

THE HARD TIMES.

How men of intelligence can attribute the present hard times resulting from the financial crisis our government has recently experienced to the democratic party is a mystery.

These would be smart politicians flinging hard times at the democratic party have not been able to show a single bad law enacted by the democrats and we defy them to produce a single act of democracy calculated to injure a single man, woman or child in this government.

The democrats with the help of the republicans repealed the Sherman law which is not considered a bad act by any one. The crisis was coming and the repeal of that law is not responsible for it, to be sure an act for the re-coinetization of silver should have immediately followed still the crisis at the time could not have been prevented.

The responsibility must rest, where it properly belongs, with the republican party.

The republican pet measure the McKinley tariff was and is in full force, and as is claimed by the republican party a precursor of good times why is it that we are not enjoying its benefits?

President Cleveland's former administration left the whole country prosperous, with a large surplus in the treasury, but Harrison left it in a poverty stricken condition.

The fact remains, and we have statistics to prove it, that wages advanced between 1850 and 1860 under low tariffs and under democratic rule and the high tariff between 1870 and 1880, wages were cut down under republican rule.

Class legislation favoring monopolies and corporations—and high tariff is one of the acts—was in vogue under republican rule and that sort of legislation is responsible for the present distress. Statistics show that wages were cut down and the laborer distressed under the highest tariff we have ever had in this government. It also can be proven that just a few days after the McKinley tariff went into effect a reduction of wages commenced and between October 15th 1890, and July 11th 1892, 124,362 men and women went out of 292 manufacturing establishments all on account of actual or threatened reduction of wages.

Why is it that nearly all manufacturers desire a high tariff? What do they care for the laborer? It is because the manufacturer receives the benefit himself and not one dollar's benefit accrues to the laborer from high tariff.

This county, like many others, in a political point of view, has contentions, dissensions, dissatisfaction and sectional prejudices, this inharmonious state of affairs was brought about through several channels, one is the swamp land disagreement, another the county seat contest, another dissatisfaction because of real or supposed partiality shown at the land office and in our county offices. Because of

these fancied or real wrongs, many have lost confidence in their parties and their situation politically is nowhere.

Now to restore confidence in the democratic party, what must be done?

It is acceded that the democratic party have a majority in the county, and to restore confidence and harmony our ticket must be one as far as possible without a blemish.

This feeling of distrust has produced discord which has enabled the people's party to organize a following in the county—remember this editorial is not gotten up by the HERALD to fight the people's party but to fight discord in our own party and if possible suggest a remedy.—The remedy lays with the members of the party in every precinct in the county, a manipulation of the county convention to serve the wants of a ring and please a few obnoxious office seekers and advance the interests and purposes of a class, will never win. It behooves the precinct primaries to elect delegates to the county convention whom they can trust to the uttermost, and these delegates to be men of sound judgement and who earnestly desire the success of the ticket. Delegates who will leave behind them all prejudices and sectional pride, having the welfare of the party at heart, with a county convention of such material we may expect good results, and the ticket will win. There is no use in shutting our eyes to the fact, that the people's party is a factor in this county, but still our party can win by having a fair representative ticket, one that the people can endorse.

All the talent, enterprise, common sense and brain in this county does not lie under cover of a silk hat or encircled by a stand-up collar, or beneath a chinese laundred white shirt, a wool hat, shirt ditto and overalls frequently envelope, just the kind of men we want for our standard bearers, men of good common sense, sound judgement and impartial in their rulings and decisions. We cannot all have a fat office, and while the ambition is one to be honored, because a place of trust given by the people is a mark of respect and confidence not to be ignored, but we must acknowledge that in some instances these positions are obtained by false representations which when the

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true colors of such are shown leaves the incumbent not in an enviable position, but a contemptible thing a disgrace to manhood and his party, but the stigma should rest upon the individual not the party. The handwriting on the wall is easily read, democracy will win in case the party shows its determination to work for the welfare of our people and county.

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