

QUEER JOURNALISM

All the republican papers are giving all the aid they can to the Cleveland democrats in their efforts to capture the democratic party. They denounce Bryanism, declare that it disgraced and ruined the party and that with the overthrow of the Kansas City platform and its pernicious principles the party may get back into power. Then the next day the same paper will declare that the people have had enough of democracy, Cleveland soup houses and hundreds of thousands out of work, when it was impossible, though a man might be worth thousands in property, to borrow a dollar, when hundreds of thousands had to be fed by charity, when the alms houses were filled with paupers and the asylums with the insane. They declare that that is what Cleveland and democracy did for the land, but they are very anxious on the odd days to have that same Cleveland returned to power and declare that if the democrats will only put the old stuffed prophet back into leadership, they have every chance to win. Did any man ever before see such puerile twaddle in any publication anywhere in the world? But it is good enough for the ignorant masses of Cleveland democrats and republicans who stood around on the street corners with empty stomachs and patches on their pants and declared that all that they wanted to make them happy was "money that was good in Europe." They never expected to see Europe or spend what few cents they could get farther away from home than the nearest grocery or saloon, but they wanted money "good in Europe."

The Independent has been watchful of the expression of opinion by democrats concerning the capture of the Iowa democratic state convention by the Cleveland outfit. They run about as follows: "Let them have it and we will see how many votes they will poll." "The republicans will stave off a panic until after the next presidential election by asset currency or loaning money to the bankers on state and railroad bonds. It would be a misfortune for the democratic party to come into power at the next election and have to face another panic. Let the soup houses be established under the republican administration." "As long as democrats won't go to the primaries nothing else is to be expected." "They may capture conventions, nominate the candidates and make the platforms to suit them but they will never get my vote. There are a few million more democrats just like me." "There is a great deal of talk about Bryan and the Kansas City platform papers supporting the ticket if the reorganizers capture the next national convention. It will make no difference to me whether they support it or fight it. I will never vote for a plutocrat." "The result of the convention gives us the only chance of success."

The Lincoln Star grows furious because the commoner said that the bankers objected to silver because it was half fiat and now want an asset currency which is all fiat. It says that asset currency "includes strict and inexorable limitations for absolutely excluding fiat" and "they embrace provisions for its redemption beyond peradventure." If asset currency is not fiat and has the "value in it" why provide for its redemption? What is a piece of paper issued by a bank promising to pay five dollars worth? Will it stand any of the tests that intrinsic value fellows were wont to apply to gold? Is it "good in Europe"? Can you melt an asset note down and then exchange the residue for as much as before it was melted? If there is no fiat in an asset note, please tell us what there is "in it?"

The Independent is being "favored" with copies of the Saturday Evening Criterion, Haverhill, Mass., a republican paper devoting much space to attacks on socialism. Under a head of "Important to Editors," we are given "liberty to reprint any article... with or without credit." No, thank you; The Independent will make its own criticisms. It takes but little stock in this National Economic league method of side-tracking populism by a sham attack on socialism. What these plutocrats want is to get the people to forget about government money and government railroads and get them aroused over discussions of socialism, but it won't work.

The social democratic party in Germany made great gains in the recent election, but readers of The Independent must not be deceived into the belief that the social democrats of Germany are advocating the doctrines of the socialists of this country. A recent letter from Berlin gave the

real principles underlying the present movement in that country. All of the radical demands of the Karl Marx socialists have been dropped and reforms that are possible make up their platforms. The writer of the letter above referred to said that some one had sent him a copy of The Independent in which the present demands of the social democratic party were summarized and said that the statements were correct. Those reforms are almost identical with the principles advocated by the people's party in this country. The collective ownership of all the means of production and distribution of wealth finds no place and but few advocates among those who are called socialists in Germany, although there are some radicals of that kind.

It is stated that the legislature of New York repealed the law of imprisonment for debt in all cases under \$100. It is said that hundreds of the poor on the east side have been confined in jail for the non-payment of debt, usually where they had been induced to buy on the installment plan. Agents infected that portion of the city, using their utmost powers of persuasion to induce the poor to buy articles upon small monthly payments. When the purchaser lost his job or there was sickness, then they were arrested and thrown in jail. The inhuman cruelties practiced upon the poor in some of the great cities is more infamous than that of any heathen nation towards its subjects. Nothing worse was ever done by the sultan of Turkey than is constantly being done in the centers of plutocracy in the great cities of this country.

The west half of the Union Pacific bridge over the Missouri river is assessed for at \$25,000. The east-half is assessed by Pottawattamia county, Iowa, for \$100,000. The bridge is worth more than \$1,000,000. The republican authorities in this state see to it that railroads and all their appurtenances pay but a modicum of taxes. The wonder is that they assessed the bridge at all. To assess a property worth \$500,000 at \$25,000 is a kind of treatment that the railroads get from the republican authorities and will continue to get as long as that party is in power. That is the reason that the railroads elect republicans to office.

There is anxiety among the great banks and in Wall street generally about the constant shipments of gold to Argentina and Europe. The facts about the matter are simply these: Whenever we cease to export \$500,000,000 a year more than we import, gold has to go. Our tribute to Europe, including what the millionaires and other tourists spend over there, such as interest on foreign investments and rent on foreign owned land is just about \$500,000,000 a year. When we do not pay it in wheat, corn, cattle, hogs and manufactured goods, the gold has to go.

Before King Peter started for Serbia he ordered an \$8,000 gold crown from a Paris jeweler. The last two kings of Serbia ordered crowns, never paid for them and pawned them to raise spending money. That is about equal to some of the tricks played in the United States senate, only the weasels who get seats there go for bigger game. The "governing classes" all over the world are a hard lot.

The editor of The Independent looks forward to the gathering at Denver, July 27, with a great deal of pleasure. He hopes to meet there many of the men who have come all the way over the trail since '90, and talk of those who have passed over the divide. When we talk over the days when none of us thought of anything but to do something that would make the world happier and better, we will not mention the traitors who sought association with us for the sake of office and have since deserted. We will have no curses for anybody, but heart to heart fellowship with all those who have proved true. It will be a glorious time.

The governor of Oregon, where the referendum was recently adopted, says "The referendum stands as a safeguard in the people's hands against the pernicious acts of an unworthy legislature and a conniving governor." The session of the Oregon legislature held since the act went into effect was without scandals of any kind and no charge of corruption was made against it in the press of either party. One or two of the acts were opposed by some of the people, especially the one appropriating \$500,000 for the Lewis and Clark exposition and the one appropriating \$165,000 for a state portage railway at the Dalles



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on the Columbia river, but 5 per cent of the voters could not be induced to sign a petition for a referendum although some of the corporations hired men by the day to go out and get signatures to refer the state railroad act back to the people. The fact that a referendum exists seems to be effective in preventing boodle legislation without sending any act back to the people.

The movement among many different denominations to secure endowments is an announcement to the world that the present membership have lost all their faith. It is to say that they do not believe that future generations will contribute for the support of the Christian religion and if that form of worship is to continue, it must be supported by the making of investments by this generation which will return an income for the future without relying on the contributions of the church members then living. As far as the observation of The Independent goes, the endowed church is a detriment to the community in which it exists. It inculcates pauperism and selfishness.

Every university and every library building erected by the contribution of trust magnates and tariff grafters is an agency of degeneration in the community where it exists. Every young man and woman who looks at them sees there commemorated the robbery of the poor. They are monuments built to extol the genius of men who were cunning enough to gather to themselves the wealth created by the wage-workers. The friends of Rockefeller will erect such a monument to him on the campus of the University of Nebraska.

There are all sorts of grafts for good republican bankers, enough of them to make them hold solid to the republican party. The United States treasurer has sent over \$7,000,000 abroad every year to pay our foreign ministers, their attaches and other expenses of that sort. Instead of authorizing its fiscal agent in London to draw drafts on the treasury for the payment of these expenses, the treasury department deposits the \$7,000,000 in a bank in New York and drafts are drawn on it. Meantime the bank loans it out and gets interest on it.

The president has issued an order to go to the bottom of the postoffice frauds and authorized the employment of additional attorneys to help in the work of prosecution. The trouble with postoffice authorities is that they have failed to go to the "top." That nest of thieves in the United States senate who are really at the top of the whole business should be looked into as well as the great officers of the department. Without the aid and assistance of these parties the frauds could never have occurred.

The state committee publishes the official call for the populist state convention in this issue and say that it is for the purpose of nominating one candidate for supreme judge and two regents of the university. If this editor had written that document he would have said that the purpose of the convention was to nominate one candidate for supreme judge and have two regents over the transom, after which it would nominate candidates for regents whose acts would not make the university the seat of rabid republican politics.

Two men who have been prominently before the public during the last year, Mitchell of the mine workers' union, and Prosecuting Attorney Folk, seem to be able to stand the severest test and are firmly established in the confidence of the people. Plutocracy knows that a sure and safe way to destroy the influence of any man is to get him under any pretext to accept a gift from them. The gift may be in money, in property or in position. It matters not which, but if it is accepted, from that time on the influence of the man in public affairs as far as the common people are concerned is gone. The acceptance of a gift from plutocracy has ruined many a public career that promised large blessings to humanity, and it

does not matter whether that gift was in the form of a lucrative situation, money, tangible property or passes. These two men, John Mitchell and Attorney Folk, have been offered gifts in all these forms. They have stood the test which so many thousands have been unable to stand, and have refused them all.

Carter Harrison says that the policemen of Chicago when detailed to keep order in great crowds on public occasions always keep their clubs in their belts and that order is a great deal easier maintained than when they were in the habit of swinging them in front of the people. There is a great principle underlying that. The people have never yet betrayed a trust reposed in them. The populist motto has always been: "Trust the people." Chicago's mayor also said that Prince Henry told him that one Chicago policeman with his club in his belt could do more in keeping order in a great crowd than twenty soldiers could in Germany.

SPECIAL MARKET LETTER

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Our cattle market is again up to the high point. Receipts so far this week have been moderate. The demand is good and prospects for a better market if receipts will continue light. Many are holding till after the Fourth, and may glut the market next week.

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