

EX-SENATOR INGALLS.

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mately, though mysteriously, connected with the financial system that has been developed in the past twenty years. The contraction of the circulation medium of all the great nations by the destruction of the money functions of silver is, to my mind, the chief cause. I can see no other explanation of it, though I do not offer that as a solution. We are told time after time in the east that any one holding those views is either a madman, a knave or a fool. Not wishing to be put in any of these classes, I simply offer the suggestion as a possible cause, and leave it to others to determine another one. It is a curious fact, though, that with increasing population, creating increasing demands for food and clothing, all products of the farm and field have diminished in value, and that with the exhaustion of the public domain farming land should become more and more unobtainable—in short, that with idle capital constantly accumulating in our financial centers, all business and industrial enterprise should languish until we have reached a condition which I believe has never existed before since this government was established.

"I believe there can be no permanent return to prosperity until there is some change in our financial system by which the circulating medium will have a corresponding rate of increase with the increment of our population and the consequent demands of industry, commerce and manufacture. They tell us that we have \$24 or \$25 per capita of circulating medium in this country, when, in fact, there isn't \$10. Everybody knows that there is no gold in circulation and that the greenbacks are in the national treasury and the banks. All estimates of the per capita of circulating medium are mere guess work. They say as an excuse for the absence of an adequate circulation of money that 90 per cent of the business of the nation is transacted without money—by checks. That is perhaps true, but it is no remedy."

"Is our statesmanship to solve this question, or where are we to look for a settlement?" I asked.

"To the people," replied Mr. Ingalls. "This is a government of public opinion, not of statesmen. The people think and have their own views. They know what they want in respect of both money and the tariff. They have made up their minds and no man can deceive them, lead them or swerve them. The man or the party that attempts it will be lost. It is my observation that the American people can always be trusted with the solution of great problems like this money question. It is difficult, at times, to get them around to it. Their thoughts are crowded with their business or their pleasures, and on one pretext or another they remain indifferent. Once interested, though, they quickly master the problem."

TRUE STATESMANSHIP.

"The real statesman in this country is the one who sees ahead the drift of public opinion and is guided by it. Lincoln and Blaine were, and are pre-eminent in this respect among all of our great leaders, and their names suggest themselves irresistibly to me in looking at the aspect of public affairs. They perceived what the people thought and needed, and they went ahead and did it. Lincoln, particularly, is pre-eminent the representative man of the epoch, and his greatness is attributable to his ability to see the needs, the aspirations, the hopes and the fears of the great masses of the people, from which he sprang."

He is the man who represents more than any other, to my mind, the average convictions and purposes of the people. Lincoln was in no sense a leader—he was a follower of public opinion. In no single instance throughout the many crises of his career can it be shown that he endeavored to enforce his own convictions against what he believed to be the average opinion of the country. His will be one of the few immortal names and fames of the nineteenth century, and for the reasons I have stated."

"Cleveland advocates the retirement of the greenback as a measure of relief."

"Yes that is the favorite idea in the East, too. The greenback, however, is more powerfully entrenched in the affections of our people than is any other part of our currency, and it would be difficult—I believe impossible—to elect a president or a Congress pledged to its destruction."

"How do you regard Cleveland's administration?" I asked.

"In its practical and what may be termed its business results, it may be conservatively said that the Democratic experiment which the people made in 1892 has cost us more than did the rebellion in actual loss."

INCOMES SWEEPED AWAY.

Money, business, income, real and personal property, have all been swept away. I regard that 1892 election as a communist outbreak. The people new better. They knew that Democratic ascendancy in this government had always been accompanied with prostration of industries and national misfortune. They did not stop to reason, though. Here in the West, where crops had failed for two or three years in succession, and the capacity of the people to pay their debts was thereby impaired, they were told that the cause of their misfortune was unjust legislation, and that the only cure was by the enactment of laws that by some process would take from the superfluously rich and give to those who were undeservedly poor. The past three years have proved a severe object lesson to those who listened to that fallacious reasoning, and I should say that the people have now reached the conclusion that the only way to escape from poverty and hard times is by individual effort.

"I do not know whether or not Cleveland realizes what his election has meant to the country—how much of ruin and disaster have followed it. I am disposed to think he does not. His egotism and timid conceit are so excessive that he is oblivious to everything not directly connected with himself."

"I see no possible opportunity for the return of prosperity except by the election of a Republican president, pledged like McKinley, to a return of the government to a tariff that will give ample wages to the people and revenue to the government," continued Mr. Ingalls. "The people now understand that it doesn't matter how cheap a thing is, if you haven't a dollar with which to buy it. We all know McKinley. He has campaigned here when we were in sore need of Republican speaking, and he was always ready, whether he was to speak from the tail-end of a cart or a Pullman car, in a circus tent or an opera house."

FOR MCKINLEY.

"No man except Blaine has had such a hold on the people. I do not regard McKinley as a great statesman, or one of unusual ability. He is closer down to the people than that."

"I regard that as one of the strongest arguments for him. McKinley is accessible. Blaine was—in a way. He had the artifice known to politicians of calling casual acquaintance to mind, but there was always a distance between Blaine and the people. It is not so with McKinley. He is a commoner. When he talks the people listen. He addresses them in their own way—in understandable phrase, I might say."

A MILITARY ORDER.

Affecting the Drill Nights of the Boys Who Belong to "Salem's Pride."

The military companies of Salem will have a change in their time of drilling, Major Percy Willis having just received an order from Col. Geo. O. Yoran, the regimental commander, on this subject. Heretofore company "B" drilled on Tuesday night of each week; company "I" on Thursday night, and the second regiment band on Tuesday and Friday nights. The same order also transfers the band to Major C. E. Roblin, as Major Willis has enough work on his hands in looking after the efficiency of his two companies, thus reducing his work a trifle. Following is the order from the regimental headquarters:

Headquarters Sec. Reg., Infantry, O. N. G., Eugene, April 29.

Order No. 11:—

1. Commencing Wednesday, May 6, 1896, and continuing through the months of May and June, or until further orders be issued, companies "B" and "I" and the regimental band, second regiment, O. N. G., are hereby ordered to appear at their armory in Salem, Or., every Wednesday at 7:30 o'clock p. m. for drill and instruction under the command of Major Percy Willis, commanding 2d battalion, 2d regiment, O. N. G.

2. The drills herein ordered will take the place of the regular drills heretofore held by the respective companies, "B," "I" and band, which will be discontinued until the expiration of this order or until further orders be published.

3. Major Willis will make all necessary details for acting adjutant, sergeant-major and other details desired by him for his battalion instruction.

4. Paragraph IV. of R. O. No. 10 transferring the command of the second regiment band from Major C. E. Roblin to Major Percy Willis is hereby ordered revoked, and the same is hereby countermanded.

By order of Col. Geo. O. Yoran, H. T. Condon, First Lieutenant and Adjutant.

REPUBLICAN PLATFORM.

The representatives of the Republicans of the state of Oregon in convention assembled, call attention to the condition of industry throughout the country, as a proof of the necessity of returning to the policy of the Republican party under which there was general prosperity during thirty years.

We reaffirm the principles of the Republican national platform of 1892, and assert that the results that have followed the change effected by the election of that year have justified our protest against the national policy adopted by the Democratic party.

We believe that the government should have an ample revenue, with a sufficient surplus over ordinary expenditures to provide for coast defenses, for the steady building up of the navy, and for the constant reduction of the public debt. We believe that the present tariff, with its lowered rates and its destructive and dishonest system of undervaluations and discriminations as to localities, should be replaced by one based on protective principles similar to that of the McKinley bill and arranged to give ample protection to American wages and American industry, and to restore the reciprocity policy of James G. Blaine.

We have always given protection to our shipbuilders. In late years we have neglected to protect our shipowners. We believe the time has come to restore the policy of Washington and Hamilton, which, by discriminating duties in favor of American bottoms, secured 90 per cent of our carrying trade to American ships, and which, if now restored, would again revive our shipping and cause American freights to be paid to Americans.

The American people, from tradition and interest, favor bimetallism, and the Republican party demands the use of both gold and silver as standard money with such restrictions and under such provisions to be determined by legislation, as will secure the maintenance of the parity of values of the two metals, so that the purchasing and debt-paying power of the dollar, whether of silver, gold or paper, shall be at all times equal.

The interest of the producers of the country—its farmers and its workmen—demand that every dollar, paper or coin, issued by the government shall be as good as any other dollar.

Resolved, That we earnestly endorse the proposed amendment to the constitution of the United States, providing for the election of United States senators by popular vote, recently reported from the committee on privileges and elections by Senator Mitchell and now pending consideration in the United States Senate.

Resolved, That the application of the Oregon delegation in congress to the president of the United States and now pending before him, praying a modification of his proclamation creating the Cascade forest reserve, is hereby earnestly approved, and we appeal to the president to grant the prayer of our delegation in congress.

We realize the importance and magnitude of the fishing industry on the Columbia river and would recommend that some provisions be made by a state lottery for artificial propagation, and that the laws regulating the closed season be rigidly enforced.

That we endorse the efforts of our representatives in congress to secure repayment to the settlers of Oregon of the excess of \$1.25 per acre wrongfully collected by the government on lands located in the limits of the unearned Northern Pacific railroad land grant now forfeited.

The construction of the Nicaragua canal is of the highest importance to the American people, both as a measure of national defense and to build up and maintain American commerce. It is moreover of special importance to our Pacific states and we demand its completion as speedily as possible by the government of the United States.

We hereby endorse the action of our senators and representatives in congress in their endeavor to secure grants of pensions to Indian war veterans.

We pledge the Republican party to a rigid economy in the expenditure of public money; to the reduction of excessive salaries; and the abolishment of the fee system whenever possible, and of all useless commissions; and believe that no appropriation should be made to any school or charitable institution not under the control of the state; and oppose the incorporation into the general appropriation bill of items for the expenditure of public money not authorized by law.

We demand the enactment of rigid restrictions on foreign immigration, both for protection of our country against illiterate and vicious classes from foreign lands and for protection of our labor and preservation to our own people of the remainder of our national domain.

We commend the policy of the Republican party in relation to internal improvements, and in particular in opening our waterways to commerce, and we denounce the illiberality of Democratic party in these important matters.

Respectfully submitted,

T. E. FELL, Secretary. SOL. HIRSCH, Chairman.

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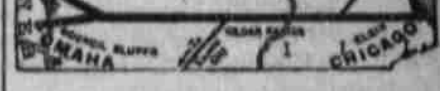
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