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## Concentration of Wealth.

Written for the Pilot.

We are advised by the Chicago Inter Ocean that things look very dangerous. That the old way of managing the business of this government is about to pass away and that a new era is about to dawn. "God's anointed kings" of Wall street are on the very brink of being ruthlessly removed and a new order of things, in which the will of the people is to be the supreme law of the land, established. And for these reasons we are advised that the country is in the very throws of death.

In the first place we believe that if this government continues to exist, it will be on account of the efforts of the common people, and by the common people we mean just such men and women as are daily seen on the streets of Goodland and Rensselaer, not the very rich nor the very poor. In this country the people are divided into three classes, the very rich, those in medium circumstances and the very poor.

Both the very rich and the very poor constitute the dangerous elements. The rich because they are rich and the poor because they are poor. All the anarchy that exists in the United States today can be traced right to its home and be found in one or the other of these classes of society.

The anarchist who raises the red flag in Chicago and attempts to array a lot of ignorant men against the country's laws, hideous as he is in the eyes of all good men, is not worse than the anarchist who owns a \$4,000,000 building and pays taxes on only \$225,000. The anarchist who steals a dollar's worth of sugar from the counter of one of your stores is not worse than the sugar thieving United States senators who sold their votes and honor at public auction in the City of Washington less than two years ago.

We do not desire to be misunderstood in this matter; what we do mean is that all violators of the law should be punished whether they be rich or poor, high or low, black or white. There is a great battle going on in which, on the one side you can see all the middle classes working night and day to maintain the honor of the government.

On the other side you see the very rich doing everything in their power to destroy the honor of the government, raiding the government gold reserve, forcing the issuance of bonds in time of peace to maintain the reserve, and the next day going back to the treasury to draw out the same gold, to force the issue of more bonds; side by side with this class we find the poverty stricken wretch with his red flag in one hand and in the other treason's dagger half unsheathed, clamoring for the destruction of the government.

Is it any wonder that the people are aroused? Does not every sane man know that if the wealth of this country continues to pass into the hands of the few, as it has been doing for the last thirty years, that the people can not hope to rule this government? Does not every one know that if a man is to be a good citizen he must have a home, and how can he buy a home when his wage earning power is so reduced that he can only earn the necessities of life?

Such has been the history of all great republics.

First, the accumulation of the property into the hands of the few.

Second, the despotic ruling over the masses by the few; and last, the destruction of a government by the many that was found unworthy to be preserved.

REFORMIST.

Goodland, Ind., July 15, 1896.

Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly for August.

"Cuba's Struggle For Liberty" is the subject of a fully illustrated article in Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly for August. It is written by Fidel G. Pierra, one of the leading spirits of the Cuban Delegation in New York, and contains portraits of Generals Gomez, Maceo, Marti, Carillo, Sanchez, Garcia, Rodriguez and Palma, and some interesting views. Another feature of this number is an article on the Christian Endeavor Society, by Rev. Francis E. Clark, its president and founder, with many attractive illustrations. The great Lee Series is continued with the first of two papers on General Lee's part in the bat-

## Editorial Notes.

New occasions create new duties.

The "McKinley democrat" is a new political creation.

Plutocracy is now saying to plebiocracy; surrender, or die.

The crafty politician seems to be getting in his wily work about these times.

It begins to look like Mr. Cleveland is again making preparations to feather his nest with bonds.

The foot-prints of the British lion are now more often seen on American soil than is the shadow of the American eagle.

In 1888, the national republican platform declared: "The republican party is in favor of the use of both gold and silver as money, and condemns the policy of the democratic adminis-

party and announces himself a full fledged populist.

The ancient greenbackers are to be congratulated; two-thirds of the democratic party and one-third of the republicans have subscribed to Peter Cooper's doctrines.

Wall street can precipitate a panic within two days that will deeply distress the country from ocean to ocean, from the lakes to the gulf. Already the Wall street wolf is showing his teeth.

At a recent banquet, M. Melville, the French premier said: "There is but wanting an electric spark to extend bimetallism from one end of the earth to the other." The populist convention at St. Louis this week, will furnish the spark.

Mr. Cleveland was first elected on a silver platform and he did not repudiate it until after his election. Mr. Sewall is more honest, he repudiates all of the platform upon which he was

will pursue the even tenor of his way.

Populists are said to be "cranks." The crank family seems to be increasing. Cranks are made to be turned, but it seems that the other fellows were turned and the cranks did the turning.

Statistics relating to mining at Cripple Creek show that the cost of gold is only a trifle over fifty cents to the dollar's worth of gold; as a thing is worth no more than it costs, how about fifty cent dollars?

According to special dispatches, Elgin, Illinois, is excited over the appearance of a new potato bug, which is said to be eating up everything green—look out, gold bug farmers; the new bug will get you sure.

We all remember a few years ago when the seedy old farmer, who had been reading tracts sent out by the greenback agitators, would come to town and modestly suggest to the busi-

in the soil, is the first to feel and to see the demands of the whole people. No business man is warning him to quit whittling dry goods boxes now.—World, Girard, Kan.

## GOLD BUG THREATS.

Monticello Herald says: While J. A. Mount, candidate for governor, who has been speaking in different parts of the state was talking a republican from a county in the Fifth District remarked that he knew of a man in his county who has \$50,000 loaned to the farmers of his county.

"That man," said he, "says that if he comes to the conclusion that there is any possibility of free coinage becoming a fact he will call in every dollar of that money, and will not lend it except on gold notes. Most of this money has been out for a long time, and is payable at any time. It can not be called in without bankrupting a good many farmers." To all of which the leaders of gold-buggery say amen. Will the whip keep the farmers in line?

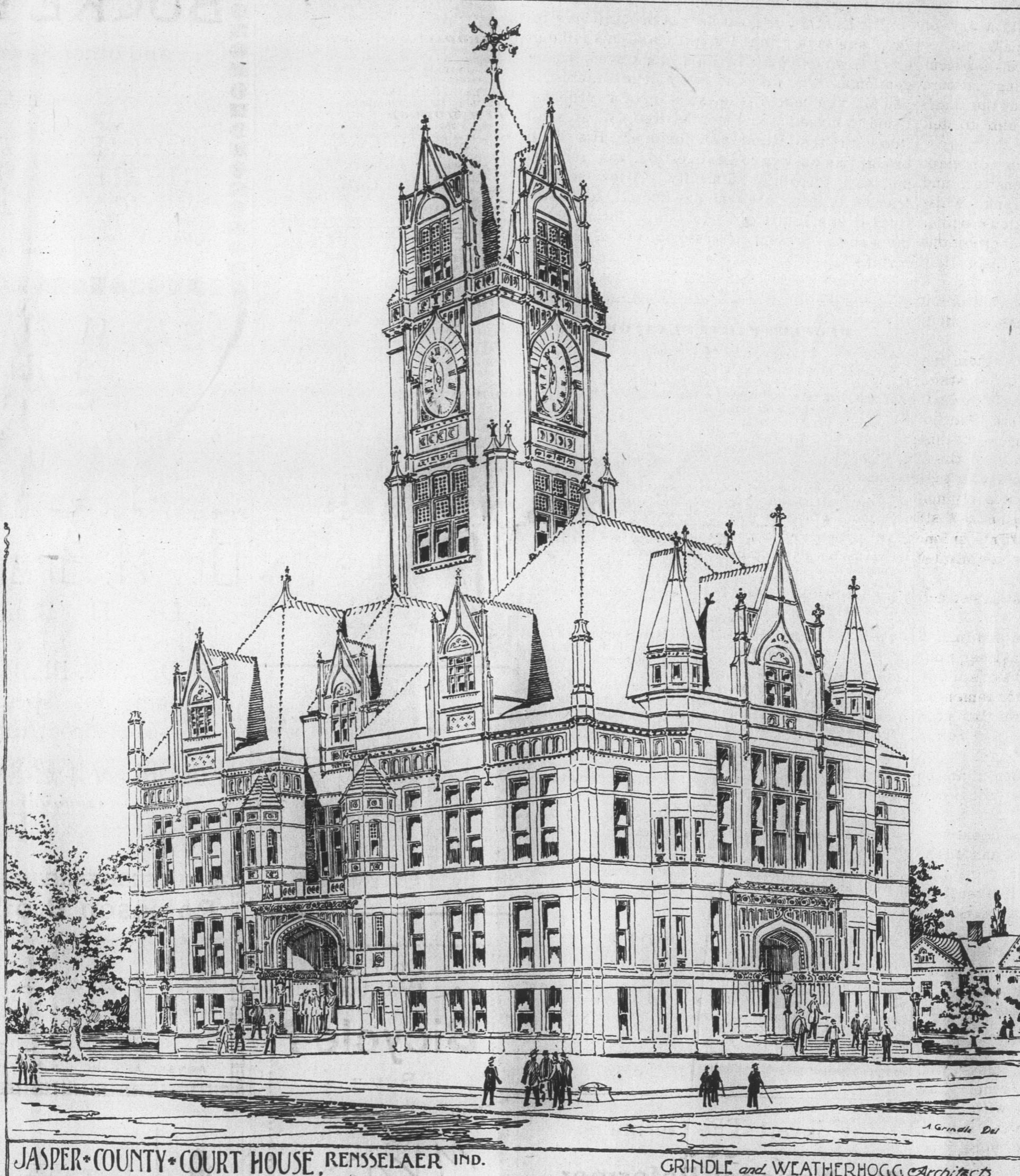
Republican news papers are inclined to be rather bitter and sarcastic, to say nothing of the untruthful habit they have fallen into when reporting populistic speeches; they advise their readers, that, if they do not want to be made to feel gloomy and discontented, they had better not listen to populist speeches. A hundred and twenty two or three years ago there were speakers, against whom the royal, loyal press inveigled, and warned their readers to give such men as Washington, Jefferson, Franklin, Adams and Hancock, a wide berth if they desired to continue to be contented and happy subjects of King George the third, nevertheless, those patriots succeeded in stirring up sufficient discontent to cause the overthrow of British power in America in 1776, just as populistic discontent is going to do the same thing in 1896.

Editing a paper is a nice business. If we publish a joke people say we are rattle-headed. If we don't we are an old fossil. If we publish original matter they say we don't give 'em enough selections. If we give 'em selections, they accuse us of stealing from our exchanges, and say we are too lazy to write. If we give a man a "puff" we are partial. If we compliment the ladies the men are jealous; if we don't, we are publishing a paper not fit to make a bustle of. If we remain in our office we are too proud to mingle with the "common herd." If we are on the streets we are not attending to our business. If we wear poor clothes business is dull. If we wear good clothes we do not pay for them. Now, what are we to do? Some may say we stole this from an exchange—and we did.—Citizen.

The free-silver orators are telling the farmers in glowing sentences that free-silver will reduce the purchasing power of the dollar, and thus dollar wheat will again be restored. Will they kindly explain to the poor workingman who is unfortunately compelled to eat three times a day, in what way he is to profit by being compelled to pay twice as much as now for the necessities of life?—Hammond Tribune.

Yes! certainly. It will enable the farmer to buy and enjoy more of the labor of the working man and more of the mechanic products and to pay better prices therefor.

The populists do not believe in redemption money, but in circulating money. This makes a deal of difference between a populist and a free silver democrat, who contends for the commodity value of money.—Reform World Wilder, Ga.



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tle of Gettysburg, by Colonel John J. Garnett, Confederate Artillery. "The Making of a President," by Rufus R. Wilson, tells about nominating conventions, cost of electing a President, etc., and gives portraits of William McKinley, President Cleveland, T. B. Reed, W. C. Whitney, W. E. Russell and W. L. Allison. There are papers on Anarchism, Montenegro, Salisbury and Wells Cathedrals, and a particularly well illustrated article on Nashville and the Tennessee Centennial by Charles Thomas Logan. The fiction in this number is particularly good, as is also the department for young people, which contains contributions by Horatio Alger Jr., Edward S. Ellis, Minna Irving and others.

Ex-Gov. Russell, of Massachusetts, was found dead in his bed a day or two after his return from the Chicago convention.

It comes on the strength of republican authority that the Chicago convention did not voice the sentiment of the democratic party.

Senator Pettigrew of South Dakota, has formally renounced allegiance to the republican

stration in its efforts to demonetize silver." It was "catchy" to charge it all to the democrats, at that time, but great Scott! the democrats have enough to bear.—Reform Press, Pueblo, Colo.

Why were flies created? As food for spiders. For what purpose were spiders made? To eat up the flies. Reasons like the foregoing will fully explain the object of all limited legal tender laws, they create a market for gold.

"When Greek meets Greek then comes the tug of war." The two wings of the D. O. P. have opened their mud batteries and throwing their slime at each other, meanwhile the populist

nominate except one plank. But then the vice president is a necessary convenience and his importance is liable to be realized only upon the most improbable circumstance.

ness man that it was not the tariff but the financial system which needed revising. The merchant would frown at the farmer, tell him to go home and go to work instead of hanging around and whittling goods boxes. But the farmer kept repeating the suggestion that our finances were not properly adjusted. Is there a business man in the country today who does not see the force of the suggestion made years ago by the farmer, whom he abused and told to go to work? Both the old parties have been forced this year to recognize the financial question as the issue. And the business man will be with the farmer this year. The safety of the nation springs from mother earth, the farmer delving