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The Chicago Record, one of the greatest metropolitan dailies of the United States has finally been forced to admit that Hon. John P. Aultgeld is a friend to the laboring class and that he holds a warm place in the heart of the working man. It also admits frankly that the ex-governor, if he had the time to devote to it, he would do lots toward purging his party from the old corruption barnacles also, in purifying politics in Chicago.

The republican party has, for the past four years—and the Record represents that party—called Mr. Aultgeld a howling anarchist. But as time passes the eyes of some his most devoted enemies are gradually being opened under the benign influence of such men as Henry George and John P. Aultgeld.

Where one man's wages are raised since the new tariff law went into effect, ten others have been reduced. The fact of the matter is, the republican party have blowed hot and cold all at the same time.

The mother of president McKinley, died at her home in Columbus, Oh., Sunday evening near midnight. The president has been by her bedside almost continuously since she was stricken about two weeks ago. It would seem to us no person could show more love and respect for his mother, than her illustrious son has to her.

The nation will certainly mourn and sympathize with him in his great sorrow and bereavement.

Under demo-pop rule, as the republicans term it, the state of Nebraska is no doubt in the best condition of any state in the Union, notwithstanding the republican leaders stoutly maintained for the past three years that if the reform forces succeeded in getting hold of the state government they would ruin the credit of the state and that capital would leave the state. But they begin to realize the fallacy of their statements.

Twenty-eight thousand cotton operatives in the city of Fall River, Mass., alone have had their wages cut down 10 per cent. Their weekly wages aggregate \$180,000. All this comes four months after the operation of the Dingley tariff bill. But Mr. Dingley claims it is all on account of over production and yet, he, and also his party said that high protection would stimulate production just what was wanted.

It is said by the New York papers that Judge Park, who was elected to the supreme

bench in that state at the recent election has been slated as the democrat candidate for president against W. J. Bryan in 1900 by the democracy of the above state. But he is too much of a Hill and Tammany man, which means the money power and trusts shall rule. Mr. Bryan will be the standard bearer of the party in 1900 and he will in our opinion be elected.

History lauds George Washington to the sky as the father of our country. Has any body stopped to think that he was accused in those days by the rich of this country as being a traitor to the mother country; a disturber of the peace and dignity of the colonies which belonged to England? All because the cranks and anarchists, as they would be called now-a-days, would not submit to a monarchial form of government and let the money power dominate the country.

The same conditions obtain today only in a different form. Any body who has an eye to the future can readily see that all the small business institutions of the United States are being absorbed by trusts and corporations. If the next ten years are as productive of trusts and corporations as it has been in the past ten years just coming to a close, what will be the prospect of the laboring class and poor people, who constitute at least nine tenths of the population of the United States.

Hardly a day passes but that some new trust is formed in order to control some particular industry which finally results in killing out all the smaller concerns engaged in that business which it proposes to control. What is the result, it is this, those who were engaged in the small concerns before they were swallowed up by a trust company are now obliged to seek new fields of labor and crowd out others who may be profitably engaged and so it goes. Our merchants who are doing a fair business now, will in the next ten years be froze out and branch houses from our large cities will be doing the business. Then if these people do any kicking they will be called cranks and anarchists. Watch the signs of the times.

The sun of prosperity is now shining with resplendent effulgence upon that noble and heroic sovereign and freeman—the American working man! Thus, since the election of McKinley and the passage of his divine taxation law, "prices have increased while wages are going down and strikes are everywhere." Thus:

	Per cent
Shoes increase	25
Rubber boots, increase	10
Bread, increase	15
Clothing, increase	20
Oatmeal, increase	10
Beef, increase	20
Pork, increase	10
Mutton, increase	25
Wages, decrease	10

—Clarion (London).

Is Gov. Pingree an anarchist? Read what he says about municipal ownership of its franchises and monopolies. He ought to be in the reform parties. Just think of it, this time, a sheep in wolf's clothing:

"My experience has brought my mind to this conclusion; That the streets of a city belong to the people and that no mayor or common council has a right to barter them away. They belong to the living and not to the dead. The remedy against many of these evils is municipal ownership and the entire abolition of monopolies must exist which depend upon public favor, their absolute control by and dependence upon the people."

Hon. W. J. Bryan, arrived in the city of Mexico, Mex., Dec. 14th.

Senator Hanna thinks the Hawaiian treaty will have a hard time to pass the senate.

The immigration bill is slated to pass congress without any opposition comparatively.

The Union Pacific, Rock Island and Elkhorn railroads refuse to comply with the order of the state Board of Transportation.

The miners are leaving the Klondike country by the thousands to keep from starving to death.

The most of the president's cabinet officers who can possibly leave attended the funeral of Mother McKinley yesterday.

The little empire of Germany finally succeeded in bringing the great nation of Hayti to time for maltreating one of her subjects.

The supreme court handed down an opinion last Thursday in the Moores-Broach contest over which the possession of the office of Mayor of the city of Omaha is reduced to a question of fact to be yet presented to the court and determined.

The supreme court holds that ex-Mayor Broach makes a good showing in court but, he must show by evidence that Mayor Moores was a defaulter when elected to office. The case will be tried again Dec. 21st. There isn't much doubt but Mayor Moores was an embezzler and we would not be much surprised if he would be ousted as a result of his former conduct in office.

Assessed valuation of total real estate in Nebraska July 1st, 1890 was in round numbers:

For same month, 1897	\$115,181,167.00
Increase in real estate mortgages from July 1st, 1890 to July 1st, 1897:	\$112,968,673.00
Farms	\$25,454,037.81
City	\$10,425,768.64

Total	\$35,879,746.35
Real estate mortgages July 1st, 1897	\$168,782,068.35
Notice the above decrease in valuation of real property in seven years, and the increase in mortgages and then say the gold standard is a good thing.	

The sale of the Kansas Pacific railroad which was to have taken place Dec. 15th has been postponed 60 days by Attorney General McKenna, so that congress may have an opportunity to look into the matter.

As the New Time says, the public policy of the republican party for the past fifteen years is to take care of the corporations and trusts, and the corporations and trusts will take care of the poor laboring class. Their benevolent acts toward them would be enjoying them or to shoot them down like dogs, as at Hazelton, Pa., about four months ago.

The most humane act to be performed during the 55th congress, will be if possible by the administration to assist the poor national banks to get control of currency system of the nation, and further assist Spain to pacify the island of Cuba by giving that country more time to starve, rob and murder the people of Cuba; and the annexation of Hawaii. What history that party is making for itself.

WHO OWNS NEBRASKA?

Not One Condition on Which to Base Prosperity.

Whither Are we Drifting Under the Gold Standard?

LINCOLN, Neb Dec 15, 1897

Special correspondence:—The hunt for prosperity, which according to the boodler's press resulted in getting my head broken, was resumed in all earnestness, but in a different direction. Now I bring the testimony of many witnesses, most of them gold standard republicans, and submit the case to the considerate judgement of the good citizens of this state. Nebraska is in the best condition of any state in the Union. If the following witnesses truthfully describe the outlook here, what must the extent of the misery be which the money power has brought upon the mass of the people in this once prosperous and happy nation? Here is what the witnesses in this case have to say.

Nine distress warrants were served in Nebraska City in one day and the people affected paid over \$1,000 rather than suffer the inconvenience of having the sheriff carry off the hardcoal burners.—State Journal, Dec. 2, 1897.

The hard luck brigade which applied for free lodgings last night at police headquarters numbered ninety-five at midnight with a few extra freight trains yet to be heard from.—World Herald, Dec. 3, 1897.

The city of Lincoln and the state of Nebraska contains many men that have lost every thing they possessed on account of the recent long extended financial and business depression. The very best men in most of the enterprising towns of the state today are men who at one time were well fixed financially, but the shrinkage in values and enforced collections against them have driven them to the wall. Deferred judgements in large amounts are hanging over them and prevent them from again engaging in business enterprises. Such cities as Nebraska as Lincoln, Plattsmouth, Beatrice, Hastings, Kearney Grand Island, and other enterprising towns of the state have members of men in this condition.

—James B. Strode, republican congressman of Lincoln as reported by W. E. Annis in State Journal December 1, 1897.

The monthly report of failures shows defaulted liabilities of \$11,010,100

November. The wheat market has deceived everybody, dropping in the face of an enormous foreign demand, just when some advance might reasonably have been anticipated.—E. G. Dunn & Co., Weekly Trade Review, Dec. 4, 1897.

The tendency of business has been to slacken. This is noticeable in iron and steel and in further depression in cotton goods. Print cloths have made a new low record in price. The low price for print cloths is followed by a sharp reaction in wheat and a lower price for Indian corn.—Bradstreet's Review, Dec. 4, 1897.

The following farm and city mortgage statistics are taken from the census of 1890 and sworn statements of county clerks for all years except 1890 and part of 1891, which are closely estimated on basis of 1892 as reported to the Nebraska Bureau of Labor.

The following are not only mortgages on real estate, but upon every species of property down to the bed on which you sleep and the knife and fork with which you eat.	
State bonds	\$ 261,267.35
State warrants	1,577,364.51
City bonds	5,720,040.00
County bonds	6,009,315.00
R. R. mortgages bonds, (estimated \$30,000 per mile)	168,540,000.00
School bonds and outstanding warrants, 1896	3,486,875.49
University bonds	17,000.00
Institute feeble minded bonds	18,000.00
Add farm and city mortgages	168,782,068.35
Total	\$354,411,930.70

The interest on this mortgage bond indebtedness at five per cent makes a tribute to the money power every year of the enormous sum of \$17,730,596.54, which must be paid before a pound of sugar, a dollar's worth of coffee or a pair of shoes can be bought.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. Land Office at Alliance, Neb. November 8th, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before M. J. Blewett Clerk District Court & Harrison, Neb., on December 18th, 1897, viz: Henry Priesch of Montrose, Neb., who made H. E. No. 249 for the N. E. 1/4 N. 24, S. 24, N. 24, Sec. 25, Township 33 N Range 24 W.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Jacob Wasserbarger, J. J. Wasserbarger, Anton Rhein and Henry Wasserbarger, all of Montrose, Neb. Also Theodore E. Plekenbrock, of Montrose, Neb., who made H. E. No. 287, for the S. W. 1/4, Sec. 13, Township 34 N Range 24 W.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Henry Wasserbarger, Anton Rhein, J. J. Wasserbarger and M. J. Gayhart, all of Montrose, Neb. Also Henry H. Wasserbarger, of Montrose, Neb., who made H. E. No. 350, for the S. W. 1/4, Sec. 22, Township 34, N Range 24 W.

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