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The republican party hangs on to the name of Lincoln, and fights every principle and every policy that Lincoln every advocated.

Kyle has entered the republican caucus. We always said from the first time we ever saw him, that he was on the road to hell.

President Diaz has been unanimously re-elected president of Mexico. When will the time come when we will elect a president that way?

From past experience we have learned that whenever the Boers start to retreat that the next mail will bring news that the British have received another licking.

That secret treaty is liable to get a black eye when the canal treaty comes up in the senate. Even some of the republicans are liable to give it a punch or two.

The starving millions of India is a result of the English gold standard policy. She depopulates those ancient countries by starvation and calls it "advancing civilization."

Governor Poynter left Saturday night to attend the meeting of all the governors in Washington. There may be some lively times happen in Washington before that meeting of governors adjourns.

Joe Chamberlain first tried John Bull on the Boers and when that didn't work he tried Buller. As for himself he has always been a bully. So far the Boers have not Bull, Buller and bully, and all three successfully.

Populist conventions, state and county, want to spot the office seeker every time this year, including one Edgar Howard. If there was ever a year in the history of Nebraska when the office should seek the man, it is this year.

The republican attorney who swiped the ballots out in Hitchcock and when chased by the officers threw them out on the prairie, evidently forgot that there had been a change of administration in Nebraska, or he would never have done it.

The Union Pacific has doubled its dividends on both common and preferred stock over last year. In consideration of this fact it is foremost among those roads that propose to raise freight rates "so as to get part of the prosperity that the whole country is enjoying."

England should take a hint from the diplomacy of Spain. She should sell the Transvaal and the Orange Free State to McKinley for \$20,000,000. Salisbury and Joe Chamberlain have just as good a title to them as Spain had in the Philippines. Spain got rid of a long and costly war by that little transaction and England might do the same thing.

Populism has made such rapid strides in the last year that it bothers the editor of the Independent to keep track of it. It has at last invaded McKinley's cabinet. Secretaries Long and Wilson are both out in newspaper interviews advocating government ownership of public utilities. In the New York Independent they declare in the most positive terms for the government ownership of the Nicaragua canal and a cable across the Pacific ocean.

Gen. Ludlow who has not been very much of a success in Cuba now recommends that a couple of Cuban papers be suppressed. He declares that if the American administration in Cuba is to be successful a press censorship must be established. McKinley will likely lend a willing ear to such proposals as he has been running a press censorship ever since he came into office. Step by step despotism advances.

The English jingo vindicators in this country defend the war on the Boers upon the ground that the outlanders were taxed without representation. Well is not that exactly what the McKinleyites propose to do in the Philippines and Porto Rico? If it is right for England to make war on the Boers for taxing without consent, is it not also right for the Filipinos to make war on the Han-

natians for taxing them without their consent? Do these rights inhere only in the Anglo-Saxon race?

THE BATTLE GROUND. The war in South Africa has stimulated a good deal of writing on a subject not at all connected with the war, but which has been a theme upon which very much has been written and much discussed in populist circles for the last ten years. How far in advance of the mass of the people, and especially that part called the "educated," were the principles of the populist party, is just becoming to be understood.

The populists have held that economic conditions were producing degeneration on both flanks of the army of civilization—among the very rich and among the very poor. They have held that the concentration of wealth in a few hands and extreme poverty of a large part of the people would in the end be disastrous to the whole race. The extremely rich would degenerate and so would the very poor. They claimed that every cataclysm that had overwhelmed advancing civilization in the past could be traced to this one cause.

The Independent has published several short articles from British writers in the last few weeks describing the situation in the English army, which go to show that this condition of affairs which has long existed in Great Britain, has produced exactly the results predicted by the writers and speakers of the populist party. One officer of the British army makes the statement without qualification. He says the officers of the army are for the most part taken from a class of degenerates—namely, the sons of rich men and of the aristocracy. Another officer declares that the common soldier has degenerated, both in intellect and physically, and in proof, points to the recent order of the British war department reducing the height of men who would be accepted for military service to five feet in the infantry and five feet two inches in the artillery. A similar order was issued by our own war department, relaxing the regulations for physical examinations before the last call for troops could be filled for the Philippines.

Oliver Schreiner's articles in the Cosmopolitan bearing upon the degeneration of women in the higher circles and the impossibility of them bearing healthy, strong children, was upon the same theme. The anthropometric investigations that have been carried on in the universities of Nebraska, Yale, Wellesley and Oberlin, bear upon the same subject. The result of these measurements are described in another article in this issue under the head of "Nebraska Girls Excel." All of this evidence is to the effect that degeneracy can plainly be detected everywhere among the very rich and the very poor. Among both classes there is a lack of physical vigor and a dullness of intellect.

That is exactly what the populists have always said would be the result of the concentration of wealth in few hands with extreme poverty among the masses. There has never been another sufficient cause assigned for it. It can be explained on no other theory. All history bears evidence to it, for wherever in all the past wealth has concentrated the same result has been produced. The brilliant intellects disappeared in Rome and the manual physical vigor of the masses vanished, just as wealth concentrated in the hands of the few. So it was in Egypt, in Assyria, in every nation of which history has any record.

The most nauseating sight that the editor of the Independent has ever seen were some of the dudes that he has met in what is called "the highest circles of society" in London, Edinburgh and New York. They were far more disagreeable to meet than the beggars who formed the degenerates at the other end of the line. What can be more disgusting than a simpering girl, dressed in an extreme décolleté toilette, or a dude staring at vacancy through a single eyeglass? Or a specimen of the latter walking along the street with a cane, bottom side up and his elbows stuck out at the proper dude angle? His father is a millionaire, and he has no object in life except to exhibit his charms to a gazing public, made up of degenerates of another class.

These scientific anthropometric measurements show that degeneracy has not yet set in, in Nebraska. Why has it not? We have no great accumulation of wealth in few hands here yet. Where such accumulation has taken place, there we find it and no other place. The root of this evil, then, is the concentration of wealth, and the study of mankind should be to find the cause of this concentration. The populists have always said that wealth was concentrated or distributed by controlling the volume of money. In this they have the support of all economists and the verdict of all history. It is the universal history of mankind that when money was plentiful, wealth has been distributed, the masses of the people prospered and the accumulation of great fortunes was impossible. The English historians, Allison and Hunt, have given us testimony to this fact. No historian of authority ever said anything to the contrary.

"There was great industrial prosperity in Great Britain immediately after the battle of Waterloo, and there was equally great business prosperity in the United States immediately after the surrender of Lee at Appomattox. But in each case that prosperity was followed by legislation destructive of the legal tender money of the country which had created the

prosperity. England, after the Napoleonic wars, suffered more in five years by legislation destroying the money of the country than from all her military expenditures of twenty-two years under suspension of specie payment. The United States suffered more in the ten years following the cessation of hostilities, by the wicked policy inaugurated by Secretary McCulloch and his co-workers, than by all the expenditures of that tremendous war."

In the contest which now lies before us, the welfare of the whole human race is concerned—that of the rich as well as that of the poor. All the science, all the art, all the education will not save us if this concentration of wealth is not stopped. There is but one thing that will stop it. That is an increase in the volume of money. All the tinkering with trusts and tariffs will avail nothing. The concentration of wealth will go on as long as the money of the country is restricted to its present volume.

There is but one thing to do. Elect a president and congress that will take the control of the volume of the money out of the hands of the greedy rich. That will be the battle ground of the future, until it is accomplished, or our present civilization is overthrown.

WHAT ARE THEY? The last consolidated report shows that the banks of Nebraska have individual deposits amounting to \$50,525,771.50, being \$50 a piece for every man, woman and child in the state. And this does not include government deposits, of which there is a considerable amount held by Lincoln and Omaha banks. Eastern people are wondering how calamity howlers can have the face to remain in a state where there is so much money. If the extra dollars that are laid away in the stocking banks, were added to the total the easterners might well wonder.—Wilber Republican.

When an editor prints a statement like that, any honest man who reads it, no matter how religious he may be, has to bite his lip to keep from saying cuss words. What is the moral standing of the educator is another question. To say that he lies does not cover the matter. That he is publishing a lie is self-evident, for the bank statement from which he quotes shows that instead of there being \$50,525,771.50 in the banks at that time, there were only \$4,134,675.38. Even the figures of deposits are wrong as well as every other part of the statement. The statement of the national banks has these three items of deposit: Individual deposits, \$28,859,060.38. United States deposits, \$571,082.91. Deposits of United States disbursing officers, \$357,886.36. The state bank statement has this: General deposits, \$21,696,111.12.

The statement conveys to the general reader the one idea that the people of Nebraska have over fifty millions of dollars lying in the banks. It is not possible that the editor did not know that that statement was a lie. That is ten times as much money as is in the banks. The amount of money in the banks according to the bank statement was as follows: National banks, \$3,330,280.39. In the state banks, \$1,909,446.90.

This same article has been printed in nearly all the republican papers in Nebraska. Are all the republican editors in the state international liars? Or are they simply mullet heads? Or do they think that morality has no place in the discussion of public questions? The Independent would like an expression of opinion on that subject from some of the readers of this paper. Are these Nebraska republican editors unmitigated scoundrels and habitual liars, or are they just mullet heads?

UNMASKED The fusion forces in the United States senate unmasked the plans of the gold bug senators by securing votes on the two following amendments to the gold bill. An amendment offered by Mr. Pettus (Ala.), providing that gold coins and silver dollars coined by the United States shall be a legal tender at their nominal value, was defeated 44 to 27. Another amendment by Mr. Pettus, providing that nothing in this act should affect the legal tender quality of United States paper dollars, was likewise defeated, 44 to 25.

Mr. Vest, (Mo.) offered an amendment providing for \$200,000,000 of treasury bond notes, which should be loaned by the secretary of the treasury to any person who would deposit United States bonds as security. His amendment, Mr. Vest said, if enacted into law, would afford the citizen owner of bonds the same facilities as were afforded national banks. The amendment was defeated without division.

The vote on these amendments shows that the statement of Aldrich and Allison that the legal tender quality of the silver dollars was not affected by the bill, were barefaced falsehoods, and that the republicans must go before the people acknowledging that they have granted a special privilege to national bankers to deposit bonds, get their value back in money, and that they will not allow any other American citizen this privilege.

When this bill is signed by the president there will be nothing a legal tender for debt but gold—the republicans have said so by these votes—and four or five thousand national bankers will be allowed to draw double interest on their money and no other American citizen will be allowed to do it.

There is one thing that new regents of the university should take hold of with vigor, and that is to see that every student before he can get a diploma understands the principles of logic. As it is now they are graduated by the hundred when they are so ignorant that they can't tell the difference between a sophism and a syllogism. Not one in a hundred of them can dissect an argument and tell where it is spurious or fallacious. The science of the laws of thought, the art of using reason well in our inquiries after truth, is the very foundation of all things. If the men in public life now had been taught this science, the nation would not be in its present condition. Thousands of men moving in good society believe in, and guide their political action by sophistries which they lack the ability to detect.

The Springfield Monitor has gone daft. It accuses the Independent of being "the paper which three years ago induced the populist legislature to repeal a good, honest newspaper law in order that it could take advantage of its pull and come in for several thousand dollars worth of city advertising, which it otherwise would not have been entitled to." This paper has never had a line of city advertising, and no one in his sound mind would believe it possible for it to get any in this gang ridden city which

has 900 republican majority. The Monitor is mad because this paper will not support Mr. Howard for auditor. The line of attack is exactly after the tactics of Mr. Howard. If you don't like a paper or public officer make a vicious attack.

Everyone has been expecting that England would arm the savages and set them on the Boers just as George III did on the American patriots in the days of the American revolution. Sunday, dispatches were published to the effect that the English offered the Zulus arms, but they refused to accept them, saying that the Boers had done them no harm and had fed their hungry and cared for their sick. It seems when it came to the test, that the Zulus were more highly civilized than the British.

It is no wonder that Mark Hanna is willing to shove out wads of money to beat fusion. With fusion in Ohio and Indiana the republicans would be in a minority in the former state of 72,000 and in the latter state about 45,000. It is a very good investment for the republicans to start middle of the road papers in those states. If there was the same sensible co operation in those two states that there has been in Nebraska, Mark Hanna would not have a ghost of a show in either of them and no one knows it better than Mark does himself.

Senator Kyle flunked on the gold bill. He did not vote and he paired. If his vote had been needed it would have been cast along with the other republicans. There never was such a cowardly political rascal in the United States senate before. The democratic rascals under the Cleveland regime all voted. There was not one among them so contemptible as this scoundrel Kyle. The state of South Dakota has had an indelible mark of infamy placed upon its record for having sent such a canting hypocrite to Washington.

There are a few gentlemen in this state who staid in the old parties and fought for the gold bugs until Bryan licked them out of their boots, who have now united with the fusionists and are still fighting the pops and the men whom they have selected to represent them in office with all the venom that they used in the days when they did not call themselves fusionists. Now they are the holiest saints on earth and the populists are the worst sinners and corruption tools that have ever disgraced the state. They think that that kind of warfare is much more effective than the old way of organizing new parties. Keep an eye on them.

There would like to know upon what grounds Mr. Harrington bases his statement that "Nebraska is as certain to go for Bryan as Pennsylvania is to go for McKinley." At the last election in Pennsylvania, on the vote for supreme judge, the republicans in that state had a majority of 168,486, and that after one of the biggest rows in the party that has ever been known. Holcomb had a majority of 15,505, (World-Herald Year book) and there were seventeen thousand voters who cast no ballot on the head of the ticket. The Independent believes that Bryan will carry this state if the right kind of a campaign is waged, but to presume that we are going to carry it any how and therefore can afford to raise as many rows in the convention as we want to without danger, is presuming altogether too much.

An old populist writer to the editor asks: "Why do you not go for the Standard Oil company for its recent raise in the price of oil and hammer away at it in every issue? I think it is one of the most indefensible jobs of robbing ever perpetrated on the people." Well what's the use? All the readers of this paper know that it is robbery so they need not be told, and as for the mullet heads, they would vote for the Standard oil party if the company raised the price of oil every week. The best way is not to waste too much time on details, but go for the thing that makes the Standard oil trust possible, and that is the gold standard. The money trust is the foundation on which all other trusts are built. Knock out the foundation and the whole lot will come tumbling to the ground.

The Independent in clubs of five from now until January 1, 1901 (nearly a year) for 50 cents each. Invite your neighbor to subscribe.

UNSELFISH WORKERS The Independent wants to extend its thanks to the following parties and all others who are devoting their time to extending its circulation. Not only are we thankful but we are unmeasurably astonished at the rush of subscriptions. If this rate is kept up, the populists of Nebraska will soon have a paper out-ranking all other reform papers in circulation, but also as many of them say that it does now in the vigor of its fight against the coming despotism, militarism and serfdom of the gold standard. The number of clubs that have been sent in since the last announcement is given below. We wish some one would add up the column and tell how many there are, for the editor has been too busy during the last week fighting the men who have attempted to turn the populist party over to the control of Mark Hanna. Mark met a Waterloo at Lincoln this

week. From this time on populists will control the populist party, make its platforms and formulate its policies. That great victory could never have been won had it not been for the unselfish work of men like those who have sent in this great list of clubs. For itself, and for the cause for which the Independent stands, it extends to each and all its hearty thanks.

CLUBS C. H. Nigh.....14 Wm. Fessler.....7 M. Cartwright.....12 C. L. Cook.....6 J. M. Woodcock (more to come).....2 Peter Keen (more to come).....1 J. S. Dawey (more to come).....1 George Bookwalter.....12 Henry Dean.....6 A. M. Jones.....5 R. Armstrong.....3 H. Byars.....7 D. Littlejohn.....3 C. W. Nelson.....5 John Moler.....5 J. W. Taber.....5 Cal Graham.....5 Andrew Young.....14 Henry Lorain.....4 T. H. Mort.....5 C. L. Gerrard.....12 F. M. Borden.....8 John Erskine.....5 Peter Reinert.....5 I. L. Sinclair.....6 Julius Jackirck.....5 A. G. Hallberg.....6

Annual Report of State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Summary of Statistics for the School Year Ending July 10, 1899. RESOURCES. Am't on hand at beginning of year.....\$ 667,117 42 From county and twp. treasurers.....2,572,300 42 From sale of district bonds.....33,309 32 From tuition of non-resident pupils.....33,309 32 From local fines and licenses.....635,674 32 From all other sources.....204,734 57 Total.....\$4,488,638 60

EXPENDITURES. Paid male teachers.....\$ 664,879 19 Paid female teachers.....1,838,886 49 For buildings and sites.....212,294 09 For repairs.....128,788 24 For fuel.....204,613 61 For reference books, maps, charts and apparatus.....62,671 27 For text books and pupils' supplies.....167,316 56 For furniture.....437,396 77 Amount on hand at close of year.....673,060 78 Total.....\$4,488,638 60

DISTRICT BONDS. Issued during the year.....\$ 368,301 81 Cancelled within the year.....32,014 14 Total.....\$ 336,287 67

VALUATION OF DISTRICT PROPERTY. School houses.....\$ 6,425,302 90 Sites.....1,691,056 19 Text books.....32,898 07 Apparatus, maps, charts, etc.....324,195 22 Other property.....224,969 60 Total.....\$ 9,258,219 98

SCHOOL FUNDS APPORTIONED BY COUNTY SUPERINTENDENTS. Amount derived from state appropriation.....\$ 682,927 78 Amount derived from fines and licenses.....33,800 70 Total.....\$ 716,728 48

TEACHERS. Number actually necessary.....8,744 Number of certificates issued.....815 First Grade.....1,058 15 Second Grade.....1,058 15 Third Grade.....1,058 15 Total.....3,174

WAGES EARNED. Males.....\$ 654,087 27 Females.....1,844,143 78 Total.....\$2,498,231 05

General average.....\$38 46 PUPILS—CENSUS, ENROLLMENT, ATTENDANCE. Census (children between 5 and 21 years of age) Males.....190,659 Females.....192,115 Total.....382,774

Enrollment. Between 5 and 21 years of age. Males.....140,884 Females.....135,865 Total.....276,749

Attendance. Between 5 and 21 years of age. Males.....138,655 Females.....134,071 Total.....272,726

DRIVING A BARGAIN. J. B.: "Now, about this 'ere canal, William. Hi wants to be fair an square, an so: Hi makes this 'ere proposal: You dig it an repair it an police it an Hi'll take the benefits, or Hi'll take the bloomin benefits an you can dig it an police it an repair it. You can't hank no fairer than that!"

Deep an Diplomatic William: "Now I must admit that this sounds reasonable."—New York Evening World.

Average daily attendance. Males.....\$3,935 Females.....\$5,489 Total.....160,424

Pupils transferred under section 7a, subdivision 1.....4,485 Number of blind children.....39 Number of deaf and dumb children.....106

DISTRICTS—SCHOOL HOUSES, TEXT-BOOKS, APPARATUS, TAX. Number of districts.....6,705 School Houses—number and material: Frame.....5,704 Brick.....3,313 Stone.....482 Log.....141 Slat.....517 Baled.....1 Steel.....1 Total.....6,710

Number built during the year.....159 Number furnished with apparatus, maps, charts, etc.....4,604 Number of districts own text-books.....3,616 Average number of mills school tax levied.....15

Length of term—Graded sch'ls, Private sch'ls. Number of districts holding: Nine months or more.....1,721 Six to nine months.....3,570 Three to six months.....4,832 Less than three months or no sch'l.....377

Average number of days of school in all districts.....134 Number of graded schools.....225 Number of teachers in graded schools.....2,725 Number of private schools.....174 COUNTY SUPERINTENDENTS—WORK AND COMPENSATION. Number employed by the day.....29 Number employed by the year.....91 Total compensation.....\$72,922 95

Number of visits to schools.....9,416 Number of district meetings.....488 Number of teachers' meetings.....772

HARDY'S COLUMN Cranks and Kickers—Omaha and Waver—Shooting and Pouring in the Gospel—Anti-Trust Meeting—Science of Money—Gold Bill Passed.

Whither the faces of the cranks and kickers are turned, thither the world is tending. They seem to be the forerunners of progress and elevation. The whole world has turned over on to their side within the last fifty years. No one curses them now. So it will be again. The cranks and kickers of today will be respected and praised in fifty years.

Shall Omaha own her waterworks is the question over there. The question in Lincoln is shall the city own her lighting plant and light her own streets? By using the power of the street pumping station it can be done for half what we have been paying. By hanging two incandescent lamps, one over each sidewalk at each street crossing, the cost can be reduced more than half, and the city be much better lighted than now, when our trees are filled with leaves.

Frank M. Wells, chaplain of the first regiment of volunteers, spoke in Gardfield church, Washington, D. C., the other Sunday. He stated that Manila now had over four hundred liquor saloons, where two years ago they had but three. The treasury department, statistical report, just published, states that only \$37 worth of beer was taken into Manila in 1898, and \$71,635 worth in 1899. No drop of distilled liquor was taken in during 1898, but in 1899 there was \$34,571. Christian civilization, bullets and whiskey go together. That is the republican method of civilizing.

The anti-trust convention last week in Chicago had its day. No remedies suggested seemed very likely to effect much. Too many of the members were stronger for the tariff than they were against the trusts. Just put all the trust goods on the free list and then we would see. Or change the present tariff law so we can buy American goods anywhere in the world and bring them home without tariff, then we would see. The tariff is the mother of trusts and monopolies.

We hear much about the "Science of Money." To us it sounds as unscientific as science of weather or science of markets. Science is a collection of known facts, from which reliable conclusions may be deduced. What are the reliable conclusions we have deduced from the facts we know about money? What is there that is reliable about the weather or markets? We can rely upon the bond holders and bankers making dollars scarcer and higher as long as they run the government, and that is about all.

Butter is to be tested, smelled and discussed the present week. But how to make good butter is the chief question. We have seen butter buyers who could tell by taste whether the cows ran in old plowed fields and fed on clover or ran on hills, among stumps and logs and fed on blue grass. When cows drink stagnant bullfrog water that too makes a difference in the butter. We have come to the everlasting conclusion that whirling the cream out of the milk does not make as good butter as a cool spring house. But Nebraska has not got a milk house spring on every quarter section, as they have in the northern portion of New York and Pennsylvania, so she must do