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## GOLD BUG PROOF.

No party except the Populist has ever done that (declared against single gold standard) in national convention and there is no present probability that any other ever will. -Charlotte Observer-Goldbug Dem.

WE DEMAND THE FREE AND UNLIMITED COINAGE OF SILVER AND GOLD AT THE PRESENT LEGAL RATIO OF 16 TO 1.—PEOPLE'S PARTY PLATFORM.

THEY HAVE "STRIPPED FOR THE FRAY."  
The Populists of Kentucky have done the wise thing. They have grasped the situation and proven equal to their opportunities.

The Democratic and Republican parties of that State had already held their State conventions. They both declared in their platforms for the single gold standard. They got together and defiantly threw down the gauntlet in the teeth of humanity.

The People's Party has picked it up and a battle royal will be fought by this young giant of patriotism and American manhood against the unhallowed gold combine of the two old parties.

In the language of the late Col. L. L. Polk, the People's Party has "stripped for the fray." It will not allow the deserters to the gold trust to dodge the issue. The battle will rage and be fought to the finish on the financial question.

The people would have righted these wrongs long ago if the real issue had not been confused or side-tracked by other questions. Now every voter in Kentucky has his eyes open and next November will vote either for the gold standard because he wants it or against it because he knows that it is the deadliest enemy to prosperity and human liberty.

No true Kentuckian will vote for the gold standard; every true Kentuckian will vote and work against the gold standard and for the ticket and platform put up by the People's Party of that State. The fight is between Kentucky and the money Devil—between the patriots and the Tories.

May Hon. Tom Pettit prove to be a George Washington and may next November be the Yorktown of British gold in Kentucky. This is the first battle in the great struggle in 1896. The eyes and the heart of every patriot in the nation is turned to Kentucky. Let every patriot to the extent of his ability help the 'Sons of Liberty' there.

MR. JUSTICE BROWN'S ADDRESS.  
Elsewhere in this issue is printed a condensed report of an address delivered by Associate Justice Brown, of the Supreme Court of the United States, at Yale College. The fact that such a speech has been made by a man of his position at such a place has driven the organs of corporate greed and monopoly to a frenzied protest, but these organs dare not denounce Justice Brown as a socialist or anarchist. They know the man better than to be guilty of such denunciation; and they know Mr. Brown is so well known by the intelligent public that to attempt to hold him up as a "red mouthed agitator" would simply be to bring condemnation on themselves.

Mr. Justice Brown did not announce one principle—did not state a single fact that has not been known to Populists and Reformers for the last four years. Such conditions as are described by him, and such principles as are suggested are what created the People's Party. While this party has been seeking with all earnestness and zeal to impress the people with these facts, it has been meeting a storm of abuse and blasphemous denunciation that would have swept a party of demagogues off the earth at the first blast.

Populists have proclaimed from the stump and through their press the very truths which have just been uttered by Justice Brown. While doing so—they were called "sowers of sedition," "channel-mouthed agitators," "calamity howlers," "red-handed anarchists," and in fact every epithet of reproach and calumny that the miserable rotten, hiring press of the plutocrats in organizations could invent were hurled at them. But with honesty for armor and truth for a shield, the Populists valiantly faced this storm of malig-

nant vituperation and vindictive rage. They not only stood up under it, but they have borne against it until the hiring calumniators have been driven to the wall against which the light of truth shows them in all their hypocrisy and corruption; and in their frenzy and rage they are turned upon each other and they are now savagely fighting among themselves.

Perhaps Justice Brown has been conscious of the truths he has just uttered for a long time. Perhaps, like many other good men, his soul has chafed under the powerful influence and bald corruption of the monopolies and the great "money power." Perhaps he has cried out in his soul: "Oh, how can I do anything to awaken the people to what is being done! to show them how to overthrow the Devil of Monopoly that is silently but effectively robbing them of their toil and devastating their hopes!" Perhaps he has thought, like many other good men: "I would cry out if I knew I could make myself heard; but if I shall I may not be listened to, and if not, I too shall be thrown down and throttled by the very powers against which I cry out." There are thousands of good men in this condition today. They fear the vengeance of the very power which holds them in its toils, and while their souls are in rebellion, their lips are sealed by threats of political condemnation, social ostracism or some other stigma of public opinion from which a highly sensitive soul shrinks—even though it be imposed by a community of prejudice-stricken, purblind brains.

It was not until the damnable decision of the Supreme Court on the income tax that the rebellious spirit of Mr. Brown broke out. In that action he saw the awful power of combination and greed. He realized that while he was not owned by it, corporate power controlled the decision of the court of which he was a member, even to the extent of forcing one of the Judges to completely change his opinion in a few days time. Then it was that Justice Brown gave utterance to the condemnation which he felt; and since then his words and works have been in the line of trying to awaken the people to the true condition of affairs, and to get the citizenship of America to demand and enforce such reforms as will protect individual rights and liberty and perpetuate the republic.

People familiar with current events know for the last four years the Democratic "machine" has managed to cheat the Populists out of two elections in Alabama. Reuben Kolb has been elected Governor of the State, and no man from Alabama who has as much honesty in his soul as would rattle in a mustard seed hesitates to say that the Populists are in a majority in that State. A man named Oates is now the Democratic Governor. He is a would be leader of the "administration" element of the Alabama Democrats, which by the way is about all that that element has tried to leave the impression on the outside public that Alabama is not for free silver, and some of its agents who have recently been to New York are reported as saying that the "silver craze was dying out" down there. This could not have been the truth from the very fact that the majority of Alabama voters are Populists, and Populists are for free silver everywhere and all the time.

An emphatic illustration of this fact was given a few days since when W. J. Bryan of Nebraska, and R. H. Clarke of Alabama, met in Mobile to debate the silver question. Clarke was the champion for gold, and the only thing he could do was to resort to lying and abuse. This is all that any gold advocate can do when confronted by a silver man. At least it is all that any one of them has ever yet done; and it is quite natural that it should be all for the position of a goldbug does not furnish a single point on which to base a rational argument.

Referring to the debate, the New Orleans Times-Democrat tells in a few words how it came out; and the result shows that, Mr. Oates and all the administration agents to the contrary, the people of Alabama are for free silver by a majority of about 16 to 1. The Times-Democrat says: "A matter of general comment that Mr. Clarke, whose reputation is that of a sagacious politician, should not have perceived that his attitude toward Mr. Bryan was a suicidal one. Having turned his guns upon himself, Mr. Clarke proceeded to shoot himself all to pieces. The result of his ill-considered and uncalculated audience, at the opening of the debate, was composed of equal parts of bimetalists, monometalists and persons of undecided opinions. Before the debate was over it was manifest that Mr. Bryan's logic, perfect self-possession, and lucidity had gained all of the non-opinionated, and had captured a large percentage of the adherents of his hated and detested antagonist. At one time, when Mr. Clarke's attacks were particularly wild, Mr. Bryan rose with calm dignity among the storms of jeers and hisses evoked by the denunciation, and assured Mr. Clarke that when he came to Nebraska he should be given a much more courteous reception than he (Mr. Bryan) was unfortunate enough now to be the recipient of in Mobile. At the conclusion of the debate the entire audience waited on the sidewalk for Mr. Bryan and gave him a rousing ovation, following him down the street to his hotel with the most enthusiastic cheers. Mr. Clarke's reception on coming into the street was of an entirely different nature. The crowd was all shaking hands with the stately, dignified, and courteous gentleman from Nebraska."

And to this the Washington Post adds:

Clark the "Blue-eyed Boy of Destiny," became quite violent, and Bryan, the "Infant Prodigy of the Platonic," carried off all the honors of the occasion. The audience, almost a body, followed Bryan into the street and escorted him to his hotel, cheering in tumultuous enthusiasm, while the blue-eyed one went away unattended, literally unnoticed. So far from being a merry war, a mere episode of greed and avarice, it was a Waterloo for the cuckoo—an overwhelming triumph for the silver man.

WE DIDN'T GET IT—WE DIDN'T EXPECT IT.  
There is no Democratic paper in the State nor any other papers that is fighting the Democratic "machine" with more vigor than the Fayetteville Observer. And yet it declines to give a direct answer to a direct question. We recently presented this question:

We would simply ask if the esteemed Fayetteville Observer approves of the present day Democracy. That is all, we do not expect a direct and unqualified answer.

By way of reply to this, our very much esteemed contemporary gave an answer (?) which filled nearly a column, but did not answer the question. We courteously complained at the qualified nature and indirectness of the answer. And now the esteemed Observer says: Several weeks ago, the Raleigh Caucasian, asked our opinion of "present day democracy," and described the manner in which it would expect us to answer its inquiry. The Observer professes to be a courteous journal, and so complied with our knowledge on this subject, and its answer, it is good enough to reprint. The Observer's answer, but insists that its desire for knowledge on this subject is still unquenched, and that it would like a short answer. We have, therefore, to say that, in our opinion, "present day democracy" is better than republicanism or populism, and very much better than republicanism and populism.

We respectfully venture to assert that we have not yet gotten a direct and unqualified answer. We shall not press the matter further; but if the urbanity of the Observer shall not be imposed upon by compliance with such a request, we would be happy to see its definition of POPULISM. We should be glad to let our readers know just what an anti-administration Democrat thinks of a genuine, honest, uncompromising free silver party.

ELSEWHERE WE PRINT AN INTERVIEW WITH COL. IKE HILL. We don't know him; but he seems to be "right much consequent" in Democracy. What he says is in a humor-like strain, but it is the truth, and clearly illustrates the blind idolatry of party which is afflicting and will continue to afflict partisan Democrats. They are "going with the party" no matter where it goes. They will be "hangers on" if they can't be anything better. The party can't lose them if it wanted to. In the words of Col. Hill, "You can't shift camp often enough to leave me," and I'll go with it if it declares for a diamond currency basis. Whoop! Great is Democracy.

We have told the people about the work of the "52 William Street Reform Club." We have shown how "business men" who are commanded by the goldbugs have written letters to Southern people in the interest of the gold standard; we have shown how the Financial Chronicle of Wall Street has called on the Money Power to send money down south to control elections in favor of gold. We have shown what kind of men edit the big gold bug papers; we have shown that a million dollars can be had for the asking to scatter goldbug papers over the land. Oh, people of Carolina, do you heed these things? Are you not the sons of sires who first declared that life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness were the rights of men? Are you awake to the fearful responsibilities before you and the fight you must make to meet them. Awake, Oh Awake! The fight is on, and every patriot is needed in the ranks.

Last week there was a big debate on the silver question in Mobile, Ala., by two prominent Democrats, Hon. W. J. Bryan speaking for silver and Hon. R. H. Clarke for gold. As is usual in such cases the silver man dealt in argument and the gold man in abuse. The gold man lost his temper and called the audience cowards. About the only truth he told was condensed in these words—"the people are not going to leave the Democratic party on a question of money. He meant by that that Democrats might say a lot

and pass many resolutions &c, but they would stick by the party, no matter what the party said and did. And we think he told the truth. There's only one party that means business and is honest in its advocacy for the rights and the money of the people. It is the Peoples Party.

We note that the ring papers are announcing with some glee that iron has advanced one dollar per ton in price. Then they say wages have advanced fifty cents per ton. This is ring evidence of good times. Who buys that iron. Who buys the plows—the hoes—the traces—the tires—the pots—the kettles—the nails—&c &c? Who advanced these prices? Who got the benefits of this scheme? The farmers have sold all their produce at killing rates. Now produce is up. Farmers must buy iron implements to continue their work. Then iron goes up. Is this making good times for the workers? Tap your think tank boys, and let your brains begin to work a little bit.

A great many men who say they are Democrats are in favor of free silver. They say they want to get it within party lines. Nearly every Democratic "machine" which has spoken from the Cleveland clique down, has declared against it. If these men stay in the party they must follow the "machine." The "machine" will follow Cleveland. See Kentucky, New York, Ohio, Kansas, Colorado Democratic machines and others. If the people want free silver, they must support the party that honestly and straight-forwardly declares for it. That is the People's Party. There is no other.

It is a fight of money against numbers and energy. "Money" is sending its misleading, shackle-making literature throughout the land free to everybody. "Money" is doing this in the interest of money power. This power is what the people must fight. They must unite their individual energies. What the money power is doing through one tremendous rich club which has at command unlimited means, must be met with the little work that one of the people can do in various communities in the way of spreading reform literature. Are you willing to do, and are you doing your part?

The State of Georgia is ablaze with silver enthusiasm. Now watch and see what Hoke Smith will make the Democratic "machine" in that State do. Remember that the people of Kentucky were enthusiastic for silver, but the "machine" declared for Cleveland and Carlisle. Watch the "machine" all the time. It will scheme for and lie for the trusts and combines, and then swear it is expressing the sentiment of the whole people. The Georgia "machine" will declare for gold. Mark the prediction.

The Democrats of Colorado held a State convention last week to talk about silver. There were about thirty people present from all over the State. Democrats cannot get up much enthusiasm on this matter. They don't mean business. The Chairman of the Democratic State executive committee would not attend the meeting. He is an office holder and was afraid of Grover. The People's Party is the only one which honestly favors and is working for the people's rights and money.

Mississippi is also boiling over with free silver sentiment. At primaries recently held there, the goldbug candidates did not get anything. Now the Cleveland administration decides to take a hand in the fight. It has sent ex-Gov. Sims, First Assistant Secretary to Hoke Smith, to champion the gold side and to fix up the "machine" in that State to whoop for the gold basis. Now just watch. You'll see the "machine" obey orders, but it will not represent the sentiment of the people.

In 1876 the American people declared they would whip the British tax extortioners and money sharks out of this country, and they did it; though it took them seven years to complete the job. They would have done it sooner if there had not been Tories among them. The American people declared in 1892 that they would again drive out these pests, and they can do it in four years time if they will cut loose from the Tories.

A marvellous combination of figures has been telegraphed all over the country during the past week purporting to show the condition of the national treasury. The figures have been juggled into an exasperating puzzle, and it is difficult to tell what they mean. It does not matter much, for it will soon be seen that a lot of Democratic wholesale lying is being done about it anyway.

There's not much doubt about the meaning of the platform of the People's Party of Kentucky. That whiskey-ring governed State has so far managed to hold in line many old party voters, who are at heart rebelling against old party tactics. At the last election, the Populists cast twenty two thousand votes in Kentucky. They will cast over one hundred thousand this year.

The holdest, the most brazen and the most impudent and most corrupt fight ever waged in this country that now being led by G. Cleveland against the interests of the people. "The people be d—d" is his motto; and hurrah for the Rothschilds is his watchword. His administration will be the blackest blot on the American History for more than a hundred years.

And now some old line Democrats are beginning to apologize for Mr. Carlisle. They have given up the effort of trying to make his actions consistent, and seek to make things easy by all sorts of excuses. Mr. Carlisle, had he been a great man, would have resigned before he would have betrayed his party, and especially his country.

During the past ten months the national interest bearing debt has been increased one hundred and twelve million dollars. Public expenses have been about fifty million dollars more than public receipts. Great is Democracy! Boom! Fo' th'er July and American Independence!! Good times coming! Prosperity!! Boom ta-ra-ra.

The "administration" is controlling the Democratic machine in Kentucky, Kansas, Ohio, New York, Colorado and other places. Democracy in these States has adopted a straddle or declared for gold. Now let the fight come, and let's see what the administration can do with the people.

We rise to remark that the Populists can cast just as many votes in North Carolina to day as any other political party. This assertion may be a little startling to some people, but we speak from the book. We have nothing to gain by dealing in unbecome, and therefore don't do it.

The "lumber" trust makes its bow to the public. Trust prices have been paid for everything used in the homes of the people, and now the homes must pay tribute to the trust. The trust of this country is changing from God to trusts, and yet the trusts won't trust the country.

The Republican State convention of Kentucky had a Jewish rabbi to open their proceedings with prayer; and the way that old Jew prayed for the gold standard was a caution. The Rothschilds who got the last bonds at \$1.04 and sell them at \$1.22 are Jews. Do you see?

That vigorous little band of "Blue Grass" Pops is right in the middle of the road, and it is going to "get there" too. Watch 'em plump in one hundred thousand votes this year for Governor; and next year for President—well just watch.

We recently saw it reported that a farmer-merchant had erected a "mansion" at a cost of \$4,500. Then we saw that a "cottage" at Narragansett had been repaired at a cost of \$200,000. "Love in a cottage" is getting to be a big thing.

Some Democratic papers are protesting against the continued publication of other Democratic papers of what prominent Populist are saying. Some Democratic papers can't look at the naked truth any more than they can at the sun.

The new announcements elsewhere in this paper will interest many people. Do you want to be fully posted on the questions of the day? Do you want to be able to discuss issues in the fullest light? If you do, read the announcements, and see how you can easily get the most popular—the most interesting and strongest books of the day. They will equip you for the great discussion of the hour.

Truth is mighty and will prevail—but not by itself—truth has no legs. You must take the truth to the voter each week—or better get him to take THE CAUCASIAN and it will carry the truth to him fifty two times before the next battle begins.

Some Democratic papers in the State do not appear to be giving proper credit to the "52 William Street Reform Club" for the matter they are printing.

The announcement of the continued formation of trusts does not seem to disturb the serenity of the new Attorney General appointed by Cleveland.

It has not been our privilege to come across any more of Chairman Pou's secret circulars. Where is that negro magistrate chromo?

Shout! Shout! We're gaining ground. If we'll work, we can pull the Shlyocks down.

Say, do you really think now that you can get free silver through the Democratic party?

The Democratic Douglass machine seems to have been smashed beyond repair.

## ABOUT THE FREE SILVER PICNIC.

A CENTRAL COMMITTEE ORGANIZED.  
Township Committees Appointed—Big Preparations Progress—From Five to Eight Thousand People Expected.

A central committee to arrange for the "Sampson County Free Silver Picnic" has been organized at Clinton with Mr. O. F. Herring as chairman and Mr. J. E. Fowler secretary. A committee of ten—five ladies and five gentlemen—whose duty it shall be to thoroughly work up their respective townships will here be variously estimated at from five to eight thousand. The central committee wishes to urge the township committees to their best efforts in securing large donations for the table in the way of substantial provisions. Below will be found a list of names from each township as selected by the central committee. The township appointed for each township should hold a meeting at once, and if any of the appointees are unable to serve, others should be put in their places.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEES.  
North Clinton—Messrs. Murphy Smith, J. R. Register, L. S. Bell, W. F. Ruckley and T. W. Britt; Miss Ida Draughton, Mrs. J. L. Pigford, Mrs. R. B. Smith, Mrs. Thos. Weeks and Mrs. G. M. Ruckley.  
South Clinton—Messrs. David Uzell, J. A. Williamson, Josiah Pope, J. K. Williams and A. J. Cooper; Miss Emma Estella Alderman, Mrs. V. Ruckley and Mrs. Erskine Williamson.  
Lincolnton—Messrs. R. T. Moore, A. F. Robinson, L. M. Sanderson, W. E. Hinkley, Carey Fennell, J. W. Kelly, Mrs. A. W. Lamb, Mrs. J. P. Parker, Mrs. O. Blackburn and Miss Ivey Herring.  
Harrisburg—Messrs. L. R. Highsmith, L. A. J. Herring, Daniel Johnson, William Devane, S. N. Bland; Mrs. Knox Taylor, Mrs. Frank Newton, Miss Hannah Leavy, Miss Kittie Newkirk and Miss Anders.  
Taylor's Bridge—Messrs. A. H. Merritt, A. R. Herring, C. J. Williams, T. H. H. Peterson, J. M. Powell; Mrs. R. James, Mrs. E. C. Smith, Mrs. W. H. Thompson, Mrs. Martha Mosley and Mrs. W. F. Kilpatrick.  
Turkey—Messrs. W. F. Hines, J. D. Smith, C. Cook, W. J. Jenkinson, J. Rogers, Mrs. James T. Kenney, Mrs. John T. Moore, Mrs. E. L. Faison, Mrs. F. W. Carroll and Miss Cilla Colwell.  
Fifty Grove—Messrs. B. H. Hatsher, J. B. Boyette, D. M. Korneye, Wesley Sutton, V. A. Royal; Mrs. J. S. Hines, Mrs. Daniel Korneye, Mrs. Dr. J. H. Darden, Mrs. H. L. Oates and Mrs. J. S. King.  
Newtown Grove—Messrs. J. M. Britt, Isaac Williams, H. C. Giddens, E. Rich, J. A. Warwick; Mrs. G. R. Williams, Mrs. R. A. Ingram, Mrs. John H. Britt, Miss Erika Britt and Miss Susa Westbrook.

Westbrook—Messrs. J. L. Wooten, Ransom West, P. G. A. Tart, B. G. E. Daughters, Martin Williams; Mrs. Gayney West, Mrs. Whitfield Tart, Mrs. Jas. Parker, Mrs. Jackson and Lettie Lee.  
Mingo—Messrs. Tirus Thornton, W. C. Jackson, J. D. Williams, W. J. Logan, J. R. Baggett; Mrs. Aury Baggett, Mrs. Hardy Draughton, Mrs. A. J. Giles, Mrs. J. T. Warren and Mrs. S. E. Egan.

Dismal—Messrs. R. W. Howard, Ralford Aury, O. M. Jackson, David Aury, J. R. Brown; Mrs. C. H. Williams, Mrs. James Lewis, Mrs. Costin Honeycutt, Mrs. H. F. Hayes and Miss Jennie J. Page.  
Honeycutt's—Messrs. E. T. Turlington, Arch Royal, T. L. Owen, J. H. Honeycutt, T. E. Howard; Mrs. S. A. Howard, Mrs. A. C. Crumpler, Mrs. J. R. Butler, Mrs. Reddin Butler and Miss Lettie Cooper.

Little Coharie—Messrs. J. W. Underwood, Willie J. Faircloth, J. G. Bullard, Miss H. J. Cooper, Dr. F. J. Cooper; Miss Willie Culbreth, Mrs. Fleet H. Herring, Mrs. Luther Matthews, Mrs. Ome Seasons and Mrs. J. J. Highsmith.  
McDaniel's—Messrs. Troy Green, E. H. Wright, George Highsmith, John Hornum, D. B. Parker; Mrs. G. C. Highsmith, Mrs. Wesley J. Faircloth, and Miss Geneva Highsmith, Rosa Owen and Minnie Lawton.

Herring's—Messrs. E. C. Gore, T. L. Herring, W. J. Weeks, R. W. Bang, J. C. Hobbs; Mrs. Docta Gore, Mrs. J. C. Weeks, Mrs. Virginia Odum, Miss Highsmith and Miss Attie McKenzie.  
Herrings—Messrs. A. T. Herring, D. C. McPhail, W. W. Holland, John H. Parker. (The parties whose names are given here will please select others to make out the ten.)

It is further requested by the central committee that each township committee meeting, elect a chairman to co-operate with the central committee and meet with said committee at Clinton, Saturday, July 27th, at 10:30 a. m. for the transaction of such business as may come before the meeting. —Clinton Caucasian.

## JUSTICE BROWN'S PLAIN TALK.

He Sees and Emphasizes the Conditions Which Populists Have Sought to Make Plain.

### TRUSTS AND MONOPOLIES

And What They are Leading to—He Tells Yale College Graduates That Social Trust Means More Government Control—The Evils of Aggregated Wealth.

Associate Justice Henry B. Brown, of the United States Supreme Court, recently addressed the graduates at the Yale law school commencement in Battell Chapel. His speech was remarkable for its exposition of the Justice's position on some pressing problems, and as an extension of the remarks he made recently when the Supreme court passed upon the income tax.

Justice Brown traced social and mercantile development in the century. Then he dealt with municipal corruption, corporate greed, and touched upon the labor question. He said:

"While the signs of material development and prosperity of the country were never more auspicious than at present, it is not to be denied that the tendencies of the past thirty years have produced a state of social

for its future tranquility. The processes of combination here resulted not only in putting practically the entire manufacturing industry of the country into the hands of corporations, but have enabled the latter to put an end to competition among themselves by the creation of trusts to monopolize the production of a particular article. Upon the other hand, labor, taking its cue from capital, though more slowly, because less intelligent and alert to its own interests, is gradually consolidating its various trade unions, with the avowed object of dictating the terms upon which the PRODUCTIVE INDUSTRY of the country shall be carried on.

The reconciliation of this strife, if reconciliation be possible, is the great social problem which will confront you as you enter upon the stage of professional life.

"While I feel assured that the social disquietude does not point to the destruction of private property, it is not improbable that it will result in the gradual enlargement of the functions of government and to the ultimate CONTROL OF NATIONAL MONOPOLIES. If the government may be safely trusted with the transmission of our letters and papers, I see no reason why it may not also with our telegrams and parcels, as is almost universally the case in England, or with our passengers and freight, through a State ownership of railways, in Germany, France, Austria, Sweden and Norway. If the State owns its highways, why may it not

ALSO OWN ITS RAILWAYS? If a municipality owns its streets, and keeps them paved, sewered and cleaned, why may it not also light them, water them and transport its citizens over them?

"Such at least is the tendency of modern legislation in nearly every highly civilized State but our own, whose great corporate interests, by parading the bugbears of 'paternalism' and 'socialism,' have succeeded in securing franchises which PROPERLY BELONG TO THE PUBLIC.

The fear, too, that these monopolies might be used for political purposes has hitherto proved an insuperable objection to their exercise by the State, but the development of civil service reform has of late been so rapid and satisfactory that its inflexibility would follow as a matter of course, and would obviate the most formidable difficulty in the way of the proposed change.

"Universal suffrage, which it was confidently supposed would inure to the benefit of the poor man, is so skillfully manipulated

AS TO RIVET HIS CHAINS and to secure to the rich a predominance in politics never enjoyed under a restricted system. Probably in no country in the world is the influence of wealth more potent than in this, and in no period of our history has it been more powerful than now. So far as such influence is based upon superior intelligence and is exerted for the public good, it is doubtless legitimate; so far as it is used to secure to wealth exceptional privileges, to trample upon the rights of the public, to stifle free discussion or

TO PURCHASE PUBLIC OPINION by a subsidy of the press, it invites measures of retaliation which can scarcely fail to be disastrous." After referring to the manner in which corporate powers are secured

and used for dishonest purposes. Justice Brown said: "Worse than this, however, is the combination of corporations in so-called trusts to limit production, stifle competition and monopolize the necessities of life. The extent to which this has already been carried is alarming—the extent to which it may hereafter be carried is revolutionary. Indeed, THE EVILS OF AGGREGATED WEALTH are nowhere seen in more odious form. If no student can light a lamp without paying tribute to some company, if no housekeeper can buy a pound of meat or of sugar without availing the receipts of two or three palping trusts, what is to prevent the entire productive industry of the country becoming ultimately absorbed by a hundred gigantic corporations?"

"In dealing with the evils which threaten our future tranquility we ought to find, and doubtless we do find, an efficient coadjutor in the press. Indeed, the bar and the press are the great safeguards of liberty. When we consider what the press has shown itself capable of doing, in a dozen instances, depraved creatures of politics and of greed have been ousted from the control of municipalities, we are able to appreciate the great power of the daily NEWSPAPERS FOR GOOD OR EVIL. With all their faults, newspapers are indispensable, and life without lose half its charm without our morning journals. Let it be said that their credit that at times of great popular outcry against them, their voice is generally upon the side of reform."

It is a constant sound of care and toil from which there is no escape. How essential, then, are health and strength, and yet with how many women these are altogether lacking. The tired, faded and unable to sleep at night. In this condition the system will soon break down.

Restore the Strength, overcome that tired feeling, build up the system by the use of Hood's Sarsaparilla before you get into a state of weakness. It is exactly what overworked women need. It makes pure, rich blood, creates an appetite, gives strength to the nerves.

Hood's Sarsaparilla Is the Only True Blood Purifier. Prominently in the public eye today. Hood's Pills are medicine, not a drug. All druggists, etc.

Our New Leader, \$1.45.

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