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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."

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?"

EDITORIAL.

WHY 16 TO 1.

We are frequently asked why do the great majority of bimetalists fix the free coinage ratio at 16 to 1? Why not fix some other ratio?

We answer: Because the present legal ratio in this country has been 16 to 1 since 1834, and that since the organization of the government the ratio was practically the same. The history of this country proves that at this ratio the parity between gold and silver can easily be maintained.

Again, it is practically the ratio of free coinage in all countries friendly to bimetalism. It is the ratio of all gold and silver coins now in circulation, and it is more favorable to gold than the ratio now existing in most European countries.

Again, in 1896 the democracy at the primary elections, selected delegates to the county conventions, the county conventions elected delegates to the state conventions, who in turn sent delegations to the National convention, which convened at Chicago.

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Again, gold and silver have been driven apart by hostile legislation. Silver having been demonetized, and legislation enacted favorable to gold, the purchasing power of gold has been increased, and the same legislation being unfavorable to silver, the demand for silver has been decreased, and the price of that metal necessarily correspondingly decreased.

Who is it that questions the feasibility of adhering to the present ratio? Mainly the republican party. Certainly they would not only question it, but condemn it. Who would expect anything else? That party represents the favored classes who have become rich by the financial system established in this country since 1873.

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the masses of the people, for the purpose of enriching the favored few. The great struggle between democracy and plutocracy is imminent, and the friends of liberty and good government must not falter, but steadfastly stand by the right, without thought of compromising with error.

"KICKED THEM OUT"

"To-day all the trusts, all the monopolies, every agency which has been bleeding the country, has taken refuge under the wing of the republican party, because they fear the democratic party, which kicked them out."

This is an extract from a speech lately delivered by Gov. Pingree, the present republican governor of Michigan. Coming from a republican of such prominence 'tis certainly somewhat startling.

Gov. Pingree seems to be more honest than republican leaders generally are, and when he sees and realizes how completely the republican party is under the control of the trusts and monopolies, and how little regard they have for the rights of the people, he is not afraid to come out boldly and state the facts just as they exist.

"The monopolist, the franchise grabber, lobbyist, the political apostles of boodles, are all extreme republican partisans, and when any one exposes or obstructs their ambition they wrap themselves in the flag and cry, you are attacking the party! When they elect themselves to office by main force of money, they ascribe it to divine intervention of providence in behalf of the nation and its honor."

There are many honest republicans like Gov. Pingree, and they cannot well stop at a half-way station politically, but must of necessity join the democracy in the party's contest in behalf of the rights of the people, as against the encroachments of the trusts and monopolies.

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J. Tilden always regarded the result of the Spring election in New York as a sure indication as to how the State would vote at the coming fall election.

INFORMATION WANTED.

This is considered ridiculously small for the tag ends of tax duplicates. But then a larger estimate would have increased the liabilities and left less claim for surplus on hands.

Another item not to be forgotten. The democratic board made three copies of registrations of voters for the last year of their term—for spring, fall and the next spring election.

Another item for daylight. James B. Strohm is credited with \$146 for copying assessment "catch" books, etc.

With all these facts staring us in the face it is evident that the commissioners statement needs another invoice of de-luded "Hot Stuff"—condensed daylight—to make clear the padded assets of the county and explain the contradiction, that with such a large surplus the necessity for increasing the taxes from 3 to 3 1/2 mills; also, how property in Centre county depreciated one million dollars on account of democratic times, although confidence was restored over eighteen months ago, upon McKinley's election and Dingley prosperity has been smiling so generously over the entire land.

FEBRUARY ELECTIONS

Continued from last page. Foster and J. P. Jackson, Overseer of Poor W. C. Kline, Justice of the Peace F. Crosthwaite, Auditor J. A. Hunter, Counsel—W. L. Foster, A. Emerick, J. N. Krumrine, H. Constable and James H. Holmes, Jr.

Potter Twp., consolidated—Registration Assessors W. W. Boyer and T. A. Anunn, Assessor W. W. Boyer, School Directors, Daniel Daup, 3 years; W. H. Lucas, 1 year; Overseer of Poor D. L. Bartges, 2 years; Supervisors Adam Krumrine and Samuel Bruce, Auditor W. W. Spangler, Town Clerk Geo. W. Smith, North Precinct—Judge of Election Jno D. Moore, Inspectors R. P. Odenkirk and R. W. Bloom.

Haines Twp., consolidated—Assessor E. A. Bower, School Directors Geo. Kister and Geo. Weaver, Overseer of Poor Emanuel Cronmiller, Supervisors Jacob Meyer, J. K. Irvin, Jas. Galatwite, Auditor W. Henry Phillips, Town Clerk John C. Bower.

West Precinct—Judge of Election M. M. Bower, Inspector Geo. A. Zerby, East Precinct—Judge of Election H. O. Fiedler, Inspectors A. M. Cramer and T. E. Vonada.

Old Maid Insurance. The latest in the insurance line is the "Old Maid Assurance Corporation, Limited," which issues policies to single ladies, which will if the policy holder remains unmarried at the age of 40 years, guarantee a pension for life.

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Fads in Medicine.

There are fads in medicine as in everything else and a "new thing" frequently sells for a short time simply because it is new. But in medicine, as in nothing else, the people demand and will be satisfied only with positive, absolute merit.

The Homeliest Man In

Bellefonte as well as the handsomest, and others are invited to call on any druggist and get a free trial bottle of Kemp's Balsam for the throat and lungs, a remedy that is guaranteed to cure and relieve all chronic and acute coughs, asthma, bronchitis and consumption.

A Rare Thing.

For many generations the Moyer family were residents at Pine Creek Mills, in Haines Twp. After April 1st no representative of this family will be at that point. Pine Creek Mills, for over a hundred years, was occupied by some one of the Moyer family.

FRIENDS OF MONOPOLY.

Republican Officials Never Lose an Opportunity to Aid Trusts.

Whenever and wherever a Republican official finds an opportunity to oblige a monopoly, a trust or a millionaire he is sure to embrace it. It is the aim of the party to help capital at the expense of the people, and the abandonment of the suits in this state, says the New York News, against the Armour company for selling oleomargarine here illegally is therefore a perfectly logical proceeding.

The penalties that the Armour company had incurred under the oleomargarine law amount to \$1,700,000 in round figures. The cases had been rigorously and ably pushed by former officials, and victory for the state is even now in sight, but both Governor Black and Commissioner of Agriculture Wieting are understood to have decided to abandon the prosecution. And for what? For a promise from the millionaire corporation not to break the law again and the payment of a merely nominal fine.

The Armour company is credited with having given \$100,000 to last year's Republican national campaign fund. It was a large sum, but only one seven-tenth of what it gets back now by the grace of the Republican officials of the state of New York. It is a profitable investment that pays 1,600 per cent in a single year. A Klondike gold mine can hardly be expected to turn out greater profits more promptly.

An Honest Republican.

At least one Republican congressman—Mr. Lacey of Iowa—has the courage of his convictions. He doesn't believe that Democrats have any rights in this country, and he says so. He is opposed to the free homes bill. "We gave free homes to farmers in Guthrie county, O. T.," he says, "and how did they show their gratitude to the Republican party? Every last one of them voted against Dennis Flynn. Under the circumstances I don't see why the Republican congress should endorse over the question of free homes to western farmers."

Beginning the New Year.

Mr. McKinley goes into the new year with nothing accomplished for the country or for mankind. There is no Cuban recognition, there is a reduction in cotton factory wages, there is no reciprocity, and the nation has only the farmer and a European shortage to thank for what measure of prosperity has been restored. As to civil service reform, that is being knocked out by office brokering.

Latest From the Battleship Maine.

The Thursday morning dispatches are to this effect: 260 lives were lost. The greatest excitement prevails throughout the country. The authorities at Washington will make an investigation as to cause of the explosion, some think it was blown up by a torpedo. The Man of War may be ruined. It is considered doubtful that the mannaizes in the ship exploded. The President and cabinet have been in session upon the matter.

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WASHINGTON AND BALTIMORE.

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