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Let the banks give security or receive no deposits.

All money is created by law, and is therefore fiat money.

There's plenty of prosperity for the fellows who don't need it.

Thump the place-hunters as fast as they stick their heads up.

It is the men who loan money that desire to control its volume.

Government should do all the governing and part of the banking.

Educate the people on the principles of Populism and the laws will follow.

Thirteen persons committed suicide in St. Louis on the last day of the old year.

If the Republicans fail (which they will), why not give the Populists a chance?

It is not noise that convinces the judgment; neither is it eloquence, but clear-cut logic.

The dangerous person in politics is the one who persists in calling things by their right names.

The money power is more dangerous to the liberties of the people than all other things combined.

The way the National banks are failing don't look like it was the "best banking system in the world."

One of the tenets in the creed of plutocracy is that the man who does the most work shall receive the least for it.

Improved methods of production should shorten the hours of labor instead of creating millions of idle men and women.

The trusts and corporations prosper under Democratic and Republican rule, but the people would prosper under Populist rule.

The so-called money of ultimate redemption is a fraud. The only redemption money needs is that in which it is received for the products of labor.

A still hunt campaign now for the next three years will accomplish wonders. Every populist should help extend the circulation of populist papers.

Bradstreet reports losses by business failures for 1896 at \$248,000,000, which is an increase of 16 per cent over the year 1895. And the gold standard mill grinds on.

The Caucasian, Raleigh, N. C., offers the democratic members of the legislature of that state for sale to Mark Hanna for the election of a United States senator.

Every National bank note represents a double rate of interest which the people pay, while a greenback should represent no interest and yet be a safer currency than the bank note.

The great dailies having exhausted their resources in guessing who would be chosen in McKinley's cabinet are now printing the names of some of the "Faithfuls" who will not be in it.

If it is to be a part of our business creed that the "fittest shall survive," an important question is, who is the fittest—the man who produces by his labor, or the drone who appropriates it through his gall?

At last the bloodhound has scored a great victory. Robert Laughlin was hanged at Brooksville, Ky., the other day, and the detectives who ran him down were two dogs. When confronted with the evidence of these mute witnesses the murderer confessed.

The school book trust is one of the evils that merits the opposition of every honest man. The state should look after this matter, and as every state has a school fund, a portion of it might be used profitably in publishing its own text books and furnishing them free to the pupils. At any rate, the power of the trust should be broken.

Chauncey Mouth Depew says that in the recent election "honesty and patriotism won." It is not stated whether this was said in an after dinner speech or not, but if Chauncey perpetrated it as an off-hand joke it is a good one. Money carried the election and the men who furnished the money were the biggest tax-dodgers in the world and in case of war would, every mother's son of them, hire a substitute. "Honesty and patriotism!" Oh, Chauncey, you're a good one.

John C. Calhoun, one of the ablest statesmen and best constitutional lawyers this country ever had, was in favor of irredeemable paper currency, based simply on its receivability for taxes and other dues to the government, and bid defiance to any man to show wherein it would not be the best paper currency that could be issued. Thomas Jefferson also contended that such a currency would take the place of that much gold and remain at par with that metal. But the bankers object.

"If any will not work neither shall he eat."

People who take time to think seldom do as they desire.

The best banking system in the world is getting in bad repute.

The National banks should be ordered to keep off the grass.

Government banks will do much towards relieving the situation.

There seems to be a want of parity between "confidence" and "prosperity."

Even old friends are apt to grow musty if kept in a damp place—a saloon, for instance.

If the government has to guarantee the credit of the bank money why not save any further trouble and issue the money itself?

The people are not much interested in the tariff business; they have gnawed on that bone until they are tired, besides the thing has been settled twice already.

Weyler and his army have perhaps done less than was ever done in the same length of time with as large a number of troops, but he can yet compare very well with the record of the Democratic period when that party had its "chance."

The Republicans have begun to realize the responsibility which they will soon assume and it is no pleasant thing to contemplate. The old plan of dividing the offices and shirking the responsibility was best but the people do not want it that way any more. Each party will be held responsible for its action or non-action.

Defeat of the Pacific Railroad Bill.

The defeat of the Union and Central Pacific railroads funding bill in the house of representatives last week was just what was expected. The territory through which the roads run strongly opposed the measure, and the Western states in general were against it. Of course partisan lines were not drawn on it. Eighty-six of the 102 votes in favor of the measure were cast by Republicans and sixteen by Democrats, while the 163 votes cast against it came from ninety-nine Republicans, fifty-eight Democrats, five Independents and six Populists.

It was the purpose of the bill to permit the issue of new bonds to the amount of about \$140,000,000 in behalf of the Union and Central Pacific railroads, the bonds to run eighty years, and the rate of interest to be about 2 per cent. In addition, the railroads were to pay a sufficient sum in annual installments to extinguish the principal in the period covered by the bonds. The debt due the government by the two roads is in the neighborhood of \$120,000,000, and as security the government has a lien on both lines, which is subordinate, however, to a prior lien on each amounting to over \$60,000,000 in the aggregate.—Globe Democrat.

Educating Soldiers.

It is a striking fact that the government makes elaborate, expensive, and perfect provision for the training and instruction of the few young men who are expected to serve it as soldiers, and yet the youth of the land receive practically no training in the higher duties of citizenship. The citizen is of vastly more importance than the soldier, and it is proportionately as important that those duties should be fully understood. It does not follow that this instruction should be either at government expense or under governmental direction or control, but it does seem that the citizen should be instructed in his duties and responsibilities to and rights under the government as that its soldiers should be familiar with theirs. The business of killing men seems to be the only one which has the especial care of the government in the instruction of youth. Is it not quite as important that our youth be instructed in the best ways to avoid a resort to such means or be taught the most practical and scientific means by which men may be fed, clothed, and sheltered, and their lives rendered happy and enjoyable?—Watchman.

Vest on the Election.

I do not care to say more of the last election than that, in my opinion, it was a parody on popular government and free institutions. I am curious to know what will be the result of the investigation proposed under the resolution of the gentleman from Nebraska.—Allen. I would like to understand why in the new and growing state of Texas and others in the west there has been no increase of population in four years, while in the old, finished and completed states of Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, there has been an enormous increase, such as was never found before in any of the United States.—Senator Vest.

Populist Congressman Elect.

The Populists have elected congressmen as follows: M. W. Howard, Alabama; C. A. Barlow, California; Dr. C. H. Castle, California; J. C. Bell, Colorado; James Gunn, Idaho; Mason Peters, Kansas; Jerry Botkin, Kansas; E. R. Ridgely, Kansas; W. D. Vincent, Kansas; N. B. McCormick, Kansas; Jerry Simpson, Kansas; Samuel Maxwell, Nebraska; Wm. L. Stark, Nebraska; R. D. Southerland, Nebraska; Wm. L. Green, Nebraska; Harry Skinner, North Carolina; John E. Flower, North Carolina; Wm. F. Stroud, North Carolina; C. H. Martin, North Carolina; Alonzo C. Shuford, North Carolina; J. Y. Callahan, Oklahoma.

WORK OF CONGRESS.

LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDINGS AT WASHINGTON.

The House Agrees to the Final Conference Report on the Immigration Bill by an Immense Majority—Arbitration Treaty Debated.

Friday, Feb. 5.

Senator McMillan introduced, by request, in the senate, a bill declaring "The Star Spangled Banner" to be the national song of the United States.

Richard R. Kenny, the silver Democrat from Delaware, was sworn in in the senate, his credentials being regular and signed by the governor. No objection was made, though Senator Chandler stated his belief that H. A. Dupont had been legally elected, adding however, that Mr. Kenny could be seated and the matter brought before the senate hereafter.

Monday, Feb. 8.

The house devoted the whole day to District of Columbia business, and two bills of more or less local importance were passed. The conference report on the immigration bill was presented, and notice given that it would be called up Tuesday.

The Anglo-American arbitration treaty was under consideration by the senate in executive session. Senator Morgan urged the prompt ratification of the treaty, with the amendments proposed, and Senators Morgan and Daniel opposed it.

Tuesday, Feb. 9.

The house agreed to the final conference report on the immigration bill by an overwhelming majority (217 to 33) and passed two more pension bills over the President's veto. A bill was passed to prevent the fraudulent use of the word "copyright" on books and other publications.

The most important development concerning the consideration of the arbitration treaty by the senate in executive session Tuesday were the offering of an amendment by Senator Morgan (Ala.) providing for the abrogation of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty and the speech of the same senator in favor of this proposition.

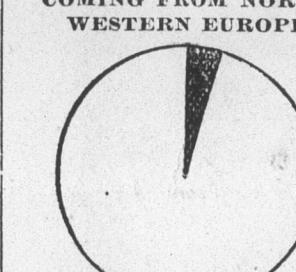
Wednesday, Feb. 10.

The house has passed the senate bill relating to the carrying of obscene matter by express companies, and it went

WHERE ILLITERATE IMMIGRANTS COME FROM.

Percentages of illiteracy among immigrants from those nations of Europe which sent upward of 2,000 immigrants to the United States during the fiscal year 1895-96.

COMING FROM NORTH-WESTERN EUROPE.



The black part shows the proportion of those over fourteen years of age who could not read and write in any language.

Average of Group, 47.9 Per Cent

to the President for his signature.

Senator Morgan, the champion of the Nicaragua Canal bill, announced in the senate his abandonment of that measure to the present session of congress, and thereupon it was displaced by the bankruptcy bill. The senator gave notice that he would renew his advocacy of the bill at an early day of the coming extra session. The agricultural appropriation bill was then taken up. It brought out a severe arraignment of Secretary Morton by Mr. Vest (Dem., Mo.). Senators Chandler and Gallinger also criticised the business methods of the secretary.

ELECTORAL VOTE COUNTED.

Formal Announcement of the Result in the November Election.

The last formality incident to a presidential election occurred Wednesday in the hall of the house of representatives in the presence of the joint assembly of congress, when the vice-president announced the electoral vote as shown in the returns from the several states. The totals were as follows: For President: McKinley, 271; Bryan, 176. For vice-president: Hobart, 271; Sewall, 149; Watson, 27.

The announcement of the state of the vote is the only notification the president-elect and vice-president-elect will receive. No official communication is sent to them.

BANK FAILS AT MINNEAPOLIS.

A receiver has been appointed for the Bankers' Exchange Bank at Minneapolis, with a bond fixed at \$20,000. The bank is a small institution, which closed last December, and was reopened in January. All its deposits except \$13,000 have been withdrawn. The officers of the bank say that there are assets of \$40,000.

HENRY WATTERSON CAN'T COME.

The Michigan "sound money" Democratic central committee has changed the date of the convention in this city from February 24 to March 3. This is done to allow more time to secure speakers. Henry Watterson cannot come, but Chairman Bynum and others may be secured.

GREAT SINGER DIES ON THE STAGE.

Armand Castelmary, while singing the role of Tristano in Flotow's opera of "Martha" at the Metropolitan opera house, New York, Wednesday, dropped dead of heart disease.

FROM EASTERN AND SOUTHERN EUROPE.

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Average of Group, 4.5 Per Cent

Average of Group, 47.9 Per Cent

POPULISM IN EUROPE.

A CITY THAT HAS NO TAXES TO PAY.

The Public Franchises Made to Bear the Expenses of Government—This Is What Genuine American Patriots Are Looking For.

People's Messenger: "The city of Glasgow, Scotland, celebrated the New Year with rejoicing over the fact that from now on they have no taxes to pay. The public ownership of the natural monopolies, such as the water supply, the lighting of streets and houses, the disposal of sewage, the street car service, etc., have brought into the city treasury so great a revenue that there is no longer need of property tax. At the same time the charges for gas, electricity, water and car fare have been reduced much below those in vogue in the days of exclusive private ownership. The people of America—progressive as they are in national and in state government—have much yet to learn in matters municipal, and Glasgow offers as an excellent teacher."

The above appears as an editorial in the Mobile Register, a gold-bug organ that denounces everything savoring of Populism, yet the very desirable condition of the city of Glasgow is the result of Populist policy put into practical operation. What Glasgow has done every city and town in the United States may do; whenever the people abandon their political prejudices and determine to vote for their interests.

As a rule the business men in cities and towns are stanch Democratic or Republican partisans, who reject with scorn any suggestion coming from the "d—d Populite trash," nevertheless Glasgow has demonstrated that municipal ownership of public utilities, when conducted on pure Populist principles, furnishes her people with light, water and transportation at a less cost than is paid by any city in America, and to them yields a sufficient profit to the city to pay all other expenses. This is the paternalism to which the politicians, corporations and money changers object to so strenuously in this country, and our business men, as a rule, without investigation follow their lead to their own cost. Would it not be better to have a little "paternalism" if it would save so much to the taxpayers? In other words, would not any sensible man prefer to have his home town or city in a similar condition to Glasgow than New York or Chicago, where Tammany boulders and convict Yerkes were robbing the people of millions every year?

Chauncey M. Depew, the \$50,000 a year railroad president, in one of his recent orations said: "It is the result of my study, experience and observation, that the best day is to-day, and to-morrow will be better." There is some very good philosophy in that observation, and it is to be regretted that the conditions are such that it cannot be almost universally applied. With a great many people—far too many—the situation could be more truthfully expressed in the words, "To-day is the worst day, but to-morrow will be worse." Mr. Depew seems to see only the bright side of life. He would forget that his words and philosophy cannot be applied to the wretched poor that have not left to them even the opportunity to earn their bread. A better philosophy would be "the best day, is that in which we do the most for humanity."

The St. Louis Republic, commenting on the probabilities of co-operation, or a continued alliance between the democrats and populists, says: "Populist members of the legislature in this state went into caucus with the democrats and thus signified their intention to act with the party. It is probable that in this and other states many democrats who had wandered into populism will not return to it, but will stay in their old party. But certainly all of that crowd of political wild steers known as the Middle-of-the-Roaders will probably get together on a platform which will embrace flat money and all the isms of the extremists. As hard money, is a basic principle of democracy, this action on the part of the populists must signify the parting of the ways of the late allies and a triangular fight for years from now."

It seems that the republic "sniffs the battle from afar," and it certainly is refreshing to see it so frankly announce its allegiance to the money of barbarism. Yes, all true populists will take up the flat for real scientific flat money and press the fight to a finish.

Senator Campbell of Laramie county, Kansas, has introduced a bill in the senate of that state modeled somewhat after the Coxey good roads, non-interest bearing bond plan. The bill provides for the issuance of \$3,200,000 in state script intended