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OF MAINE.

"No Crown of Thorns,
No Cross of Gold."

The man who cannot see that the last two years have wrought a tremendous change in American politics, and that figures two years ago throw virtually no light on the present strength of parties, must be as blind as an owl in the sunshine. The lines of the democratic party have been almost completely re-formed, and there is a most serious break in those of the republican party. Democrats talk of bolting and have bolted. Republicans have bolted and are bolting every day. The difference is that in the democratic party the bolt is by a few kid gloves, silk stockings and plug hats, while in the republican ranks seceders are of the rank and file and vastly more numerous. It is entirely safe to say that McKinley will lose a million votes that helped to swell the republican figures of two years ago. If the democratic lines were unbroken these votes thrown to Mr. Bryan would elect him beyond a doubt. But there is some defection in his party and therefore the result would not be quite so sure. But the endorsement of the populist convention has made his election about as certain as anything in politics can well be. There can be no question that in the main the silver republicans will support Mr. Bryan. While they were generally anxious for the nomination of Mr. Teller by the democracy, it was mainly on the ground of expediency, and most of them have no personal objection to Mr. Bryan. They recognize his ability, and they have perfect faith in his integrity of purpose. Republican silver men are in this campaign to win and they know that they can win only by making the strongest possible combinations. They are not foolish enough to refuse an alliance with 5,000,000 democrats who are in perfect accord with their views on the monetary question and form a union with one-fourth as many populists. In other words, they are not going to surrender the chance of almost certain victory and throw themselves into the chasm of absolutely certain defeat. The money question is the only one that the great body of the people are thinking about, and an issue is never ripe until the people are ready to deal with it.

The Union Republican suggests that some steps be taken by the people of Eastern Oregon looking to the removal of the capital from Salem. To accomplish the best and most effective results an organization should be effected and systematic work done. While there is a strong sentiment in Eastern and Southern Oregon favorable to the removal of the capital from the city of the "Salem hog" yet unless they work together very little can be accomplished. The "Salem hog" has not given up its determination to defeat the building of the branch asylum and every other institution not located under the shadow of the copper dome. The time is about ripe for some formal action that the matter may be properly presented to the legislature that meets next winter. If the people of this and the southern part of the state are

to obtain their rights in this matter it is about time they were preparing for the fight. Public works are being constructed right along at Salem, there is plenty of money for them but nothing can be done outside of that town. It is about time the tables were being turned.

The Sacramento Bee, a republican paper of forty years standing writes its valetictory to the modern republican party. Among other things it says: Standing thus as a republican paper—proud of its past and conscientious of its present—The Bee declares that it will not follow the republican party into its house of bondage, into its land of captivity, into its slavery to the kings of Wall street. It will not sacrifice its manhood and degrade its honor—it will not bastardize its republicanism—by bowing the knee to Mammon and accepting as an article of faith a declaration of principle antagonistic to every interest of the people, destructive to the welfare and corroding to the progress of the nation, and beneficial only to those who fatten and thrive upon the very life blood of the masses. It will not—it cannot—remain silent during the coming campaign, and not point out the base use to which the glorious republican party has been put—an organization at whose birth liberty herself smiled, transformed into a mere capper, for the money jugglers and the gold gamblers.

EXPERT figurers place the amount of the deficit in the receipts of the government treasury in the twenty-two months that the present tariff law has been in effect at \$80,903,777. That is in the past twenty-two months the expenditures have been that much greater than the receipts. This is held up as the great "hoodo" of democratic ascendancy, the "unbusinesslike democratic administration." But those who are loudest in their cries about the deficit are most quiet in reference to the action of the republican supreme court in depriving the government of between \$40,000,000 and \$50,000,000 a year in revenue by declaring the income tax unconstitutional. Had the supreme court not reversed a former decision of that body, there would be no deficit today, and the incomes from all sources would just about meet the expenses. A majority of the supreme court is republican, and if any party is responsible for the shortage that exists in the treasury it is the party who put those supreme judges in office.

THE Illustrated London News tells an interesting story of the defeat of Napoleon at Moscow. He took with him on that expedition the imperial robes he had worn in 1804 when crowned emperor of France. It was his purpose to have a similar ceremony after he had conquered the Russians, at which he would be declared "emperor of the west, chief of the European confederation and defender of the Christian faith." During the retreat this finery was placed in a vehicle escorted by a cordon of cavalry. It fell a victim to the Cossacks and was probably burned, as were many similar equipages. At the beginning of the second empire a royal museum was formed, and at that time an effort was made to find all possible relics of the emperor. Only a part of the garments he had worn December 2, 1804, were found, and it was not until years after that the truth became known. It was then divulged by Princess Pauline Borghese, Napoleon's favorite sister.

THE San Francisco Chronicle takes a gloomy view of the situation in the event of Bryan's election to the presidency. It holds that the only sound plank in the platform on which he stands is the one declaring for the free coinage of silver, but insists that all the advantages to accrue from the free coinage of silver would be undone by his administration being influenced by such men as Altgeld, Tillman and Penoyer. The Chronicle takes the position that he is under obligations to those men for his nomination, but how it arrives at this conclusion is not explained. On the contrary, the records of the Chicago convention

shows that Bryan really owes his nomination to no one. There never has been a candidate for the presidency whose nomination was secured with less effort on the part of bosses, or who goes before the people with less of a stigma of being a "mortgaged" candidate than William J. Bryan.

MATRIMONY and patience! It is not always a perfect combination, is it? In South Africa the savage tribes have a peculiar ceremony which they put the matrimonial candidate through previous to his entering the holy state. His hands are tied up in a bag containing fire ants for two hours. If he bears unmoved the torture of their stings he is considered qualified to cope with the nagging and daily jar and tret of married life. Such a man would make an admirable husband. He would not be upset by the thoughts of a spring bonnet or grow irritable every time the steak was overdone. The idea of having a patience trial for those about to marry is one that civilized people might adopt.

YELLOW fever is raging in full blast in Cuba, and doing much toward making the Spanish sick of their job. This is the season of the year the Cubans have been waiting for. It is easier to have the Spanish removed by natural causes than it is to fight in the open field, and then too it is far cheaper.

UMATILLA'S FINANCES.

The county of Umatilla, for the year ending June 30, 1896, spent more money than it received, in short issued more scrip than it called. The roads and bridges cost \$8,023.21; the justice courts cost \$3,609.35; light, water and board for prisoners cost \$5357.28; the paupers cost \$1972.42; the county hospital \$2591.83; circuit court \$1362.10; circuit court grand jury \$2012.60; circuit court jury \$2709.10; witnesses circuit court \$1647.70; treasurer's salary \$800; county commissioners' salaries \$376.50; county judge's salary, \$1000; assessment of property \$6572; district attorney fees \$432; school superintendent, salary and expenses \$967.45; printing, stationery and books \$3005; election supplies \$152.10; holding inquests cost \$206.55; examination fees for insane \$143.80; incidental account \$580.90; soldiers indigent fund \$356.45; stock inspection, including salary stock inspector \$699.96; sheriff's office cost \$9313.45; recorder's office cost \$2700; the clerk's office cost \$4735.02.

The receipts of the county have not reached the sum of the expenses and there is a deficit. That the people are satisfied goes without saying as they approved of the present management of the county affairs at the Polls in June. However, every effort should be made to bring the expense of the county down to a point under the receipts. If this is not done within a few years the condition of the finances of the county will be remediless and repudiation of its scrip will be next in order. Counties are like men: If they persist in spending more than they receive they will eventually fail to pay and those who hold their obligations are going to lose. It is necessary to take a stitch in time. Better business methods are necessary and all needs of the county should be supplied under contract let to the lowest responsible bidder.

The debt of Umatilla county, including interest upon the debt is now in the vicinity of \$200,000, and interest on this amount at eight per cent. is no small item. The county has an asset in the form of a delinquent tax list with which to meet this debt, but at the outside there will not be realized from the list more than \$100,000, so the county affairs need to be handled now with closer attention and wiser economy than ever before.—East Oregonian.

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The Democratic Platform.

The platform which has been heralded to the people of these United States by the democratic party in convention assembled, on which it is predicted the brilliant Bryan will be swept to victory by a tidal wave is as follows:

We, the democrats of the United States, in national convention assembled, do reaffirm our allegiance to these great essential principles of justice and liberty upon which our institutions are founded, and which the democratic party has maintained from Jefferson's time to our own—freedom of speech, freedom of the press, freedom of conscience, the preservation of personal rights, the equality of all citizens before the law, and the faithful observance of constitutional limitations.

Recognizing that the money question is paramount to all others at this time, we invite attention to the fact that the federal constitution names silver and gold together as the money metals of the United States, and that the first coinage law passed by congress under the constitution made the silver dollar the unit of value and admitted gold to free coinage, at a ratio measured by the silver dollar unit.

We declare that the act of 1873 demonetizing silver without the knowledge or approval of the American people has resulted in the appreciation of gold and a corresponding fall in the prices of commodities produced by the people; a heavy increase in the burden of taxation, and of all debts, public and private; the enrichment of the money-lending classes at home and abroad; paralysis of industries and impoverishment of the people. We are unalterably opposed to the single gold standard, which has looked fast the prosperity of an industrious people in the paralysis of hard times. Gold monometallism is a British policy, founded upon British greed for gain and power, and its general adoption has brought other nations into financial servitude to London. It is not only un-American, but anti-American, and it can be fastened upon the United States only by the stifling of that indomitable spirit and love of liberty which proclaimed our political independence in 1776 and won it in the war of the Revolution.

We demand the immediate restoration of the free and unlimited coinage of gold and silver at the present legal ratio of 16 to 1, without waiting for the aid or consent of any other nation. We demand that the standard silver dollar shall be a full legal tender, equally with gold, for all debts, public and private, and we favor such legislation as will prevent the demonetization of any kind of legal tender money by private contract. We are opposed to the policy and practice of surrendering to holders of obligations of the United States any option reserved by law to the government of redeeming such obligations in either silver coin or gold coin.

We are opposed to the issuing of interest bearing bonds of the United States in time of peace, and condemn trafficking with banking syndicates which, in exchange for bonds at an enormous profit to themselves, supply the federal

treasury with gold to maintain a policy of gold monometallism.

Congress alone has power to coin and issue money and President Jackson declared that this power could not be delegated to corporations or individuals. We therefore demand that the power to issue notes be taken from the banks and that all paper shall be issued directly by the treasury department. We hold that tariff duties should be levied solely for the purpose of revenue and that taxation should be limited by the needs of the government, honestly and economically administered. We denounce as disturbing to business the republican threat to restore the McKinley law, which has twice been condemned by the people in national elections, and which, enacted under the false plea of protection to home industry, proved a prolific breeder of trusts and monopolies, enriching the few at the expense of the many, restricted trade and deprived the producers of the great American staples of access to their natural markets. Until the money question is settled, we are opposed to any agitation for further changes in our tariff laws except such as are necessary to make the deficit in revenue, caused by the adverse decision of the supreme court as to the income tax.

There would have been no deficit in the federal revenue during the last two years but for the annulment by the supreme court of the income tax law, placed upon the statute books by a democratic congress. The obstruction to an income tax, which the supreme court discovered in the constitution after it had laid hidden for a hundred years, must be removed, to the end that accumulated wealth may be made to bear its just share of the burden of the government. We therefore, favor an amendment to the federal constitution that will permit the levy of an income tax. We hold that the efficient way of protecting American labor is to prevent the importation of foreign pauper labor to compete with the home market, and that the value of the home market to our American farmers and artisans is greatly reduced by a vicious monetary system which depresses the prices of their product below the cost of production, and thus deprives them of the means of satisfying their needs. We denounce the profligate waste of the money wrung from the people by oppressive taxation and lavish appropriations of recent republican congresses, which have kept taxes high, while the laborer that pays them is unemployed, and products of the people are depressed in price until they no longer repay the cost of production. We demand a return to that simplicity and economy which best befit a democratic government, and a reduction in the number of useless offices, the salaries of which drain the substance of the people. Confiding in the justice of our cause and the necessity of its success at the polls, we submit the foregoing declaration of principles and purposes to the considerate judgment of the American people. We invite the support of all citizens who approve them and who desire to have them made effective through legislation for the relief of the people and the restoration of the country's prosperity.

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