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All monopoly in land must be abolished.

The old party leader can beat a squirrel dodging.

The whisky and seven thousand other trusts must go.

No two Democrats are agreed upon any three questions.

Down with all monopoly and favoritism by and under law.

The Old Alcaldes has succeeded in stirring up the animals.

Public opinion is concentrating against the two old parties.

Honesty seems to be at a heavy discount, but it is on the rise.

Kearby is the man of all the clan to make the Democrat hide out.

Repeat every law by which a bond can be issued for any purpose.

To win, we must have harmony in every county, just must have it.

Gov. Hogg and George Gould are now very close friends. Such is life.

Tax receipts are much in evidence in Texas, and will be more so this fall.

The Old Alcaldes has an enlargement of the imagination, that's all.

If the Old Alcaldes expects to get some Populist votes he is badly mistaken.

Stump Ashby is being instructed for, by many counties for lieutenant governor.

Reformers have only one thing to fear, and that is in being counted out.

Bitterness in politics, business or religion does no good, does not pay and is foolish.

Unlike the old party leaders, the devil always poses as a deceiver. Which is the most honest?

The Populist who refuses to vote his ticket after having helped to make it, is not a true Populist.

Corrupt genius panders to selfish fools, and the world is ruled by the impudence of wealth.

The Populist who refuses to vote for the nominees of the party is no Populist. He is something else.

So far as the law is concerned, let us have justice and perfect equality—special privileges to none.

Be temperate in all things, even in political debate; avoid extremes and harsh language, they do no good.

The Populists will proceed this fall to "turn Texas lose" by defeating the Culberson family and their hangers on.

In Upshur county the negroes voted in the Democratic primaries for county officers. What do you think of it?

Repeat every law by which a debt can be collected by law, and let us return to and practice common honesty.

Stick to the cardinal principles of land, finance and transportation reform, the Alpha and Omega of reform.

In the glimmer down the path of the future we see the wreck, and the scattered remains of the two old parties.

Democracy and Republicanism fairly interpreted means, "give us all the pie." But the people "ain't goin' to do it" anymore.

Repeat every law that gives any man or set of men privileges over their fellow men, so far as business is concerned.

There is but one thing that we have to fear this fall, and that is being counted out—Democratic conscience is like rubber.

Land, Finance and Transportation, are all to be seen and accomplished under the main tent; all other issues are side shows of a very poor character.

The Democratic leaders have saved themselves in Georgia, Alabama, Virginia, Louisiana and Texas from defeat at the past two elections by counting the negro vote Democratic.

In Dallas county, Alabama, they voted many negroes that have been dead for years. Will white men to the manor born stand it again?

This is the way it reads: "DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY TICKET, Upshur County, Texas, May 9, 1896. All persons who will be legally qualified voters at the next general election for state and county officers and who will pledge themselves to support and vote for the nominees of said primary election without regard to past political affiliations, shall be deemed qualified voters to cast their votes in said primary election for candidates for County and precinct offices." Then followed the names of 32 candidates for the various offices.

Negroes in large numbers voted in said primaries; and on the night of the 8th, Upshur county being a prohibition county, dozens of jugs of whisky were received by express, to help the two "blind tigers" at GEMER RUN the election.

Men who are crazy for office, who jump into the Populist party and announce for office, are not always the safest exponents of our principles.

'Tis plenty of money that can give sweetest pleasures while we live (so they say), but 'tis religion that must supply solid comforts when we die.

Work Populists, work before it is everlastingly too late to save to ourselves and our posterity the heritage of liberty, bequeathed to us by noble sires.

If the Populists will organize a club at every box in the State, so as to keep from being counted out, and preserve harmony in their ranks, we will sweep Texas.

A Populist that would rather see a Democrat elected to a county office than his party nominee, just because he was not his choice, is not Populist to hurt.

How the Democrats and Republicans chuckle when they see Populists fighting one another. They laugh at our folly and rejoice at the hope of their success.

The Democratic court house rings are putting the blind bridle of prejudice on every man possible, so as to vote him this fall, to the end that they may continue at the pie counter.

The Populists can not succeed unless they have harmony in every county. After the majority has spoken let every man acquiesce and put his shoulder to the wheel and push.

Hope has a wonderful influence over man. 'Tis the hope of office that keeps multiplied thousands of men in the two old parties. This fall, however, their hopes will be crushed.

What is the difference between a goldbug Democrat and a goldbug Republican? If there is any, what is it? Both are working for English interests with might and main.

The negro vote in the counties where they are in the majority was counted for Hogg in his last race, and for Culberson in his first race for governor. We do not know how they voted.

Populists are not fighting national bankers as individuals, they are our neighbors, but it is the law that gives men the right to run a national bank that we object to, and it must go.

Congress is doing but little of any value or significance to the country, except it is passing appropriation bills and searching for an issue for the campaign this fall. The old frauds!

Judas Iscariot betrayed his master for thirty pieces of silver, and the goldbugs, both so-called Democrats and Republicans, are trying to betray us to the English for the sake of office.

"Tell it in Gath and publish it in Askelon," that law makes money. Get a man to accept this truth and all is plain to him. He can then see how the people have been robbed, always.

Increased taxation and deficiencies is a poor record to go before the country on, but that is all the Democracy has to offer the people, aside from the traditions and coon dog stories of the dead past.

Did you ever try to study out the wall paper on a wall? Might as well try to determine what an old party leader is going to do, as to try to catch all the combinations that appear on some wall paper.

A Large Reward: A liberal reward will be paid for a presidential candidate who can successfully ride the gold standard outrage and the free silver craze at the same time. Apply for 60 days to the Democratic party.

The two old parties are held together by plunder and threadbare prejudice. But reason is appealing, the light is breaking, men are thinking about leaving the leaders alone to worry and electioneer with one another.

Ex-Governor Roberts, in his announcement for governor, practically says to the Democrats of Texas: "I say to you that if you love Texas and want to rescue it from the control of rings in the future, now is the time to show your fearless independence and true patriotism." The people will show their patriotism this fall by voting the Populist ticket, as also their independence of rings.

The national banks are now reading the handwriting on the wall, and while they understand that the days of the system are numbered, still they are going to make a strong fight in each State, for whichever one of the two old parties happens to be in the ascendancy or has the largest vote. For illustration: In Texas they put up for and vote the Democratic ticket, while in Kansas they will do the same thing for the Republican ticket. They are like Jay Gould was about his Erie Railroad, when he said: "I am a Democrat in a Democratic district, and a Republican in a Republican district, but I am always for Erie." So with our banker friends, they are always for the system, and know that so long as Democrats and Republicans are in power they are safe.

GAME DOESN'T WORK.

REFORM CLUB OF NEW YORK DELUGED WITH NAYS.

Country Publishers Do Not Want Free Stereotype Plates—Sample of the Hundreds of Letters Being Received by the Britishers Daily.

In reply to liberal offers of free plate service the Reform Club is being deluged with hundreds of letters, like the following from editor of the Press, Adrian, Mich.:

A few days since we received a letter from the sound currency annex of the "Reform Club" of New York, a sort of a mugwump combine, with more money than principle, offering us plate matter and supplements free, containing gold standard arguments. We have sent the following reply:

Dear Sir: I am in receipt of your letter of recent date, containing a proposition for pushing the "educational work for a sound currency" and also sample of the educational literature you desire to furnish. You say you will furnish me free, every four weeks a page of plates, and a 1,000 supplements, being broadsides for sound currency. This you do to "resist the efforts of the free coinage advocates to put this country on a free silver basis." I observe, too, that you are a section of the "Reform club" of New York.

I heartily approve of any and every effort in behalf of sound currency. The great business interests of the country demand that we not only have a sound currency but that we have a reliable and anti-monopoly currency, ample in quantity and uniform in quality, with power to pay any debt of the country at any time, and any place, to any person, for anything, a currency that is as good in a farmer's wallet, as in a bank; a currency so sound that it will pay a bond, or pension; a mortgage or a month's wages, and one that cannot be placed at a premium in order that it may be demanded of the government in exchange for any other currency. We want an honest currency, one that will pay the wage-earner and the interest taker; one that will pay the gun holder and the bond holder; one that the United States alone issues and fathers; one that will fight our battles, or buy our wheat; one as much for the use and benefit of the producers of the country who raise the 700 millions dollars exports for our foreign trade as well as for those who buy the bonds and clip coupons.

We need a currency so sound that no combine of financial thieves can organize a raid on the treasury and embarrass it in its dealings, and disturb the business interests of the country, in order that the currency they hold, may be turned into an interest-bearing debt.

We need a sound currency, that will admit of no juggling, nor compel the United States to keep on hand a hundred million dollars in any one kind of money just to accommodate a class of men who make their living by raids on the currency reserve, not because they need one kind of money more than another, but simply to make trouble.

We need a sound currency law which would oppose every effort to embarrass the government, by demanding the redemption of the government's paper money, and declare such a demand high treason, punishable with death here, and damnation hereafter.

The only sound currency I recall, was the old "red dog" that was in existence before the war, and which as I understand it, your "Reform" club is anxious to restore, and that you voiced this by getting such a scoundrelly proposition inserted into the last Democratic national platform and it is favored by the reform president, the Hon. Grover Cleveland, an ardent "sound currency" statesman, who links arms with Sherman, McKinley, Fairchild, Hoar, Reed, Brice, Carlisle, and the two Mortons, one the seed secretary in the cabinet and the other a political seed in New York.

Believing in a sound currency and in the honesty of our forefathers who conducted the government before you were formed or reformed, feeling that they made no mistake when they established silver and gold for unlimited coinage at the ratio of 16 to 1, and knowing that up to 1873 both metals were a "sound currency" (except during the war, when gold and a lot of "reformers" slipped out of the country, and watched the soldiers and greenbacks put down the rebellion), I unhesitatingly declare for sound currency and honest money.

I believe the United States in the days of '61 to '65, made no mistake when gold and its friends were not "at home," in organizing the greenbacks, and declaring them money and they have been ever since, the only really "sound money" of this country, and that the man who demands their redemption in gold, just to get the gold for money to use at home or abroad, is a thief, and has less patriotism than Jeff Davis, whose efforts were devoted to destroying the country the greenbacks saved.

The men who ask for greenbacks to be redeemed in gold, will, if given the opportunity, demand that the Savior

who died to save them, may be prosecuted for coming to life again.

A perusal of your piece editorials convinces me that you are masquerading under false colors. You are advocating the only dishonest money known.

You are opposing the best interests of the people.

You are fighting silver, the people's money, and you fight it for selfishness.

You oppose it because you do not wish to see money plentiful.

And this leads me to remark that sound currency must bear a lower rate of interest.

The farmers and wage earners get it, simply to exchange it for labor.

They are willing to work and trade labor.

They do not want the interest in the exchange, to rob them of their profits.

Now sir, I suggest that you reform at once.

Adopt honest methods. Men have been sent to prison for less than four "reform" propositions to me. I am a poor man. I, however, own my own office and have been taught politically that bribery is a crime. I am not willing to sell out my views to a rich syndicate, able and willing to debauch the press of the country. You can purchase my plant, but not my ideas or my views. You cannot furnish gold enough to get your plate editorials into my paper, either.

The Press is for sound currency, one that is good for all classes, at all times; a currency of the United States and good for the world.

It is for the free coinage of silver as an honest and sound currency, and to place the law of 1873, back on our statute books should be the first duty of every true, loyal citizen.

The enemy of silver is the enemy of this country.

The man who attempts to disrupt the union, is no more a traitor than he who disrupts our currency, or who opposes its restoration.

I am fully able to write my own editorials and express my own views.

If I want manufactured penter-prepared editorial utterances, I can pay for them. The shameless heresies you put forth, under the guise of "sound currency" ought to convince every loyal Democrat of the country that you are conspiring with the republican party to maintain the robbing gold standard, and that the only hope that the farmers, workmen and business men of the country have is to repudiate your "reform" methods, and denounce you as the germ of all monopoly, trusts, aristocracy and caste, and as dangerous to a government of the people, as a wolf is to a flock of lambs.

I do not wish your plates, nor your broadsides. I know the devil's hoof when I see it, and a "reform" cloak does not hide it in this instance.

Yours for silver, greenbacks and gold, irredeemable and interchangeable.

W. STEARNS

How It Works.

Straws show which way the wind blows, and here are a couple of straws. On Thursday, April 2, there were two petitions presented to Congress. One of them was from the Massachusetts State Board of Trade of Boston, and its object is the maintenance of the single gold standard in coinage. The other was from the Drill Press and Milling Machine Union, No. 6505, American Federation of Labor, of Toledo, Ohio, praying for the free and unlimited coinage of silver. The fate of these two petitions is highly complimentary to the spirit of American fair play, the principle of Republican justice, the theory of liberty and equal rights for all, which is by a somewhat fantastic flight of the imagination supposed to pervade this ideal land. The gold standard petition was very courteously referred to the Committee on Finance, and will doubtless be utilized when needed in the future to brace and sustain the recommendations of that astute committee. The other petition, that of the laboring men for the free coinage of silver on the same terms as are extended to gold, was ordered laid on the table, or in other words snuffed out of existence then and there. It is worth noting too, as an instance of the irony of fate, that the plea of the iron workers was presented by Senator John Sherman, of Ohio, himself the Judas Iscariot of finance, who has done more than any ten living men to prostitute the coinage of the American Republic to the base uses of European money lenders. There is at the present time but one satisfaction connected with this incident, and that is the irony of fate in another direction in casting down the ambitious and withering the hope of the Ohio statesman, whom nature generously enriched with gifts, whose life work was the attainment of the Presidency, but who is to-day standing on the threshold of another world, with the ashes of Solon in his parched mouth, with the honors of the Presidency cut off by his perjury, and with a keen realization gnawing at his heart that his treason to the honest toilers of his native land, while it may have made him rich, has also made him more to be pitied in the evening of life than the pauper dying in squalor and rags.

The right kind of a Christian will always do right.

OWN THE RAILROADS.

PEOPLE HAVE RIGHTS AS WELL AS CORPORATIONS.

Brother Hinckley Discusses Some of the Reasons Why the Government Should Own the Railroads—Only a Question of Common Sense.

Macaulay, in an essay written in 1824, makes this observation:

"The blind reverence for things ancient is indeed so foolish that it might make a wise man laugh if it were not also sometimes so mischievous that it would rather make a good man weep."

"Vested rights" belong in the category of "things ancient blindly revered," the absurdity and seriousness of which, in this latter day of the nineteenth century, cannot be better exemplified than in the treatment accorded to the railroads of this country. The "rights" by which a few men control with an iron hand every avenue and outlet of our gigantic, far-reaching commercial system, and out of which they have accumulated fortunes so vast as would put to shame even the vivid oriental imagination that conceived the Arabian nights, were "vested" in them by laws enacted by legislators who were elected as representatives of the people.

The ridiculousness and the seriousness which have followed the people's blind reverence of the rights which they have conferred upon railroads are about equally divided and are worthy of a few moments' consideration.

A corporation gets a charter for a railroad, then, on the ground that its construction will benefit the public, it appeals to the various counties, townships or municipalities through which it has located its line on paper for aid. The assistance is voted, say, by a given county to the extent of \$200,000. The construction of the road begins, but in its progress through the county it is run up against the farm of some independent (?) tiller of the soil, who enters an objection to its passage through "his" place and declares that his "vested right" in his farm shall not be sacrificed for any railroad that ever was. But the railroad gives "bond" for the settlement of any damage which the farmer may sustain and goes through, and when the case comes to court, the farmer learns for the first time that his "vested right" in the farm, although of an ancient origin as most vested rights, must give way to the "weal of the public" as represented by the railroad's "vested right" to go where it pleases. The \$200,000 voted in aid of the corporation was more than sufficient to construct every inch of the road through the level prairie county voting it, and today the state auditor's report shows that the entire property of the railroad in that county is assessed for tax purposes at less than \$150,000. This means that the company is not only not taxed on any property of its own in that county, but has \$50,000 capital furnished by the citizens of that county upon which it pays no tax. But this is not "socialism" or "paternalism;" oh, no, its "business."

The same state in which the above instanced railroad is located (Illinois), has on its statute books a law which provides that if a person be killed by any railroad in the state the surviving relatives shall not be allowed to collect exceeding \$5,000 damages. If the person be only crippled, however, he can get any damages that he can prove, and it has happened that cripples have collected more than double the amount their relatives could have obtained if they had been killed outright.

This state also happens to be the field in which the power wielded by railroads over the personal liberty of the citizen has received its most startling illustration. The imprisonment of Debs by "injunction" instead of by a jury of his peers has dignified the populists' proposition for government ownership into the most important question before the American people today. The money question, even in its entirety, involves no such consequences as the continuation of this newly risen but rapidly becoming omnipotent despotism which spurns the personal liberty of the humble citizen from its path with the same cold blood that it buys a legislature or corrupts a court.

How are you going to get the railroads? asks a doubting Thomas.

The people, under God, are omnipotent. They must take possession of the railroads exactly in the way that a railroad takes possession of the land it needs. The railroads do not pay fancy prices for the citizen's land, neither should the citizen pay fancy prices for the railroads. The value of the railroads is fixed by their owners at about \$10,000,000,000.

Squeeze the water out of this and the residue would represent very little more than the amount of the national debt at the close of the war. Let the government print this amount of full legal tender money, not promises to pay, and pay it to the railroad owners, and it will not only own the roads, but it will have partially solved the money problem. "But the increased patron-

age would make the party in power invincible."

The only danger that comes from the dispensing of patronage consists in the fact that it is too generally used to pay scheming political workers and ward heelers for campaign services, and in the other fact that the patronage itself consists of a soft snap always considered desirable. How many ward heelers or soft-handed bootlickers would want to be section hands or brakemen or firemen or engineers or conductors on a government railroad? Do you suppose the people of this country would tolerate a party for an instant that would jeopardize their lives and property by turning off skilled railway men and employing green hands in the interest of their party? Hadn't we better display a little less blind reverence for vested rights as they are and a little more intelligent consideration of the future?

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ALLEN NOT A CANDIDATE.

Writes a Letter to Governor Holcomb Stating That He Is Out of the Race.

Special Dispatch to the World-Herald. Governor Holcomb several days ago received from Senator W. V. Allen a letter in which the writer explains the reason for writing it, and as the letter is sufficiently explanatory of itself it is here given. This is the letter:

"Washington, D. C., March 24.—Hon. Silas A. Holcomb, Lincoln, Neb.—My Dear Governor: I have just finished reading the very pleasant things said of me in connection with the populist nomination for the presidency, in your recent interview published in the press dispatches, for which please accept my thanks. The favorable mention of my name with the high office of president of the United States by the chief executive of my own state, who is himself able and well qualified by education, temperament, and experience, to fill the exalted position, possesses double value and is truly gratifying.

"I have not been unconscious, for several months, that a strong sentiment exists in the populist party throughout the nation favorable to my nomination, and I will not disguise from you that it has given me much pleasure to know that my services in the United States senate have been instrumental in prompting the use of my name in that connection. I have also observed quite an extensive discussion of the matter in the public press, and I have been the recipient of hundreds of letters asking me if I would be a candidate for the nomination, or accept it if tendered me.

"Fully realizing that ordinarily it is to be considered indelicate to either accept or decline a nomination that has not been tendered, still I feel that the time has come when, in the interest of the party, I should speak openly and frankly, as I desire above all things to promote the interest of the populist party, and by that means the interest of my country. Deeply conscious that it would be a distinguished honor to be the standard bearer of a great political party founded on the principles of eternal justice and right, a party that must, in my opinion, soon succeed to the administration of our national government, I nevertheless deem it unwise to permit my name to be used as a candidate.

"I think every true citizen should, at this time, consult the interests of the country and not his own personal desire. I do not feel that my experience has been such as to warrant me in being a candidate for the nomination, or in accepting it if it should be tendered me. There are many older and abler men in the party than I am, highly well qualified to make the race, and I feel confident that I can do the cause greater good by remaining where I am, fighting in the ranks for success, than by accepting the nomination if it should be tendered. The welfare of the party, and, therefore, the welfare of the country, is to be consulted at all times; principles count for everything, and men for nothing, in our struggle.

"Permit me also to say in this connection that there are personal reasons why I should not be a candidate, among which is the important fact that I have a family of children whose education must be looked after at this time, and who need my personal supervision more now than they have ever needed it before, or will ever need it again, and I must not permit myself to imperil their interests for my own promotion.

"Profoundly grateful to my fellow citizens of the state and nation for the flattering mention of my name in connection with the highest office on earth, I sincerely trust that hereafter attention will not be centered on me, but on some gentleman better qualified to discharge the duties of the position in the event of an election, and that wisdom will characterize the formation of our platform and the nomination we may make. I have the honor to be very truly, your friend,

"WILLIAM V. ALLEN."

Dromedary Parcel Post.

The dromedary parcel post service in the German territories of southwestern Africa has given better results than were expected. The dromedaries are adapted to the climate, are not affected by the prevalent cattle diseases, are not made footsore in stony regions and do not suffer extreme thirst when deprived of water for a week.