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HOW.

A good many "plain people" are wondering how a vote for 16 to 1 and Bryanarchy in 1900 can improve the condition of the industrial classes of the United States. And the same plain people read the prophecies of Bryan as to the scarcity of dollars and the high rates of interest which his defeat in 1896 was certain to bring about and wonder who licensed Bryan as a prophet? They also wonder how he can have the effrontery to again appear in 1900 as a soothsayer and ask to be believed?

OPINION.

Business men in each city and state of the American Union seem afraid of the doctrines and candidates of populism. Agriculture, manufacture and commerce demand stability and unfluctuating purchasing power in the national currency. Rightly or wrongly the prominent manufacturers, bankers, merchants, mechanics and farmers of the United States seem to think Bryan and his teachings are inimical to their interests and to the perpetuity of prosperity.

BY PETITION.

Nebraska needs a new revenue law more than it needs new senators. The next legislature should be selected with the revisal of the revenue system of the state in the foreground. No political party should nominate for senator, or representative a man not competent to comprehend the questions of valuation and taxation.

Each county ought to organize its taxpayers in behalf of their own interests, their own individual credit, and the

composite credit of the community. Partyism should cut no figure in the matter. When incompetents are nominated for the legislature in any representative or senatorial district by both political organizations, competent men should, by petition, be placed upon the ticket. Business, and not politics, should be the primary object. Men of business reputation and business methods are required for law-makers, at this time, in Nebraska.

THINKING TRUST.

How many men out of each one thousand voting American citizens think for themselves, and, by reasoning, arrive at their own conclusions? Have not politicians formed a thinking trust, and in each party, taken the right to reason away from the individual and bestowed it upon "a combine?"

Is it or is it not a good thing to think for one's self instead of giving a proxy to the politicians to think for one? A ballot should reflect whose thought and conclusion—yours or that of a party combine?

LIARS.

The liars who took the census and padded the returns in 1890 are getting their reward in 1900. Everywhere in the northwest, especially in Nebraska, the enumerators stuffed the returns. The political object was to get more members of congress from this state. By stalwart and expert mendacity the result was attained. Nebraska, by the census of 1890, gained three congressmen, and jumped from three to six.

Truth is seemingly about to assert itself in the census returns of 1900. If this is the case and the enumeration of the people in Omaha, Nebraska City, Lincoln, Beatrice and Hastings is correctly made this year there will be an over-feed of humble pie in each propinquity.

THE CONSERVATIVE hopes that the enumeration in each city, county and precinct may be made absolutely correct. The truth should be told. It will hurt no honest community. The number of cars loaded and unloaded and the amount of raw products converted into commodities and shipped to outside markets tell more for a town than population. The per capita business of Nebraska City, in dollars and cents, is the criterion of its progress.

ARBORICIDE.

The salaried tree killer for the state of Nebraska has been at work about the Soldiers' Home at Milford. He is guilty of arboricide in the first degree. Without just cause or provocation, in a moment of emotional destructiveness, the official tree killer erased a beautiful grove of elm, walnut, ash and oak trees from the earth.

He ought to be punished. Imprisonment, bread and water and a big fine would feebly express the popular indignation of this wanton and irreparable vandalism. The capital bank and the crime of Mosher were foul, but this is "Fowler."

HOWARD.

Edgar Howard is the populist congressional candidate against Dave Mercer of Omaha. When Howard was a democrat and advocated the gold standard and other economic orthodoxies THE CONSERVATIVE thought he might ripen into statesmanship before the century closed. But Howard's sixteen-to-oneism and other vagaries, notwithstanding his early and decent training and discipline in democracy, may lead him to overwhelming defeat. He now, however, declares: "That Mercer I to others show, that Mercer show to me," and swings his tomahawk on high.

THE GOLD STANDARD.

Mr. Jefferson Levy is a reputable and eminent Jeffersonian democrat who represents in congress an important district in New York. In a recent conversation Mr. Levy remarked that the gold standard law could be repealed within one year after Bryan's election and that Bryan himself had so declared. If it is not repealed until the post-election period indicated, it may remain indefinitely upon the statutes of the country. Mr. Levy is a gold standard advocate, strong and staunch.

AN INQUEST.

The coroner and his jury can not make more solemn inquest as to the unknown cadaver which they examine than the intelligent voters of the United States will make when determining in 1900 which political organization presents the least evil, the smallest menace, for their suffrages.