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Before the law was written down with parchment or with pen;
Before the law made citizens, the moral law made men.
Law stands for human rights, but when it fails those rights to give,
Then let law die, my brother, but let human beings live.
—Rev. Miller Hageman.

[Special Correspondence of the HERALD.]

BRABSTER WEST'S LETTER.

Why Whitney is Active—Cleveland's Street Railway Deal—Silver Men Threatened—The Remedy—Why Grover Deserves Thanks.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 17, 1896.

The situation remains unchanged. Hanna is keeping his hand over McKinley's mouth to prevent any utterance by that humbug and office-seeker upon the financial question until the Democratic convention has acted. Grover Cleveland has been fishing at the mouth of the James river. His piscatorial pursuits will be confined to Salt creek next year. Teller has said nothing save that he is willing to support any tried and true friend of silver for the presidency, and does not desire the nomination himself. Whitney and Hill have secured a gold delegation to the Chicago convention from New York state, but I am credibly informed that it was done with difficulty, for the farmers of western New York are almost a unit for free silver.

Many people may wonder why Whitney gave up his trip to Europe and so suddenly came to the front in the fight for gold-buggery. I have the inside facts. About two years ago a deal was entered into whereby Cleveland, Whitney, Lamont, and several other administration men secured options upon the franchises of the street railway systems in the large cities of the country. European Jewish financiers loaned them the money necessary to buy the roads upon their agreement to repay in gold. There is the case in a nutshell. If silver is remonetized, the European Jews who have cornered the gold will not let it go except at a heavy premium. The United States as a commonwealth will not need it, for all of our national obligations are payable in coin (gold or silver at our option). Thus the usurers, who love an unearned dollar more than an assurance of eternal bliss, will exact the uttermost pound of flesh from those whose obligations are made payable in gold. Cleveland, Whitney and Lamont know the gang they are dealing with, and fear ruin for themselves if they do not disrupt the silver forces. I can prove these assertions.

This being the case, all the efforts of the administration are being directed towards preventing a union of the silver forces. It is no longer with the gang a question of whether they can get any more money or loans from the gold conspirators; it is a question of avoiding being swallowed up themselves. If the question were not so serious for the country, the predicament of Cleveland et al. would be laugh-provoking.

The administration cuckoos are sending out letters to southern Democrats, appealing to them to stay the silver tide, and threatening that if they persist in their free silver theories they need look for no further financial aid in their business enterprises from eastern capitalists. When their outstanding obligations are due, no further extension of time will be given them, and they will be required to pay up or suffer the consequences. They may turn to their free silver friends in the west, but they are apt to find the latter class without capital, except what they obtain through their eastern connections. When their debts are due their creditors will not be satisfied with 50 cents on the dollar, and the result is they will demand dollar for dollar or foreclose the mortgage they hold upon their property. It is understood that this is the kind of logic ex-Secretary Whitney and his sound money associates will apply in dealing with the southern representatives at Chicago, and it is boldly so stated in the Washington Post.

With regard to this I consulted a prominent attorney of this city, who promptly said that such action on the part of the administration, its cuckoos and the national bankers, who in the south represent the gold conspirators, was in contravention of section 5508 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, which reads thus:

"If two or more persons conspire to injure, oppress, threaten, or intimidate any citizen in the free exercise or enjoyment of any right or privilege secured to him by the constitution or laws of the United States, or because of his having exercised the same, with intent to hinder his free exercise or enjoyment of any right or privilege so secured, they shall be fined not more than $5000 and imprisoned not more than 10 years; and shall, moreover, be thereafter ineligible to any office, or place of honor, profit, or trust created by the constitution or laws of the United States."

Such being the law, it behooves every man threatened as stated by a national banker or creditor to appeal to the law, for it would be a righteous retribution if some of the conspirators were forced to occupy the cells in which they now put those whom they have forced to tramp in search of work.

While abusing Grover, people should not forget that the nation owes him a debt of gratitude; for, if it had not been for his bull-dozing, pig-headed way of forcing the gold standard down the throats of the people, their present great uprising might have been delayed for another four years. In recognition of this service on his part, some people are talking of raising a popular subscription to buy him a coffin like that of Li Hung Chang, concerning which I will write more next week. BRABSTER WEST.

GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP.

The "Inter Ocean" Makes a Strong Populist Argument—A Railroad Combine that Threatens National Ruin.

Although the following article from the Inter Ocean is something of a squeal, there are pointers enough in it to make a good Populist argument in favor of government ownership of railroads:

"There is now in existence in the great territory between Chicago and New York a railroad pool, known to the public as the Joint Traffic Association, which, if permitted to live by the government and the people, will before long ruinously effect the transportation, commercial and mercantile interests of the entire United States. It possesses more power than any other trust in the country combined. It is, in fact, a hydra-headed monster.

"This great pool embracing every important railroad system between Chicago and St. Louis and the Atlantic ocean, was organized last January at the dictation of J. Pierpont Morgan, the Wall street financier. With a great flourish the agreement, under which the roads were supposed to work, was given to the public only after being forced out of Morgan's lieutenants by the interstate commerce commission. The first words of this now famous agreement were samples of the deceptive character of the entire document. The opening paragraph was to the effect that the combine would in its operations endeavor to adhere to the interstate commerce and anti-trust laws.

"The ink on the paper was hardly dry before these statutes had been openly and flagrantly violated. The agreement given to the public was not the one under which the pool was operated. It was supplemented by secret orders and rulings directly contradictory to the one given to the commission.

"When the managers of this trust became satisfied that their work would not be interfered with by the authorities they began to pull their throttling lines around every form of legitimate competition. These lines are not yet taut, but they are fast becoming so. The nefarious operations of this combination seem to be directed more against Chicago and the west than New York and the east, although the latter city as well as every part of the country around which the octopus is encircling its arms of steel is feeling the effects of the trust.

"The above assertions could be easily denied were they not backed by facts. Here are some of the nicer things accomplished by this pool since it went into operation, January 1st last.

"By refusing to assist the Western roads to meet the competition of lines north and south of Chicago it has diverted 1000 car loads of wool away from this city, entailing a loss of about $75,000 to the western roads and $40,000 to $50,000 to the roads east.

"It has abolished the interchangeable ticket, a ticket that the commercial travelers of the country worked for years to secure.

"It has abolished the practice of running cheap rate excursions from all points east of the Mississippi river to Niagara Falls; has limited the number to be run during the present summer to fourteen, and has advanced rates for these just 100 per cent, which practically makes them prohibitory to the majority of the people who take advantage of the low rates.

"It threatens to entirely cut off all excursion rates after the present season, making it necessary for the public to pay full fare to all kinds of gatherings. By a deal with the Canadian Pacific road the pool has diverted and is still diverting thousands of immigrants and second-class, as well as first-class, passengers away from the eastern roads and Chicago.

"It has refused to allow the roads west of Chicago to sell round-trip tickets from points west of this city to points east, forcing travelers to [illegible] tickets in Chicago at full [illegible]

"By the board of managers' action in giving advance information regarding rate decisions the strong lines have captured the bulk of the business, causing great losses to the weak roads on contracted parties.

"These are but a few of the arbitrary actions of the rulers of this pool. There have been hundreds of other crushing rulings of a technical nature, but equally disastrous in their effects on general business and the operations of connecting roads not slaves of the all-powerful trust. A case involving the validity of this combine is now on the docket of the United States supreme court, but it may be years before it is heard. In the meantime the managers of the pool will go on with their squeezing until they have accomplished their object, that of completely throttling all competition and making every railroad in the country pay tribute to the combine, unless the shippers and the traveling public, who alone have the power, rise in their might and crush a monopoly which, if allowed to continue in its high-handed course, will before long have a Chinese wall built around the commerce of the nation."

The Salvation Army gave a representation of the "Ten Virgins" to the sitizens of Corvallis, Wednesday evening. It was a novel and interesting spectacle to most of the audience.

Oregonian: A boy, a firecracker, and a barrel created a sensation on Astor street, Astoria, Friday morning. A number of empty barrels were standing in front of Erickson's and several youngsters found it great fun to light a firecracker and shove it into the barrel through the bunghole. The reports produced were most gratifying. One barrel was tackled, however, which brought about results most unexpected. It seems that there was a little alcohol in the bottom of it, and when the firecracker exploded the head of the barrel was blown out with a report like that of a cannon, and pieces struck one boy on the wrist and head. He was taken to Dr. Fulton's office, where the damages were repaired and he declared to the doctor that the fun was simply great. "The barrel went up 50 feet in the air, and made a noise like a cannon."

GENERAL NEWS.

THE QUAKERS MEET.

Newberg, Or., July 6.—Oregon yearly meeting of Friends of Oregon met at Newberg for their fourth regular annual meeting on Tuesday afternoon of this week. The first session of the meeting was opened by Thomas Newlin, president of Pacific college, the presiding clerk of the meeting. The statistical reports of the society were then read. From them the membership was found to be 1566. There are 29 ministers. One new minister, Lorenzo White, of Scotts Mills, has been recorded since last year.

ADMITS HIS GUILT.

Tacoma, July 6.—County Commissioner Holmes this afternoon admitted the truth of the charges made by the two janitors of the courthouse, that they were compelled to pay him $10 per month to retain their positions. The janitors are old soldiers, and the G. A. R will try to force Holmes out of office.

LYMAN TRUMBULL DEAD.

Chicago, July 6.—Ex-United States Senator Lyman Trumbull died at 3 o'clock this morning at his home in this city. He had been ill a long time, but rallied at intervals, causing hope that he might eventually recover. His last relapse, however, settled his fate in the mind of his physicians, and the end has been expected daily for the past week.

Judge Trumbull was born at Colchester, New London county, Conn., in 1813. A career like that of Lyman Trumbull's comes to but few men. For more than 60 years his has been a life of ceaseless activity, and it is not hyperbole to say that in all these years his work has belonged to the nation he has been a school teacher, lawyer and judge. His last appearance in court was in defense of Debs and the American Railway Union train strikers.

COURTS AND SECRET SOCIETIES.

Chicago, July 8.—The Illinois appellate court for the Fourth district has handed down an opinion declaring that where a secret society expels a member the courts may inquire into the expulsion and pass whether or not it is just.

WILL GO TO HEAVEN OUT OF HIS OWN CHURCH.

New York, July 8.—George Vanderbilt opens his memorial church at Biltmore, N. C., on July 10. He will take a select party of friends south with with him, and has been looking after choir singers, who will be imported for the purpose from the north.

SPENT MONEY LIKE A PRINCE.

Pittsburg, July 8.—John L. Cowan, the young lumber merchant who disappeared from this city last winter, leaving an indebtedness of $270,000, and was later arrested in Central America and brought back to Pittsburg, has been found guilty on three charges of forgery.

SECRETS OF THE CONFESSIONAL PRIVILEGED.

Ontario, July 8.—In the case of the Rev. Cure Gill, who refused to answer certain questions in court because the information desired had been given him under the seal of the confessional, the superior court of Quebec decided that matters told to a priest in the confessional are privileged.

A PENSION SWINDLER.

Williamsport, Pa., July 7.—Maj. S. B. Denworth was arrested today for illegally retaining money of a pensioner, Mrs. Brookens. He has been held for trial before the U. S. court. Maj. Denworth was defeated for Department Commander of the G. A. R. at Chambersburg.

WILL PUNISH THE FREE SILVERITES.

Philadelphia, July 8.—The free silver agitation has already had one effect in Delaware, and that is the cancelation of mortgages upon several of the largest farms in Seaford Hundred, Sussex county. These mortgages were held by Philadelphia parties, who canceled them at a discount of 5 per cent.

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The Real Issue in This Campaign.

MARSHFIELD, July 9, 1896.

EDITOR HERALD: As the g. o. p. will now begin to howl "tariff" for the purpose of again deceiving the voters, it is well that the fallacy in their June speeches should be shown up for which purpose but little space will be required.

It was asserted, truthfully too, that the balance of trade that used to be in our favor had disappeared—that is, we used to sell more goods to foreign nations than we bought from them, hence, of course, received more money from them than we paid to them—but that such is not the case now. Considering this to be the condition of things, it then becomes necessary that we should investigate and assertain the cause. The Republicans, some of them, say it is because the tariff is too low, either believing that our imports have increased, which is not a fact, or desiring to deceive the people. The fact is that our imports—the articles we buy from foreign nations—have diminished, there having been over $66,000,000 worth more imported, on an average, annually, while the McKinley law was in force, than the amount that was imported the year the Wilson law had been in operation, but our exports—our sales to foreign nations—have decreased so much more than our imports have, that the balance of trade has nearly disappeared.

But who is there so devoid of intellect as to claim to increase the tariff would enable us to sell more to other nations? Surely, no one; hence we must look elsewhere for the cause. Space forbids us from showing the cause, except to state that it is due to the fact that we cannot compete with nations that have free coinage of silver. The goldbugs say that would not do, as the other nations would bring their silver bullion to our mints, have us coin it and then take it home with them. Suppose they were to do that, what harm could come to us? We would take 1 lb. of silver from each ten lbs., putting 1 lb. of copper in lieu thereof.

Now if anyone thinks other nations will ruin us by that kind of trading, let him join the goldbugs and oppose an increase of money.

In conclusion we would advise all parties to read Senator Mitchell's and Senator Butler's speeches on the money question, delivered in the U. S. senate in 1896. TRY AGAIN.

The Congregationalist notes the fact that Prof. George Adam Smith, of the Free Church College, Glasgow, Scotland, whom it describes as "one of the leading scholars of Christendom, and one of the greatest preachers of Great Britain," preached last Sunday in the Old South Church, Boston, and not a paper in Boston had a line about him or his sermons.

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