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## THE PEOPLE'S PILOT.

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North Dakota legislature has passed a bill requiring litigants for divorce to reside in the state a year instead of three months as heretofore.

The bank of Illinois, recently forced to the wall by a combination under lead of Lyman J. Gage will pay a second dividend March 10. This time 10 per cent will be paid, or \$1,100,000.

The Salvation Army of Chicago has leased a 240 acre tract of city lands which will be utilized for assisting the worthy victims of up to date civilization to raise small crops of vegetables for family use.

After a spirited debate last Friday the House passed the Senate International Monetary Conference bill by vote of 279 to 3. But that does not mean that bimetalism is any nearer a reality than it was before.

The bum politicians of Chicago are setting up a crusade against department stores. The real cry comes from the landlords who cannot rent their store property at profitable figures. Let the merry war go on.

An old maxim says, "He who causes two blades of grass to grow where before grew but one, is a public benefactor." Yes, but how about the man who makes two Populist parties spring up where before was but one.—Joliet News.

Congress has passed the bill permitting national banks to issue circulation to the face value of their bonds on deposit, but has no time to permit Uncle Sam circulate a greater volume of his own notes, on which the public would not have to pay interest before getting it into circulation.

President McKinley's personal escort in parade to-day is the surviving membership of his old company the 23d Ohio volunteers. As the number of this late date is about seventy, a list of those killed or wounded in active fighting would be of interest right now. And its a safe bet that every one of the seventy is drawing a total disability pension.

And now Japan has fallen in to the net set for her by the gold nations whose trade and manufactures she was rapidly acquiring. She will not compete much longer now that her silver is to be withdrawn, like our greenbacks and silver, to elevate the gold standard. Now listen for famine reports from Japan in a few years to equal those from India of the present year.

As a closing remark of respect to the retiring president the senate by unanimous vote rescinded the recent proclamations reserving 21,000,000 acres of public lands as forest reserves. Leaving out all contention as to the merits of the proclamations, the senate but responded to a universal feeling which has pervaded

the popular mind to these many months. No president of the U. S. has ever retired from public duties carrying with him the well earned loathings of an ignored and sold out constituency as marks the changes taking place to-day at Washington.

### Factional Populism.

Without taking pronounced stand as between the two recent Press Associations at Memphis and Kansas City, it may not be out of place to observe a pointer or two touching events of the past year.

One faction supports the fusion policy of the National Convention and the National Committee. The other terms itself the Middle-of-the-roads, and bitterly assails the National committee. Those composing the Kansas City, or Union Reform Press, hailed mostly from the victorious states of Kansas, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Idaho, Colorado and Missouri, which, with one exception are logically Republican states when each of the three parties run separate tickets. By combining forces, the Hanna crowds were routed horse, foot and dragoons.

Of the middle-of-the-roads hailing from southern states, ample justification for their grievances are conceded. Their common enemy there is the Democratic party. But the incidents which place this element from the north in questionable attitude need only to be recalled. For instance, the wholesale use of money right here in Indiana, under which the Nonconformist was held in the middle-of-the-road for stipulated weekly payments in cash, and the abundant cash resources of its former editor in making his fight to retain possession up to election.

Retiring president VanDervoort unfortunately was mixed up in the Indiana contest against fusion, and so far as his own state he has nearly earned the reputation for being a political Ishmael within the populist ranks.

In Alabama, leader Cobb confessed before election to receiving \$500 from Hanna for purpose of maintaining middle-of-the-road policy with the populists.

In West Virginia the Republican committee appropriated thousands of dollars to establish a populist organ at Parkersburg, and by use of this money purchased another populist plant at Clarksburg, and financially assisted the few other papers in the state, after subsidizing the officials of the state committee to maintain a middle-of-the-road fight. And if those papers are running yet it is well known that practically every dollar of their sustenance comes from the Republican treasury. All this was promptly exposed by editor Henry Vincent before election, and up to this time has not been disputed by any presentation of evidence more than venting of personal disappointment at not being able to use a well known writer to consummate their boodling projects.

It was likewise Hanna's money that flooded the country and especially the populist strongholds, just before election with ex-editor Dunning's urgent middle-of-the-road circular letters.

Populists aggressively fighting for the principles uppermost in our platform have a right to take cognizance of these transactions, not in the interest of being diverted from the middle-of-the-road, but for reviewing their party situation from standpoint of intelligent knowledge of all the premises.

The union of forces urged by the entire National committee was one of principle and in face of an empty treasury on each side. The middle-of-the-road fights have been notoriously proven as paid for in cold dollars as a commercial transaction from the same fund that colonized the central northern states in support of McKinley. Not in every

case to be sure, but too frequent for comfort of those identified.

The Republican legislatures in Iowa, Illinois and Indiana are proving themselves wonderfully concerned for the preservation of middle-of-the-road populism, but we fail to find any of our party principles engrafted in their party platforms or advocated by their leaders in halls of legislation. Yet this does not deter them from furnishing financial support in unlimited sums to middle-of-the-road factions.

When populists have fused it appears at all times to have been a union of forces contending for the same common end. It came about as a logical sequence in the break up of parties under geographical conditions for which censure of leaderships at this time is clearly ill advised, and only in line with the faultless policy of the Republican machine to divide and conquer.

Owing to the recent enactment by our own state legislature which prohibits the name of any candidate to appear more than once upon the official ballot, an element of discord has been introduced by the dominant party which is expected to rend the populist ranks and remove all doubt from future contests. It is too early to advance what is best policy for populists to assume, as we have a year and more to re-form our ranks and adopt a program.

### OH, THE IRONY!

Our highways are flocking with moving outfits of the ever increasing population of tenantry who own not a foot of God's footstool, and from whose ranks the floating purchasable vote is being augmented year by year. One of the most cutting ironies that reflected modern conditions was the other day exhibited in form of a covered wagon, from the top a pipe protruded, a haggard wife and several kids huddled behind the seat but from the top floated a little 10 by 15 flag, the stars and stripes, and the entire community has been guessing ever since what that flag meant to the inmates of the wagon. It certainly meant something. They have no home. It pledges the father no employment with which to feed and clothe the dependent ones; it will furnish him work on the rock pile if he begs or pilfers; yes, it will do more, it will give him a chance to fight for the honor of his country should our bonds fall delinquent and foreign fleets batter at our coasts demanding payment. It will do more than that, if by chance one of his countrymen refuses to get off the earth when the mortgage falls due he can be mustered into service to use a musket and force him into the same highway he is traveling. To him and that precious load with him does that flag mean anything better? If so, what?

The editor of the PILOT desires to thank those who have so generally received our recent output of "invitations" in the spirit which they were issued. Of course now and then a man figures that he can pay his mortgage by cutting off the expense of his weekly paper, but our friends have not often taken that view. They realize that a printer cannot pay his paper, ink, rent and labor bills when those who are being served regularly do not come in with occasional installments. We have been as forbearing and indulgent as any of you could possibly be under a similar pressure and we believe you are not blind to this fact. When it becomes necessary for us to hire a conveyance and a man to go out in order to collect, it can readily be seen that little remains for us after paying such expenses. Won't you kindly take this matter home to yourselves with a view to save us this expense by call-

ing in with what little you can possibly spare?

Trans-Missouri railroads offer to ship free to the Pacific coast 1,000 tons of relief provisions for shipment to India's starving people. It will be recalled that no concessions were offered for shipments from Nebraska to Chicago sufferers and it would be in order to charge at least full tariff rates if not more for Louisiana sufferers. How distance lends enchantment and appeals to the consciences of American donors.

Willoughby, Hill & Co. one of the big Chicago firms, reaped their crop of gold standard last Saturday by going into the sheriff's hands. If it were not for disturbing confidence during inauguration week, it might be appropriate to recall the fact that during the late campaign this firm took a leading part in importing Mexican dollars by the bushel and displaying for an object lesson in their store windows.

The fee and salary bill lobbied before the legislation by the county officers trust has been defeated. The county officials must be content now with their salaries and learn to curb their appetite for rake offs in shape of 50 per cent of fees. There appear to be a few members who wish to return home and mingle with the tax payers after this session closes.

Our state legislature has moved in the direction of bringing suit to recover \$1,000,000 due from the Vandalia railroad. Let's see, it does not require an act of the General Assembly to collect the taxes from a Jasper County farmer. But that only confirms the old traditional gag that all are equals before the law.

A Union Reform Press Association was organized at Kansas City last week. J. R. Sovereign Grand Master of the Knights of Labor was made president, J. M. Goss, editor of Iowa Tribune, vice president, Warwick Sanders of Columbus, Neb. Argus, secretary treasury.

Mr. Bryan, in New York the other day deprecated the announced purpose of the "Sound Money League" to continue their aggressive propaganda work as we feared too much agitation of the financial question would tend to disturb and retard business revival.

Another of Nebraska's ex-officials, the Auditor, is short \$23,208.00. Another stain upon the fair name of that state as a result of Populist invasions. What a job awaits Populism in some of the states not so far west.

A short while ago the associated press announced the suspension of the patriots of America organized by "Coin" Harvey. The March Bulletin of the order is suggestive of any thing but death or suspension.

Gov. Pingree of Michigan has been invited to deliver an address before the Chamber of Commerce in Indianapolis. He writes Gov. Mount that official duties will prevent in acceptance for the present.

Agents for the Indiana & Ohio Co. have been trying to lease lands for oil and gas in Fair Oak Twp., White Co. A field five miles wide on a line between Kokomo and Francisville is the coveted tract.

Senator Tillman had his fork out again this week turning over the rottenness which surrounds the armor plate deals. He sent one "galled jade" wincing into the cloakroom for fresh air.

Democratic dispatches report sweeping republican overthrows

in all the Iowa municipal elections held this week. Having been fought on silver lines the "big" dailies have not yet heard the returns.

The suggestion by Senator Butler that the two reform press meetings unite under leadership ex-Senator Peffer, was magnanimous as it was eminently replete with good sense.

Don't fight with your mother-in-law. The after results, for want of a better term are credited to blood poison and in a case this week provokes a desire for suicide.

Dunn's reports cite improvement in business as coming quite slowly, but assume there are "signs of that nature." Failures last week 296 against 278 the year before.

It will now be in order for every populist in sympathy with the Memphis meeting held last week to read the Kansas City "traitors" out of the party, and vice versa.

Two Belleville, Kansas, gentlemen who robbed a national bank were sent up for seven years. A roundabout way the banks have for suppressing competitors.

The bill introduced into congress placing a censorship on publication of prize fight news has gone to its resting place where it belongs.

The recent high water in the Ohio river while very high has been higher on five different occasions. In 1884 it registered 10 feet higher.

Gov. Pingree, by unanimous decision of the circuit court continues to hold office as mayor of Detroit as well as Governor of the state.

All of the aristocratic clubs of Chicago, one by one, have banqueted Mr. Gage, the incoming secretary of the treasury, to bid him good-by and Godspeed. If one were to take an accounting of these gatherings, at from \$5 to \$20 per plate, it would be found that a majority of those in attendance are stockholders in national banks, all in sympathy with Mr. Gage's mission to Washington, to retire the greenbacks that cost the people no interest and replace them with national bank notes, based on interest-bearing bonds — money which these same bankers will borrow from the government at the rate of one per cent. interest per annum, or as much less as Mr. Gage and his associates can get it reduced, and loan it to the public at from six to thirty times what it may cost them. And, while this class referred to has dominated at the Gage banquet boards, the remainder has been made up of a class that are the rich. And this latter class is an heterogeneous lot. Some of them are trying to marry into some rich man's family—or has a son or daughter for whom he has that ambition. Others want business relations with them, by which they may get some of the crumbs that may fall from the tables of the "Diamond match," "Biscuit trust," "Bond syndicate," treasury patronage, etc. And it is safe to say that there is not one in one thousand of the men who gather at these feasts who has an exalted idea that is not obscured by a study of self-aggrandizement. And many of them have no ideas of government or monetary systems — Lyman J. Gage does their thinking for them.—Patriot's Bulletin.

Temperance Awakening in Wolcott. A correspondent to the Monticello Democrat says:

The gospel temperance meeting at the Baptist church, under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. was quite well attended. The addresses by the three resident ministers were very good, and the enthusiasm very fairly represented by the contribution, \$2.50.

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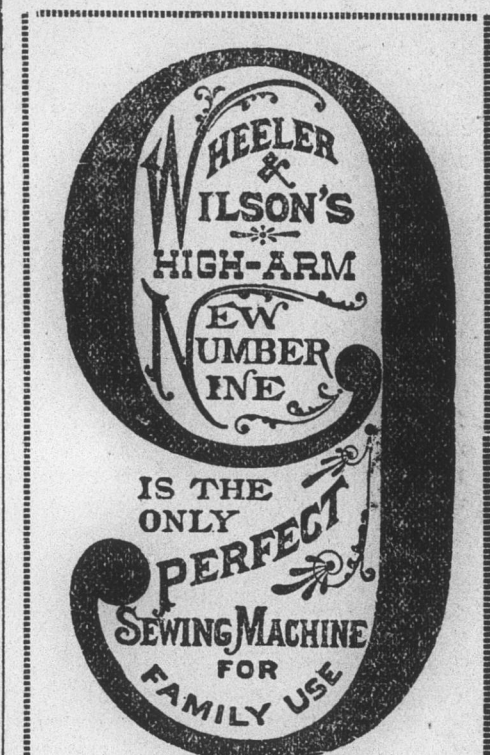
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