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THE PROSPEROUS TIMES.

The following letter, written by a gentleman now past 84 years of age, recites his own personal experience and observation during the good old days when we had free coinage. His statements bear more weight than all the combination of figures of statisticians or the tables of prices prepared by politicians. "Good old days" are not at all what they are represented to be by politicians. Prosperity under free coinage is a beautiful myth.

EDITOR OF THE CHRONICLE: The Popocratic party find the explanation of hard times low prices, low wages, scarcity of money, scarcity of work, all in the crime of 1873, when the wicked Republicans struck down silver, made gold the standard by which to adjust the value of greenbacks, the purchasing power of wages, and the worth of commodities, of securities, of everything. This crime of '73, committed in political conclaves, surreptitiously, clandestinely, and with the eyes of the people all blindfolded, is now the stock in trade of all the campaign rhetoric of the boy orator and his echoing satellites. "Before the crime of '73," say they, "we had bimetalism, we had the silver dollar of the daddies," we had free coinage, we had good times."

To a man like the writer, who has been personally present, a living witness of all the events of contemporary history for seventy-five years, all this political slobber and campaign rot, if it were not so offensive, would be specially amusing. Before the crime (?) of '73, in the days of the dollar of the constitution, who ever saw an American silver dollar or the lesser coins of the constitution? There were some made. The record shows that silver dollars to the amount of some \$8,000,000 had been coined previous to 1873; but silver was so scarce and so dear that it could not float as money. It was converted into watch cases, spoons and plate. We didn't have any silver money of our own coinage, we had Spanish, Mexican, French and German coin, but not our own in general use.

Since 1873 silver has become cheap by reason of overproduction, and instead of being "struck down" by so-called demonetization, has been coined in our mints by hundreds of millions and stamped as dollars and held up to the full value of gold dollars by the strength of law when not worth much more than half their face.

But about the good times before '73, when we had the dollar of the daddies, the silver of the constitution, free and unlimited coinage. The writer lived in those days, before the Erie canal was finished, when farmers drew wheat from the Genesee river to the Hudson river, 250 miles, more or less, on wagons, and loaded back with goods for the country merchant. Wheat was worth at Albany sometimes fifty cents and sometimes a dollar. It fluctuated as now. But the silver of the constitution (if he got it, which he did not) would scarcely grease the wheels of his wagon. Later on, after the canal was in use, when Rochester was the market town of Western New York, then how hard the times of the farmers who hauled their wheat thirty, forty, sixty miles. Then what were the wages of labor? Fifty cents a day. Not

in money; but in pork, in candles, in flour, in maple sugar. In harvest time a good cradler could get a dollar and his board; but in haying time mowers got seventy-five cents. The writer, who was a teacher many years, taught his first school in 1831 for \$12 per month and "boarded around," had an average of sixty pupils, and was considered doing well. Since "the crime of '73 and the slaughter of silver," teachers get from \$50 to \$100 a month and complain of hard times.

The writer has been personally cognizant of the settlement and development of the West since 1826, when he was a boy 14 years old in the Genesee valley, and in his retrospect of the past and its comparison with the present, he can truly say that the people of the latter end of the Nineteenth century do not know practically the A, B, C of hard times. He went to Illinois in 1845, when Chicago was a lake port of possibly 8,000 people, and settled at Rockford, 100 miles west, a half-way stage station between Chicago and the Mississippi river. That was the day of "the dollar of the daddies," when "the silver of the constitution" had not been "stricken down;" but about the only money then in circulation was the paper currency of the Wisconsin Fire and Marine Insurance Company, and in Rock river valley the only way to get any of that was to haul wheat 100 miles on wagons to Milwaukee or Chicago and sell it for from 45 to 62 cents per bushel. Carpenters could get \$1 a day; not in money, but in goods at the store at exorbitant prices, or in farm products at ruinously low prices—wheat 37½ cents; corn 12½ cents; oats 10 cents; pork 2 cents or 2½ cents. Money was scarce, but times were good. Farmers didn't expect money for anything; they learned how to have good times without money. They could raise good horses, cattle, ewine, sheep and poultry without money, and were rich in their poverty. When they must have money for taxes, they hauled wheat 100 miles to get it. Other grains would not bear transportation. Then they felt the pinch of hard times, and when they were forced to borrow at 25 per cent interest, which was the current rate on cash loans.

The writer was a teacher, and established the first academic school in Rockford in 1845. Rates of tuition were nearly nominal; less by the quarter than now by the month in private schools of the same grade, and there was almost no money in it, but other things in profusion. He never lived better in his life; his house was full of flour, meat, butter, eggs, poultry, fish—everything good, and he never was happier in his work; but did not see as much money in a year as some teachers now see in a month. As for "the dollar of the daddies," there were none of them in sight. SENOX.

The Spokane Review denounces Maine and Vermont, and declares that they are the "money power's models." It then proceeds to prove the allegation by showing the slight increase in population and the small advance in property valuations. The Review forgets that both Maine and Vermont were thickly populated before the state or territory of Washington was heard of. Every acre of land which can be profitable tilled has been under cultivation for fifty years or more. During the period from 1880 to 1890, when the West was developing so rapidly, these old states lost in population and property wealth; but their loss was one of the greatest factors in the rapid development of the western states. Corporations are far less numerous or powerful in either Vermont or Maine, in proportion to their populations, than in Washington, and in Vermont almost the entire population consists of intelligent and thrifty farmers, the same class who now till the soil of Illinois, Indiana and Michigan. In the latter states they will vote just as they did in Vermont and Maine.

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Citation.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Wasco, in the matter of the estate of Mary M. Gordon, deceased, Citation. To Mary Gibson, Susie E. Bickard, Maggie A. Gordon, K. J. Stogdill, George B. Gordon, Williams Gordon, heirs at law and next of kin of said deceased, known or unknown, greeting: In the name of the State of Oregon, You are hereby cited and required to appear in the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Wasco at the Court Room thereof, at Dalles City, in the County of Wasco, on Monday, the second day of November, 1896, at two o'clock in the afternoon of that day, then and there to appear and show cause, if any there be, why an order should not be made, directing the administrator of the estate of Mary M. Gordon, deceased, to sell the real estate belonging to said estate, described in his petition, and described as follows: The S. 1/4-1/2 of quarter of Section Thirty-two (32) in T. 38 N. 40 E. R. 4 S. South of Range Thirteen (13), East of the Willamette Meridian, in Wasco County, Oregon, for the purpose of satisfying the debts and claims against said estate.

WITNESS the Hon. Robert Mays, Judge of the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Wasco, with the seal of said court affixed this first day of October, A. D., 1896. ATTEST: A. M. KELSAY, Clerk. By SIMON BOLTON, Deputy.

Executor's Notice of Final Account.

Notice is hereby given that George A. Liebe, executor of the estate of Richard G. Claster, deceased, has filed the final account of the estate of Richard G. Claster, deceased, with the guardianship estate of Albert Lehman, an insane person, of the person and estate of which said Albert Lehman, an insane person, the said Richard G. Claster, deceased, was at the time of his death the duly appointed, qualified and acting guardian, with the clerk of the County Court of the State of Oregon for Wasco County, and that said court has appointed 10 o'clock A. M. of Monday, November 2, 1896, being the first day of the regular November term of said court, for the year 1896, at the county courthouse in Dalles City, Oregon, as the time and place for the hearing of said final account and objections thereto, if any there be. This notice is published by order of said County Court, entered October 22, 1896. GEORGE A. LIEBE, Executor. CONDON & CONDON, Attorneys for Executor. Oct-25-96

Guardian Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed by the County Court of the State of Oregon for Wasco County, guardian of the person and estate of Albert Lehman, an insane person. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present them to me at my residence in Dalles City, Oregon, with proper vouchers. GEORGE A. LIEBE, Guardian of the person and estate of Albert Lehman, Insane. Dated this 25th day of September, 1896. sep-26-96-11

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