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PROTECTION AND PROSPERITY

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How changed the conditions prevailing since the election of the present administration! It was elected upon an issue that proposed the reversal of the economic policies that had brought to the nation these marvelous results. Since then our energies have been stifled, hope and courage have almost fled, and instead of the chorus of plenty, want's gaunt hand has pressed close upon many of our people. Prostrate industries, idle wheels, smokeless furnaces, palsied capital, idle labor, unsought production have cried in vain for help, and the only answer of "triumphant democracy" was the Wilson bill, with its "perfidy and dishonor," that wrecked our prosperity and ruined our industries.

A TARIFF FOR REVENUE ONLY.

The democratic campaign of 1888 was largely made upon the curious issue that the United States treasury contained too great a surplus. The allegation was that under the republican fiscal system the country had become so prosperous that there was danger that its excessive revenues might lead congress into extravagance. Of course there was no foundation for such a ridiculous assumption, and the people showed that they took no stock in it by their electing Harrison. During his administration the boggy surplus was reduced by paying off a large portion of the national debt, thus saving a vast sum annually hitherto paid out in the form of interest. This was a safe thing to do, for the protective tariff produced sufficient revenue to warrant such a course. But when Cleveland took office and found a good working balance he was not satisfied to keep it up in the only manner a nation can and successfully maintain its credit. He urged upon a congress dead set to try the free-trade experiment the desirability of substituting a so-called tariff for revenue for a protective tariff. The tariff for revenue, as might have been expected, proved a non-producer after a short time, for the people, when deprived of protection, ceased to be prosperous and could no longer buy imported goods. The outcome was excessive deficits and greatly impaired credit. These deficits had to be made good by borrowing, and since Cleveland assumed office \$263,000,000 had been added to our interest-bearing debt. This is nearly the amount of the reduction during Harrison's administration. So, as a result of a tariff for revenue only, we have increased our annual interest payments by a greater amount than they were reduced between 1889 and 1893. But this is not the extent of the mischief. The injury to the national credit worked by the incapacity of the democrats reacted unfavorably on the whole country and increased the burdens of most of the minor political subdivisions by making it more difficult for them to borrow or refund. It would take an expert financier to describe and calculate all that the country has suffered through the free-trade folly of Cleveland. And it must not be forgotten that Bryan threatens to perpetuate this folly.

The present American silver dollar is the dollar of the people, for the government coins it on its own account from its own bullion, and the people are the government. It contains but 53 cents worth of silver, and yet it goes for a dollar. Of course it does, for this is an honest, solvent nation. Its parity as a circulating medium, with gold maintained by the wise and patriotic course of the administration. There is no statute law guiding it, only the unwritten law that prompts safe, honest dealings.

THERE was a man and he died. He was a free-silver man of utmost expressive ability, yet he went to glory from lack of breath. He presented his credentials at the gate and was admitted. "Welcome to the golden streets of New Jerusalem," said St. Peter. "What proportion of your pavement is silver?" asked the freesian. "Silver isn't in it," answered St. Peter. "Heaven is on a gold basis." "Then I'll bolt," said the new arrival, and St. Peter let him out.

COLORADO and Kansas have both tried populist rule and found it to be a delusion and a calamity. Why, then, should they give aid and comfort to a party which proposes to put them through another experience of that kind?

STUDY THE COMPARISONS.

Some of our democratic populist friends take exception to the article in THE MIST of last week regarding the price received for cutting wood now and a few years ago. They say that while wood choppers then received \$1 per cord for cutting, at that time they also paid as high as \$1.25 per sack for flour, and that their condition is better today, for while they receive only 65 cents for cutting wood they get flour for 80 cents a sack.

This argument may look well on its face, but we are not ready to believe that any sensible wood chopper is willing to admit that his condition is better today than ten or fifteen years ago. Let us look a little further into this matter. When \$1 per cord was paid for cutting wood board at the rate of \$5 per week. Today the wood-chopper receives 65 cents per cord and board still from \$4 to \$5 per week. In this city in 1883 mill hands received \$2.25 per day and paid \$5 per week for board. How is it today—board \$4 to \$5 per week and wages \$1.50 per day. Not only this, but instead of being employed the year round, as then, they only have work a few days out of the year because the mill cannot afford to law lumber at present prices only for the use of its owners.

Again, to dispel the shallow argument on the flour proposition, we present still another phase of democratic-populist times. For instance, ten years ago men who worked in logging camps received from \$45 to \$125 per month and board, the former price being paid to common axmen and the latter to teamsters. Today, if a man can obtain work at all in this class of work, the unskilled hand receives \$26 and the teamster \$60 per month and board, a decrease of more than one-half in wages without considering the cost of food for that is not charged up to the workman. What figure, please, does the cost of food out with the man who works in a logging camp?

Taking these conditions into consideration, what does the working-man's balance sheet show? Simply this: that his wages have not only decreased one-half while the cost of living remains practically the same; and hundreds of thousands of laboring men throughout the length and breadth of this country are unable to get work at any price. In the face of this the party responsible for present conditions attempts to hide its own acts under a bushel, clothes itself in borrowed garments, and assures the American people that if it shall be entrusted once more order shall come out of chaos.

But can a party, guilty of such flagrant disregard of its pledges be longer trusted? The bone and sinew of a great nation should not permit a repetition of the crime of 1892.

BRYAN is called the boy orator of the Platte. Why? Senator Foraker says it is because the Platte is a thousand miles long and six inches deep. The senator is wrong, and should not give publicity to such slanderous utterances. Bryan is called the boy orator of the Platte because the Platte, like all rivers, is much larger at the mouth than at the head.

No man can be elected president of the United States who speaks of any single acre of the soil of the United States as the "emancipator's country." When the boy orator of the Platte applied this expression to two or three of the greatest states of the Union he disqualified himself as a candidate for the presidency.

CROPS AND WEATHER.

Report for week ending August 31.
Weather—Cloudy and cool weather followed by sunny and moderately warm afternoons has been the feature most pronounced during the past week. It was 4 to 5 degrees cooler than the previous week and the extreme of temperature were not so great. No rain fell until Sunday and Monday, when quite a heavy rain fell in Southern Oregon, and lighter rain in the coast and Willamette valley sections. Cool weather has been instrumental in reducing the amount of smoke, and with light rain (which is expected to continue for several days) the smoke will almost entirely disappear. Rain cannot injure any except the hop crop, which would mold should it continue. Root crop will be benefited by rain and the soil will be placed in better condition to be plowed for the fall grain crop.

Crops—During the past ten days, the weather having been exceptionally favorable for harvest, farmers have forced their harvesting and threshing operations. Harvest is over, except that there are some fields of late-sown oats and wheat still remaining green, some of which will be cut for hay. However, the late-sown spring oat crop, which four weeks ago was thought unfit for any purpose, has improved considerably, so that much of it will be cut and threshed, and that which remains will make fairly good hay. Late sown wheat, though thin, has filled better than was expected; it was expected to make about a half crop. Threshing is practically at an end. All the fall and early sown grain crops have been threshed, and many threshing bands are disbanding. Should rain come, it could not damage anything, but would be of benefit in preparing the ground for the plow.

Disappointment is felt in the yield of grain. As a rule the grain crop (wheat and oats) failed to reach the average. Many are of the opinion that the crop amounted to about two-thirds of an average. Indications point to a larger grain crop next year. For some time summer-fallowing has been going on. Many farmers are prepared to seed their next year's crop. In Marion, Washington and Yamhill counties there seems to be more summer-fallow than at this season last year. This season has been unusually good for the corn; there have been more warm nights than is common for Western Oregon. Potatoes, garden truck and pastures have improved. Potatoes are free from blight except in some sections of the coast counties.

Hops will turn out a good yield, but will be picked later than usual; they are free from lice or mold. Cultivated hops look very promising. A Washington county hopgrower states that hops will be heavy and ready for picking in about two weeks. A grower at Aurora, Marion county, states that there are good crops of hops in his section which will not be picked for lack of means. Hops have ripened rapidly during the past week, and some forward varieties in Lane county are picked and in market, showing good quality. At Springfield,

Lane county, picking will commence next week. The hop bars are better formed than they have been for two years. Rain on Sunday and today, if continued, may tend to cause the hops to mold.

Complaint is made in Curry county of prunes dropping prematurely, also that the fruit is not as clean as usual. Apples and pears are ripening; they are not abundant. Petite prunes are ripening in the southern counties; they are large, of fine quality, but light in yield. The only mention of disease of fruit comes from Lane county, in which a correspondent states that the apples are infested with the collin moth and the plums and prunes with scale.

Josephine county will have a large crop of beans; they are rapidly approaching maturity. The second crop of clover hay has been secured. Farm work is well advanced.

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School Report.
Following is the report of the school in district No. 37, for the month ending August 27th, 1890: Number of pupils enrolled, 25; average number belonging, 22; average attendance, 20. Those neither absent nor tardy were Neddie Cashman, Otis Cushman, Webber Jones, Mary Longascher, Walter Longascher and Ada Bishop.

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Citation to Heirs.
In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Oregon, plaintiff,

Lindley Meeker, deceased, heirs at law of Levi French, deceased, defendants.

INFORMATION HAVING BEEN FILED IN the above cited Court, and also on the 30th day of March, 1890, by W. N. Barrett, then district attorney of the 5th Judicial District of Oregon, wherein Levi French, then a resident of Columbia county, Oregon, died intestate in the county of Multnomah in said state, on the 12th day of March, 1890.

That said French, at the time of his death, owned in fee all that portion of the following described real estate lying east of the partition line of the Susanah Lamberton tract, to-wit: Beginning at a point 37 degrees 10 minutes E 360 chs from that corner of the Aurora Broyles donation land claim that is situated on the green 30 minutes E 7.45 chs from the quarter post on the west side of section No. 4, township 30 S., range No. 1 W. of Willamette Meridian, and thence running N 32 degrees 10 minutes E 8.32 chs to a stake, thence S 32 degrees 10 minutes E 0.50 chs to a point 50 feet from the center of the N. P. railroad, as the same is now built; thence S 27 degrees W. and parallel with the center line of said railroad to a point in the center line of Milton creek; thence up the center of Milton creek to a point where a line extended S 32 degrees 10 minutes W from the beginning post would intersect the center of said creek; thence N 5 degrees 10 minutes E to the place of beginning; all in Columbia county, Oregon; and then had in his possession a large amount of money.

That all of said property is within this judicial district, and within Columbia county, Oregon.

That the estate of Levi French has been fully settled, and the same is free from debts.

That said Levi French left no kin or heirs at law, and by reason thereof and of his intestacy all of said property has escheated to the State of Oregon; and that the defendant Lindley Meeker is in possession of the same.

That on or about the 1st day of November, 1890, the governor of Oregon was informed of all the foregoing facts, and that he gave leave to, and directed said W. N. Barrett to execute this action, and authorized the employment of the undersigned Messrs. Dillard & Cole to assist said district attorney herein, and asking judgment that said estate be escheated, and that the State of Oregon be and be possessed of all of said property and directing the sheriff of Columbia county, Oregon, to sell said real estate and make return of his proceedings according to law.

It is hereby ordered that all persons interested in the estate of said Levi French, deceased, or in said property, appear in this cause within 30 days from the date hereof and show cause, if any they have, why title to all of said property should not vest in the State of Oregon, and be sold as required by law; and this order is published for at least six consecutive weeks from this date in the "Oregon Mist," a weekly newspaper published regularly in Columbia county, Oregon.

Done and ordered in open Court, at this May term, of said Court, August 28, 1890.

Witness—THOMAS A. McBRIDE, Judge.

Notice to Creditors.
NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed by the County Court of Columbia county, Oregon, administrators of the estate of Cuthbert Stump, sr., deceased, and having qualified in such office, all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same, with proper vouchers to us, at the law office of Dillard & Cole, in St. Helens, said county, and state, within six months from the date hereof.

Dated at St. Helens, Or., Aug. 28, 1890.
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