THE FINANCIAL ISSUE.

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PLAN OF ORGANIZATION.

J. J. Mott, chairman of the national committee of the American Silver party, Washington, D. C., has sent out the following plan:

That the voters of the country may have an opportunity to so organize that they can co-operate and redeem our country from the blight of a gold stanard, which has made the 100-cent dollar, of 1863, a 200-cent dollar in 1896, and is paralyzing the energies of our people, undermining our liberties and bids fair to fill the land with poor houses. The national committee, appointed by the Silver conference, in Washington, D. C., January 22 and 23, suggests the following plan of organization:

1. That the organization proceed from the people up by all silver men signing the club roll.

2. That the organization should extend into every school district, so that clubs may be formed convenient to the homes of the people.

In order to effect such organization, the representative, of the national committee, in each state and territory should proceed at once to appoint an organizer for each congressional district, whose duty it will be to organize the district by the appointment of an active and efficient worker in each county to act as committeeman for such county, whose duty it will be to organize said county.

The county committeeman should proceed without delay to secure the co-operation of one active man in each city, township or precinct to undertake the organization of said city, township or precinct. It is further recommended that the city, township or precinct committeeman subdivide their work by the appointmeat of a committeeman in each school district, whose duty it will be to canvass the school district and secure the signatures of voters to the club roll.

THE GOLD PROGRAM.

In a type written letter to the editor of THE JOURNAL, the gold standard currency reform committee submits the following suggestions for carrying out the gold standard and bank note system:

"Government can easily add $100,000,000 per year to its store of gold by sale of bonds, getting half this amount from the annual product of our own gold mines and half from abroad. By this means it can, without either contraction or expansion of the currency, in seven years' time substitute legal tender gold certificates—which we call "new greenbacks"—for all the legal tender currency which it is now bound to redeem on demand, and it can thereby put its finances on a perfectly sound footing. A yearly charge of twenty-five cents per head of our population for interest on the necessary bonds would be the whole cost of this reform."

"Since our banks have $5,000,000,000 of banking assets—mostly short notes of solvent people—if these should issue even $1,000,000,000 of notes redeemable in gold and secured by first lien on these assets, their notes would be, humanly speaking, perfectly good and far surer of prompt redemption than the promises of our government: and, even if these bank notes were at any time irredeemable, no change would occur in the value of contracts, because these notes could not be forced, by the legal tender act, on creditors in satisfaction of debts.

Literature in plates and editorials to advocate the above system of more bonds and no currency but by grace of the banks are offered THE JOURNAL free of all expense.

Following is sent by the Currency Reform (gold) committee of the Massachussetts Reform club:

HEADING FOR CLUBS.

Resolved, We demand that some safe plan be adopted whereby our legal tender paper and silver and our silver certificates shall be slowly withdrawn, and gold, gold certificates, and bank-notes shall gradually take their places.

We are opposed to any currency system whereby one party to a contract has the choice of the kind of money he shall tender when the choice is denied to the other party of the kind of money he shall except, since recent experience shows that such a system creates distrust of all money contracts.

We sympathize with the South and West in their dissatisfaction at the lack of banking facilities in their sections, and favor such legislation as will encourage the establishment and successful operation of small banks with local capital and local knowledge of credits.

We invite all patriotic organizations, of whatever kind of party, especially in those sections where financial depression has brought most suffering, to co-operate with us in an unremitting campaign for a sound financial system under which all artificial hindrances to prosperity shall be removed.

A VOICE FOR UNION.

Geo. Rogers of Monmouth writes:

I see in THE JOURNAL of March 22 under the heading of bimetalism, some very good suggestions, which indicates, that the political ball has been set to rolling. And believing, that it should be kept moving, and its velocity constantly increasing, until all true reform forces, of the old parties, as well as the new, are marshaled under one banner.

We beg the privilege to contribute a few suggestions, to our friends, through your paper.

Usually there is but little significanc in name, which is practially true, with all political organizations, save the one fundamental principle upon which all succeesful parties are marshalled in a common cause, by a common name.

Would it not be a ludicrous spectacle to enter a military camp, that claimed good dicipline, and one portion of its followers summoned to roll-call by the base drum, another portion by the fife, and yet another by the bugle?

Would it not be equally as ludicrous, for a political reform party, to claim a good organization, by retaining their old party names and the new ones to retain theirs?

All well diciplined military organizations, have but one method, by which its camp is summoned to roll-call, and it is equally true, if a political party attempts t carry more than one name, it is not well organized.

There is but little in name; one could be chosen indicative of the principle advocated. Should our friends object, or refuse to abandon their old party name, and join the new, it would be conclusive proof that they thought more of their name than they did of their principles and they would not be reformers.

If any of them are inclined to accept free and unlimited coinage of silver as a sufficient basis to restore prosperty to the American people we advise them to put up their political goggles until they can find needed reform in money land and transportion.

FOR A UNION PARTY.

A Lane County Democrat writes as follows:

I think that the Silver men should in the election (1898) in this state be very cautious, and select men who are known to be right and regardless of past party ties and partisan ideas. I have always been a strong party Democrat, am a Democrat today, but I can lay aside all party ties and use my best efforts to secure the free coinage of silver (16 to 1) and assist in many ways, to effect a reform in state affairs. Free Silver Republicans ought to do the same.

ONE FOR UNION.

D. M. Jones, one of the Populist pioneers of Linn county, writes from Sodaville:

As the fires cool down from the recent sharply contested presidental election, we see the greater reasons why all patriotic citizens should rally to the front in defense of the commonality.

The late conflict has certainly demonstrated to every thinking individual the monster that must be met in our future political campaigns.

The Free Silver Republicans, Populists, and Bryan Democrats have it in their power to carry the state for reform. Will they do it, or will they allow little selfish motives and names to arise, and thereby barter the very principles that they prize so dearly? And as in the presidential election give the victory to those who denounce them as idiots and dynamiters.

All cannot be officers, but all may live under a good economical government, and it is surely more honorable to be a citizen under good government of their own production, than to be an officer in the army of corruption.

Whenever we submit to corporations and the gold kings as the supreme rulers of our country, we surrender our rights as American citizens. If we desire a high standard of moral and economical government we must be united on those principles.

The responsibility of good government for the common wealth of the present is resting upon its citizens as is also the future. Exceeding wealth is usually gluttonious. It has no soul. Its eye sees nothing but aggrandizement. It lives in luxury, so far as this life is concerned. It is independent of the physical wants of ordinary humanity and is therefore not prepared to sympathize with the ill-clad and hungry. It is not to blame. The government has made it so. Our ballot in part has made the government.

Let us arouse from our lethargy. If we would hope to have a government that would reach the wants of forty-nine out of fifty the watch tower must be erected by the sons of toil. The important matter before the people is the principle and not name. Name is empty sparce. Any man that thinks more of name than principle ought to be ashamed to go to the polls to vote.

A SOLID POP.

Adam Brown, of Falls City, Polk county, an old residenter in Oregon for 52 years, who is 79 years old and a Populist for six years, writes: I believe in the Omaha Peoples platform and referendum. It is enough silver platform without mixing the Democrat or Republican name with the Peoples party. I have seen the Whig party pass out of existence. It was for the rich to have votes in number to their wealth. Now it is a new form. The monopolists and gold bugs seek to keep the "bloody shirt" on the Peoples party, by naming it the Peoples—Democratic—Republican party, in one ticket to confuse the Peoples party into fusion and defeat. Populists should organize with only the one name—the Peoples party—and they will prosper. In the last presidential election there were hundreds and thousands of Populists who voted the McKinley ticket in preference to the fusion Bryan ticket. If we keep our mouths shut we may get them shut.

FROM JACKSON COUNTY.

E. P. Hammond writes from Medford:

I know of only one thing we all agree upon and that is the money of the constitution. But we are fast becoming acquainted with tariff protection and prosperity. And while I am on the line allow me to say that the enemies of the people are educating us right along the lines most useful to progression. But we must take the bull by the horns and fight the main issue which is "money" first. The first thing to do and that is to get together. After we have learned to work "together" in harmony the rest of the work will be an easy affair. And if we do not succeed in learning how to work together then these monopolies will teach us what association will bring. Let us lay by the little matters of prejudice that so easily besets us and get together along with the Silver party already in the field that numbers millions, and form clubs educating on all lines that is in the Peoples party platform, ever keeping in memory that every plank added to the money question will knock thousands off. We must not fool away any more time to see what we cant agree upon. There is only one name we can get together on without a dissenting voice and that is Union party. I will go with the People and do all I can for them in party under any name that I can see them interested. I know them to be interested in Union. That is the gateway to a higher civilization; if we miss it all is lost. We cannot afford to neglect so great an opportunity. We must unite and give up our idolized partisan feelings.

FAVORS TAXING INCOMES.

S. Sherman writes from Talent, under date March 25:

In renewing our subscription I will add in connection with the ideas of other reformers and patrons of THE JOURNAL, that, with me, "taxing incomes" is the true principle for revenue, instead of high tariffs for common necessities. The high tariff idea benefits the trusts and monopolies, but brings added misery to the poor, dependent laboring classes. I wish that all reformers could unite and at the next presidential canvass unloose this tyrant Gold King, and place a representative of the common people in the saddle instead. I like County School Superintendent H. S. Lyman's ideas. I also would like to vote for Elder Barkley for Governor.

COMEDY—"Engaged will be produced at Reed's opera house, Saturday night, by Salem's best talent. Miss Mason will recite that beautiful dramatic recitation "Wild Zengorilla," the story of a mad Gypsy girl. Popular prices 25 and 50 cents.

GRADUATES

From W. U. Medical College

Commencement Exercises at the M. E. Church.

The main auditorium and gallery of the First M. E. church were comfortably filled Wednesday evening, the occasion being the thirty-first annual commencement of the college of medicine, of Willamette University, when the degree M. D. was conferred upon three bright and deserving young gentlemen.

Promptly at 8 o'clock the faculty of the medical school, accompanied by Rev. G. W. Grannis Rev. W. C Kantner, Pres. W. C. Hawley, and Dr. W. T. Williamson, filed down the two principal aisles and seated themselves upon the platform; the faculty of the school occupying that part of the platform which is used by the choir while Dr. J. Reynolds, dean of the Medical college, who presided over the exercises, accompained by the four gentlemen whose names are given above, were provided with seats on the rostrum. A few moments later the three candidates upon whom honors were about to be conferred viz: Messrs: E. D. Johnson, L. M. Jones, and A. C. Schroeder, entered the church and took their places on the rostrum.

The program opened with a beautiful selection by the Chemeketa quartette which received the encore it merited and this quartette of talented singers responded with another selection that was equally as much enjoyed. Rev. G. W. Grannis followed with prayer, and Rev. W. C. Kantner was introduced and read an excellent address on "The Kingly Profession." The speaker prefaced his address by referring to the wonderful advancement made in recent years in medical skill and science, in conjunction with religion, neither of which is antagonistic to the other. The speaker paid a glowing taibute to the medical profession and in conclusion spoke of the ample fields open for further discoveries in medical science.

Miss Lillian Roblin's rich alto voice was heard in "If Thou Did'st Love Me" and the appreciation of the number by the audience was evident from the warm applause that followed.

E. D. Johnson, who was selected to deliver the class oration, acquitted himself most creditably. The young orator spoke of the wonderful advancment of civilization and education and corresponding decrease of disease. He briefly referred to five of the great benefactors to medical science, reciting their wonderful achievements in the medical world. In looking into the future he saw bright prospects for further investigations and startling discoveries in medical science. The class orator concluded his oration with the significant Latin expression: "Medicinia omnia vincet." The delivery was especially good, and the oration was warmly applauded.

Prof. R. A. Heritage sang the "Erl King" with much expression and the audience would not be satisfied until the Professor had responded with a second selection—"Winds of a Winter Night."

Dr. W. T. Williamson then delivered the charge to the class. His remarks were concise and valuable. A membership in a profession noes not en-noble a man. The speaker impressed upon the graduates the need of further advancement. Having briefly reviewed past opportunities he outlined the possibilities of the future. The learned geneleman did not fail to recite, in a humorous vein however, the many unpleasant experiences through which members of the profession were obliged to pass, but impressed the graduates with the dignity and responsibilities of the chosen profession they had assumed.

President W. C. Hawley, of Willamette universityy, then presented the members of the class with the diplomas, to which they were entitled. The president addressed each member of the class in Latin, and having presented the diplomas wished the recipients a most happy and successful future.

The Heritage Lady Quartet sang very beautifully "The Chimes" and gracefully responded to an encore and sang "Last Night." at the conclusion of which the audience dispersed for their respective homes.

The new Washington quarantine law is now in effect and it practically excludes sheep from Oregon, Idaho and Canada, from where there were at least 100,000 sheep grazed annually.

The young ladies of the Klamath Falls improvement club netted $4.25 from a ball given at Hotel Linkville last week. They intend to give balls and entertainments from time to time and the proceeds to be used in making needed improvements in town.

STATE NEWS.

Morrow county has concluded to pay the state tax.

Miss L. Hughes, of Astoria died after an illness of but a few hours Tuesday night.

About 700 carloads of beef cattle have been driven from Gazelle, Lake county this season.

In Clatsop county $8000 in taxes have been paid in warrants which are selling at 98 cents on a dollar.

A petition has been circulated at Eugene asking Dr. Kuykendall to accept the nomination for mayor.

John Franklin, of Heppner, was arrested for horse stealing. He had the horse in his possession when arrested.

About 75 per cent of the amount of the cash subsidy has been raised for the beet sugar factory at La Grande.

Mr. Darrow of Edenbower, Douglas county, died at the home of his daughter on Tuesday morning on his 86 birthday.

A marriage license has been granted in Lane county to Thomas C. Purcell, aged 97 and Elizabeth Huffman aged 59 years.

Canyon City and Baker City will soon be connected by telephone. Parties are now making arrangements for same.

David Pennington, of Central Point, a Jackson county pioneer, fell from his buggy and broke his neck in Jacksonville Tuesday.

The Crown paper mills at Oregon City are making preparations to enlarge the capacity of the mills 40 per cent, or 16 tons per day.

Astoria has a retail clerk's protection association. They have asked all merchants to close their stores at 8 p. m. from April 1, to September 1.

A new flouring mill on Rock Creek to be operated by the water power that is abundant in that vicinity. The mill will be completed by Oct. 1.

The child of John Coleman, of Baker City fell off of a table and broke its arm while at play the other day and was not discovered until late in the day.

The dead body of Lottie Tracy was found in a house of ill-fame in Pendleton Sunday. In the room were several bottles of whiskey but no sighs of poison.

The chicken fanciers have organized in Union county, to be known as the La Grande Poultry club. W. S. Wines, president and A. B. Cherri, secretary and treasurer.

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You should try Dawson's Bitters.

Suit has been commenced by the possessor of one of the cupons from a $1,000 bond issued by the town authorities of Klamath Falls to H. V. Gates on the water-works and electric-light proposition, to recover the sum of $60, representing the first year's interest on said coupon. This will bring the legality of the bond issue to a test before the courts.

AUMSVILLE.

L. M. Reeder is off to Albany on a business trip.

Lottie Pound left on the evening train Monday for Coburg, where she will spend a few days visiting friends.

Prof. and Mrs. Calivan left on the train Monday evening for Sodaville, where they will remain during vacation. The professor has made a success of our schools here the past year, and all rejoice that he is to return and conduct the school for another year.

We are pleased to hear that Mrs. Pierson has accepted the position as teacher in the primary department of our school for which she seems so well qualified.

Mrs. Julia Smith has secured a school for a short term near Silverton, where she will teach during the vacation of the Aumsville schools when she will return to take charge of the intermediate department.

J. J. Weaver had a lively runaway in town Monday evening. He had first tied his team in front of the blacksmith shop when his dog started to run a cow away from his wagon. This frightened the horses and caused them to break loose. Otto Weaver saw them start and caught hold of some portion of the harness and held on for some time but was finally thrown to the ground. About this time the tongue of the wagon dropped to the ground and the wagon thrown as much as ten feet in the air and coming down with the wheels on top of the horses, then made a run of a quarter of a mile and brought up against a tree which threw both horses, and this ended the runaway, no one being hurt and nothing broken.

A few of the neighbors of East Aumsville gave Avery Winslow and family a pleasant surprise last Saturday evening, the occasion being his 66th birthday. When the company arrive they found the family in bed but Mr. Winslow says he is always willing to get up in the night to eat.

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Spring Opening.

At the "Leader" Millinery store on Tuesday, 30th, and following days. The ladies of Salem and vicinity are cordially invited to call at, The "Leader."

WM. MCLEAN, Prop.
M. G. FRASER, Mgr. 29-3t

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

MEETING—There will be a meeting of the members of the Oregon Fire Relief association at McMinnville, Oregon, Tuesday, April 13th, 1897, at 10:30 a. m., by order of the board of trustees. F. J. Martin, Secretary. 3-3d-1w.

TAILORING BUSINESS for sale, in a county seat town. Good opening for very little capital. Address "G." care JOURNAL office. 3-18-1m

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