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**People's Independent State Ticket.**  
For Supreme Judge,  
SAMUEL MAXWELL.

Regents State University,  
JAS. H. BAYSTON,  
ELLA W. PEATTIE.

**The People's Independent County Ticket.**

For District Judge:  
A. S. TIBBETS,  
H. F. ROSE,  
J. C. McNERNEY.

For Clerk of District Court:  
ELIAS BAKER.

For Sheriff:  
FRED MILLER.

For Treasurer:  
A. H. WEIR.

For County Clerk:  
GEORGE H. WALTERS.

For County Judge:  
GEORGE W. BERGE.

For County Superintendent:  
H. S. BOWERS.

For Coroner:  
L. W. LOWRY.

For County Commissioner:  
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Assessors:  
First Ward,  
T. E. CONNELLY.

Third Ward,  
C. G. BULLOCK.

Fourth Ward:  
C. A. COOK.

Fifth Ward,  
A. C. SHERICK.

Sixth Ward,  
J. W. EMBERSON.

Seventh Ward,  
W. T. ROLOFSON.

For Constables:  
JOHN MEANOR,  
J. V. TRAVIS,  
WILLIAM CHINN.

For Justice of the Peace:  
S. B. IAMS,  
GEORGE W. BLAKE.

DEBT is slavery; we are a nation of slaves.

INTEREST is eating us up. It must be abolished.

LABOR creates and capital accumulates the creation.

CAPITAL has nothing it did not steal from labor.

CAPITAL never created anything. Government did it all, even creating capital.

RE-LETTING the prison contract means a plain steal of \$50,000 from the state treasury.

The republicans hope to rob the populists of political thunder by robbing the penitentiary fund of \$50,000.

The democrats will have no solid south in '96 and the republicans no solid west. Then what will the harvest be?

OUR business men are a class of tramps, being without homes or opportunity to get them. And yet they vote with the old party that gave away their lands to English lords and rail road corporations. Nice lot of chumps.

OUR forefathers kicked against England levying tribute upon this country, but we submit as tamely as a kennel of whipped curs.

If obliged to bond your city or mortgage your home to get money you would rather borrow of your government than of some English lord? Of course you would.

The state board and some of their hangers on are after the balance of that \$100,000 penitentiary appropriation. Should they farm the prison out to a contractor again it means a clear steal of at least \$50,000. But what do the republican pirates of this state care for a little steal like that?

WE don't hear anything now days about the "pauper labor of Europe" since we have so much of it in our own country. Talk about pauper labor, thousands of able, honest men in this country are begging for an opportunity to work for their bread—merely an existence.

Pay your subscription.

## THE STATE CONVENTION.

The state convention of the populist party of Nebraska held in Lincoln this week, will give hope and courage to populists in every state in the union. The platform will become a model for many other states, but the determination of the whole body of delegates to set down, and set down hard, on all the "isms," is a beacon light which will lead populism to final and speedy victory in the whole nation. It was the greatest victory that populism has achieved.

The unanimous nomination of Judge Maxwell was another act of wisdom. In him the party presents a candidate of great learning and ability, of unimpeachable moral character and a long record of service in behalf of the people of this state. He is a judge whose decisions have commanded the respect of all men learned in the law who have examined them, whether in this or other states, and the works on the law which he has written are authority in all our courts. The people of Nebraska will now have an opportunity to say whether they prefer upon the supreme bench a just judge and learned man or some tool of the corporations.

The hearty endorsement of the course of our populist delegation in congress by the unanimous election of Senator Allen as permanent chairman and Congressman McKeigan as chairman of the committee on platform, was to say to them, "you have done your duty and we are still proud of you."

The action and tone of the convention showed that the populist party stands solidly at the back of Governor Holcomb in his efforts to give this state good government, economically administered.

The royal reception given Gen. Van Wyck showed that the populists remembered his services and were still grateful for them.

It was a great convention; it acted with wisdom and discretion; it gave us the best ticket ever put up by any party in an official way; every true populist so thinks and will go work with more hope and vigor than ever before.

## LABOR DAY.

That the cause of labor is fast gaining prestige and recognition among the masses will be more fully demonstrated next Monday, September 2, designated the world over as "Labor Day." In this country it has become a national holiday, while nearly every state in the union proclaims it a legal holiday by statutory enactment. What does it signify?

It signifies that the world recognizes the dignity of labor, that it is honorable and without it no man should eat bread.

Labor day was practically established by the noble order of Knights of Labor. This organization years ago took up the fight along the line and prosecuted it to success, until it got enacted a law setting apart this one day in the year to do honor to the cause of labor and the great mass who toil; who are now sowing for others to reap, but who some day in the not far distant future shall receive the full benefit of their toil.

Every laboring man, business man and mechanic who believes in equal and exact justice to all should lend their aid in making Labor Day one long to be remembered.

MR. EDWARD ATKINSON, one of the great prophets of the gold bugs, is out in an essay in the Forum, announcing that the cause of the panic was the enactment of the Sherman law in 1890. As there was no panic until a president was elected on a platform pledged to repeal it, the logic of the article is not apparent to men of common sense. Mr. Atkinson, who poses as a gold bug economist, is the same learned gentleman who announced that silver was so plentiful in the Rocky mountains that the miner had only to build a wood fire against their sides and the pure silver would run out in a stream. After Senator Jones got through with that statement in the United States senate, Mr. Atkinson did some loud squealing, but no one pitied him.

## STAY WITH THEM.

Gov. Holcomb sent a letter last week to the board of public lands along the line of the article published in these columns regarding the proposed prison contract, protesting against the leasing by the board of the penitentiary to a contractor. The governor believes, as most people acquainted with the facts, that the prison can be made self sustaining and that the profits accruing from the labor of the convicts should revert to the state. Our governor can be relied upon to stand by the guns and protect the treasury though a gang of republican officials stand ready to loot it. The governor and warden are masters of the situation and we believe they have the back bone to protect the state.

To put the institution into the hands of a contractor means a fortune to a few individuals at the expense of the people. It means to consume all of the \$100,000 appropriated for maintenance of the penitentiary when half of it can be saved to the people if the state continues to operate the institution.

The state board seems anxious to re-instate its pet, Mr. Beemer. When they could not create a new office to put him in, at an expense of \$2,000 per annum, that of superintendent, they are endeavoring to farm out the institution to him—make him the contractor. One of two objects they certainly have in view. That of getting a slice of the pie, or preventing the populists from making a record by saving to the people thousands of dollars which republican blacklegs would steal from them.

Stand by your guns Mr. Holcomb and Mr. Leidigh and the people will stand by you in protecting their interests.

## POPULIST FINANCE.

The populists have a distinctive platform of principles on the subject of money.

They declared that all money is fiat money, and when financial principles were tried in the crucible of debate in that great intellectual battle in the senate during the silver session, all the great scholars and thinkers of that body were driven by the inexorable laws of logic to make their final stand behind that impregnable bulwark of scientific truth.

So invincible is this weapon, the money power has for the first time in all history, been driven to the point of demanding the destruction of all money, for with the repeal of the legal tender laws, as advocated by our distinguished secretary of agriculture, there could be no money, and the world would go back to barter and barbarism.

The populist in his theory of money is sustained by every scholar, philosopher and thinker from Aristotle to John P. Jones.

The populist says money is the creation of law. Two hundred years before Christ Aristotle said: "Money has been made by agreement, and is so called because it exists, not by nature, but by law."

The populist says there is no intrinsic value in money.

Prof. Jevons, the great teacher and scholar of Oxford University England replies:

"There is no such thing as intrinsic value."

The populist says all money is fiat and Senator Teller replies [Congressional Record, silver session, page 1420.]

"Mr. President, There is no money that is not fiat money. There is no money that is not made so by direct declaration of law."

The populist says that all money is irredeemable. If it is redeemable in some other kind of money it is not money at all, and Senator John P. Jones replies, (speech of 1893, page 102.)

"Nothing is or can be money in any full or proper sense that needs to be redeemable in anything else before it can pay a debt. Money is not money if it be confined to redemption in one thing; it must be redeemable in all things. The essence of money is redeemable in all things that are for

sale and all services that are for hire."

"Mr. Higgins. I suppose that the senator means what is known as fiat money."

"Mr. Jones of Nevada. All money, whether gold or silver or paper is fiat money. Money is created by law and derives its value from limitation of quantity. Gold is as much fiat money as paper money."

The great banker, Wm. H. St. John adds: (testimony before Springer committee page 328.)

"Perfection in money thus provided would involve the use of neither gold or silver, nor any other commodity \* \* \* Any convenient substance of about the intrinsic properties of silk ribbed paper prepared to defy the counterfeit, issued by the authority of the law of the United States, and promise no redemption whatever, except acceptance for all dues of the United States, and made receivable for all dues and debts public and private within the jurisdiction of the United States." It is only fair to say that Mr. St. John is afraid we would over issue that kind of money. But he need not be. The bankers and money lenders would always see to it that that was not done. They won't even let us issue silver, not to mention paper.

Silver, even according to the gold bug definition, is one half fiat today, and it is not a "parity" because it is redeemable in gold as some of the newspapers and gold bugs have been saying, for it is not. It is par for the reasons set forth by St. John and Senator Jones and no other than its redeemability in all things.

On the 10th day of March 1892, the senate passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That the secretary of the treasury is hereby directed to inform the senate what amount of treasury notes has been issued under the provisions of the act of July 14th, 1890. Whether silver dollars or silver certificates have been redeemed or exchanged for gold.

The secretary of the treasury sent his reply on the 22d day of March 1892 in which he says:

"Respecting redemptions or exchanges of silver dollars and silver certificates, I have to state that the treasury department has not redeemed silver dollars or silver certificates in gold."

On February 13, 1892, the treasurer of the United States in a letter to Senator Teller in reply to the same inquiry said:

"I have to state in reply thereto that, so far as this office is concerned it has never been done, nor have any of the sub-treasury offices been ordered to do it."

E. H. NEEBEKER,  
Treasurer United States."

On the 7th day of December 1892 the secretary of the treasury sent the following letter to Senator Teller:

"My Dear Sir: I have your favor of Dec. 7, I beg to inform you that silver dollars are NOT IN LAW or in practice exchanged for gold or for paper that calls for gold."

Very Respectfully Yours,  
CHAS. FOSTER."

The senate on the 9th day of October 1893 sent the same inquiry to Secretary Carlisle and he replied in substantially the same language. I cannot lay my hand on that documentary at present, but in his testimony before the Springer committee, (page 28) he says:

"We do not maintain the parity of the two metals by redeeming silver dollars or (silver) certificates in gold, but by the constant practice of receiving them in full satisfaction of every debt of the government."

But the British gold bug is the greatest practical fiatist on earth. He coins millions of silver and circulates it in the United Kingdom at a ratio a good deal less than 15 to 1, and in 1892 coined 105 tons of copper and much more in '93 and '94.

The populists is the only consistent advocate of the free and unlimited coinage of silver. He says that first, not because of its so-called "intrinsic" value, but because it will give us more money, not only raising prices here, but in Europe,

where we sell our wheat, beef, pork, corn and cotton.

In three years the populists have forced the acceptance of the soundness of their financial views by all the disinterested scholars and thinkers of the whole civilized world. Financial reform must be fought out on this line. It can never win on any other.

T. H. TIBBLES.

## GIVE US CHEAP MONEY.

Not a laboring man, merchant or farmer in 10,000 would refuse to accept Uncle Sam's paper money—legal tender treasury notes, greenbacks—in payment for goods or services rendered, at 100 cents on the dollar, but glad to get it. With a liberal issue of this kind of money new homes would be built, our highways improved, factories started to running and business in general put in motion. The government could enact a law in three days' time creating this money. In the same length of time it could also pass an act to loan this money to the cities, counties or states which might wish to borrow it, on the same terms it loans to the national bankers, 1 per cent. Lincoln and all other cities suffering from bad streets or needing other public improvements, could vote her non-interest bearing bonds and in 30 days there would be little or no idleness in the community, and want, and misery, and hard times would soon be dispelled.

But the money loaner protests against the government going into the loaning business. Well, well; that's refreshing! Isn't the government now loaning its money—rather the people's money—to the national banker, that favored pest who has for years been sucking the life blood of the people.

The government loans money to these banking institutions at 1 per cent to be loaned out by them to the people at usurious rates. Instead of furnishing the people money at 1 per cent as it might and should, on as good security as could be given, it prefers to farm it out to these thieving, unreliable pawn shops, giving them all the money they want at 1 per cent. As security for the money they borrow the banks deposit their bonds with the government but continue to draw their usual semi-annual interest in gold. Of course no sensible man believes this policy on the part of the government is an honest deal with the people. And by the power this money gives them these banking institutions, with kindred monopolies, control the policy of the government in their own interest and against the interest of the whole.

The plan of the government loaning money to the people would benefit the whole nation save the few national bank jobbers. And more than this. It would drive these men out of the banking business and into more legitimate and respectable callings. We can never do business without such an issue of money as it will require all and more gold and silver than we can produce and coin for years to pay our debts to foreign holders of American securities. Another thing. We can never get the needed relief by voting the old party tickets.

INFORM yourselves, laboring men, upon the causes which have led the wealth producers into the present condition. Give political economy a little attention and you will, we believe, ascertain that unless the natural resources, which were intended for man's use and benefit, are opened, that suffering and privation will be the inevitable outcome for the masses, causing great bars to go between the man who desires labor, but deprived of the opportunity, unless tribute is paid to the monopolist, which tribute usually consists of all excepting a mere pittance, which the monopolist sees fit to give to him who produces the wealth. Education is essential to good government. It therefore behooves all laboring men to make a study of these questions.

Say!

Your subscription is payable in advance. Don't wait on me to present you a bill.

## ANNOUNCEMENT.

We are arranging to secure the services of T. H. Tibbles, of Bancroft, for editorial work upon THE INDEPENDENT, which will doubtless be completed before the next issue. Mr. Tibbles is one of the strongest writers on political economy in the nation and will be remembered by all leading populists as the Washington correspondent to the Non-Conformist for two years. Mr. Tibbles will have charge of the editorial columns while the business and local management will be conducted as heretofore.

Respectfully,  
HENRY HUCKINS.

YOU

Are a committee of one to circulate this paper. It should be in the home of every populist.

WE want news of the work and its progress throughout the state. Send it in from every quarter, brief and concise and we will gladly give it space.

WE are arranging to make the INDEPENDENT one of the greatest populist papers in the land and need your aid. Put your shoulder to the wheel.

WITH Wm. V. Allen as our nominee for president in '96 and Tom Watson of Georgia for vice president the gold bug English Tories, and Wall street hell hounds would have to take to the woods.

THE business man is as thoroughly in the power of the banks as the corporation employe is in the power of his master, and on election day he is afraid to break away. But they will be forced to break away some day.

THE toiling masses who are struggling for existence, what kind of a chance are they going to give their boys when they start out in the world? Hadn't you better vote to take away the special privileges from a class who are robbing you and your little ones?

WHAT a shrewd lot of business men we have in this country! They have let political shysters do their thinking for them until we are a nation of paupers. With a majority of them their brains lie in their stomachs, or pocket pooks.

THE best way to provide against want in old age now days is to steal or commit some other crime. The state will then provide for you behind prison bars, which is better than to starve, and more honorable than to become a "tramp," as the world views it. Grand, glorious country.

It is said of Napoleon that he hated the high financiers—the people who made their money by jugglery and added nothing to the wealth of the nation by production. Were Napoleon living and in this country today, we have an idea that his hatred would be augmented.

WE have it on the q. t. that John C. Watson has his weather eye on the nomination for governor at the hands of the republicans next fall. John is sufficiently tinctured with corporation influence to be an available man but that would avail him not. The pops will have too many votes for him next fall.

THE INDEPENDENT is endorsed on every hand. It speaks out in meeting, has no personal grievances, holds up the hands of the men whom the party has honored so long as they serve the people honorably and is in reform work for win. Subscribe for it and ask your neighbor to do so.

THE INDEPENDENT would have given a Georgia watermelon to have known just what Senator Teller said and thought when he read the platform adopted by the Pennsylvania republicans. What are you going to do, Senator Teller when the national republican convention adopts the same denunciation of silver? This world is all a fleeting show, Senator, and there is no place of refuge for the saints except in the populist party.

Send in your subscriptions to the INDEPENDENT.