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A PROBLEM FOR THE REPUBLICANS.

It is very evident, taking the late state election of northern states as a criterion, that the tide of public opinion has set in strongly for the republican party. It now looks as though that party would be again placed in power as rapidly as the recurrence of election days makes it possible. Whether or not democratic policies are responsible for the period of hard times that we are now passing through, the people so regard it, and are disposed to repair the error committed in 1892 as quickly as possible.

When the republicans are again in control of affairs, and the "hard times" period still continues—which we predict will be the case—what then? Republican ascendancy will not curtail the amount of wheat produced by foreign countries that grow enormous crops of that cereal and are responsible for, in a great measure, the ruling low prices of to-day. Unless silver is remonetized no appreciable advance will be felt, no matter what party is in power, for with a gold basis only for the money of the world, and that basis in the control of a class of individuals who are disposed to manipulate it to advance their own interests, regardless of how it may affect others, no better prices for commodities, as a rule, will maintain, than we now have.

However, the republican policy of protection and reciprocity has a tendency to preserve American markets for Americans; and as America seems to be the best market there is in the world for everything save the food products, it would seem to be the best policy for the nation to pursue. If that party would formulate some plan by which the farmer and laboring man would receive benefit in the same relative proportion that the manufacturer does, under its protection policies, it would have attained the ideal summit of American prosperity. But can it do for the farmer and laborer, as well as it has for the manufacturer in the past? Is not the interests of manufactures and producer of raw material antagonistic? If it is right that the producer of raw material must compete with the outside world, he certainly should be permitted to buy in the markets that are subjected to a like condition. As far as the laboring man is concerned, the government can make his condition relatively as good as that of the manufacturer, by regulating and prohibiting emigration, but when it attempts to legislate and make the condition of the wheat grower more prosperous, it finds itself, in a manner, powerless. It cannot prohibit the development of the grain production in Argentina, Australia or the very recently opened up Siberia. If silver should again be remonetized by the various nations which now have but a gold basis, no doubt the general price of wheat would rule a few cents higher; but with the enormous increase of production of breadstuffs, as indicated above, profit in wheat growing by the American farmer will be small. Then to equalize the business of the farmer with other industries, some other than the American plan of protection, must be adopted.

All this, all protection to manu-

facturing is detrimental to the farmer, for the reason that it causes him to buy in a dearer market.

The republican party when it is replaced in power, will find itself confronted by this problem, and unless it finds some method of solving it, will remain in power through but one administration. It must either increase the price of farm products to a figure that will enable the farmer to make a reasonable profit, or it must reduce his expenses in the way of freight rates, and in what he has to buy, so that a margin of profit is left him at the present cheap prices for his products.

Evidently the republican party will have another opportunity to demonstrate whether its policy of protection alone is sufficient to give prosperity to all branches of business, that of the farmer included. Like the democratic party, it will have to meet the new conditions that confronts the production of food products. If it will be equal to the emergency required its lease of power will continue indefinitely. If it fails—which we predict it will—to give that degree of prosperity that the people expect, then a new policy and party will be called to the front.

MORE BONDS MUST BE SOLD.

The treasury is not alone drained of gold. When one considers the condition of its resources and its unacknowledged liabilities, it is ominously short of resources of any kind. There has been apparent increase of the cash balance since the house passed the senate tariff bill, but this is mere discounting of the future. Large payments were made into the treasury on account of internal revenue taxes on whisky hurried out of bond before the new law, increasing tax went into effect. Large payments also were made on account of custom dues on imports held back until the tariff bill, with its decreased duties, should have gone into effect.

These two speculative operations have increased treasury receipts for August and September at the cost of those for many months to come. It is probable that enough whisky has been taken out of bond to supply the market for six months and that no more tax will be paid for that time. Now that arrears of imports have been brought up, these will fall to the normal, and, with the greatly reduced duties of the Havemeyer law, will yield much less than the old revenue. The only revenue duty of the new law, that on sugar, will bring no money into the treasury for nearly a year, the trust having brought in millions of tons of sugar free before the law went into effect, to supply the market for months to come. Very soon, then, the revenues will fall to or below the point where they were when the treasury deficiency was nearly \$10,000,000 per month.

Expenditures cannot be reduced; cannot even be kept down to the present rate. The treasury has a large floating debt which does not appear in published account. It has been "standing off" credits of every kind for many months. Pension money to the amount of nearly \$30,000,000 has been held back on one pretext or another. Money due on contracts for public buildings, river and harbor work, fortifications, armor and gun castings and new naval vessels, has been held back to the amount of tens of millions. The available treasury balance, counting in the gold reserve and nineteen millions of fractional silver, the deposits with national banks and disbursing officers' balances, is over \$127,000,000, but it is probable that half of this, perhaps all that could be paid out or would be accepted, since the gold reserve ought not to be used and creditors would not take fractional currency, is now overdue and ought in justice be paid out at once.

Payment of these "held up" debts cannot be deferred much longer, unless the treasury is going to confess judgment and go into bankruptcy. It will strip the treasury bare, to pay them, unless money can be got from somewhere. There is no prospect of getting it through the ordinary channels of revenue. These promises to fall short of the ordinary expenditures of the government. It is absolutely certain that the government will be obliged to borrow money by sale of bonds before the end of the fiscal year. Congress will do well to recognize this necessity and to make provisions for the issue of bonds at a lower rate of interest than 6 per cent.—Oregonian.

While Russia is behindhand in

most things pertaining to progress and enlightenment she is distinctly in advance of the remainder of the world so far as the regulation of the bicycle traffic is concerned. Before anyone is permitted to ride on any public thoroughfare, he is compelled to obtain a license at a cost of a dollar, and to have his name and address entered upon the police registers of his district, in token of which he is presented with a square piece of leather with his number in large figures of bright metal. This he must have permanently affixed to the back of the cycle, so that it may be seen by the police. But prior to receiving the license the knight of the wheel is forced to undergo an examination as to whether he can ride sufficiently well to avoid becoming a public danger. This examination consists in the description of a figure 8 set around two sticks, and he is obliged to do this to the satisfaction of the official examiners, one of whom is usually president of the local bicycle club.

The recent courts-martial at Vancouver, reveal to the civilian a degree of rottenness in the military organization of this country, which is humiliating in the extreme. In civil life, the drunkard has no standing. The merchant will not employ a drunken clerk, no client will employ a drunken lawyer, no customer will trade with a drunken merchant, no patient employ a drunken physician; but the report of the trials of some of the officers of the military arm of our government seems to show that sobriety cuts no figure in that employment. A captain may have imbibed from a quart to a barrel of whiskey and still be—though staggering and maudlin—plenty sober enough to perform all his duties; and flunkies and toadies as plentiful as blackberries are willing to swear that he was perfectly sober. There is evidently a wide difference between military and civil sobriety. The regular army is a stench in the nostrils of a decent nation, and should be thoroughly purged and its decent members encouraged to repudiate its rogues. J. B.

To those who object to the political teachings of the populists, that they are impracticable, we recommend the perusal of the laws of New Zealand, now in force. Nearly every plank of the Omaha platform is already a law in New Zealand, and New Zealand is today the most prosperous country in the world. But for the scarcity of cash and low prices resulting from the demonetization of silver, which New Zealand is powerless to remedy, that country would certainly be a mundane paradise. Why should we not profit by the example of this progressive and enlightened people? We have their ballot law, or an imitation of it, not nearly so good as the original. If the Australian ballot law is good for the United States, why are not other laws whose efficacy has been demonstrated by New Zealand, equally desirable?—Alliance Herald.

Forest fires are a far greater evil in this country than is generally known. In the last census year 2383 fires of this kind were recorded, of which 1369 were started by persons clearing land, 628 by hunters, 608 by locomotives, 101 by camp fires or pipes and 292 by incendiaries. That the loss of life and property by forest fires is largely unnecessary is proved by the comparative immunity from them in Canada and Maine, where the laws are stringent and the man who sets a forest fire is treated as public enemy. Canada maintains a fire patrol and fire wardens who are authorized to call for assistance. States that suffer from these dreadful fires should make a study of the Canadian forest laws, the success of which has been demonstrated.

Prunes are gradually coming to the front in Oregon. One South Umpqua farmer made last year \$2,500 clear of expenses, on ten acres of prunes. Another, on three acres, cleared \$850, with prunes at 5 1/2 cents per pound. In that part of the valley several prune orchards are beginning to bear and more trees are being set out every year. Ten acres means a fine income for any man.

It is said that a larger amount of gold was mined in the year 1893 in the United States, than in any previous year. This is probably due to the fact that miners, who hitherto delved for silver have given their attention to gold; and as a result many new ledges and mines have been discovered and developed as well as old ones reworked. New and better methods for saving the precious metal has been a factor,

LONGEVITY OF FEMALES.

The Medical Record says woman has the advantage of man as regards longevity; she suffers less accidents, injuries, and many forms of disease; she is, in fact, more tenacious than man of the limited enjoyments allowed her. Dr. Braudreth Symonds has collected and studied a large number of statistics to illustrate this interesting fact (American Journal of the Medical Sciences). The comparative mortality of the sexes at different ages shows that in the first year of life the mortality of the female is much less than that of the male, being at birth 92.64 per 1,000 as against 112.80, and at the end of the year 31.87 as against 35.08. This difference continues up to the fourth year, 10.50 to 12 the female mortality is greater than that of the male, being at the latter period 3.56 for males and 4.28 for females. At the age of 46 the male mortality equals that of the female, the latter having been up to this time slightly in excess. During the years 46 to 56, the period of the climacteric, the male mortality gains rapidly on the female, being 6.32 per annum for the one and only 3.47 for the other. Hence the climacteric is really a much more serious time for man than for woman. After 56 the female mortality gains on that of the male, but is always slightly below it. Woman has not only a less mortality, but a greater longevity than man. There is, also, a plurality of female births.

The Chino-Japanese war seems to have been brought suddenly to a close by the practical annihilation of the Chinese army. Incapacity on the part of her commanders, and an unpatric soldierly, has handicapped China from the beginning, while exactly the reverse has been true of the Japs. While China has suffered defeat, it does not follow that she will give up the struggle. With an unlimited supply of material for soldiers at her command and a ruler with unbridled will, China will not, probably, abandon the contest altogether. From reports, Japan seems to have been victorious in nearly every engagement, due to the superior quality of her soldiers, yet inferior as to numbers. Her commanders appear to have been the better masters of military maneuvers.

The end of the Breckinridge-Owens-Settle congressional contest has been reached, in the Ashland district, Kentucky, with a result of the retirement of the lecherous old scoundrel, Breckinridge, to private life. Such a result is highly creditable to the people of that district and state, and the entire nation will experience relief that it is to be humiliated no longer by the knowledge that this hoary old villain is one of its law-makers. Owens was the successful contestant, and the contest was probably the hottest political fight ever waged on Ky. soil.

Again has the record for trotting and pacing been broken and lowered. Robert J. paced a mile last week in the phenomenal time of 2:01.1. Seemingly there is no limit to his speed possibilities. It is but a few years since a 2:20 gait was regarded as being the attainment of perfection in the rearing and training of the trotter; now such a gait is considered but worthy of a buggy-horse.

It has been computed that the death rate of the globe is 68 per minute, 97,799 per day, or 35,717,700 per year. The birth rate is 70 per minute, 100,800 per day, or 36,817,200 per year, reckoning the year to be 365 1/4 days in length.

An effort is being made by the ruler of Liberia, Africa, to induce American Negroes to emigrate thither. He has offered to donate 20 acres of land to each immigrant and sufficient tools with which to cultivate it. Quite a large number of Negroes of the extreme southern states will accept of the invitation.

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