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Advertising is to business what steam power is to machinery—the grand motive power.—Macaulay.

There is but one way of obtaining business—publicity; but one way of obtaining publicity—advertising.—Blackwood

As a result of the hard times it is stated that in Ashland, Kansas, where there are seven church edifices, and seven ministers, six of them have been discharged and one shepherd takes charge of the seven flocks. The recent "change" seems to affect even religion.

The question is often asked us, "Who is to blame for the present hard times?" One answer is that the people are to blame irrespective of party, for bad legislation which comes from demand of the people. Another answer is that the recent "change" in administration is to blame.

For the past thirty years the United States has progressed as no nation has ever before progressed, and it has been caused entirely by our good government. A threatened change in our method of government has in the short time of less than a year brought widespread disaster upon us. These facts speak louder than words. They take the place of argument.

CONGRESS assembled on the 7th of September and a vote on the silver question is not to be taken until August 28. Every hour of the time is to be taken up in debates in the house of representatives. The democratic senate has not even been able to decide on a line of action, but is waiting. The do-nothing policy of the democratic party still crops out, but the people will not bear much more delay, with patience. The republicans in congress are doing all they can to expedite matters.

LAST week several hundred circulars were issued from the WEST SIDE office asking subscribers to the paper to let us know when and how they intended paying for their paper. The replies have so far, been very satisfactory, not one person having stopped the paper, and in spite of money stringency our list gradually increases and without any systematic effort on our part. The expiration of one subscription is but a small matter, but when it runs into the hundreds the aggregate amounts to considerable, and our readers can do us, and themselves a favor by replying promptly in some way to the circular sent them.

THERE are two conditions confronting the people of the United States. One is an unstable currency and the other is an unstable tariff. The Sherman law is responsible for the currency situation and the recent advent to power of the democratic party to blame for the other. In the first case we have the law in force; in the other we dread what the law may be. Congress is acting, but too slow to suit the people, in repealing the Sherman law, and it is to be hoped that it will at once formulate a new tariff law or else let the present one remain. Suspense is a acting as a blight on all our manufacturing industries.

It is the duty of every citizen to post himself on the present situation of our country and not be afraid to "speak out in meeting." Indifference to the condition of affairs at such a time is almost a crime. Every word uttered by the people has its weight in forming public opinion. Do not assail the democratic republican or populist party, but study their principles and assail their principles if you find fault with them. Stand by the party whose principles show it worthy of trust. If you trust in the democratic party then do not try to excuse its "tariff for revenue" or free trade doctrines. That is cowardice. If you believe in fiat money then stick close to the populist party. If you believe in protecting American industries then stick to the republican party. The lines are clearly defined.

The tide has turned in commercial affairs and if nothing is done by congress, contrary to present indications, our local banks will be prepared to loan the farmers money to move their crops the first of next month. It will probably be several months before other than commercial loans will be made. The United States treasury is gathering gold rapidly.

**BAD DEBTS—WHO IS TO BLAME.**

The majority of merchants have come to the conclusion that credit is a necessity. There are many persons who pay their grocer and butcher bills regularly the first of each month. It is not because they are not able to pay cash at the time of purchasing, but because they are methodical and desire to keep an account of their household expenses. If their bills are much higher one month than another they at once look for the cause, and they are not long in detecting the leak.

There are many merchants who claim the only safe way is on the cash basis. While there are examples of merchants who have successfully carried this on, their cases are like angels' visits, few and far between, and we doubt if the time will ever come, judging from past experience, when merchants generally will go to a cash business.

Mr. Newton Dexter, Secretary of the State Association, who has an experience of over eight years in studying collections, credits, etc., does not hesitate to say that merchants have no one to blame but themselves for the majority of their losses. A few days ago Mr. Dexter received a letter from a grocer stating that a certain railroad employee had been owing a grocery bill of nearly \$50 for over five years, and asking if there was any possible way of collecting it. Mr. Dexter at once wrote general manager Mr. Toucey about it. The latter gentleman referred it to the division superintendent, who at once ordered the man to settle. The employee disputed the amount and the superintendent wrote Mr. Dexter for an itemized bill. The grocer was called upon to furnish it and could not. "There," said Mr. Dexter, "there's not a railroad bill but can be collected, but the great trouble is so many are so careless in keeping their accounts that they cannot furnish an itemized bill when called upon to do so, and then these very men blame the association."

"My experience convinces me that at least 95 per cent of all bills can be collected, provided merchants will exercise something like precaution. Why I have known members of associations who would take the delinquent list and cater to get the trade of those persons reported. Their theory was that the delinquent would pay a certain amount of cash before asking credit, and then when he did ask for credit he would for a number of weeks pay and when his balance reached a certain point the merchant would cut him off and make money out of the transaction.

"Another great fault I find is that merchants, as a rule, do not chase up delinquents. They have not the time to attend to it, as they claim. Such being the case I think it would be advisable to get some extra help.

"If ever a collection bill should again be introduced in our legislature it would never get beyond the committee room if some persons who know all the facts of the case should make an argument against it.

"It is in the abuse of the credit system where the fault lies, and merchants can correct that abuse by only a little effort, if they are disposed to exercise discretion and ordinary precaution."—American Grocer.

If there is any man independent of hard times it is the farmer who has a good farm and is out of debt. He produces what people must have and when he sells it he gets just the kind of money he wants or else he keeps his goods. He can keep them too for there are many ways he can turn them into money. Take wheat as an example: If the price does not suit him, he can have it ground into flour, and he and his neighbors can eat it. If that will not work he can feed it to stock of some kind and drive the stock to market, and thus be able to realize a fair price. The merchant, the manufacturer and the laboring man is entirely dependent on selling that which he has. A stagnation in business effects them disastrously, but has very little effect on the farmer. The present times are not realized by the farmer except from hearsay.

WHEN a man gets an idea that the government can issue an unlimited amount of paper money, it is strange to hear some of his arguments in support of it. One gentleman stated that about two thousand million dollars of gold and silver was in circulation in the United States or in the treasury, and that it all formed a basis of credit for the government. We cannot understand how any sane man can think that if a private citizen has \$1000 in his pocket the government can make that a basis for issuing \$1000 in paper money. Yet such is the case.

It was time that Polk county and Marion county and the city of Salem made up their minds to do something about repairing the Salem bridge for it is a reproach to this part of Oregon. It was a sectional scheme which caused Polk county to lay itself liable for helping to keep the bridge in repair, but it is too late now to remedy that. Our county court simply did its duty in appropriating money to repair the big bridge.

These people at The Dalles, which is in Oregon, where 5,000,000 pounds of wool remain unsold, a free trade price of six to eight cents a pound only being obtainable, can appreciate the advantages of our recent "change," and they are furthermore fully pleased (?) to learn that in Australia, 19,000,000 pounds of wool is just waiting admittance into the United States free of duty, and 400,000,000 pounds will be ready for shipment, some time later on. You can teach some people a lesson by touching their pockets and we are learning the lesson now.

You hear individuals criticize this government for having millions of dollars in gold, silver, etc., on deposit and not putting it in circulation among the people. They are blind to the fact that paper money is already in circulation based on that deposit. Supposing one of those persons should go to a warehouseman and deposit 1000 bushels of wheat and take a receipt for it, and then when he came back with his receipt find no wheat. He would cry fraud, robbery, etc., and justly too. So it is with a government. The government must prove itself trustworthy or else pay the penalty.

Inventor Edison says he has shut down his phonograph works in Orange, N.J., because he has discovered that "the country has resolved itself into a national lunatic asylum." says the New York Mail and Express. This is not a new discovery. The lunacy was revealed when the people, and especially the working masses, in the midst of their greatest prosperity last fall, deliberately voted for a "change." They cannot say that the republican press did not give them timely warning of the character of the change. What it meant was also proved by the industrial history of this country—prosperity under high tariff, adversity under low tariff. So it has been, so it will continue to be.



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