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MONON TIME TABLE.

SOUTH BOUND.

No. 5 10:52 A. M.
No. 3 11:23 P. M.
No. 39 3:21 P. M.
No. 745 3:23 P. M.

NORTH BOUND.

No. 6 3:25 P. M.
No. 4 4:45 A. M.
No. 40 7:30 A. M.
No. 546 10:00 A. M.
No. 74 9:56 P. M.
* stop on signal.
* daily except Sunday.

THE POST OFFICE.

Money Order Fees.

The postoffice is an institution run upon the principle of the very best service at actual cost. Money sent by its order system is the very safest, most convenient and the cheapest means of transportation. Every cent that is paid for stamps, or for fees is that much of the nation's taxes paid. It is the duty of all good citizens to patronize the postoffice in every way possible. The following are the rates:

Orders not exceeding \$2.50 8c.
Orders not exceeding \$5.00 5c.
Orders not exceeding \$10.00 8c.
Orders not exceeding \$20.00 10c.
Orders not exceeding \$30.00 12c.
Orders not exceeding \$40.00 15c.
Orders not exceeding \$50.00 18c.
Orders not exceeding \$60.00 20c.
Orders not exceeding \$75.00 25c.
Orders not exceeding \$100.00 30c.

Rates of Postage.

Merchandise, for each oz. 1c
Books, printed matter, 2-oz. 1c
Newspapers, 4-oz. 1c
Newspapers, (by publisher) 1lb 1c
Letters (Canada, Mexico) 1-oz 2c
Letters, Foreign, 1/2 oz. 5c
Registering fee, additional, 8c

Arrivals and Departures.

Mails arrive—7 a. m., 10:52 a. m., and 3:25 p. m.
Mails close—10:22 a. m., 2:55 p. m. and 7 p. m.
Office hours—7 a. m. to 7 p. m.

Star Route Mails.

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First Advertised March 30.
Wm. Shaw, Mr. Lem Patterson,
Henry May, Miss Ella Owens,
E. P. Hoxan, P. M.
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Do you want something beautiful in portraits? Crayon and water colors of superior quality can be ordered at the Pavilion now.

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One dozen cabinet photos and a 16 by 20 crayon portrait, very lifelike, for \$5.00. One dozen cabinet photos and a beautiful water color portrait, 16 by 20, for \$6.50.

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The undersigned have made arrangements whereby they are able to make farm loans at the lowest possible rate of interest, with the usual commission. Interest payable at the end of the year. Partial payments can be made on Jan. 1st of any year. Call and see us before making your loan; our money is as cheap and easy as any on the market. Information regarding the loans made by the Atkinson & Rigler Agency at Wabash, Ind., can be had at our office, up stairs in Williams-Stockton building, opposite court house.

WARREN & IRWIN.

GOLD VERSUS PAPER.

UNION SOLDIER AND GREENBACK CURRENCY.

Fought Side by Side—National Supremacy Sustained by Their United Efforts—Gold Is a Coward and Retreats in Time of War.

In 1862, when liberty was assailed by grim-visaged war, gold, as ever a coward, retreated to vaults and to Europe. Then as Minerva sprang full armed and ready for victorious combat from the brain of her parent, so sprang from the brains of wise statesmen the millions of greenbacks ready to save the menaced nationality. They sheltered, fed, clothed and armed the soldiers; built ironclads and manned them not alone for the union, but for the confederacy as well. With the aid of the boys in blue they conquered. Peace once here, the coward, gold, whose emblems had traitorously crippled the nation by crippling the greenback, returned, and has been for thirty years waging subtle and insidious war upon the national life by seeking to destroy the savior of '65—the greenback. Now the warfare is open and avowed. The battle is on, it is Gold vs. Greenback. Will the American patriots stand firm? Will the G. A. R. see its comrade defeated? Will the son of the veteran see the power that saved, through his father, liberty for him, destroyed? Traitors who cry out against the greenback! It is as much a sign of nationality and sovereignty as is the flag. "Shoot him on the spot who hauls down one" is the cry. Of the two the greenback has most power, and he who decries that should be exported with gold to some country where liberty is not. Beware of any cry that does not include all the Omaha platform. Let not our ranks be divided by the silver issue. The whole includes all its parts. The People's party includes free silver and more. Encourage the free silver discussion in the old parties, but shoulder to shoulder forward under the banner on which is money, land and transportation. To that banner all shall yet rally, and the first battleground—the silver dollar—only prepares the way for the victory for the legal tender paper. Let dissension rage and disrupt the old. All fragments thrown off by schism will unite with this large young party that has no leveller and acknowledges no authority but truth and justice. As well curtail the declaration of 1776 as that at Omaha. Rejoice in the new parties and stand firm on the platform now builded, and unto which they shall step. After taking the first silver step the other two will be easy. The dawning light of victory is in these signs of disintegration in the old.

"Every crumbling altar stone
That falls upon the ways of time,
Eternal wisdom has o'erthrown
To build a temple more sublime."
—Chicago Express.

Oh, for Men With Backbones.

The railway managers are hastening government ownership of railways as rapidly as almost any other influence by their cruel and heartless blacklisting system, and their arbitrary methods of dealing with the public. As a sample of methods it is stated that the Great Northern railway requires applicants for positions on that line to fill out a

history of their past lives, stating when and where they have worked for several years previous, why they left their positions, and giving their height, weight, age, color of hair, eyes and eyebrows, distinctive marks, etc. In addition to this other roads require proof that the applicant is not a member of any labor union. You would not have thought a system of this kind possible a quarter of a century ago, and it was not thus, but it has gradually developed—crawled steadily upon the people as the snake crawls upon its victim, until to-day labor seems powerless to shake it off. Why are you, railroad employe and other laboring men, in such toils, and why do you submit to such tyranny? Are you powerless? Certainly, unless you conclude to be men and not cringing serviles. You have permitted yourselves to be voted into present conditions and aided it by your votes, and now if you will not rise to the dignity of independent manhood, to the position of freemen, and undo the wrongs you are suffering by an intelligent use of the ballot you deserve to suffer, and you will suffer more than you are now undergoing. Oh, that men would think as they never have before. As you care for your wives and your children, in God's name, and in the name of humanity, rise to the dignity of true manhood and assert your rights and cease to be slaves. Relief from galling oppression is at hand if men will only be men. Have we become a nation of men without backbones? It would seem so.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Grover Cleveland nor his friends will be ever be able to drive from the minds of many of the people the suspicion that he and Mr. Carlisle shared in the profits of the bond syndicate that bought the last issue of bonds at 104% and immediately resold them at 116% to 119. The very broad hints thrown out in the papers all over the country that the president and his secretary shared in this deal are not to be mistaken as touching popular sentiment in this matter.

Notwithstanding the cotton planters of the country produced, picked, and marketed 1,471,518,924 more pounds of cotton in 1894 than they did in 1892 the crop of last fall fell short over \$45,000,000 of the crop of 1892. The wheat raisers lost \$136,000,000 in 1894 over the crop of 1892. There has been a corresponding loss in all other products, the aggregate amounting to hundreds of millions of dollars. It is astonishing to contemplate the patience and forbearance of the American people.

Judging by the tone of the republican press it is quite apparent that the republican leaders are not losing any sleep over the fact that they will not have a majority in the next senate. As that party has no intention of doing anything to relieve the people, but is as fully committed to the interests of plutocracy as the democrats are, they are really pleased that the senate is under control of a Populist minority, as that will serve as an excuse for not doing anything and enable them to come up with the old excuse used by the democrats for so many years: "We can do nothing because the senate and president are against us."

In 1892 the Populists elected 346 members to the several state legislatures and in 1894 they elected 615, besides nearly doubling the aggregate vote throughout the country. Look around you and count the men in your circle of acquaintances who have left the People's party since the election last fall and then count those you know have joined the new party, or swear they will never again vote an old-party ticket. Strike the difference and see if Populism is dying.

J. A. Hamilton, conductor on the Atlantic & Pacific railway, went out on the strike last year. Since that time he has traveled over the entire west, but everywhere he found the dread blacklist ahead of him. When he was successful in getting work it was only for a day or two until he was identified as a striker and then he would be dismissed. As a last resort he wrote his old trainmaster a few days ago and received a letter in reply saying he could not promise anything to a man who had taken part in the strike of the A. R. U. On receipt of this letter Hamilton put a ball through his head at the American house in Denver, where he had registered. The record of suicides last year was 4,911, of which nearly one-half were caused by despondency. The daily papers report a half dozen to a dozen in almost every issue and in the most of cases "out of work," "out of money," or "financial troubles" are assigned as the causes. What a fearful record for our boasted Christian civilization!

The Associated Press dispatches reported the Populist members of the legislature as favoring a single-plank, or silver, platform. This report is false. Eight of the twelve are for the Omaha platform, three favor a single plank, while one will go with the majority.

There is nothing surer than the fact, as lately shown in the thousands of letters appearing in our reform papers from all over the country, that nineteen-twentieths of the rank and file of the people's party are bitterly opposed to any changes in the Omaha platform,

and most emphatic are the declarations against the adoption of a single plank, or silver, platform, alone. Our people are in no mood for temporizing or resorting to doubtful expedients. We are building not for a day, but for all time and on a sure foundation, and the people are not only building, but are bossing the structure.

The Rev. John A. B. Wilson of New York spent a night on the streets of that great city recently and says 10,000 men walk the streets to keep from freezing, and their condition was more horrible than tongue or pen can picture. Can anything else be expected where the multi-millionaires are squandering millions annually on poodle dogs, purchasing foreign titles, building yachts, toading to royalty, airing their linen in divorce courts, and lavishing their wealth upon their mistresses? As long as the foolish people vote with the millionaires they must expect the army of tramps to increase and the greed and avarice of these wealthy drones to grow rather than diminish.

From Maine to California, from the Dakotas to Georgia and Texas—from

all over the country—the cry goes up: "Stick to the Omaha platform!" Ah, that is the shout from freemen—from men and women with the courage of their convictions! No temporizing, no compromises, but straight ahead! It is this Spartan courage and heroic devotion to principle that is characterizing this the grandest reform of the ages.

The Oklahoma legislature has passed a law prohibiting fusion of political parties. As the simon-pure Populist needs no law of that kind it will strike hard at the old parties. That law was evidently the conception of a Populist brain as a means of heading off the marriage of the republican and democratic parties in that territory.

Talmage, Sam Jones, and no other preacher of any note has uttered a word of condemnation of the Sunday session the day before the final adjournment of the Fifty-third congress. Congress was not only in session all day, but a number of members took the occasion to "wind up" by getting uproariously drunk, several members being so far gone that they had to be removed from the floor of the house. This ending was characteristic of that congress that will go down in history as the most infamous in the history of the country up to this time.

Plenty of Time.

We would suggest to all Populists to refrain from making presidential nominations in 1896. This is premature. Lots of things will happen before it is time to make nominations, and the advocacy of individuals will prove a disturbing issue. The right men will be found at the right time. Wait for events. There is another congress to come yet, and a long one at that. It is sure to do many fool things that will feed the reform flame. The thing to do during the next twelve months is to educate, especially to circulate our papers and literature. Get the readers for Populist papers and they will do the rest.—Non Conformist.

Give Us Government Banks.

The issue is squarely drawn between the people and the banks. As to money, shall it be based upon bank credit, or upon the credit of the nation—the people's wealth? As to the deposit and security and loan distribution of the people's several surplus savings, or token credit, money, shall its safe keeping and judicious, careful loan distribution be undertaken and guaranteed by irresponsible banking corporations, or by the people themselves, in their sovereign capacity, as a co-operative banking corporation, through governmental agencies? Give us government banks.

According to Season.

Few people realize the necessity of varying the clothing according to the temperature, and many a woman wears a sealskin sacque or a heavy wrap in weather which demands nothing warmer than a coat of light cloth. It was the Duke of Wellington who was credited with possessing fourteen overcoats, from which he selected each day the one best suited to the prevailing temperature, and perhaps his carefulness in this matter had much to do with the fact that he lived to the advanced age of 84.

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People's Party Platform.

FOUNDATION PRINCIPLES.

FIRST.—That the union of the labor forces of the United States this day consummated shall be permanent and perpetual; may its spirit enter into all hearts for the salvation of the republic and the uplifting of mankind.

SECOND.—Wealth belongs to him who creates it, and every dollar taken from industry without an equivalent is robbery. If any will not work, neither shall he eat. The interests of civil and rural labor are the same; their interests are identical.

THIRD.—We believe that the time has come when the railroad corporations will either own the people or the people must own the railroads, and should the government enter upon the work of owning and managing any or all railroads, we should favor an amendment to the constitution by which all persons engaged in the government service shall be placed under a civil service regulation of the most rigid character, so as to prevent an increase of the power of the national administration by the use of such additional government employees.

FINANCE.

FIRST.—We demand a national currency, safe, sound and flexible, issued by the general government only, a full legal tender for all debts public and private, and that without the use of banking corporations, a just, equitable and efficient means of distribution direct to the people at a tax not to exceed 2 percent per annum to be provided as set forth in the sub-treasury plan of the Farmers' Alliance or a better system; also by payments in discharge of its obligations for public improvements.

We demand free and unlimited coinage of silver at the present legal ratio of 16 to 1.

We demand that the amount of circulating medium be speedily increased to not less than \$60 per capita.

We demand a graduated income tax.

We believe that the money of the country should be kept as much as possible in the hands of the people, and hence we demand that all state and national revenues shall be limited to the necessary expenses of the government, economically and honestly administered.

We demand that postal savings banks be established by the government for the safe deposit of the earnings of the people and to facilitate exchange.

TRANSPORTATION.

SECOND.—Transportation being a means of exchange and a public necessity, the government should own and operate the railroads in the interests of the people.

The telegraph and telephone, like the postoffice system, being a public utility, for the transmission of news, should be owned and operated by the Government in the interest of the people.

LANDS.

THIRD.—The land, including all the natural sources of wealth, is the heritage of the people, and should not be monopolized for speculative purposes, and as the heritage of the people, it should be held in common, and no land should be prohibited. All lands now held by railroads and other corporations in excess of their actual needs, and all lands now owned by aliens should be reclaimed by the government and held for actual settlers only.

SUPPLEMENTARY RESOLUTIONS.

WHEREAS, Other questions have been presented for our consideration, and we hereby limit the following, not as a part of the platform of the People's Party, but as resolutions expressive of the convictions of the party:

RESOLVED, That we demand a free ballot and a fair count in all elections and pledge ourselves to secure it to every legal voter without federal intervention through the adoption by the States of the unperverted Australian or secret ballot system.

RESOLVED, That the revenue derived from a graduated income tax should be applied to the reduction of the burden of taxation, now levied upon the domestic industries of this country.

RESOLVED, That we pledge our support to fair and liberal pensions to ex-Union soldiers and sailors.

RESOLVED, That we condemn the failure of protecting American labor under the present system, which opens our ports to the pauper and criminal classes of the world, and crowds out our wage earners; and we denounce the present ineffective laws against contract labor, and demand a further restriction of undesirable immigration.

RESOLVED, That we cordially sympathize with the efforts of organized workmen to shorten the hours of labor and demand a rigid enforcement of the existing eight hour law on government work and ask that a penalty clause be added to the said law.

RESOLVED, That we regard the maintenance of a large standing army of mercenaries, known as the Pinkerton system, as a menace to our liberties, and we demand its abolition and we condemn the recent invasion of the Territory of Wyoming by the hired assassins of plutocracy, assisted by federal officers.

RESOLVED, That we commend to the thoughtful consideration of the people and the reform press the legislative system known as the initiative and referendum.

RESOLVED, That we favor a Constitutional provision limiting the office of President and Vice President to one term and providing for the election of senators of the United States by a direct vote of the people.

RES. LYED, That we oppose any subsidy or national aid to any private corporation for any purpose.

Ladies, Here's Your Chance.

I will teach Prof. De La Morton's "tailor system" at reduced prices until April 15th, 1895, as follows: Two scholars at \$9 each, or three scholars at \$8 each. I will also furnish scholars with system, instruction, book and diploma, when completed. Terms: half in advance, balance when completed. Former price, \$10 per scholar. Remember, this offer will not last longer than April 15th. Those entering thereafter at regular price. I have one scholar; who will be the second and third? I will also cut and fit until April 30th, at reduced prices. Call for terms.

MRS. HELSTER CRIPPS.

Agents Wanted.

To handle the Fountain Rubber Scrubber, also the best rubber window washer and dryer ever made. If you mean business send stamps for circulars and terms.

Fountain Rubber Scrubber Works, Fort Madison, Iowa.