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Silver Republicans in Idaho to Quit Bryanism.

A PATRIOTIC RESPONSE.

Reasons Given by Secretary of State Patrie and Ex-Attorney-General Parsons—Not Flag Farlers.

A strong letter was recently sent to numerous former republicans in Idaho by Mast Patrie, secretary of state, who was elected by the fusion on the money question. Following is the letter, except its introductory sentences:

Roseburg, Idaho, Nov. 15, 1899.—My Dear Sir: As a national organization, the silver republicans became, especially in the Western states, a strong support of the democracy, but as a national party organization I suppose that it must be admitted that we at no time out much of a figure, except as an auxiliary of the national democracy. Under this management, these distinguished men have referred to private life.

Those elected a populist to succeed Deboe, through a co-operation between the populists and the democracy; Montana refused to elect Mantle, and he succeeded to the senate by a democrat; Hartman has been retired from congress in Montana, and Towne has been turned down in Minnesota; Cannon, most deserving for ability, has been defeated in Utah. It will be admitted that the reinstatement of bimetalism is no nearer an accomplished fact today than it was when our leaders walked out of the St. Louis convention.

I do not see then, that up to date, anything has been accomplished by the coalition of the silver republicans with the democracy, except the upbuilding of the democratic party, the destruction of the republican party in these states in which silver republicans were strong, with all other questions left where they were when the new movement was inaugurated. So much for what we have accomplished in the past, and this brings us to a consideration of the future.

Shall we continue the organization? If so, shall we continue a combination with the democrats, and if the combination is to be continued, what shall be the platform? The platform adopted by the silver republicans of this state was equally at variance with the platform of the democrats of this state, except upon the money question. Since that platform was written, a national policy had been crystallized as the result of the war with Spain.

The national administration is now engaged in a serious controversy over the result of that war. The position taken by the administration is exactly in accord with the utterance of the last silver republican convention of this state. It is evident that the time has come when we must either abandon the platform adopted a year ago, and join the democracy, maintain a separate organization of our own, or unite our strength with the national organization from which we separated three years ago.

We are confronted in the solution of this situation with questions involving the welfare of the nation and state and the harmonizing of the conflicting views upon the money question, and above all, loyalty to ourselves, and our country. The time has come when we must decide individually what we are to do, and it requires courage and good judgment to act wisely and in the best interests of the state and nation.

This suggests another question—whether we can accomplish more for the general good, as members of a small local organization, or by identifying ourselves with one of the great national parties. It seems clear to me that the latter course is the only one to pursue, and if you agree with me in this respect, then the question to be decided is which of the great national parties we shall ally ourselves with as individuals and within the lines of which we should become active factors in national politics. The attitude of the democratic party during the campaign just closed toward the silver cause was greatly changed from that assumed in the campaign of 1896, when the leaders maintained that bimetalism was paramount to all other questions. Those same leaders in the recent campaign almost wholly ignored the cause of the white metal.

Mr. Bryan delivered 37 vet speeches in the state of Ohio, in the interests of the gubernatorial candidacy of John K. Mc

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