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Now, here we are again, after our discouraging contest on the most popular lady, with a popular bachelor contest.
 During the coming four issues of the West Side, coupons will be printed which are election tickets. Every coupon printed in the whole edition can be voted, even by one person.
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 To be a voter you must be prepaid on your subscription to date.
 Every week the votes will be announced through this paper. Issues of February 3, 10, 17, and 24, 1903, will contain coupons, and the issue of March 3 will contain the name of the winner. Save your coupons, and send them in at the last of the month.

CUT THIS OUT.
MOST POPULAR BACHELOR IN POLK COUNTY.
 Cast This Vote For

No ballots will be received and counted that are not signed by persons who are prepaid subscribers.
 Any person not a paid subscriber can have their coupon voted by some one who has paid in advance.
 The "Julia Marlowe" perfume is all the rage, so Patterson Bros. and Shelley, Alexander & Co., our druggists, say, and they should know, as they sell it, and the other delicious perfumes of Northrup, Sturges & Co.
 Those firms advertising their wares in the West Side are the rustling, go-ahead, and reliable ones of Independence and vicinity. One merchant told a particular friend that from one advertisement in this paper he received a direct return of sales amounting to \$500 in one day. Still some men are not satisfied.

Asa June, of Ellensburg, Washington, has rented the Little Palace hotel for one year, with privilege of extending the time for a term of years.
 Enoch Chamberlain was in town yesterday. He likes sleigh-riding but is fearful of a big flood.
An Explanation.
 Mrs. Lula M. Whiteaker requests that the following be published as it is written to this paper:
 "I wish to inform the people of Independence through the columns of your paper that I did not leave that place on account of the gossip that is afloat. If that had been all, I would have surely stayed there. A little sport can be magnified to be something awful.
 "Thoughtlessly I took a hand in what may yet prove a blessing in disguise, for it opened a way for me to seek a home where I could have the comforts of life and loving parents to protect me. I shall write to the party who should have seen me in Portland, as soon as I find where the company is, and you will probably hear what he has to say concerning my trip to Portland.
 "The whole affair has been exaggerated with a view to getting money. I made two hundred dollars, or over, in the store last summer, and I am leaving the firm without a dollar and would not accept it if offered. I have returned home with the same clothes I left in, having been made over and repaired until there is little left. But I am happy to get home, no difference what the situation may be. I am willing for anyone to search my record through life, for I have lived an honorable life, and I know there is not a person who can say otherwise and speak the truth.
 "You can publish what you think best of this, and accept my heartfelt thanks.
 "Very Respectfully,
 "LULA M. WHITEAKER."
LATER.
 "In my letter to you yesterday I neglected to say anything in regard to my trip to Albany." First.—I went to visit my aunt, as Mr. Potter knows. And the last time, well, I never would have gone had not B. F. Whiteaker told Will that I had "run off" with the doctor; this was on my first visit, so I thought I would show them I could go where I pleased (when I borrowed the money to go on, from the bank, and gave my note for it.) I did not go to Albany to meet any man, had I wished to see the gentleman I would not meet him in the town I was born in, and could not walk a block without meeting someone I knew.
 "Take from this what you think best, and oblige,
 "LULA M. WHITEAKER."
 "Yaquina City, Feb. 1st, 1903"

THE DENVER REPUBLIC SAYS: "The silver question is the most important question of the world, and the world ought to be more disturbed over the fact that at the head of the English government is a man who has not obtained a new idea since 1845, and at the head of the American government there will be a man in six weeks who believes it is a shame and outrage to consider silver as money at all. The world is ahead of the world's governments, and the masses of the people have a clearer idea of the truth than the so-called statesmen and the so-called scientific writers."
The Farmer and Democratization.
 IN CHICAGO MARKETS.

Year.	Cotton	Corn	Wheat	Silver
	per lb.	per bu.	per bu.	per oz.
1872	19.3	.70	1.47	1.32
1873	18.8	.62	1.31	1.29
1874	15.4	.72	1.43	1.27
1875	15.0	.85	1.12	1.24
1876	12.9	.67	1.24	1.16
1877	11.8	.54	1.17	1.20
1878	11.1	.56	1.34	1.15
1879	9.9	.47	1.07	1.12
1880	11.5	.54	1.25	1.14
1881	11.4	.55	1.11	1.13
1882	11.4	.67	1.19	1.13
1883	10.8	.68	1.13	1.11
1884	10.5	.61	1.07	1.01
1885	10.6	.54	.86	1.06
1886	9.9	.50	.87	.99
1887	9.5	.48	.89	.97
1888	9.8	.56	.85	.93
1889	9.7	.47	.90	.93
1890	10.2	.49	.83	1.04
1891	6.0	.41	.85	.90

The above table illustrates the relation between the current price of silver and the market price of the staple products of the farm. The figures given are the average quotation for each year. They plainly show the cause of agricultural depression, and explain the burden of rural indebtedness, with interest exactions and mortgage foreclosures that are fast changing American farm property into tenant holdings. The table also explains the conditions that have blighted thousands of prosperous and happy homes, and reduced the inmates to wretchedness and want.

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