an elder brother. When they got into trouble with European monarchies they appealed to us. Now they look upon us as enemies to be feared.

A REFORMED DEMOCRAT.

Tobe Castor earns his salary. At least one would judge so from his recent activity in the southeastern counties of this state. Tobe isn't letting the grass grow under his feet.

A DIFFERENCE.

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"To a very great extent the Nebraska Independent is as despicable a sheet as the Nebraska State Journal. There is a difference of degree only between the paper which singles out individuals and slanders them for political reasons and the paper which for similar reasons aims its slanders at another party or a school of thought with which it is at variance."

The expression of opinions and the statement of what purports to be fact, is a distinction which men of Brother Brown's reasoning capacity are unable to make.

A NEW GENIUS.

The genius of Special War Correspondent Harrison surprises even his employers. The article in the San Francisco Chronicle is, by common consent, attributed to him.

It is no use to try. A populist can't do anything that will please a mullet head. If the state officers had not done anything toward taking care of the boys of the First upon their arrival in this country they would have been denounced as copperheads and traitors from one end of the state to the other.

ANARCHY IN NEW YORK.

A New York newspaper which has the reputation of close relations with the defunct rulers of New York, Mr. Richard Croker and Tammany Hall, commenting upon the dynamiting of the columns supporting the Brooklyn elevated railroad during the strike disorders of last week, said:

"The men who destroyed the supports of the elevated road deserve death. \* \* \* Hang the dynamiters, and hang them quickly. If necessary, hang them first and convict them afterward. \* \* \* An innocent man on the gibbet has all the force and effect of a guilty one."

Such sentiments as that are in perfect accord with the policy of this government, run as it is under the management of beasts of greed like Mark Hanna, "An innocent man on the gibbet" to terrorize the people into submission to the demands of the trusts is the natural outcome of this whole policy that has been followed by the republican party for the last twenty-five years.

REPUBLICAN YAHOO.

The economic laws that govern the production and distribution of wealth are perfectly well known to the managers of the republican party. The things that they have done have not been done in ignorance.

When inequality of wealth once commences in a community its advances are gigantic. The great mass of wealth swallows up the smaller. The Roman empire ultimately became covered with vast landed estates of comparatively few families, for whose luxury, and still more for whose ostentation, the most costly products were raised, while the cultivators of the soil were slaves, or small tenants in nearly a servile condition.

Concentration of wealth in few hands will result in the death of any nation. The leaders of the republican party know this. Their gold standard professors in the university know it. They see how wealth concentrates with ever increasing velocity in these United States.

UNFATHOMABLE ROTTENNESS.

The moral rottenness of the republican party in this state is unfathomable. If there was anything honest left in the managers, they would not continue to publish lies from week to week.

"The editor of the Picket can make no excuse for such lying. He knows that a legislative committee with a majority of his own party on it, reported that Edmisten had never drawn a cent from the state for mileage or for any other purpose.

For a hundred years the ship of state has sailed on with the Declaration of Independence and the constitution for chart and compass. Now that the waves roll high and the storms beat and surf beaten rocks are in sight, McKinley proposes to throw the chart and compass overboard, put Mark Hanna at the wheel and let her drive.

The republican smut committee has been trying very hard to ruin the reputation of some of Nebraska's former state officers, especially that of ex-governor Holcomb. The committee was appointed to investigate the supreme court and all of the state offices.

The theology that seems to be making progress in the world might with perfect propriety be called "spiritualized rationalism." The theology of thirty years ago is nowhere preached now, not even in the strictest orthodox churches.

What has Bryan to say to the fact that more pianos have been shipped to the farmers of the west in the past three months than had been shipped in the previous three years?—Philadelphia Bulletin.

If the item should come under his notice he would probably say that bimetalists have always held that a rise in the price of farm products would bring prosperity to all classes—that the shortage of wheat supply caused by the famine in India and failure in Argentina, enabled the American farmer to receive nearly double the price for wheat that he had before received, and this item proves that it has not only helped the farmer but has given a stimulus to the manufacture of pianos, just as bimetalists said it would.

When the Burlington magnates conclude to raise taxation in this state it don't take them long to do it. They don't consult any one and make no fuss about the matter. The other day the directors concluded to issue \$85,000,000 of bonds in addition to the enormous amount outstanding.

The goldbugs who still cling to the name of democrat in spite of all that Bryan can do to get rid of them, have concocted another plan to defeat bimetalism. They propose to run Carter Harrison on the Chicago platform with the ratio between silver and gold eliminated.

REPUBLICAN EDITORIAL.

The brilliancy of the editorial writing found in the republican dailies can be judged from the following item taken from the columns of the Bee.

"Although realty values on the aggregate have advanced fully 25 per cent as compared with prices during the drouth and distress period, and, although the wealth of the state is known to have been increased by more than one-fourth as compared with what it was during the hard times, the grand assessment roll of the state shows only a nominal increase."

That is to say that everybody knows that wealth in the state has increased 25 per cent, but when a systematic investigation was made, it was found that it hadn't, but however and nevertheless wealth has increased 25 per cent. That is a good average republican editorial.

INTRINSIC NONSENSE.

The goldbugs of New York are now sending out regularly, free of charge, their magazine entitled "Sound Currency." The very name of it is a fraud and a sham, and its contents are like unto its name.

This publication adopts a ponderous style, which it thinks will pass it off as having been written by men of great learning. To add to that impression it fills the bottom of the pages with references. The consistency of the authors is shown by the fact that during all the last campaign they denied the quantity theory of money.

If that means anything at all it gives up their whole former contention. Value is not "intrinsic." It is an estimate of the human mind. It is an idea. It is an acknowledgment that Senator John P. Jones' definition of value is correct.

NEW DOUBLE STANDARD.

The three mullet heads from Beatrice and elsewhere, who imagined that they were an investigating committee seem to go on the theory that there are two standards of morals in this state. One for republicans and an entirely different one for populists. They do not deny that Granny Thayer drew \$2,000 for house rent when he had no house rent to pay, for he did not keep house at all.

YES, WE LIKE IT.

One of the republican weeklies says that "the Independent doesn't seem to like the way the republicans are running the campaign." Now, there is just where that republican editor is mistaken. We are delighted with the way they have started out. The public campaign that they made last fall was delightful. It was also amusing. They changed their plan of campaign about every two weeks.

The republicans are now engaged in organizing new parties. They tried to start one in New York the other day and Judge Moore, a populist renegade and traitor in South Dakota, has been employed by Mark Hanna to play the same game in South Dakota. That has been tried several times in Nebraska. Bill Deck's campaign cost the republicans a lot of money and he polled 114 votes in a whole congressional district.