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A POINTER.

Populists who have been members of both the old political parties, stand a chance two to one greater for promotion than those who have been only democrats before their "benevolent assimilation" by the Allen-Holcomb combine. Allen had all the old republicans and many former democrats importuning his appointment. But Hitchcock was supported by those who had been only democrats before they became microbes in the vast office-getting trust of populism.

But a pointer in populistic politics in Nebraska is not worth much unless preceded or inspired by a pointer from Texas; thus animated, Poynter appoints the man who named Bryan presidential candidate of the populists at St. Louis in 1896, U. S. senator.

A CURE-ALL.

The be-it-enacted cure-all seems to be patronized by nearly all the long-haired male and short-haired female reformers of the United States. Whenever any economic evil troubles, or a social nuisance bothers a community, the professional reformer proposes correction by an enactment. They declare money to measure all values, can be made by statute out of irredeemable paper. This they call scientific money. And the shadow of an egg boiled five minutes would be scientific nutriment.

Why not enact that all solid ice in the Missouri river shall be cheese, and all snow on the plains flour? Such an enactment would have the same efficacy as one declaring forty-eight cents worth of silver the equal of a hundred cents worth of gold.

SUGGESTIVE.

It is suggested that Gilbert M. Hitchcock has profound reasons for intimating that, in his judgment, the proposed presidential ticket, for the Chicago platform dervishes in 1900, of "Bryan and the Whole Hog" is entirely in keeping with the character of statesmanship which named Allen for the appointment to the senate. What Bryan could not get and keep the Hog might live on but he would not grow fat.

1900.

The republicans of the United States know perfectly well that the advocacy and establishment of the gold standard may, like charity, cover a multitude of sins. They, therefore, very wisely proceed to pass a law by which gold becomes permanently enthroned in the American republic, for all time to come, as our standard and least fluctuating measure of value and best medium of exchange. This is patriotism. It is also, in a smaller sense, partisanism because it leaves the Chicago platform propaganda without a live issue for 1900. There is nothing for spellbinders of the silver-tongue breed to prate about in the way of an immediate change of the financial system of the United States. If any one attempts to haul down the standard of value and debase the currency, spot him.

CHEERFUL.

The hilarity and exuberance of Col. Edgar Howard over the nomination of Silas Holcomb to the supreme court has been duplicated by that game and gallant disciple of populism in his rejoicings because of the appointment of Allen to the senate by Death and Governor Poynter. Death, primarily, and Poynter, secondly, have rendered Howard the happiest of all the hypocrites now pretending to trust in the visions and vagaries of fusion, illusion, delusion and confusion as represented by a leadership which in Nebraska, at all times, has sacrificed principles, friends and party for personal promotion. We congratulate Colonel Howard upon having said "amen" to Governor Poynter's senator-making and also upon his having avoided the utterance of the terrible profanity which his volcanic heart threw up to his lips, on that tempestuous occasion to which as a "benevolently assimilated" democrat he so pathetically refers.

JUST LEARNED.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Nov. 9.—(Special.)—Senator Goebel tonight received the following congratulatory telegram from the Hon. William J. Bryan:

"LINCOLN, Neb., Nov. 9.—To the Hon. William Goebel, Frankfort, Ky. I have just learned that returns are near enough complete to insure your election. Accept hearty congratulations. I am sure your administration will strengthen the party. WILLIAM J. BRYAN."

What party? Chicago platform? Free silver republican? Populist? Or "the party hereunto subscribing?" Will Goebel's non-administration be equally efficient as a "strengthenener?"

NEXT.

President McKinley in a very long message to congress omitted to dilate upon the glories of a protective tariff.

And now Senator Lodge, who has been everlastingly delivering monologues upon the advantage of protection, has introduced a bill to put hides on the free list.

Since the Spanish war began and greater revenues have been required no statesman has proposed to raise them by higher protective duties on imports.

Who is the next rock-rooted protectionist to recant as to the economic heresy of a high tariff?

A CREMATORIUM.

Nebraska City is old enough, large enough and wise enough to calmly discuss the propriety of building a crematorium. Incineration is becoming more and more, among thoughtful men, to be considered preferable to burial. It removes many dangers to the living and is less repulsive than the slow processes of decay. To be resolved into original elements, to float off among the clouds, and leave only clean white ashes to replenish the earth is far better than to await in the grave nature's chemistry to do its work of disintegration.

The renowned Ian Maclaren Watson has propounded the question, "Should Old Clergymen be Shot?", which has provoked many to be humorous. It would seem indeed that when they cease to write good stories and become regular contributors to the Ladies' Home Journal, something might be said in behalf of the affirmative.