

No dodging.
Human rights is our battle cry.
Do a little thinking for yourself.
Making a thing legal does not make it right.
Congress ought to draw its salary and go home.
That "good western man" is still in the woods.
Turning evil out onto the street doesn't cure it.
The churches are awakening from their hypnotic sleep.
The masses of the People's party must dictate the platform.
India has free trade with England, but it don't settle the labor question.
Let the old parties consolidate—then we can kill two snakes with one pitchfork.
Uncle Sam is in more danger from the sugar trust than he is from Spanish armies.
The government has given employment to the bankers—clipping interest coupons.
This government is run in the interest of the plutocrats, but the people pay the taxes.
Put none but populists on guard and you know what it requires to make a populist.

Gall and money are the two principal elements in a democratic or republican campaign.
Cleveland has bought stock in a Cripple Creek gold mine. He is now a gold bug right.
Justice is no longer in the old party dictionary. It is regarded as an obsolete word.
The only honest and patriotic confidence game is confidence in the great plain people.

Municipal ownership of water and light plants are among the "isms" that scare the trimmers.

The people are tired of waiting for politicians to help them—and now propose to help themselves.
It is now claimed that the \$50,000,000 in bonds issued by the Northern Pacific railroad company are illegal.

Prosperity still lingers in the distance. The great financiers in this country are always great liars.

This is a revolution in which the stomach and heart are concerned, as well as the brain—words won't stop it.

The Hamilton-Brown shoes are "scab," and are being boycotted by union laborers and their sympathizers.

If no one else will head the democratic funeral procession what's the matter with trying Willie Breckenridge?

One vote of the church for the right would squelch more rascality and destroy more evil than ten million prayers.

The more debt the more slavery, and Cleveland has added about \$4 for each and every man, woman and child in the United States.

A national direct legislation convention will probably be called to meet at St. Louis the day before the populist national convention.

Cleveland's political weight is evidently greater than that of both branches of congress. Anything but a congress of cowards would impeach him.

Keep the masses of the party posted on the doings of its leaders. They have a right to know what deals are on foot—since they are expected to put up the votes.

It is easy to see that the only men who pretend to be enthusiastic over the democratic situation are the fellows who are drawing salaries, or who want to draw them.

Why wouldn't it be a good idea for congress to discuss the American situation, after it gets through with the Cuban, Venezuelan, Spanish and Armenian situations?

Gold-bug, high tariff McKinley appears to be the "favorite son" of destiny in the g. o. p. If the democrats will nominate Carlisle, and the reps McKinley, Populist victory is assured.

The farmers and laborers have 80 per cent of the votes—but the idlers get more than 80 per cent of all the benefits of the government. Why don't laboring men vote for their own interests?

The suspicion must not be allowed to get abroad that the American congress has any notion of doing anything to please the American people. This would ruin "our credit" with Rothschild.

Men de-horn their cattle to give them equal opportunities in eating their food, but when it is proposed to exact measures to prohibit men from getting more than their share of this world's goods it is called rank anarchy.

Gold fights no wars.
A public debt is a private snap.
No time to dicker while your house is afire.
Direct legislation would unite all reformers.
Party name is nothing—principle is everything.

The best basis of union is the initiative and referendum.

WANTED—A few more farmers at Washington with pitchforks.

More money, controlled by the banks, would not relieve the people.

Populist news from everywhere is discouraging to the old parties.

The trouble with the "favorite son" game is so many states can play at it.

An "ism" is not such a dangerous looking thing when you get close to it.

Not what the office hunters want, but what the voters want, is the vital question.

Not for the present generation alone, but for posterity, we build a reform party.

Another bond issue will come before all the installments have been paid on the last one.

Can slaves long remain loyal to the government that permits them to become slaves?

Ex-Gov. Buchanan of Tennessee has left the Democratic party, and joined the Populists.

The government nursery of "infant industries" is not paternalism—oh, no! it is grandpapaism.

Read the Omaha platform and decide how much of it you want left out of the next national platform.

Shall American muscle submit to the lash in the hands of the wealth which labor has itself created?

It requires neither thought nor brains to hoot—and nearly all old party editors are eminently qualified to hoot.

No nation was ever wrecked in which the bankers, or wealthy classes, did not contribute largely to the causes.

If the government owned the railroads it would not be compelled to borrow money from their present owners.

If the silver party wants help, let it come to us and we shall not refuse. However, we have other troubles of our own.

Probably that is why many prominent old party politicians are silent on the money question. They distrust themselves.

All that the People's party demands is a square deal, and any person, party or paper which opposes that is a traitor to humanity.

All talk about the dignity of the senate is regarded as a joke since Tillman introduced courage and truth among the sacred hoot-owls.

If the two old parties had never done anything else but give us John Sherman and Grover Cleveland it would be enough to condemn them forever.

The republicans of Kansas in state convention did not make any state platform, but agreed to swallow the national platform, whatever it might be.

Jesus Christ denounced the conditions He found on earth—and incurred the displeasure of the rulers, who had Him crucified under a charge of "blasphemy."

Grover seems to have an open field for completing his contract with the gold-gamblers by issuing the full five hundred millions of bonds before the close of his term.

Coxey's good roads plans now has the right-of-way in the National Reform Press association. It is middle-of-the-road populism, and should be studied by all reformers.

The initiative and referendum is making rapid progress with reformers everywhere. It is the club that will knock judicial tyranny and party bossism off the perch.

Why, if the fool people had a direct vote, they would be just as likely as not to vote for justice—and of course every banker and lawyer on earth knows that justice is "unconstitutional."

The banks are taking out increased circulation to ease the money market through the campaign. In the hope that they can make another haul through the success of the republican party.

An anti-tramp convention recently held in Wisconsin decided that a majority of tramps took the road to avoid work, and that it was an easy way to make a living. Suppose the convention undertakes to furnish work for those who want it?

Fusion with a weak party is just as bad as fusion with a strong one. There is no good reason why populists should fuse with republicans in the south and democrats in the north. They belong to the same national parties whether they live north or south.

MAYOR FOUNTAIN.

OF TARBORO, N. C., DESERTS THE OLD PARTY.

Declares that Both Old Parties Are Unreliable and Says that All Patriots Should Join the Populists in the Interest of Humanity.

Tarboro, N. C., Jan. 20, 1896.

Editor The *Commons*:—I attended the non-partisan silver convention held in Raleigh on Sept. 25, 1895, as a business man and a democrat, believing that honest convictions were paramount to party and every other consideration when the welfare and happiness of the masses were involved. It was my purpose to support a movement which I considered of supreme importance to our people. I had hoped, inasmuch as the call for the convention was issued by leading democrats, and endorsed by populists and republicans, that steps would be taken whereby all advocates for the restoration of silver could be united, and demonstrate to the people that they were sincere and earnest in declaring for the free coinage of same.

Party platforms with double meaning have been used for the purpose of obtaining power. None of the pledges were fulfilled, and the honest party adherents have been betrayed.

Partisanship should no longer control men when great principles tending to the relief of the people are at stake.

As the financial question is considered so momentous, it was expected that party spirit would be laid aside, and all would unite at the Raleigh convention. After attending the caucus on the evening prior to its assembling, (in which all parties were represented) and having listened to the speeches of such prominent men as Jarvis, Ashe, Davis, Whitaker, Mott, Harris, Butler and Kitchen, that aroused and kindled patriotic emotions and elicited such applause, when all declared that the convention was in the interest of humanity and above party—great was my surprise when some of those present the day before failed to attend and participate in the deliberations of the convention next day. Hence my remarks to the *News* and *Observer* reporter: "That the convention had opened the way for independent action on the part of all sincere silver democrats."

I did not expect anything but false playing on the part of the Ransom administration element, but I did expect to see Senator Jarvis, to whom many were looking for leadership, throw himself with zeal into the movement. His failure to do so, and the subsequent declaration of the democratic leaders and newspapers to prove their sincerity in support of bimetalism by the endorsement of the resolutions adopted by the convention, have convinced me that the game of deception is to be practiced, and party prejudices appealed to.

My object in writing this letter is to emphasize the statement in regard to independent action, and to say that we are in earnest in our advocacy of the silver question, that the time has come for the people to rise above party and think and act for themselves. Selfishness, greed, and bitter political intolerance have dominated and corrupted the two old parties, and proven a curse to this and the coming generation, by placing upon them burdens too grievous to be borne.

We, as freemen, should break loose from these fetters and influences, or they will eventually doom us as a nation.

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Both of the old political parties have shown that they are on the side of Mammon. The People's party was born of necessity. Its mission is to work out the reforms demanded by the multitude. It behooves all patriots to join it and aid in promoting the good of humanity. It has been ridiculed, misrepresented and spit upon by politicians and gold-worshippers. Did they do less to Christ? W. E. FOUNTAIN.

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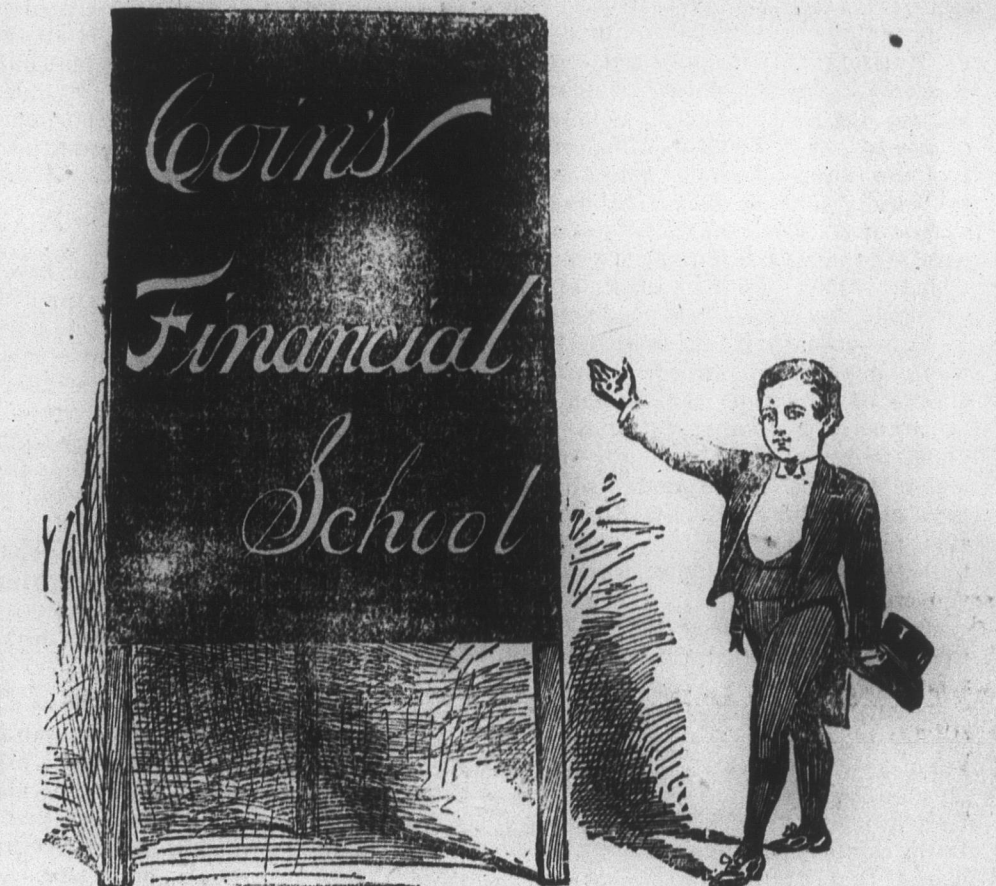
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