



FRIEND OF MINERS

SPANGLER ON RECORD AGAINST "PLUCK-ME" STORES.

Miners Always Paid in Cash.—Labor Organizations Refute Charges.—Who Kin-sloe is.

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DISTRICT OFFICERS ASK FOR INFORMATION.

MR. ROBERT MCGOWAN, ESQ., Dear Sir: Please let me know Col. J. L. Spangler's position in regard to the company store question.

And whether he is in now or at any previous time had a store of his own or allowed one of his bosses to have one. If you have had any dealing with Spangler or know nothing about it, please write in detail as there is some talk up here about him running a pluck-me in Barnsboro or Spangler. Hoping to hear from you soon,

I remain fraternally yours, SAMUEL J. MITCHELL, Sec'y and Treas.

LOCAL OFFICERS' REPLY.

SPANGLER, Oct. 8, 1896.

MR. S. J. MITCHELL, Sec'y and Treas. Dear Sir and Bro:—In reply to your inquiry of the 6th inst., would say that Col. J. L. Spangler has never had at any time any connection with company stores at Hastings, Spangler or Barnsboro. At one time a store was started by one of his bosses, but as soon as the miners notified him, he immediately ordered it closed. He has been away from the mines for about two years. About eight months ago we asked him to define his position in regard to the pluck-me question, as there was some talk of compelling the miners to deal in any store located at Spangler. I enclose you a copy of his reply. This letter was read at a meeting of the miners, and pleased the men very much. There are check weighmen on all his tipsles, and his men are paid in cash every two weeks. I do not think that any of the miners in this section has any ill feeling towards Mr. Spangler, as he always treated them as an equal and they got anything they asked for.

Very truly yours, ROBERT MCGOWAN.

FRIENDLY OFFICES OF COL. SPANGLER TO CORRECT ATTEMPTED INFRINGEMENT OF COMPANY'S POLICY.

SPANGLER, Pa., April 4, 1896.

J. L. SPANGLER, ESQ., Bellefonte, Pa. Dear Sir:—We have been instructed by L. A. 1505, I. O. K. of L., in regard to the company store evil, which certain persons are trying to fasten on the miners of this place by going around the Sterling mines Mo. 11 and others, and getting men to promise to deal with them, and sign an Iron Clad so that they can stop what money the men will have due them through the Sterling Co., and believe you to be a friend of the miners, and Sterling Company always having a good name of dealing justly and honestly with their men, we hope you will use your influence to get this evil stopped. You will confer a great favor on the miners of this place, and if at any time they can return the compliment I assure you they will do so. Hoping we will hear from you soon, with a favorable reply, we remain respectfully, Committee.

JAMES O'FARRELL, M. W. ROBERT MCGOWAN, W. G. JAS. GLANCY, Recording Sec'y.

REPLY OF COL. SPANGLER GIVEN EIGHT MONTHS AGO.

PHILADELPHIA, April 14, 1896, MESSRS. JAMES O'FARRELL, ROBERT MCGOWAN AND JAS. GLANCY, Committee, Spangler, Pa.

Gentlemen:—I have your letter of recent date in reference to certain efforts that are being made to secure the store trade from the employees of the Sterling Coal Company.

I wish to say that I have delayed answer to your letter until I could have a personal interview with Mr. William P. Duncan who has absolute charge of the mines in Cambria county. I have had no connection with the active management of these mines for over a year, but in talking with Mr. Duncan today, I can say to you that no employee of Duncan & Spangler is required to deal at any particular store. This is a matter for the miner himself. The firm has no store of its own nor any connection with store business. It is your privilege to elect to deal wherever it suits you best. For further information I trust you will

call on Mr. William P. Duncan when next he visits the mines. I will use my influence to correct any violation of the general policy of the term. Very truly yours, (Signed) J. L. SPANGLER.

The Bituminous Record, edited by one R. A. Kinsloe, has asked a large number of questions of Col. Spangler, the Free Silver candidate for Congress, with a view to conveying the idea that Mr. Spangler is unfit to represent this district.

WHO IS R. A. KINSLOE?

Does anyone know where he came from?

Did he ever dig coal? If not, how did he become connected with the miners?

Did he not give the secrets of every movement of the miners to the newspapers and to the operators?

Was he paid for it? If so, how much?

Why is Kinsloe always talking about a reduction and never about an advance?

Is it because he loves the miners or because the operators pay him for it?

Why has he opposed every move that the miners have made except the big suspension of 1894?

Why has he fought every officer of a labor organization that has ever been in the district?

WHY DID HE FIGHT JIM WHITE, DAN LENNON, BOB WATCHORN, JOHN B. RAE, PAT M'BRYDE, JOHN M'BRIDE, PHIL PENNA and scores of others?

Did he do it to build up the confidence of the miners in their organization or to destroy it?

If the latter, was he paid for it? If so, by whom?

Did he obtain the secrets of the miners a year ago when they were agitating for an advance in wages, under pretense of helping them to obtain a satisfactory settlement?

Did he betray those secrets over the long distance telephone to Wm. P. Duncan, an operator?

Was he paid for it? If he betrayed the miners then is he doing so now?

If he was against them then, is he for them now?

Did Spangler refuse to pay Kinsloe \$1,000 for his support?

Did Kinsloe go to DuBois?

Did he see Arnold or his representative?

If he asked Spangler \$1,000, how much did he receive from Arnold or his representative?

These are some questions that the people would like to have Mr. Kinsloe answer and until he does so to the satisfaction of the miners, his malicious statements concerning Mr. Spangler will have the same effect on the vote of this district that an assertion of Benedict Arnold's would have had on the founders of our government.

Preacher Porr in Trouble.

Rev. W. S. Porr, years ago a minister of the Centre Hall and the Rebersburg Lutheran charges, has been dismissed from his office by the Synod in session at York, last week. The particulars are given thus:

Failure to make restitution to a blind man of whom he had borrowed \$500, and who subsequently died of a broken heart, has cost Rev. William S. Porr, of Steelton, his ministerial prerogatives.

The Western Pennsylvania Lutheran Synod has refused to restore Mr. Porr as a member of the synod.

About eight years ago, while officiating in Dover, York county, churches, Pastor Porr borrowed about \$500 of Henry Cassell, a blind and childless parsonishioner. Porr erected a drug store for his son at Steelton. Cassell tried to get the money from Porr, but failed, and it is said he died of a broken heart. Cassell's executors invoked the aid of the law to get the money, but also failed. The synod has now taken the case in hand.

THE Standard Oil candidates Curtin and Womelsdorf see the hopelessness of their case in the record they have made at Harrisburg. Centre county wants no monopoly representatives. We want men to look after the agricultural interests.

One Way to be Happy.

Is to attend to the comfort of your family. Should one catch a slight cold or cough, call on R. E. Bartholomew, Centre Hall, and G. H. Long, Spring Mills, and get a trial bottle of Otto's Cure, the great German Remedy free. We give it away to prove that we have a sure cure for Coughs, Colds, Asthma, Constipation, and all diseases of the throat and Lungs. Large sizes 50c. and 25c.

—The Philadelphia Branch leads in common sense clothing at common sense prices—hard time prices. They look for only a fair profit there. In many of the goods they sell they don't got any.

WERE THESE ANARCHISTS?

Mr. William J. Bryan has been charged with anarchy because he advocated the adoption of the double standard of gold and silver. Peter Cooper, a man of large wealth, but of larger humanity and philanthropy, one of those rare and estimable characters who regard it as right that the riches they have made out of the people, will scarcely be branded as an Anarchist and a revolutionist. Yet Peter Cooper was outspoken in his advocacy of bimetalism and severe in his condemnation of the single standard gold policy. He wrote to President Hayes in this manner:

The demonetization of silver was a trick of the enemies of the poor man's currency. The demonetization of silver will be a great relief now, in the depression of all business, if not the final and best measure. * * * There is fast forming in this country an aristocracy of wealth, the worst form of aristocracy that can curse the prosperity of any country.

Mr. Cooper further emphasized his confidence in the wisdom of silver coinage in these remarks:

With regard to the demonetization of silver, every intelligent man must see that as silver now forms more than one-half of the coined money of the world, the effect of demonetizing silver must not only lessen the value of the world's money, but must appreciate the value of gold in proportion as the value of silver has been reduced. The plan for demonetizing silver is said to have been just presented to the great bankers of Europe at the great Paris Exposition. It required but little examination to show them that the demonetization of silver would appreciate the value of gold and thus add hundreds of millions to their wealth.

At another time Mr. Cooper, who spoke his mind with directness, said: "Corporations are fast becoming the curse of modern life. They usurp the powers that belong of right to the community and the Government and actually threaten the liberties of the people."

The rich of the world are wedded to gold, the poor to silver. It is to the interest of the rich and moneyed kings to demonetize silver and make gold the sole currency because they own the gold.

OAK HALL.

Persons Who Have Been Visiting in and Out of Town.

The weather was quite bad on Tuesday. Our farmers are about through husking corn and they report a good crop. Apples are very plenty at this place and are selling very low.

J. H. Weber, of Boalsburg, is loading a car of potatoes, this makes the 6th car of potatoes shipped from this station.

Our schools are getting along well this year as our teachers can give more time to the lessons, and both teachers, Miss Bathgate and Mr. Geiss are well liked.

Some of our people have done their butchering.

The public sale of D. C. Gingerich was largely attended and everything went at a fair price. Mr. Gingerich left for Altoona on Monday and his family followed on Tuesday; he is going into the grocery business in Juniata, Pa.; we hope he may be successful.

I. I. Tressler's shredder arrived on Saturday; now farmers have your fodder shredded.

William Sellers, of Linden Hall, was the guest of his sons William and Edward of this place last week.

Two suspicious looking men were seen on our streets last week, walking back and forth, and appeared to be looking for something.

Of Interest to Livymen.

A decision of importance to the livymen of Pennsylvania has been handed down by Judge Orady, of the Superior court. It sustains as constitutional the Act of Assembly of 1887, known as the Livery Act which makes it a misdemeanor punishable by a fine or imprisonment, to willfully damage the property of a livery stable keeper. It was passed to cover cases of injury to horse or vehicle by reckless driving. The judges of five courts have decided the act was unconstitutional. As a result the law became a dead letter. Now that the Superior Court sustains it, many cases are likely to be added to the business of the courts. People who drive hired teams recklessly and injure them will have criminal suits entered against them as of yore.

—The knack of looking well is due principally to the clothing one wears; to dress well does not necessarily mean that one must own a silver mine or have a "corner" on gold. Inquire at the Philadelphia Branch—what they don't know about fitting you out nobly and at a low figure no one else knows.

CAPITOL NEWS

BRYAN CERTAIN TO CARRY NEW YORK.

Mark Hanna Captured the National Officers of the A. P. A. and Will Attack Mr. Bryan.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19.—Some of the most ardent Bryan men have been absolutely astonished at some of the recent unexpectedly good news which has come into Washington.

Lawrence Gardner, who attended the State Convention of Democratic Clubs in New York, says he received information there which makes him certain that Bryan will carry New York, and the Congressional committee has information that New Jersey and Pennsylvania are in a fair way to become Bryan states, owing to a tidal wave of silver sentiment which is sweeping the working men out of Republican ranks and making them staunch supporters of Bryan. A member of the Democratic State Committee of Ohio writes that Bryan will not have less than 30,000 plurality in that state, and a Democratic poll of Iowa shows a majority of 37,000 for Bryan.

Hon. F. H. Lovjoy writes: "I have been all over Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and North and South Dakota, and have come in personal contact with the voters, especially in the large lumbering towns and mills, and 90 per cent. of these men intend to vote for Bryan. I feel sure that all these states will go for Bryan and that by a good majority. Silver is on top, sure."

It must be evident even to Secretary Morton himself that he made a mistake from every point of view when he made that unequalled and undeserved attack upon Senators Harris, Pugh and Morgan, because of their support of free silver. As strongly as President Cleveland and the other members of his cabinet are opposed to silver, they to a man deprecate the language of Secretary Morton. Nobody in Washington would follow the example set by some of the Democrats on the Virginia side of the Potomac, in hanging Secretary Morton in effigy, but he has been very freely condemned by all classes of men. Here is a very conservative opinion expressed by Hon. P. B. McKenzie, Mayor of Eufaula, Ala. and a gold Democrat: "I have put Secretary Morton in the front rank of Democracy's leaders, and as a sound money Democrat, I was anxious to see him nominated for President. But after his late utterances, so unjust and unequalled for, I am bound to modify my opinion of his character. His foolish assault on Senator Morgan, Pugh and Harris, and his attempt to wave the bloody shirt by rousing prejudice against the South will hurt the cause he wants to aid more than most people imagine. It will turn hundreds of wavering voters in every southern state to the side of Bryan."

Senator Morgan dismissed the matter in a few characteristic words, referring to Mr. Morgan as a "baron rat." Secretary Carlisle has the dubious honor of having been the first man to make a public partisan political speech in the U. S. Treasury building. The speech was against free silver and was made to a Baltimore delegation which had come to Washington to request Mr. Carlisle to make a speech in Baltimore before election. As Mr. Carlisle's stump engagements in Kentucky made it inconvenient for him to go to Baltimore, he proceeded to make an anti-silver speech there and there to the delegation, forgetting, perhaps, that Democrats were being kicked out of office for daring to do much less in behalf of silver. The latest removal was the son-in-law of Senator Pugh of Ala., who dared to become a silver candidate for Congress.

The Republicans who have been bluffing about their expectation of carrying Texas crawled into their holes when a man with \$500, which he wanted to bet that Bryan would carry Texas by 150,000 majority, arrived in Washington and tried to run them down.

Senator Butler, Chairman of the Populist National Committee, doesn't talk like a man who is either lukewarm in his support of Bryan or doubtful of the result, both of which he has been charged with being by Republicans. He said: "While I was in Chicago, assurances were given me that the votes of Minnesota, Indiana and Michigan are absolutely sure for Bryan. Should Mr. Bryan not lose any of the border states, the vote of Indiana alone, in addition, will elect him. The votes of the other states will simply add to his majority." Mr. Butler frankly said that he did not care to express any positive opinion about Illinois or Iowa, because the information he received concerning those two states was of such a mixed nature that he had not formed any.

Mark Hanna has captured the National Officers of the A. P. A., bag and

baggage, and they are preparing to circulate an official attack upon Mr. Bryan, which will indirectly appeal to A. P. A. men to vote for McKinley. It has been known to Mr. Bryan's managers for some time that this action was contemplated, but they have not deemed the matter of sufficient importance to try to prevent it. In fact, some of them think the A. P. A. attack on Mr. Bryan will make a great many more votes for him than against him, and are for that reason rather disposed to welcome it.

LINDEN HALL.

News of the Past Week Gathered from Our Neighboring Towns.

Mr. and Mrs. Bible made a flying trip to Centre Hall and back on Saturday afternoon.

Henry Zeigler was visiting at Pine Grove on Tuesday.

Calvin Goble made another trip to Tusseyville on Saturday; there must be some attraction.

John Lee, of Tusseyville, made a visit to our town on Saturday.

Two of our fine young men drove quite a distance to attend a convention last week, but poor Jimmy had to walk home.

George Burchfield from Pittsburg came home on a visit to his mother-in-law, Mrs. McClellan east of town.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rossman from Penn Cave, were visiting at the home of Henry Zeigler on Sunday and Monday.

Hale Ross, our enterprising merchant made a trip to Fairbrook on Monday of this week.

The rainy weather is bothering the farmer about as much as the silver question around here at present.

Your correspondent was accidentally lost, but fortunately was found by a genial cow buyer, and again started on his way.

POTTERS MILLS.

Latest News Items from Across the Valley Given by our Correspondent.

William McCormick, who was on the sick list is able to be about again.

Mrs. Jennie Shaffer, of Centre Hall, is visiting friends at this place.

Dr. Roland Stiver, of Lena, Ill., spent a day in our town this week.

Thomas Treaster moved to the house belonging to Alex McCoy.

The Zettle Bro's have commenced hauling their props to the Fort siding, and have moved to our town. Samuel Reeder, who has bought the poles from the Zettle Bro's has also moved to town.

The hunters of Potters Mills and the vicinity have not had the hunting fever this fall as they generally get it when the season opens. The game is very scarce owing to the damaging fires which passed through the mountains last spring.

COBURN.

The First Deer of the Season Shot by W. J. Rote Last Week.

William Walter, of Pittsburg, and Mrs. Wood, of Curwensville, are at present visiting at the home of Michael Evert.

Mrs. R. O. Braucht and two children departed for Sunbury on Saturday, where they will visit among friends for a short time.

Rev. Weand, a retired Lutheran minister living at Altoona, and his estimable wife were visiting friends at this place on Saturday and Sunday. Years ago the reverend gentleman preached for the Rebersburg charge, to which place he went on Monday to call on his many friends there.

Mrs. J. F. Garthoff is spending the week with friends at Rebersburg.

W. J. Rote one day last week while out hunting shot a large deer; the first of the season for our nimrods.

The almost continuous rains greatly interfere with the farmers in the husking of their corn in this section.

THE school appropriations from the state were cut down, and the taxpayers were compelled to make up the deficiency. Curtin and Womelsdorf voted for every extravagant measure that came up before the House. And for their fun the heaviest taxpayer, the farmer, reaches down in his pocket and pays the bill.

A VOTE for McKinley means a continuation of the present low prices in all farm products. The Republican party promises no relief to the masses. They want it to remain. Do you want a change? Bryan and free silver can never make prices for wheat any lower than they are.

THE goldites are holding elections every few days and have McKinley elected every time with an increased number of electors, at a rate which will soon give them five times as many electors as there are in the Union. On Nov. 3 the free silver men will do some voting that will knock McKinley 1 million miles from the presidency.

PARAGRAPHS OF INTEREST.

Silver in 1872 was worth \$1.32 per ounce, caused by French mints open at 15 to 1. Its par value at 16 to 1 is \$1.29 1/2.

Silver in 1896 is worth 66 cents per ounce, caused by closing the mints to coinage for the public.

How it affects the farmer, is shown by taking wheat as an illustration. A bushel of wheat was worth more in India, in 1872, one ounce of silver, \$1.32; in 1896, one ounce of silver, 66 cts.

All products sold in Europe in competition with silver-using countries have declined in proportion.

It makes a difference in the value of American products of more than \$1,000,000,000 annually.

The American farmer and miner loses that sum. The European manufacturer and tradesman gains that sum.

They cannot obtain good products and raw materials for manufacture at half-price if they cannot buy silver at half price.

Restoring silver coinage as in 1872 will restore prices, as in 1872.

The government gives no other guaranty than to make silver a legal tender, and need give no other.

If given a full legal-tender equality with gold the United States can absorb into its circulation all the silver that the world can spare.

The more of such money it can secure the greater will be its prosperity.

English influence for England's advantage has maintained it until the present time.

We are selling all products that are in competition with silver using countries on the silver basis of India, and it fixes the prices for all such products.

We are taking European goods in exchange for our products on the gold basis of Europe, and that equally applies to all prices here, except as modified by our tariff.

This policy cannot be long continued without impoverishing American farmers and destroying the value of their property.

It will force them to the same plane of living and expenditures as the people with whom they must compete.

Give back for our farmers and miners this \$1,000,000,000 a year, and it will make a market for the products of our factories, and give employment at good prices to our mechanics and laborers.

Common justice demands that the legalized robbery of no less than 40,000 miners for the benefit of this and other Governments shall cease.

While such robbery begins with the miner, it immediately involves every real wealth producer in America.

No factory is ever closed when it can sell its products at a profit.

You cannot start factories by destroying the purchasing power of more than half the people.

If consumers cannot buy at present, they surely cannot if the prices of manufactured goods are to be advanced by a higher tariff.

A continuance of the gold standard means—and it can mean nothing else—yet lower prices; yet more suffering.

Wall street represents England. Banks everywhere are under the dictation of Wall street.

They have assisted to establish this ruinous policy and are helping to maintain it.

It means destruction to American industry.

WHEAT CORNERED—JUMP'S TO ST.

A Syndicate has made the biggest corner in wheat ever known, in Chicago, this week. On the sly the speculators have been buying up all the wheat in the country they could lay their hands on and now chased the price up to 87 cents, by which they, the syndicate, make millions of dollars, and the farmer makes—nothing! The speculators are dancing with delight over their big pull and the farmer is wondering where the money is to come from to pay his taxes. This syndicate is composed of the men who are contributing to the corruption fund to buy McKinley's election and keep up the trusts. Farmers, bear this in mind when you vote—Bryan is dead set against the trusts.

Flour has now gone up high to the injury of consumers. Now take your ballot and vote your choice.

Rev. Bierick's Appointments.

Sunday, October 25, at Centre Hall, at 7 p. m.; at Union church, at 2 p. m.; at Georges valley, at 10 a. m.

If your children are subject to croup watch for the first symptom of the disease—hoarseness. If Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is given as soon as the child becomes hoarse it will prevent the attack. Even after the croupy cough has appeared the attack can always be prevented by giving this remedy. It is also invaluable for colds and whooping cough. For sale by Wm. Pealer, Spring Mills, S. M. Swartz, Tusseyville, and R. E. Bartholomew, Centre Hall.