# THE NEBRASKA INDEPENDENT.

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. The

and are uriving before a gale upon the

rocks. What will this nation do with

all the world our enemies? Our friends

have been the republics, but imperiallem

is fast making enemies of them. From

the proudest position among the na-

tions of the earth, McKinley is fast drag-

ging us down to everlasting destruction.

A REFORMED DEMOCRAT.

Tobe Caster earns his salary. At least

one would judge so from his recent ac-

tivity in the southeastern counties of

this state. Tobe isn't letting the grass

grow under his feet. He has performed

some great feats lately. He got a gold

democrat to reform, join the church and

quit drinking, so as to get some stand

ing among Bryan free silver fellows.

Now his protege is a howling Bryan

man with an "if." He's for fusion but

certain things must be done or there

can be no union of forces. That is the

ent. Start out as many disgruntled

men calling themselves Bryan democrats

trouble as possible, all the time howling

for Bryan. If they keep that up during

this campaign, Tobe thinks that they

A DIFFERENCE.

We take a great deal of pleasure in

The expression of opinions and the

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LINCOLN, NEB.

"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. Some of the old Lincoln republicans are expressing views very similar to that when they speak of the Filipinos.

The Independent has been informed that Lichty and Stebbins are constantly traveling over the state undertaking to organise a middle of the road party, and that many thousands of copies of Morton's paper are being sent free to voters. Will some reader of this paper please inform us where the funds come from to pay all the expenses?

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, although it is pretty certain that he has some hair on his head. This daily news-paper portraiture has become a perfect uce-more than that, it disgusts all decent people.

The rate of taxation is higher in this republican county of Lancaster than in any other county in the whole state. Just vote'er straight and keep doing it is the mullet heads ides. It is far better a republican hold office. It is nothing if taxes eat up our whole carning if we can only so manage that none but republicans can be elected.

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

McKinley as the destroyer of this repubby congress tail to carry out the spirit, lie, as the days pass by, seem to be and only touch the letter of the law and in so doing favor the wealthier classes to words of prophesy. What is ahead of us no man can tell. At present we seem the detriment of the poorer. to have thrown overboard the compas

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. Under the action of the tariff laws, the consumer of any dutiable article pays the tax. As a rule the poor man has the largest family, and is therefore the largest consumer,

thus paying a larger portion of the tax or revenue than his rich neighbor. Under the action of the property valuation system, to obtain revenue for state and county expenses, the assessors of Nebraskr make out their lists of personal property and real estate in April. These are then adjusted by county equalization boards, and for state revenues, the county totals are adjusted by state equalization boards. When so adjusted, the lists are turned over to the county

and state treasurers for collection. Now, during the spring and summer style of the Tobe campaign just at presmonths, some portion of the state is sure to be devastated by drouths or by floods or wind and hail storms. Crops as can be found and make just as much are ruined, and both the farmer and townspeople suffer, and in many cases, lose everything. Yet the tax stands against their lands and lots, and under can make a big split when the real fight the action of an unjust law, or a law comes on next year. No one can blame which contains no provisions as to such Tobe. He is conscienciously determined calamities, they must pay it before beto earn his salary. The size of that salcoming delinquent, or sufier an addiary can only be conjectured by the tional burden of interest as a fine for amount of work Tobe thinks he has to

non-payment. put in to do it. Go it Tobe, nobody en-Are such laws just, are they equitable, vies you. If you don't want to work are they humane, are they in harmony 18 hours a day you can ask them to cut with the basic ideas of our government and institutions? The aim should be to down your salary so you can conscienciously take some rest. adjust the tax burdens equitable upon all, but the working of the law in these cases is decidedly in accord with the saying: "Unto him that hath shall be making a remark once in a while about given; but from him that hath not, shall be taken away even that which he the Independent Herald, because it gives abled them to do this have come from hath." Often times a number of farmers will lose their crops and buildings, while others in the same precinct will glory of finished rheoric. In his last issue he devotes his whole editorial page not be touched. One may lose all, while his neighbor loses little or nothing; yet to the Independent. He save: the loser must pay the tax, even to the

Independent is as despicable a sheet as the Nebraska State Journal. There is a possibility of a distress warrant. While the non-loser's income makes it easy for him to pay. The state takes away that which the loser has left, while the more tertmate neighbor or some money aims its slander at another party or a school of thought with which it is at shark is given the chance by the state

law to buy up the loser's farm or lot for variance. taxes or at mortgage sale. The laws should be so changed as to allow the statement of what purports to be fact, is more for whose ostentation, the most county board of equalization to strike a distinction which men of Brother costly products were raised, while the from the list for that year the name of Brown's reasoning capicity are unable cultivators of the soil were slaves, or

ANARCHY IN NEW YORK.

A New York newspaper which has the reputation of close relations with the de facto rulers of New York, Mr. Richard firey words used by Senator Hoar and Croker and Tammany Hall, commenting her ability to pay. Tariff laws enacted ex-Secretary Boutwell when denouncing 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 to the point-ing of a moral lesson, hang them first and convict them alterward. 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

bet" 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 republi-The sight that meets the eyes is not a man swinging by a rope from a beam above his head, nevertheless it is the innocent man on the gibbet. Thousands of graves have been filled with them within 'the last quarter of a century. The gibbets of suicide, starvation and

insanity have been used. There the innocent hang by the thousand every year of our lives. The men who used dyna- But religion has not been overthrown. mite should be hung on a gibbet, no dren in Brooklyn to save the cost of fengiven cushioned seats in the churches while they destroy the innocent by the

hundred? REPUBLICAN VAHOOS.

production and distribution of wealth man. It is high time that the churches are perfectly well known to the man- did it and when they did it, preach it agers of the republican party. The from the pulpit. That is the theological things that they have done have not expression of what Jefferson said in the been done in ignorance. They have en- Declaration of Independence. If men acted laws that would result in the con- are brothers, then all men are equal,

but purposely. The votes that have en-Brother Brown a starter for thoughts the ignorant and the prejudiced. They that blaze and scintilate with all the have wrought out the fortunes of the millionaires from the men who vote the party name. These vast accumulations of wealth were foretold by all the econo-"To a very great extent the Nebraska mists and what would produce them pointed out. John Stuart Mill says:

"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 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. We would like to know if Mark Hanna's fund has run out? It must be rather expensive to have such witnesses. We do not think this committee intended to do

anything but make political capital and in that they have made a complete failure. They have made the charges and the governor has answered them in such a way that the dumbest mullet head in the state cannot help but see that he is all right and that the committee did not intend to do anything but slander him in order to keep him from getting Hanna, "An innocent man on the gib- the nomination for the supreme bench this fall. They seem to know that the ex-governor would be the hardest man for them to defeat and they thought they coald down him before the convencan party for the last twenty-five years. tion, but they can now see that the people will not take any stock in I their paid witnesses.

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

It has made the grandest strides that it honest man will deny that. But what has ever made, during the last quarter should be done with the street car man- of a century. It marches on by the side agers who have killed hundreds of chil- of science and culture everywhere. It would be better if some ministers would ders on their cars? Should they be acknowledge this and tell their congregations that while some of the old dogmas were wrong, Christ is still the

leader of the ever advancing hosts of humanity. Some of the political parties have put into their doctrine the father-The economic laws that govern the bood of God and the brotherhood of

> 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 Bul-letin.

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 Indus and failure in Argentins, to draw house rent appropriated by the enabled the American farmer to receive nearly double the price for wheat that proves that it has not only helped the farmer but has given a stimulus to the the man who did it was a populist. To

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#### 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. It was one of these magazines that Lambertson had before him when he solemnly announced to the students of the department of economics that a large volume of money made low prices. He had seen it in this fake publication and took it for gospel truth.

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. Lambertson's silly talk was taken from its pages. It also held to the "intrinsic value" of gold. In its last issue it abandons its former contentions in regard to value, and, all unconscious of the effect of its words, save: "The value of fiduciary currency depends not upon its volume but upon the estimate placed by the public upon its future worth."

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. 'Value," says Senator Jones, "is human estimation placed on desirable objects, the quantity of which is limited." When these goldbugs used the words "estimate placed upon," they accepted Senator Jones' definition. What then becomes of their "intrinsic" nonsense?

#### 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. That was morally right because Granny Thayer was a republican. Crounse did not draw any house rent at all. He preferred to violate that section of the constitution which provides that the governor shall live at the capitol. For Crounse to violate the constitution was morally right, because he was a republican. Not to draw house rent when he was not keeping house, was an act of the very highest virtue For a populist legislature, furnish vouchers that it was actually paid to the owner of the house he had before received, and this item and file them in the state archives, is morally wrong-s crime in fact-because

centration of wealth, not ignorantly, just as Jefferson said they were.

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 licenciousness and riotous living and have none to come home with. Harrison, the special reporter of the State Journal and Bee is firm in that belief, and he says that it is the opinion of the merchants and business men of San Francisco. The Independent is of the belief that these republican editors and Harrison the special war correspondent, one and all are a miserable lot of slanderers of the finest body of men who parlance means a fighting soldier who ever marched under the folds of Old obeys every order of his superior officers Glory.

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. It -the fresh water kind-and that is the kind we are talking about, delights to burrough in the slime and mud of the creeks. Go fishing, catch one, examine the amount of brains it has and then decide if the term "mullet head" does not correctly describe Lambertson when he gravely informed the class in economics at the state university that a redund-ancy of money had a tendancy to produce lower prices.

Every advocate for the nomination of Holcomb for supreme judge, reverent ly give thanks three times a day for the amoults made upon him in the republican press. To their minds that is proof positive that the fear of his nomination makes the republican managers spend to the United States. The doctrine of eleepless nights, while their knees trem. imperialism as advanced by the adherhis every time they think of it during ents of McKinley have led these republics their waking hours. It also convinces the old fighting populists, who have will come in the near future and they learned something by past experiences are determined to prepare for it. It will of the First npon their arrival in this poses to throw the chart and compase in fighting republicans and corporations be noticed that this news comes from country they would have been de- overboard, put Mark Hanna at the that the man that the republicans don't London. It is likely that British diplo. want us to nominate, is the very man mats are at the bottom of the whole whom we should nominate. The only matter. It is in line of the policy fol- When they did everything that was pos, chart and been guided by that compase, hone that the republicans have for succens in the coming campaign is to de dred years. If they can persuade the the sick and the well, they were de- never grounded on a shoal or run on a ceive the fusionists into putting ap weak republics of the world to go to fighting, pounced, or making babies of them. A rock. No matter how high the waves tes, or candidates who cannot poll the whole fusios vote. It is hardly to that the fusion forces will take the advice of the republicans.

present systems of taxation and finance, this is only theoretically, not practically selves.

#### RIFF-RAFF AND SKULKERS.

In justice to the readers of their papers the republican editors should publish a dictionary giving definitions of the ployers. The article in the San Franciswords that they use when writing for their mullet head readers. Now here is the word "skulkers." That in republican without question, but who refuses to lie and say a campaign has been ably man-aged when it has been an utter failure. The word "riff-raff," means the same kind of a soldier who refuses to believe that shooting Filipinos is just as much fun as bunting rabbits. "Riff-raff and sulkers" when joined by a conjunctive. conjunction, means a fighting soldier who does not believe that killing Filipinos who are fighting to establish a jutant General Barry and Col. Stark government by the consent of the governed against a foreign foe is supporting the principles of the government. In all justice to their readers the re publican 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. by a republican newspaper man to an raff" and "sulkers."

#### ALL, OUR EXEMINS.

News comes from London to the effect | war correspondents will now take back that all the South American republics seats. No man on earth can equal that are forming a coalition in opposition and there is no use to try-It is no use to try. A populist can't to believe that their turn to be annexed lowed by them for the last three hun- sible for the soldier's comfort, both for we have outridden every storm, we have out of the wreck England will gather mullet head is so internally and infern- have rolled or how flerce the tornados them in.

republics looked upon the United States ing any attention to him.

the taxpayer who can give satisfactory to make. The opposition to a school of small tenants in nearly a servile condiproof of loss from such cause. Such a thought is a very different thing from law would be in harmony with the idea falsy accusing the best citizens of this empire progressively declined." that governments are instituted among state of theit and similar crimes. Supmen for the purpose of administering pose that Brother Brown lets up on the will result in the death of any nation. justice and protecting the weak. Under Independent for one issue and give us. The leaders of the republican party his opinion of socialism and its recent know this. Their gold standard profes applications to life, as exemplified at true. Governments now protect the Ruskin and similar socialist colonies strong and the rich, while the poor and established in the last few years. Let creasing velocity in these United States. the weak have to look out for them- him entitle his article: "Socialism in They know the cause of it. Yet they Practice."

#### A NEW GENIUS.

The genius of Special War Correspondent Harrison surprises even his emco Chronicle is, by common consent, attributed to him. Some phrases in the article show the erue scintillations of a heretofore unrecognized literary genius. Listen! "Governor Poynter of Nebraska, who arrived unattended yesterday afternoon, went to the Palace Hotel ostensibly as the state's official represen tative." Now the word "ostensibly" shows genius when applied to the acknowledged governor of the state. little further along be does better and says of the governor of Nebraska: "He is a private party." Further along he does better still. He declares that Ad-"emerged from their lodging house." Now that is fine. Just think of two officere doing a thing like that when the great Whedon, Nebraska's true representative, was right there to see it! All that was eclipsed, however, by the following bit of artistic descriptive writing "Governor Poynter was himself followed out of the way town on the Elkhorn road and there discovered buying a ticket." Creelman, McCutcheon, Richard Harding Davis and all the rest of /the

tion. From this time the wealth of the Concentration of wealth in few hands

sors in the university know it. They se how wealth concentrates with ever incontinue to advocate the policies that produce it. Why? Simply for a little present honor and actuated by the same sort of instinct found in Dean Swift's Yahoos.

# UNFATHOMABLE ROTTENNESS.

managers, they would not continue to publish lies from week to week. The Burlington has raised their rate of tax- plan of campaign about every two State Journal is not the only republican ation. paper that seems determined to make the campaign on falsehoods and slander. The whole republican press of the state is given over to absolute, wholesale and retail lying. The Stanton Picket says: reformer'."

his own party on it, reported that Edmisten had never drawn a cent from the state for mileage or for any other purpose. We would like some of the old farmer pops to tell us what they think about this gang of universal and everlasting liars and their idea of how they should be treated.

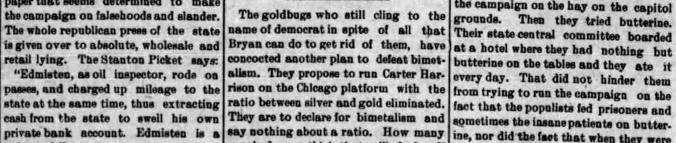
For a hundred years the ship of state has sailed on with the Declaration of Independence and the constitution for do anything that will please a mullet chart and compass. Now that the waves head. If the state officers had not done roll high and the storms beat and surf anything toward taking care of the boys | beaten rocks are in sight, McKinley pronounced as copperheads and traitors wheel and let her drive. To that we obfrom one end of the state to the other. ject. While we have steered by that ally depraved, rotten and wrong, inside have raged, the old ship has outridden

and compass a while longer.

iste said it would. That is what he would say.

When the Burlington magnates con- to establish a double moral standard outstanding. The interest on those morals. bonds will have to be paid by the people

residing along their lines. They will be taxed just that much more than they have been for the benefit of the bond- that "the Independent doesn't seem to holders. The mullet heads will never like the way the republicans are running have sense enough to find it out. All the campaign." Now, there is just they will know is that times have grown where that republican editor is mistaken. The moral rottenness of the republican a little harder. The directors of the We are delighted with the way they have party in this state is unfathomable. If Burlington sized them up about right. started out. The public campaign that there was anything honest left in the They know that these republican idiots they made last fall was delightful. It will never be able to find out that the was also amusing. They changed their



tio, would be the laughing stock of the world.

#### REPUBLICAN EDITOBIAL.

The brilliancy of the editorial writing found in the republican dailies can be judged from the following item taken public money, all of which they have had from the columns of the Bee.

"Although realty values on the aggregate have advanced fully 25 per cent as are running their campaign. On the 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 howsomeever and neverthe less wealth has increased 25 per Two years ago the South American and outside, that there is no use in pay- them all. We will stick to the chart and cent. That is a good average republican editorial.

be a good mullet head one must believe in a single gold standard for money, but a double standard for morals. The three mullet heads who came to Lincoln

cludes to raise taxation in this state it absolutely failed in their attempt. A don't take them long to do it. They don't populist believes in one standard both consult any one and make no fuss about of money and of morals. The whole the matter. The other day the directors amount of money in circulation makes concluded to issue \$85,000,000 of bonds the standard of payment. The right in addition to the enormous amount doing of all men is this standard of

### YES, WE LIKE IT.

One of the republican weeklies says weeks. At first they undertook to run the campaign on the hay on the capitol grounds. Then they tried butterine. name of democrat in spite of all that Their state central committee boarded private bank account. Edmisten is a say nothing about a ratio. How many ine, nor did the fact that when they were people do you think that will fool. If in power they fed even the old soldiers The editor of the Picket can make no we have the coinage of both gold and butterine. For a week they tried it on excuse for such lying, He knows that a silver at all, there must be some ratio. that line and then gave it up as a bad legislative committee with a majority of The party that proposes to coin both job. Then they tried the Home of the and is too cowardly to say at what ra- Friendless, and worked that for a while until one of their own judges told them they hadn't a color of law to sustain their contentions. This year they have started a campaign of slander. They accused Allen of entering government land and Holcomb of misappropriating to take back. No, we are not at all dissatisfied with the way the republicans contrary we are highly delighted with it.

> 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. Their experiance with Steebins and Lichty will prove just as costly and have no better results.