

Daily Democrat.

SILVER.

C F Black, the Washington correspondent of the New York World says:

Let us see to what extent this gleaming silver wedge which but recently was calculated upon to split the two national parties and to recast congress and the electoral college will likely operate.

It was generally accepted as true that the west and the south were bent upon the passage of a free and unlimited silver bill and upon the slaughter of presidential candidates and all others who should say them nay. Is this true? What evidence have we of the fact? It has been assumed that the farmers, and especially the mysterious farmer's alliance, were determined to rush on to this single object, trampling everything else under their feet in the mad tumult. All this was taken for granted. Nobody stopped to inquire upon what the assumption was founded. Some newspapers and some representatives loudly proclaimed that they were "the people" and were taken at their word. But time and discussion are gradually putting another face upon it. The hurricane passes by and the dust and chaff it blew up are disappearing. When we get a clear view of the south and the west and they get a clear view of the east, it will be seen that their interests are identical, that no section can afford or will press experiments which are clearly dangerous, and that even if free and unlimited silver coinage reasonably promised all the relief to the debtor classes which a few of them expected from it, it would still remain a minor and unimportant question in comparison with the question of taxation in the west and the south and of home rule in the latter.

The silver question may be safely left to the discretion of the democratic majority in the next congress for settlement. As the World has pointed out editorially, the party has grappled many times with more difficult subjects. While gold and silver are the constitutional currency which the democracy has maintained from time immemorial, no member of that party has ever desired or ever will desire coinage of either metal of less intrinsic value than coinage of the other metal. The next congress will assemble after six months' further deliberation and discussion. Both the public and the party will have learned something in the mean time. "It is a condition, not a theory," which confronts us to-day. The condition is the distress of labor and agriculture—not in the west and the south only but everywhere—produced by excessive and unconstitutional monopoly taxation. This it is which is at the bottom of the universal cry for relief and which induces men to jump at the silver theory or the warehousing or any other which presents itself. Will the condition change in six months? Will it change until the monopoly policy is reversed and until lighter taxes and greater freedom of exchange are accorded the people? If the condition does not change, when the democratic party comes together by its representatives in congress or by its representatives in a national convention, will it agree that silver is any question at all in comparison with tariff taxation in the west or free government in the south? Those who conceive that silver will split and wreck the democratic party, or even that it will shape the next presidential ticket and the next national platform, forget that the deep wrongs and the vital interests of the sections relied upon to push silver to the place heretofore occupied by the tariff. When the west shall be asked to jeopardize the presidential ticket in the east by the substitution of the trifling silver controversy for the momentous tax battle, its material condition, not less than its patriotism, will furnish the response. It cannot be done. The west must have relief, and it can have it only by the restoration of the tax reform party. When the south is put to the same test her answer will be that tariff reform, home rule, domestic liberty, are infinitely greater to her than any of the alleged and doubtful advantages of free silver. There will not be in a national convention a delegation from any state in the union which has recently cast a democratic electoral vote in favor of endangering the presidency and the country by unreasonable persistence on the silver line. If there shall be a silver plank in that platform it will be one upon which any democrat, from New York harbor to the Golden Gate, can stand with perfect consistency.

The negotiations preceding the defeat of the Force bill; the natural gratitude of patriotic democrats for the splendid service to constitutional liberty which the silver men then rendered; the sudden intrusion into the political world of the colossal, mysterious and unmeasured force known as the farmers' alliance, together with the able and adroit management of the silver producers, making every political advantage of the extraordinary circumstances, have given the silver question an adventitious prominence which it is not likely to hold.

Circuit court convenes next week. It will not be a picnic of a time for law breakers. There are law breakers whose persistent violations of law should be placed before the grand jury that they may be dealt with by the court, as may be proper and meet.

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The latter part of this month the District Teachers Institute will be held in this city. Every teacher who intends to keep step with the progress of the age should be here.

The election in Canada yesterday resulted in the election of a majority of 15 or 18 conservatives to the Canadian parliament as against a majority of 50 in the past. The conservatives are the government party, and favored less liberal trade while the liberals favor more liberal trade with foreign countries.

The people of Harrisburg have voted a three mill tax to support a free school this year. This is a wise step and shows that Harrisburg's citizens are waking up from the lethargy that has heretofore retarded their progress. Their faces are in the right direction.

Palmer 101 and Streeter 97. Such is the result of the vote for senator in Illinois. Palmer is a democrat and a statesman. Streeter is the independent or farmer's candidate. Only a year since he was a strong tariff reformer, but now he avows that he is a protectionist. This he does to get the republican vote for United States senator, and it looks very much like the republican party of Illinois, the state of Lincoln and Logan, were about "to crook the pregnant hinges of the knee where thrift may follow fawning" and elect a cipher to the United States senate.

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STOCKHOLDER'S MEETING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT there will be a meeting of the stockholders of the Odd Fellows Hall Building Association, held at their office in Albany Oregon, on Monday, the 8th day of March, 1891, at the hour of 7 o'clock p m of said day for the purpose of electing seven directors to serve for the ensuing year, and to transact any other business that may come before said meeting. This, the 27th day of Feb, 1891.

W. G. TWEEDALE, President. E. A. PARKER, Secretary.

SCHOOL ELECTION NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the regular annual school election in school district No 5, Linn county, Oregon, will be held at the Central school building, in said school district on Monday, March 9th, 1891, for the purpose of electing one director, to serve three years, and one clerk to serve one year. Said election to begin at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of said day and continue until 6 o'clock p m of said day. Dated February 25th, 1891.

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.—Contractors and builders desiring to bid on the construction of the new United Presbyterian church building, to be erected at the site of the old building, will find the plans and specifications for the same, at the store of Stewart & Sox. The date of opening bids will be announced hereafter.

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