

### Populists as Prophets.

Populists may not be statesmen, but they certainly have won the right to be called prophets.

The preamble to the Omaha platform set forth in vivid coloring the condition and dangers of the country, predicted widespread ruin if corrective measures were not speedily adopted. They were not and the results are before the country. Again, the Populists said the election of Harrison or Cleveland would bring no change, that under either one matters would become worse because the policies of each were the same and all wrong.

Are not their predictions verified before your eyes? When the bill for the repeal of the purchasing clause of the Sherman law was before congress, the whole yelping, howling and barking pack of the dogs of plutocracy from John Sherman, Dan Voorhees and the hired editors of the great dailies to the scurvy politician holding forth from a store box, all said repeal that and every wheel and spindle will start, every idle man will be employed, and a great business boom will sweep over the land. The Populists said no, that cannot come to pass, for the panic was caused by a contraction of the currency, and to cut off the source from whence comes the only addition to our currency, don't you see, cannot in any way relieve the distress, but will serve to aggravate the disaster, and through the press, from the rostrum and in the halls of congress, the Populists served notice on the minions of Plutocracy, of coming events and told them times would grow worse instead of better after repeal, and when it did occur that they would be held responsible for it, for they now warned them of it. They were wrong and the Populists were right. Times have steadily grown worse, prices are steadily declining, and now when their false predictions are apparent, their lying treachery manifest, the infernal scoundrels like Cal Brice and the pluto press who feel themselves able to defy the storm of public indignation, coolly inform the people that it is the inevitable result of a re-adjustment of values to the gold standard, that business must hereafter be conducted on a lower scale of prices, thereby admitting now the very thing the Populists told them would come to pass, and which they then stoutly denied. The Populists are prophets of no mean ability, and our Republican and Democratic friends would do well to heed their warnings.

### Americanism.

In the Forum for April, Theodore Roosevelt tells in ringing words "What Americanism means." His article reads in part as follows:

"Our nation is that among all the nations of the earth which holds in its hands the fate of the coming years. We enjoy exceptional advantages and are menaced by exceptional dangers; and all signs indicate that we shall either fail greatly or succeed greatly. I firmly believe that we shall succeed; but we must not foolishly blink at the dangers by which we are threatened, for that is the way to fail.

"There are two or three sides to the question of Americanism, and two or three senses in which the word 'Americanism' can be used to express the antithesis of what is wholesome and desirable. In the first place, we wish to be broadly American and national, as opposed to being local or sectional. There is a second side to this question of a broad Americanism, however. The patriotism of the village or the belfry is bad, but the lack of all patriotism is even worse. One may fall very far short of treason and yet be an undesirable citizen in the community. The man who becomes Europeanized, who loses his power of doing good on this side of the water, and who loses his love for his native land, is not a traitor: but he is a silly and undesirable citizen. He is as emphatically a noxious element in our body politic as is the man who comes here from abroad and remains a foreigner. The third sense in which the word 'Americanism' may be employed is with reference to the Americanizing of the new-comers to our shores. We must Americanize them in every way—in speech, in political ideas and principles, and in their way of looking at the relations between church and state. We welcome the German or the Irishman who becomes an American. We have no use for the German or the Irishman who remains such. We have no room for any people who do not act and vote simply as Americans, and as nothing else. Moreover, we have as little use for the people who carry religious prejudices into our politics as for those who carry prejudices of caste or nationality.

"We stand unalterably in favor of the public-school system in its entirety. We believe that the English, and no other language, is that in which all school exercises should be conducted. We are against any division of the school fund, and against any appropriation of public money for sectarian purposes. We are against any recognition whatever by the state in any shape or form of state-aided parochial schools. But we are equally opposed to any discrimination against or for a man because of his creed."

### Our Populist Congressmen.

New York Sun.

So much for the Populist members. There is not an idle man among them. They are always in their seats and their names are recorded on nearly every roll call. They are not obstructionists or cranks, but men who seem to have become convinced that the welfare of the nation requires the service of a new political party, and that they founded and formed a party to meet the emergency. That it has found many hearers was shown by their wonderful convention in Omaha, in 1892, in their casting over a million votes and getting over 20 electoral votes in their first campaign, a new step in a national election. No one in the populist party need be ashamed, but instead can be proud of their representatives in Congress.

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### Americanism.

### Fishing for Suckers.

The old parties are for free silver before election and for gold basis after election. The Indiana Republicans, who held their state convention at Indianapolis last week, declare for silver. The following is the Republican silver record:

In the House, April 8, 1886: Republicans for silver..... 30  
Republicans against silver... 98  
In the House, June 7, 1890: Republicans for silver..... 15  
Republicans against silver... 127  
In the House, June 25, 1890: Republicans for silver..... 23  
Republicans against silver... 130  
In the Senate, June 17, 1890: Republicans for silver..... 15  
Republicans against silver... 22  
In the House, March 24, 1892: Republicans for silver..... 11  
Republicans against silver... 67  
In the Senate, July 2, 1892: Republicans for silver..... 9  
Republicans against silver... 60  
In the House, August 23, 1893: Republicans for silver..... 13  
Republicans against silver... 111  
In the House, March 1, 1894: Republicans for silver..... 19  
Republicans against silver... 71  
In the House, April 4, 1894: Republicans for silver..... 14  
Republicans against silver... 71

Thus it will be seen that when it comes to voting, the Republicans are against silver every time. Yet the word has been sent out from headquarters of the Republican party to put free silver into the state platforms. This is simply a bait for suckers, as has been the case for twenty years in both old parties. There is nothing sincere in the matter. The old parties put free silver into the platforms for the express purpose of catching votes and have generally succeeded. It is about time that the people ceased to swallow such a bait.

### A Startling Fact.

One of the startling facts brought to light in Mr. Stead's book on Chicago is the way in which the rich men of that city escape their just share of taxation. Twenty years ago the assessment for taxation of property of Chicago, real and personal was \$312,072,965. In 1893 it was but \$235,799,351. Here is a shrinkage in 20 years of about \$78,000,000 in the assessed property, while as everybody knows, the wealth of the city has enormously increased. The rich have found ways of concealing it from the assessors. The assessors under oath make the following returns of the personal property of the richest citizens: Marshall Field, \$20,000; P. D. Armour, \$5,000; George M. Pullman, \$12,000; J. W. Doane, \$12,000; H. H. Kohlsaat, \$1,500; C. T. Yerkes, \$4,000; Potter Palmer, \$15,000. None of these men makes out or swears to his own account. The swearing is all done by the assessors, who are allowed by the Croesus grossly to undervalue their possessions for taxation. It is not without reason that Mr. Stead says: "There is a heavier sum in solid dollars pocketed every year by the official perjurers of Chicago than is paid to any other officials in the service of the city."

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### In Georgia's Backwoods.

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The principal speaker at a Smith family reunion in an adjoining county said they were all proud of the name because the Smiths have held the most offices and kissed the most girls.—Blakely Observer.

There is another wild-cat or something of that kind put in an appearance in Mount Zion settlement. It has been seen by many and is said to have killed and devoured several young calves.—Jonesboro Enterprise.

A wandering acrobat struck our town Tuesday and performed some feats in lifting weights and turning back summersaults that proved highly entertaining to some of our people. During the performance he paused long enough to pass around a gayly decorated cap.—Taconic News.

A fellow told us that the mosquitoes got to chasing him one evening and ran him out of the blacksmith shop. He ran into the yard (having a hammer in his hand) and took refuge under a large kettle of cast iron used for making up ribbon-cane sirup, but the skeeters seemed bent on a meal, so he bored his bill through the kettle and the fellow, having his hammer, braded his bill on the inside and the skeeter flew off with the kettle.—Lincolnton News.

### List of Patents.

Granted to Indiana inventors this week. Reported by C. A. Snow & Co., solicitors of American and foreign patents, opposite U. S. Patent Office, Washington, D. C.

W. E. Ayers, Collect, clover feeder; T. Duncan, Fort Wayne, universal phase alternate-current motor; A. Lehman and C. J. Kraus, Peru, treating jute or other bagging; W. F. Limpus, Alpine, sulky; J. McLaughlin, Michigan City, automatic gate for elevators; C. W. Meggenhofen, Indianapolis, boring machine; J. L. Waggoner, Columbus, tool chest.

G. C. Ditzler, Uniondale, bag or fodder tie; D. A. Foster, Indianapolis, vehicle running gear; M. C. Henley, Richmond, lawnmower; J. I. Hoke, South Bend, pivoted tooth-bar; A. Johnson and W. S. Campbell, West Point, safety-switch; A. A. McKain and W. Seburn, Indianapolis, pneumatic staw-stacker; W. E. Murbarger, Indianapolis, combined shaft-support and thrill-coupling; L. Rastetter, Fort Wayne, spoke attachment for vehicle wheels; F. M. Reed, Anderson, hydrocarbon injector burner; J. Scheurecker, Indianapolis, apparatus for manufacturing ice and for refrigerating; W. N. Springer, Fortville, thrashing machine.

G. M. Beard, Angola, swinging folding gate; G. A. Gerner, Williamsport, hay rake; M. C. Henley, Richmond, boiler tube cleaner; F. E. Herdman, Indianapolis, electric motor; L. Houze, Montpelier, roasting and calcining kiln; G. S. Ingle, Evansville, portable elevating and bag holding machine; H. A. Moore, Indianapolis, burglar alarm; J. Sego and C. Faucher, Valparaiso, bridge gate; A. E. Whitney, Muncie, burial apparatus; C. E. Wyman, Martinsburg, drill for wells, etc.

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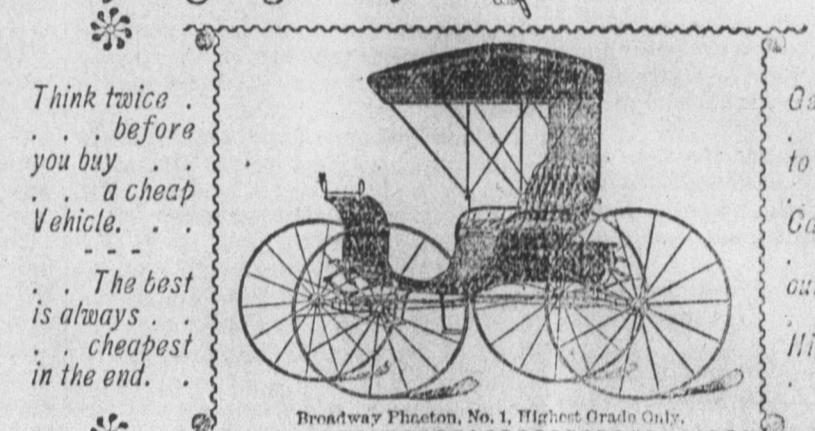
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