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The state house looks so fine since the pops put a 16 to 1 dome on it, the postmaster has ordered all street mail boxes silvered o'er in the same manner.

The cost of producing all raw matevial has been reduced and the advance made by the trusts on manufactured goods is robbery and nothing else-

In the late election in Ohio the republican committee expended 891.129.37 and the democratic committee \$17,998.58. How do the facts compare with the republican talk about McLean's barrel? What straights must Mark and Mac have been in to have spent nearly \$100,000 and then got left in a minority of 72,000?

Joe Chamberlain has sent Conan Doyle, the great writer of detective stories to South Africa. Joe evidently wants to find out what became of those armies that he sent down there. It will take a first class detective to find them if things go on much longer as they have for the last two months.

Since Allen was appointed, the republican editors do not fail to announce in six different places in every edition that the pops have swallowed the democrats. Before that, they had a nightmare every time they thought of fusion, because the democrats were going to swallow the pops. No matter what happens , they don't have any peace of mind.

The jams at the great department stores have made life a misery thus far during the holiday season. There has been nothing but worry and loss in trying to buy things at their counters. How much better it was in the good old days before the department store was invent ed? Then the people could be distributed in a hundred smaller stores and do their shopping with some comfort and satisfaction.

Wall Street got its first experience with "international money" last week. It will have more of it in the near future. British disaster in South Africa caused a drain for gold and Wall street was thrown into a panic. That is what will happen to every nation using gold for exclusive money. The bank of France It is so "sound" that is nothing but serenely paid out silver and paper as usual. While Berlin howled Paris smiled.

Dolivar announced in his speech for the gold bill in the house that no one need quote any silver speeches on him. He had changed his opinions and that was all there was to it. That is to say, having got into power by advocating bito establish the gold staudard and betray the men who voted for its candidates. The party has sunk so deep that it now announces that it will turn traiter and even brags about it on the floor of the house. Like a fallen woman, drunk in the gutter, it glories in its eta. shame.

Congressman standing on the floor of the house declaring that money was more plentiful than ever before, advocating the reduction of the legal tender money of the country to the amount of \$800,-000,000 is not a whit more rediculous than the scenes in the United States cenate in 1893, when senators would stand up and declare silver dollars to the value of bonds and taxes it out of ium in New York of three cents over gold standard, bondissuing leaders send gold, and other senators arising and of- to congress to legislate for decent peofering to take hundreds of thousands of ple. them at par. There is nothing too silly or rediculous for a gold bug to do and nothing that a mullet will not believe if told to him by a party leader.

pressing the greatest surprise at the si- had two disastrous failures of national most infamous measure that was ever to give the national banks more wind to introduced into any legislative body on keep open their doors. They are on the earth. Some of them are even blaming verge of ruin and widespread disaster. It takes a pop weekly and a Washington again warned its readers that the gold cratic party was a heavenly saint bepress to do it.

SOUND PINANCIERING

The Independent announced about four weeks ago that there would be a very great money stringency in New York about the first of January and asked where the money was to come gress: from that was to pay the interest on \$8, 000,000,000 of trust stocks that came due about that time. The squeeze came just as the Independent said it would. The ext squeeze will come about the first of April when the next quarterly dividends fall due. Where will the money come from then, even if the evil day is put off that far?

Take a look at the tremendous efforts that had to be made to prevent the sus pension of payments by the New York banks last week. In the first place Gage advanced \$11,000,000 of interest, then \$10,000,000. Then he bought \$20,000,000 ed that petition. If that is not an exof bonds at a high premium, the clear ing house i-sued \$3,000,000 of certificates to be used as money and still there was not money enough. Then Gage, in de- distion. Compare the kind of money flance of all law, deposited about \$30,-000,000 of government money in the banks so it could go into circulation and promised to deposit \$3,000,000 more diation. every month right along. Finally J. Pierpont Morgan, representing the value would cause loss only to the indi-Roth-childs put up \$10,000,000.

No such efforts were ever made in al the history of finance before. It took all a suspension of payments by the banks and universal ruin. .

By the time the next general payments on trust stocks become due the government will be powerless to help to any great degree. What will result then? The banks that hold trust stock as col- be destroyed to give a place to this wildlateral security will be in the soup. If the interest on the stock is not paid, the ple always thus sell their birthright at trusts will go into bankruptcy. It will the dictation of a gang of hold-ups? be found that the whole tremendous fabric is nothing but wind. If the banks will not lend money on industrial securities the money cannot be obtained. If they do, they will land in a receiver's hands themselves.

Think of the attempt to do all of, the enormous volume of business in the United States on a volume of a little over a billion of actual money and all the rest credits or pure wind. If the Rothschilds and the whole financial power of the government makes an endeavor, the thing may be held up for a year or so, "but after that the deluge."

Wall Street is indulging in the vain hope that the money will soon begin to return from the west and the south and till up the coffers of the New York banks. It is doomed to be disappointed. Western bankers had their fingers too severely burned in 1893 to forget so soon. They found that at that time their money might as well have been in the bottom of the sea. When they drew on New fork, the bankers there simply refused to honor their drafts. Reserves in New York banks at times of distress are no reserves at all. Until things get in a bankers who have a particle of comn on sense will see that their reserves are not in New York, and Wall Street will look in vain for "the return of the money from the west and the south." Oh! this gold standard business is a lovely thing. sound.

GOLD STANDARD SCHOLARSHIP.

The beauty of having thunder maker Harrison down at Washington was illustrated in Saturday morning's Journal. He sent a dispatch containing a speech by some heretofore unheard of congressman, the substance of which would have been a disgrace to a pop school boy in metallism, the republican party intends the third grade. Here is an extract from it:

> "The American people have come to understand that they are not so much interested in the amount of money in this country per capita as they are interested in the amount of money per pock-

> rose, humanity rose, the flag of the na tion rose, and everything from one end of this nation to the other rose except the democratic party, and you bet your life that has been going down hill."

That is a specimen of the scholarship of the advocates of a bill that doubles be worth only fifty cents when they the common people. Those are the sort were at the very time bringing a prem- of creatures that the grasping, greedy,

REPUBLATION.

We are told that the republican ma jority in the senate proposes to rush through with all possible speed the new currency bill. Panic and demoralization The weekly editors are everywhere ex- is raging in Wall street. Boston has the opposition in congress. As far as They have not the money to meet the the dailies are concerned the editors are demands of their depositors and are imright. Not one of them put up a decent ploring congress for the privilege of fight. They are now as they always have making some more. Last week the nathe weekly press! Confound these dai- who put good hard dollars into the thing for reform and they never will. ly. The Independent has again and debtors. The old slaveholding demo- from '61 to '65'

pudiation. It has again and again TAXATION OF INSURANCE COMPAwarned its readers that the "sound money" of republicanism meant wildcat money. Here is proof positive. Here is what the Boston bankers say to con

"The great blunder of our currency laws is in debarring the banks from aiding commerce in the most natural way, viz: using their notes as currency in response to the demands of trade." And bag in their petition, for they say:

"Notes issued by the banks would not be a legal tender, therefore a decline in their market value would cause loss only to the individual who happened to hold

them." Remember, readers of the Independent, every national bank in Boston signample of unmitigated gall then we never saw one. Let some republican howler for "sound money" now talk about reputhese national bankers propose with the greenback, and then figure who is trying to dr ve this country h-I bent to repu-

Mark the statement: "Their market vidual who happened to hold them." Did anyone holding a greenback ever suffer loss because he happened to hold that the millionaires could do, to prevent one at any time? And yet these Boston national bankers are petitioning congress to permit them to issue money secured only by the assets of the bank, and which the public must take at its own risk; and the greenback which never hazarded the earnings of any man must cat national bank money. Will the peo-

WHOLESALE ROBBERY.

When the Independent said that the bill which recently passed the house making gold the only legal tender would greatly increase the value of bonds, it simply stated the naked truth. That is recognized everywhere. Here is some testimony from the financial columns of a gold standard paper in New York. The writer was discussing the slowness of bonds called by Secretary Gage-only \$20,000,000 of the \$25,000,000 being of fered. He says:

Men in Wall Street who have criticised the secretary of the treasury for not buying these bonds to relieve the market were answered yesterday by trust company officials, who said that the refunding scheme of the senate currency bill made the prospective value of these bonds higher than the secretary's bid. In other words they said that since the senate was bidding higher than the treasury, the bondboiders would naturally hold out for the better bargain. The trust companies have \$40,000,000 of Gov | devotion to duta as he understood it. ernment bonds which they can lend against good securities.

What sort of thieving is this that offers to increase the value of bonds that world.

NOT OVER YET.

All the great dailies are continuing to announce that the scarcity of money in New York has disappeared and that there are cords of it lying around loose. That is the way they have of preserving confidence." What are the facts? The clearing house feels the pressure so strongly that the other day it passed the following resolution:

Resolved: That the clearing house committee request the trust companies of New York to lend their United States bonds to the clearing house committee or to the banks direct, for the purpose of facilitating the deposit of internal revenue receipts in the banks, and in this manner relieving the money market. So it seems the money market is not wholly relieved. This action is to get all the money out of the treasury that it is possible to get. The plan is for the secretary to deposit all the money in the "When the republican party went into treasury in the banks and let the bank power several things rose; wheat rose, ers loan it out and get interest on it. pork rose, beef rose, land rose, labor The bankers with a republican congress in session seem to think that they have permission to do all the out, and have loaned it to "relieve the money market," what will they do next April when the next payment of interest on the trust stocks will become due.

The supreme court having sustained the law establishing the board of transportation, the populists of this state will now look for some effective work from They have now the power without question to cut down the extravagant charges of telegraph, telephone, express and railroad companies. All obstcacles have been cleared away and if something is not done, the populists will want to lence of the great dailies—even the free banks involving eight or nine millions of know the reason why and know it silver dailies during the passage of the deposits, and something must be done mighty quick. We have waited patiently for a long time.

> The democratic party back in the sixties, vile as it was, was never half so vile upheld slavery, but it never provided contracts without the consent of the standard meant wildcat money and re- side modern republicanism.

Fortunately for the taxpayers of this state the supreme court has just declared unconstitutional the Weaver law enacted by the republican legislature last winter. Under the provisions of this act certain designated insurance companies, in consideration of the payment of the fees entitling them to do to the in this state and two per cent of premiums each here is where they let the cat out of the year, were exempted from the payment of any taxes on their period property.

Under still another property certain other companies were excused from the payment of all taxes. The state auditor, John F. Cornell, contended that these provisions were in volution of those provisions of the constitution of Nebraska requiring taxes to be uniform and forbidding the commutation of taxes. In this the supreme court has just sus tained him and has held the whole act unconstitutional on account of the above nefarious provisions. This is a victory over which the auditor and his party well may be proud. To bring about this result the auditor has had occasion to use great firmness and forbearance. He has been roundly denounced because he did not surrender control of all the in surance business of the state and then test the validity of this law. If he had voluntarily abandoned his duties he could not have urged the unconstitutionality of the law it defense of his authority, for he would then have had none to defend. At non as his right to control insurance matters was questioned he instituted proceedings in the supreme court to ascertain whether the law would be upheld which so shame lessly protected corporate exemptions. At length the case meached the stage of oral argument. While this was progressing Judge Sullivan sharply foreshadowed the conclusion ultimately announced, that the attempt to protest certain insurance companies vitlated the entire act. The wiole court finally concurred in this view and then the course of the auditor was windicated. Too often we have been called upon in the past to rebuke official mi-conduct and subserviency to corporate greed.

It is a grateful task to be able to vary the monotony by pointing with pride to instances of odic al independence and devotion to duty. The unosignistions firmness with which Auditor Cornell in stituted and carr el on this to a successful termination id the interests of the people is in marked contrast with the subserviency of his republican prede-cessor. He has achly earned and no doubt will be cheerfully accorded the approval and confidence of the entire fusion party for the results which have been achieved through his firmness and

EXPLOITING CUBA.

They are at it. It has been giv are now from 12 to 30 per cent premium en out that no franchises would more satisfactory condition, western in the market? Never was anything like be granted in Cuba while it was this known before in the history of the under military control, but that was only done to had off undesirable notoriety. The street railroads of Havana have been got sied by a trust. The account of the toensaction was sent out by the associated press, and is as follows:

New York Dec. 21.—All the street railway interests in the city of Havana were consolidated today, thus ending the litigation between the Harvey syndicate and the American Indes company.

The new board of directors of the Havana Electric Railway company, which now owns all the franchise in the Cuban capital, is as follows: President, Edwin Hanson.

Vice presidents, Wm. L. Bull and B. A. C. Smith Secretary and treasurer, Arnold Mar

Directors in addition to those above named), P. J. B. Widener, Thomas F. Ryan, Sir William Van Horne, William McKenzie, Frederic Nichols, H. M. Per-kins, Thomas P. Fowler, E. H. Andreni, William M. Doull, N. Gelats, and G. B.

The capitalization of the company re mains unchanged—namely, \$5,000,000 of preferred stock, \$5,000,000 of common stock and wifirst mortgage representing \$5,000,000 of 5 per cent fifty year bonds.

There is a nice prospect for the Cu. bans who shall inhabit that country in the future, A little city needing every deviltry that they can devise. When thing and its street railroads capitalized they get all the money in the treasury for \$15,010,000! The Mogul Chazan Kan, was a meek and lowly missionary by the side of these McKinley robbers, who have bonded the belpless people who have welcomed our army as representatives of "a war for humanity."

BOER STRATEGY.

There has been a good deal said of late about the strategy of the Boer genthe board without any further delay. erals. Strategy as use in the military world means the cience of military command or the rejecting of campaigns and directing mulitary movements. Tac-tics is the source of placing the military forces in the order of battle and performing evolutions. There has been a revolution in both tactics and strategy since the civil war, brought about by the improvement in firearms. It is a fact that just as weapons of war have become more deadly the death rate in battle has been reduced. When men as the republican party of today. It fought with short swords, bows and arrows, there were more killed than when for the protection of polygamy nor un- gun powder was introduced, and as the been, commercial ventures. All the de- tional bankers of Boston sent a petition dertook to destroy our form of govern- rifle and cannon have become quicker fense of the people against robbery that to congress asking that body to hurry ment and make it an empire. It never firing and of longer range the casualties has ever been made, has been made by up and serve them. Their depositors introduced and passed a bill annulling have decreased. There will never more be seen such heaps of dead men as were lies! Most of their editors deserve banks are getting importunate and parties. It never provided for the doubt piled up in the Wilderness, at Shiloh, at Bryan's speech at Salem; hanging. They have never done any something must be done and done quick- ling of the value of debts and robbing Gettysburg and on other battle fields

The magazine rifle has made the old formation in solid column a thing of the

past. Men lying down with magazin rifles could destroy a charging force solid cofumn while they were advanci over a 1,000 yards. This editor does not pretend to know much about the med ern tactics, but when the war broke of with Spain he got hold of one or two books on modern tactics and strates

and learned a little on the sule The formations in line of battle now all in open order—the men two or idies. It breaks out on the most unausthree paces apart. A charge is made, pictors occasions. It is so cheerful, an not by the whole line at once, but by a diot that it imagines that the people sort of see-saw movement, A regiment have forgotten how the McKinleyites lying in open order makes what they call "rushes," one battalion at a time, up in the Black Hills, proclaimed that for short distances. While one battel bern was enough tin there to supply ion rushes, the other two lying on the ground pour in a heavy fire to disconcert m at have protection. After the elec-and destroy the aim of the enemy. Then tion was over and a big tariff was securanother battalion rushes and the other ed on tin, it was found out that there two tire. This kind of open order fighting requires a higher grade of soldiers United States. than the old tactics. Standing "show der to shoulder" as we used to say the civil war, has a tendency to give weakest courage.

Success now depends more than ev on money-for modern arms and amm nition are very costly-and on maneuve ing than ever before. The Boer gene als seem to be better strategists than the English.

BUT WHY?

The democratic national committee will meet at Washington on Washing ton's birthday to fix the date for Bryan renomination, but it may safely be dicted that neither Chicago, New nor Philadelphia will offer \$100,000 democratic convention city.—Omala

Probably not. But why? The demo cratic party has but few millionaires w will be willing to hire whole hotels as bring thousands of ratainers to lobb through a platform that will build u trusts and double the value of bond The democratic party has some reputa tion on the consumption of red liquor, but it can't come within a hundred mileof a republican convention on that quetion, so the saloons won't put up half hundred thousand, as they did to get at Philadelphia. Pop conventions nev draw big subsidies, for the hotel m and saloon keepers say there is but lift e money to be gotten out of them-tre delegates being mostly poor i en go cheap hotels, and the saloon, men s they don't sell any more liquor on day of a pop convention than at any other time.

INDESCRIBABLE INFAMY.

The Independent takes occasion again remark that when it said that gold standard bill passed the houwas an act to increase the value of high premium, it was talking at Government bonds have gone kiting on the bare possibility that the bill will pass the senate unchanged. The finatcial column in the Chicago Record last Friday began this way: "Judged by ye terday's quotations for government bonds the credit of the United States is on an eminence seldom if ever approach-

ed by any nation." There never was an act of any legilature since legislatures, congresses and parliaments were first instituted that will compare in infamy with this act. It sets aside a written contract without the consent of one of the parties thereto and it gives many millions of dollars to the rich which must be taxed out of the poor. The infamy of it is indescribable.

DOWN WITH THE CENSORSHIP.

Hid away at the tail end of a special cablegram that doubtless escaped the censor's eye was this startling sentence: The fight at San Mateo was a heavy one. A courier estimates that thirty Americans were killed and wounded

among them several officers besides Gen. Lawton and Capt. Breckenridge. The troops had marched from midnight Monday night until 9 o'clock Tuesday morning through a farious rain to meet

This Otis censorship is becoming more despicable every day. Congress should send a reliable man there and pass a law providing that he should have the use of he cable. What sort of a condition must there be when a great battle takes place almost in sight of Manila, one general, several officers and many privates killed and wounded? Has Aguinaldo's army simply changed base after wearing out the American troops with long marches in the north of Luzon? It looks very much as if that was the

Let every man raise the cry: "Down with the censorship!" Let us know the truth.

A CHEERFUL IDIOT.

Under the title of a "Funny Prophet," the State Journal gives a manifestation of ignorance that would astonish a Mis souri mule. It is as follows:

In exploring a dusty pigeon hole the other day, the Journal came upon a memento of the fierce political campaign of '90, when Mr. Bryan swept the First congressional district in his campaign against the McKinley act by a big majority. It was a letter from some protesting subscribers down in Richardson county who had been listen ng to the boy orator's attack on our tin factories that were just rising into notice after the passage of the new tariff bill. The, reported the following extract from Mr.

Talk about the United States manu facturing tin. Give us twenty years of proteur on and we will never make tin plate a sough to furnish badges for their

and you will never hear any more about

in after the election. That Bryan made that astounding prophecy is atte-ted by the following signatures: M. H. Felt, William Windle, W. Roberts, J. Vandervoort, W. C.

Ordinary republican idiots have had ense enough to keep quiet about the Kinley tariff on tin for many months. but the State Journal is no ordinary the world end that that infant industry was no tin there or anywhere else in the

there is no tin mined in this coun-As there is no tin mined in this country that any one has heard of, this tariff on in protects no industry in the United States, but it, and the tariff on plates has built up one of the most rapacious trusts in the whole country. The price of in has been advanced over 400 per cent-a tax on everyone who uses tinfor the benefit of the trust. It has turnout just as Bryan said it would. We import all our tin-there isn't enough produced in this country to make even State Journal seems to think that the one badge, but the cheerful idiot of the in this country is to import the tin, charge 400 per cent more than it is worth, make the plates-and these being protected by the tariff-charge 200 er cent more than they are worth, and ip the plates in the imported tin. It akes a very cheerful idiot to see anything in all that to charge against Bryan n his fight against a tariff on tin.

HARDY'S COLUMN

Don't Like Drunkenness-Gambling and Fighting-Clean Up-Honesty Taxed -Three Washingtons-Fighting for Flags-Two Repudiations-We Hear -Give Her Good Living-Transvaal Law-Ohio-Independence versus Colony-The Man the Platform-Lincoln Dead.

We have just finished reading Richard Carvel, one of the new popular books o the day. With us it is not a popular book, for it is filled with drinking, gambling and fighting. These are ruinous traits of character to lay before our young men. The book may truthfully portray English social wrongs of a hundred years ago, but we want none of them now, and the quicker they sink out of sight the better.

Why not keep our cities as clean, morally, as the country. It is a fact that our cities furnish the most of our drunkards, gamblers, prostitutes, paupers and criminals. It is all because we have deadfalls set for young men and young women on almost every street in our cities. Fifty years from today the city of Lincoln will be owned and opera ed by the boys and girls who are now on he farm husking corn and feeding chickens.

A law making honest bankers pay the stealings of bank thieves would be all wrong. Honest taxpayers are made to pay when a public official steals, but no panker can be made to guarante his own honesty. He now is made to secure the bill holder against loss by putting up United States bonds, so make him put up bonds to secure the depositor. If a banker cannot give security he should not be allowed to issue bills or receive deposits. Let the government establish postal savings banks.

Aguinaldo and Kruger are two living Washingtons. They both stand up for the rights of their people, against fearful odds, just as Washington did. We hope and pray that they may both come out in the end as well as he did.

The English are fighting for their flag and their home government just as our boys are in the Philippines. Who will put up the flag is their question-not who will pull it down?

Is it not just as much a criminal repuliation to pay more of the people's mony than we agreed as it is to han we agreed? Down with the gold bug repudiators!

The war of subjugation in the Philippines is not ended yet. When a general gets killed we hear of it and that is about all we do hear.

Give Mrs. Lawton and family as good living as western farmers' families get and we will stand our share, but no such high living, besides legal pensions, as Mrs. Grant gets, will we stand peacefully.

The editor of the Lincoln Free Press gives the law of citizenship in the Transvaal, and no decent government can find any fault with it. With strong nations small things make excuse for war and conquest. Every kingdom and every republic has had to fight the world to ain its independence. We still have a ingering hope that Samuel will let the Jubans have a government of their own, but it looks dark. But the two wars that are now raging in the Philippines and Africa are only fit companions of the Purkish war on the Armenian-. A subugated colony of degraded people is a financial feather in our national cap.

We can't see how Ohio can be counted a McKinley state as long as the republi-cans lacked fifty thousand of getting a majority in the last state election. The five millions that Hanna is gathering up from the trusts and corporations may do it again. Ohio, Indiana, West Virginia men. This is merely an election scheme Illinois, Iowa and Minnesota counted