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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.

EDITORIAL.

DOLLAR wheat is about all that Republicans are boasting of and that is stolen thunder. The farmers know better.

SENSATIONAL news come almost every day from Cuba. Everybody is expecting to hear of hostilities between this country and Spain. It is not an improbable thing, but the appearance of our warships off the coast of Florida, and the battle ship "Maine" in Cuban waters may have the effect of bringing matters to a crisis. At Washington, there is a strong sentiment for putting an end to the Cuban troubles, and that it is time for Uncle Sam to call a halt.

SENATOR QUAY is a little more forcing than the average politician. For some time republican politicians and even our local republican papers have declared that the silver question is a dead issue—buried at the last election. The other day Senator Quay declared in the United States Senate that it was a mistake to imagine anything of the kind, but it would be the issue in the next presidential campaign. It was a warning to the republicans that danger was ahead. Quay is right.

IN Ohio an investigation is in progress to show that Senator Hanna secured his election by bribery and fraud. The guilty parties refuse to testify, and important witnesses have skipped the state. That is a practical confession of guilt. It is a fine comparison with Hanna's message to McKinley that "God reigns and the Republican party still lives." There is nothing strange about the first part of the message, but if God reigns the last portion, "the Republican party still lives" is the most remarkable.

IT is true that in China the banks have no charters but it is also a fact there has been no bank failures for centuries. The bank wrecker there would get his head chopped off too quick but here the President pardons them after short imprisonments and commissions them to labor in the field of politics for the Republican party. President McKinley has been pardoning bankreckers at the rate of one every three weeks. It is quite certain that if such a law were in force in this country the recent bank failures in Philadelphia would not have occurred.

IN another part of this issue a special feature will be found, a speech by Wm. J. Bryan, at Minneapolis. It relates to bimetalism and the gold standard. It is a clear and concise statement, and reviews the question in such a plain manner that any reader can comprehend its meaning. No political campaign is in progress now to blind public sentiment and for that reason it can be read with much profit for the information it contains. The money question is a live issue and will be the dominant issue in the next presidential campaign. It is well then that the public keep track of recent events in the political field that bear on this question. That is why we urge our readers to give this address careful and thoughtful attention.

THE great strike among the cotton mill employees in the New England states leaves many thousand workmen out of employment and is what is most annoying to McKinley. He is the chap who in '96 promised to "open the mills instead of the mints." The Republicans who hung those large placards up in their places of business, bearing that familiar inscription, during the campaign, prefer to talk about the weather just now. Bellefonte was posted thick with them, but here also nearly all our mills have been closed too, and the working people are in great distress. They were disappointed like many more. Now these same republicans are pointing to dollar wheat, but they can't fool the people on that score. Famine caused that, and not McKinley.

SHORT SESSION OF COURT

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Com. vs. Ira Bartley, charge: assault and battery, prosecutrix Lizzie Bartley. Settled.

Com. vs. Mary Boney, charge: assault and threats, prosecutor J. K. Boney. Bill ignored and the county to pay the costs.

Com. vs. Bellefonte Central R. R. Co., F. H. Thomas, Superintendent, charge: common nuisance, returned by the constable of Benner township. Bill ignored and the county to pay the costs.

Com. vs. Youngmanstown, Aaronsburg and Old Fort Turnpike Co., J. C. F. Motz, manager, charge: neglect of duty, returned by constable of Haines township. True bill.

Com. vs. A. A. Frank, F. O. Hoosterman, Jacob Alter, J. H. Breon, G. W. Stover, Jerome Gephart, W. C. Catherman, Jonathan Harter and E. W. Mauck, Borough Council of Millheim, charge: neglect of duty, returned by constable of Millheim. Bill ignored and J. H. Reifsnider to pay the costs.

Com. vs. Joseph Kelley, charge: betrayal, prosecutrix Myrtle Rankin. True Bill.

Com. vs. Charles W. Smith, charge: assault and threats, prosecutor George Bechdel. Settled.

Com. vs. Isaac Midlam, charge: cutting timber trees on lands of another, prosecutor J. H. Holt. Bill ignored and J. H. Holt to pay the costs.

Com. vs. William Carnes and Emma Zones, charge: fornication and adultery, prosecutor John Zones. Bill ignored and John Zones to pay the costs.

(Reported by S. D. Gettig, Esq.)

TIT FOR TAT.

Although the Administration has no more to do with the unfortunate condition of the cotton industry in the New England States than the man in the moon, it is "getting it in the neck" and deserves to. When the campaign of 1896 was in progress, Republican politicians promised the people that Mr. McKinley would open the factories closed by Mr. Cleveland, and that a protective tariff would raise wages cut down by the Wilson bill. Mr. McKinley was elected, and a protective Tariff law passed and signed. Good crops for which there was a big market and a better demand for iron and steel products did open many factory and mill doors, but not all of them, and the Republican promises are now returning to plague the dominant party, for the Democrats are now pointing to the reduction of wages in the New England cotton mills and asking all manner of very annoying questions. The Democrats are simply giving tit for tat.

It is high time that politicians were learning to be honest with the people, and that parties were telling them nothing but the truth. The past year has demonstrated that legislation has very little to do with real prosperity, providing certain favorable conditions at the most; that natural causes and the law of supply and demand do much more to assist the enterprise, energy and ingenuity of man. The lesson has been too plain to permit either Republicans or Democrats ever making rash promises to the people, with the hope of again fooling them. The people are not fools, they know that the Democrats did not close factory doors, and that Republicans did not open them, half so much as other causes over which legislation had little or no control, as nearly every natural condition was nearly the opposite during Mr. Cleveland's Administration to those obtaining under Mr. McKinley's.

If the lesson learned is kept constantly in mind, it will serve the people a good turn in 1900, when the issues of 1896 will again be the questions of the presidential campaign. All that is necessary is a complete separation of politics from nature, and a thorough understanding of the powers of each in bringing about desired conditions; and a comprehensive idea of the law of supply and demand, applied to all products of the land, brain and hand. These obtaining, the Republicans and Democrats will be compelled to call black, black, and white, white; they will be unable to do any more juggling or perform any more sleight of hand tricks. There will be less opportunity for tit for tat.—Grit.

Bishop McIoyers Worse. The condition of the venerable Bishop McGovern, at Harrisburg, has become so serious, that his relatives have been summoned to his bedside. His illness is owing to a general breaking down of the system. The formal announcement of his sickness was made yesterday at Harrisburg.

Will Meet at Harrisburg. The Pennsylvania state association of school directors will hold their annual convention at Harrisburg, Wednesday, Feb. 9.

Postmaster Appointed at Axemann. William H. Miller was appointed postmaster at Axemann yesterday to succeed Henry Meyers.

Postmaster at Lamar. Willard S. Meyer has been appointed postmaster at Lamar to succeed A. T. Pifer.

INDUSTRIAL SLAVERY.

That Is What the Republican Party Stands Sponsor For.

BANKS OF THE UNEMPLOYED GROW Under the Gold Standard There is No Profit For Farmer and Mechanic—Even a Bare Existence Is Becoming Scantier. An Amendment to the Constitution.

No advocate of the gold standard will openly subscribe to the proposition of continuous falling of prices which is the continuance of the same standard inevitably entails. There is not one of them but knows that the single standard means continual decline in the prices of the products of labor. Therefore they fight shy of this phase of the argument. They know that prosperous times never do come and never can come while prices are on the down grade. They also know that the scarcity of money in general circulation is the sole cause of low prices. As a general rule when they are pressed for information on this feature of the financial question they quickly avoid it by introducing a lot of alleged wisdom foreign to the point altogether. Sometimes they say, "What's the difference if prices continue to fall, for in that case people can buy cheaper."

They apparently forget that consumers cannot buy cheaper when they have no money with which to go into market. The farmer cannot sell his products at half price and buy the products of the mechanic. The mechanic is therefore unable to get a market for his products, and in order to meet the condition of the farmer must offer that which he produces at a greatly reduced price. Thus the two great arms of an industrial system—the farmer and the mechanic—are forced to do business year after year without profits. It is the same with nearly every division of the industrial army. Under the gold standard there is absolutely no reward for production. There is a bare existence, which grows more scant as time progresses. It is this state of things that is rushing our country headlong to perdition. As the chains tighten the ranks of the unemployed grow. As the ranks of the unemployed grow the end of organized society draws nearer.

In the face of what is plain is it not blindness for the advocates of gold and lower prices to continue their false teachings? Yes, it is blindness, but gold is always blind. The leading advocates of the single gold standard are dealers in money. They are for gold because it drives down that which is measured by gold—the products of the farmer, the mechanic and producer generally. Their money is not seeking investment. The more of it that is kept out of circulation the more valuable it becomes as a measure of value. For instance, under the gold standard prices would fall at least 40 per cent in ten years. Therefore the sum of, say, \$100,000, locked up in a safety deposit vault for ten years would in ten years be worth \$140,000 as a measure of value. The gold standard is therefore the best thing for the money owners and the worst thing for the producer of that which is measured by money.

How any man engaged in production as a wage earner or otherwise can at the same time support the gold standard is something not easily understood. Certainly the intelligence of the American people is too keen to be fuddled on the proposition. The American people favor a large volume of money and insist that it shall be increased at a ratio to keep pace with production. No political party absolutely opposed to bimetalism has ever yet dared to face the electorate of the United States. The Republicans won last year on a platform not greatly different with regard to financial matters from the Democratic pledge. The only difference was that the Democratic platform meant what it said. The Republican platform did not mean what it said, and 6,500,000 votes have within the past few months seen their suspicions in this respect justified. The administration has receded from the international bimetalism pledge and now stands flatly for gold alone as the measure of labor's products. From this position the party cannot now recede.

The Republican party today is the sponsor for an industrial slavery. Even should it recede from the gold when the battle becomes hot, that action will not release it from the deserved contempt of the 7,000,000 voters who were fooled by its false promise to abolish the gold standard if intrusted with power. The greater portion of those 7,000,000 voters will be found working shoulder to shoulder with the Democrats in the next national campaign. Therefore the only obstacle now in the way of industrial freedom through bimetalism is the three years' lease of power that belongs to the Republican party. It can do a great deal of harm between now and March 4, 1901.

For that reason we are in favor of this kind of an amendment to the constitution: "Every political party seeking the suffrages of the people of the various states and territories shall fulfill its pledges within one year after the inauguration of the president. Failure to do so shall necessitate another general election."

Another Query For Protectionists. We sell Canada \$61,000,000 a year. Great Britain sells Canada only \$22,000,000 a year. Each country has to climb into Canadian markets over tariff barriers the same height to all. In the Canadian markets we compete with England upon the same business footing, and we sell Canada twice as much as England does. Yet protectionists tell us if it were not for the tariff England would flood this country with goods. Why doesn't she flood our goods out of Canada?

"WICKED DEMOCRATS."

They Are Against the Trusts and Seeking to Compass Their Overthrow.

Guntton's Magazine, in an article telling congress what it must do to be saved during the present session, solemnly warns the Republicans that they must have the courage of their convictions or the awful handwriting will be recorded on the wall against them.

It comes to the point squarely and boldly when it says: "The Democratic party is siding with and aiding the antitrust, which is the antiwealth, crusade, and the Republican party seems to be more than half afraid to meet the issue and in many instances falls in with the crowd. No political party can be successful which does not join either the mob or rise sufficiently above it to be able to deal with the demands of the masses on a high statesmanlike plane."

There you have it laid down flat. Everybody can understand all of it except the "high statesmanlike plane." In explanation of that it will suffice for the present to say that on the "plane" is mapped out a grand programme of paternalism to compensate the masses for the robberies committed by the trusts under shelter of the tariff.

The wicked Democratic party is siding against the trusts and seeking to compass their overthrow. The magazine organ of the trusts says so, and the Democrats do not deny it. The Republican party is siding with the trusts, secretly if not openly, but it is more than half afraid to side with them openly. The trust organ tells it there must be no hesitation to support the trusts openly if it wants to succeed or at least do something to hold the masses still while the trusts fleece them. Surely the Republican party ought to fling to the winds its fears and "rise sufficiently above the mob" to side with the trusts openly. Why not? It depends on the trusts for campaign fat. It builds up trusts and defends them by means of tariff protection. It ought to have the courage to acknowledge its own offspring and defend them openly. The Democrats will not object nor will they hesitate to proclaim their hostility to all trusts or combinations to stifle competition.

Let the issue be joined openly. The Democratic party believes in competition. It will not hesitate to say that the trusts must be made to cease throttling competition and permit natural conditions to prevail. It will not hesitate to "join the mob" to force the trusts to let go. Now let the Republican party, whose whole tariff policy is a policy of throttling competition and therefore a trust policy, openly and honestly side with the trusts.

On that line the Democratic party will be content to fight it out if it takes a score of years.—Chicago Chronicle.

CONFESSION OF FAILURE.

Dingley Turns to the Beer Tax to Help Out His Punny Tariff Bill.

Congressman Dingley, who achieved ill fame by giving his name to the punitive, yet most vicious, tariff in our history, has been compelled to acknowledge that the act which was to have produced "additional revenue" needs to be helped out by some real revenue measures. In desperation the solemn Dingley remarks that to increase the tax on beer would be simplicity itself. So it would have been last summer. At that time the opponents of Financier Dingley pointed out that the addition of \$1 a barrel to the beer tax would bring in \$30,000,000 a year. That increase would have filled the hole made by the Wilson act by the nullification of the income tax.

With the additional beer tax the Wilson tariff would have produced enough revenue and even a surplus after its first year, while the McKinley panic was still raging. If the beer tax had been increased as suggested, there would have been no excuse for the Dingley tariff bungling. The Dingley billers, however, refused to enact the desired legislation in regard to beer. They insisted upon making another tariff "to provide adequate revenues for the government." They had their way. They drew up a tariff that produces less revenue than the Wilson tariff, or even the McKinley tariff. It is creating deficits at a rate never before equalled, even by the McKinley act in its last year, when the government ran behind \$75,000,000.

Now, to cover up the gigantic deficit, the solemn Dingley turns to the spurned beer tax. His doing so is a confession that the Dingley tariff is an utter failure. It ought to be replaced with a tariff that will produce revenue instead of unprecedented deficits.—Kansas City Times.

An Impossible Performance.

Senator Chandler warns McKinley that he must either stand by the people or join the plutocrats. Blondin in his famous rope trip across Niagara's roaring rapids never balanced himself so picturesquely or so uniquely as will our president when he performs the dazzling trick of standing by the people and at the same time by the plutocrats, pools, syndicates, civil service reform and all sorts of trusts and monopolies.

Depew's Vain Hope For Peace.

Dr. Depew is for "peace, peace." His idea is that with peace this country can capture the markets of the world—of course he means tariff peace. What, however, would become of Dingley's occupation if this nation should declare for tariff peace? And what would the Republican party do for the sinews of a campaign that are so generally contributed by the beneficiaries of Republican protection?

Wages No Higher.

Mr. Carnegie is paying no higher wages than he paid last year, and some of his employees find their pay reduced. Mr. Dingley should remonstrate with this grasping Scotchman.

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