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The free silver issue is dead—
yep, in a horn.

GENERAL PROSPERITY again came
to life last week blossoming over
a supplement page in many republic-
an newspapers.

THE DEMOCRAT can do you good
as an advertiser. Merchants not in
the habit of using printer's ink will
profit by an investigation.

THE rooster isn't a bad looking
bird after all. We hope to see
more of his Royal Highness during
the next few years to come.

THE wealth of Capt. J. B. White
is estimated at half a million. This
accumulation of wealth was made
by frugality and safe investments.

DECATUR has been a real decent
city this week, nothing violent or
unlawful having been committed by
any official. For this we all feel
truly grateful.

DECATUR is pretty well known
away from home, judging by the
many exchanges who are ripping us
up for lawless depredations com-
mitted during the darkness of night.

THE late W. D. Bynum rises
from his political grave to remark
that the silver issue is dead. If so,
it is certainly the liveliest corpse
ever seen—at least in this part of
the world.—Sentinel.

THE re-election of Mayor Taggart
starts his boom for governor in 1900.
While many booms of this kind
have been frost bitten, we predict
nothing so serious for Tom Taggart.
He isn't built that way.

TAGGART'S boom for governor is
something lovely right now. He is
being credited as being the only
man who can reconcile the two
wings of the democracy. There is
only one wing of democracy, how-
ever, the other is imaginary.

AFTER numerous meetings of
that finance committee nothing has
come to light, regarding a financial
exhibit that was promised by one
member of that officiate body. This
long doleful silence isn't complimen-
tary to the gentleman who made
the promise.

MR. MCKINLEY has been in the
presidential office only about seven
months, and has seen a great deal
on the country. Seeing the people
from the end of a railroad train,
however, is not a sure way of get-
ting second terms in the White
House.—Enquirer.

READ the DEMOCRAT advertise-
ments. They tell you more about
buying than anything or any one
else can. It will soon be time to
supply yourself for winter, and then
advertisements privileges you to
post yourself as to style, durability
and price. Our merchants have in
stock the latest and the best, and if
you weekly read their advertise-
ments it will ultimately mean dol-
lars and dimes in your pocket.

THE little city of Decatur seems
determined to make a stir in the
world and doesn't care much how
she does it. Her good citizens, who
are by far in the majority, should
take prompt steps to bring the hot-
headed offenders to time and wipe
out the stigma that has been cast
upon their community. The power
of the authorities and the efficacy
of the courts there are no less than in
other parts of the state, and are
therefore ample to deal with all
lawlessness that may arise without
appealing to the violence of masked
mobs.—Fort Wayne Sentinel.

THE deaths of Capt. J. B. White
of Fort Wayne, and P. E. Studa-
baker of South Bend, occurred
Monday. Both were representative
business men, being so actively en-
gaged for a number of years. They
were known by name and reputa-
tion over a vast section of territory,
and accumulated wealth during
their active business life which dates
back over a long period of years.

TREASURY officials are beginning
to figure on the government reve-
nues and the prospect of heavy pay-
ments that are due next January.
The available treasury balance is
now \$215,000,000, of which \$147,-
000,000 is gold. The receipts are
running light, and there is no tell-
ing when they will come within
distance of the expenditures. Al-
ready for the fiscal year the expendi-
tures have exceeded the revenues
by \$28,000,000. At the present
ratio of receipts the deficit for Octo-
ber will be \$10,000,000, and for the
balance of the calendar year it is
likely to foot up \$6,000,000 or \$7,-
000,000 additional, which would
bring the treasury up to January,
1898, with a deficit of \$45,000,000.
—Kokomo Dispatch.

THE editor of the Berne Witness
last week must have had a bad
stomach, judging by the manner in
which the Stoneburner case was
ripped before and aft. The court
was criticised for ruling out evi-
dence furnished by the state and
Prosecutor Smith was severely
handled for not over riding the
verdict of the jury and sending the
defendant to the penitentiary for a
period of ninety-nine years. The
reflections upon the prosecutor are
denied by members of the bar who
were present during the progress of
the trial. A review of the court
records proves that a conviction is
rare in cases similar to the one in
question. It is a difficult matter to
get convicting testimony, and the
fact that the jury in the Stoneburner
case were twenty-two hours in con-
vincing themselves that the defend-
ant was innocent, is the best of
testimony that a good case was
made by the state.

STERLING R. HOLT the renegade
democrat, has won new laurels
as a rebel to his party and to the
laws of honesty as well. Last year
while chairman of the democratic
state committee he assisted in the
election of McKinley by the use of
valuable information ascertained
by virtue of his connection with the
state organization. After being
fired from the chairmanship he
went boldly to the house of his
friends. For several years he has
held a place on the Board of Public
Works in Indianapolis, being ap-
pointed to that place by the Denny
administration. Last week he was
made to disgorge \$5,000, that
amount of money having been paid
him for his influence in accepting a
sewer contract, which failed to fill
the letter of the plans and specifi-
cations. Mayor Taggart immediately
demanded his resignation, and re-
moved him from further delibera-
tions with the administration.

THE single gold standard advo-
cates composed the so-called mone-
tary conference, which has reas-
sembled in Washington after a
recess, are, perhaps unconsciously
doing the silver men a great favor
trying to force the administration
into the advocacy of a financial bill
intended to perpetuate the single
gold standard on the country, at the
coming session of congress. Nothing
would please the silver men
so well as to see this issue forced to
the front by an attempt to jam
legislation through congress. With-
out the active assistance of the
administration, it cannot be done.
Left to himself, Mr. McKinley
would let the financial question
severely alone, but with this com-
mission hammering away at him
from the outside and Secretary
Gage from the inside, he may give
in and recommend financial legisla-
tion in his annual message to con-
gress. If the support of Czar Reed
be secured, any sort of a bill can
be passed by the house, but there is
where it will stop. The silver men
command the situation in the sen-
ate, and nothing which they oppose
can get through that body.

TAGGART!

A LANDSLIDE AT INDIANAPOLIS TUESDAY.

The Democrats Takes Everything in
Sight and Demonstrate that Free
Silver is Neither Dead nor Dying.



The returns from the Indianap-
olis municipal election Tuesday are
very gratifying to the silver hosts
of democracy. In that hot bed of
gold-bug traitorism a silver victory
now comes and is emphasized by a
plurality of 5,000, the largest ma-
jority ever attained by any party in
our capitol city. By this victory
Thomas Taggart will continue at
the head of municipal affairs and
will give the people of that city
good democratic government—a
business administration as it were.
The campaign just closed was one
of vile vituperation on the part of
the republicans. They dragged the
political dove through all the slush
of falsehood and slander, and for
their pains have been rebuked by
all the decent and liberty loving
people of Indianapolis. The entire
democratic ticket was elected in-
cluding eighteen out of twenty-one
councilmen. It was a veritable
landslide and a boomerang for the
republicans who are trying to find
something to bolster up the national
administration and sound money.
The mayor and mayor-elect, Mr.
Thomas Taggart, is known by nearly
every democratic voter in the state.
While chairman of the state com-
mittee he endeared himself to the
party at large by his persistent work
and generalship in guiding the
democratic standard bearers to vic-
tory. It was his pleasure to do this
many times and the party have
learned to know and love him. His
popularity has enjoyed a steady
growth and we would not be sur-
prised to find him heading the state
ticket for governor in 1900. In
that event much strength will be
added to the ticket and the cause
for which they will most loyally
battle.

Hurrah for Taggart.

It is enough to cause a smile on
the face of a wooden Indian to
listen to the official announcement
that Mr. McKinley is going to Ohio
to vote, but is in doubt whether he
will accept either of the several
invitations that have been extended
to him to make a speech in the state
previous to the election, when it is
well known that Boss Hanna billed
him weeks ago for a speech in Cin-
cinnati.

In Sweden women vote for all elect-
ive officers except representatives; also
indirectly for members of the house of
lords.

The proportional number of unmar-
ried women is greater in England than
in Germany and the age of marriage
higher.

In a Boston court a few days ago a
man engaged in manual labor testified
that he was obliged to work 21 hours
out of the 24.

One-twelfth of the population of Eng-
land suffer from gout. A Berlin phy-
sician, Dr. Feahner, says that this mal-
ady is often due to the excessive use of
meat.

Spain has more sunshine than any
other country in Europe. The yearly
average in Spain is 3,000 hours; that
of Italy, 2,300; Germany, 1,700; Eng-
land, 1,400.

Holy Hill, in Wisconsin, is a Roman
Catholic shrine which is visited by
about 25,000 pilgrims every year, many
of whom say that they are cured of
their ailments.

A healthy babe should cry three or
four times a day to give its lungs need-
ed exercise. So asserts a medical au-
thority, but he doesn't say how long
each cry should last.

It is asserted by Lyell, the geologist,
that at a period comparatively recent
all that portion of the United States
south of the Black Hills was under from
500 to 900 feet of water.

With the assistance of the latest ma-
chines a piece of leather can be trans-
formed into a pair of boots in 34 min-
utes, in which time it passes through
the hands of 63 people and through 15
machines.

The salary of the queen's chief but-
ler, who looks after the beer, wines and
spirits, is £500 a year. This function-
ary must have a palate of exquisite deli-
cacy, as in him is vested the purchase
of the wines drunk by royalty.

Chemical names are occasionally cu-
rious and long, as every one knows to
his cost. Here is another to be added to
the list, Diparaoxiacetophenondiphenil-
piperazine. It has been given by an Italian
chemist to a new compound which
he has discovered.

Another tribute to American manu-
facturing superiority is conveyed in the
announcement that Japan is about to
abandon the English steel rail on her
imperial railway and substitute for it
the heavier American rail, known as
the Pennsylvania standard.

Eagle, Wis., is infested with an en-
tirely new species of bug, resembling a
large bee, that preys upon growing
corn, destroying crops by the acre in a
very short time, leaving the cobs clean
shelled on the stalk. No remedy has
yet been found for the ravages of the
pest.

The Rhind manuscript, deciphered
some 30 years ago, a hieratic papyrus
now in the British museum, written by
an Egyptian priest, Ahmes, about 1700
B. C., is the oldest intelligible mathe-
matical work extant. Another and older
roll on a mathematical subject exists,
but has not been deciphered.

On an average two false coins are re-
ceived every day for examination at the
Paris mint. Those that are not too
greatly spoiled in testing are added to
a collection in the museum of the mint.
This collection is said to be very large
and very curious, but access to the mu-
seum is prohibited to the public.

Many Indian mounds have been dis-
covered in southern Indiana and have
yielded valuable finds. Stone axes were
formerly plentiful in the farming dis-
tricts of that state and were used for
door props, but they have now almost
disappeared. Arrowheads are the only
relics that are even fairly plentiful.

The following item is reported in the
southern correspondence of The Elec-
trical World: "A curious thing is re-
ported from Staunton, Va. The tele-
phone people, whose experience with
pretty telephone girls has not been alto-
gether satisfactory, advertised for ugly
girls, and there were 25 applicants."

The Lombardy poplar tree, it is said,
forms a splendid natural lightning con-
ductor, its great height and lack of
spreading branches enabling it to con-
duct a lightning stroke straight down-
ward. No house by which one of these
trees has been reared as yet has been
known to suffer from the severest storm.

Paris has, apart from two places
where paupers can spend the night, 14
asylums for the homeless, which last
year lodged 144,037 persons, of whom
15,557 were women and 2,606 children.
Among the lodgers were 246 professors
and teachers, 18 students, 5 authors, 5
journalists, 120 actors and singers, 30
musicians, 16 music teachers, etc.

The colony of Victoria likes its car-
tridges in packets of 25, but the infal-
lible Britisher insists on supplying
them in packets of 100. The result has
been that it has opened a market for
the wide awake Americans, who give
the Victorian just what he wants. At
Hongkong the British makers have lost
their whole trade in candles because
they will not alter their system of pack-
ing to that adopted by the continental
makers.

He who stands in his own light

Holds ever in his pocket
a poverty stricken purse.

We don't mean to say that you'll grow rich
or poor by buying or not buying your Over-
coats and Suits this fall from us. We do say,
and say it with as much emphasis as print-
ers ink can put into it, that you are doing
yourself an injustice, that you are actually
standing in your own light by refusing to
see whether we can or can not do better by
you on the Overcoat and Suit question than
the others. We'll refer you to a few prices:

A fine brow Kersey Overcoat, with velvet collar,
serge lining, well made through-
out, at - - - - \$5.00

A fine black Kersey Overcoat, silk velvet collar,
farmers satin lining, sewed through-
out with silk, at - - - - \$8.00

Black and brown Kersey silk velvet collar, fine
Italian lining, Skinner's sleeve lining, guar-
anteed to wear two seasons,—this is the
BEST Overcoat in the land for the
money, only - - - - \$10.00

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