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The goldocrats are on the run. Give it to 'em.

HON. SAMUEL MAXWELL will be the next supreme judge.

The next great event in Lincoln is the populist state convention—August 28th.

WHAT makes gold money? Law. Then if law makes one thing money it can make another, can't it.

MR. MERCHANT, did it ever occur to you what a slave you are to the coupon clipping money power?

THERE is no money but that made by the government; there is no wealth but that created by labor.

NO WONDER the misguided republicans are yelping for gold. It's so scarce they can't get hold of enough to buy their salt.

WHILE the non-producing bankers allowed to borrow money of the government and all other classes denied that right, there will be no peace in this country.

TOIL ON, sweat on, you misguided fool. When you get tired of creating wealth to enrich the interest grabber maybe you will begin to think of Mollie and the babies.

THE gold bugs, unable to meet the silver issue are trying to laugh it to scorn and brand it as a dead issue. Ain't they making lots of stink over a dead issue, though?

THE more advanced prohibitionists are beginning to understand that it isn't the over-consumption of whiskey that hurts the country now so much as the under-consumption of bread. They are coming over to the cause of humanity and casting their lot with the populists.

THE INDEPENDENT has always stood on the Omaha platform, has supported every ticket nominated by the populist party and has never let its endeavors to belittle the men whom the party has elevated to office so long as they have served the people faithfully. Pretty good record, isn't it?

SAM Jones should give Ingersoll rest and tackle Grover Cleveland and John Sherman. If preachers are to strike the devil in a tender place where it will hurt, let them strike their batteries on the crimes of bribery, corporation robbery and dress gambling. It will do no good to cry out against those who are about retail so long as we are about those who steal by

THAT PRISON CONTRACT.

The republican papers throughout the state are making much ado about the condition of the penitentiary affairs and would have the people believe it cannot be run except upon the contract system which has been the custom in this state for the past twelve or fifteen years and which the last legislature destroyed by legislation. It is given out that there is no funds appropriated with which to run the institution as a reason why it should go into the hands of a contractor, all of which is a republican lie. The last legislature, as for years past appropriated 40 cents a day for the MAINTENANCE of 350 prisoners, more or less. Maintenance, means maintenance—food, clothing, shelter, guards, medical treatment—maintenance. This forty cents per day, per capita was paid to Mr. Dorgan, with which he purchased all supplies, food, clothing, tools, etc., together with salaries, from the warden down to the cheapest employe. Under his contract Mr. Dorgan was given the labor of the convicts whom he contracted to various manufacturing concerns at from 40 to 50 cents per day. For instance, 50 men to the Lee Broom & Duster Co., at 45 cents per day; 75 men to the Western Manufacturing Co., at 50 cents per day; 20 men to Mr. Buckstaff at 40 cents per day and so on. Until very recently Mr. Dorgan had from 200 to 250 men employed constantly at from 40 to 50 cents per day and it can be readily computed what his profits were from the contract, providing the 40 cents appropriated for maintenance was sufficient to meet those expenses. The usual amount for MAINTENANCE—40 cents per capita was appropriated by the last legislature, aggregating \$100,000. Now there is nothing in the way of preventing the warden and his board from running the penitentiary, drawing from the state funds for maintenance, hiring out the prisoners to whatever contractor might wish to procure their services and turning the profits into the state treasury monthly instead of into the pockets of some jobber or dishonest state official. If the prisoners cannot be leased out to contractors the state will be nothing out as the 40 cents per day will amply maintain the institution.

Now as to the cost of maintenance. It is carefully estimated that 30 cents per day will pay all running expenses of the institution. The Missouri penitentiary contains \$2,000 prisoners and that institution is maintained at a cost of 30 cents per day including all supplies and all salaries. It has 1200 prisoners contracted to various manufacturing institutions in Chicago, St. Louis, New York and at other cities at 50 cents per day, which it will be readily seen makes the institution self sustaining. At the Missouri penitentiary the salaries are more than double those paid at the Nebraska prison. In the former institution the wall guards are paid \$45 per month, in our own prison they are now receiving, and have been during Mr. Dorgan's reign there, \$20.80 per month. At the Missouri penitentiary other salaries range from \$60 to \$150 per month while here they range from \$25 to \$50, the deputy warden being the only employe who receives such a magnificent salary. Col. Pace, warden of the Missouri penitentiary receives \$5,000 per year, while our own warden is paid but \$1,500. And yet that institution is maintained at 30 cents per day after paying those remunerative salaries. The labor of the convicts sustains the prison with its 2000 inmates and in two years prior to the last session of the legislature only \$35,000 was expended by the state on the institution and this was for improvements and repairs. Yet it costs Nebraska \$50,000, in addition to repairs and improvements, to maintain its little prison of 350 inmates and the republican machine bosses and their organs are anxious to continue a system that robs the state of \$50,000 per annum, or nearly. Notwithstanding the fact that the last legislature abolished this robber contract system, the

robbers and light fingered gentry of the republican party are endeavoring to re-inaugurate it contrary to law, in order to get an opportunity to loot the treasury.

Men in position to know figure that Mr. Dorgan cleared up from \$800 to \$1000 per week on his prison contract. Estimating 40 cents per day for 350 prisoners, \$140; cost of maintaining them 30 cents per day, leaving a net profit of \$35 per day or \$245 per week; 200 prisoners sub-contracted at 45 cents per day, \$540 per week. This is the condition of affairs regarding the penitentiary as plainly as we can state it. Few people know how the business has been conducted in the past, but they should look into it, investigate the matter and send up a vigorous protest against the state board entering into any contract whereby the state will be robbed of \$40,000 to \$50,000 per annum as it has been for years. Let the state conduct the business as it has started out to do, maintain its own institution and turn the profits from the labor of the prisoners into the treasury and save the state thousands of dollars annually.

Dorgan made a fortune out of his contract, and now that shyster class of republican leg pullers who were cussing him for what their corrupt party did are after a slice of the same pie. The highway robbers cannot steal themselves rich so long as Warden Leidigh and the populist party have the reins and that is what hurts them.

The same conditions exist at the Kansas penitentiary as at the Missouri prison, it is self-sustaining and is run by the state. Joliet, Ill., Fort Madison Ia., and other neighboring institutions of four or five times the dimensions of our own, report the same conditions—self sustaining, and yet it cost the taxpayers of Nebraska \$50,000 per annum to run our prison. Is it not time to call a halt.

A letter addressed to Col. Pace, warden of the Missouri penitentiary at Jefferson City will substantiate all that we have said on that line.

MR. YOUNG THE PROPHET.

Last week we published a prophecy made by Joseph Young, as to the condition of the idle poor during the coming winter. In it he told of suicides from despondency and destitution through inability to procure work. Hardly had the ink dried on the paper when the death of Frank Kren, a Bohemian, is announced, died at his own hand, from despondency and inability to find employment. He had recently come here from Saline county and having sought in vain for work, evidently feeling life not worth the struggle for existence, spent his money in drink. Having spent all his money in dissipation he sold his trunk for sufficient money with which to purchase a revolver, and walking out near Lincoln park took his own life. When the body was found there were six cents in his pockets.

This is only one of hundreds of cases which occur daily throughout this great land of "over production." And still our people continue to vote with the party of plutocracy; follow the lead of political ringsters whose policy has created a class of millionaires on one hand and paupers on the other. How long do you think such a system can exist? Kren was buried Monday in potter's field with as little ceremony as though he were a brute, and the taxpayers settle the bills. Here is another blot on the damnable record of the g. o. p. in this land of "over production," "restored confidence" and "returning prosperity."

A NEW YORK correspondent of a Chicago daily, a man who hasn't any visible leanings towards populism, says that the convention which nominated General John C. Fremont for president, was a "gathering of wild enthusiasts who would be called cranks nowadays." If it wasn't for the enthusiasts and cranks, very few abuses would ever be corrected in this world.

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A DEN OF THIEVES.

The church, or the Lord's house is being made a den of thieves by the rich robbers who toil not, nor yet spin, but fatten on the fruits of other men's toil by a system known as usury taking. They belong to the church to give them respectability—and God knows the man who lives on the fruits of his brother's toil by the aid of usury needs something to give him respectability—rob their neighbors six days in the week, pray and contribute to the preacher on Sunday and flatter themselves that they are good christians and respectable men, and that their "respectability" gives them a free pass to heaven.

There are men within the pales of the church who have never produced one morsel of food, one particle of clothing, one iota of wealth, yet they are sleek and fat, live in luxurious homes shine in so-called society, all at the expense of their brother men who have labored to create the wealth they consume. They are no better to and of no more use to humanity than the common street loafer who never pretends to do a day's work; in fact; they are a leech on society and have to be supported by those who work. As a rule they are penurious and never indulge any of those "extravagant habits" which people who live and let live indulge in; all the money they keep in circulation would add very little to the volume of trade.

In this we have no reference to christianity but to churbanity. To the "respectable" loafer who uses the church for a cloak, who schemes to live without work and who has helped to make the house of God a money changers temple—a den of thieves. If another Christ were to visit this earth would he not make a scattering among the money changers?

TURN THE RASCALS OUT.

It is a well established rule of politics, established by the old parties years ago, that "to the victors belong the spoils;" that when a party ascends to power and control among its first official acts is the lopping off of all official heads of opposing partisans—the artistic wielding of the snicker snee, in other words.

In Kansas, when the state went back into the hands of the republicans, the first thing the republicans did was to commence the work of beheading populists. Where the law did not confer the power of removal upon the governor or there were other obstacles in the way, charges were trumped up against them or the assistance of partisan courts invoked to "turn the rascals out." And not only has this course been pursued in Kansas, but wherever the opportunity has presented itself.

Considerable complaint has been made against Gov. Holcomb because of his procrastination along that line, and now the heads of the various institutions are coming in for their share of censure. This should not be, gentlemen. Get out your meat axes and ply them well.

THE STATE FAIR.

Omaha is making preparations to give the people the best fair held in this state for many years. The Knights of Ak-sar-ben and the feast of Mondamin will be special attractions together with many other new features. Omaha and the state board are advertising the event extensively and doing all in their power to make it the success it should be, the railroads are doing their share and Lincoln and her people should not be lacking. While we regret that the great exposition could not have been retained in this city yet Lincoln had her share and all the state contributed to its success. Now let Lincoln and all the state join hands with Omaha and make this the greatest success in its history. Lincoln will show that she is not built on a small scale. Remember the date—Sept. 13th to 20th.

Pay your subscription.

WHAT IS MONEY? U. S. Supreme Court: Money is not a substance but an impression of legal authority, a printed legal decree.

Supreme Court of Iowa: The gold dollar is not a commodity having an intrinsic value, but money having a statutory value. And every dollar has the same value without regard to material.

North British Review: Metallic money while acting as coin, is identical with paper money, in respect to being destitute of intrinsic value.

Funk & Wagnall's Dictionary: In the legal sense property is not money, and money is not property; for property is that which has inherent value, while money as such, has but representative value, and may or may not have intrinsic value.

U. S. Monetary Commission 1877: Money is the great instrument of association, the very fibre of social organism, the vitalizing force of industry, and as essential to its existence as oxygen is to animal life. Without money civilization would not have a beginning; with a diminishing supply it must languish and unless relieved, finally perish.

The republican convention of Lancaster county instructed its delegation to the state convention as to whom to vote for and we have noticed some of the populist conventions have fallen into the same rut. County conventions are often "fixed," as it is sometimes cheaper. If a state delegation is to be tied up why not send one man to vote the county?

It is claimed there is a steady accumulation of idle capital in the money centres. That's easy understood. The American people have either become so heavily bonded and mortgaged they cannot go into debt any farther or have come to understand what fools they have been in the past and refuse to go farther in debt, hence no demand.

The city of Beatrice is in the throes of a political and financial sensation. City Clerk Phillips has been found to be a forger, having forged the mayor's name to numerous city warrants, drawn the money and fled the country. His peculations are so extensive the city is unable to tell to what extent it has been robbed. Beatrice enterprise seems to be on the wane. Hasn't Lincoln her Mosher, Hill, Burnham and Stephenson? And Beatrice her Phillips? Surely republicanism in that hamlet isn't up to the standard.

That Paul Vandervoort isn't altogether "all right" in the line of reform is demonstrated by his complete lay down with the republican-corporation-A. P. A. gang in the Omaha fire and police muddle. He is a populist for pelf. As is well known, the new commission law was originated and passed as a slap at Governor Holcomb and Vandervoort joins the gang to help carry out their schemes. Either he is crooked as a shepherd's staff or he wants a job very bad. In either event the populists should put a brand upon him.

We heard of a hungry printer in this city the other day. He has labored for years—and voted the republican ticket—to get home. He has paid \$1,100 on it and hopes to eventually have a shelter for himself, wife and little ones. He is getting old now. Interest having gnawed away a goodly portion of his vitals the sheriff took the rest a short time ago, and now, as witer is coming on he must take his little family into the street, or pay rent. And still he howls for the "grand old party," that damnable institution that has wrecked more homes, filled more prisons, asylums, and suicide graves, made more millionaires and paupers in the past thirty years than any organization known to history. He ought to go hungry. But will the working people never get any sense pounded into them?

Your subscription is payable in advance. Come up, we need money like the rest of mankind.

Send in some subscribers.

The democrats everywhere are divided on the money question and the poor old tariff is lost sight of.

If you want to help sustain a good populist paper, giving all the important news as well as Lincoln city matter, send in your subscription for this paper together with that of your friends.

The fellow who raises the howl about republicans holding office under populist officials is the same fellow who pays the republican paper to pound him and his party over the back and stands the populist editor off or beats him entirely out of what is due him, or does not patronize him at all. Consistency is frequently a rare jewel with some populists.

The most beautiful clothing, the most palatial dwellings, the finest equipages, the most delicate food, are all created by the poor for the rich to enjoy. Labor goes without what it needs that idleness may revel in and waste the abundance of its possessions. A system which promotes or permits such injustice and inequality is bound to perish. The question is whether it will perish peaceably.

EVERYTHING seems to be running smooth at the insane asylum. Dr. Abbot and Mr. Rewick are very attentive to duty and have the institution well under control. Unlike the penitentiary, there are no chances for big steals and jobbery and the republican black legs and pie grabbers are making little or no effort to get the institution into a position to rob it and the state. Dr. Abbot seems to be the right man in the right place.

WESTERN farmers used to burn corn for fuel, while people were starving in the eastern cities because the railroads wouldn't carry it unless they got the whole value for freight. The Louisiana sugar planters are in a similar quandary now. They have 29,000,000 gallons of molasses on hand which they can't sell and are talking of burning it to get rid of it. When we get a national economic system such a thing as an over-production of non-perishable food will be unknown.

Every country virtually ruled by Great Britain. The khedive a few years ago was induced by the Rothschilds to undertake great public works, the means for which was furnished by the Rothschilds and other British capitalists in exchange for Egyptian bonds. So enormous were these bond issues that the government soon defaulted on the interest. Under pretext of "protecting British interests" Great Britain then took possession of Egypt, and has virtually held that possession ever since, acting much as a corporation receiver in this country. This debt rests upon an agricultural population of seven millions, and the land tax is as high in some cases as \$8.20 per acre, the average being \$4.56. The wages for farm labor is 20 cents a day. The khedive sold Egyptian bonds to the Rothschilds and this is the result. Cleveland has sold American bonds to the Rothschilds. What will be the result?—Progressive Farmer.

At the free silver convention in Washington on the 15th Representative Livingston of Georgia said the time had come for another declaration of independence. "It is the purpose of the country from which I come," he said, "to prosecute the fight with coats off and sleeves rolled up and not to desist until the end." It was England's purpose, he asserted, to control the United States, and finding herself unable to do so by force of arms, she has undertaken to do it by controlling our finances. Georgia was determined that the issuance of bonds should not continue. He declared the last bond contract whereby the Rothschilds had been engaged to protect our credit the most disgraceful that had ever taken place in the history of the country. The cry for sound money was a subterfuge, as all our people were for sound money. The prospect of international monetary conference he ridiculed. That fellow begins to understand where we are at.