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This is another. The right good John D. Rockefeller who is noted for his "free gifts," and for dodging the tax collector is original to say the least. Mr. Rockefeller has a large real estate interests in New York city. It was lately discovered that he was owner, and drawing rent from a house which was not listed in his name, but as church property. When questioned he said: "I take this method of not paying taxes, so that I can give that much more to missionaries." He is doing a great work for the foreign heathen (?)—Wichita Commonwealth.

"I am a partisan but I would rather have Republican prosperity than Democratic depression." Thus spoke the new Democratic leader, (2) Mr. Bailey, on the floor of the House last week, and if we are to judge from his previous reputation he had rather have McKinley president than Bryan. Hasn't the "Dear old party" secured the services of a dandy leader? Wonder how many so-called free silver Democrats will get crowd and get down in the dust and follow this new Democratic Moses?

There was a man on our streets last week selling glue for mending chairs, harness, shoes, clothes and dishes. He certainly has a bonanza. He should sell a good lot to stick all the various organizations together, especially the several political parties to keep them from bolting and sloughing off around the edges. We don't know of a single organization that does not need some kind of a sticking fast, the churches not excepted.—Hickory Mercury.

About nine-tenths of the gold standard element in the Democratic party refused to bolt after the nomination of Mr. Bryan not because they wanted to see him elected, but because they could fight him more successfully in the party than out of it. This same element is now figuring under leadership of Congressman Bailey, of Texas, who is trying so hard to get the dear old tariff to the front again and relegate the financial question to the rear.

Hon. Thos. E. Watson, in his last week's paper goes for Senator Kyle because he will vote for the Dingley tariff bill, but he says nothing about how Senator Pritchard will vote, and he also forgot to print Congressman Skinner's speech in favor of the Republican tariff bill. Has the "gallant Tom" forgotten about his endorsement of Col. Skinner's fight for the election of Pritchard? He ought to look after all his own household and not single out just one of the family for a target.

We used to be a "middle-of-the-road" Populist, but when Skinner, McCaskey and Babb together with such lesser lights as Flake, Odum, Kestler and other rantankerous Pop fusionists began their false "middle-of-the-road" performances that term no longer has any charms for us and we hereby grant them exclusive right to use it as seems to them best.

The famous Harry Skinner, of North Carolina, has been heard from in Congress. He made a speech in favor of the Republican tariff bill and the Raleigh Tribune, Republican State organ, reproduced his speech and slobbered the new convert to Republicanism over with fulsome praise. But the funny part of it is that the Tribune referred to Skinner as a "Populist leader."

The Republican policy is for a high tariff to maintain prices. And a fewer number of redemption dollars to pull down prices. Thirty years trial with constantly falling prices has shown the absurdity and duplicity of this republican paradox.—People's Advocate.

The goldbugs say the people who are not successful in their private business enterprises, are not fit to manage the affairs of government. But no longer ago than 1863 President McKinley failed in business, owing large amounts.—Ex.

There seems to be a consensus of opinion that there's an overproduction of office hunters.

The Rothschilds are pleased with McKinley's inaugural address.

THE OLD SCHEME AGAIN.

An Attempt to Sidetrack the Real Issue.

The gold combine—the national bank power—is already laying a stupendous plan of campaign for 1900. They hope to bring up and force to the front that infernal old issue "the tariff" again, and thus try to suppress or kill the only question of vital importance to the people which is the money question.

The Caucasian, in common with all other People's party papers and honest journals in the country, has continually warned the people of the purpose of the gold combine and money power. The readers of these papers have gained knowledge of his fact but the readers of the old monopoly pickled press are still as blind, as ignorant and apparently as hopelessly besotted on political and economic questions as they were twenty years ago. Even those "Democratic" papers that supported Bryan in the campaign left their readers in the dark on the question of finance because they had never given on the matter any thought or study; and when the Democratic convention nominated Bryan, who made the financial question the issue, these so-called Democratic papers were either unable or unwilling to present the issue with clearness and force. As a rule, they knew nothing about the question, and as matter of fact they know nothing about it now. Unless, therefore, there shall be almost a revolution of intelligence among such of the so-called Democratic and Republican papers as supported Bryan, the only hope of disseminating information among the people is the Peoples Party press. Unless the people shall get such information, it is very probable that the gold combine—the national combine—will be able to blind a majority of the people and play their old game again.

What old game? Let's see if we can get at some of its main features. At the close of the war there was an immense debt. There were also some "born financiers" who possess the genius of making themselves rich on the debt and poverty of the people. These financiers inaugurated the financial scheme—including the national banking system based on bonds—which oppresses the people of this country today. One necessity to the success of this scheme—was that the people generally should never understand it, and one of the purposes of the financiers was that it should never be generally understood, but that the attention of people is to be diverted from one thing, it is necessary to have some other thing to which their attention can be directed and on which it can be concentrated. The financiers decided that for a little while the "bloody shirt" would be a good thing to have the people think about, and then the tariff could come in for a change and a long wrangle. In the mean time the great scheme of the "financiers" would be working out beautifully, and the people would not know that they were being robbed year after year—being made poorer and poorer while the fortunes of the "financiers" would be growing and increasing to such proportions as were never before known since the creation.

The war closed in 1865. For the next five years the financiers were engaged in organizing their scheme. They were ready for business about 1870. In 1872 there was a national election, and in that year watchful people saw the first open movement of the money power. Henry Clews, who was then a prominent banker, and who today is at the head of one of the largest banking houses in the country, led that movement in the interest of Grant's second term. Grant was not essentially a bad or corrupt man, but was one who could be cajoled or deceived by the "money power" which supported him. He was elected.

The financiers and "money power" decided, however, that it would not be good policy to have one political party successful all the time, so a party of their plan was to have one party succeed one time and another party the next time &c. &c. but they took care to decide that their man should be elected every time either as a Democrat or Republican. They have carried out their plan ever since 1872—now for twenty-five years—and made only one mistake which they corrected in time. This was the time when Tilden was elected. The money power thought he was their man because he was a very rich man himself; but after he had been duly elected by the people, he made some statements which scared the "money power," and hence the very power which caused his election to the Presidency had him unseated. With this exception

the original programme has been carried out to perfection. Here is the way it shows up:

- 1872 Grant, Republican.
1876 Tilden, Democrat.
1880 Garfield, Republican.
1884 Cleveland, Democrat.
1888 Harrison, Republican.
1892 Cleveland, Democrat.
1896 McKinley, Republican.

There's not an honest, intelligent man anywhere who will deny that every one of the above named Presidents has been the pet, the agent and the supporter of trusts, monopolies, bond syndicates and the money power generally. And yet during every campaign the people wrangled, jessed, tamed and fought just as though the election of any one of these men or of any of the other candidates meant something for the people. In every campaign (until the last one) the issue was either the bloody shirt or the tariff or a mixture of both. In the last campaign the money question was forced to the front with terrible earnestness, and the "money power" for the first time felt some uneasiness. Then what did we see? The Democrats of all the money power States flew to the support of the financiers, and helped to elect a Republican because, according to their programme of twenty-five years' standing, it was REPUBLICAN PARTY year. And among these Democrats were the Cleverlands, the Carilles, the Palmers, the Whitneys, the Mortons, the Herberts—in fact all the Democrats who stood as Representatives of the Democratic party, and who had been elected by the "money power." Is there any sane man in this country who would ask for a stronger proof of the "scheme and programme" outlined above than this?

Now, in spite of the fact that the Peoples Party has discovered and made known this programme, the money power is still trying to keep it going. It is what might be called a "continuous performance." According to this programme 1900 is Democratic year—not for the purpose of Reform, however, but for the purpose of continued deception. And if a Democrat is elected it will be not on the issue of finance—but on the issue of TARIFF. Just mark this prediction. We repeat: that IF A DEMOCRAT IS ELECTED, IT WILL BE ON THE ISSUE OF TARIFF.

And how can this be? Well, the Republican party is in power. That party is trying to pass a tariff bill and may be able to do so. That bill as it stands is no onerous and unjust—it places duties on the main articles of necessity so villainously and infernally high that people cannot help but notice and talk about it. The scheme of the Republican party, prompted and advised by the "money power," is to make this tariff bill such an infernal machine as will arouse the anger of the people to such a pitch as to make them forget the financial question. If the Republican party can succeed in this scheme, then the old programme will go on. The Democrats will go into the next campaign howling for a low tariff, and if the people forget the financial question, the Democrats may win. Then there will be another period of Clevelandism—a little reduction of the tariff with millions and millions of bonds issued on which the people will have to pay interest to the money power. In the meantime the great scheme of the money power, organized twenty-five years ago, will continue to work and increase the immense fortunes of the schemers at the expense and sacrifice of the people.

Such are the facts. Such is the forecast which will be realized unless the people keep on the alert and brush away the sand that the money power will throw in their eyes. The only effective instrument with which this sand can be brushed away is the Peoples Party press. The machine used for throwing sand in the people's eyes is the combined Democratic Republican press. And now the case and the facts are with you. Will the people let the "money power" fool them again?—Caucasian.

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Prosperity—for Whom.

Business failures continue to increase in number, notwithstanding the passage by the House, of the Dingley tariff act. The number of failures as reported by Bradstreet's is 291 as against 231 the previous week and 227 the week before that. According to the same authority there were 250 failures for the corresponding week of 1896—an increase of 15 1/2 per cent.

How long is this to continue? Is this the promised prosperity? Prosperity for whom? Prosperity for office-holders with fat salaries; prosperity for the great syndicates and tariff trusts who rob the people by shutting out competition; Prosperity for the speculators, stock gamblers, and black legs who like vermin eat the substance of the toiler. But how about the wealth-producer,—he who toils in field, factory, workshop, and mine, filling the palaces of the rich with the manifold fruits of his toil,—is he also to prosper? Is he to enjoy a portion of the wealth he creates? Bah! Don't talk to him of prosperity. He knows that you are increasing the burden of taxation which is crushing him to the earth. He knows that the volume of money is being reduced thus lowering the price of his products and making it harder for him to pay interest on his debts and impossible to pay the principal. He knows that this "wave of prosperity" is not for him. Why, the laboring man or farmer who has no better sense than to look for prosperity under a high tariff and the gold standard would look for a cold wave in the internal regions! Well how is it with the business man who is doing a legitimate business outside of trusts and without the aid of special legislation—is he to be struck by that wave? Judging by the figures above quoted we should say that something is striking them and that some of them (nearly 300 a week) are unable to stand up under the blow! Yes, we shall doubtless have prosperity and good times galore, but like everything else that the people need, it will be cornered by the Shylocks.—Spirit of Reform.

Initiative and Referendum.

Direct legislation is strictly Populist measure. It simply means that the voters have a right to vote on any law if they wish before it becomes operative and binding; or they can propose a law, and when voted for by a majority of the voters the legislative body must enact it into a law. Direct legislation means self-government by the people. It means that your "fellow dog delegate" cannot sell you out. It means that a big corporation will not be able to make your laws by buying your lawmakers. It means a people's government. The masses of the people are honest, and when they are brought face to face with a proposition they are going to vote on it with the best interests of the country uppermost in their minds. Give us direct legislation by all means. It is the only great rallying point where all reformers can find a common ground. It is a vital principle of popular government, as much in advance or our present faulty system as the republic was in advance of the limited monarchy. Study direct legislation.—Kentucky Farm.

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It costs the government \$50,000 a day for congressmen to quarrel over the tariff.

They Read the Advertisement.

In the hard days when Peter Grady was struggling against fate to make his paper a success, says the Atlanta Constitution, the merchants had not yet learned the value of advertising and Henry pleaded in vain for a more liberal patronage. A leading merchant who claimed to be his friend declined to give him a big "ad," and said it would be money thrown away, for nobody read them.

"Don't read them?" exclaimed Henry; "don't read them?" "Well I will show you."

Next morning's paper contained a short editorial on cats, and told how cat fur had recently come into great demand in fashionable circles in New York and how long, coarse hairs were eliminated and the real fur was made into tippets and muffs and every fashionable lady wore a feline, etc. Not far off in another column was a displayed advertisement that said:

"Wanted—1000 cats, for which fifty cents each will be paid."

The merchant's name was signed to it.

By noon the cats began to roll in. Small boys, white and black, brought them in baskets and bags. For while the merchant enjoyed the joke, but soon got tired and went away to dinner.

By the time he returned the boys from the suburbs were coming in and the sidewalk was blocked. Henry had laughed until he was exhausted, and sat on a window sill across the street enjoying the fun. Neighboring merchants and their clerks gathered around and laughed and laughed and shouted and cried at every new arrival of cats. As fast as the merchant drove off one crowd another filled their places. He armed himself with a big stick, but at last he closed his doors in sheer despair and night relieved him from the pressure.

But the next morning the catastrophe was worse. The catalogue was not ended, for the country people had heard the news and brought cats on their wagons and in under their buggy seats, and tied up in cotton baskets like chickens. Henry took his stand near by and leaned against a telegraph pole for support. He and the folks who loved fun were all there, and while it was fun for the boys and death to the dogs it was such a rare and racy joke that the merchant couldn't get mad and finally surrendered. He made an appropriate little speech to the crowd, and told Henry he would give him the biggest "ad" he had ever had in his paper.

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A correspondent for a gold bug paper, in writing up the Senatorial contest in Florida, expresses surprise that two Populists should be found in the State Legislature. "How they got there nobody knows." We venture the suggestion that it was an oversight on the part of the professional ballot box stuffer, who should be immediately deposed and stigmatized as an enemy to the G. O. P. in Florida—Carolina Watchman.

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