

SILVER.

There were developments brought to light last Saturday at the meeting of the friends of silver at the court house, which shows a tendency on the part of a very few who profess to have the best interests of the silver element at heart and who further profess the cause of the poor laborer, the workingman, the agriculturist, the stock men and all that element that should be united in a common bond of interest, for the welfare of themselves, and in so doing the welfare of the whole nation, regardless of past party affiliations, which at least shows a little prejudice if not a selfish motive. A declaration from a man that he is a middle of the road man, declaring his unalterable determination to remain there whether it be a whim calculated to do himself injury, his party and all friends to reform and the vital points desired to be effected by union.

The great truth uttered by Wm. J. Bryan and reiterated by the leading men of the populist, democratic and silver parties that a union of the three silver elements into one fighting for the rights of the people guaranteed by our forefathers and our constitution, meant victory four years hence, seems to be forgotten by a few in a short time. A decision brought about by a fight for the supremacy of one of the elements, fighting for a middle of the road victory compelling all disaffectants in any party regardless the name, to toady to this particular middle of road advocate whether it be mild, conservative and rationally doctrinal in its declarations, but to the contrary as radical as the most leading gold bug paper or the so-called upstarts denominating themselves Palmer democrats. We want the citizens of this county, and all the readers of THE TIMES-HERALD to understand now and in the future, as in the past this paper stands by the true reform element and the unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1 and whether an element be republican, populist, silver or democratic in its political advocacy, we are here to extend and grasp right hands in the struggle for financial freedom and the severing of the chains that now bind us, who should be a free people, from the gross and evil influences of the element, it matters not what party or parties uphold them in their nefarious scheming to rob us of that most vital part of a nation [we mean its financial system] which has been rightly deemed the blood of the nation, by forcing upon us contrary to the teachings of the framers of the constitution of this great government, a gold standard advocated by money syndicates of foreign nations and the money corporations and gold shylocks of this republic.

THE TIMES-HERALD has no desire to say, I am the chief and you must put that solid understanding of yours in the middle of the road and whatever the middle of the road presches you must swallow, and whatever the middle of the road says you must name yourself

you shall abide by. Not so. THE TIMES-HERALD says and advocates silver and reform and implores a consolidation and union of the elements of all parties who are determined not to be tyrannized over by party leaders, no matter to what party these leaders may belong. Let us meet together, let us work together, thinking nothing of name but only the object to be attained and God being our helper drop all party prejudices, shake hands across the chasm, humbly acknowledging past weaknesses and exploring strength and wisdom from the giver of all good and perfect gifts, give ourselves to the fight, throwing ourselves into the breach and never say or think fail but land beyond four years hence with flying colors and a glorious victory for the people, honestly contested, honestly gained and honestly maintained with the inscription on our banners, "A victory by the people for the people and gained by the honest element regardless of past party name."

Hasten The Selections.

Millions of acres of the public domain in Eastern Oregon were granted to private corporations years ago to encourage the building of what were termed military wagon roads, and the title to these grants has long since been quitted by actions in the courts, and has been decided to rest in the corporations that built the roads or acquired them by purchase after the roads were built; but no time has been specified in which the corporations shall make selections or permanent locations of such lands. The lands not selected are not subject to taxation, hence the counties in which the grants lay are deprived of a large source of revenue, as is also the state, beside vast tracts of land are withdrawn from location by actual settlers pending the selections.

In the matter granting time in which these selections shall be made, the government has indeed been lenient with the road companies, much more so than it has been with settlers, since they are required to make selections of the tract which they desire to acquire title to when their filing is made; and it is only just that the corporations should at once be required to perfect their selections. Our representatives in congress could serve the state well by getting a law enacted at this session requiring all corporations holding land grants to complete their selections on or before July 1, 1897, and providing that all lands not selected by that date revert to the public domain and be declared subject to entry under the homestead laws.—Times-Mountaineer.

The above is timely and to the point. The road companies have had ample time in which to make their selections and if they are not made to come to time by congress they will keep putting it off as long as possible. Harney county is deprived of a large amount of money for taxes every year on account of the companies not making their selections

We would suggest that the taxpayers get up petitions and send to our representatives in congress asking the W. V. & C. M. R. Co. and The Dalles Military R. Co. make their selections at an early date.

The taxpayers of this land district should interest themselves in this matter at once and make these companies stand their part of taxation

Patterson of Marion has introduced in the senate a bill making general provision for the transportation of all insane persons to the asylum. His bill provides that the county clerk shall notify the superintendent of the asylum that he has an insane person to be conveyed to the asylum. The superintendent then authorizes some employe of the asylum to repair to the county seat, where the insane person will be delivered to him, and he will conduct such insane person to the asylum. All the expense is to be borne by the asylum fund.

We cannot see how such a bill would improve the present method of conducting insane persons to the asylum. An asylum employe at Salem could not travel cheaper than anyone else, and in some counties it would be very inconvenient to keep an insane person for several days awaiting the arrival of an employe from the asylum to take charge. The sheriff could have an insane person from this county in Salem almost as soon as he could get word to the officials. Where is the economy? Where is the improvement? We fail to see one redeeming feature.

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