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EDITORIAL.

The Cause.

"The cause of the present boom in the West is undoubtedly due, in a great measure, to the large crops and high prices caused by the failure of crops in other countries."

WM. MCKINLEY, President.

The Credit.

"If the Republicans desire to claim credit for the high price of wheat, they must assume responsibility for the famine in India. Will any Republican convention point with pride to the famine as an evidence that the Republican party is redeeming its campaign pledges?"

WM. J. BRYAN.

A MERRY Christmas and a Happy New Year to one and all.

MARK Hanna's troubles are increasing as his re-election to the U. S. Senate is growing exceedingly uncertain.

WHEAT seems to be advancing again in price. The Chicago markets were stronger during the past week.

SENATOR Chandler gave the republicans a bit of good advice in regard to monkeying with the currency. He is about right.

At this time there is much talk about reforming our currency. Comments on McKinley's message and Secretary Gage's plan are plenty. To know exactly what the purpose and meaning of all this is, it may be difficult to understand. In another column an article entitled "A Plan of Repudiation" will be found. It very concisely states the situation and what changes of our currency are suggested. The gold bug is back of all of it. Be sure and read this article carefully, thoroughly, until you can understand it.

WAR rumors are the leading topics in the papers. The movement of the German fleet of warships towards China has aroused other nations and trouble is feared over the outcome. England, Russia, France and other nations are on the alert for complications. The outcome has a serious aspect. The American people truly can be thankful that no such dangers are a constant menace to the peace and welfare of the people. But just as soon as this country begins annexing foreign territory like Hawaii, the same disturbances will arise. International complications without end will follow. An expensive navy will be necessary and there will be constant disturbances. This nation now embraces a sufficient amount of territory. Let that be well governed, and our statesmen will be more than occupied.

PEOPLE AND PUBLIC HONESTY.

The Hon. W. J. Bryan gave out the following for publication on Thanksgiving. Although a little late, it is too good to be missed by our readers:

"As we meet on Thanksgiving to express our gratitude for the blessings bestowed upon the Nation during the year, it is well to remember that government may exercise a potent influence over the condition of the people. The Creator gives a fertile soil and genial sky, but government determines whether the advantages thus given shall be enjoyed by all in proportion to their merits, or monopolized by a few through the securing of governmental privileges. No plan has yet been devised for the protection of people who lack the intelligence or the courage to protect themselves. The Government is a composite photograph of the people. The people will have dishonest public servants whenever they tolerate them; they will have honest public servants when they insist upon them. They will have unjust laws as long as they will endure such laws, they will have just laws whenever they take the trouble to enact them. As we thank God for having bountifully favored us, we may well resolve to do our part toward making our Nation worthy of His continued favor. While we express our gratitude by giving to those who are in need, we may well examine our political policies to determine whether we are increasing poverty by law."

An Editor's Tribute.

A Nebraska editor visited the village school and was greatly impressed with the school marm. On reaching his sanctum he penned the following of her: "She is the pride of the town, the star of the west, the mother of invention, and a jewel of rare brilliancy. She drew a picture of an iceberg on the blackboard. It was so natural that the thermometer froze up solid. With rare presence of mind she seized a crayon and drew a fireplace on the opposite wall. The prompt action saved the school, but they all caught cold from the sudden change."

A PLAN OF REPUDIATION.

Secretary Gage frankly declared to the House committee on ways and means last Thursday that the primary object he had in view in his various currency propositions was "to commit the country more thoroughly to the gold standard," and to this end he proposed that the Government should fund the non-interest-bearing debt into an interest bearing one by the issue of hundreds of millions of United States bonds, payable, principal and interest, in gold. That is plain and direct. Anyone can understand.

It looks to the withdrawal of all our bonds payable in coin and making them payable in gold. "Coin," gold or silver, is the contract. "Gold" is the demand. The new-fangled doctrine is that cheating the debtor is not repudiation. Repudiation comes in only when the demand is made that the creditor shall accept the terms of the contract. We are a progressive people. Seventy millions are branded as repudiators because they stand by the contract. A few thousand banking and other corporations are made the conservators of public honor and National credit because they want to break the contract.

This disposes of the silver question. It is to be made subsidiary money, redeemable in gold. This is to be a permanent condition for all time. In his message, on the other hand, President McKinley, referring to the work of the international commission, declares it is "to be earnestly hoped that their labors may result in an international agreement which will bring about the recognition of both gold and silver as money." What money? Of course he must mean the money of final redemption. It must be either this or token money. Secretary Gage pooh-poohs the plain intent of President McKinley's weak utterances, and would plant the country thoroughly and permanently on the gold standard. He deserves credit for speaking out.

Mr. Gage further proposes that there shall be a system of bank note issues by the National banks, "without the conditional deposit of public bonds as security therefore," resting on the assets of the banks, but secured by a Government guarantee of the circulating notes.

So we come back to the same hole we started in at. The greenbacks he proposes to retire by an issue of gold bonds rest on the credit and stability of the Government. The new issue of National bank notes, to replace in some measure the required Government notes, are to have precisely the same sort of ultimate security.

Secretary Gage concedes in his annual report that the people have a preference for a currency resting upon the credit of the Government. There can be no question of that. Recognizing the fact, the secretary proposes in his plan that the National bank notes shall be guaranteed by the Government, in addition to the 2 per cent. safety fund. "This," remarks the New York "Sun," "is giving away the whole argument in favor of bank currency as against Government notes. If the conviction, that the Government's credit is better than the credit of the banks, is so deeply rooted in the public mind that the notes issued by the banks must be guaranteed by the Government, in order to make them generally acceptable, it is impossible to resist the conclusion that the Government may as well itself issue the notes in the first instance, and enjoy the profits of the business instead of turning it over to the banks and paying them for doing it. Between Government credit and bank credit, Government notes and bank notes, the people choose the Government credit and the Government notes."

It is more necessary to take the control of politics away from the corporations than to destroy the note-issuing function of the Government.—Post.

PROSPERITY?

The following news items come from Tyrone, Pa.:

"Having finished all of the tanned stock the North Star tannery has closed down for an indefinite period. The basso voice of the fog horn of that plant may, however, be heard once more when the robbers nest again or when the value of raw hides is reduced to its normal conditions. Leather cannot be manufactured for thirty cents a pound out of ten cents per pound of raw material, with bark at seven to ten dollars per cord, stacked, and other ingredients in proportion."

"The quarries of the Cambria Iron company at Birmingham are now idle for an indefinite period. The last loaded cars were shipped from them on Saturday morning. Some 180 workmen are thereby thrown out of employment. The company claims that it does not pay them to work the quarries, as they can purchase limestone at much less figures than they have been able to produce it."

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Oyster Supper.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Evangelical church, of Nittany, will hold an oyster supper of Robert Tate's on New Year's Eve. All are invited to attend.

CHANDLER'S WARNING.

Senator Chandler, of New Hampshire, has written a letter to the Washington "Post" in which he says:

"If the secretary of the treasury and his single gold standard associates will cease their demand for impossible currency legislation, congress will pass the necessary appropriation bills, probably take care of Hawaii and Cuba; there will not be a serious party division during the session, and there will be an adjournment in May. Business will revive, the treasury receipts will equal the expenditures, the balance of trade will continue in our favor and the Republican party will in November, 1898, elect a majority of the house in the fifty-sixth congress."

"On the other hand, if Secretary Gage continues to press upon congress a bill, the object of which he says is first to commit the country more thoroughly to the gold standard, and the immediate effect of which is to throw doubts upon the sincerity of the president's declarations in favor of continued efforts to secure bi-metalism, a political turmoil will arise in congress which will split the now united Republicans into fragments, while it will unite and consolidate the now incongruous opposition."

"It is not feasible to retire the greenbacks; there is more probability that a bill will be sent to the president to increase their amount. It is not possible to secure the passage through either house of a bill making the greenbacks into gold notes or authorizing bonds payable in gold. The effort to do either thing will probably result in the passage of a bill for the redemption of the greenbacks in silver dollars and for the payment of all United States bonds in gold or silver coin in the discretion of the president, who will be commanded to exercise his option for the advantage of the government and not for the advantage of the creditor."

"With such an uproar in congress as these proceedings will create with western congressmen embroiled therein, with presidential vetoes, as threatened by Secretary Gage under angry discussion, it will happen that all business enterprises and funds and stocks will be disturbed, prices will fall, insolvencies will increase and the Republicans will lose the congressional elections in 1898 as disastrously as they did in 1890 and beyond the hope of a favorable reaction in 1900, at which time, therefore, a Bryan Democratic president and congress will be chosen."

"Whether we are to have any one of these results—political safety, or the other, political destruction—depends entirely upon the course to be pursued by Secretary Gage and those who are pressing him forward, namely, the gold standard league of New York and the self-constituted national monetary conference. How much Secretary Gage cares for the Republican party is not known. Whether President McKinley, whose good faith toward bi-metalism is coming to the test, will stop his secretary in his insane career, is not known. It is to be hoped he will. But no political situation has been clearer than the present to sound eyes since the Republican party began its marvelous career forty-two years ago. There are times for all things. There is a time to move and a time to keep still, and now is the time to keep still."

Modern Pills.

The day of powerful drastic pills is past and everyone who is troubled with torpidity of the liver, constipation, headache or indigestion may be thankful that it is. Every modern family medicine chest should contain a supply of Food's Pills, the modern cathartic. While gentle and mild in action, they are thoroughly efficient and cure biliousness, indigestion, sick headache and other troubles due to a deranged condition of the stomach, liver or bowels.

Military Goods.

Miss Ammerman, the Bishop street millinery has secured the assistance of an experienced milliner from New York city and has also received an extensive line of fashionable millinery goods, suitable for the season. The ladies are invited to call and see the handsome display and find out what will be principally worn this season. Prices are always reasonable, and it is a pleasure to show our stock. A large line of trimmed hats are now on sale, at the lowest prices ever offered by us.

AMMERMAN'S STORE, Bellefonte, Pa.

Wednesday Evening.

Eli Perkins came to Bellefonte with more wind in his sails than ballast in his hold. As a great platform lecturer he is long in his recommendations and short in reality. Eli tried hard to "get there" but couldn't let alone "staying there." We don't have time to waste on a review of his lecture. The audience appeared dissatisfied.

Try Grain-O! Try Grain-O!

Ask your grocer to-day to show you a package of Grain-O, the new food drink that takes the place of coffee. The children may drink it without injury as well as the adult. All who try it, like it. Grain-O has that rich seal brown of Mocha or Java, but it is made from pure grains, and the most delicate stomach receives it without distress. 1/4 the price of coffee. 25c. and 25 cts. per package. Sold by all grocers.

Oyster Supper.

The Pleasant Gap band will hold an oyster supper on Friday and Saturday nights of this week. Other choice delicacies will be served. All are invited.

WALKER NOTES.

Mr. Geo. Sheaslevs rejoicing over the arrival of a young son.

Mr. Keen and sister are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Frain, of Abdera.

Mr. Lottie H. Nestlerode, of Tyrone was in our vicinity on Friday last, on business.

An oyster supper will be held in the United Evangelical church on Christmas eve. All are cordially invited to come.

Miss Maud Longe and Mrs. Leathers, of Howard, spent Saturday and Sunday at the home of Mrs. John Hoy, Jr., of this place.

Messrs. Smith and Zong, of Hecla, were fishing in this vicinity on Monday of last week, for turtles. They caught about three dozen.

Among those who attended institute last week were Misses Jennie Orudorf, Alice Harter and Kate Condo. Alice thinks Mr. Gillen very nice.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Leathers and Master Doyle removed from his place to Renovo on Wednesday, of last week, where Mr. Leathers has secured a position in the car yard. They resided in Jacksonville for a number of years.

CATO GLENN.

The Cato mines are not running more than half time at present.

Wm. Thiel, of Peale, formerly of Romo, was a welcome visitor at Cato last Sunday.

There was a large wild cat killed near the Cooke house, last week, by J. C. McCloskey.

Wonder why J. O. M. only went to the forks of the creek? Sunday roads must have been bad, Orvis.

Alfred Watkin's smiling face is again seen on our streets, after an absence of four months. He has been working at Reynoldsville.

Messrs C. Bechtol and Christ Singer, of Blanchard, spent the last three days of the season hunting rabbits at Panthers Run. They succeeded in killing 31 rabbits 3 pheasants and we cannot say how many snow birds.

SALE REGISTER.

TUESDAY MARCH 15—Farm stock and implements—household goods of Michael Siger, near Shingletown in Harris township.

LEGAL NOTICE

REGISTERS NOTICE.—The following accounts have been examined, passed and filed of record in the Register's office for the inspection of heirs and legatees, creditors and all others in anywise interested, and will be presented to the Orphan's Court of Centre county for confirmation on Wednesday, the 24th day of January, A. D. 1898.

- 1. First and final account of Michael Evert, administrator of etc., of Elizabeth Evert, late of Penn township, deceased.
2. First and final account of P. W. Burket, administrator of etc., of Hannah Glenn, late of Ferguson township, deceased.
3. First and final account of Reuben Grimm, guardian of Elizabeth Evert, minor child of Elizabeth Evert, late of Penn township, deceased.
4. First and final account of S. K. Emerick, administrator of etc., of Jacob Hoover, late of Union township, deceased.
5. First and partial account of Thomas B. Motz, administrator of etc., of Noah Weaver, late of Haines township, deceased.
6. First and final account of H. C. Gilliland, administrator of etc., of Mathias Keech, late of Burnside township, deceased.
7. Second account of Alexander McCoy and Wm. M. Allison, executor of etc., of John M. McCoy, late of Potter township, deceased.
8. The second account of Isaac Thomas, trustee under the residuary clause of the last will and testament of Wm. A. Thomas, late of Haines township, deceased.
9. The account of George W. Jackson, surviving trustee, under the last will and testament of Thomas E. Reynolds, late of Bellefonte borough, dec'd, as filed by George L. Jackson and George T. Brew, administrators of etc., Geo. W. Jackson, deceased.
10. The account of Anna VanPelt, administratrix of etc., of H. D. VanPelt, late of Centre Hill borough, deceased.
11. The second and final account of James S. Martin, executor of etc., of Andrew Martin, late of Marion township, deceased.
12. First and final account of Clement Dale, administrator of etc., of Sue N. Kerr, late of Potter township, deceased.
13. The account of James Duck and Lydia Duck, administrators of etc., of Oscar Duck, late of Gregg township, deceased.
14. The first and final account of Henry Walkey, trustee of etc., of Oscar Walkey, late of Walker township, deceased, and the second and final account of Henry Walkey, administrator of etc., of Samuel Walkey, late of Walker township, deceased.
15. First and final account of Elijah Burd administrator of etc., of Wm. E. Burd, late of Haines township, deceased. G. W. REMBARBER, Register.

VALUABLE FARM AT PUBLIC SALE.

Will be exposed at public sale, on the premises, in Gregg township, on TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 1898, at 2 o'clock p. m., the following described real estate, property of Elizabeth S. Bachan, deceased, late of Gregg township, in Bellefonte, located about 3 miles west of Madisonburg, in Gregg township, adjoining lands of E. P. Vonada heirs on the east; south by public road; west by Jeremiah Kline; north by Saylor Wert.

CONTAINING 114 ACRES

near measure, all of which is in a high state of cultivation. Thereon erected a two-story frame dwelling house, bank barn and all necessary outbuildings in good repair. Good spring water, excellent orchard of choice fruit. This farm is one of the most productive in Brush valley, and is of the best limestone soil. The property is conveniently located to churches and schools. This is a splendid real estate investment or a desirable home. 2 acres good timberland located in Gregg township, adjoining lands of Wm. Kishel on the east; John Reifsnider on the south; F. A. Yeatick on the west; Jeremiah Hoy on the north. This tract is covered with strong growths of pine, oak and chestnut.

TERMS—Ten per cent cash on day of sale; one third cash on confirmation of sale; one third in one year; one third in two years, with interest. CHARLES A. RACHAD, adm'r. ORVIS, DOWER & ORVIS, Madisonburg, Pa. Attorneys.

COURT PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the Hon. John G. Love, President Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of the 49th Judicial district, consisting of the county of Centre, having issued his precept bearing date the 20th day of December, 1897, in me directed for holding a Court of Common Pleas and Orphan's Court, Court of Oyer and Terminer and general Jail Delivery and Quarter Sessions of the Peace in Bellefonte, in the county of Centre, and commence on the 4th Monday of January, the 24th day of January, 1898, and to continue two weeks. Notice is hereby given to the Coroner, Justice of the Peace, Aldermen and Constables of said county of Centre, that they be then and there present at said court, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, with their records, inquiries, examinations, and their own remembrances, to do those things which to their office appertain to be done, and those who are bound in recognizances to prosecute against the prisoners that are or shall be in the jail of Centre county, be then and there to prosecute against them as shall be just.

Given under my hand, at Bellefonte the 21th day of Dec., in the year of our Lord, 1897 and the one hundred and twenty-first year of the Independence of the United States.

W. M. CHONSTER, Sheriff.

LEGAL NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the first and final account of Robert Smith, assignee of John P. Heckman, in trust for the benefit of creditors, will be presented to the Court for confirmation on Wednesday, January 28th, 1898, and unless exceptions be filed thereto on or before the second day of the term, the same will be confirmed. W. F. SMITH, Prothonotary.

LEGAL NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the first and final account of J. S. Goldman, committee of Amelia Goldman, lunatic, will be presented to the Court on Wednesday, January 28th, 1898, for confirmation, and unless exceptions be filed thereto on or before the second day of the term, the same will be confirmed. W. F. SMITH, Prothonotary.

—THE CENTRE DEMOCRAT and weekly Pittsburg Post, one year for \$1.50.

LEGAL NOTICE.

In the matter of the assigned estate of Luther Guisevic, notice is hereby given that the inventory and appraisal under the several acts of Assembly, setting apart three hundred dollars to Luther Guisevic, has been confirmed and will be presented to the Court for confirmation absolute, on the 24th day of January, 1898, and unless exceptions be filed thereto on or before the second day of the term, the same will be confirmed absolute. W. F. SMITH, Prothonotary.

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