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WHO SAYS HARD TIMES?

What means all this talk about hard times, stringency in the money market, panic in financial circles, and the like? It cannot be possible that such calamities can befall this nation under existing circumstances. We have a Republican President, a Republican Congress, a high protective tariff that fosters infant industries like the Standard Oil Company, and the steel and iron trusts, thus enabling them to contribute large sums to the Republican campaign fund. Of course it is nonsense to talk of anything but prosperity while the G. O. P. controls the reins of the national government. In addition to the foregoing blessings, we are going to have Sheatz for state treasurer in Pennsylvania, and this will have a tendency to keep the money in the state treasury in circulation in the hands of political grafters and capitol trimmers. Possibly it may lead to the erection of a new annex to the Palace of Graft.

Money stringency? Fudge! The Republican party, the inventors, producers, and promoters of all that is good and great in America, will never permit such a thing to happen. In fact, by their wise legislation and superb government they have rendered such a thing impossible.

But, mind you, if it does happen, it will probably be the fault of Grover Cleveland, or William J. Bryan, or of the Democratic party in general. The G. O. P. will not tolerate the suggestion that hard times is to be laid at their door.

BUY AT HOME.

Now that Christmas is approaching, look around and see what you can do at home before sending your money out of town to buy holiday gifts. On this subject one of our exchanges aptly says:

"What class of citizens expend their money away from home? The patron of the mail order house or the big city mercantile establishment is found in all classes of citizens. The rich spend more money away from home than do the poor, but the poor, by patronizing the mail order houses, help to take from the home merchant that patronage which is his due. And all citizens who go away from home to make their purchases rob the town of that support which is so essential to her progress and prosperity.

The habit of sending away from home for goods which can be purchased as advantageously in their home city is one which is at once harmful and dangerous. It is wrong to ignore the home merchant in order to send your money to some other city to merchants who have no interest in this town and who pay nothing in the way of taxes toward maintaining the municipal government. Buy at home, where you can have a chance to see what you are getting and because you owe loyalty to home enterprises.

Keep your money at home and you will be helping to build up the town in which you earn your money."

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WASHINGTON

From our Regular Correspondent. Washington, D. C., Nov. 18, 1907. The report comes to Washington from many sources that if Mr. Roosevelt is renominated the solitary hope of Democratic success lies in a new man, other than Bryan, and a new platform, while others are equally insistent that in the renomination of Mr. Roosevelt lies the salvation of the Democratic party, as it will surely place Mr. Bryan in the Executive chair. Among the latter class of prognosticators in Washington, the recent utterance of Mr. Henry Watterson the editor of a prominent Southern journal, who declares that the very thought of a third term is treason, and that "if, through any machinations of political conditions, or any conspiracy or party machinery, it could present itself as an actuality, the people will rise en masse, especially in New England, and crush it as a giant might crush an egg shell" is being quoted as gospel truth.

Mr. Bryan's recent declaration in favor of immediate tariff revision is welcome by Democrats in Washington who believe that it will serve to emphasize the utter incapacity of the Republican party to deal with the tariff monster, which it has itself created. Already there are indications of a lively row in Republican ranks. Representative Burton of Ohio, for instance, has announced his intention to resign the chairmanship of the Committee on Rivers and Harbors. He contemplates this step because he believes that he is entitled to and hopes to force the Speaker to appoint him to the vacancy on the Ways and Means Committee created by the defeat of Representative Grosvenor of Ohio. The Speaker, however, cares nothing for the fact that Mr. Burton is entitled to this recognition and is determined that he shall not have it because Mr. Burton has espoused the cause of the President and Secretary Taft, both of whom favor revision. Like all ardent protectionists, Mr. Cannon is first a "stand-patter" and with him justice has to take its chances after the protected industries have been duly provided for.

The State of Oklahoma which was admitted to the union last Saturday, is the first Democratic State to come into the union in sixty-two years, or since Texas was admitted. And it will have a greater voting strength in Congress and in Presidential elections because of the fact that it is the largest State in population ever admitted to the union. It is a source of infinite satisfaction to Democratic politicians in Washington that it comes in just at a time when the party most needs it to save the Democracy in the United States Senate from the disgrace of falling below one-third of the membership of that body. With the two Democratic Senators from Oklahoma, the Democrats will again have one more vote than the one-third necessary, and if united, the party will have an unlimited veto power in the consideration of treaties. Although entitled by its population to seven members of the lower house, Oklahoma will have but five, and of those five members four are Democrats and one is a Republican.

A call for the Democratic caucus, which will assemble in the hall of the House on the evening of November 30th, at 8 o'clock, has been issued by the Chairman, Representative Henry of Texas. The expectation is that John Sharp Williams, of Mississippi, will again be chosen minority leader, and it is probable that few changes will be made in the party personnel of officers. Mr. Williams has made a decidedly capable leader of the minority and it is expected that with fifty more Democrats at his back in the forthcoming Congress, he will make an even better showing during the coming winter.

The financial situation is no longer the chief topic of conversation and discussion at the Cabinet meetings because of the steady and wholly satisfactory improvement in conditions throughout the country, and particularly in New York the outlook is greatly improved. According to the Secretary of the Treasury the fact that money is now being sent to the West freely through the usual channels, indicates, better than anything else, that the stringent conditions which have prevailed recently are easing up.

For four weeks before Christmas THE COLUMBIAN will go into every home in Bloomsburg, and for that reason will be an excellent advertising medium. It will be made specially attractive during that time.

Movable Schools for the Farmer.

Department of Agriculture Plans Novel Method of Instruction.

Movable schools for farmers will be opened next month under the direction of Deputy Secretary of Agriculture Martin. The movement is unique, being the only one of the kind in the United States, and the schools will be observed by the United States officials and the agricultural officials of a score of States.

The subjects for study at these schools will be dairying and horticulture. Prof. H. E. VanOrman, of State College, and Dr. J. B. Deitrich, of Scranton, will be the teachers in dairying. The teachers in horticulture will be Dr. George C. Butz and Prof. J. C. Stewart, of State College, and J. H. Funk, of Boyertown.

These schools are to be conducted free of cost and are for the special benefit of those who have not had nor may not have the opportunity to attend State College and other institutions where advanced agriculture is taught. Should schools which have been arranged for be a success, they will be conducted in every county of Pennsylvania and the work enlarged so as to include poultry raising and other subjects in which the agriculture classes of the State are interested.

The first school will be opened with a class of sixty persons at Waverly, Lackawanna County, on December 16, by Mr. Martin, in person.

Classes have also been organized in Lancaster, Chester and Bradford Counties. These schools will be separate and distinct from the farmers' institutes which are now being held by the department throughout the State, and will continue until March.

Souvenir Post Cards are printed at this office. Half tones supplied.

The Indian Famine.

A temporary shortage of circulating currency, brought about by a sudden and baseless collapse of confidence is a sufficiently unfortunate happening. It creates general disturbance and distress. But what is such a visitation by comparison with the present awful conditions in British India, one of the most densely populated portions of the earth's surface, where half the population will suffer to some extent by reason of the failure of the crops, and where as many as forty million persons are threatened with starvation? The cause of the trouble is a failure of the usual rainfall. The monsoons that bring the needed annual moisture were looked for in vain. In the famine of 1900 the British Government expended \$70,000,000 in measures of relief; but it is estimated that in spite of all charitable effort one million of the population in the stricken districts died of disease or starvation. There is likely to be a repetition of this terrible calamity upon a more extended scale.

India is a country of farmers, and the facilities of transportation are so meagre as to make the task of distributing food exceedingly difficult. The lack of food is made more terrible by the lack of water. "When the wells become dry," says an English observer, "the people use water from any foul hole where a little moisture may be discovered." They know nothing about sanitary precautions. Cholera follows in the wake of destitution. The roads are so bad that in remote villages where there is no lack of means to buy food it is impossible to extend the needed relief.

These Indian famines are of periodic occurrence. They are not due to misgovernment, but have, on the contrary, been greatly ameliorated as a result of British dominance and the extension of systematized relief. But the task of feeding and saving millions of starving people which must now be faced by the Indian Government is one of appalling magnitude. Much has been done in the building of railways and the extension of irrigation works in making relief practical and in warding off more serious crop failures; but in the face of the impending calamity a shuddering fear will fall upon the hearts of men the world over. Our troubles in this blessed land are as nothing by comparison.—Ex.

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The Grafters "Easier" in Mind.

The capitol grafters are perceptibly "easier" in mind since the election. It may be said that they never were in very serious fear of conviction. Their confidence in the success of the Republican machine campaign for the recovery of complete control of the state government influenced them to waive a number of technical advantages in setting a time for trial. Since the election, however, they have thrown off all disguise. They sneer at even the suggestion of conviction. They literally laugh at the law.

Of course those criminal conspirators understand that they will be put on trial and probably at the time set upon agreement between counsel for the State and the accused. Samuel Salter understood that he would have to stand trial when he surrendered to the authorities after the election of the "unspeakable" John Weaver to the office of District Attorney of Philadelphia. But he understood that the trial would be in a friendly court by a "fixed" jury and that his acquittal had been absolutely agreed upon in advance. The capitol grafters have precisely the same understanding. They have arranged for a mistrial.

The capitol grafters were more deeply concerned in the result of the election than any other residents of the State and they contributed most liberally to the campaign fund. They realized that the election of John G. Harman to the office of State Treasurer meant to them penal servitude and to the State the elimination of graft. It is small wonder that they were earnest supporters of Sheatz and that they secured the services of the venal press, at the price of large sums and self stultification. Their personal liberty was involved.

—Bellefonte Watchman.

Bloomsburg Souvenir Books, 48 half tone pictures, 25 cents, at the COLUMBIAN office.

A Bad Job.

The state road in Montour county, between Danville and Maudsle, after three years trial, turns out to be a bad job. Recently the state undertook to repair the roadbed, and it was found that the road was deficient in nearly every particular. In some places there were only three inches depth of foundation, and also the road is from one to four feet too narrow along its entire length of about 3000 feet. One of the great difficulties that the state highway department has had to deal with under the new road law was incompetency among the employees of the department. The state is now engaged in bringing the road up to specifications, and has given to D. J. Rogers the work of getting the highway into shape.

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