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McLaurin has proved himself to be a quitter. Two years from now he will quit permanently.

John Bull is slowly coming to the conclusion that the last end (of the Boer war) is worse than the first.

Mary Elizabeth Lease has proved the genuineness of her conversion to republicanism by going into bankruptcy.

B. & M. stock, 200. B. & M. assessment cut down. Why? Because a B. & M. board of equalization made the assessment.

Wonder if Governor Savage will keep up that record of abstracts of the reports from state institutions? Hardly likely.

According to the great lights of the republican party, greenbacks are an abomination unto the Lord, but bank money pays a man's way into heaven.

Past it in your hat that the same railroad in 1901 was assessed at \$44,000 less in 1901 than it was in 1900. If it was too low then, how about now?

Wouldn't it be a proper act for Treasurer Stuefer to take the public into his confidence and tell where he keeps that \$300,000 of idle school money?

Every man has his own idea of what heaven will be, but The Independent's highest ideal concerning that place is a country where there is no house-cleaning.

It was a glorious old flag and it floated for over a hundred years in triumph in all parts of the world, but now it cannot pass a custom house collector.

Tolstol says that during the next ten years the money tyranny of the world over the state and individual will be upset and many changes in the social fabric will occur.

Republican editors are not hugging themselves for joy over the recent school apportionment, which was \$50,000 smaller than the one made in May, 1900, under a fusion administration.

Joe Johnson and Clem Deaver went into "cahoots" in printing the True Populist. Joe has lost his office and Clem has got one of the same kind, all of which goes to show that Joe got left in the deal.

The supreme court has declared that all men are not entitled to liberty. That is just what Judge Taney said. The republican party was organized to fight Judge Taney's decision. Now it declares for it.

McKinley said that the flag did not mean one thing in the United States and another thing in Porto Rico, but the supreme court says it does. If you don't believe them both, you are a little American.

McKinley seems to think that his effort to copy the policies of the English government in colonial possessions will not be complete unless he also has an Ireland. So he is determined to make one out of Cuba.

The nine judicial minds of the supreme court in discussing the points submitted to them, took nine separate views of the matter and the imperialists are furious because the people do not agree with all of them.

The Friend Telegraph is the only republican paper we have seen with enough moral stamina to attack the 1901 railroad assessment. All the other republican papers are maintaining a silence, like silence of the tomb.

Mr. Alfred Wettin, king of England and emperor of India, gave a reception to J. Pierpont Morgan and a lot of other millionaires and talked about the weather to them. Then the millionaires went away and felt bigger than ever.

Those benevolent institutions, the railroads, which have gone into the "community of interests" business, have raised the rates so as to take all the traffic will bear to the Buffalo exposition. The Buffalo papers are raising a big howl.

**A SHACKLED GIANT**

There can be no reasonable doubt that a majority of the voters in this country still believe in "the constitution as it is and the union as it was" before the late supreme court decisions. The same men are opposed to government subsidies, to high tariffs, especially on trust made goods that are constantly sold to foreigners at a lower price than the same goods are sold to Americans. An overwhelming majority is satisfied with the constant increase in the volume of money that set in four years ago and still goes on. It is altogether probable that a large majority would sanction the public ownership of the telegraph and telephones, the street railways, city water works and lighting plants. Almost every taxpayer would sanction the equal taxation of franchises and corporations. A majority would be willing to admit Cuba and Porto Rico to the union if the inhabitants of those islands would ask for admission and in the case of Porto Rico under the present status, they would make it a territory upon the same footing that territories have always enjoyed. A majority would be willing to give the Filipinos an independent government under the protection of the United States.

Upon all these questions the populists and a large part of the democratic party, with many thousands still within the republican ranks, would agree. If these persons could all be induced to vote one national ticket, the country could be carried and brought back to the principles upon which it was founded. Why cannot it be done? Simply because there are some men of influence in the democratic party who are sustained by nearly all the great democratic dailies who are opposed to almost every one of these principles, and there has so far been no way invented whereby these men and papers can be made to drop the name democrat and line themselves up under the republican banner where they belong.

A man who like McLaurin votes with Mark Hanna every time on every issue that divides the republican party from the democratic party, is allowed to still call himself a democrat. Papers like the New York Journal, the Chicago American and San Francisco Examiner still pose as democratic papers while fully indorsing the recent supreme court decisions and every week denouncing the last two national platforms of the democratic party. While the democratic party is in that condition, it is utterly helpless and can have no hope of ever coming into power. The populist party gave the republican assistants who were found within its ranks a short shrift. It must do it at whatever sacrifice. In its present condition it is a shackled giant and completely helpless. The question must be finally and forever settled whether the doctrines proclaimed by Bryan are democracy or whether the doctrines of Cleveland, Hill and McLaurin are. If one is, the other is not.

It is childish to longer play the game that has been played by the democracy for the last six years. If in the next national democratic convention the Bryan forces have a majority, they must do something effective to prevent the men and papers who vote or support the republican ticket from parading under the name of democrat. If the Cleveland forces get control they should adopt the same kind of tactics.

**NO POP CAN FIND OUT**

Wealth, in popular language, consists of an abundance of all things that are the object of human desire. Most men believe that such things come into existence by the application of labor to land. The economists who edit the republican papers in this state have discovered that all such notions as that are populist lunacy, socialism or anarchy. They each and all solemnly declare that the wealth of this country, including its railroads, farms, factories, ships and mines, are the result of the gold standard. The said gold standard consists, according to the last treasury report, of standard silver dollars, 72,299,960; silver certificates, \$427,206,320; subsidiary silver, \$80,853,107; treasury notes of 1890, \$53,728,232; United States notes, \$336,889,481; national bank notes, \$341,155,427; of gold coin and bullion and gold certificates, \$875,111,053, and about \$21,873,435,800 credit money, which the said economists call "confidence." Those being the facts, where the gold standard comes in is one of those things that no pop can find out. Such a thing as the gold standard not being in existence, the pop cannot imagine how it creates all the wealth in the country.

The reasoning of these editorial republican economists is even worse than the Rosewater logic, when he declared that prosperity produces money.

**THE HIGH PRICE OF CORN**

The Independent has frequently called attention during the last two or three years to the comparative price of wheat and corn. The cost of raising corn and wheat has generally been considered as about four to one. That is it cost as much to raise, harvest and

deliver one bushel of wheat as four bushels of corn. The price range of the two grains for many years was about at that ratio, but for the last two or three years corn has often come up to more than half the price of wheat. This has been a puzzle to the economists, and searching investigation has been made. The cause has been discovered and it is the general opinion that in the future the price of corn will always be much nearer the price of wheat than it has ever been before.

Corn is the basis of many large manufacturing interests. It is the base of the pork and beef interests. The people of Europe are beginning to use large quantities for food and other purposes. The increase in the annual demand for corn within the last five years, so far as it can be tabulated, may be presented as follows:

Bushels.	
Increased pork production...	200,000,000
Increased beef production...	50,000,000
Increased glucose and starch use .....	50,000,000
Increased exports.....	100,000,000
Total .....	400,000,000

If these conditions continue, the price of corn must be much higher in the future than in the past. Only two things can prevent it—a decrease in consumption or a large increase in the production. But the corn belt of the world is limited and the production of corn cannot be greatly increased unless the production of wheat and other crops is curtailed. Corn is the foundation of Nebraska's wealth and the outlook may be said to be good.

**AGE OF SPECIAL PRIVILEGE**

Some writers are very fond of calling this the "age of competition." It has not been an age of competition, but an age of special privileges. The ills that have been complained of have not come from competition, but from special privileges. Two classes have attacked competition—the very rich and the socialists. The great concentration of wealth has in every instance been effected by special privileges. The railroads granted Rockefeller special privileges in rebates and that laid the foundation of his wealth. Congress granted Carnegie special privileges in tariffs and for the making of armor plate, and that made his wealth. The general government and the states granted special privileges to the railroads in the way of eminent domain and in a thousand other instances and that laid the foundation of the wealth of the great railroad magnates. If no special privileges had ever been granted, none of these great concentrations of wealth would now threaten the stability of government and society. They began by the destruction of competition and the inauguration of special privileges. Now it is proposed to destroy competition altogether.

It might be well for the people to stop and consider who it is that raises this cry against competition? They will find that it is the Rockefellers, the Goulds, the Morgans and the Vanderbilts. Are they the patriots and statesmen that should be allowed to run the government and formulate the policies of the 70,000,000 people who are citizens of the United States and subjects in the territories? That is what the republican leaders tell us that we ought to do. Whatever the rest may do, The Independent won't do it.

**THREW UP HIS HANDS**

The state of Nebraska can act in nothing except by and through its officers. These officers in the performance of their respective duties represent the state. Their acts are acts of the state, if authorized by and in conformity to the state law. Article XI of the federal constitution declares that "the judicial power of the United States shall not be construed to extend to any suit in law or equity, commenced or prosecuted against one of the United States by citizens of another state, or by citizens or subjects of any foreign state."

Now, Judge Munger seems to believe that non-resident stockholders of a railroad corporation may commence and prosecute an action in federal court asking for an injunction against the attorney general, restraining him from doing his official duty. And the present attorney general throws up his hands and says, Amen. Most any state official who has a particle of pride in his make-up would at least insist that if such a strained construction of the eleventh amendment is to be the law of the land, it shall be announced by the supreme court of the United States. But Prout could be enjoined by any country justice of the peace, if it would help a railroad corporation, and he would not appeal.

In the eyes of the republican ninnies who write trash for the great dailies, it is an unholy thing for a democrat or populist to go into business and make a million dollars. When one of them gets a little time off and goes down to New York and rakes in a few shekels, the said ninny, who worship at the feet of millionaires, are horrified. The forms of hypocrisy that a republican editor can adopt are uncountable.

**PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND**

Treasurer Stuefer seems to be flinching under the fire from the populist press, criticising his failure to keep the permanent educational funds invested in interest-bearing securities. The Omaha Bee's "staff correspondent" at Lincoln comes bravely to the treasurer's rescue, and the Hon. Edward, sitting in the dome of the "pride of two continents," has thoughtfully refrained from asking the treasurer to divulge the whereabouts of the idle school moneys.

It appears from the Bee's account of Treasurer Stuefer's semi-annual report to the governor that the sum of \$375,885.51 was received into the four permanent educational funds from the redemption of bonds and warrants held by those funds as investment; but the Bee studiously avoids telling how much was received from deferred payments in the sale of educational lands—something over \$200,000. It also appears that the treasurer has purchased bonds and warrants in the sum of \$379,528.56, or \$3,643.05 more than his receipts from paid off investments. In other words, the treasurer, in five months has performed the miraculous feat of increasing the total securities just \$3,943.05, or about \$728 per month! Or, stated another way, he has succeeded in keeping invested all the money coming in from paid off investments, and in addition thereto has invested the sum of \$3,643.05 of the \$200,000 received from the sale of educational lands.

Inasmuch as the receipts from deferred payments on lands sold will approximate \$350,000 this year, if Treasurer Stuefer "keeps up his lick" a whole year, he will have invested about \$9,000 or \$10,000 of such receipts and the remainder will lie idle because of his inability to invest them.

Then, in the face of this situation, the Bee commits an act of pettifoggery by such a statement as this:

"The argument of this is that when the uninvested portion of the fund increases the supply of securities should also increase, or in other words, that it should be much easier to find securities of the kind prescribed by law when the balance of the fund is high than when it is low. This is something new in the way of argument, but it is being used with great energy by the fusionists."

That is about as logical as Rosewater's contention that prosperity produces plenty of money; but the fact is that no populist would dream of assenting to either statement. It does not follow that securities should be plentiful because the uninvested balances are large; in fact, the inference would be otherwise. But when it can be shown that Treasurer Stuefer willfully deprived himself of the opportunity of securing a greater amount of state warrants than he is now buying, there is proper ground for criticism. He killed the Murray bill, providing for a reduction in the interest rate on state warrants. That act of his deprived him of a large amount of warrants, which are eagerly sought by private investors, who naturally prefer a 4 per cent security to one bearing only 3 per cent. The Independent pointed out at the time that Treasurer Stuefer had committed an act of folly in asking the senate to indefinitely postpone the bill. At 3 per cent the treasurer could have bought without paying a premium practically all the general fund warrants as fast as issued. At 4 per cent, the brokers give him strong competition. His excuse then was that warrants might go below par. His cry now is, "I can't get securities." How could warrants go below par if the state stands always ready to buy them at par?

He is entitled to credit for all the good work he has done; but he merits adverse criticism for willfully crippling himself and making it more difficult to do his duty.

A clairvoyant announces that a ghost told her that the reason that the weather is so exceptionally cool that they have had a snow storm in June up in Dakota is that Lieutenant Perry has captured the north pole and is bringing it south with him.

The Independent would like to hear from the 1,095 men who voted the mid-road pop ticket and swore by the "True Populist" what they think of the republicans giving Deaver a \$3,000 office? They can have free use of the columns of The Independent for that purpose.

This republic is part constitutional and part unconstitutional according to Justice Brown, but according to John Marshall "the constitution was written in order to define and limit and keep within the restricted boundaries all persons and departments of the government, and was meant to leave no room for the play and action of purely personal and arbitrary power."

What Senator Tillman attempted to do was to apply the principles of the referendum. The method was an awkward one and expensive, but it was the only one at hand, and would have been effective if it had been carried through. At least South Carolinians would have had an opportunity to say whether they preferred the Tillman or the McLaurin type of democracy.

**JOSEPH MERRILL, SHERIFF**

The sheriff is the most ancient and honorable officer known to the common law. He is the chief executive of the county and as such represents the state administration in all matters, both criminal and civil, in the enforcement of the law. It is through him that all the decrees of the courts are executed. The office is of great antiquity and the sheriff was the first officer ever elected by the people, there being some doubt whether the election required the confirmation of the crown. In many cases of late, the occupants of this office have brought disgrace upon it under circumstances that gave them an opportunity to make it honorable and respected by all the people. Joseph Merrill, sheriff of Carrollton, Georgia, has done an act that has not only gone far to redeem the office from the disgrace that has fallen upon it, but has conferred honor upon himself, his state and his county. He has defied and shot down white lynch-ers who were determined on the murder of a black criminal. He did this under the most trying circumstances which goes to show that there are men of honor and undaunted courage in the state of Georgia.

A black criminal had murdered a little white boy. The negro was arrested, tried and convicted in the circuit court, but his lawyers appealed to the supreme court and the case was reversed and sent back for a new trial. Upon this a mob arose and attempted to take the criminal from the jail and murder him. The sheriff and a small posse that he was able to summon to his aid resisted the mob and after they had broken down the jail door the sheriff fired upon them, killed one and wounded several others. The mob was dispersed and the criminal protected. The governor of the state made quick response to the call for troops and the black criminal was taken by two companies of militia to Atlanta for safe keeping.

Here is a lesson that the republican hypocrites of the north who are constantly talking about the oppression of the colored men of the south, while the colored men are burned at the stake in many northern states without an effort of the authorities to protect them.

For the thirty-five years that the republican party has held possession of the government at Washington and whined about the oppression of the black men of the south, not one effectual thing has been done by them to secure that protection to which the black men are entitled even in the northern states. The republican national government has allowed them to be burned at the stake in both northern and southern states without a word of protest. A southern white sheriff is the first officer to stake his life in defense of the legal rights of a black man.

Having freed the black man under the leadership of Lincoln, as soon as Lincoln was dead the republican party began to use the negro for their own interests without any regard for his future welfare. Designing scoundrels went into the south and rounded up black men by the hundred thousands, not to establish good government for them, but to enable these carpet-baggers to obtain fortunes from a people, both black and white, who were in the very depths of poverty. From that day to this the black man has been used by the republicans for the sole purpose of obtaining political power. They began by stealing the pennies of the negroes through the Freedman's bureau and have kept up the practice ever since. They have gone on in this way, with the common consent of the north, until the blackmen have become educated enough to see what these hypocrites really are and now under the leadership of a black man, Brooker T. Washington, they are at last breaking away.

A dispatch from Deadwood enumerates a score or more of cyanide plants that are being put up in the Black Hills to work over the tailings from the mines. Besides that, a number of abandoned mines running low grade ore are being opened. All that will warm the cockles of every old pop's heart. He knows that that means more money—cheaper money and good times. But he shouldn't shout too much over it. The trusts are fixing things so as to get the benefit in the rise of prices. Just as profits increase they will capitalize them and draw their interest. After a while there will be a big panic and they will say the cause of it was too much money and gold must be demonetized. The mullet heads will all believe them just as they did their catch phrases about silver and "sound money," and vote to demonetize gold.

The sublime assurance of the imperialist reporters is just balanced by the unmeasurable idiocy of the average republican reader. As an example, the recent reports from Cuba furnish a good illustration. A prominent republican said to The Independent, "What is the use of all this talk about the Platt amendment? The people of Cuba, when the resolution was passed by the constitutional conven-

tion, thought that it was an acceptance of the Platt resolution and were all perfectly satisfied." He was asked how he knew what they thought, and how he knew that they were all perfectly satisfied. He replied: "Why, here it is so stated right in this paper." When asked how that reporter could know what all of the people of Cuba thought and how he knew that they were all perfectly satisfied, he replied: "Why, it must be so or such a statement would not have been sent out to all the papers." That is a fair specimen of the ability to think of the average republican. He saw this most absurd statement and he concluded that it must be true just because it was printed in a paper.

McKinley has rejected the constitution prepared by the convention elected by the citizens of Cuba. Now when the supreme court convenes, will it please tell us under what clause of the constitution he was acting when he did it. It will not trouble the court in the least to do it and will stop the cry raised about McKinley acting the emperor. A court that could declare that the words of John Marshall, when he said that the territory west of the Mississippi was as much a part of the United States as Delaware or Pennsylvania, was in full accord with the idea that the term "United States" did not include the territories, could find no trouble in pointing out the clause of the constitution under which McKinley acted when he dictated to a foreign nation what sort of a constitution it should adopt.

Everywhere socialists tell the workingmen that they are not interested in present politics and advise them to hold aloof. They tell them that the questions of the currency, tariff, internal revenue, public ownership, the encroachments of the corporations on personal rights, the usurpations of the judiciary and even the establishment of imperialism, are matters of no concern to them, but are only quarrels between the capitalists. The populists declare that they are most intensely interested in all these things. The populist believes that we must take one step at a time and that the mountains that face him cannot be scaled at a single leap. The race must toll slowly upward in the future as it has always done in the past.

The Bee says: "In a recent address William J. Bryan told the Missouri democracy that the party could not afford to sink principle for expediency. The speaker evidently did not intend his remarks to be heard in the fusion camp in his own state." Why such remarks should not be heard in the fusion camp, perhaps no one but Mr. Rosewater can tell. In all the fusion efforts in this state no democrat or populist has ever been asked to sink principle for expediency. The principles of both parties have always been fearlessly and honestly stated in their platforms and they will continue to be in the future.

One day a reporter of the State Journal about two years ago saw a fusion state officer throw a bundle of blue grass that had just been shaved off the capitol lawn into his buggy and take it home to feed to his horse. The old Journal took the matter up and tried to make a state issue of it, declaring that the fusion state officers were stealing hay off the state grounds. Now that same reporter stands and looks at Joe Burns digging a well which will cost the state \$5,000 and then \$500 a year ever afterwards and never takes a note and the Cheerful Idiot shows no tendency to make any remarks on the subject.

At the same time when the great republican papers in the east are denouncing Bryan for favoring fusion in the west and calling him all the hard names they can think of, they are engaged in trying to effect fusion in New York to fight the Tammany democracy. The republicans there are making desperate efforts to effect a fusion with two other political parties. They use exactly the same arguments in favor of fusion that reformers use in the west and which republicans both east and west denounce as immoral and the worst of political crimes. There is a moral to this little tale so plain that it need not be printed.

The spokesman of the millionaires who went to England took pains to tell the assembled aristocrats, lords and nobles who gave them a dinner at the Mansion House, that the New York chamber of commerce was operating under a charter granted by King George III. in 1770. He might have added that the chamber was now more determined on enforcing the principles of King George III. than ever before.

The socialists declare that "government ownership of public utilities is not socialism, but state capitalism." Therein the socialist is right. Public ownership of railroads, street cars, telephones and telegraphs is not socialism. It is the very thesis of socialism.

**ROSEWATER'S EXHIBITION**

The Independent has always treated Rosewater and the Bee fairly. Now the Bee turns around and in return for such treatment does one of the dirtiest tricks that ever disgraced the republican press of Nebraska. Read the following article and judge for yourself.

"Can it be that the course of Prof. Herron in the abandonment of wife and children appeals specially to populists for sympathy and support? Here we have The Independent, the recognized organ of the populists in this state, publicly indorsing Prof. Herron when nearly every sober-minded observer has nothing but condemnation for him. It tells us that Prof. Herron has arrived at the logical result of the theories of socialism because, accepting the premises of socialism as true, no other conclusion could be arrived at. Prof. Herron having accepted the premises of socialism as true has the courage to practice them." It says with unconcealed admiration, "wherein he rises above the average socialist and in so far as he is to be commended. Prof. Herron is the most brilliant, scholarly and logical socialist that has ever appeared in the United States." We do not believe the American people subscribe to such leadership whether they follow the populist political vagaries or not.

Rosewater knew as well as he knew that he lied that that article was a misrepresentation and false from the beginning to the end. He knows that The Independent has always held that the logical result of socialism was the destruction of the family, and quoted Herron's action as proof of that fact, in its opposition to socialism. What but evil can come from a newspaper that will indulge in such open misrepresentation and falsehood? Perhaps Rosewater wrote that article in revenge for the answer that The Independent made to his assertion that prosperity produced more money and not more money prosperity.

**COST OF REPUBLICANISM**

Just a few results of republican administration. Loss of reciprocal taxes on insurance companies, caused by a ruling of the republican auditor, \$20,000 per year. Loss of temporary school fund in just one school apportionment, \$50,000. Loss in unexpended interest on general fund warrants, caused by a republican senate complying with the request of a republican state treasurer, and refusing to lower the interest rate, say \$20,000 per year.

Loss (total) in putting down a \$4,500 Joe Burns well on the capitol grounds, to furnish \$450 worth of water a year and requiring the services of a \$900-a-year engineer, say \$5,000 the first year and \$500 to \$700 each year thereafter. Loss incalculable in the election of two national bankers as United States senators, to represent an agricultural state—men who have no sentiments in common with the producers of wealth.

**SIXTEEN TO ONE DID IT**

Postmaster's salaries continue to go up almost invariably on re-ratings based on the business transacted at the various offices throughout Nebraska and Iowa, and the whole country for that matter. The re-rating was usually in the other direction before the republican administration took charge.—Omaha Bee.

The re-rating was usually in the other direction when Rosewater and the other whole republican party was aiding Cleveland in stopping the coinage of silver and contracting the volume of money. As soon as McKinley adopted the populist financial theories, things took a turn for the better all around. Sixteen to one did the business just as the populists said it would.

The British have kept an armed force of 250,000 men in South Africa for two years, that is to say ten thousand more armed men than there are inhabitants in the two little republics. They have had there more than one soldier for every man, woman and child, and yet the war goes on. This is not phenomenal. The same race that Dutch have performed the same valorous deeds before, when fighting for liberty. So have other races, notably the Prussians under Frederick the Great. Joe Chamberlain should be thought of these things before he set Jamieson on that raid.

Here is Morton's latest contribution to popular government: "The use of the ballot in America ought to be restricted. Only the intelligent taxpayer should be permitted to vote anywhere in this republic." It would be a god plan for the Cleveland democrats to run Morton for governor on that platform. Not all taxpayers even ought to vote. Only the "intelligent" ones should be granted the franchise and Morton should be the judge whether they were intelligent or not. Morton says that was what Jefferson meant. Morton gets nearer to an entrance to the insane asylum every day that he lives.

"Confidence" seems to have vanished down in Wall street and the whole town is in mourning. There is no prospect of "brisk trading" for the lambs have fled and even Jim Keene has failed to toll them back. Wall street will have to wait until the wool is grown again.