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Government banks.

Pay the bonds in silver.

The Omaha platform or some-
thing better.A substantial gain this fall
means success for the people's
party in 1896.The free silver men cannot
hope to win without uniting with
the populists.Lyman Trumbull, the great
jurist and economist, wants for-
tunes limited to \$1,000,000.People's party speaks are
having immense meetings in all
states where campaigns are in
progress.Fifty cents pays for a copy of
"The Great Debate" between
Horr and Harvey. For sale at
this office.There is nothing in the plat-
form of the people's party that
is offensive to a sensible free
coinage man.The voting strength of the
people's party last fall was an
even 2,000,000; it will be over
3,000,000 this year.Every form of debt, public or
private, should be made payable
in lawful money of any kind,
gold silver or paper.If the elections this year indi-
cate 2,500,000 populist votes in
the United States that party will
elect the next president.Just laws would make it im-
possible for an honest man to
accumulate more than the equiv-
alent of his own actual product.No truer populist lives than
Senator Peffer. Read his letter in
this paper; may his recent injur-
ies prove as harmless as the
recent vile slanders of the plu-
tocratic press.Senator Peffer of Kansas was
badly injured in a railroad wreck on
Lookout Mountain last Friday, but was able to be taken
home the next day, though his
face is badly disfigured.Give the people the govern-
ment bank and a chance to bor-
row money on such security as
private bankers accept, and let
the interest charge be based on
the actual cost of running such
a system.There will be but one party
opposing the two old parties in
1896. There will be a union of
the populists and free coinage
men, and the Omaha platform
will be preserved in every essen-
tial respect.Jerry Simpson is waking Kan-
sas to greater political activity
than ever before. The people
turn out by thousands to hear
his brilliant summary of the liv-
ing issues. He favors the pay-
ment of the bonds in silver.Read Senator Peffer's letter in
this paper refuting the charge
made by the lying old party
newspapers that he had quit the
people's party, repudiated the
Omaha platform and would op-
pose the free coinage of silver.The issues of gold bonds by
President Cleveland were illegal
and the people should repudiate
the agreement to pay them in
coin, which means gold under
the existing treasury ruling, and
pay them in silver or gold as is
most convenient to the govern-
ment, and pay them at once with
the coin now in the treasury, and
stop the burden of interest. It
was the result of a conspiracy
between the bankers of England
and America, and was done in
notorious defiance of the senti-
ment of congress and the will of
the people.The Omaha platform is rightly
called the second Declaration of
Independence. It is the embod-
iment of the best understanding
of political truths of earnest,
patriotic men.The subsidized press places
the net profits to the syndicate
on the big bond sale steal at only
\$4,000,000. Only four million
dollars, but then perhaps they
will make more out of the next
deal.The "something better" of the
Omaha platform is clearly public
banks, wherein money may be
deposited with absolute safety
and loans made to the general
public upon the same property
security that is now satisfactory
to private bankers.Walk right along, brother
populists, on the right side of
the middle of the road; don't let
the procession stop because of
any old party blockade; every
fort you capture this year you
will not have to storm next year
when it is more strongly de-
fended.There is plenty of sport ahead
for the managers of the old party
campaigns next year. Harmony
will prevail of course in all the
conventions and conferences,
though it be necessary to have
half of the participants "knocked
down and drug out." Oh, there
is music in the air.Ohio populists are rallying to
the support Coxey with an en-
thusiasm that is a revelation to
the old party managers; it may
be a landslide to the great com-
monweal leader. The unanswer-
able truth of his propositions is
captivating the masses without
distinction of party.Silver will be restored to its
coinage rights by the elections
of next year if the free coinage
advocates, the exclusive silveites,
are sensible men and join the
populists in their grand fight for
reform along all essential lines.
The populists are for silver but
not for silver alone.Peffer and Watson; how would
that look at the head of the
ticket next year. Senator Peffer of
Kansas and Tom Watson of
Georgia? That is the suggestion of
George C. Ward, one of the
brainiest writers and clearest ad-
visers in the populist party. It
would make a "humming ticket."The bond syndicate has with-
drawn its protection of the trea-
sury reserve and divided the final
profits on the big transaction,
which amounts to nearly \$10,
000,000. It would be interesting
to know just what part of the
stupendous steal was given the
Judas who disgraces the Ameri-
can presidency.Fusion is the order of the day
in old Seward county, Kansas,
but it is the two grand old parties
that are fusing. The union was
consummated last Saturday, both
the old parties holding their con-
ventions at the same place and
dividing the nominations. The
county is strongly populist and
the fusion will be defeated.The democrats of Union county,
Iowa, held their county convention
at Creston last Saturday and
adopted a "sound money" plat-
form by a close vote after a bitter
fight. No one would accept
a nomination and there will be
no democratic county ticket in
the field. The democratic votes
will be divided between the re-
publicans and populists, in fact
there is a practical fusion be-
tween the gold bug democrats
and the republicans.The first number of the new
juvenile magazine, Frank Leslie's
Pleasant Hours for Boys and
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one of the best wheels made call
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Mystic. Will sell you a new
wheel, built to fit you, for \$65—
which is \$20 cheaper than you
can buy the same wheel at the
factory; a second-hand wheel for
\$45 and two for \$55 each. These
second-hand wheels are nearly
as good as new, only having been
used a short time. Call and see
them. All high-grade Mystics.Indiana populists should con-
duct a campaign of education
from this date on till November,
1896: circulate books on eco-
nomic philosophy and see that
your neighbor has red hot papers
occasionally.The next people party na-
tional convention will exceed in
importance any previous conven-
tion held on American soil since
this country declared its auton-
omy. It will be composed of the
best brain and truest manhood
of America, and more people
will feel personally interested in
its deliberations than can be said
of any previous convention of
any party.The Inter Ocean concedes 40,
000 votes to Petitt, populist can-
didate for governor of Kentucky.
Weavers vote was 23,500, and
when it is understood that im-
mense gains are coming from the
republican side as well as from
the disrupted democracy, it is
certain he will far exceed any
old party estimate made now.
The whole populist ticket is
strong.Here is a tip. You free coin-
age democrats and republicans
who want the populist platform
changed to meet your conserva-
tive views, just read the plat-
form once yourself. Perhaps
you don't know that it is very
much like the platforms made in
Jefferson's time, and is marvel-
lously close to a plagiarism on
the republican platform upon
which John C. Fremont ran for
the presidency in 1856.When the people's party again
meets in national convention it
will adopt a platform of prin-
ciples. It may conclude that the
Omaha declaration of principles
is all right, but in all human
probability there will be some
alterations. An attempt will be
made to better it, and what the
majority conclude upon will of
course be the platform the party
will put before the people for
their verdict. It is certain, how-
ever, that there will be no dodg-
ing of an issue by ambiguous
words; what is said will be so
plainly stated that no one can
misunderstand the meaning.What is the matter with giving
Independent Cuba a lift? What
reason is there for allowing any
European country to control
even one foot of soil on this
hemisphere? The United States
could now, in perfect conformity
with international law, recognize
the independence of Cuba and
stop this most desperate struggle
for liberty. No people ever
fought more desperately and
showed greater self-sacrifice for
their country than the Cubans
are doing. It is impossible to
conceive of a more despicable
enemy to combat than Spain.
Cruel and barbarous even be-
yond the atrocities of the Orient.
And still our government is using
its strenuous efforts to prevent
private aid from this country
being extended to those strug-
gling freemen.A fine, new house for sale on
corner of Cedar and Scott
streets—4x26—5 rooms and
closets. 3 porches, summer
kitchen, wash house, well and
cistern. This property will be
sold at a bargain as the owner
leaves city. Call at this office
for further information.Farm Loans.
We are prepared to make farm
loans at a lower rate of interest
than any other firm in Jasper
county. The expenses will be
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PEPPER IS A POPULIST.

For several weeks the metro-
politan press of the country has
been publishing dispatches and
making editorial comments there-
on, conveying the idea that Senator
Peffer, of Kansas, had left
the people's party, and was orga-
nizing a new party of his own;
that he had abandoned the ad-
vocacy of the coinage of silver
and gold at 16 to 1 and would
take the stump against that de-
mand, and, more than all, that he
repudiated the financial plank
of the Omaha platform in toto,
and had come out unreservedly
in favor of what is known as the
"land currency plan."This caused a friend to address
him a letter asking for a state-
ment regarding these representa-
tions, and in due time the fol-
lowing answer was received:
Dear Sir: Your favor inclosing
newspaper clipping and asking
information concerning it, has
just reached me at this place.
The clipping contains so little
which is true that the matter as
a whole may be declared false.
I have not "come out in favor of
currency based on land alone;"
nor have I "discarded silver and
the sub-treasury plan." It is
equally untrue that I have "de-
clared against free coinage,"
and that I "am against the entire
silver movement." It follows,
then, that I do not propose to
"take the stump against it this
fall."I am a populist and approve
the Omaha platform in its en-
tirety, without mental reserva-
tion. I believe the proper func-
tion of money is to serve a pub-
lic use; that the coining of money
is the exercise of sovereign power
and that it cannot be safely or
constitutionally delegated by
congress to a corporation or any
private person or agency; and
that nothing which is not abso-
lute and full legal tender in pay-
ment of all debts to any amount
whatsoever ought to be issued
or used as money; and that
everything which is used as
money ought to be issued only
by the national government.I would supplement the free
and unlimited coinage of gold
and silver at the ratio of 1 to 16
with paper enough to supply all
the money needed by the people
in the legitimate transaction of
their business.I favor the establishment of
public banks in which money
could be put and kept in circula-
tion, where deposits could be
safely placed and where persons
who need to borrow money could
procure it on pledge of property
which is now taken as good se-
curity by private banks and loan
agencies, and that at no greater
rate of interest or charge than
the actual cost of doing the work.
This would be in effect the coining
of land and other property—
just as the issuing of legal tender
paper money is the coining of
credit.I favor the coining of silver
and gold in unlimited quantities
at the present legal ratio of 16
to 1, if for no other reason, be-
cause we shall need all the coin
we can make to pay our coin
debts, which now amount to
about \$750,000,000 in bonds, and
we have promised to redeem the
greenbacks (\$346,000,000) and
the treasury notes (\$150,000,000)
in coin. Where and how can we
procure the coin if we do not
make it? Respectfully,

W. A. PEPPER.

The friend, Mr. George C. Ward,
adds: "There is nothing uncer-
tain or vacillating about the
foregoing declaration of prin-
ciples. It is simply the scientific
interpretation of the finance
plank of the Omaha platform,
with a governmental system of
banks of deposit, loan and dis-
count as the 'some better sys-
tem' demanded as a substitue
alternative for the 'sub-treasury
plan of the Farmers' Alliance.'This is the winning platform,
so far as finance is concerned.
More voters can be gathered
together upon that platform than
upon any other. The demand
for government banks is not only
an element of strength, but it is
the scientific development of a
mode of putting into successful
operation the vital and underlying
principles of the "sub-treasury
plan." In hoc signo vinces.The Aeromotor Wind mill is
sold by Judson H. Perkins, who
will put them up at very low
prices.The Best Made.
No better bicycle is made than
the Mystic, which can be seen
at the PILOT office. Sold at a
lower price than any other high
grade wheel. See advertisement
elsewhere in this paper.

Childrens cloaks at Nowels'.



JOURNALISTIC JABS.

It can be said in truth that the
last end of the democratic party
is worse than the first.—Charlotte
(N. C.) People.The United States is the only
nation on earth that is begging
money from foreigners to keep
itself alive.—Farmers' Voice.The ratio between Grover's
boys and girls, if universally
adopted, would be almost as fatal
to the country as his single gold
standard.—Erie (Pa.) People.The Tory editor is a queer
mixure of cuss it and take it.
Subscribers should not tempt
those Tory gentry with any more
nasty silver dollars.—Lynn
(Minn.) Leader.Is it the irony of fate, or is it
simply retributive justice, that
the wind is petering out of the
democracy at an even pace with
the exhaustion of the national
treasury?—Ex.There will be no dissensions in
the ranks of the people's party.
The traitors will be kicked out
and the fools reduced to the
ranks; that's all there is about it.
—Butte (Mont.) Bystander.After the holding of the next
national democratic convention
it will be discovered that there
was an overproduction of free
silver resolutions by democrats
this year.—Aniston (Ala.) Leader.Judging by the strife in the
old political parties over the
silver and other questions, it
looks as if the devil had lost his
shrewdness, by overstepping the
mark.—Manchester (N. H.) Enter-
prise.Free silver carried the primary
elections in Louisiana to one,
but the only reference to the
event in eastern papers is in the
editorial lines, "the free silver
craze is dying out."—Brockton
(Mass.) Diamond.Notwithstanding the promise
of the English shylocks to hold
the American eagle up by the
tail until October the sacred gold
was "touched" last week
to the amount of \$4,000,000 in
one day.—Murphysboro (Ill.) Journal.It actually is tiresome to hear
a fellow sit down and argue that
this country cannot act indepen-
dently of Great Britain. In
olden times such Tories as these
were used to ornament the limbs
of the stately red oak.—Reynolds
(Ga.) Watchman.Financial reform is the great
central issue. On it the next
campaign will be fought; no
other issue can be forced into
the fight; populists, stand un-
flinching by your whole financial
platform, win that fight, and we
will be in better shape to con-
tinue our good work.—Ripley
(Tenn.) Advocate.The banks have on deposit of
the people's money nearly \$5,
000,000,000. There is only about
\$1,500,000,000 of all kinds of
money claimed to be in circula-
tion and in fact only about one-
fifth of it is really in circulation.
As to gold there is very little,
comparatively speaking, but
these bankers want a gold stand-
ard. Now suppose everybody
would demand their deposits in
gold. Wouldn't the drunks howl?
Or even if money, just plain,
everyday, any kind of money,
should be demanded, what are
the usury absorbers going to do?
They could not pay one dollar in
ten. And they are the fellows<br