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Where is Col. Bill Morrison's boom?

The national dish, after the conven-  
tions, will be crow.Direct legislation is the worm rail of  
a union reform fence.All class legislation in this country  
is in favor of the rich.A vote for either old party is a vote  
to endorse its past record.Old party financing—improve your  
credit by going deeper in debt.Why do bankers want to issue the  
money, if there is no profit in it for  
them?Not the form, but the manner of ad-  
ministration is what makes good gov-  
ernment.The "protective" tariff is paternalism—  
yet republicans protest against pa-  
ternalism.All agree that times are hard, but  
Grover has managed to squeeze out sev-  
eral million dollars.We could spare a few lawyers and  
bankers out of congress, but the two  
old parties don't seem to think it.But the people have a direct vote it  
will be impossible for C. P. Huntington,  
or any other thief, to buy legislation.In the month of February the gov-  
ernment coined 1,500,000 cheap, 50-  
cent silver dollars—for campaign pur-  
poses, no doubt.It is an old saying that "children and  
fools tell the truth." Surely the papers  
that are denouncing Tillman will at  
least admit that he told the truth.The corporations and trusts are  
spending thousands of dollars boozing  
McKinley. This is enough to prove  
that he is not a friend of the people.The Kansas republicans take no  
stand on the money question; they sim-  
ply declare their willingness to take  
anything that comes from the national  
convention.What is our civilization coming to  
when the "lovers of Jesus" teach the  
military science of murder in the theo-  
logical schools and even in the Sunday  
schools?It seems as though nearly every  
prominent Texas democrat is bidding  
farewell to his party and joining the  
populists. They are also coming from  
everywhere.The anti-option bill was killed by the  
republican vote in the house. This is  
equivalent to saying that the board of  
trade and bucket shops can go on with  
their gambling.There are plenty of men in the two  
old parties who have principle and hon-  
esty enough to get out of them, but  
they haven't got the courage. They are  
apparently waiting to be kicked out.All the monopolists, national bankers,  
railroad kings, coal and iron bar-  
ons, trusts and combines are in the two  
old parties. Are you in there, too, vot-  
ing with them? If so, isn't it about  
time you were getting out?

## Why Is It?

The New York World, which has cre-  
ated no little consternation among the  
gold gamblers in Wall street and mem-  
bers of the administration in Wash-  
ington by its exposures of trickery and fa-  
voritism in the recent bond transac-  
tions, contains the following leading edi-  
torial:"Why is the senate so reluctant to  
act upon Senator Peffer's resolution for  
inquiry into the 'facts and circum-  
stances' of the bond sales of 1894, 1895  
and 1896?"The need of such inquiry is impera-  
tive, as the World has abundantly  
shown. The facts as they stand fill all  
honest minds with doubt, distrust and  
suspicion. Unexplained they consti-  
tute a scandal."The president and the secretary of  
the treasury have pursued courses and  
given utterances which tended strongly  
to discredit the country and impair  
its financial standing. They have manip-  
ulated the finances in secret dickerings with  
their friends among Wall street finan-  
ciers in such fashion as to turn over  
many millions of public money to a  
group of speculators."The government officials are in col-  
lusion with the bankers to rob the peo-  
ple.Keep the records of the two old par-  
ties before the people.

## LAZY CONGRESSMEN.

NOT ONLY LAZY BUT BEASTLY  
INCOMPETENT.Members Themselves Admit This Fact—  
What Senator Smith of New Jersey  
and Congressman Jenkins of Wiscon-  
sin Have to Say of Their Colleagues.Senator Smith of New Jersey made  
the statement that the best thing con-  
gress can do is to adjourn and go home, and  
our own Wisconsin Jenkins now  
seconds the motion. "I am willing to go  
on record," he told D. B. Starkey, the  
Washington correspondent of the Mil-  
waukee Evening Wisconsin, "as de-  
claring that we would be doing the  
country a service by adjourning. What  
is the use of remaining in session? It  
is impossible to do any financial legis-  
lation; we can't amend the tariff laws—  
we can't do anything. The members  
will not work; they don't know how to  
work. A committee meeting is called  
for 10 o'clock and nobody gets around  
until 11 o'clock. There is an old mem-  
ber who prides himself on getting to the  
capitol every morning at 10 o'clock as  
though that was a great feat. I came  
down here to work and I am ready to  
work, but I can't do anything because  
nobody else will. I am in favor of  
passing all the appropriation bills im-  
mediately and adjourning."

That's the stuff.

Go home and attend to your private  
business, ye ignorant and vicious poli-  
ticians. It would be the best thing all  
around for a lot of lazy louts that  
openly admit their inability to do any-  
thing while the people of the whole  
country are suffering the agonies of de-  
spair and crying for relief from the  
horrible pressure of hard times.

## NOTES AND COMMENT.

What the People Are Thinking, Saying,  
and Doing."Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan and his syn-  
dicate constitute a gold ring in no es-  
sential respect different from the Fisk-  
Gould ring under Grant. Why should  
President Cleveland give such specula-  
tions the confidence and support of his  
administration?"—New York World.That's easy: because he's a bird of the  
same feather. A great many hard  
things have been said against Gen.  
Grant—we've said some of them—but  
with all his inclination to Neopolitanism,  
and his propensity to accept presents  
ranging all the way from bull pups to  
cottages on the sea shore, Grant was a  
saint when compared with Cleveland.  
He possessed the merit of patriotism and  
downd the Fisk and Gould con-  
spiracy without ceremony.

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Republican record in congress Febrary  
14, 1896: For silver, 24; against  
silver, 184. A majority of republicans  
voted to repeal the Sherman silver pur-  
chasing law. It was a republican con-  
gress that demonetized silver in 1873.  
It was a republican administration that  
first gave to the bankers and brokers  
the option to demand gold for obliga-  
tions that were by law payable in coin.  
The republican party is a gold stand-  
ard party without the courage to say so.  
Its platforms mean anything and  
nothing. The democratic party is a  
mere imitator of the republican party  
and its financial policy.

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The first telegraph line ever con-  
structed in this country was owned and  
operated by the government (from 1844  
to 1847) and when it was turned over to  
a private corporation the great Whig  
statesman, Henry Clay, and the demo-  
cratic postmaster general, entered a  
vigorous protest against it. A major-  
ity of the nations of the world own their  
telegraph lines and the cost of sending a  
message is usually less than half of what  
it is in the United States. Government  
ownership of the telegraph lines is one of the demands of the  
Omaha platform which "we can recall" with a great deal of pleasure. It is one  
on which the people should instruct their  
delegates to the St. Louis convention.

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The French are said to have in-  
vested \$300,000,000 in the South African  
gold mines and a much larger amount  
in Russian stocks and Spanish bonds.  
The payment of the German war indem-  
nity and the Panama canal losses ap-  
pear to have made very little impres-  
sion on French wealth."—Globe-Demo-  
crat.Yes, in France they do things quite  
different from what they do in the  
United States. In France they have a  
money circulation of over \$50 per capita,  
and most of it is in circulation. In  
France they don't permit a lot of gold  
thieves to raid the treasury to get gold  
to export to other countries. In  
France, when a president and his cab-  
inet or ministry get out of line with the  
people they have enough patriotism  
and good sense to resign at once. But  
this government is run, evidently, for  
the sole benefit of the gold thieves and  
the politicians.

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"A New York court has just given  
John Coughlin six cents damages for  
the killing of his two-year-old daughter  
by a street car. Six cents for two-year-old  
white babies! Black babies forty years ago would bring \$100. Six  
cents for two-year-old white babies! For  
all the love a mother and father  
could give. For all the pains and care  
and cost! Six cents for white babies! Who  
will furnish them for less? Cents  
are cents these days, but children are  
plentiful. Dollars are no longer dear,  
but cents are dear. Great God, how  
long will people grovel at the feet of  
corrupt courts and judicial gamblers  
and legislative robbers and sell their  
babies at six cents per head? Knock  
the old parties out with their old lep-  
rous bankers and monopolists, and  
bring in the socialist state where menare considered and property has no  
place, except to give pleasure to all the  
people."—Appeal To Reason."Who will furnish them for less?"  
Ask Miss Flagler, Brother Wayland.  
She will likely furnish them just for  
the fun of killing them, even if the  
old man does have to put up \$500 to  
satisfy the outraged "peace and dignity"  
of the District of Columbia.The Globe-Democrat makes the fol-  
lowing explanation of the reason why  
Senators Jones and Teller were allowed  
to write the financial plank of the re-  
publican party. The explanation also  
develops the old party method of  
catching suckers with platform taffy.  
The editorial referred to says: "It is  
a fact that the financial plank in the  
last republican platform was con-  
structed by Senators Jones and Teller,  
and the democratic papers have a right  
to get as much comfort and amusement  
out of it as possible. But it is proper  
at the same time to recall the conditions  
under which those two free silver  
leaders were permitted to frame that  
declaration. The silver question was  
not then of surpassing importance, and  
was not expected to become so in the  
future. There were other issues and in-  
terests that bore a controlling relation  
to the situation. The free silver senti-  
ment in the party was not arbitrary  
and threatening, but it insisted that it  
was worthy at least of courteous con-  
sideration, since it was expected to sup-  
port the republican ticket. According-  
ly, Jones and Teller were given leave to  
prepare an utterance on the subject to  
satisfy their followers and yet not com-  
mit the party to their view of the mat-  
ter. This was considered good politics,  
inasmuch as it was acceptable to both  
sides, and served to promote harmony  
in the convention; but it was in fact a  
mistake, and did not prevent the states  
of Messrs. Jones and Teller from going  
against the republican party.The mistake thus made in 1892 will  
not be repeated in 1896. The free silver  
rites will not be conciliated with a  
resolution that can be interpreted both  
ways. They have forfeited the right to ask or expect anything of that  
kind, and the conduct of their leaders  
in the senate is calculated to put all  
compromise out of the question so far  
as free coinage is concerned."When other nations begin to pock  
fun at us it is time for the people to  
rise up and snatch the so-called finan-  
ciers at the head of their government  
bald headed, figuratively speaking.  
The London Financial News, which  
may be regarded as pretty good auth-  
ority, has this to say about the way we  
treat silver:"There can be no doubt about it, that  
if the United States were to adopt a  
silver basis to-morrow British trade  
would be ruined before the year was  
out. Every American industry would be  
protected, not only at home but in every  
other market in the world. Of course  
the United States would suffer to some  
extent, through having to pay her obli-  
gations abroad in gold (but not more  
so than now), but the loss of exchange  
under this head would be but a mere  
drop in the bucket compared with the  
profits to be repaid from the markets  
of South America, Asia and even Europe.  
The marvel is that the United States has  
not long ago seized the opportunity,  
and but for the belief that the way of Eng-  
land is necessarily the way to commercial  
success and prosperity, undoubtedly it  
would have been done long ago.Now, Americans are awakening to  
the fact that so long as they narrow  
their ambition to become a larger Eng-  
land, they cannot beat us.It has been a piece of luck for us  
that it has never occurred to the Amer-  
icans to scoop us out of the world's  
market by going on a silver basis; and  
it might serve us right if, irritated by  
the contemptuous apathy of our gov-  
ernment, to the gravity of the silver  
problem, the Americans retaliate by  
freezing out gold. It could be easily  
done, and we propose shortly to show  
by evidence collected from perfectly  
unprejudiced sources, that even now  
the process has begun and is proceed-  
ing at a rate that will astonish many  
people, and probably make this country  
regret that it did not at an earlier stage  
fashion its monetary policy on principles  
of friendliness to other nations in-  
stead of on a basis of short-sighted sel-  
fishness."

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The chief interest which the country  
has in the doings of the Ohio conven-  
tion centers on the Ohio platform ex-  
pression on silver. This follows the  
line of the utterance of the National  
convention of 1892, and part of it is a  
repetition of the language of that deliv-  
erance. "We contend," it says, "for  
honest money, for a currency of gold,  
silver and paper with which to measure  
our exchanges, that shall be sound as  
the government and an untrammelled  
as its honor, and to that end we favor  
bimetallism, and demand the use of  
both gold and silver as standard money,  
either in accordance with a ratio to be  
fixed by an international agreement, if  
that can be obtained, or under such re-  
strictions and such provisions, to be de-  
termined by legislation as will secure  
the maintenance of the parity of the  
values of the two metals, so that the  
purchasing and debt-paying power of  
the dollar, whether of silver, gold or  
paper, shall be at all times equal."Just get onto that plank, will you,  
and if you can make head or tail out of  
it before you go crazy, send us the solu-  
tion on a postal card. And this is from  
the great state of McKinley. Here is  
one of those peculiarly constructed  
declarations that is manifestly intended  
to make the words conceal the idea.The two old parties can fix their plat-  
forms to suit themselves, but their rec-  
ords can't be changed.

Congress is talking.

## DEBS IN A PULPIT.

TALKS FOR THE BROTHERHOOD  
OF MAN.Declares Christ Would Be with the  
Laboring Man Were He on Earth and  
Criticism Church's Attitude Toward  
Labor.It was a mixed congregation in the  
First Baptist church at Terre Haute  
Sunday evening that heard Eugene V.  
Debs tell what he thought the church  
could do for the uplifting of the wage-  
earner. When the pastor of the church  
and Debs ascended to the pulpit a few  
admirers of the latter began clapping  
their hands, which caused the minister  
to look in the direction whence came  
the unusual sound with a startled ex-  
pression.In his invocation Dr. Holmes asked  
for divine guidance in what the speaker  
of the evening would say, and later, in  
presenting him to the audience, Dr.Holmes said it was not an occasion for  
the discussion of theology. As he said

this he turned toward Debs with a smile

which the audience understood. Dr.

Holmes said that, when Debs returned

to his home after the Great Northern

strike in 1894, he (Holmes) went to the

public meeting given in reception of

Debs prejudiced against him, but came

away believing he was a long-headed

man with a big heart. He had not

occasional to change his estimate, and

he was glad to be the first minister in

the city of Debs' nativity to ash

to speak from a pulpit.

Mr. Debs said that too many pillars  
of the church looked upon labor as a  
commodity and were lacking in that  
spirit of the brotherhood of man which  
should characterize those who believe  
in the Christian religion. He spoke of  
the increasing number of the unem-  
ployed who were becoming tramps and  
said society and the church barred the  
doors against these unfortunate fel-  
low-mortals. The church as a church  
has done nothing for this class of people,  
but is arrayed against them as exiles,  
when as a matter of fact they were  
fellow mortals who deserve the atten-  
tion of the church. He read from Dr.

Carlos Martyn, Editor Flower of the

Arena and Bishop Phillips Brooks

to show that the attitude of the church

was not one of sympathy with the poor

wage-earner; that instead of taking up

his cause as that of a fellow-man the  
church contented itself with providing

soup houses and a mission on a side

street.

"This treatment really aggravates  
the situation. The wage-earner does  
not want charity or condescension. He  
demands justice and employment at liv-  
ing wages. The church, as church,  
espouses the cause of the capitalist and  
rejoices when the troops are called out  
to run their bayonets through the strik-  
ers asking for living wages. The Christ  
of the Christian would be with the la-  
borer man and not with the rich sup-  
porters of the churches if he were on  
earth to-day. It is not popular to