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will end the first year of its existence with number fifty-two. The first number was issued July 14, 1898.

THE CONSERVATIVE'S circulation is now more than six thousand (6,000.) It is steadily becoming a most valuable medium of advertising. It is patronized by industrious, thrifty and successful citizens who think and read for themselves.

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INTROSPECTIVE REFORMATION.

The Bryanarchists denounce the use of money by corporations for the purpose of influencing elections and legislation. Reading the subjoined from The Kansas City Star of Monday, June 20, suggests introspection by Coin Harvey, Sam B. Cook and the other concentrators of campaign cash. Looking into their own minds, recalling their own methods of distribution of money, in Nebraska particularly, at the closing of the canvass for the presidency in 1896, they will observe inflammation of ambitions and corruption of methods which need reforming.

The two hundred thousand dollars which they propose to use for pumping votes into the free-silver reservoir could be better expended in teaching citizens their obligations to the government. A college of citizenship inculcating the fact that partyism is not patriotism and that the individual conscience is a safer guide and governor than a party platform would be a splendid institution which the \$200,000 could establish.

\$150,000 CASH FOR FREE SILVER.

THE NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE ALREADY HAS THAT AMOUNT IN THE BANK.

The ways and means committee of the democratic national committee has \$150,000 in bank to be used in the coming national campaign, and expects the fund to be \$200,000 before long. This money was all raised by popular subscription. "Coin" Harvey was in charge of this fund at first, but he had to resign because the calls upon him for public speeches took him away so often that it left him little time to attend to the fund. Sam B. Cook, chairman of the Missouri state central committee, has charge of the fund now. His office

is in Chicago. Mr. Cook was at Congressman Bland's funeral Saturday. He said of the fund to a reporter for The Star:

"We have about \$150,000 now. This money came from all parts of the country and came mostly in small subscriptions of from \$5 to \$25. It was given by friends of the free-silver and anti-trust cause. The money will be spent as the national committee directs."

THE NEW YORK VERDICT.

Alfred Henry Lewis is an original writer and he jolts the proprieties and tranquillities of ordinary newspaper style with The New York Verdict in a manner quite shocking to staid and solemn citizens of all sects and parties.

In the Verdict of June 26, on page 5, Mr. Lewis begins a drastic article with:

"There are too many of Bryan's fool friends going about New York. And they talk. When they aren't talking through their papers, they're talking through their hats."

If the "fool friends" are weaned from Mr. Bryan how can he be elected president? A minority could not even nominate him. "Fool friends" must dominate the disciples of Bryan or the Chicago platform and sixteen-to-one—the one being Bryan—cannot be rehabilitated and made a recurrence for 1900.

HARD LABOR.

The Bryanarchists in Nebraska and elsewhere prate everlastingly of their high regard and affectionate solicitude for all the plain people who do hard work. Their universal adoration of labor is possibly the cause of their never defiling it with their own hands or heads.

THE CONSERVATIVE will pay a round sum in gold coin for proof that any leader of fusion and confusion in the state of Nebraska has ever by any effort mental or manual, outside of endeavors to get or hold office, made twenty-five hundred dollars in a single year.

THE CONSERVATIVE will pay in gold coin a reward for the discovery of any capital in manufacture or farming, which has been brought into Nebraska and made productive by populism. Who of all its leaders has accomplished anything for the general welfare of Nebraska?

The era of antiquity in Nebraska runs back only forty to fifty years and yet some of its historical problems are by no means simple. In view of this fact, THE CONSERVATIVE takes off its hat to the antiquarians of Rome, who have just found and identified the column erected to Julius Cæsar on the spot where his body was burnt, and set it up again where it stood 2,000 years ago.

CONSERVATISMS.

No true conservative is liberal.
Self-denial is self-righteousness.
Self-sacrifice is acute or chronic.
Liberalism is indifference to the truth.
Truth and wisdom fecundate in the same womb.
Only the wise are conscious of their own ignorance.
Truth is a perennial plant that needs no cultivation.

Truth requires no fig-leaves to shade its immodesty.
The toleration of indifferentism is fool conservatism.
Ignorant toleration is the conceit of self-righteousness.

He who is not infallible in his own reason is incapable of trust.

True conservatism is the positivism of an intelligent individualism.

Intelligent toleration is inseparable from rational self-preservation.

The martyr has been and still is the unfit in his day and generation.

'Twas a wise man who said "the child is wise that misseth being born."

Money is the golden crown with which Nature designates imperial individualism.

Intelligent toleration is that degree of self-confidence which fears not the scalpel of truth.

The weeds of error grow but on stony soil while truth blossoms only on the tree of knowledge.

Monuments to martyrs are grave-stones raised by penitential ignorance to its own memory.

The emancipated woman is a public benefactor for she neither multiplies her own nor any other kind.

"It is a wise child that knoweth its own father." That is why there are so many Japhets in the world.

That which has been and still is the root of salvation to the race has often been the curse and destruction of the individual.

The weeds of error have kept the wise men busy since history's beginning. When a draught striketh the children of wisdom the weeds of error flourish.

First brute strength, then brute strength plus a minus of intelligence, now sharp intelligence minus brute-strength is the root of individual salvation.

There are three kinds of fools: The fool who knows nothing, the young fool who knows it all, the old fool who has forgotten what little he may have known.

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