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ST. HELENS, OREGON, OCT. 22.



PROTECTION AND PROSPERITY.

FOR PRESIDENT
Wm. McKinley, of Ohio.

FOR VICE-PRESIDENT
GARRET A. HOBERT, of New Jersey

W. J. Rice is out for Bryan. With such popular leaders as Rice and Hatan to champion his cause the popocratic candidate ought to rest easy as to the inevitable result.

The farmers can surely be trusted not to deprive themselves of the advantage of the rising price of wheat by voting to accept payment in money worth only half as much as that which they are now receiving.

The greatest present need of the country is not more money, but more of the credit and confidence that puts money in circulation and makes chances to obtain it in exchange for labor and commodities.

HARRISON may properly point with pride to the fact that when he was president the country was more prosperous than it had ever been before; and there could not be a better argument made in favor of the restoration of the republican party to power.

BRYAN will have to look after his running mate, Sewall, who asks: "How can you increase labor's purchasing power by increasing the price of labor's products?" That is just what a great many workmen would like to know, but the question is not answered in any of Bryan's speeches.

In Grover Cleveland's election brought hard times in 1892 what will Bryan's election bring now. Bryan has all the free-trade proclivities of Cleveland coupled with a spirit of repudiation and insurrection, to say nothing of his anarchy. The first was a calamity; this would be disintegration.

In the last month of Harrison's administration the debt of the United States was \$585,017,100. On July 1 last the debt had amounted to \$847,363,890, an increase of \$262,346,790. Bryan is so busy with his paramount issue that he never mentions these figures, or what he would do to remedy them if he were president.

Mr. PENNOYER's speech was a disappointment to the more conservative members of the popocratic party who heard it. The great mogul of populism put in most of his time telling what "I" have done and what "I" would do. The disgusting part of his speech, though, was making assertions without presenting any evidence to prove them. Mere assertions count for nothing unless backed up by facts that really had existence, and Mr. Pennoyer never had a faculty for doing this. The longer Pennoyer remains in public life the nearer he becomes a blackguard, and aside from intellect he ranks second only to Tillman and Albigeld.

The business interests of Oregon are at stake in this campaign. Even if McKinley is elected, the fact that Oregon had cast its vote for Bryan would be evidence to the world that the state had fallen into line with Pennoyerism and repudiation. Money seeking investment would not come this way to any considerable degree, and we would be required to tread along for four years more, or until such time as the state should demonstrate the fact that it was on a sound business basis. Every man looking to future prosperity should apply himself to the cause of saving the state's reputation in the present crisis and cast his lot on the 3d of November with the friends of protection and prosperity. Kansas has had its experience during the past few years and the fair state of Oregon should be rescued from such a fate. The hour is at hand and loyal citizens are called upon to protect and defend the good name of this commonwealth.

ALL reasonable men must admit that the money already in existence does not circulate because there is not business to make it circulate. How then would the coinage of more money relieve the situation when there is no profitable employment for the money already existing? What is money used for anyway if it is not in conducting the business enterprises and industries of the country; and if these enterprises and industries cannot be profitably operated what will make the money circulate? These two questions are german to the present political situation and are admitted facts by populists as well as republicans. Populists nearly all admit that the industries of the country must be in operation before we can have any degree of prosperity, but here they leave the question and again wonder off after the silver question which does not offer increased activity in business channels. On the contrary the agitation of the

question aces every man who has a dollar which under other circumstances he would invest to place his money in some safe depository or hide it away through fear of the uncertain outcome of the dilemma. Money will not circulate until such time as the barriers against it earning a profit are taken away. Like a living thing it seeks shelter from the treacherous attitude of its master.

THE PERILS OF FREE COINAGE.

The argument for free coinage is very brief and simple. In its extreme form it may be thus stated: "The demonetization of silver in 1873 has produced incalculable injury and hardship; therefore the recoinage of silver in 1896 will produce incalculable benefits." But the argument is as fallacious as it is simple. "A change in the standard of values instituted when the difference between the bullion value of gold and silver was insignificant, accomplished gradually through a period of twenty years, and mitigated by the extensive coinage of silver by the United States during the major part of that time, produced great injury, not to say injustice, to the community." This fact is a very poor reason for thinking that another change in the standard of values, introduced at a time when gold bullion is worth twice the price of silver bullion, carried into effect instantly and as the result of a heated campaign, and without any financial provision for it, will produce nothing but beneficent results. The experience of the past twenty years, if it teaches anything, teaches that any modification of the standard of values should be undertaken with the greatest reluctance, carried into effect with the greatest caution, and entrusted in its execution to the wisest and most experienced statesmen.

The readiness of some of our contemporaries to prophesy—some of whom seem to have concentrated all their knowledge on the future, since they appear to have none of the past—makes us cautious. We distrust our own prescience. But, so far as we are able to forecast the future, the election of Mr. Bryan would at once make the United States a silver nation, would put gold at a considerable premium, would drive it into hoarding or out of the country, would endanger and at least temporarily seriously lower our national credit both at home and abroad, would by its expulsion of gold, if not of all circulation based on gold, greatly contract the currency, would compel creditors to enforce the payment of debts to prevent their own bankruptcy—in short, would produce a commercial disaster more widespread, if not more lasting, than any the country has ever experienced. The effect of this disaster the wage-earner would be the first to feel and from it the last to recover.

BRYAN AS A POPULIST.

Candidate Bryan said in his letter to the populists, which he gave to the public from St. Louis, that he was "able to accept" the populist nomination "without departing from the platform adopted by the democratic national convention at Chicago." In this remark he was correct, of course. The only mistake he made in it was in calling the Chicago convention "democratic." There was nothing democratic about that convention or its platform, if the teachings of Jefferson, Jackson, Seymour, Tilden, and Cleveland are democratic. Both democrats and republicans call the crowd which nominated Bryan, and which supports him, popocrats, but there was no need of coining this new name for that party. The name populist, which was ready to their hand, is more graphic.

The populism in Bryan's creed is becoming more and more manifest every time he talks. He started out by opposing national banks, but in his later speeches he condemns all sorts of banks. At the outset he had honeyed words for the eminent democrats who compose the Indianapolis ticket, and for the other distinguished democrats who support it, but in his Indianapolis speeches a day or two ago he called that ticket and party a "transparent fraud." This abuse hurts neither the ticket nor its advocates, but it shows the hollowness of Bryan's earlier pretense that he is a democratic candidate, and it betrays the folly of his appeal for the solid support of the democratic party.

But when the term populist is applied to Bryan and his followers their diocy and hypocrisy are revealed. Nothing in Bourke Cochran's speech in St. Louis a short time ago enraged the Bryanites so much as his persistence in calling them populists. He could not, of course, with any regard for the historical proprieties, term them democrats, and he rejected the diluted hybrid popocrat. Bryan, since then, in his references to this democratic orator, shows by his displays of ill-temper that he feels the force of the reproach implied by this designation. The designation, however, was appropriate, whether it sticks or not. Tom Watson, in one of his early outbursts against Sewall and Bryan, declared that the Chicago convention "stole the populist platform." He was right, of course. No democrat of the old days, or of any day prior to 1896, would be able to see anything democratic in that deliriverance. It is the old greenback party's doctrine, plus the absurdities and rascalities evolved by the ex-greenbackers and their progeny, the populists, in the dozen years which have passed since the greenback party's death. There are threats among one element of the Bryanites to force Watson off the ticket, but while Bryan remains upon it it will still be a populist ticket, and nothing else, no matter how Bryan and his supporters dodge the designation.

THERE is more silver in existence today as money than ever before in the history of the government. The annual coinage since 1873 has largely exceeded each year the amount for any one year coined prior to that date, and yet our populist friends contend that it is a greater coinage of silver that is necessary to relieve the present stringency in finance. How can it be urged that the coinage of more silver is the remedy when we have now in existence about seven times as much in use as we had in 1873, while our

population during the same period has not doubled. Of the \$700,000,000 of silver now in existence a very small portion of it is in circulation for the reason that the depressed business situation does not require its use. It is in hiding and will remain there until such time as the industries of the country are permitted, by a protective tariff, to operate. It will first be necessary to find employment for that which has already been coined before it would be advisable to coin more. Money is of no use except in business transactions, and business can only be improved by protection. Hence without protection all the money in the world would not help the situation for it could not be used profitably, and no man is going to invest a cent unless he can be persuaded that it will yield him an income.

In endorsing the Chicago platform Mr. Bryan admits that in case he is elected president of these United States he would make no effort to put down insurrection and riot if appealed to by a state overrun by an organized mob. He does not say so in that many words, but his platform says it for him and he stands upon that instrument. Had Mr. Bryan been governor of Oregon last spring the fishermen's strike on the Columbia river would have continued throughout the season, notwithstanding the appeals that might have been made to the state's chief executive, and the result must be apparent to every thinking person. What may the American people expect of a man for president who would not protect the lives and property of his people? Yet this is the very thing that Mr. Bryan is advocating. He who cautions to lawlessness is not a proper person to preside over the destiny of a great nation, and we believe the American people will say so by their ballots, the best weapon at their disposal.

Real Estate Transfers.

W. H. Dolman and wife to I. G. Wikstrom, tide land in front of certain lots and blocks in St. Helens; \$1.00.
Joseph Hayburn and wife to Lindley Meeker, 1/4 of the Cunningham donation claim; \$120.
George F. Moeck and wife to Joseph Silver, lots 3 and 4, block 37, and lots 5 and 6, block 36, Moeck's addition to Rainier; \$425.
A. Neer and wife to Anna Lindsay, lot 48, Near City grave yard; \$5.00.
H. Orchard et al. to the St. Helens Light and Water Company, lot 7, block 19, St. Helens, and franchise; \$1.00.
J. N. Rice, sheriff, to F. A. Zilgitt, 1/4 of sec 33, tp 5 n, r 4 west; \$17.
D. J. Switzer et al. to the St. Helens Light and Water Company, lot 7, block 19, St. Helens, and franchise; \$1.00.
George M. Tucker to Susan Frank, sec 4 of section 20, tp 5 n, r 4 west; \$300.
Peter Walter to Jamima Walter, 1/4 of sec 7, tp 4 n, r 4 west; \$1.
United States to Peter Walter, sec 7, tp 4 n, r 4 west; patent.

VERNONIA VARIETIES.

Nice weather.
Roses in bloom.
McKinley is gaining votes.
P. Sheeley took a band of fat steers to Forest Grove Monday.
Messrs. Josh Sessman and Will Palmer are going to seek their fortunes in California.
S. B. Rose is coming home from Idaho in a short time—as soon as McKinley is elected.
Joe. Vanbaricoum is talking of giving a whole block of ground for the new school site.
Mrs. F. Johnson has gone to Nebraska to visit friends. Frank will follow in a short time.
The Pittsburg flouring mills are running night and day, with Harvard Anderson and P. Ballard at the helm.
Mr. Wm. Wilson, jr., and his sisters, Ida and Bertha, started Monday morning for Philomath where they will attend the U. B. college.
Quite a number of young men in this precinct will cast their first vote next November and in nearly every case McKinley will get them.
The school directors are hard at work trying to build a schoolhouse worthy the name in Vernonia. Nearly half the lumber is already subscribed.
At a meeting of the Ladies' Veteran Aid Society of Vernonia, held on Saturday, Oct. 17th, 1896, the following resolution was passed: "Resolved, That a vote of thanks of this society be tendered to Messrs. Beegle & Davis for their kindness in printing badges for the use of this society."
Mrs. A. SHAWBART, President.
"Mrs. T. E. MILLI, Secretary."

CIRCUIT COURT.

James Dart vs. Thomas Dawson; confirmation of sale.
Michael Fierst vs. Wm. M. Mulliger; demurrer argued and submitted and by the court taken under advisement.
The grand jury reported not true bills in the following cases: State of Oregon vs. E. E. Nickerson; State of Oregon vs. William Cline; State of Oregon vs. Ludwig Stripling.
State of Oregon vs. Monroe and Albert Brown; pleaded guilty as to charge of stealing net of the value of over \$35.00 and were sentenced to one year in the penitentiary.
"W. J. Burns vs. C. C. Cole et al.; confirmation of sale on foreclosure.
George S. Foster was excused as a juror for the term last Monday.
Glidner vs. Munro; judgment for defendant.
State of Oregon vs. Joseph Coulter; bondsmen released.
State of Oregon vs. George Thompson; bondsmen released.
The American Fire Insurance Company vs. C. O. Lovgren. The jury were Eli Lynch, Esq. Potter, W. M. Roberts, John M. Foster, E. Merrill, L. D. Duzan, James Kennedy, E. A. Cushman, C. N. Gable, John Girt, I. N. Shatto, H. T. Grewell. Verdict for plaintiff in the sum of \$28.
Pauline Hall vs. Wm. A. Hall; dismissed.
Abel vs. Cherrington; dismissed.
G. F. Lindgren vs. John S. Turpin; dismissed.
A. Forbes vs. Sisters of Charity; demurrer overruled and defendant given five days to answer.
Abel vs. partnership estate of Abel & Cherrington; motion to dismiss overruled to which defendant excepts. Referred to C. E. Runyon to take testimony and report to the court the finding of facts.
Herman Schmitt admitted to citizenship.
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Grand Jury Report.

In the circuit court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Columbia.
To the Hon. Thomas A. McBride, Judge of the above named court:
We, the undersigned grand jury for the October, 1896, term of the circuit court for Columbia county, Oregon, make this as our final report and respectfully represent to the court:

That we have carefully investigated all charges of crime that have been presented to us, and have disposed of the same in such manner as we deemed warranted by the evidence, and have returned into court six true bills and three not true bills, besides investigating several other matters brought to our attention.
We visited the county jail and found it entirely inadequate and unsafe. The ventilation is very poor, and the floor unsafe and easily broken. There is no safe place to keep prisoners except in the cells which are poorly ventilated and necessarily unhealthy. We respectfully recommend that the jail be furnished with a hydrant, and that everything about the jail be kept in a proper sanitary condition, and especially do we recommend that the jail be made more secure, so that those there held as prisoners may be secure from escape and that this be done as speedily as possible.

We visited the offices of county clerk, sheriff, assessor, treasurer and surveyor and found their offices neat and well kept. We examined the books of the various officers as well as we could without the assistance of an expert. We found the accounts of each office a check upon each other, and the various reports corresponding and we heartily endorse this system.

And now, having completed our labors, we respectfully request to be discharged.
JOHN DOLAN, foreman,
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