

# THE PEOPLE'S MONEY

## PLAIN VIOLATION OF LAW.

THE banks having suspended gold payments without meeting with any serious criticism from the subsidized goldbug newspapers, what is to prevent the treasury from suspending gold payments for a time long enough to convince all concerned that the law which says that the greenbacks shall be redeemed in coin and not in gold alone is a good one? It must be perfectly clear even to the Eastern contingent that the greenbacks cannot and will not be retired, says the Atlanta Constitution. It must be perfectly clear to them, too, that the administration cannot go on selling bonds for gold and running the people deeper and deeper into debt. It must also be perfectly clear that the banks do not propose at this day and hour to come to the relief of the treasury and furnish gold for export, and for a very good reason—they have no gold to spare. Mr. Carlisle's underlings, drawing on their imaginations, have left it to be understood that our stock of available gold amounts to about \$600,000,000. The fact is that our only available stock of gold is that which belongs to the treasury reserve, supplemented by such amounts as the Rothschilds syndicate can command from time to time. The banks having suspended gold payments, the stock they have on hand cannot be regarded as available except for the purchase of government bonds or for such premium as the syndicate can afford to pay.

There must be an end to this business. There must be an end to the treasury receivership. There must come a day, and that shortly, when even the syndicate cannot afford to put up gold to be carted off. There must be an end to the bond business. The people will not tolerate it. The whole trouble grows out of a plain violation of the law. When the law is once carried out, we shall no longer have the ruinous dislocation of the currency that now exists. The law says that the treasury notes and greenbacks are payable, not in gold, but in coin, which is either gold or silver. That is the law, and it is only necessary to carry out the law to stop the drain of gold and restore our currency system to what it was when people were receiving fair prices for the products of their labor. Pay out silver as well as gold, coin the silver bullion in the treasury and use the seigniorage, and there will neither be a drain on the gold reserve nor a deficit in the treasury.

### Shortage of Gold.

The great and necessary growing strife among the gold standard countries to obtain and retain a sufficient amount of gold for actual needs has caused it to advance in value when measured by any of the leading products of human industry. It has stood at par only when measured by itself, says F. B. Flanders, in the Chicago Evening Press. As gold advances in value, all those commodities measured by it have an appearance of declining, and until a remedy is adopted to stop this increase no permanent improvement in the stability of prices can be depended upon. It is unnatural and humiliating to think that this great nation should be compelled to pay speculators' prices for \$60,000,000 of gold to replenish our treasury while we have in silver available to take the place of this gold nearly ten times as much, to say nothing of the many rich but undeveloped mines.

Bimetallism would bring our silver into use as redemption money, which would be the measure of value while gold was declining. Both gold and silver would soon reach a common level and remain without material fluctuations. If gold was temporarily driven out of circulation, if necessary we could send abroad for it as we do now, but there is no reason why such disappearance should cause financial disorder, as the greater amount of silver will take its place. Another point: Why should London make the price of our silver? We will make our own price at the ratio of 16 to 1. If by so doing only one mine owner is benefited, congratulate him. If it adds to the wealth of 100 or 1,000 of our people, so much the better. For my part, I believe that the monetization of silver at the earliest possible moment will benefit every community and every industry.

### Unworthy Our Nation.

The spectacle of the treasury waiting upon the pleasure of the syndicate bankers to know what they intend to do for the replenishment of the gold reserve is too humiliating to be regarded with patience. Such a spectacle, to be plain about it, is unworthy of our nation. No country in the world has larger financial resources than the United States possesses. Our Government ought to enjoy the very highest credit. It should be and with proper handling it undoubtedly would be able to raise any amount of money that it might require. Remembering what he has done in the past, Uncle Sam may well rub his eyes to see whether he is awake when he sees the treasury officials soliciting the kindly intervention of a syndicate for the preservation of the national credit.

### What It Means.

Free coinage of silver means profit in farming. Profit in farming means increase in values. Increase in values means new homes, prosperous villages and thriving cities. Increase of farm products means increase of national wealth, a boom for manufacturers'

money to redeem railroads from the English pawnbrokers and fair dividends for stockholders. It means work for idle men and a reduction in the number of tramps. It means less crime, less poverty and less taxation. It means a restoration of agriculture, the foundation of commerce and manufactures.

### Political Jingles.

Shylock had a little ram,  
His cheek was tough as brass;  
And every time the bankers winked,  
This ram was sure to gas.

He went to school to "Coin" one day,  
And acted like a fool;  
It made the people laugh and cheer,  
To see this ram in "School."

The teacher thrashed him the first day,  
And still he charged about,  
And bunted like a little calf,  
Till the teacher turned him out.

Hi diddle diddle,  
Harvey did riddle

The Eastern goldbug's tool,  
The people did laugh  
To see such sport  
At Coin's Financial School.

Little goldbug Horst lost his head,  
And didn't know where he was at;  
Let him alone, what ever he said,  
He was "talking through his hat."

### Silver Sentiment Developing.

There is a very strong silver sentiment among the Republicans of Michigan, Illinois, Kansas and such other Western States as I have been in, says W. J. Bryan. I think that the fight has not progressed as far in the Republican as in the Democratic party, but I look for a rapid development of silver sentiment after Congress meets. If the silver Republicans will organize as thoroughly as the silver Democrats are organizing they will be prepared to do much better work in 1896. We have a great many silver Republicans in Nebraska.

### Has No Use for Gold.

Mexico has given up for the present trying to keep her silver coin on a parity with gold. It therefore has the single silver standard and has no use for gold except in dealings with foreign countries. All reports, however, indicate that at no time in the history of that country has it enjoyed such general prosperity. Home manufactures are increasing and wealth is being accumulated. The deposits of the banks of the City of Mexico have increased in the last ten years from a little over \$7,000,000 to \$35,000,000.

### Clever Detectives.

The smartest criminals are generally as stupid as they are smart, and sooner or later meet their reward. A clever capture was recently made by Paris detectives. Walking in the Rue St. Martin, their attention was attracted by a man pushing a large packing-case on a hand-cart. The man seemed to be talking to himself, and though this is not an unusual eccentricity, they thought it worth while to listen.

"Don't be afraid, old fellow, I will take the shortest cut," he was heard to say.

In the Rue de Bondy he deposited the packing-case in a warehouse belonging to one M. Roux. The detectives concealed themselves there. About midnight they saw a man emerge from the case, and with a set of tools begin to demolish the safe lock. Eventually he opened the safe, took the gold and silver it contained, and retired to his packing-case again.

The detectives quietly awaited the return of his confederate. In the morning he appeared, and was arrested without noise outside the warehouse.

Then placing the case on a hand-cart, the detectives dragged it to the office of the police commissary.

"Is it you?" inquired the man in the box.

"Yes, don't be uneasy. I will take the shortest cut," replied a detective.

The astonishment of the robber was great when he was released from the case in the presence of a police commissioner.

### Ants Are Brotherly.

A naturalist who has studied the ways of ants found that some of them feel friendship and pity for suffering, and he tells it thus: "One day, watching a small column of these ants, I placed a small stone on one of them to secure it. The next that approached, as soon as it discovered its situation, ran backward in an agitated manner and soon communicated the intelligence to the others. They rushed to the rescue. Some bit at the stone and tried to move it. Others seized the prisoner by the legs and tugged with such force that I thought the legs would be pulled off, but they persevered until they got the captive free. I next covered one up with a piece of clay, leaving only the ends of its antennae projecting. It was soon discovered by its fellows, who set to work immediately and by biting off pieces of the clay soon liberated it. The excitement and ardor with which they carried on their unflagging exertions for the rescue of their comrade could not have been greater if they had been human beings."

The word supercilious comes from the Latin word signifying the eyebrow. The habit of lifting the eyebrows in scorn suggested the present signification.

Riches do not half so much exhilarate us with their possession as they torment us with their loss.

## ARE YOU A POPULIST?

### F SC, WHAT HAVE YOU DONE FOR THE PARTY?

How Many People Have You Tried to Get Into the Ranks? How Many Populist Papers Do You Take?—Notes of the Cause.

### Active Workers Needed.

You are a Populist, are you? Yes, you bet I am. Well, I am glad to hear it. What we want is men devoted to the reform cause. What People's party paper do you take? None. You see I am very poor and— What's that paper you have in your pocket? Oh, that's our county paper; you see I want the county news and— What's its politics? Democratic; you see— How many subscribers have you got for Populist papers in the last year? None, sir— How many Populist books have you bought and loaned in the past year? Not any. How many people have you tried to convert? Not any; I have to work too hard, and— How many people have you tried to get out to Populist meetings? Oh, I haven't time to run around after people, and— What have you done to support Populist speakers or to encourage the movement? Well—you see—that is—I have got to look after my wife and children— well, I am not interested in politics, anyhow.

Now, my dear fellow, don't plead poverty. There are not a dozen Populist editors in the whole country but what make sacrifices every year that would discount your sacrifices for a whole life-time. A man who will take an old party paper and not take one of his own party has reason to blush with shame. The man who does nothing to support and encourage those who are fighting his battles shouldn't talk about caring for his wife and children. The man who in these trying times for humanity sees the light clearly enough to say "I am a Populist," and yet who is doing nothing to help the cause, is a devilish sight meaner than any old party man of whom I know anything. The most blameworthy man I know is neither a Republican nor Democrat, but a Populist who lies back like a balking mule and lets some one else do all the pulling. There are not fifty Populists in California who cannot afford to take and pay for at least one good Populist paper. There are not 500 in the State who cannot afford to take one good State and one good Populist paper, and pay for them. There are not 1,000 Populists in the State but what can induce one old party man or more to take a Populist paper. And if they did do what they could do this State would give a clear majority of 20,000 over all for the Populists next year. Wake up and take a fall out of yourself.—San Jose (Cal.) New Charter.

### Populism Not Dead.

The vehemence with which the servile press asserts that "Populism is dead" has had the effect to make them believe it true themselves. They are much like the man who tells a lie at first in fun, then repeats it so often that he thinks after a while it is true. So far from being dead, the following will show that it is distinctly alive and kicking. It has more votes to its credit than the Democratic party in Minnesota, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Wyoming, North Dakota, Washington, Nevada, South Dakota, Kansas, Colorado, Montana, Idaho, Oregon and Arizona. It has more votes than the Republican party in Arkansas, Louisiana, Alabama, Florida, Texas, Mississippi, Georgia and North Carolina. Thus it will be seen that in no less than twenty-three States and territories, or half the whole number in the United States, and embracing almost three-fourths of the territory, it is the first or second party. With such figures as these before us, it would seem that it is worse than folly for any member of the party to become discouraged, much less think of deserting its ranks.

Oh, Lord, my leader and my shield,  
No other help I know,  
And if thou wilt not comfort me  
Ah, whither shall I go?

So wrote a poet of the olden time, and the stanza embodies the thought of every sincere man who has broken with the old parties because he has felt that they can no longer reasonably claim his support.—Nonconformist.

### Trusts or Public Robbers.

Trusts are supreme. They defy God or man. Supply and demand have no effect. Their edict is supreme over all earthly things. When they want more money they "doodle up." When they want to kill off a competitor they say "doodle down," and down goes prices. The Standard Oil trust demanded its shylock pound of flesh recently. It said "doodle up" to oils and up they went without decrease or increase of supply and demand. Oils are 10 cents per gallon higher this fall than they were last. It is simply the result of the edict of the trust.

The sugar trust has concluded to get its pound of flesh, and it puts up the price of sugar without regard to supply and demand. Thus every family in the land is robbed. The miller trust wanted a pound of flesh, and it increased the price of flour. There is no extra demand nor is there a shortage of wheat. These necessities enter into the every day consumption of every family in the land. This is plain robbery. It is sanctioned by law, under a government supposedly by the people. These public robbers in the form of trusts have grown up under old party rule. They rob the masses, and if they increase the wages of labor for effect they always lengthen the hours of labor. The People's party is pledged to defend the people from these public robbers.

### Would Retire Greenbacks.

We hear a great many of the mouthpieces of the plutocracy demanding

that the Government "go out of the banking business." That means not only to call in and destroy the greenbacks, but to shut up the money order departments of all the postoffices. When this is done you can go to the bank and buy a draft for 10 cents that the Government now sells you for 3. The fellows who want the Government to go out of the banking business are running the old parties. Vote their tickets and you endorse their demands.—Coming Nation.

### Buying Ourselves Poor.

Whenever a man buys more than he sells, that man will surely become poor by and by, and the same is true of a nation. So long as this government buys more than it sells just so long will it grow poorer. Now if a farmer produces more than he can use and finds that he cannot dispose of this surplus in one place he is sure to seek another. If he were to find himself in debt after a year's work he would naturally look around for a means of getting out. If he has wheat and corn, and finds that he has not wheat enough to meet his expenses he goes to his corn crib and sells enough to carry him along until his hog crop is ready for the market. Not so with the government, under the rule of Emperor Grover, The Fat. Our total imports for the first nine months of 1895 exceed our exports by more than \$102,000,000 and we are clearly behind just that much. Inasmuch as imports are paid for in gold it is as clear as the light of the noonday sun that this is one of the sources of drain of the yellow metal. We could stand this and let it go if the henchmen of the house of Rothschilds would abide by the laws of America and defend the rights of American citizens. If we were allowed to coin silver with which to pay our debts, according to the provisions of the constitution, it would be but a short time until the securities now abroad would be coming home at a rapid rate, and the nation would soon know a prosperity to which it is now a stranger.

### What Do You Vote For?

Old party follower, what do you vote for? Do you vote for principle? Do you see any principle laying around loose? Are you voting for honesty in public office? If so, how do you like the honesty you are getting? Are you voting for good times and prosperity? If you are, how do you enjoy the present stage of prosperity? Are you voting for America and home rule? If so, how does our present condition of English rule catch you? Are you voting for the greatest good to the greatest number?

You are getting it with a vengeance, as our present system of class rule and combine dictation testifies. Are you voting for the equality of every man before the law? If so, you get the reverse. There is no equality before the law now. Are you voting for justice to the masses of the people? Then what you vote for you do not get, as there is no justice when justice is so completely dethroned. Are you voting, as every sovereign should vote, for the glory of his country and the principles of a republic that guarantees to every man his liberty and the just returns of his labor? If so, you are a fool. You have been voting for all these things for years, and the longer you vote the less you partake of them. You have been voting with your eyes shut. Wake up, and vote once for a party that honors its declarations!

### Squeals on His Pals.

Though John Sherman is universally recognized as a "gold" man he has succeeded in warming up a lot of politicians by his new book. Having nothing more to gain or lose politically, the old Mephisto is telling secrets that show what a lot of rascals compose the leadership of the "great" Republican party. Old John himself was one of them, and one of the worst, but the temptation to get even is too great even for his foxy nature and he "squeals on his pals" in a way that has caused a mighty commotion among the Oily Gammons of our politics.

### Need a Graduated Land Tax.

The adoption of the New Zealand graduated land tax would compel the Northern Pacific to let go its holdings instead of foreclosing on settlers who have made payments and improvements, and now because of the stringency of the times are unable to meet their annual payments. It would put a check upon land monopoly and loosen the grip of the big syndicates that are now holding hundreds of thousands of acres of Washington's best land from public use.—Seattle (Wash.) Call.

### Why This Expense?

The Government pays annually \$100,000 for railroads to Senators and Congressmen going back and forth from their homes to Washington City. This was adopted before the days of railroads. Is it not about time to abolish it, and adopt a new order of things? A man can travel now for 3 cents per mile. Why should we pay these fellows 10 cents per mile or more than three times what it costs them to travel?—Weatherford (Texas) Leader.

### The Difference.

A bank wrecker in Indianapolis who helped to steal \$450,000, went scot free by the verdict of "twelve good men and true," and a man who stole a dog and ate it in Chicago was sentenced to four months in the workhouse.

### Populist Pointers.

The Santa Fe Railroad is to be sold. Jerry Simpson spoke at Emporia, Kan. Last week the price of cotton dropped a little more than one cent. The Hutchinson, Kan., Gazette remarks that corn is being burned for fuel in Reno County. Gov. Altgeld has given instructions to the mine inspectors of Illinois that in making inspections they must not

permit the mine owners to accompany them.

The people of Des Moines are demanding city ownership of their water works and gas plants.

San Franciscans are signing a petition for a special election to decide the question of municipal water works.

The Massachusetts Man Suffrage Association is preparing to make an active campaign against woman suffrage in municipal politics.

The Business Men's League of St. Louis is trying to raise \$80,000 for the purpose of securing the national Republican convention.

The grand jury in the District of Columbia have recommended the re-establishment of the whipping post in the city of Washington.

United States Senator John M. Palmer, of Illinois, has authorized the announcement that he will not be a candidate for re-election.

At Phillipsburg, Pa., it is reported 12,000 men are now involved in the miners' strike. There has been no change in the situation.

The Kentucky Bankers' Association, by unanimous vote, has declared against unlimited coinage of silver and in favor of a single gold standard and the retirement of greenbacks.

The Populist commissioners of Rush County, Kansas, have so managed county affairs that warrants which were discounted 20 or 25 per cent when they got control are now at par.

Lyman Gage, president of the First National Bank of Chicago, says that if the bankers entered into an agreement, some of them would break it in fifteen minutes. Nice crowd. There are better than that.—Farmers' Voice.

Populist editors throughout the country are having a "hard row to hoe," but we are pleased to observe that none of them have had to succumb to the wiles of the New York "sound money" propaganda. Boys, stand firm and push the fight—our inning will come yet.—Missouri Commissioner.

### Among Our Exchanges.

A snake was seen on the White House grounds a few days ago. And Buzzard's Bay is still black with floating bottles.—Vancouver (Wash.) Register.

Next year will test the manhood of the voters of the United States. Those who use sawdust for brains and cotton strings for back bones will sacrifice principle on the altar of party fealty.—Columbian (Ala.) Advocate.

Think of a debt-burdened farmer being afraid of the free coinage of silver because it would make silver dollars too abundant. As well object to having more than a dozen hens on the farm for fear they would lay too many eggs.—Olathe (Kan.) Tribune.

Cleveland and Carlisle have evidently received another order from Sherman, Rothschild & Co. This time it is to entirely cease the coinage of silver dollar was promptly complied with.—St. Louis (Mo.) Union Record.

At last the plutocratic organs are beginning to squirm. They don't like that \$30,000,000 print paper trust which was formed recently. They are talking of holding a national convention for the purpose of howling and resoluting. The shoe pinches.—Cleveland Citizen.

A lot of the old party papers are advocating short campaigns for 1896 and the real reason for such action is that they are afraid to be compelled to face the conditions as they exist and explain their causes. No campaign at all would suit them better than even a short one.—Tarkio (Mo.) Independent.

The people will never advance from slavery if they create a new party every year. Yet this is exactly what the kid glove corporation attorneys are advocating. Keep the people split and you've got them where you want them. Let them unite and plutocracy's throne is shattered.—Leadville (Col.) News.

The cowardly attack made by John Sherman upon Garfield is entirely in keeping with the character of the man and will go far to establish in all minds the belief that he is just what Populists have long ago shown him to be, a purveyor of the rights of the people and a selfish, stingy skindint.—Nonconformist.

The plutocrats have an international organization and act as a unit. Laboring men have a hundred organizations all fighting each other. By and by the idea of getting together will work up to their brains.—Auburn (Me.) Populist.

The new party that has come and has come to stay is the People's party. It has come because you "cannot deceive all the people all the time." It has come in obedience to the honest, patriotic thought of the nation.—Eugene V. Debs.

### This New Woman Was a Young Man.

There is no telling under what circumstances a new woman, earning her own living, may turn up. A quiet, efficient young electrical engineer had worked for four years in one of the big electric lighting plants of New York City. He rarely spoke to his fellow workmen, but was a swift, silent workman, and in great favor with the superintendent. One day last week the young engineer caught hold of a live electric wire, and was shocked into insensibility. Then it was discovered that the quiet young man was really a young woman. When she revived she was sent home. The next day she disappeared, and nothing is known of her, past or present.

### A Remarkable Gallery.

The whispering gallery of St. Paul's Cathedral is approached from the body of the church by 260 steps. Here a low whisper, though uttered at a distance of 140 feet, by the guide who conducts visitors over this part of the church, is heard, not only distinctly, but loudly.

## THE FIELD OF LABOR.

### ITEMS OF INTEREST TO THE WAGE WORKERS.

Pennsylvania Employers Coerce Their Employees in the Matter of Giving Information to the Investigating Committee—Labor Notes.

### Employment of Women.

The first investigation concerning the employment of women in stores and factories in Pennsylvania shows that employers have in various ways coerced employees into lying or have given false reports themselves. In many cases the employees feared to give full answers and in others the employers examined the returns, tearing up some of them, and in others requiring employees to change the figures of wages. In other cases employers did not distribute the blanks to all their employees, but principally to those who were paid the highest wages. In a few cases the employers kindly filed the blanks, adding, in the way of a general remark, "well pleased." In a silk mill at Williamsport several females were discharged for attempting to comply with the request sent them. A letter from an employee in a Scranton silk mill states that the employers instructed her to say that the employees worked ten hours, when they worked ten hours and a half, and that they received an annual vacation on application, against existing facts to the contrary. An employee in a Williamsport dry goods store writes that the firm requested those who received the blanks not to make any remarks in the space marked out. Against a Harrisburg shoe factory it is charged that the foreman read what had been written and eliminated anything that did not suit him. An Erie firm, it is alleged, instructed its employees not to say anything about the wages paid.

### Will Celebrate Debs' Release.

The labor organizations and other reform bodies of Chicago are making arrangements for a grand demonstration in honor of Eugene V. Debs, on the occasion of his release from jail. Several hundred delegates from the labor unions, People's party men, personal friends and sympathizers of Mr. Debs, and others interested in the reform movement, will go to Woodstock on a special train to bring Mr. Debs back to Chicago, where, in the evening, a tremendous mass meeting will be held in Battery D, which seats over 6,000 people. Hon. Lyman Trumbull, Henry D. Lloyd, Clarence S. Darrow, and others will speak, besides Mr. Debs. The committee having charge of the arrangements are receiving numerous letters from reformers in other cities who wish to take part in the demonstration, and it is expected that large delegations of labor men will go to Chicago on the special train.

At Homestead was from 13 to 37 1/2 per cent, the heaviest sufferers being the skilled workmen. Last June the Carnegie Company, under the influence of brightening prospects, raised the wages of its 20,000 employees 10 per cent.

The Homestead workmen claim, however, that their wages are still far below those of last year. An employee holding a responsible position stated the other day that he felt certain the company would grant a 20 per cent. demand now rather than have the plant close a day. The mills are overrun with orders, and Carnegie is getting higher prices for his product now than in 1892, when he paid 50 per cent. more wages. The output has more than doubled, and the number of hands has been greatly diminished since then.

### Now Wear Tags.

The situation at the Bay View mills at Milwaukee regarding the badges and clocks is unchanged, but at the next pay day numbers will be issued to all the yard and dock men. Supt. Ries says that nothing had been done in regard to the badges up to the present time, but the men themselves had recognized the benefit of the system and were willing to accept them. One thing that added to this willingness was that at the first pay day nearly twenty checks got into the wrong hands, owing to similarity of names, and it took a man all of one day to find the men and the checks and get the matter straightened out. In consequence the day men had asked to have the new system put in force.

The first lot of badges to be used by the employees of the Illinois Steel Company at Joliet, Ill., was issued last week, and the entire yard force of 250 men was supplied. Most of those working outside are foreigners, and all of them accepted the badges without complaint. The badges for the men in the rod, billet, converter and blast departments will be arranged in a few days, and by next week will have been given to the 2,500 men in those departments. The general opinion is that all employees will accept the tags and the new clock apparatus.

### General Labor Notes.

France has 206 co-operative societies. Boiler-makers are on strike at Birmingham, Ala.

Printers of Toronto, Ont., are succeeding in unionizing that city.

St. Louis unions are raising money to start a daily labor paper.

The Atlanta labor exchange rented 162 acres of land near the city.

New York Central labor union will try to establish a labor lyceum.

The coopers are having trouble in Nashville, Tenn., and Milwaukee, Wis.

The structural iron workers of Cleveland are to be organized into a union.

Brewery workers in Kansas City are reported as making gains in their fight.

Washington granite cutters have joined the American Federation of Labor.