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**EDITORIAL**

**MORTGAGES INCREASING.**

In 1816 England passed from a double standard, both gold and silver, to the single gold standard. In 1820 the British Island was held and owned by 160,000 estates. After a period of 20 years, in 1840, the same territory was owned by but 30,000 estates. Reliable statistics show that to-day, after a period of 80 years of this same policy, 12 individual estates own over one-half the soil, while the balance is divided among 20,000 individuals. It shows that under a contracted currency, and an appreciating dollar the tillers of the soil gradually lost their homes.

The same alarming tendency prevails in this country since the adoption of the single gold standard, in this country farm lands have depreciated, crops are less than one-half their former value, calculated in dollars; it requires twice as much raised to pay taxes, and many other expenses. Farming don't pay, and the result is many are losing the land they once held. There are hundreds of such illustrations in this country.

The story of the gold standard can be told by going to the Recorder's Office, in the Court House. From 1800 to 1873 it required but 6 small volumes to hold the record of mortgages against real estate in Centre county. One small volume would last on an average for 12 years. Since 1873 to 1896, during a period of but 23 years, the indebtedness against the real estate fills 19 LARGE volumes, or one volume is now filled almost each year.

From this it will appear that under the gold basis our land is being plastered over about NINE TIMES as fast with mortgages than formerly. Cut the comparison in two, to make allowance for increased population and development, which would be fair, we still find that the contraction of the primary money, the gold standard, is increasing mortgages FOUR-FOLD.

Can anyone doubt this? If they do they need only inquire at the Recorder's office and see the unrefutable evidence.

This shows an alarming state of affairs. The home owners are from year to year going deeper and deeper into debt. The money lenders are gradually absorbing the real estate and the farms. The result is wealth is accumulating in the hands of the moneylenders, while our agriculturists are losing their property and becoming a helpless class of

**TENANT FARMERS.**

Upon the prosperity of our farmers the people depend. Impoverish them you strike at the foundation of the nation. When that takes place the destiny of a people becomes uncertain. Our once prosperous people are becoming tenant farmers, gradually they are being impoverished and if it long continues our farmers will be in the same deplorable state as the serfs of Europe.

The time has come for the farmer to throw off this galling yoke of oppression. Strike for financial independence. Save your homes from the inevitable grasp of the money lender.

The election of Bryan means more money—both gold and silver—higher prices and a more stable money.

Farmers this is the situation. Do you not realize your opportunity—you owe it to yourself, your wives and your posterity to protect your homes.

A vote for either Riddle or Fisher means that you want to turn the affairs of Centre county over into the hands of the republican party during the next four years. Democrats don't do any complimentary voting this year.

**TO WORKINGMEN.**

Have you noticed that all the trusts, all the millionaire corporations, the Rockefeller, Pullmans, Hannas, Carnegies and Paynes, the railroad companies, which maintain black lists, and the telegraph companies, which prohibit labor organizations, are supporting McKinley? Does that indicate that his candidacy is one of friendliness to labor?

Have you noticed that every corporation and every individual enjoying profitable privileges from the Government is for McKinley? Does this argue that his success will bring about that regime of equal rights to all and special privileges to none under which only the poor can enjoy his just share of Governmental benefits?

Have you noticed that all the gold papers complain that the silver miner will get one dollar for each 37 1/2 grains of his silver and make a profit of fifty cents? Does this look as if you are going to get only a fifty-three cent dollar.

Looking back over experience have you ever seen work plenty when the farmers were impoverished, and did you ever know wages to be high when employment was scarce.

But above all, can you discern any reason why every element in the industrial organization of society against which you have to strive for your rights, and almost for existence, is for McKinley, unless it is that Bryan's election would make your struggle easier and your existence pleasanter?—Journal.

The republicans about Bellefonte are putting forth a special effort to elect H. R. Curtin for legislature. We don't know what they are doing for Womelsdorf.

**HISTORY REPEATS.**

History records that for a period of forty years, from 1809 to 1849 prices fell off in England 60 per cent, and the money increased 145 per cent. What was the result at the end of the period? The land of England was owned by one-fifth of the number owning land in 1809 and such owners mainly became tenants. Statistics show that tenant farming is rapidly increasing in Pennsylvania. The increase in Illinois, the great agricultural state, has been 50 per cent, in the last ten years. Tenancy does not make a country prosperous. Ireland is a fair sample. But you say: "What has caused this awful state of affairs in this country and England?"

England demonetized silver in 1816 and we demonetized it in 1873. Henry Clay was no fool. He was one of the rainiest men of his day and generation. Mr. Clay said in 1840: The proposed substitution of an exclusive metallic currency for the mixed medium with which we have been so long familiar, is forbidden by the laws of eternal justice."

What would he say if he knew that one-half of that metallic money had been demonetized?

James G. Blaine in 1878, said: "I believe the struggle now going on in this country and in other countries, for a single gold standard, will, if successful, produce wide-spread disaster in the end throughout the world."

Schofield and Foster are not in favor of pensioning judges, increasing salaries, creating new offices and spending public money. Womelsdorf and Curtin were.

**REPUBLICAN MEETING.**

On Tuesday evening the republicans had a large demonstration in Bellefonte. During the past week committees were at work securing special trains, hiring bands, drumming up delegations for this event. Much effort was put forth. The special trains from State College and Nittany valley were well filled. The parade moved at 7.30 p. m. and everybody was on the alert. It consisted of six bands, a lot of horsemen and delegations from various points. The Junior McKinley and Hobart boys of Bellefonte was the best part of the line.

Including every member of the six bands, the boys, the horseback riders, the entire procession, by actual count numbered 480. Taking out the bands and the boys about 325 voters were in line, among whom were a number of workmen, who when the day comes to exercise their political choice will vote as they please.

A large crowd was in Bellefonte and republicans think it was a great success—Addresses were made by Hon. Wm. C. Arnold, candidate for Congress, and Marriott C. Brocius, of Lancaster, and a Mr. Dougherty. Many were disappointed in Mr. Brocius' effort. He is a pleasant and entertaining talker, without much substance. None of the speeches were strong argumentative or convincing.

Any democrat who believes that free silver is just and right, will be doing a great injustice by voting for Arnold for congress. Remember, we need a free silver congress and senate as well as a president to secure such legislation.

**FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER.**

For the office of county commissioner, we have two excellent men—Messrs. Heckman and Meyer. Both were born and reared on the farm, and are still following the same avocation. They know exactly what the condition of the farmer is, and why there is an absolute necessity for economy in public expenditures.

Both men have had considerable experience in the business world, and are men of marked character for good judgment and firmness. That is exactly what we want in that office. Men who have minds of their own and not susceptible to the insidious influences of professional heelers and politicians who always surge about that office to loot the public treasury, by job and steals. In this respect, we honestly believe that our democratic nominees are without a doubt far the superiors and safest. The county commissioners office is the gateway through which the public funds are passed. Guard that well, with competent men in office, and your taxes will be reduced.

From a political point, the commissioners office is an important one. As long as a majority of the tax payers in Centre county believe in democratic principles that long they should have control of the public expenditures. Elect a republican board and all contracts, for supplies will be given to republicans. It would be a chilly day for democrats with a republican board of commissioners. We now have a republican Judge, and democrats realize the effects from various parts of the county. We will not criticize the Court—because that, in the minds of some, would be anarchistic—but we have opinions, all the same.

Democrats, think this matter over before you vote.

Above all, remember this is a dangerous year in politics, and a few complimentary votes might defeat your party nominees.

For these reasons we make a final appeal to all our patrons and democrats, if they have any personal choice or grievance, to lay that aside this year, and like true democrats support Heckman and Meyer for county commissioner, and the balance of the ticket as well. We must stand shoulder to shoulder to win. A united effort, only, will win.

It will be ingratitude for any of our democrats to cut a single man on the county ticket this year. These men have labored hard this year to uphold democracy's cause. Don't go back on your party leaders? We can't afford complimentary votes this year. Stand firm.

**PUBLIC MEETING.**

A public meeting will be held in the Court House, on Saturday evening, Oct. 31. The addresses will be delivered by Hon. James Turner, of New York, a public speaker and campaign orator of national fame, also Hugh S. Taylor, Esq., one of Bellefonte's brilliant orators. They will point out to the wage-earner, the artisan, the farmer, and the toiling masses why we need more money, and that free coinage of both gold and silver is necessary.

They will also explain why the money powers, the money lenders, the bankers, the aristocrats and such like, are benefited by a single gold standard. Come and hear the issues defined. Come and hear a fair, frank honorable discussion of the issues. It may aid you in forming a correct conclusion as to how you should vote at the coming election on Tuesday, Nov. 3rd.

Is it not about time that the people try a change on financial legislation. We have had a gold standard for 23 years. How do you like it?

**FOR TREASURER.**

Republicans boast that Harrison Kline will be elected by a large vote—that can happen, if he receives enough complimentary votes. We have nothing to say of Mr. Kline except that he always has been an ardent republican and one who always showed his hand in Spring township politics and always worked to defeat democratic candidates. The democrats of Centre county owe him nothing in a political way.

Our candidate Mr. Weaver, has the necessary clerical ability and would make a better official. He is courteous and obliging—a gentleman in ever respect and a life long democrat, who always was active.

We owe him our united support. He should be elected.

McKINLEY in his speech in the house of representatives, May 7, 1890, said: "When merchandise is the cheapest men are the poorest, and the most depressing experience in the history of our country—aye, in all human history—has been when everything was lowest and cheapest measured by gold, for everything was highest and dearest measured by labor."

**McKINLEY'S OBJECT LESSON.**

When Wm. McKinley spoke at Winchester, Adams county, several years ago, he announced himself in favor of free coinage of silver, and in emphasizing his position, held up a silver dollar as an object lesson, saying: "This money is good enough for you and good enough for me. Why should it not be good enough for the bond holder?" Will he explain why he is to-day a gold bug, opposed to the workingman and his money—silver?

**A LAME EXCUSE.**

The Gazette, in a recent issue, gave the lamest excuse, in justification of Harry R. Curtin's vote on the bill to pension judges, that it was possible to conceive. The excuse was repeated in the Hornet of last week.

In both papers an effort is made to excuse the action of Curtin, before the people, by publishing a letter over the signature of P. M. Lytle, a representative of Huntingdon county. "I know," says Mr. Lytle to Mr. Curtin, "that like many others, you voted for it merely out of courtesy to speaker Walton, who only wanted the prestige of passing it in the House."

A very weak excuse to fasten upon the people thousands of dollars to pension a lot of lazy, worn-out judges. What right had any one to assume the act would not become a law, if it passed the House?

It is a well known fact, that the law then proposed and for which Mr. Curtin voted, would have become a law, but for the fight between the state administration and Senator Quay. Beside this, Mr. Curtin has given no assurance that he would not do the same thing over.

There was no measure before the last legislature which created new offices, or increased the salaries of officers in existence or that proposed to plunder the state treasury for any purpose, which did not receive the active support and vote of Mr. Curtin.

There are school districts in the county to-day which have not yet received the state appropriation, which ought to have been paid, as long ago as last June, July and August. The excuse given by the superintendent of public instruction that there are no funds in the state treasury. Why? Because so many new offices now created, so many salaries largely increased, so much squandered on useless and unnecessary appropriations all by the aid of the vote of Harry R. Curtin, that there is nothing left out of which to pay the school districts.

Surely the voters of Centre county will not again be responsible for sending this useless and extravagant man to the legislature.

Can any one think of any kind of a reason why judges should be pensioned? We have never yet had any advanced. It certainly can not be that they should be pensioned after they are out of office because they were overworked while on the bench.

The truth is, we have too many judges now. In many districts they have so little to do that they lay around, write scavenger editorials and cook up schemes to help the political organization to which they may belong, to the great disgrace of the bench and the administration of justice.

Curtin stands ready to help all this along by voting to pension judges at every opportunity. A lame excuse to follow a man out of courtesy. If speaker Walton steals, must Mr. Curtin out of courtesy steal also? This is putting it in a strong light. The people see through Mr. Curtin, we have no doubt.

COUNTY Chairman N. B. Spangler has labored unceasingly during the past three months for the success of free silver in this county. Nothing possible has been left undone. It now remains for the members of the party to awaken to the duty of the hour. Get to work. See every man, find out whether he will come out, and that he will vote to rescue the masses from the grip of the money power.

FARMERS and laboringmen who believe that low prices are beneficial, should vote for McKinley. Bryan's election insures more money and higher prices. Take your choice.

**NO SENSATIONS.**

This is the last issue of the memorable campaign of 1896. In it will be found no "last cards," startling sensations or exposures of local candidates. We don't believe in eleven-hour crusades and late campaign rorbacks. We always contend that such work is unfair, even cowardly and on a par with gorilla warfare. An assault upon any candidate, at such a late hour, is an indication of weakness; that the charge will not bear investigation—unreliable. No sensible man, either democrat or republican, should be influenced by such matter.

Whether our republican friends will indulge in any such dishonest efforts, we cannot say. We hope not. If they should, we hope no democrat will be influenced thereby.

Don't pay any attention to such work. Turn every effort now to getting out the full party vote, and on Tuesday victory will crown our efforts.

VOTE for Rumberger, the soldiers' friend, for Register, for filling up soldier's applications for pension vouchers and other business he has done for soldiers and soldiers' widows; he never has charged any of them anything. He is the first and only official in the county that ever did so much for the soldiers and soldiers' widows free of cost. Every soldier, regardless of politics, ought to give him his vote.

This is the farmer's campaign. How many will be blinded by political prejudice and vote against their interests we cannot say. Some will, of course, and then complain of low prices. Bryan is the farmer's leader.

**Republican Profligacy.**

With republicans in the legislature last session, new offices were created and salaries were increased, while the appropriation for schools was cut down. Retire the republicans and elect Democrats.

**Zion Reformed Church.**

There will be no catechetical class meeting in the Zion's Reformed church on next Saturday afternoon, Oct. 31st. But on the following Saturday, Nov. 7th, the class will meet as usual.

**R. LEIGHTON GERHART.**

**St. John's Reformed Church.**

The Holy Communion will be administered in St. John's Reformed church, Bellefonte, Pa., on Sunday morning Nov. 1st at 10:30. Preparatory services on Saturday afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock.

**BRIGHT'S DISEASE**

cured. Mrs. N. E. Whitney, of Hillsboro Bridge, N. H., was told by her physicians that she was in the last stages of Bright's disease. Receiving no benefit from them

**DR. DAVID KENNEDY'S FAVORITE REMEDY**

was then used and she gained daily, and soon after doing her household work. She declares Favorite Remedy restored her to health and strength. All kidney, urinary troubles, rheumatism and dyspepsia, are cured by Favorite Remedy

**Coercion.**

A number of republican operators about Bellefonte, who employ laboring men, have put out threats that if Bryan is elected they will close down. Such threats come from these men every campaign. No sensible man should be alarmed by them.

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