

CHAOS IN COLORADO.

How Teller and Wolcott Jeopardized Republican Success.

BAD ANTE-NOMINATION MISTAKE

The Withdrawal of the Cleveland Electors Strengthens Harrison.

PROBABLE INCREASE IN THE VOTE

(SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.)
DENVER, Nov. 5.—The political situation in Colorado is peculiar, and a forecast of the result is difficult to make. Senators Teller and Wolcott, not being in harmony with the administration, several weeks preceding the Minneapolis Convention, began a warfare on the President in which they used every effort to array the people of this State against his re-nomination. By their speeches in the Senate and their open letters to their constituents they succeeded in arousing the bitterness of the silver question. The Senators honestly believed that he would fail of the re-nomination at Minneapolis and the Republican organizations of this State would be greatly strengthened and solidified.

The re-nomination of Mr. Harrison left Senators Teller and Wolcott in an embarrassing position. After having arrayed their party in Colorado almost solidly against the President by asserting that he was the bitter and most unrelenting enemy of her chief product, they suddenly found themselves where they must either advocate the re-election of Mr. Harrison or bolt the nomination.

Had started too big a storm.
Their long and devoted service to the Republican party naturally led them to make the best of the situation, and they returned to Colorado to advise their followers to give the ticket the support of the silver question. The Senators had reached the dimensions of a cyclone. It would not do at their bidding. A Silver League had been organized without regard to party lines and thousands of Colorado voters had joined the union.

The Farmers' Alliance-Populist organization proceeded to place a full State and national ticket in the field. The ticket was headed by Weaver electors. The Silver League met and was absorbed by the Farmers' Alliance organization. The Democratic State Convention met and found that throughout almost the entire State the Democrats had enlisted under the Weaver banner. The convention, therefore, made a virtual necessity of informing the Weaver ticket. A few of the delegates withdrew and proceeded to nominate a State ticket, headed by Cleveland electors, although it was then evident that the Cleveland electors would not receive 5,000 votes in the State, probably not half that number.

Withdrawal of the Cleveland Electors.
The Populist, or Weaver, candidate for Congress in the Second district, John C. Bell, is a Democrat and has been endorsed by Cleveland, or "Wide Wing" electors. Late Perce, the Weaver candidate for Congress in the First district, is also a Democrat, but the Cleveland party declined to endorse him and nominated Hon. John G. Taylor. A week before election day the Cleveland organization withdrew its candidates on the electoral ticket, which had the effect of causing many Republicans to return to their party allegiance, as it was evident that the only purpose the Democrats of this State had to deprive President Harrison of the four votes of Colorado by giving them to Weaver.

The vote of two years ago indicated that the State was Republican by a plurality of 20,000. The Farmers' Alliance cast about 6,000. Practically there has been a union of the Alliance and the Democratic party, which, however, still leaves a safe margin for the Republicans, if they do not lose heavily by the disaffection aroused by the Senators, as stated above.

An Increase in the Vote.
One other element of uncertainty is the increased vote that will be polled. Probably 10,000 more votes will be cast this year than ever before. But heretofore every increase has inured to the benefit of the Republicans.

The campaign, so far, has been aggressive on the part of the mongrel organization opposed to the Republicans. It claims everything, and has given the Republican party the hardest fight it has ever known, but there is no dismay in the Republican ranks; its leaders have been heard in every precinct, and they rely upon the good sense of the people to bring victory out of the reigning chaos.

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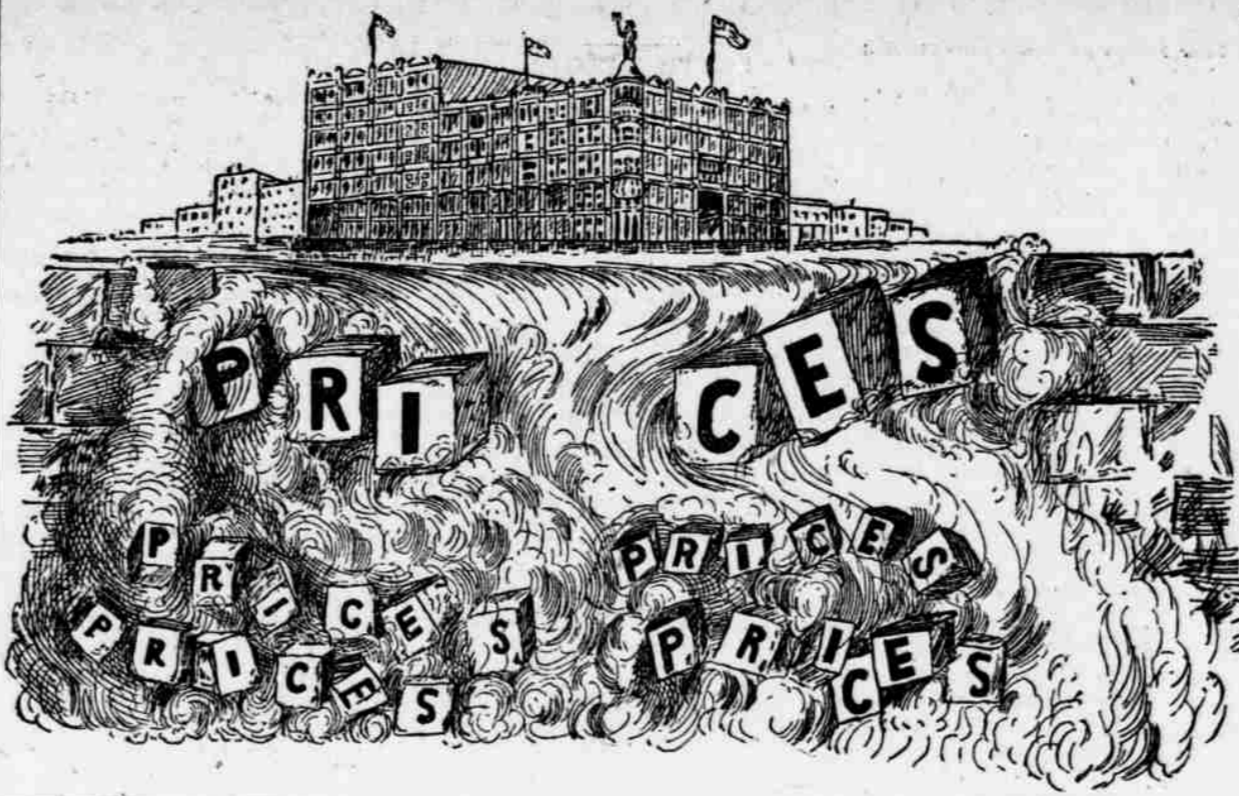
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