

The Modern Farmer

His Lot Is Improving Faster than That of Other Men

The old-time farmer's boy was not seriously to blame for striking out for the city...

In the summer he was expected to hold the handles of a bull tongue plow and tramp down the rows of corn until long after the chickens had gone to their nightly rest...

Now it differs. The farmer no longer comes to town in his road wagon, sitting on a two-inch plank laid across the top of the wagon...

When that time comes it will be found that the ambition of young men will lie in the direction of becoming landed country gentlemen instead of hard-driven, overworked and smothered-for-air residents of the cities.

Silver Issue Dead

From all reliable sources it appears that the much advertised 10-to-1 camp meeting in Springfield, Ohio, was a most conspicuous failure...

A Weak Comparison

In his able speech Mr. Bryan revived his two piles of wheat. Suppose, he said, in effect, that if all the wheat in the world is collected in two piles, and that one of the piles is burned, will not the other pile be doubled in value?

Have a New Opportunity

Democratic orators who last year were trying to convince the public that the clique of financiers in Europe who held the money power were responsible for the adoption of the gold standard by all the intelligent nations of the earth...

Wheat to Bring Golden Dollars

While our wheat production is very large this year, our home consumption is increasing with returning prosperity and we will have to hold the major part of it for our own people.

The Hogansville Affair

It is said the attempted assassination of Isaiah H. Loflin, the colored postmaster of Hogansville, Ga., will be made the basis of an immediate and vigorous prosecution of all who are connected with the affair.

Aburdity Is Made Clear

The recent statements of Statistickian Maillet, in which he shows that the prairie States are the most prosperous spot upon the face of the earth, make clear the absurdity of the effort which was made by the silver orators last year to induce the people of that section to adopt cheap money as a basis of further prosperity.

Threats Not Carried Out

It is not observed that the countries which were making that terrible protest against our new tariff three months ago are putting any of their implied threats into execution. They know now what they know then, that the balance of trade was in their favor, and that they could not afford to carry out any of their threats.

Had to Have an Issue

People who are surprised that the three anti-Republican conventions in Nebraska decided to again advocate free silver should remember that they had to have something to say on the subject.

The Price of Cotton Ties

A dispatch from Charlotte, N. C., states that an Illinois manufacturing company offers to furnish the regular hat cotton ties at 70 cents per bundle at wholesale in car lots, or at 75 cents at retail, and that several carloads have already been ordered for that immediate section.

Gorman law was in force and cotton ties were on the free list, but the price was \$1.35 per bundle at wholesale...

An Object Lesson

The financial situation in the Southern Republic presents an object lesson which should not be lost upon our friends, the free silver lunatics...

All branches of business are paralyzed and Americans are leaving the country in droves. Merchants who have outstanding accounts and who are compelled to collect them in silver are being put to a tremendous loss.

The evolution of a free silver basis in Mexico substantiated everything alleged by the opponents of Mr. Bryan in the last presidential campaign in this country.

It was then said that wages were the last to go up, and that currency inflation of every kind was injurious to the masses. This is always the fact.

In Mexico the masses are not responsible for the financial crisis. The Government maintains its silver basis without consulting them.

In the United States, had the free coinage of silver been adopted, the people themselves would have wrought their own ruin.

After all, by a narrow plurality, had he succeeded and had his demagogic and crude theories been put into the form of laws, fifty years of good government and prosperity would not have wiped out the damage he would have inflicted upon the nation.

If there are any free silver lunatics in this country who still believe that it is safe to adopt free coinage of silver without the consent of any other nation, they should be sent to Mexico...

The result of this veering around is that the Bryanites are incensed with Jones and are saying ugly things about him. Nevertheless Jones is the boss of the party...

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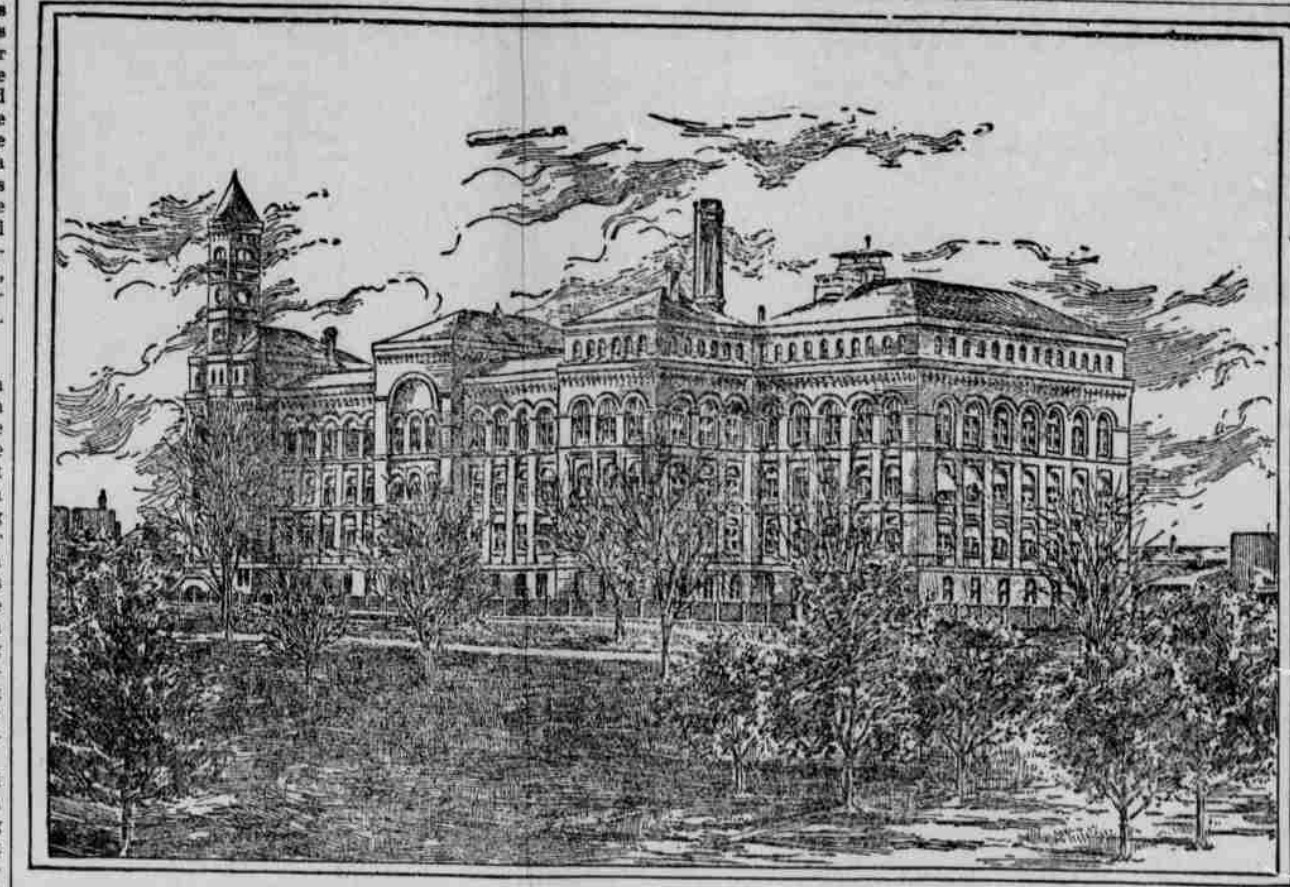
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BUREAU OF ENGRAVING AND PRINTING.

THE Bureau of Engraving and Printing, situated at the corner of B and Fourteenth streets southwest, is 200 feet long, 135 feet wide and constructed of pressed brick, fireproof throughout...

SOUTHERNS CONTROL.

Crushing Northern Mendacity Not in Management of the Party.

Senator Jones of Arkansas, the boss of the Democratic party, appears to be a ready letter writer. He recently sent one to the Democratic State Committee of New York, in which he declared it would be "impolitic" to endorse the Chicago platform.

I sincerely hope that genuine and loyal Democrats get control of the organization in your State. It seems to me that it would be wise for a State convention to be assembled next fall for the purpose of making the one nomination needed and to organize the machinery of the party...

What the Bank of England proposes to do about silver was formally and authoritatively stated yesterday at the semi-annual meeting of the bank by the Governor, who read a letter he had written to the Chancellor of the Exchequer...

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ONLY A MINUTE.

It Doesn't Take Long to Read these Snap-Shots.

Advices from Mexico show that statesmen there are urging steps looking to the adoption of the gold standard.

Mr. Bryan is so busy studying Spanish that he has not had time to explain the advance in the price of wheat.

Ex-Candidate Bryan, in an article in the New York World, says: "Those who favored free coinage may be wrong." Can it be possible, Mr. Bryan?

The advance in the price of wool and sheep will soon bring back to the farmers the 75 million dollars loss in the value of sheep which befell them under the Wilson law.

The more the coal strike is studied the more apparent it becomes that the reduction in coal tariff by the Wilson law is responsible for the low wages which caused it.

If anybody croaks about the light receipts in the first month of the Dingley law, remind him of the enormous importations of the months which preceded its enactment.

Did Mr. Bryan demand that \$1,500 he is to get for his Ohio speech in "gold coin of present standard weight and fineness"? That is the habit of his masters; why not Bryan, too?

The farmers are too busy to listen to free silver speeches now. That species of pastime may do for free trade times like those of the past three years, but not under protection.

It now takes two ounces of fine silver to pay for a bushel of wheat. One year ago one ounce of silver was equivalent in the markets of the world to just about one bushel of wheat.

Comrade McKinley" was cordially greeted by the old soldiers at Buffalo. He is the first President who served in the ranks as a private soldier and will probably be the only one.

Why don't Professor Debs and his associates call on the framers of the Wilson law to help out the miners? It was clearly the reduction of the tariff that caused the reduction in the miners' wages.

Oh, by the way, have the Ohio and Iowa and Maryland and Kentucky and Nebraska and New Jersey and New York Democrats forgotten about the tariff? They seem to be strangely silent on the subject.

Advices from abroad show that the foreign crop is as badly off as the wheat crop, and as rye is largely used for bread in Euro. & in countries, this development indicates a still greater demand for American wheat.

The calmity shriekers of last year have not told the farmers yet how it is that wool and wheat have advanced 50 per cent in price since their shrieks of last year while silver has meantime industriously fallen 25 per cent.

The British goldbugs again have the American farmer by the throat. This time it is in the shape of 450,000 English sovereigns, or over \$2,000,000 coming into San Francisco from Australia in exchange for American wheat.

With an increase of 50 per cent in the value of wheat in the past year, and a fall of 25 per cent in the value of silver meantime, the gentlemen who were exploiting the wheat and silver theory last year are now seeking for new occupation.

Professor Wilson does not seem to be much in demand as a campaign orator among the Democrats this year. His name is a little too suggestive of the recent bitter experiences of the workingmen and farmers of this country.

The old Democratic "saw" about increased prices under the new tariff law is not being heard this time—the reason is that the average Democrat knows that the protection against protection is no longer proper with the people of this country.

One remarkable development of the opening months of the new tariff law is the general gratification with which it is accepted irrespective of party. Even the Democrats are omitting the usual talk about increase in prices under the new law.

Because it is my deliberate judgment that the prosperity of America is mainly due to its system of protective laws, I urge that Germany has now reached the point where it is necessary to imitate the tariff system of the United States.—Zimarch.

With several shiploads of gold coming in at the western ports from Klondike, others from Australia, and many more coming in at the East, in payment for their golden grain, the farmers are not spending much time listening to free silver speeches this fall.

That little group of despairing statesmen who sailed for Japan some weeks ago in search of the true facts with reference to the demonization of silver by that country have not yet favored the people of the United States with the result of their investigation.

The continual fall in the value of silver is causing great distress among the laboring people of Mexico. The dollar in which they are paid is now worth only 40 cents, and they get only about half as many of them for a given amount of work as do workmen in the United States.

The calamity orators are in trouble again. The recent statement of the condition of the national banks of the United States shows the individual deposits to be the largest in their history, amounting to the enormous sum of \$1,770,480,536. If this is McKinley calamity, let's have more of it.

Blessed is the country whose soldiers fight for it and are willing to give the best they have, the best that any man has, their own lives, to preserve it, because they love it. Such an army the United States has always commanded in all her history.—President McKinley at Buffalo.

Get Good Money for Wheat. The farmers are now getting just two and a half times as much for wheat as Mr. Bryan and his followers promised them if they adopted free coinage. They promised \$1 per bushel for wheat in silver dollars, and admitted that they didn't know what the silver coins would be worth. They are now worth 40 cents under free coinage, while the farmers are getting two and a half times that in good American 100-cent dollars.—Exchange.

Not a Safe Money Metal. A fall of 20 per cent in value in a money metal in two months would seem to warrant the belief that it is not very safe as a money metal. Yet that is just the fall in the value of silver since last November. It was worth 65 1/2 cents per ounce in New York on Nov. 3, 1896, and is worth only 51 cents to-day.