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Lincoln saved the declaration of independence and the constitution once and the gentleman from Lincoln will do it again.

Roosevelt says that the Filipinos are savages. Did Dewey put arms in the hands of savages to enable them to slaughter the people of Manila?

To the editor of the Omaha Bee.—If the election of Mr. Reese in 1883 would "be a crime" as you declared at that time, why would it not be a greater crime now?

Because the times are better than they were after three years of hot winds and drought, the mullet heads think that that is conclusive evidence that McKinley and the gold standard is the cause of it.

Send stamps to pay the postage and get copies of the sermon of Rev. Mr. Brown for distribution. More letters of commendation of that sort of religion have been received at this office than we can keep account of.

The experiment station connected with the Nebraska university has just issued a very valuable bulletin on wind mills by Prof. Barbour. Every farmer in the state ought to get a copy and then build his own windmill.

The imperialist preachers made a great howl about a polygamist from Utah going on the pay roll of Uncle Sam. But when McKinley put a whole lot of polygamists on Uncle Sam's pay roll out in the Sulu islands, they never winked an eye.

At the rate of wages that the slaves in the Sulu islands receive, how long will it take them to purchase their freedom at \$20.00 per head? Will some republican mathematician be kind enough to figure it out and send the answer to the Nebraska Independent?

"Who will haul down the flag?" Gen. Ludlow issued an order the other day commanding every American citizen and all other persons to haul down the flag. Every flag was hauled down except those floating over public building and consulates: Will Gen. Ludlow be court martialed and shot?

The Fremont Tribune thinks that when two populist officials cannot agree upon what interpretation should be given to a republican made law, that it is a "disgrace" to submit it to a republican court for settlement. It may be right about that, but it is a queer thing for a republican editor to say.

If McKinley could make a treaty with the government of the Sulu islands, why can't he make one with the government of the island of Luzon? The government of Luzon represents a Christian people and that of Sulu a Mohammedan people. To a Mohammedan with half a dozen wives he can talk, but with a christian ruler he will not.

THE FINANCIAL SITUATION.

The condition on the great money centers are just about the same as those that have preceded every panic that has occurred in the last twenty-five years with this exception. It is now to the interest of the money power to prevent a panic if possible. A panic now would be very detrimental to the party through which they expect so many favors in the way of establishing the gold standard and giving the big banks the control of all the paper money to be issued.

What has happened at New York is just what the Independent has been saying would happen for the last six months. It is impossible to carry on the business of this country with ten dollars of credit to one of money. The inevitable result has come and money in New York has been lent for the last few weeks at 30 to 40 per cent interest. The condition in New York as described by Henry Clews, and it must be remembered that it was written to stave off a panic, is as follows:

The effect amounted to almost a paralysis on the stock exchange. For the first three days of the week, the transactions aggregated only 1,101,300 shares, or little more than one-third the volume on an active market. Outside speculators stood aloof and the principal buyers, other than covering "bears," were a few strong operators who purchased for future use on the more extreme depressions. To add to these depressing conditions, London was a free seller of securities on Monday and Tuesday, while Berlin was understood to be carrying a large amount of American securities which might be thrown on our market in the event of the money pressure in London becoming more severe.

Money at forty per cent means bankruptcy and every man of sense knows it. The hope of imports of gold from London is a vain one, for money is just as scarce in London as in New York. London also has a very effective way of preventing shipments of gold. The bank of England simply raises the rate of interest on loans until gold is worth more in London than any where else and then it stays there. A very large part of the business in London is done on loans from the bank of England, and when it wants gold, it raises the rate until its borrowers have to get the gold and pay their loans or go into bankruptcy.

If any one knew just what sacrifices the house of Rothschilds and other great monied concerns were willing to make to prevent a collapse, he could tell whether the panic would come now or later on. If the pressure becomes very great, it is doubtful whether a collapse can be prevented at all. There are some economic laws that even the Rothschilds cannot overcome. One of them is that the present prices cannot be maintained with only gold for legal tender. Perhaps they may be able to gradually reduce prices without a universal breakup.

THE EGOTIST BACKS DOWN.

Nebraska's great egotist, J. Sterling Morton, in the pompous way peculiar to egotists only, recently made the charge that Mr. Bryan had said that he wanted office for the money there was in it. The New York Sun and many other papers expressed their disgust at this charge and being called upon from every quarter for proof now says:

"The conservative published that when Wm. J. Bryan first began asking for office in Nebraska, in the year 1898, he assured a person that 'it is the money that is in the office and not the honor that attracts me.' It was supposed that the Conservative could prove, by a person whom Mr. Bryan's friends would not attempt to impeach, that such assurance was given by William J. Bryan. But circumstances at present prevent introducing the evidence of the individual who would establish the truth of what the Conservative has heretofore asserted."

After that complete backdown he degrades himself still further by adding: "Possibly in some future issue of The Conservative the evidence of the person referred to (a person, by the way, of whom Mr. Bryan thinks a great deal) may be secured and published."

The Independent has no remarks to make concerning a man who is so devoid of character as this showing which he himself has made, indicates that J. Sterling Morton is. Every reader of this paper can proceed to make whatever remark he thinks justifiable.

EMPLOYING RENEGADES.

The absurd management of the republican leaders in years past seems to be lacking in this campaign. Teft and Harrison do not seem to understand that they are appealing to the most intelligent citizens of any state in the Union. If they did, they certainly would not pick up the offer of the populist party and send them out as speakers under the auspices of their state central committee. The Independent is glad to see them pursue such a course, but it cannot help observing that any manager who had common sense would hardly do it. If any man could be secured from the populist ranks, known to be a man of influence and ability to take the stump for the republicans, there might be some sense in it, but to pick up the off-scourings and offal and put them out to discuss the great problems that are confronting the people in this campaign, is nothing less than idiotic. Even the employment of a renegade of great ability is always looked upon as a doubtful policy, but to pick up disappointed office-

seekers and men who have never had any influence in the populist party, is little short of political insanity. They may thereby gain the vote of the renegade, but such a policy must disgust every decent man left in their ranks.

"UNITS AND MEASURES."

The man who writes the editorials for the Omaha Bee undertook to write on the money question the other day and this is what he said: "The dollar is the unit of value," and after that he goes on talking about "measuring values." The Independent will give the editor of the Bee a five dollar gold piece if he will tell how a "value" can be divided into units and it will give him a ten dollar bill if he will come before an audience and "measure" a value with a gold dollar or with anything else. Values cannot be measured. They are estimated. The value of anything is arrived at, not by trying to apply any material instrument as a "measure," but by an operation carried on in the human mind. A value cannot be divided into units, and therefore there can be no such thing as a "unit of value." The only place where such an idea can be supposed to be found is in the muddled brains of a gold bug.

The argument that the learned editor uses to establish his theories about "units of value" and "measuring values," is "demagogues and financial fakirs, 'stupid gabble,' etc. To the mind of the average goldbug, phrases like that settle any question, and if a man is not satisfied with the force of the argument that is sure proof that he is either a 'traitor' or a 'copperhead.'"

The Sterling Sun says: "The islands which have recently come under control of the United States were annually importing over \$100,000,000 worth of goods. Of this amount we were furnishing less than 18 per cent. The commercial advantage to the United States is quite apparent, as we will now secure the greater part of this trade."

It is one of the things that no pop can find out why a non sequitur like the above seems convincing logic to a republican. Why will the control of the islands by the United States secure the greater part of the trade? All experience shows that men will buy goods from those who sell the cheapest. Subject nations will not buy goods of their masters and pay a higher price for them than of competing nations. The nation that sells the cheapest will get the trade, unless these imperialists establish a despotism and force the inhabitants to trade with our trust manufacturers.

The business men and business interests, has been the sole care of the republican party. By "business men" they mean only those handling somewhat large amounts of capital. The farmer is always excluded from their calculations when they talk about "business men." This makes the class that they have legislated for a very small one. The working men, the clerks, the thousands of women and girls who toil from one end of the year to the other, are all excluded from their schemes of legislation. It is for the excluded classes that the populists would legislate. The interests of the girl setting type, washing dishes, standing behind the counter fourteen hours a day, is just as dear to them as are the interests of the millionaires and gamblers on wall street. The farmer and his wife, the boys who plow the corn, should have the attention of the legislature just as well as the banker and manufacturer.

To forever put at rest the question whether prosperity is here or not, the official state organ of the republican party submitted sixty-eight columns of proof, printed in fine type, so as to get a good deal in one issue, last Monday morning. It contained descriptions of land in Lancaster county that will be put up for sale on the first of November for delinquent taxes. These taxes have all been due for over eighteen months, some of them for a much longer time. There are hundreds of men in this county of Lancaster, state of Nebraska, who cannot, in this year of McKinley prosperity, raise enough money to pay their taxes, so their land is going to be sold at public auction. If this does not settle the disputed question of whether prosperity is here or not, what can?

The Sterling Sun says: Democratic orators are not discussing the Dingley tariff law this fall. They claimed that it would result disastrously to our foreign commerce." Democratic orators never made any such claim and the Sun is respectfully requested to give a single instance where any one opposed to high tariffs ever made any such statements. We claimed that it would result disastrously to the consumers of this country. When the farmer goes to buy a keg of nails which he could buy some time ago for \$1.25 and for which he now has to pay, on account of the tariff, \$3.50 he knows whether it has worked disastrously for him or not.

The republican managers fully understand that when the people read both sides of the discussion of public policies that it don't take long to count the republican votes on the night of the election. Therefore they advise that every effort should be made to keep the populist literature from circulating among the voters.

THE TENTH CONSPIRACY.

Populists are very well acquainted with the history of the eight conspiracies the result of which was the enthronement of capital in the government of this country. They also know most of the intrigues which resulted in the banker's panic and the repeal of the Sherman law. All these things were made possible by the control of the avenues of information spreading out over this nation.

The men who control these avenues of information—the news agencies and the great dailies—are now engaged in another conspiracy by the dissemination of falsehoods by the million. These falsehoods can be detected only by a long course of reasoning, but when an analysis of the statements are made and the conclusion reached, there is no escape from the tale that is told of an universal conspiracy to deceive the whole people of the United States, and by that deception establish the gold standard and a banking system that will place every industry in this country wholly in control of the great capitalists.

Let us consider a few fundamental statements that any man who will reflect but for a moment must acknowledge are true. First, the wealth of a nation does not expand and contract, appear and disappear, with suddenness. It is a slow accretion and all statistics show that its increase in the most enterprising nations is not more than 3 per cent a year. Now, is that true or is the converse true? Does this nation have one month say, seventy billions of wealth and the next 100 billions or 40 billions? There can be but one answer to that question. The wealth of a nation is almost stationary and increases only by a small per cent each year.

Bearing that statement in mind how much truth can there be in the statements sent out that wealth has increased in these United States by the billion in the last few months? Can it be true that the enormous transportation facilities of this country, and in every part of it, are taxed beyond their ability to transport this new created wealth to the consumers? The crops of the United States are not unprecedented. It is a well known fact that hundreds of manufacturing plants have been closed by the trusts. The mines are not producing mineral in quantities that would overburden the trains. Where do these billions of tons of wealth come from? The tales that are sent out by the commercial agencies and promulgated through the great dailies are manifestly false. It is part of this Tenth Conspiracy.

That they are false can be demonstrated in another way. The reports that the great trunk lines running east from Chicago have not the equipment to transport the thousands of million of tons of wealth seeking a way to consumers to the east, is manifestly not true. What sort of wealth goes east from Chicago? It is mainly raw material coming from the farms and ranches of the west. The bulk of it is corn, wheat, wool, cattle, hogs, horses, and meat products. It is utterly impossible that millions of tons of these things could have been suddenly produced in the territory contributory to the Chicago market. It requires one year to produce any of them and two or three years to produce many of them. Some manufactured articles go east from Chicago, but most of the wealth thus shipped is farm products. This story of the enormous amount of wealth moving east from Chicago is manifestly false. It is another part of this conspiracy.

In still another way the falsity of this claim of the enormous amount of wealth going east from Chicago can be demonstrated. But little of it is created in the city. Before it is shipped out it must come in. Value is added to many things shipped into Chicago by the labor bestowed upon them, but this value rather decreases than increases the weight in tons. The shipments into Chicago as reported by these same conspirators do not bear out their statements that the great trunk lines are overburdened with tons of wealth going east.

The objects of this conspiracy is first to deceive the people into the belief that the production of wealth in this country is unprecedented, having in a few months almost doubled, and second, to make an excuse to levy additional tribute upon them. They have already laid that additional tribute and it was announced in the Chicago papers in the following words:

"Beginning November 1 another advance in grain and grain products will become effective. Yesterday representatives of the transcontinental lines decided to raise the rate from Chicago to the Atlantic seaboard on export corn from 14 to 20 cents per 100 pounds, and from 18 to 22 cents on domestic corn. All other export grains will be placed at 22 cents."

The republicans are about ready to give up the contest against Holcomb. The News, which is the evening edition of the State Journal, had this to say on that subject last Tuesday. "When the returns come in this fall and Douglas goes for Holcomb, as some very square-headed republicans confidentially declare, there will be a demand for an explanation that will cause some gentlemen some decided uneasiness."

The brewers are so anxious to take up the white man's burden and help civilize the new found people who are "half devil and half child," that they have

started an agitation for the reduction of the tax on beer. They want the tax reduced to \$1 a barrel. They declare that if Bryan will only have that demand put in the democratic platform they can civilize a lot more Filipinos than under the present tax.

Custer county is the harnor populist county of the state. She is now out of debt, her warrants are at par and her claims nearly so. She has a surplus in the treasury and it will be a source of comfort to those who have been visited by the tax collector recently to know that taxes hereafter will be lower.

The republican editors of this state can never reconcile themselves to the fact that Gov. Holcomb left an unexpended balance of \$700 of the amount appropriated for rent, when every republican governor always draw every dollar of it. They still insist that he ought to be sent to the penitentiary for doing such a thing.

The imperialist editors keep saying that the Philippine islands are ours by right of conquest. We have conquered a little strip about fifty miles long and ten miles wide. Who does the rest of them belong to? It probably never entered into the minds of these mullet heads that the islands have never been conquered and therefore the right of conquest does not exist.

Stebbins has started out to reorganize the populist party. He has studied long and hard over it and has now come to the following conclusion: "My own convictions are to vote the republican ticket, to make a sure thing of it." Stebbins should make a sure thing of it and get his pay in advance. Campaign debts are awfully hard to collect after the election is over.

It now turns out that the famous Chaplain Mailey is not and never has been an American citizen, but is a British subject. His advocacy of an Anglo-American alliance is now accounted for. The fact also appears that the republican state committee is hiring British subjects to make its campaign in Nebraska.

How the British have been oppressed in the Transvaal shown by the statement in many different dispatches which announce that many of the English residents there have enlisted in the Boer army and are eager to fight for the independence of the republic. This is a clear case of "benevolent assimilation" on the part of Great Britain, and for which there is no sort of excuse.

James Russell Lowell perfectly described the republican farmers who continually vote for a party that makes them pay twice as much for manufactured goods as the foreigner has to pay for them after they have been transported 6,000 miles in the following lines: They may kick'em, and cuss em, and lick'em and whale'em, And they notice it less than the ass did to Baalam.

Chaplain Mailey got a furlough and went off and left the regiment for several weeks. Col. Eager's discharge papers show that his service was "continuous" except when he was in the hospital suffering from a wound. The State Journal publishes the vilest slanders about Col. Eager and hugs, as it were, Chaplain Mailey to its bosom. That shows what kind of service gets laudation from a republican journal.

The populist county papers are using the republican lies about the smallness of the crowds that attended the meetings held by Mr. Bryan as campaign material. The statement made in the State Journal and other papers that the mullet heads read, are reprinted in the populist weeklies so that the people who attended may know what sort of lies the republican managers rely upon to carry the election.

Both of the candidates for regent of the university nominated by the populists are graduates. Mr. Teeters of the Nebraska University, and Mr. Rich of the Iowa University. Mr. Teeters is a wholesale jeweler and Mr. Rich a lawyer. Neither of the republican candidates is a graduate. One of them is a lawyer and the other a doctor. Both of them are for imperialism, the gold standard and bibles bullets and beer. Take your choice.

The other day when the great New York banks were on the verge of collapse, the secretary of the treasury rushed to their aid with eleven millions of dollars and saved them. The banks had no more right to an advance payment of interest than any one else, but the secretary of the treasury has never forgotten them when in trouble in all the years since Lincoln was assassinated. He does it for two reasons. First, he knows that it is by grace of the banks that he occupies his position, and second, if the banks should shut their doors the secretary would be short some two hundred and fifty million dollars which he reports every day as in the treasury, but which in fact, is not there at all, but in the banks, loaned to them without interest. These are the facts in the case.

The State Journal finds something horrible in the fact that two or three deputies at the state house are giving some of their time to campaign work. This same astute critic sees nothing but what is laudable in the fact that the president and his whole cabinet have turned over the government at Washington to the deputies and all of them started on an electioneering swing around the circle after the manner of Andrew Johnson.

Nearly every paper that is on the Independent exchange list comes to the aid of the State Journal in furnishing proof that prosperity is here, with page after page of lists of the wonderfully prosperous farmers and business men of Nebraska who can't pay their taxes. The eastern conspirators declare that "the trains coming west are loaded with pianos and other luxuries going to the homes of the rich farmers of the middle west." The papers of the middle west gives lists of thousands who can't pay their taxes. Who lies?

It is not very often that a republican organization can be credited with publishing a statement containing the whole truth. Having discovered such an instance, the Independent makes haste to acknowledge the fact. The Republican Newspaper Federation circular says: "The circulation of fusion literature among the people is obviously a disadvantage to the republican party." No man acquainted with the facts will deny that statement. It is the truth and the whole truth and nothing but the truth relating to that subject.

They are working the Tenth Conspiracy through every avenue of information that reaches the people. The American Economist says: "No wonder the freight lines are overloaded with pianos, parlor organs and other items of luxury consigned to the farming communities of the Middle West. Here it is stated as a fact that no one disputes that the freight lines are 'overloaded' with pianos and other luxuries going to the farmers. Has any reader of the Independent ever seen one of those overloaded trains conveying luxuries to the farmers? Please write and tell us.

There is some excuse for the man who says that politics is too foul a pool for them to wade into. There are some things in politics, especially in republican politics, that any man who is not accustomed to them needs to carry a bottle of smelling salts to be applied every third second while he contemplates them. One of these things is the sight of a "chaplain" who boasts that he is going to vote the way he "shot." He drew his salary not to shoot, but to pray and preach. The foul stench rises clear up to the skies when he announces that he is "for the administration right or wrong." Of all the nastiness that was ever found in a political pool, this is the worst.

The tariff barons still publish their paper the American Economist, and send it out weekly to fool the mullet heads and keep them in line. It still persists that the manufacturers must have a high tariff so as to protect American working men against the pauper labor of Europe. All the time they are shipping millions of dollars worth of goods and selling them to those same paupers cheaper than the paupers can make them for themselves. Meantime they brag about our great prosperity shown in the immense balance of trade in our favor. We have shipped four hundred million dollars worth of goods more to those same paupers than we have bought from them during the last year. And still we must have "protection."

The great economist that the republicans are trying to run for congress in the Sixth district against Judge Neville, declared in one and the same speech that money was cheap and the price of the dollar remained the same. He declared with the rest of the republicans a year or two ago that cheap money would be the ruin of the country and that any man who advocated it was a repudiator and anarchist. Now he says that McKinley has brought us the blessings of cheap money. He don't know enough to know what the price of a dollar is or when money is cheap or when it is dear. There is one consolation, there is not the slightest chance that he will ever get into congress.

In McCutcheon's letter which was published last week he says that Otis refused to let anything go about the row between Otis and the commissioners, but he says nothing about the nature of that row. Later dispatches by way of London say that Schurman was for making peace with an assurance to the Filipinos of an independent government in the near future. President Schurman was willing to make all possible concessions in order to secure peace. He proceeded on these lines. When Gen. Otis heard of this cablegram through a newspaper correspondent he exploded with anger. But neither he nor Mr. Schurman could be persuaded to say anything further about it. Here we have a war that is brought about and continued by the violation of the constitutional guarantee of a free press. If that news had been sent, there would have been an upheaval in the United States that would have settled this matter pretty quick.