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OREGON'S GREAT FIGHT.

The lines are now drawn. It will be gold versus gold and silver. It will be one tiny stream to add to the money volume—a stream inadequate—as against two f eders with which to supply the money volume needed to keep pace with the enormous per cent of gain in population, development and increased production. It is the old, old fight. It is a fight which concerns the very rich, the very poor, and, most of all, those people who support all the rest of the world, the tillers of the soil, the hewers of wood and who comprise the fountain from which originally flow all profits from commerce and all payment of debt, public and private. It is not a party question. Parties have taken it up in this manner: the gold republicans, through syndicate control of party machinery, craftily insinuated it when the rank and file were unsuspecting, in the almost positive knowledge of coming victory. They did not want contraction—the rank and file—and now that the deception is understood, many who have been republicans will turn American citizens and vote with the bimetallic forces. The silver people want the two streams, because the real builders of wealth, the farmers, must have law which shall give the greatest good to the greatest number; because the silver people are of that class; because they realize that the gold standard gives to great security wealth a larger return for unit dollars, which, in turn, means lesser return for the farmer. It is a great economic fight. It is a battle between low product as measured in money, on one side, and decent prices for product on the other. Better values for money mean worse values for the agricultural people. Better values for agricultural people mean worse values for the dollar, and those to whom the dollar is supreme. It is a business proposition. There is nothing criminal in the average man who fights for contraction. The criminality lies in the fact that the man whom contraction hurts will occasionally vote for his undoing. People who support gold standardism from standpoint of profit generally do so because it helps them, not because they despise him of opposite belief. So, on the other hand, the bimetallicist should think of himself, and the millions who have identical interests. A reasonable man will vote for conditions which help him, whether he be in a majority or minority. The majority are farmers. The moral is not veiled.

DAMNS, THEN LOVES.

What the republicans of 1896 said of those gold democrats whom they are now trying to slaver over in order to catch their votes: 'For the first time since the civil war the American people have witnessed the calamitous consequences of full and unrestricted democratic control of the government. It has been a record of unparalleled incapacity, dishonor and disaster. ... In the broad effect of its policy it has precipitated panic, blighted industry and trade with prolonged depression, closed factories, reduced work and wages, halted enterprise and crippled American production, while stimulating foreign production for the American market. Every consideration of public safety and individual interest demands that the government shall be rescued from the hands of those who have shown themselves incapable to conduct it with out disaster at home and dishonor abroad, etc.'

THE UBIQUITOUS MR. SIMON.

Mr. Simon, of Multnomah, is running for senator from that county. He has back of him men who are blessed with brains, who are short on compromise, and who, while not needing it, use the state for purposes venal and mercenary. Mr. Simon today controls the party republican machinery. The same contingency of hold up measures will present itself at the next legislative should the ticket be successful. Mr. Simon is a politician. Abused and reviled by such papers as the Independent and Hatchet, he still holds power enough to force opposition republicanism to the wall. His every move is full of political craft. He tells the anti-Simon forces, quietly, that they must not put up tickets, and if they do, he will down them. He stands by his threats and they know it. Hence they generally knuckle. Such a man is a power. On the side of justice he would be a great factor in the state, but he seldom does the state a service, unless that service does him or his friends pecuniary profit. That is why he should be defeated at the polls. That is

why the whole state ticket should be defeated. Had the Mitchell forces won out at Astoria, Mr. Simon and his co-workers would have put up another ticket and it would have received 40 per cent of the republican vote. This was the club wielded and so successfully. The Mitchell supporters knew this. They feared him. Many of them knuckled to him. On the other hand, Simon knew that the Mitchell-Ellis-McBride-Tongue combine, no matter how badly treated, would not have the nerve to put up a ticket, for the leaders simply look for place and profit with but slight regard for fixed political principles. He knew them better than they knew themselves, and he has triumphed. Simon has earned his first success; let us hope it will not become permanent.

THAT RESOLUTION.

The senate and house agreed to recognize Cuba. Read the resolution. The trouble is, the house sought to make a partisan proposition of the affair in order to let the Executive down easy for his work policy on this grave question. The 'senate yielded' say the dispatches. No, no, the senate did not yield. The house yielded, as well as did the senate. To put the matter fairly—both bodies yielded. The house, which it had not done before, receded, and agreed, in parallel with the senate's idea, 'that the people of the Island of Cuba are, and of right ought to be, free and independent.' This is enough. The house had not done this before. The President is then directed to use armed intervention to put Spain out of the Cuban Island and waters. This was enough. The last republican platform acknowledged that Spain had lost control of Cuba and wanted our good offices extended to secure Cuban independence. Those offices were tendered and repelled. And the Maines was intentionally destroyed. The country demanded reparation and Cuban independence. Both houses agreed to this, over and above the advice of the President, who wanted to 'wait.' The senate resolution had an awkward repetition, recognizing independence. The resolution as concurred in, did not. That is all there is to the whole affair.

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and sent back a resolution that he was an 'able' statesman, so fearful it is that it might concur with a body anti-republican. But the house ate its crow—the leaders could not hold republican congressmen in line—and they voted that Cubans 'are free and independent.' Good for the house republicans as against the leaders who sought to make out the senate's action as partisan, purely. Seeing they could not hold them, the Dingleyites proceeded to knuckle, swearing all the while that they were forcing the senate.

In bimetallicism we would find the markets of the world; would start our wheels without reducing wages; industry would hum; gold no longer would enjoy exclusive privileges granting it a profit if it shall idle. It would then get out and compete with the other legal tender money metal. It is well enough, while we are looking after our dollars, to also look after those things which must buy these dollars, with which to pay our discounted futures—our national debt, state debt and all debt. The cry of 'cheap dollars' must not prevail. We must have cheaper product or cheaper dollars. Let us have the dearer product. The farmers are in the majority.

SOME of the gold papers seem inclined to charge senators with having 'stood in' with the Cubans for 'bond' purposes. Well, well, this, indeed, is rich! How about the representatives, who were pursuing a policy which would have shoved up the price of Spanish bonds several points, involving a profit of several millions, and who switched only in time to save everlasting scandal? Such talk is rot, coming from our intelligent brethren. The fact is, the house simply wanted McKinley to settle the affair. His method would have let the Rothschilds down easy—would have made them millions upon millions at a single stroke! And our 'national honor' people get very virtuous all at once.

Mr. Geer, who hopes to be elected governor on the republican ticket, will have a hard time explaining to his people why he has told them Mr. Simon was opposed to him. This is very interesting, since Mr. Geer had no opposition at Astoria. The fact is, Mr. Geer stumped the state for the candidacy, knowing that the Multnomah 'regular' republicans were for him.

The Washington county delegation stood permanently against seating the Simon delegation at Astoria. The anti-Simon people have this county, but a threat will waver their whole line. They will have to knuckle for fear of hurting Brother Tongue's candidacy.

PEOPLES' PARTY CONVENTION.

Call for Primaries and County Conventions.

Notice is hereby given that a county convention of the Peoples' Party of Washington county will be held in Hillsboro, Oregon, Wednesday, May 4, 1898, for the purpose of nominating a county and legislative ticket to be voted upon in the coming election, viz: State Senator, two years; three representatives; County Sheriff; County Judge; County Clerk; Recorder of Conveyances; County Treasurer; County Assessor; County Surveyor; County School Superintendent; County Coroner and one County Commissioner and to transact such other business as may come before the convention. It is recommended that the precinct primaries be held on Saturday, April 30th, at 1:30 p.m., for the purpose of electing delegates to attend the county convention. The apportionment of delegates has been fixed as follows: Beaverdam . . . 6 | Beaverton . . . 7 Buxton . . . 4 | Columbia . . . 6 Cornelius . . . 9 | Dilley . . . 6 Dairy . . . 5 | East Butte . . . 3 E Cedar Creek . . 4 | Gales Creek . . 6 Mountain . . . 3 | Leedville . . . 5 N Hillsboro . . . 6 | N F Grove . . . 6 S Hillsboro . . . 7 | S F Grove . . . 6 S Tualatin . . . 8 | West Butte . . 4 W Cedar Creek . 6 | Washington . . 7 Wapato . . . 7

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SHERIFF'S SALE.

BY virtue of an execution, decree and order of sale, issued out of the circuit court of the State of Oregon, for Washington county, in favor of Bernard Westphal and against Albert Lockyeau, S. Hughes and A. Homan, assignees of the estate of Anton Pfanner, insolvent, John Williams, S. J. Williams and J. F. Sebok for the sum of \$15 costs, and for the further sum of \$800 U. S. gold coin, with interest thereon at the rate of 10 per cent per annum from the 12th day of Oct. 1888, and \$100 with interest thereon at the rate of 8 per cent per annum from the 22d day of March, 1888, as attorney's fees herein, and for the costs and expenses of sale and of said writ.

Now, therefore, by virtue of and in pursuance of said judgment, decree and order of sale, I will on Monday, the 8th day of May, 1898, at the south door of the Court House, in Hillsboro, Washington county, Oregon, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m., of said day, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the following described real property, to-wit: Situated at the northwest corner of the Elk and Walker townships and claim in E. N. R. W. of the Will Mer and thence east 10.45 chs, thence south 58 deg 50' W. 15.15 chs to the center of the road, thence north 42 deg 00' W. with same 5.84 chs thence north 38 deg 00' W. 2.24 chs to the northeast corner of the Henry Buxton, Sr., claim, thence north 3 deg 30' E. 2.21 chs to the place of beginning containing 1.25 acres, more or less, subject to redemption as per statute of Oregon. Witness my hand this 15th day of April, 1898. W. D. BRADFORD, Sheriff of Washington county, Oregon. John M. Wall, Atty for P.R.

UNION PLATFORM.

First—We demand the free and unrestricted coinage of silver and gold at the present legal ratio of 16 to 1, without waiting for the consent of foreign nations; and we are unalterably opposed to the policy of the present republican administration in demanding the retirement of greenbacks, and the turning over of the money-making power of the government to the national banks as presented by the bill drawn by the republican secretary of the treasury, and indorsed by President McKinley; and we especially denounce the avowed attempt by said bill to fasten the country irrevocably and forever to the gold standard. We demand a national money safe and sound, issued by the general government only, without the intervention of banks of issue, to be a full legal tender for all debts, public and private; also a just, equitable and efficient means of distribution direct to the people through the lawful disbursements of the government. We demand that the volume of circulating medium be speedily increased to an amount sufficient to meet the demands of the business and population of this country, and to restore the just level of prices of goods and production. We favor such legislation as will prevent for the future the demonetization of any kind of legal tender money by private contract. We demand that the government, in payment of its obligations, shall use its option as to the kind of lawful money in which they are to be paid, and we denounce the present and pending administrative efforts for surrendering this option to the holders of government obligations. We demand that there shall be no further issue of U. S. interest-bearing bonds. We demand that postal savings banks be established by the government for the safe deposit of the savings of the people and to facilitate exchange of funds. We demand the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people. We demand the initiative and referendum system of law making in its optional form, local, state and national, and the submission by congress of all important questions for an advisory vote of the people, until such time as the national constitution shall have been amended so as to provide for direct legislation. We condemn as dangerous and unjust the surrender, in all departments of the federal, state and national, and the corporations and aggregations of wealth generally; and the packing of the highest courts of the land with corporation lawyers, too ready to do the will of their late employers, and to set aside valid and wholesome laws passed by the legislative departments of the states and government, upon flimsy pretexts, at the behests of such institutions. We are opposed to government by injunction. In state matters we demand: A simple and well guarded registration law. A more equitable mode of appointing judges of election. Stringent laws to regulate the operation of fish traps, fish wheels and all fishing gear in the waters within the jurisdiction of the state. We renounce and condemn the corrupt and extravagant republican legislative assemblies, and charge that the republican party, in its eagerness for the spoils of office, has become divided into warring factions, so that it is incapable of government as exemplified by the condition existing in the office of the state treasurer, there being at this time more than \$500,000 therein, wrong from the people by the process of taxation, while state warrants are stamped 'Not paid for want of funds.' We demand that all district and county officers be placed upon salaries commensurate with the duties to be performed by them. Inasmuch as railroad and other corporate property is not bearing its proportion of taxation, we demand that such property shall bear its just and equal share of the expense of government.

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