

THE Items commenting upon an editorial taken from the Telegram, in asserting the present panic, distress and mistrust to be the outcome of democratic legislation must think its readers are "ninnies" or willing to swallow anything as truth coming from a republican organ. We wonder if our neighbor feels the importance of the fact—we presume he understands it as well as we do—that republican legislation for the last 30 years has been wholly, solely and singly for the benefit of that class whose very nature is in direct conflict to the wants of the people and whose motto is, "bread and water is good enough for the laborer." At this stage of the game honest conscientious men and newspapers should place the black, damning course of congress where it belongs without respect to party.

Is the Sherman bill, which all parties now so bitterly condemn, a democratic move? Was the de-monetization of silver a democratic move? The calling in of green back money and issuing bonds to hang like a millstone above the heads of taxpayers, were the democratic instrumental in having that done?

These acts of congress, which are now shaking our government from center to circumference, threatening disaster and destruction and the annihilation of our republican institutions and the freedom of the people, were all perpetrated under republican rule. The democratic party has been the party of reform through all these years of class legislation, and now, having the opportunity, if it fails to stand squarely on the platform of principles laid down at our national and state conventions, every step and act antagonistic to the true principles of democracy should be severely criticized and condemned by all true democrats.

The democratic party is persuaded to believe that a mistake was made in the present congress, influenced by the President's message, in passing the Wilson bill without any provision to save silver, directly trampling upon the promises made the people at the Chicago convention and by its platform. The rank and file of the party do not wait to ask their leaders what course to pursue, the newspapers don't wait to see what the monopoly papers have to say on the subject and copy after them, but both people and papers with one accord condemn the action and pronounce it undemocratic and a blow at the rights and liberties of the nation.

We ask our republican neighbor if such a course has been or was, during republican rule, pursued by the papers of that party?

Our answer would be, no; consequently the leaders of that party considering any course, whether honorable or not, pursued by them would receive the sanction of their newspapers and party; thus it was they were enabled to carry on the nefarious work for years, backed by a majority of the people until finally, as the case was, in the last presidential election the people found it impossible to get redress

in the republican party and the result was a change of administration, but the democracy of our government is not such as to be led, like a lamb to be slaughtered, by a few party leaders who think more of Wall Street and foreign domination than they do of the people who gave them the authority.

THE Oregonian says: "The chief support of free coinage of silver comes from the ignorant illiterate south." That portion of our glorious republic is still living in the dark age of superstition and primitive "nothingness" without text books and without that sort of literature that enables the yankee to peddle, successfully, wooden nutmegs and cheap oilcloth. We presume it was in that avocation that our editor of the Oregonian took his first lessons in political economy and learned how easy it would be to make money by doing the "printing act" favorable to Wall Street and gold bugs generally. The Oregonian says Bland, Vest, Vance, Morgan, and in fact all the representatives from that midnight region of idolatry and superstition where cotton is king, are of this "stripe." Haven't yet outgrown the negro lore, taught them when children or those sweet and soothing lullabys sung by the negro nurses, such as "go to sleep now chile or de debil will send dat big black bar to catch you." "How dear to my heart are the scenes of my childhood." These scenes are still cherished by those ignorant men of the south the same as the wood-cut meg oil cloth experience of the head of the Oregonian. We wonder if this "head," we mean the head of the Oregonian, ever visited any southern families? We rather think not, if so he must be proof against culture or he would have, at least learned good manners.

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