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WHAT OF THE FUTURE?

WHATEVER THE RESULT of the election, which occurs this week, the fight to restore the government to the people—to destroy the partnership between the Government and Wall street is yet to be made. Should Mr. Taft be successful, the battle will be postponed for four years and, it is reasonable to suppose, will be the more difficult to win. Should Mr. Bryan be the winner, then the battle will be on soon after his inauguration.

The American people are too intelligent and too well informed to lie down when defeated by the predatory classes, like a whipped spaniel. Oh no! They may be defeated, time after time, but they will never quit the struggle to regain their independence from the chains of financial servitude.

During the civil war, when the nation was called upon to undergo the severest struggle of its history, the volume of gold and silver money was found to be entirely inadequate to supply the money requirements of the government. Even during the years immediately preceding the war, our stock of metallic money was insufficient for the requirements of the government and the ordinary business of the people and a resort to the issuance of shin-plaster currency, by private and state banks, was made in order to supply the shortage. This shin-plaster currency proved to be most mischievous. Reckless banking had flooded the country with this class of money and the conduct of business became a hazard, as a consequence. Every business man endeavored to protect himself by the use of a book called a "Bank Bill Detector," which gave a list of solvent and insolvent banks, of issue. Every bank bill was scrutinized most closely before it passed in exchange. Counterfeit bank bills were plentiful and the loss of merchants and others was large, because of these bad bills, counterfeit and of banks which had failed.

So when the government was forced to resort to the issuance of currency, it was determined by congress to evolve a more stable currency than that issued by private or state banks. The greenback was to be this more stable currency. Congress deemed it expedient to have the good will of the financiers whom we denominate "Wall street," and accordingly advised with them. Wall street agreed to assist in the floatation of the greenbacks, if congress would place this sentence upon the greenbacks: "Good for all debts, public and private, except duties on imports and interest on the public debt." To this, congress finally agreed and, in so doing, entered into a partnership with Wall street, with Wall street as the senior member and master in the partnership.

This partnership has existed from that day to this, with Wall street enjoying the better end of the bargain. Evidences in many instances, bear out the truth of this assertion. The especial favors which national banks enjoy; the issue of bonds; the rushing of the people's money to the vaults of Wall street banks in the time of financial crisis, all are evidences of the existence of the partnership.

This partnership the people are determined to dissolve. They are determined that congress shall cease legislating in favor of Wall street and other predatory interests and, in the end will win out. It should not be thought that the people desire legislation against Wall street, except in case of wrong. But they do insist that special legislation, to further the interests of Wall street, shall cease. (By the use of the term "Wall street," we mean all predatory interests and the beneficiaries of special legislation.)

This is the battle the people have yet to win. As Mr. Taft seems acceptable to Wall street and all the interests it represents, we have the right to conclude that his election simply postpones the conflict for four years. Mr. Bryan's inauguration will probably precipitate a fight at once.

Whenever the people secure power to repeal legislation which furnishes the life blood to Wall street and favored classes, we may expect just as hard and stringent business conditions, as these people can bring about. But this we should expect and welcome gladly; for it is reasonable to suppose that the interests will defend rights,

which they have enjoyed so long and regard as being vested. We will, probably, have business stagnation for a spell. Until the new conditions are established, in which every citizen will be equal with every other citizen before the law and in the legislative halls, we may expect a somewhat chaotic business condition. Men who have accumulated millions through enjoying special favors by law, are apt to simply close up their business concerns for a spell, just to punish the people. They know they can stand idle mills; but they think the people cannot. By so doing, they would hope to drive the people into restoring the old conditions.

It is only through stoical action that the people can win and save the result of their victory. Yes, Wall street, the trusts and predatory wealth could, if so disposed, create an unpleasant state of affairs for a while, if they should unite for that purpose. But, in the end, the people will win out and restore better conditions than ever. Is not the battle worth winning, even if it does bring about a season of business depression or stagnation? If we have been wrong in our financial system; if we have allowed the greed of Wall street and predatory interests to outgeneral and overreach us, and we have to incur their ill will in order to get right, let us meet it unflinchingly and with a bold front, feeling that if the cure is severe, we will be the better for it ever afterwards.

Our farmers should, this fall, prepare some ground upon which to raise prize vegetables for next year's fair. It is a regrettable fact that our vegetable and fruit exhibit at our late fair, was much short of what it ought to have been. Blame for this fact may not be attachable to anyone. We know that the season has been backward and vegetables and fruits, in many instances, were not sufficiently matured at the time of the fair, for exhibit purposes. But in ordinarily favorable seasons, this will not be the case. If ground is properly prepared this fall and planted in due season next spring, as fine corn, cabbage, potatoes and other vegetables and fruit can be grown by September 1, as one can desire to see. So, farmers, prepare the soil, plant the seed and grow fine prize winners. You can do so if you will. Encourage your boy or girl to grow something or prepare something, of which you and your neighbors will be proud, for the next year's fair. The fair is yours and it's success depends upon you, one and all, for a creditable exhibit. Give the horse, cow, hog, sheep or goat, which you expect to exhibit next year, a little extra care this winter. It will pay you to do so.

The political campaign just closed was to be a clean, highly moral political contest. That is to say this was the plan in the beginning. Instead it degenerated into about the worst mud-slinging contest we have had. Either a number of our public men are morally bad and should be relegated to the shades of oblivion, or they are the worst abused men ever. No doubt there is a grain of truth wrapped up in the chunks of muck thrown but, probably, much of it results from a half-telling of the truth. There ought to be a spirit of fairness manifested even in dealing with campaign matters. If a public man's name is mentioned in an unsavory manner, the public is entitled to the entire truth about it. Tell the entire truth and then the public can place its own construction on what was the motive. The presidential candidates and campaign managers are all, probably, good men, as the world goes; yet the most of them have been smirched, more or less, by campaign mud. Nor has President Roosevelt been above mixing in the saturnalia of blackening of character.

Oregon has had an extraordinarily long political campaign, this year. Commencing at the beginning of the year, with the announcements of state and county candidates; followed by the primary campaign; then the campaign preceding the state election; followed almost immediately by the inauguration of the national campaign, has kept the people in a political turmoil during nearly all of the year. Nor are we quite through with it yet, as the election of United States senator is yet to be. Hereafter, however, our political campaigns will be much shorter. The changing of our state and county election to the date of the national election will limit the political turmoil to a period of not more than three months.

Now that the election is over, the people will have time to attend to their ordinary affairs. In Scio a number of important matters are on hand to be taken care of. The milk condensery, the fair, the inauguration of a high school, the building of a saw mill, are all enterprises that are matters of consideration, to be taken up this winter. By a united pull Scio can be pushed ahead. Let us all work to the one purpose of developing of our town and locality. If we wait for outside capital and enterprise, we may wait for years and maybe forever.

One thing is true. Either the Democratic campaign managers are grossly incompetent or they were dishonest. There was and can be no excuse for deceiving Mr. Bryan and the people in such a wholesale manner. Mr. Bryan does not need the presidency. His standing before the people is such that a four year's term in the White House would add no honor to his name. But the country needs him. It needs men at the head of the government with just such high and lofty ideals of government as Mr. Bryan possesses.

REPUBLICANS VICTORIOUS.

Landslide to Bryan Failed to Materialize—Wholesale Knifing in New York.

BUT BRYAN CARRIES HIS OWN STATE.

Union Labor Vote Has Generally Supported Taft and Sherman.

The Republican victory is even greater than the most sanguine Republican leaders hoped for. In New York the knife was used freely on both sides, but the Democratic side was the better artist; as greater New York city has given Mr. Taft a small majority, whereas the majority for the Democratic ticket usually heavy.

From all early indications, Mr. Roosevelt has failed signally to influence the union labor vote. Apparently it has gone solidly for Mr. Taft.

Oregon, as the Oregonian reports, has given the Republican ticket a majority in every county. A motion to make the vote unanimous is now in order.

The vote of Linn county by precincts: Albany—Taft 149; Bryan 102; H. S. 122; 55

E. Albany—Taft 115; Bryan 80; H. S. 104; 49

W. Albany—Taft 168; Bryan 115; H. S. 149; 75

N. Brownsville—139; Bryan 65; H. S. 106; 71

S. Brownsville—Taft 97; Bryan 62; H. S. 70; —

Center—Taft 30; Bryan 43; H. S. 28; 48

Crowdspring—Taft 78; Bryan 55; H. S. 40; —

Forster—Taft 27; Bryan 24; H. S. 27; 60

Fox Valley—Taft 43; Bryan 18; H. S. 31; 17

Halsey—Taft 121; Bryan 90; H. S. 86; 76

N. Harrisburg—Taft 64; Bryan 48; H. S. 18; 85

S. Harrisburg—Taft 54; Bryan 68; H. S. 34; 48

Jordan—Taft 22; Bryan 62; H. S. 40; 60

Kingston—Taft 22; Bryan 16; H. S. 20; 21

Lacomb—Taft 61; Bryan 42; H. S. 20; 21

N. Laboon—Taft 76; Bryan 60; H. S. 40; 79

S. Laboon—Taft 131; Bryan 112; H. S. 138; 139

Oreans—Taft 71; Bryan 36; H. S. 36; 59

Price—Taft 95; Bryan 60; H. S. 55; 73

Rock Creek—Taft 39; Bryan 21; H. S. 34; 19

S. Scio—Taft 45; Bryan 60; H. S. 48; 61

N. Scio—Taft 34; Bryan 48; H. S. 66; 22

Santiam—Taft 42; Bryan 55; H. S. 62; 34

Sheild—Taft 75; Bryan 123; H. S. 100; 56

Shelburn—Taft 41; Bryan 45; H. S. 66; 32

Stedaville—Taft 54; Bryan 18; H. S. 32; 19

St. at Home—Taft 53; Bryan 53; H. S. 29; 75

Syracuse—Taft 38; Bryan 39; H. S. —; —

Tellman—Taft 32; Bryan 26; H. S. 14; 40

Tangent—Taft 71; Bryan 63; H. S. 63; 51

Waterloo—Taft 77; Bryan 44; H. S. —; —

It is believed that the county high school has carried by something near 200 majority.

THE STATE
Baker—Taft's estimated plurality is 88

Benton—Incomplete, Taft 863; Bryan 557

Clackamas—Complete, Taft 57,8; Bryan 18,95

Clatsop—Complete, Taft 1484; Bryan 657

Columbia—Complete, Taft 1188; Bryan 425

Multnomah—Complete, Taft 17819; Bryan 9670

Folk—Incomplete, Taft 1117; Bryan 815

Sherman—Complete, Taft 447; Bryan 252

Tillamook—Incomplete, Taft 626; Bryan 292

Umatilla—Incomplete, Taft 2225; Bryan 1439

Union—Complete, Taft 1521; Bryan 1119

Walla Walla—Incomplete, Taft 801; Bryan 424

Wasco—Complete, Taft 1324; Bryan 770

Washington—Complete, Taft's majority 1759

Wheeler—Complete, Taft 416; Bryan 222

Yamhill—Complete, Taft 1988; Bryan 1233

Through the Nation.

Report as to various states are so incomplete that, to give figures, is useless. Mr. Taft's majority will be nearly as large as that given for President Roosevelt four years ago.

The Taft states are, Main, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, W. Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota, the D. C. of Kansas, Wyoming, Utah, Montana (alone), Idaho, Washington, Oregon and California. The Bryan states are Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Georgia, Tennessee, Louisiana, Texas, Kentucky, Missouri and Nebraska.

Mr. Taft still have about 100 vote majority in the electoral college.

What Mr. Bryan Says.

I am highly gratified over the results in the state. The National defeat has not been such a disappointment when we have had so many things to console us. I have I have continued my friends that running for office has only been an impediment to my work. My heart has never been set on holding office, but I wanted to do certain work and I found as though the Providence might offer the opportunity to do that work. I am sure that in private life I can have the chance to do so more good.

One is not required to hold office in order to do big things; one is simply required to do those things within his reach, and that which is within the reach of each of us.

Personally I shall find as much joy in being out of office, if the returns show I must, as I would to be in office. I hope still to be of influence to bring about needed reforms. I appreciate very much the confidence and loyalty of the people near us. It has been the greatest comfort that the election has given us. The fact that to be an organ when we live have shown this confidence we appreciate more than I can tell you. It has been very kind in you to come out here and visit us on this day.

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