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For an "era of unexampled prosperity," we have managed to get up a panic of very respectable proportions.

The commissioners of White county have employed experts to examine the county records. By the way, Jasper county's commissioners pursued the same course once, but the books were not examined. Wonder why.

Fifty dollars per capita, full legal tender greenbacks, and government savings banks, instead of banks run by individuals, and this panic, with all its failures, perjuries, bankruptcies and suicides would have never occurred or been thought of.

Ex-secretary Foster, led by John Sherman and Cal Bryce, howled for an "honest dollar," one that was "good as any other dollar." Well, through the manipulations of Sherman & Co. the dollars got so everlastingly valuable that Foster had to give eight hundred thousand dollars worth of property for six hundred thousand of John Sherman's good dollars. Charley says it's all right, but he is a little puzzled to know just where the benefit was to him.

Grover posed as the great tariff reformer, told what ought to be done, what could be done and what he would do, if given a chance. The opportunity is his, and Grover is perplexed beyond measure to find how to do that which seemed so easy. He can reduce the tariff, of course he can, but that will cut off the revenue. How to reduce the tariff and get the revenue is what Grover wants to know. Word has been sent out from Washington that he will recommend an income tax, and improbable as that seems to us, it is generally accepted. Grover won't do that, the tariff will go unreformed. His rich masters will teach him better. As the People's party pointed out last year, it is the only way to get revenue that will be tolerated, but Grover will never recommend it.

The princess Eulalia arrived in Chicago Tuesday, and the society swells of the windy city are now practicing the double back-action bow which will enable them to get out of the distinguished presence without turning their backs to her. The idea that they could lie down upon their stomachs and crawl off, thus turning their heels instead of their backs upon the proud scion of a sickly house of royalty, does not seem to have suggested itself to the society duds and dudsesses of Chicago. Really, to see an American snob backing across a room, doubled up like a jack-knife, bowing his head to the aunt of a monarch still in swaddling clothes, would raise up a desire in the manly democratic heart to plant a robust kick upon that part of his anatomy most calculated to straighten him up to the full dignity of Republican manhood. —Goodland Herald.

On the 25th of October, 1892, Rensselaer was dressed in her "best bib and tucker," bands of music paraded the streets, canons were fired, "five thousand" people came to town and all because it was Governor's Day, all because his excellency, the Hon. Ira C. Chase was here. How

different his reception last week at Kokomo. There he appeared before the grand jury charged with a great crime, there by a jury of his own party three indictments were found against him. Of course a man should be regarded innocent until positively proven guilty. For the credit of the state, for the good of the church we hope Gov. Chase is not guilty. If innocent he is certainly "soft" for he has, like old Tray, been in very bad company. He has allowed himself to be made a tool of. Be it as it may, Rensselaer will never honor him again as it did the 25th of last October.

A subscriber writing from Iowa is desirous of knowing the value of the bullion contained in the silver dollar. The pure silver in a dollar is worth 64 cents, 26 less than it would be worth if the country had free coinage of silver. When silver was demonetized in 1873, the bullion in a silver dollar was worth 3 cents more than that in the gold dollar. The truth is, viewed from a free coinage standpoint, the owner of silver bullion loses 36 cents for every 37 1/4 grains of silver (the amount of pure silver contained in the standard dollar) he sells; so that to get a silver dollar coined it costs him 36 cents. Still the administration persists in its efforts to demonetize silver. It would rather issue bonds, thereby placing a heavier burden on the shoulders of the wealth producer, than to exercise government's prerogative and issue full legal tender money. We must have more money. Free coinage would largely increase the money volume. Any deficiency should be made up of government issues. This bond issuing racket should not be tolerated. It is not only not necessary, but harmful, destructive, crushing!—Nonconformist.

Our Senior Senator.

The elevation of Senator Voorhees to the chairmanship of the senate finance committee, the very harmonious relations existing between him and the president, the quick succession of startling events in the financial world, and the certainty that grave questions, seriously affecting our national finances, will be the all absorbing matters of the next congress, very naturally bring Senator Voorhees into prominence and cause him to be regarded with especial interest now. What he may or may not do in the present crisis is of deep concern to the west and south, therefore a partial review of his past record will be of especial interest now to all PILOT readers. On the hustings for the past twenty-five years, Mr. Voorhees has been the loud-mouthed advocate of labor's rights, but has always deserted them when needed. In 1878 he side-tracked the Greenback party of Indiana by posing as a better Greenbacker than the Greenbackers themselves, boldly declaring the resumption act must be repealed, but when the election was over, Voorhees' opposition to resumption ceased, nor was it heard of afterwards. When it became known that the silver dollar was dropped from the coinage list, he flung himself into the arena as the roystering advocate of free coinage, and howled himself hoarse on every platform in Indiana. But notwithstanding his ten years ravings on that subject, when brought into the presence of Big Girth, of Buffalo, in 1885, he flunked most miserably. When taken to task by a prominent Indiana Democrat for his obsequiousness, his answer was characteristic of the man. "What can I do?" said he, "here are the boys who have worked for me for twenty years, expecting reward when we got into power, and now when in, if we antagonize we can't get anything, so I ask what can I do?" Duty, con-

viction, and the public welfare must all be sacrificed for the spoils, and while Cleveland and Manning waged fierce and relentless war on the greenback and the silver dollar, his chosen idols, no one was so quiescent as our Daniel who, up to this time, had been spoiling for a fight with such enemies of the people. From the war to the present time Sherman has stood for a protective tariff, the British system of finance, and all the extreme coercive measures of the Republican party toward the south. Voorhees has combatted all of these for the past thirty years before his Hoosier audiences, and those familiar with Daniel's fears have been led to believe that our senator regarded John Sherman and his policies as the greatest dangers to our free institutions. Under such circumstances every one expected to see Mr. Voorhees anxious for the retirement of the Ohio senator, but in 1891, when the farmers of that state seemed to be making common cause against old John and had good reason to expect help from our senator, if talk indicated anything, what did Voorhees do? Did he join in and eliminate John and his policies out of national affairs? Not at all, on the contrary he lent Sherman his influence, and said "his services were so valuable to his country that it could not do without him." Once more we will speak of him in connection with Sherman. After denouncing Sherman for thirty years for converting our war money into interest bearing bonds to burden the people, in 1893 he voted for Sherman's infamous bond scheme, the worst and most inexcusable by all odds of Sherman's bond measures. In the campaign of 1892 Mr. Voorhees held thousands of Democrats in the party by creating the belief in their minds that Cleveland favored free coinage, when he must have known better. Mr. Voorhees must know, if he knows anything, that a more pronounced enemy of free silver than Mr. Cleveland cannot be found.

Looking at Mr. Voorhees attitude to-day in the light shed upon it by a shuffling and inconsistent record of thirty years, we are far from being hopeful of the future. To some there may be, but to us there is no assurance. But this tergiversator general, and political Bob Acres, is near the end of his tether. The progress of human affairs and the changing fortunes of parties have brought him to the point where further dodging is impossible. He has been boisterous, blatant and defiant of Wall street and the confederated monopolies in Indiana, and flunked most shamefully in their presence in Washington. He no more than anyone else can serve two masters. Senator, you are an old man. It is possible for you even yet to fill an honorable grave. A bold, manly and courageous defense now in the face of the enemy of those principles upon which you have so often ridden to power, will go far toward relieving you of former political cowardice and inconsistency. By bravery and consistency now, it is possible for you to be remembered as a statesman and patriot, failing in these you will only be known as the roaring wind-bag of Indiana. In the mean time the PILOT will surely do its duty by keeping the light turned on so that the people shall see exactly the material you are made of.

Nolle Prosequi.

Union Dispatch.

Sunday's dailies announced the dropping of the charges against Frick and his partners in connection with the Homestead riots. They had money and consequently influence. Then their crime was only that of treason, conspiracy and incidental murder. Shall rich men be punished for crimes so insignificant? Not under present

conditions, for we have arrived at a time in our country's history when money is the god we worship, and the man with money is not amenable to the law, but is a being so superior that all men worship at his shrine, and courts of justice are swayed by his mighty will, and the crimes for which a common man would be hung are but the necessary steps to maintain his exalted supremacy! No, no! such men as Frick must not be punished, though they thrice commit all the crimes in the calendar.

But these other fellows, laboring men, men of the common herd! What rights have they? And to think that in this age they would dare try to protect their homes against the designs of such men as Frick and his partners! They ought to have known better. It is their duty to worship these men of wealth, and gladly comply with their will! They blundered miserably and they must be punished!

Yet this is free America! The land in which we have proudly boasted that all men are free and equal! There was such a time in our country's history, but that time is not now. The worship of gold and the rule of wealth have brought their corrupting influences, and all is changed! Money controls all our legislation, and dictates too often the judgment of our courts. Money is king, as it was in Rome when she fell!

Yes, the charges against Frick and those with him have been withdrawn, but the strikers must stand trial. Frick and his men were the aggressors, and their crimes were much the greater, but they have wealth. The strikers have only their labor, and that belongs to the capital that gives it employment. Will these strikers and their co-laborers vote again for the supremacy of present conditions? Or will they stay by their votes, that manhood and not money shall rule in free America?

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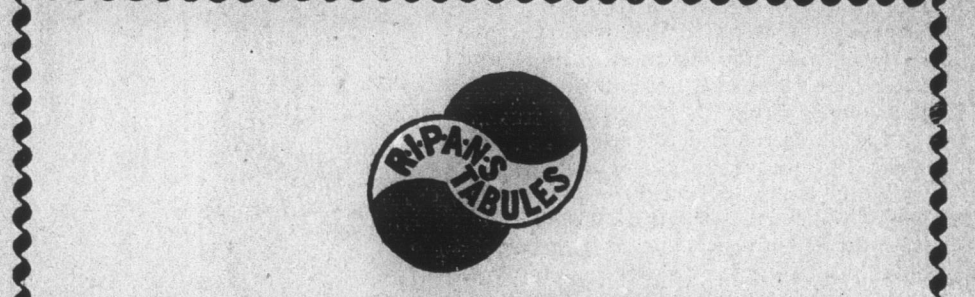
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