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A FARMERS' FINANCE.

It is very likely that the near future will see a revival of the financial discussion, not along the lines of free coinage of silver, but some form of contraction or expansion which will appeal to the prevailing mood of the people. The Times published an article in its issue of January 31st on the subject of finance which was signed by "A Farmer," and it did so, not because it believed the present an opportune time to discuss that very delicate and troublesome question, but because it regarded an objection from "a farmer" to any phase of the present condition as somewhat of a curiosity. Not that a man, whether he be a farmer or banker, or a mechanic, may not have his individual views, but when he comes to sign his objection by the designation of his calling, he is supposed to speak for his brethren of the same calling. Now the farmers, at present, have little cause as farmers to object to the financial situation, or the proposed asset currency plan of the bankers, as anybody. It is a fact that they are, the country over, not only inherently independent, but financially free. They are for the most part, out of debt. They are receiving large prices for what they produce and their complaint against the railroad companies is about the only tenable one.

But is it fair to argue against a farmer's objection to given legislation by pointing out that he is the least hurt by it, and therefore the least entitled to object? While the answer should be in the negative, the sad fact still remains that modern civilization is governed by the power of "interests" although theoretically we hug the delusion that we have manhood suffrage and manhood government. The people as a whole concede the right to shape financial legislation to the bankers and big moneyed interests. The only ones who usually object are the debtors and they are ultimately silenced by the need which forces them to appeal to the moneyed interests for help. And the necessity for such an appeal is made all the more evident by the utter indifference of those who happen to be out of debt. From 1893 to 1900 the farmers were loudest in their outcries and the most deeply in debt. But the panic of 1907 was not a farmers' panic. The cities which have witnessed the return from construction work of hordes of whom honest workers now called "hobos" and "tramps," are the debtors and natural objectors. But what do they know or care about asset currency? Most of them, while living a nightmare are dreaming dreams of Socialism and impractical ideals, and rather hope the worst legislation may be enacted. Thus it is highly probable that the moneyed interests will have a clear field, without the notice of the one radical element or the attention of that other most intelligent and conservative of our American people, the farmers, who are just now prosperous, out of debt and contented. Of course, there is objection to John D. Rockefeller Jr.'s father-in-law's and Representative Fowler's asset currency bill in congress, from a moral, equitable and honest point of view, but Senator Aldrich and Mr. Towler are in the saddle and placed there by the American people. "A Farmer" should remember that one interest or another has always been uppermost in all the world's history and that it remains with the majority of the people, who are farmers, as it happens, to find a basis in morals, in selfishness and in equity upon which they can agree. Until then—asset currency bills and credit strengthening acts galore!

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"WE'VE got things in Oregon you haven't got in Illinois," remarked Ivy Condon to his friend, who had just stepped into the shelter of the portico of the Pioneer grocery company, to escape the falling Oregon "mist."

"Well, what's that?" remarked the Cornfield sailor rather aggressively. He remembered the network of railroads and interurban lines and the electric light systems which had furnished theme for many a proud reflection.

"You don't build from the top story to the basement, back there, do you? See that building next to you?" and the groceryman pointed to the Lockhart building. "Well they built the third story a little while ago and now they're building the foundation."

"In Illinois," soliloquized the "Sucker" son as he strolled down the street, "the rain brings out the grass; in Oregon it brings out humor."

"YES," for four days we went without anything to eat—"How's that?" interrupted the casual dropper in.

"It happened in Dakota," said Mrs. Stutsman, retelling the story for the benefit of the newcomer as the latter ensconced himself in one of the roomy chairs which go so far toward contributing to the general atmosphere of hospitality which pervades the office of this particular Marshfield real estate firm. "We were enroute from Illinois to Spokane and crossing the Dakotas," she continued, "and were sixty miles from any station when one of those snow storms struck us. At the beginning of the storm we had what they call a complete Pullman train, but the snow kept piling up and they kept cutting off coaches until at last we had a day coach and a smoker. Even these proved to much for the engine and we stuck fast. It kept snowing and freezing and we kept sticking and fasting. There were about eighty people on the train and the commissary department had nothing but bread and butter which by frugal management lasted us about twenty-four hours.

"We became so hungry that we couldn't sleep and still the hours kept doling themselves out. At last the fourth day came around and with it came a rescue engine. It had been working for hours trying to get to us. When it finally coupled on we started on our postponed journey. The nearest railway station was sixty miles away and the engine fought its way through the snow and ice for what seemed an age. At last we reached it and could hardly wait until the train slowed down. And what do you think was the first thing that greeted us in that station. A big sign, "Fifteen Minutes for Dinner".

Having seen the party safely back to civilization and sustenance the

casual dropper in dropped out and did not hear whether the famished tourists tore the sign down or took the station restaurant aboard the train.

MUCH speculation has been made on Coos Bay as to how the city's official time is kept up to its high standard when the telegraph wires, upon which the bay depends for its daily observatory reckoning, are down. Last Tuesday night's meeting of the city council revealed the secret, if secret there was. It happened at that period before the calling of the meeting to order, when the members bunch up around the stove in the council room and speed the moments with anecdotes and such light talk as men are apt to indulge in prior to undergoing any task of such weighty proportions as the handling of a city ship of state entails. It was 7:55—the council is called to order at 8—when Alderman Savage spoke up. "Well," said he looking at his watch, "the mayor will be here in four minutes and fifty-eight seconds."

"How's that?" asked a comparative stranger to the council meetings and who may have been inclined to a shade of pessimism on the subject of a man who possessed such superlative methodical traits as the alderman's remark inferred.

"Oh nothing," said Mr. Savage, "only you can set your watch by the mayor's time of appearing at the council meetings. Now watch that door."

Thus admonished the stranger watched the door with intense fascination. As he watched he realized how the people felt who waited for the second hand to announce the return of Jules Verne's hero in "Around the World in Eighty Days." Seven fifty-six, fifty-six and a half, fifty-seven, fifty-seven and a half, fifty-eight, fifty-eight and a half, fifty-nine, and the last fatal count began. Second after second the watch ticked off and then on the second as the watch hands indexed seven fifty-nine and fifty-eight seconds "Doc" made his appearance, walked to the table, assumed the official chair and as the watch ticked 8 o'clock the Mayor's stenographer tones called out, "Meeting will come to order." The stranger relaxed into a limp heap from the strain. To his surprise he noticed that the mayor's punctuality caused no excitement, if it was noticed at all, among the councilmen. The stranger was no longer a pessimist but through his mind ran the thought: What if the Mayor's watch should stop while the telegraph wires are down?

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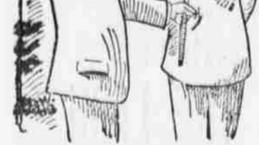
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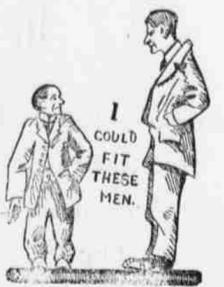
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