

**HOGS UP.** In a majestic and masterful outburst of oratory, the late peerless populist candidate for the presidency, at Broken Bow, remarked: "I hate to think that a farmer who believes in silver, independence of government, and is against imperialism, will vote the republican ticket because hogs are up and wheat is high." But how long is it since, by declaring that hogs would be down and wheat low if a gold standard was adhered to, he sought votes, by bearing the markets? And now that hogs are up and corn, wheat, oats and hay high, why should the farmers, manufacturers, mechanics and well-paid laborers generally be in favor of a fallacious monetary system; an untried experiment in finance, recommended to them by a statesman of so many words and so few deeds? Why should the American voter be led into new and untried financial paths by a prophet in pin-feathers whose attempts at forecasting have invariably resulted in conviction for mendacity, mediocrity as a truth-teller, or general incapacity for correct statement of facts?

The farmer who believes in silver at 16 to 1 as expounded in 1896 and 1900, by the talkingist of all the talkers who have ever talked, is as rare in Nebraska as native grown bananas. The farmer who believes in a debased currency is not doing business in this commonwealth.

The farmer who "believes in independence of government" is, however, very numerous hereabouts and he disbelieves in Bossocracy either by Croker or the man who said "Great is Tammany and Croker is its prophet!" and he seems to have been out on election day, November, 1901, all over Nebraska, depositing ballots against all the vagaries, all the utopianisms, all the sophisms which are embodied in Bryanarchy, too independent to be led by the nose or driven with a switch in order that gain and glory may accrue to the leader or driver.

The Nebraska farmer is against all sorts of imperialism and especially inimical to that pinchbeck kind, that silver-plated variety of upstart imperialism which in a kingly way would set up an empire of mere words and enthrone a despotism of platitudes to govern the politics of this state.

The vote which elected Sedgwick to the Supreme Court last week is a guarantee that the dynasty of vainglorious egotism and perpetual tongue-wagging is tottering and that reason and patriotism may resume sway.

**MORE SPEAKING.** The whirlwind campaign of the peerless one during the ten days preceding the election, seems to have been efficient in eliminating votes from the bologna-sausage ticket at the rate of sixteen apostates to each prophetic proclamation.

**INDIAN QUESTION.** Nature is pretty sure in time to take care of the most troublesome problems. The Indians have been bothering us and we have been bothering them for nearly three hundred years; but nature—Indian nature and white nature—has been working out a solution all the time. In individual cases we have usually compromised on the extermination of the Indian; on a large scale, we have allowed that law of nature to work which General Sherman recognized, when he suggested leaving unlimited quantities of whiskey where the Indians could steal it, saying that they would all be dead in a couple of years. Living at a distance, as we do, we are rather sorry just at present for the Winnebago tribe in northern Nebraska, who it seems are likely to be wiped out this winter by the smallpox; that same agency that some 20 years ago removed the "gentlemanly" Mandans from the list of existing nations. The Winnebagos are dying pretty fast, and as they refuse to be vaccinated, it is not likely that anything will stop the disease until there are no more Indians on that reservation. We made some friends among them in Omaha in 1898; and we hate to think of them, stripped of their finery, dying in misery in their dingy dwellings. We acknowledge, of course that we know of no good that they do in the world, and that our interest in them is purely sentimental.

**CURIOS IDEA.** Some scientific feller down east is said to have figured out, from statistics which he has gathered, that we are all tending towards the physical type of the Amercian Indian. We don't believe he knows what he is talking about, if there is any such man, because we don't believe any such tendency would be perceptible in any period for which there are records; the curve is too large to be apparent. But there might be reason at the bottom of his idea, nevertheless. If the American Indian type was produced by its environment, the same soil and climate would again bring forth the same type, one would imagine, out of any fresh material imported; and our descendants of a thousand years hence would have straight black hair, high cheek bones and copper-colored hides. At the same time our cousins who have settled in Africa will have turned black and those in Asia yellow.

Is it more than a coincidence that the late Bishop Whipple, lifelong missionary to the Indians, had such strikingly Indian features as his pictures represent? Paint him up and any body would call him a remarkably fine looking Sioux chief.

**AN AMERICAN IDEA.** It seems queer to anyone familiar with factory methods in this country to read of the trouble foreign employers have to keep their men sober. Apparently there is no thought of employing men who don't get drunk—all they can hope to do is to keep enough of them sufficiently sober part of the time to get their work done. Holidays mean two or three days off; long enough to get good and drunk and sober off again. One British firm estimates its time-loss from this cause at 20 per cent. This must be very discouraging to a continental manufacturer, when added to his other troubles. It explains a large part of the advantage that American men and methods have over their foreign competitors. Every American working man understands that he can't hold his job long if he gets drunk; and it is no longer thought wonderful if an employer, as some of the railroads do, refuse to hire any drinking men at all.

**TOO FAR.** Is the State going too far when it pays for producing doctors and lawyers at the University and certificates them as ready and competent to practice? Is it the duty of the State to expend five hundred dollars in preparing a man to practice law or medicine any more than it is the duty of the State to present another man five hundred dollars with which to begin the grocery business or purchase ten acres of land for a home?

**IOWA.** Since the republican majority in Iowa has been about doubled by the religious adherence of the alleged democracy of that state to the free coinage of silver, at the ratio of sixteen to one, each member of that bologna-sausage-like aggregation may truthfully exclaim: "I owe a debt of defeat to peerlessness in a leadership of blab, gab and blather!" Shall we try fusion until confusion and refusion are made everlasting?

**NEEDED.** Every town in Nebraska needs one or more citizens of mature judgment who will cheerfully take time and make efforts to guide, direct and aid decent young men and self-reliant women to secure reputable and remunerative employment. The Conservative counts the satisfaction of thus aiding any capable persons just starting in the fight of life, more precious than much gold and great wealth. It is infinitely solacing to quietly enumerate the people whom one has aided and a real comfort to admire those whom one has helped to complete success.