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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 met 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 Nicaraguan 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 jingoes vindictors 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 Americans for taxing them without their consent? Do these rights inherent 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.

Olive 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 dulness of intellect.

That is exactly what the populists have always said would be the result of the concentration of wealth in a 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 manly 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 decollete toilette, or a dude standing 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.

FARMERS' NATIONAL CONGRESS.

There is a gold bug association that meets once every year called the Farmers' National Congress. The editor of the Independent attended one of their conventions when they met at Council Bluffs, Ia. He went to the meeting of the committee on resolutions. When the roll was called it turned out that that committee of the Farmers' Congress was composed of seven national bankers, one gold bug politician, Hall of Missouri, and three other men, not one of whom was a farmer. This editor has attended no more of its meetings.

H. F. Miller sends a clipping containing some of their discussions, the conclusions of which he declares are "a no such thing." Here is the clipping: "Hon. W. B. Powell, of Pennsylvania, in an excellent paper on inventions for farmers, drew a contrast between the farmer of the south doing his work by hand and the farmer of Iowa doing his work by machinery; said wheat can now be raised at 30 cents per bushel at a profit, and that seven men can now raise the wheat required to make the flour for 1,000 persons."

The editor of the Independent wishes he had the power to force all these chaps to make a living raising wheat at 30 cents per bushel. It would not be long until every one of them would be howling popes. Any man who ever raised a crop of wheat knows that such assertions are simply ridiculous. There is no money in raising wheat even at 50 cents a bushel, beyond farm hand wages.

THE GREENBACKS DESTROYED

The greenbacks—the money that saved this nation and which has done the business of the country for thirty-eight years—have at last been destroyed. Here is what Senator Allison says about it. (Congressional Record, page 1888)

"We have provided first for \$150,000,000 reserve of gold. We have provided that the greenbacks thus redeemed shall remain there until the gold is placed in the reserve, and then, of course, they are taken out. Therefore we have literally carried out the President's proposition, because when a greenback is redeemed it never can get out of that redemption fund until a gold dollar goes in in place of it."

This is just what the populists said the republicans would do if McKinley was elected. When the charge was made, every republican orator and every republican newspaper denied it. They obtained the power to do this thing by falsehood and hypocrisy. They have obtained power in this way and they exercise it like all despots. Do the masses of the republican party really want the greenbacks destroyed? Will their partisan insanity keep them voting for the party that did it?

These days England keeps one eye on Russia and the other on Oom Paul.

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 McCullough 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.

THAT LITTLE INFANT

Carnegie has fallen out with his old partner, Frick, and they have got into the courts. Now we are in a fair way to get some of the facts about this infant industry that congress has so long sheltered by prohibitory tariffs. Frick has filed a bill in court and his attorney summarizes it as follows:

"The business from 1882 to 1900 was enormously profitable, growing by leaps and jumps from year to year, until in 1891 the firm actually made on low-priced contracts in net profits, after paying all expenses of all kinds, \$21,000,000. In November, 1899, Carnegie estimated the net profits for 1900 at \$40,000,000, and Frick then estimated them at \$42,000,000. Carnegie valued the entire property at over \$250,000,000 and avowed his ability in ordinary prosperous times to sell the property on the London market for £100,000,000, or \$500,000,000."

Just imagine the wickedness of that McKinley bill and its foster brother, the Gorman-Wilson tariff bill, which laid such heavy burdens upon the American people that this set of men might become multi-millionaires. Remember how they hired Pinkerton thugs to shoot down American workingmen, who only asked fair wages out of this immense boodle. Were these men able to commit these enormous robberies? Simply because they had the republican party behind them. They will continue them as long as that party is in power. The only way of escape is to take from that party the control of the government. That is the duty of every honest man in these United States.

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 silver dollars, was likewise defeated, 44 to 26.

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 syllogism 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 sophisms which they lack the ability to detect.

The Springfield Monitor has gone deaf. 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 had created the

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 carried around in pockets, or 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, \$28,859,660.38. United States deposits, \$571,062.91. Deposits of United States disbursing officers, \$357,886.36. The state bank statement has this: General deposits, \$21,666,111.2.

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, \$1,908,446.99.

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?

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 pope 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 corporation tools that have ever disgraced the state. They think that kind of warfare is much more effective than the old way of organizing new parties. Keep an eye on them.

We 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 108,486, 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 and 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 pre-suming altogether too much.

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UNSELFISH WORKERS

The Independent wants to extend its influence 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 outranking 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 servitude 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

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 cooperation 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 was 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.

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