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## GOODS MUST GO!

All Lines are to be Sold. New Goods to Arrive and Room Must be Made.

THERE IS A BIG BARGAIN TO BE HAD IN ALL DEPARTMENTS OF MY STORE.  
NO REMNANTS TO GARRY OVER-YOU CAN USE THEM SO BUY THEM.

I Will Have a new fall Stock soon and will try to please Everybody.

After Sept. 1st we will sell goods on strictly **30 Days Time**—not 30 days and twelve months on top of that, for it is not business. I am going to try to please all and want to assist everyone, but I am not running a banking business and I can't carry your notes and accounts no twelve months. I will not sell any man longer than 30 days and when I say 30 days I don't mean 31 days. What you are owing me now try to arrange to pay it in the next 30 days. Yours For Trade

**B. L. BOYDSTUN.**



### THE SILVER CHAMPION.

Wm. J. Bryan. Address an Audience of Thirty Thousand Farmers at Knoxville, a Small Town in the State of New York—Wild Extraneous

READ THIS SPEECH AND GIVE IT TO SOME FRIEND.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen—My voice is so husky that you will have to help me speak, by being perfectly quiet. I shall make myself heard as many as possible, and in a moment I hope my voice will be clear enough to reach to the outskirts of the crowd. This is a very unusual spectacle. I have had immense audiences in the city, where a great many people are in a small territory but this is the largest audience that I have ever seen assembled in the midst of an agricultural country. (Applause.)

I am glad to notice here the mothers and wives as well as the sons and husbands, because, my friends, our cause is one in which the whole family is interested. (Applause.) If we are entitled to success in the campaign it is because the principles which we represent and the policies for which we stand will be for the benefit of the husbands and the wives, the parents and the children and all the people of our beloved land. (Applause.) I am glad that at this meeting we are having as the presiding officer a man who, until this year, has voted the republican ticket. I am glad because some of the newspapers parade before the public the names of prominent democrats who are going to desert the ticket, and I am glad that for every democratic deserter we are to have accessions from the republican party more than enough to make the difference.

I want to talk practical politics to you for a little while this afternoon. Neither my time nor my physical strength will permit an extended discussion of the issues of the campaign. But I desire to suggest some thoughts which may happen in your study of the issues and your determination of

the part which you shall take. I want to read to you an extract from a speech made by John G. Carlisle in 1878 and I want you to mark the political philosophy therein set forth. He was speaking on an amendment to the Bland act, and he used these words:

If the execution of this measure could be entrusted to a public officer whose opinions on the subject were in accord with those of a great majority of the American people—"Let me pause for a moment to say that if it was desirable at the time to have the secretary of the treasury in accord with the opinion of the vast majority of the American people, it would be a good thing to have the secretary of the treasury in accord with a majority of the American people (Applause.) And he said further: "And whose sympathies—mark the words—and whose sympathies were with the struggling masses who produce the wealth and pay the taxes of the country, rather than with the idle holders of idle capital, the provision alluded to would be of little consequence, because he would coin the maximum instead of the minimum amount allowed by the amendment. But, situated as we are, all we know, or, at best, we have reason to believe that not a dollar beyond the minimum amount will be coined, and consequently the process of getting this money into circulation would be too slow to afford the full measure of relief which the people now demand and need."

Mark these words. John G. Carlisle divided society into two classes. On the one side he put the idle holders of idle capital; on the other side he put the struggling masses who produce the wealth and pay the taxes of the country. (Applause.) If that division existed then it exists today. More than that, John G. Carlisle said that a public officer, sworn to do his duty would be controlled in his official conduct by his sympathies, and if his sympathies were with the idle holders of idle capital he would coin

as little money as possible, whereas if his sympathies were with the struggling masses he would coin as much as the law would permit. (Applause.) This is the language of John G. Carlisle, not uttered when he was as young as might be charged against me. (Laughter.) It was when he was seven years older than I am now. (Applause and laughter.) I believe he spoke the truth when he said that society was divided into these classes upon any question involving money. I believe he was right when he said that if a man's sympathies were with the struggling masses he would favor a larger amount of money than he would if his sympathies were with the idle holders of idle money.

My friends, the issue today is an issue between the idle holders of idle money and the struggling masses who produce the wealth and pay taxes of the country. (Applause.) And when this question is understood, when men find out about the money question, you will find that if there is a man in your community whose interests or sympathies are with the idle holders of idle money, he will be in favor of a gold standard and not daring to say so, he will talk about "honest money" and a "sound dollar." (Applause.) But if his sympathies are with those who produce the Nation's wealth he will be for the gold and silver coinage of the constitution, no matter how many times you call him an anarchist. They tell us that these financiers are going to leave the democratic party because it declares for the restoration of silver. We shall not go to court to secure an order to prevent them going. (Laughter.) The democratic party has been weighted down by these mill stones long enough. It is glad to get rid of those who want to use the party organization for private gain and their country for public plunder. (Applause.)

Now, my friends, this is a question that you have a right to have all opinion on, and if I could ask but one thing of the American people it

would be this, that the struggling masses who produce the wealth and pay the taxes of the country—to use again the words of Mr. Carlisle—that these people would be independent and as willing to make their ballot represent what they mean, as the financiers, the trusts and syndicates are willing to make their ballot represent what they want and what they need. (Applause.) Let me read a little further from Mr. Carlisle's speech. A voice: "Why do you read from Carlisle's speech?"

Mr. Bryan—Why? Because no man has presented a more forcible argument in favor of bimetallic than Mr. Carlisle has. (Great applause and cheering.) Let me read now what he says of that bill.

"But it will certainly offer some relief. It will reverse the grinding process that has been going on for the last few years." "Aye, away back, eighteen years ago, he spoke of this grinding process, and, my friends, it does not lighten the effects of the grinding process to call it a temporary embarrassment. (Applause.) He said:

"Instead of constant and resentless cantankerous, instead of constant appreciation of money and depreciation of property—that is what we have seen, constant appreciation of money and depreciation of property—he said, 'instead of these we will have expansion to the extent of doubtless \$3,000,000 per month, and under its influence'—now what is going to be next? Mr. Carlisle knew in 1878. He said—'under its influence the exchangeable value and the commodities including labor will soon begin to rise.' That is what he said in 1878. But what will be the effect of it? 'Thus inviting investments, infusing life into the dead industries of the country and quickening the pulsations of trade in all of its departments.'"

He understood the laws of finance. He understood what was the effect of adding this money to the circulation, and, my friends, if he stated the truth

then, that truth has not changed since then, nor can it be changed, though every one who spoke for it should turn his back upon it. (Applause.) Truth lives. It is the one thing that will not die. I quote these words to show you that by the increase of the volume of money we expect to stop the constant appreciation of money and the constant depreciation of property. There is a difference between the owner or producer of property.

Let me illustrate. Suppose a man in this community—a young man—finds some young women who is willing to trust her future to this strong right arm and they start out to build a home. Not having enough money they take what they have saved together and they buy a farm, paying \$1000 down and giving a mortgage for the other \$1000. And what is the result? Suppose money rises in value. Suppose money rises in value. Suppose you take a notion you want a good dollar, a high priced dollar, a dollar that keeps getting higher priced each day. Suppose that you have a dollar that gets to be twice as good as when the man gave the mortgage. It means that the dollar will buy twice as much. It means that that dollar will take twice as much produce of the farm to pay his debts as before. What is the result? Why the result is that while it requires twice as much of the products of the farm to pay the interest and twice as much to pay the taxes and twice as much to pay the debt, the man finds that he is not able to pay that debt as he agreed so.

What then? You say extend the mortgage. Why, they tell him that the land has gone down in value now and the farm is not worth enough to be good security for the gold dollars. He can turn the farm over to the man who holds the mortgage. That he can always do. What is the result? He and his wife have lost the \$1000 they invested in the farm. They have lost the labor they have put forth in trying to pay the mortgage, and they lose the farm and start out in life again.

How about the man who sold him the farm and got the thousand dollars down? If he loaned you that thousand dollars he got security for his thousand dollars and he has the thousand dollars within his reach and then he gets his farm back. I ask if there is any difference between the holder of the capital and the owner of property in the appreciation of the dollar. The man with the money is twice as well off as he was before, and the man who tried to own property loses all he has and has to begin again.

You find the man who holds the notes meeting in convention and declaring that the gold standard is the best system of money that was ever invented. But will those people who have lost their homes—will they meet together and endorse the system that is destroying them? My friends, this is a practical question that confronts the farmers of the United States, and not of the United States alone, but the farmers of Ireland, the farmers of England and the farmers of Germany and the farmers of every nation in the world that has the gold standard today. I assert that the gold standard could not live for one day in any nation under the sun without the money changers to keep it in existence. I assert that the gold standard has never received the indorsement of the classes of people except those who prosper as society is destroyed by a rising dollar.

Now, I want to say to you that my denunciation of the gold standard is sustained by events which you can see. If a man tells you the gold standard is a good thing, you ask him why it is that no party in the history of the United States has ever declared for a gold standard. Is it not strange that if the gold standard is a good thing no party has seen fit to say so in a platform? And that is true. It is true that no national party has ever endorsed a gold standard, and yet there are people who favor it. Why don't they have the courage to write a

platform? (CONTINUED ON LAST PAGE.)



DIED FOR EACH OTHER

THEIR NAMES ARE JOHN HARTIGAN AND MARY BUSH.

The Story of Love, Poverty and the Seeking of Death in Overcome Trouble. The story is set in the city of New York.

Lincoln, Neb., Sept. 1.—The mystery of the National hotel tragedy has been cleared up when relatives came here to take care of the young girl in her dying moments and to take away the dead body of the man with whom she sought to die.

The story recalled to one of love, poverty and the seeking of death to overcome troubles that were to no means serious. John Hartigan, the dead man, was but 21 years old, the son of a farmer, who lives at Canaan Station.

Mary Bush, barely 19 years old and quite pretty, is the daughter of a poor section hand, who works on the Missouri Pacific railroad at Pomeroy.

The country youth and maiden had met and loved, but when they proposed marriage, the girl's father objected.

Young Hartigan, however, was determined to marry the girl, and he went to the young lovers' parents to ask their consent.

There will be a panic in political and financial quarters when Gen. Weyler's intention leaked out. The markets of Apollonia, the chief of the conservative party, was immediately summoned to Havana by wire and arrived yesterday from the Constantinople sugar plantation.

A meeting of the conservative leaders was held. Placiers and politicians of great influence were present. After a long discussion, in which Gen. Weyler's expedition was denounced without stint, resolutions were adopted to this purpose:

That a committee composed of the marquis of Apollonia, Paschal Gouchea and Patenco Sanchez visit Weyler and try to prevail upon him not to leave the city.

That if he persists in his determination to leave the city that the government of Madrid be urged to recall Weyler to Spain.

These audacious resolutions are the talk of the city, as it is well known that Spanish rule in Cuba has always been upheld and in control of the conservative party, especially in times of war, and that their resolutions are in effect law. It will not be the first case of a captain general being discredited by the Cuban conservatives. In the last war Capt. Gen. Dulac was sent back to Spain by the volunteers. Conservatives and volunteers are the same people. Capt. Gen. Canales was also sent back by them.

The conservatives want Gen. Pelaez in Weyler's place.

St. Paul, Minn., Sept. 1.—The week of the thirteenth anniversary of the Grand Army of the Republic opened auspiciously. Special trains have been pouring in thousands all day.

Commodore-in-Chief, J. N. Walker and staff were expected on an early train, and the local ports were at the depot to greet the train, but it was delayed, and not until noon were the veterans able to welcome their chief.

Gen. Dan Sickles of New York, the hero of Gettysburg, arrived during the afternoon with his party at the Ryan hotel. A second reception was given at the Capitol by the Minnesota department of the Woman's Relief Corps to the national officers of that organization, and this was also largely attended.

Buffalo, Baltimore and Chicago are after the next encampment and indications favor the first named.

Mrs. Maybrick is not expected to live through the winter.

Cincinnati, O., Sept. 1.—A cutting club was spending the Sunday in a drive near the suburb of College Hill when Edward Nelson, an English game warden, and his friends started a gun check on the grounds.

The Chief of Revenue has appointed H. Chidester as minister of foreign affairs.

LOBOANOFF'S IS DEAD.

THE GREAT RUSSIAN MINISTER PASSES AWAY.

Prince Loboanoff-Rostovsk was in the presence of the emperor when the Duke of Saxe-Altenburg was in a conference with the foreign ministers.

London, Aug. 31.—A dispatch from Klett says that Prince Loboanoff-Rostovsk, Russian minister of foreign affairs, died in the city of Vienna.

Prince Loboanoff-Rostovsk was in the company of the emperor at the time of his death and his demise was wholly without warning.

The news of the death of the prince according to the dispatch, caused great sorrow throughout Russia. Besides his political work Prince Loboanoff-Rostovsk devoted his leisure hours to study and to the work of a Russian historian.

Francis Joseph paid Prince Loboanoff-Rostovsk the highest honors during his recent visit to the city of Vienna and his death at the present juncture is regarded as a most unfortunate and unexpected event.

Constantinople, Aug. 31.—Rioting was renewed in the Galatan quarter of this city Saturday night. A sharp fusillade took place between the troops and the Armenian rioters.

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Colorado Springs, Col., Sept. 1.—But for the automatic brakes on a special train on the Pike's Peak cogwheel railway, a large number of passengers would have been killed Sunday.

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People who can't make coffee, never stop trying.  
That man or woman you've lived with who is not a coward.  
Do love affairs finally give the victim heart disease?

### ECZEMA

From nearly childhood until I was grown my family spent a fortune trying to cure me of this disease. I visited Hot Springs and was treated by the best medical men, but was not benefited. When all things had failed I decided to try S.S.S. and in four months was entirely cured. The terrible eczema was gone, not a sign of it left. My general health built up and I have never had any return of the disease. I can eat anything I desire and have never seen any other person cured of this disease. S.S.S. is the only medicine that has cured me.

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S.W. SWIFT SPECIFIC CO., Atlanta, Ga.

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NEW DAY TRAIN  
DAILY SPECIAL  
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L. St. Louis 9.10 pm Ar Chicago 7.35 am

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BIAS VELVETENE SKIRT BINDING  
Why pay the same price for the inferior "just as good" when you can get

### CERTAIN CHILL CURE

THE ONLY CHILL CURE IN THE WORLD  
OPUM WHISKY bottle sold. Each bottle 75c. S. H. & M., Wholesale, Atlanta, Ga.

### EDUCATIONAL

THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME  
Notre Dame, Indiana  
When you receive the diploma made upon the best of the system, it is recognized by the world of science as well as by the world of business. It is the only diploma that is recognized by the world of science as well as by the world of business.

### I WANT YOU TO UNDERSTAND THAT I'LL HAVE NOTHING BUT THE GENUINE BLACKWELL'S DURHAM!

You will find one coupon for each two ounce bag and two coupons inside each four ounce bag of Blackwell's Durham. Buy a bag of this celebrated tobacco and read the coupon—what a list of valuable presents and how to get them.

### ANOTHER NEW WOMAN.

Dr. Hartman's Free Treatment Lavishly Praised.  
Miss Emma L. Holden, Willberforce, Ohio, says: "I don't feel like the same person; I feel like another woman. Why your medicine has helped me so much that I can work I feel like doing and never feel any the worse after it. When I first began to use your medicine I could not sweep my own room, run the sewing machine, or fill anything, not even a chair. It even hurt me to ride or walk any distance. Now I can do all this, and I believe more, and never feel the effects of it. I feel so proud of the way it has brought me out that I tell it far and near. I can heartily recommend your medicine to any woman suffering from female disease. I know from experience that your medicine will do just what you say it will. I thank you, Doctor, a thousand times for your treatment. I shall recommend your medicine wherever I go. I know what it has done for me, and I know it will do the same for others. I feel that there are thousands of other women who would, after using your treatment as I did, be thankful. I am so glad I got your treatment. This month is the first time in my life that I can remember that I have been without pain. Why, I can't do anything but recommend your medicine."  
Those desiring to become patients should send name, address, symptoms, duration of sickness and treatment already received, when directions for treatment will be sent immediately. Medicine can be obtained at any drug store. Send for free book for women only. Address The Peppina Drug Manufacturing Company, Chicago, Ohio.

### FASHION'S FANCIES.

Bishop sleeves are still of generous dimensions.  
The new lace skirt flares gradually from hip to hem.  
Full soft stacks, with great bows at the back, are stylish.  
Those dresses that are defined only by the bustle the front of a new blouse waist.  
Mutton-leg dress sleeves are worn from wrist to elbow, and pushed above.  
Either darts or gathers may diffuse the fullness of the belt of the stylish lace skirt.  
A new sleeve model is fitted closely to the arm and has two full caps set at the shoulder.  
Puffs are used for collars, revers and cuffs.  
Bathing hats are made of grass laced with black crinoline straw, and finished with black quills or ribbons.  
A pretty hat for yachting is the Panama straw trimmed with crescent of black and white elastic ribbon.  
Handkerchiefs as well as cravats are especially broad and fall into certain leg-of-mutton shapes.  
A skirt especially designed for this texture is cut straight and full, though its foundation skirt is gored.  
Dark blue flannel striped with white line, and white flannel with blue line, are the fashionable material for boating dresses.  
Long dust cloaks of silk are fashionable, and golden brown, and black and green, and bronze-shed silks are the favorite colorings.  
White mantles, gauze, and batiste are worn by young ladies, and more fashionable than all are the black gowns. Gowns flowered all over in soft colors.  
A good corn country is never a summer resort.

### It is surprising how sick some people can become, and live.

**Hatched Drafts.**  
When the committee of the draft made upon the best of the system, it is recognized by the world of science as well as by the world of business. It is the only diploma that is recognized by the world of science as well as by the world of business.

It must be pleasant to be a dog's nose in summer.

### THE SECRETARY OUT.

HOKE SMITH CLOSERS HIS ADMINISTRATION.

Francis Will arrive and take the oath of office. The late Secretary Hoke Smith closed his administration yesterday and retired from the cabinet. The last papers in the routine business of the department were signed and his active work closed Monday afternoon. Yesterday the secretary was in the department, but devoted almost his entire time to calls to take leave of his associates and of the employees in the department.  
When ex-Gov. Francis will arrive and take the oath of office is not yet definitely known, but it will be before the end of the week. The arrangement of his affairs at St. Louis preparatory to his removal to Washington has taken more time than was expected, but it is yet possible he will be here Wednesday. In that event Secretary Smith has planned to leave for Atlanta Wednesday night, but it is not yet possible he will be here in time it is probable he will go immediately.  
All important matters that have been pending have now been disposed of, so that Mr. Francis as secretary will have a clear field to begin with. The record of the department for routine work performed during the past three and a half years is probably about of its history. Secretary Smith has enforced the strictest civil service rules, making the civil service grounds of advancement. He has unhesitatingly discharged his own appointees if their work was not well done, and the force of the department all over the country has been brought to a high state of proficiency. In the general and office work is now practically up. This has involved not only a disposition of current work, but a large quantity of accumulated work which was on hand March 6, 1903.

**Second Day's Meet.**  
St. Paul, Minn., Sept. 2.—The second day of the Grand Army week opened with just enough clouds to make the weather wise expect rain, but the clouds seemed to make it more comfortable for the marching veterans and spectators of war. All night heavy rains rolled into the depot and the accommodations assigned to the comfort of the visitors remained on duty. The Howell-Keller post of Buffalo, N. Y., whose regimental unit was of the old continental unit and color, was among the most prominent arrivals.

Yesterday's parade consisted of the naval veterans, all escorted by the regiment of regulars from Fort Snelling. It was a short parade, but novel in some of the features introduced by the naval veterans and a decidedly popular one, although generally considered as simply a foretaste to the big parade of to-day. The streets were lined with people who gave hearty greetings to the marching veterans and also cheered their own and their army successors, the character of the parade allowing a comparison not at any other time possible.

Yesterday afternoon was given to reunion and a meeting of the Minnesota old soldiers, who organized an association at Fort Snelling in the afternoon.  
Last night was given up to campfires by the veterans and to the grand reception arranged for them by the ladies' committee of this city. The main reception was at Summit Park where Commander-in-Chief Walker and Mrs. Walker and many of the distinguished visitors received with the local committee. Three campfires were held during the evening at the auditorium, market hall and the capitol-house. Among the speakers were Gen. Daniel Sickles, Major William Warner, Archbishop Ireland and other well known veterans.

**The Washouts.**  
At Albuquerque, N. M., Sept. 2.—Particlers of big washouts on the Atlantic and Pacific which have tied up passenger and freight trains for three days have been received. The night of Aug. 28 heavy rains extended along the road from Hackberry to Siberia. The track was washed badly in more than 100 places. There are six miles of side-track washed away between Yucca and Franconia. A 200-foot bridge is gone and several smaller bridges between Helen and Yucca. West of Franconia two large bridges were destroyed and an eight-foot fill of one and a quarter miles washed away. Through train service has been kept up by routing trains over other lines.

**Verdicts Nabbed.**  
Roswell, N. M., Sept. 2.—Tom Butler, a foreman for the L. H. D. cattle outfit, was seriously stabbed by "Shifty" Woods, a cowboy who had been in his employ. An old grudge is the only known cause. Dr. Morgan says with good attention White may recover. Woods has been arrested and is now in jail.

Frank Morris was hanged at the gallows, a few days ago, for the murder of Loker, a farmer.

### Minister Visits Li Hung Chang.

New York, Sept. 2.—The American Missionary societies, represented by thirty ministers, headed by Rev. Dr. F. F. Hittwood, called upon Li Hung Chang yesterday and presented him with an address, thanking him for interest in the missionaries in China. The address, which is quite long, says that for fifty years the missionaries of the American boards have been avowed with the protection of the Chinese government, and that in no nation in the world have any missionaries received more just and better treatment than in China. The address, after thanking Earl Li for a proclamation in behalf of the missionaries, issued by him in 1891, says that it is extremely gratifying to observe that at the present time the disinterested spirit of the missionaries seems to be better understood and more appreciated in China than ever before.

The address closes with the expression of satisfaction that the missionaries have had an opportunity to witness his excellence in person, and hopes that he may long be spared to live.  
Li Hung responded by thanking the ministers for their kindly expressions, adding that his government had only done its duty in protecting the missionaries. In conclusion he thanked the missionaries for their efforts to stop opium, which he had characterized as a curse, and expressed his gratitude for their prayers for his recovery from the illness inflicted by his Japanese assassin.

**The Public Debt.**  
Washington, Sept. 2.—The monthly statement of the public debt, issued from the treasury department, shows that at the close of business Monday the debt, less cash in the treasury, was \$73,497,194, which is an increase for the month of \$12,342,681, which is accounted for by the loss of nearly exactly that amount of cash on hand due to the excess of expenditures over receipts. The debt is recapitulated as follows: Interest-bearing debts \$87,367,290, on which interest has ceased since maturity \$1,622,860; debt bearing no interest \$72,856,375. This amount, however, does not include \$53,456,973 in certificates and treasury notes outstanding and offset by an equal amount of cash in the treasury.  
The cash in the treasury is classified as follows: Gold \$13,828,290, silver \$15,647,700, paper \$17,923,068, bonds, disturbing officer's balances, etc. \$17,992,276, making a total of \$49,388,746, against which there are demand liabilities amounting to \$606,042,245, which leaves \$24,346,464 cash in the treasury. The interest-bearing debt of the government is shown by the statement to have been \$1,182,149,050 on March 1, 1893, \$884,106,220 March 1, 1895, \$835,041,260 on March 1, 1898, and \$847,264,200 on Aug. 31, 1898.

**Knights of Pythias.**  
Minneapolis, Minn., Sept. 2.—The Knights of Pythias, hours behind their schedule time, continued to pour into Minneapolis Monday and yesterday from all points of the country.  
Gen. Barkley, of Illinois, arrived at noon with the first regiment and third regiment of regulars of his brigade, and a detachment battalion. With him were Major Jewell, Capt. and Major Cook and other officers.  
They were at once escorted to camp. At 4 o'clock occurred the ceremony of transferring the command of the camp from Adj. Gen. F. B. Wheaton, of the executive committee, to Gen. Lopez, of Iowa, who is the commander.  
Addresses were delivered by Mayor Pratt, chairman; William Henry Easton, of the local executive committee; Col. R. H. Mitchell, of Minnesota, and the visiting brigadier general.  
The carnival event for last night was a bicycling parade, with two brigades of Knights participating.

**Coal Operations.**  
San Francisco, Cal., Sept. 2.—China has thrown the gauntlet to the big coal operators of the United States. The American bark Colorado has just started with a mixed sample cargo of anthracite and manufactured coal, mined and made in the Tongah district. It was consigned to a coal firm of this city, which promises to push Chinese coal on the coast market at prices greatly below those which Pennsylvania and Welch coals of the same character are now bringing.

**Freight Rate War.**  
Washington, Sept. 2.—The southern freight war will probably be resumed in earnest, and the indications are that the 50 per cent cut of the Southern rail way, which was suspended, owing to Judge Simonton's injunction, will be again put in force within a fortnight. A meeting of the executive board of the Southern States Freight association was called yesterday to meet to-day.

**Explosive Contain.**  
Springfield, Mass., Sept. 2.—Nat Butler, C. R. Newton and J. F. Bliss were in a collision here yesterday in the bicycle races. Butler's collar bone was broken and he was otherwise badly injured. Bliss is held responsible for the accident.  
Detroit, Mich., Sept. 2.—The biennial session of the supreme commandery of the Order of the Iron Hall began at the Hotel Cadillac yesterday with some forty delegates present from various states. Actual business begins to-day.

### The Cotton Law.

No provision was made in the Raines law for the payment of a rebate to those saloon-keepers whose licenses did not expire until after the law went into effect, and the result is that a large number of saloon-keepers who had contracted with the city of New York for licenses to run a year, and who paid for the same, now find it necessary to sue to recover their rebate. The commissioners do not know where the money is to come from unless the saloon-keepers wait until next year, when the amount can be included in the tax budget. They apparently are not willing to wait that long, and more than fifty saloon-keepers have retained counsel to bring suits against the city.

Besides suing the better-making, cooling, washing and housework for the family, an 80-year-old woman of Whitesville, Mo., walks a mile or so daily to pick blackberries, for which she gets about 8 cents a quart.  
When you loaf, remember the rights of busy people.  
No one can go out in what is called idly without being somewhat of a pain.

**Blood Pure?**  
Is it? Then take Ayer's Sarsaparilla and keep it so. Is it? Then take Ayer's Sarsaparilla and make it so. One fact is positively established and that is that Ayer's Sarsaparilla will purify the blood more perfectly, more economically and more speedily than any other remedy in the market. There are fifty years of cure behind this statement; a record no other remedy can show. You waste time and money when you take anything to purify the blood except Ayer's Sarsaparilla.

"How happy could I be with Here the other dear charmer away."

### Battle Ax PLUG

The ripest and sweetest leaf and the purest ingredients are used in the manufacture of "Battle Ax" and no matter how much you pay for a much smaller piece of any other high-grade brand, you cannot buy a better chew than "Battle Ax."  
For 5 cents you get a piece of "Battle Ax" almost as large as the other fellow's 10-cent piece.

### 19 Years' Accumulated Science and Skill

The reason the great factories at Hartford, Conn., where the famous Columbia bicycle are made, are building such matchless machines today is because for 19 years they have profited by years of experience and have carried on their investigations in the broadest scientific spirit.

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Columbia Cycle Catalogue, better fully of all Columbia, and of Hartford Bicycles, trustworthy machines of all makes. In free form and Columbia agents by mail. Free form 3-cent stamp.

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For Imitations of Walter Baker & Co.'s Premium No. 1 Chocolate. Always ask for, and see that you get, the article made by  
WALTER BAKER & CO., LTD., DORCHESTER, MASS.





ANNOUNCEMENTS.

COUNTY DEMOCRATIC TICKET

For County Judge. J. H. WOOD.

For District and County Clerk. W. W. DUNSON.

For County Treasurer. T. B. HOLLAND.

For Tax Assessor. T. J. NORRELL.

For Sheriff and Tax Collector. J. W. JONES.

For County Attorney. R. L. RUSSELL.

For Inspector. W. C. ASBURY.

For Public Weigher. W. M. COFFMAN.

For County Surveyor. M. R. HAILEY.

For Commissioner Pre. No. 1. W. A. HINDS.

POPULAR NOMINEES.

For Sheriff and Tax Collector. W. E. (Walter) GILLIT.

For County and District Clerk. H. C. DARDEN.

For County Treasurer. JOHN SIBLES Sr.

For Tax Assessor. J. M. HOUSTON.

INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES.

We are authorized to announce DR. S. T. FRASER as a candidate for County and District Clerk; subject to the people.

T. & P. R'y SCHEDULE.

NEW TRAIN SCHEDULE. TAKING EFFECT NOV. 1, 1905. EAST BOUND.

No. 4. . . . . 12 27 a. m.

WEST BOUND. . . . . 2 40 p. m.

No. 2. . . . . F. N. GARR, Agent.

MAILS.

TOMATO, COTTONWOOD, CADDO PEAK CROSS PLAINS. . . . . 8 A. M.

Leaves Baird. . . . . 5 P. M.

Arrives. . . . . Train substitute.

POTOMAC AND EAGLE COVE. . . . . 8 A. M.

Leaves. . . . . 8 P. M.

Arrives. . . . . 6 P. M.

LOCAL NEWS.

School books at Nelson & St. John's.

T. E. Powell went to St. Louis last Saturday.

E. H. Boone of Abilene was in the city Monday.

Go to the City Meat Market for veal, Saturday. 384f

Cotton sold in our city from 7.25 to 7.35 Wednesday.

Miss Lulu Phillips returned from Dallas Tuesday evening.

J. M. Cunningham from Putnam was in the city Thursday.

Harry Wise, the ball-towler for the Abilene "Babes," was in the city Monday.

S. L. Harris from Turkey Creek was a pleasant caller at THE STAR office Thursday.

J. M. Morrisett says Sol Estes is the happiest man around Clyde. The cause the arrival of a girl at his house last Tuesday night.

Mrs. E. M. James left Wednesday on a visit to relatives in Virginia, Maryland and Washington City. Mrs. James will spend several months on the trip.

The "ragged alley" nine of Baird and the "dirty dozen" of Clyde, played a match game of ball at Clyde last week, resulting in a score of 37 to 22 in favor of Baird.

It's too bad, when a young man calls for his girl to accompany her to church and to find she is out buggy-riding. Nevertheless this was the situation of one of our young best men one night last week.

Try John Trent's dairy this month.

J. R. Moore has returned to Baird. Try a sack of Hannibal Missouri Pearl Meal. J. Norton. 384f

John Trent keeps his milk nice and clean. 39

R. S. Harris wants to sell some land. See notice.

Wille, the little son of Mose Franklin, is sick with diphtheria.

Miss Ota Blakely of Belle Plaine was in the city Tuesday.

Pork sausages and spare ribs at the City Meat Market, Saturday. 384f

Bryan and McKinley lamp chimneys at Nelson and St. John's Drug Store.

Boys—To Mr. and Mrs. Dick Kane, of Fort Worth, Sept 1st a son.

J. A. Cuts from Cottonwood, was in the city Wednesday, with cotton.

Vaughn & Co. have a brand new delivery wagon, the handsomest in town.

When you want a dish of the best Chilli in the city, call at Jeff Dean's 38 2

J. A. Wagner and W. A. McGowan, of Cross Plains, were in town Saturday.

Miss Prudence Cutbirth of Belle Plaine spent several days in the city this week.

Mrs. Jas. A. Christian, Miss Jessie Ennis and Miss Heatie Black spent a few days in Abilene this week.

Rev. W. W. Durman and wife who have been assisting in a meeting at Cisco returned home Tuesday.

Mrs. H. A. Lones and daughter, Mrs. B. N. Leonard, returned from a visit to East Texas, Wednesday.

Try a sack of my flour and meal, will guarantee the best in town and for less money. J. Norton 384f

J. E. Pace says he has lost a pair of ice hooks and will pay \$—\$ reward for information as to their whereabouts.

Miss Freda Miller, who has been visiting Miss Sarah Turritt for some time left for her home in Ft. Worth Tuesday.

Miss Jessie Ennis, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Jas. A. Christian for some time, returned to her home at Abilene Tuesday.

Mrs. Hadley, wife of D. F. Hadley, one of Calhoun county's oldest and most respected citizens, died last Friday and was buried at the Baird cemetery, Saturday.

On last Friday night Miss Sarah Turritt entertained a number of her friends, at her home. We failed to get the names of those present, but one of the participants report a most enjoyable time.

Mrs. L. W. Carter and daughter, Miss Myrtle, of El Paso, left for Calhoun, where Miss Myrtle will take violin lessons under Bernhard Listman, who is perhaps the greatest violinist in America.

Agreat many people are influenced by what others do, and that is one of the reasons why so many take Simmons Liver Regulator. "I was suffering greatly from Chills and Fever and the more quinine I took the worse I felt, I was told of Simmons Liver Regulator, by a friend in Arkansas, and I didn't need take much of it before I was entirely relieved."—Byron Bradley, Tallahassee, Fla.

The holiness protracted meeting began this week at Baird. They have a large tent up just north of the Court House. The meeting is conducted by Revs. D. R. Walker, of Abilene, and E. M. Murrell. R. D. Woods, of Dublin, leads the singing, Miss Francis Young, organist. The meeting is well attended and much interest is being manifested. The meeting will continue for a week or more yet perhaps longer if the interest justifies.

Some of the local sound money democrats looked mighty sick Thursday evening, when the News came that no one would accept the nomination at the hands of the Indianapolis convention for president. Watterson would have accepted the nomination, but it was claimed that as between Watterson and Bryan Cleveland would support Bryan, because it is claimed if there is any man that Cleveland cordially despises it is Watterson.

Send 10 cents to The Atlanta Journal, Atlanta, Ga., and get the Weekly Journal to the close of the presidential campaign. The weekly is a large 16 page paper, well filled with all the news of the day and miscellaneous reading.

FOR SALE.

Celebrated Winter turf oats at 75 cents a bushel. Sow now and get good winter pastures and good of oats in the spring. One bushel per acre all required for sowing. Call early before all seeds are gone.

W. C. POWELL.

F. W. JAMES TRUSTEE FOR T. E. POWELL.

The undersigned has this day appointed Trustee by T. E. Powell of Baird, Texas, for the benefit of creditors named in chattle mortgage duly filed in the Clerks office of Calhoun County Texas to dispose of his goods, wares, merchandise and fixtures for cash for the benefit of his creditors, and to collect all notes and accounts for the same purpose. All parties indebted to T. E. Powell will without delay pay the Trustee, at Baird, Texas. F. W. JAMES Trustee. 36 4f For T. E. Powell. Aug. 12, 1896.

ESTRAY NOTICE.

The State of Texas County of Calhoun Taken up by W. J. Lovest and estrayed before F. N. Omsby, a Justice of the peace in and for Calhoun County, Texas. One (1) brown spotted horse born 6 or 7 years old branded Cross B on left thigh, about 14 hands high. One light chestnut sorrel horse 2 years old, about 13 hands high, no brand, and appraised at \$20.00. The owners of said animals are requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges and take said property away of the same will be dealt with as the law directs. Given under my hand and seal of office this 11th day of August 1905. W. W. DUNSON, Clk. Co. of Calhoun Co., Texas. 36 4f By W. P. Cochran Deputy.

FOR SALE.

215 acres of good land, located on Turkey Creek, 6 miles west of Cottonwood. 80 acres under fence and 30 acres in cultivation, with plenty of good water. Also want to sell my cattle, horses, hogs and feed. Will sell cheap. Call and see me.

S. R. HARRIS.

HORSES FOR SALE.

Wm. Babb near Burket, Coleman County has a lot of horses for sale. He can sell you with nearly any kind of a horse. If you need a horse of any kind call on him at his ranch and he will fit you out in great shape. 34 4f

BAIRD HIGH SCHOOL.

The Baird High School will open, with competent assistants, Monday Sep. 7th. Two months will be a subscription school. Where more than two children attend, from the same family, a discount will be made. Your patronage is respectfully solicited. Rates will be: 1st and 2nd grades \$1.50 per month. 3rd and 4th " \$2.00 " 5th, 6th & 7th " \$2.50 " 8th, 9th & 10th " \$3.00 " Respectfully 38 2f F. W. CHATFIELD, Prin.

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A neglected Cough is source of imminent danger to all. Baird's Horehound Syrup is guaranteed to cure the worst cough, Whooping Cough, sore throat and all other coughs. Nelson & St. John.

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And last, but not least your account is due and I positively cannot wait any longer, so please come pay up, and from this date I will sell for cash only, credit to no one.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

For a good shave go to Geo. Dean.

Patronize W. H. Simons the barber.

For real bargains go to Stern's. 81f

For nice fresh meats go to L. O. Oliver's. 29 f.

Bologne sausage at the City Meat Market. 35f

Hannibal Missouri Flour best in town at J. Norton. 38f.

Buy your meat at the City Meat Market. 35f

School books spot cash at H. Phillips. 38f

Nelson & John have a complete supply of art material. 34f

If you want anything in the drug line call on Nelson & St. John. 24f

Go to Nelson & St. John for your paints, oils, wall paper, etc. 34 f

Furniture and coffins at Sterns, H Schwartz, manager. 81f.

Chase & Sanborns Famous Coffee, 1 lb. for \$1.00 at J. Norton. 34 f

For pure Jersey milk and butter look out for the Baird City Dairy wagon. 28f.

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CHAPTER XXI.—(Continued.) She kissed an 'overs cold' lying on her loom, and proceeded with evident delight to her work.

"Well, I did with Paul Linmore. For a time I was very happy. He was kind to me, and I loved him. We lived in a little vine-wreathed cottage, on the banks of the Seine, and I had my tiny flower-garden, my books, my bird, my faithful dog Leo—and Paul! Every pleasant night he would take me out on the river in the little boat which bore my name on its side. I lived in a sort of blissful waiting trance, that left me nothing to desire, nothing to ache for. Fool that I was! I thought it was to last always. After a while Paul's heart failed. Perhaps it was too lavish of his caresses and words of love; it might tire him to be loved so intensely. But such was my nature. He grew cold and distant; at times positively ill-natured. Once he struck me, but I forgave him the blow, because he had taken too much wine. He laughed me to scorn, and called me by a foul name, that I cannot repeat. That night he asked me to go out boating with him. I prepared myself with alacrity, for I thought he was going to love me more and perhaps would comply with my request. Are you weary of my story, Leo? No, no. Go on. I am listening to you, Arabel."

"It was a lovely night. The stars gleamed like drops of molten gold, and the moon looked down, pure and serene and holy. Paul was unusually silent, and I was quite waiting for him to speak. Suddenly, when we reached the middle of the river, he dropped the oars, and I was left to drift helplessly on. He sprang up, his motion nearly capsizing the frail boat, and taking a step toward me, he fastened a rough cord round my shoulders. 'Arabel,' he said, hoarsely, 'your power over me is among the things of the past. Once I thought you loved me, but it was merely a passion which soon burned itself out. After that, I grew to hate you; but you would not let me go. I came from home and friends, I tried to treat you civilly. Your caresses disgusted me. I would gladly have cast you off long ago, but I had had but the shadow of a pretext. I am to be married to a beautiful woman in America, before many months shall elapse—a woman with a name and a fortune which will help me to pay my debts, and to live in the style of a millionaire. For you I have no further use. There is no disgrace in the grave—and I cannot give you the death I desire. The next morning the boat was capsize, and I was scuttling in the water. I cried aloud in my name, beseeching him to save me, and got only his mocking laugh in return, as he struck out for the shore. I could not swim, and felt myself sinking down—down to unfathomable depths. I felt cold as ice; there was a soft, suffocating rain in my ears, and I knew no more."

"My poor Arabel! I could curse the villain who did this cowardly thing, but he is dead, and in the hands of God. When I wrote to consciousness, I was lying in a rude cottage, and two persons, unknown to me—a man and a woman—were bending over me, applying their hands to my sunken limbs and restoratives to my lips. I had some articles of jewelry on my person, and some considerable value, and with these I bribed the persons who had taken me from the river to cause Mr. Linmore to believe that I had died. They were rough people, but I had a large debt of gratitude for their thoughtful care of me. But it is almost incredible in reality. As soon as I was able to bear the journey I left France. Linmore had already closed the cottage, and gone away—none knew his whereabouts. I was satisfied he had departed for the United States. I left France with no feeling of regret, save for Leo, my faithful hound. I have shed many bitter tears when pondering over the probable fate of my poor dog."

"The easy on that subject, Arabel. I saw the hound but a few weeks ago, and he is the property of the lady who loves him—the woman Paul Linmore was to have married. He had lived."

"No, not that. Do not fear, I shall never again trouble you with the story of my unfortunate passion. I must go through life without the blessing that would have made this world a paradise. It is not that of which I would speak, and you need have no apprehension for the future. God helping me, I will never say to you a single word that a brother might not say to a dearly beloved sister."

"She put her hand into his. 'I wish I could love you, Louis. I deserve my heart's best affections; but for me love is over.' I have had my day, and it is set. But you shall be my brother, my dear, kind brother, Louis! Oh, it is sweet to know that in this false world there is one heart loyal and true!"

"Margaret, there is more than one true heart in the world, as you have just acknowledged when I have told you my little story. I grieve now why you discarded Arabel. Remember that the fate of an injured man—she wrote at length the history of her life. She gave it to me. I have it here. It will explain to you all that you desire to know."

"Leave his punishment to God. It would kill me to see him brought before a hostile crowd. Remember that his life, Oh, Mr. Castrani, I implore you—' 'Calm yourself, child. I shall never know your punishment for a sin he never committed. He is a gentleman of the first order, and you are yourself!"

"'Guiltless—Archer guiltless!' she cried, still wearing that glittering, strained look of agonized suspense. 'It is not quite complete. Say it again—oh, say it again!' 'Margaret, Arabel Trevin never lifted a hand against Paul Linmore. He is innocent before God and the world.' She dropped her head upon her hands and burst into tears—the first she had shed since that terrible night when that blasted revelation had, as she thought, sealed up the fountain of tears forever. And thus I avenge myself, soothed her; he judged rightly that she would be better for this abandonment to a woman's legitimate source of relief. She lifted her wet face at last—'but what a change was there! The transparent paleness had given place to the red of wild rose color which had once made Margie so very lovely, and the sad eyes were brilliant as stars through the mist of tears."

"I believe it—yes, I believe it!" she said softly—reverently. "I thank God for what he has done for me. You would not unless it were true?" "No, Margaret, I would not," replied Castrani, strongly affected. "Heaven forbid that I should raise hopes which I cannot verify. When you are calm enough to understand I will explain it fully."

the physician pronounced her out of immediate danger. When she knew her life was to be prolonged she refused to make the confession she had summoned me to hear. So long as there was any prospect of her recovery, she said, she must keep the matter a secret. But she could not die and leave it untold. Therefore, she promised that whenever she should feel death approaching she should send again for me, and relieve her soul by the confession of her sin. A few days ago came her second summons."

"Previous to this, only a little while, I had been indignantly a listener to an altercation between Archer Trevin and his wife, during which Mrs. Trevin, in a fit of rage, denounced her husband as the murderer of Paul Linmore. She protested, when I confess struck me as strangely satisfactory, and affirmed her belief in his guilt. She also told him that because the knowledge of his crime had come to you, you had discarded him, and left him guilty of the murder of Paul Linmore."

"So knowing this, when I listened to the great confessions of Archer Trevin, I knew that this confession would clear Arabel Trevin from all shadow of suspicion. Arabel died, and I discarded her. Trevin was her death—perhaps to guard against accident, perhaps guided by the hand of a mysterious providence to clear the fair fame of an injured man—she wrote at length the history of her life. She gave it to me. I have it here. It will explain to you all that you desire to know."

"I have been thinking of you, 'Cuba, madam. I am a Cuban by birth. My plantation was burned by the great Spaniards because I had given aid to the patriots. My wife and children were murdered, my dependants all scattered, and I—' "Yes, 'Cuba, madam. I am a Cuban by birth. My plantation was burned by the great Spaniards because I had given aid to the patriots. My wife and children were murdered, my dependants all scattered, and I—"

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(CONTINUED FROM FIRST PAGE) platform and risk an issue before the people. But no, they do not do that. They go to St. Louis and adopt a platform which says that the republican party pledges itself to secure bimetalism, which, of course, is a denunciation of the gold standard. (Applause.) If the gold standard is good, why should we try to get rid of it? (Applause.) If the gold standard is good, why did not the republican party pledge itself to help keep it? But no, it pledges itself to get rid of the gold standard just as soon as the other nations will help. (Applause)

That is not my language, my friends, that is the language of the republican platform and that is the construction placed upon it, by the candidate who runs upon it, in his letter of acceptance. He says in his letter that the American people can not enter upon bimetalism without the concurrent action of the other nations. Why? Does he say we shall maintain a gold standard for one year? No. For four years? No. But the conclusion is that we must maintain it forever if the other nations say we must. (Applause.) It is not a question of politics, my friends. Whole parties are divided on this issue. It rises above the question of politics. They have declared against the right of the people of the United States to govern themselves. They have declared that, while we want to get rid of the gold standard, we must keep the thing which we do not want until allens achieve for ourselves. (Applause.) I know not what view you may take of it, my friends, but in my humble judgment the American people are the only people who have any right to say what the American shall have for legislation. They have driven down the prices of our products; they have increased the burden of your debts; they have foreclosed your mortgages; they are degrading and lowering the standard of civilization by driving people who want to work upon the streets, and their idleness breeds crime, and crime means the safety of every citizen of the land. (Applause)

A voice—How about free trade? My friends, it is not more tax the people want, but more money to pay taxes with. (Applause.) If there is any farmer here who has not taxes enough, I beg him to go to his county treasurer and satisfy his conscience and not try to tax all the rest of the public. (Applause.) But I care not how men may differ on the subject of taxation; it is ever present with us. We can change our tariff system any time, but we have reached our crisis in our monetary affairs, and we have got to decide whether the American people will run their finance or turn our government over to the syndicates. Upon the action of the United States may depend the action of other nations. If the influence which are at work here succeed they will be turned against other nations that now use silver, and if they succeed in the United States they will succeed in other nations, and every nation that goes to the gold standard increases the demand for gold, and every increase in the demand for gold raises the purchasing power of an ounce of gold and lowers the purchasing power of wheat and corn and other products of the farm. You enshrine gold as the one thing to be desired and all mankind pays tribute to the golden calf and has the privilege of working a little harder in order to enjoy the worship. (Applause)

It is no laughing question, my friends. This question is of much importance to those who are seeking to raise the value of gold by legislation, and should it not be important to those who for twenty years have suffered from this financial legislation? I met a farmer in Illinois. He was a schoolmate of mine in college, a graduate in college. He is a man, an employable, honest, frugal and industrious. He had his three children with him in the room, and tears rolled down his cheeks as he told me that his condition remained as they were. It was the saddest thing he had to contemplate that he could not give to those children the education and advantages he wanted to. That home is multiplied by thousands and tens of thousands in this land, and you tell me that it is just to have a system of legislation that takes away from the parent the possibility of educating his children as he would and is compensated for it by giving money into the hands of those who by speculation corner the money market and spend the money by buying foreign titles for their daughters. (Long and continued applause)

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No, I have got to get back. I would like to speak to you longer. I would like to talk to an audience like this until I can say many more things which in my judgment are worthy of your consideration, but I shall be forced to close. I would be glad if I could press upon you the importance of studying this money question as it relates to you. If somebody cries "Fire" and you don't know where the fire is you may seem but little concerned. But if a man tells you your home is on fire you become interested. The promulgation of the gold standard is an attack upon your homes and your firesides, and you have as much right to resist it as to resist an army who seeks to burn your roof over your head. I have told you what I believe I speak the sentiments that lie deep down in my heart. I used to be indifferent to the money question. Until six years ago I thought anybody was a crank who talked about money, but when I got to studying the money question I found that it overshadowed all other questions, that it was deeper and higher than all other questions which we had to deal with, and when I read the address of Mr. Carlisle that the consummation of this scheme meant more misery for the human race than the worst pestilence that ever occurred in the history of the world, I begin to realize the importance of the money question.

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