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TWO BIG CONVENTIONS.

The Silver Men and Populists at St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, July 24.

The first two days of the national silver convention were spent in effecting a permanent organization, appointing committees, and hearing speeches. We made the silver congressman of Nevada, Francis G. Newlands, temporary chairman, and Banker St. John of New York, permanent chairman.

They are men of brains, wealth and ability, second to none in the United States. Both are young men of national renown. A poll of the delegates of the American silver party, of whom there were 600 out of 900 present, showed their political complexion to be more than sixteen Republicans to one of other parties.

The St. Louis Exposition building was beautifully decorated for the occasion, and the local committee performed their work well in the details and accessories of the occasion. There was a good band, stage accommodations for two hundred reporters, and they were all present. There was a large number of old soldiers, union and rebels, and the former seemed to have no fear of fifty cent pensions.

There were the usual speeches made by the silver leaders, and they were well received of course. The utmost harmony prevailed and among the delegates were senators and congressmen, bankers and manufacturers, farmers and business men, certainly a creditable and conservative body of men. They will be found on the canvass in all the states of the union doing work for Bryan and bimetalism. The policy of the national silver convention was purely tentative, and solely for the purpose of promoting a union of forces for harmony and principle. A committee of one from each state was appointed on conference with a similar committee of the Populists, to agree upon all points where unity of action was desirable. The silver convention was a unit for Bryan and Sewall but wanted union of forces for independent bimetalism first.

This was the position of the silver convention at the close of the second day. A most stirring scene was when a beautiful young St. Louis elocutionist, arrayed as a goddess of liberty, crowned with a diadem of stars and draped in a Grecian robe of the American colors, waving a national flag, recited the declaration of independence. Each sentence was punctuated with applause and it was peculiarly apropos to the whole political situation.

Oregon was honored with several chairmanships of committees. Her delegates, composed of 9 Republicans, 5 Democrats and 3 Populists, were given places in the national convention organization as follows: Chairman of delegation, J. C. Cooper; vice president of convention, Amos Strong; resolutions, John Young; national committee, E. Hofer; on conference, M. L. Olmstead; on notification, Frank Clarno; on permanent organization, Frank Williams.

THE POPULIST CONVENTION was held in the same hall or exposition building where McKinley and Hobart were nominated, about a quarter of a mile away from the silver convention—about three times as large, composed of nearly 1,500 delegates. At the close of the second day it had not been fully organized for work.

It was a notable gathering, too large for the speedy or orderly transaction of business. The fight from the start was between the "straight-outs," "middle-of-the-road" or "anti-fusionists," and the Bryan elements in the People's party. It was led by the Texas and Georgia delegations and backed by the south and east as against an almost united west. Then Bryan Populists of the West were led by Colorado and Nebraska delegations, headed by Senator Allen and Editor Patterson of the Denver News, and the ablest and brainiest men of the West. Oregon was represented by John Jory of Salem, Editor Kaiser of Ashland, John Luce of Eastern Oregon, and Harry Watkins of Yamhill county.

They were divided on Bryan, and there was a strong "middle-of-the-road" element, favoring an independent Populist ticket. The flat money element was also opposed to Bryan. On the second day the delegation got a telegram from Salem, urging them to not endorse Bryan, but to stay "in the middle-of-the-road," and run a straight-out Peoples party ticket for president. It was signed: "R. R. Ryan and fifty others."

There is no doubt in this part of the United States, about Bryan's election, if the silver vote is united, and all earnest opponents of the gold standard pray that it may be. Kansas and Illinois are surer for Bryan than Oregon and Washington, and they are not considered doubtful. In my next I will tell about some of the men of national reputation, who were at these conventions.

Two Lives Saved. Mrs. Phoebe Thomas, of Junction City, Ill., was told by her doctors she had Consumption and that there was no hope for her, but two bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery completely cured her and she says it saved her life. Mr. Thos. Eggers, 139 Florida street, San Francisco, suffered from a dreadful cold, approaching consumption, tried without result everything else then bought one bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery and in two weeks was cured. He is naturally thankful. It is such results, of which these are samples, that prove the wonderful efficacy of this medicine in Coughs and Colds. Free trial bottles at Fred P. Legg's drugstore. Regular size 50c and \$1.

MUST BE LET ALONE.

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He wishes his dollars to be worth relatively more and more every year. He knows that the gold standard will perpetuate these conditions, while the adoption of free coinage would destroy them. It requires no great brain power to see this. Then let that class work and vote for the gold standard, but, in the name of all the gods at once, let the rest of us work for our own interests and the interests of posterity. The workingman, the farmer, the merchant, the professional man, who votes for the single gold standard, is simply a sucker. He may wear tailor-made clothes, and be as wise in his own conceit as the jay who bites at the shell game, but he is only a poor deluded sucker just the same. And if they succeed in fastening the gold standard on this country, it will be an other case of "the gambler wins and the sucker loses."

They tell us that "conservative business interests must not be disturbed;" that we must sheathe our swords and allow ourselves to be dragged at the chariot wheels of the money power, and perhaps they will allow us a sufficiency of good coarse, wholesome food and enough clothing to fairly cover our nakedness; otherwise there will be a panic, and we will be crushed at once. For the special privileges of property are superior to the real rights of humanity—of common humanity—"the herd;" so conservative business interests must not be disturbed, and the man who proposes to bring silver into competition with gold, as standard money, is, among numerous other things, a thief and an anarchist. Bah! Are the American people such fools as the goldites clearly think they are? Are the majority of voters to be caajoled or frightened by a job lot of high-sounding phrases which mean absolutely nothing?

There is just one poor argument used by the goldbugs which has reason behind it. That is that the adoption of free coinage would undoubtedly cause more or less of a temporary panic. By all means let us give them the full benefit of this one lonesome truth, but what then? If the only road to bimetalism and real prosperity lies by way of a panic, then the sooner we pass over the road the sooner we reach the promised land. We have lived through more than one panic, and we can live through another for the sake of the results. If it takes disagreeable medicine to cure a fatal disease, is that a reason why we should let the disease have its course? Further, it is certain that our present system renders us peculiarly liable to panics; for, when we try to float over 1,000 millions of credit currency with a reserve of only 100 millions of standard money, the pyramid is standing on its apex, and it takes but little to upset it. So why should we surrender to avoid something which we must face anyway?

There has been a time when Americans were not a race of cowards. Our forefathers did not hesitate to enter on an unequal struggle and lay down their fortunes and their lives for civil and political liberty. Shall we be a set of poltroons where financial and industrial liberty is involved? Are we afraid of being called "discontented agitators"? Do we not know that every great reform since the foundation of the world has been brought about through agitation? Jesus Christ was crucified as a pernicious agitator. Had He contented Himself with preaching the old Mosaic law He would have been forgotten eighteen hundred years ago, and the world would still be pagan. China ran in the same groove for three thousand years because her people were "contented." Shall we fail to support our principles because we "have always been republicans," and the republican platform declares for the single gold standard? The writer has "always

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been a republican." He cast his first presidential vote for that greatest of Americans since Lincoln, James G. Blaine, and he never felt so badly in his life, over any matter not personal, as he did over Blaine's defeat by the potbellied Child of Destiny whose financial precepts the Republican party has now embodied in its platform. But Blaine and Garfield and Lincoln have gone to their reward; and who is the Republican leader now? Mark Hanna—representing a syndicate—Mark Hanna, of whom no one ever heard until he had the nerve to invest \$18,000 in McKinley's chances for the presidency. Who is the Republican standard bearer? Major McKinley, who happened to be chairman of the committee which drew up a certain tariff bill—Major McKinley, who is, at heart, a bimetalist, but who subordinates his principles to his ambition—Major McKinley, on whom the syndicate represented by Mark Hanna has an \$18,000 mortgage.

What inspiring leadership! How the heart of the ragged and hungry private in the armies of plutocracy must swell with pride and devotion when such leaders sound the long roll, and command him to lay down his arms in unconditional surrender to the Rothschilds! What a glorious thing it is to be a coward, and what a still more glorious thing it is to be a sucker! but, when we find a voter who is a combination of both, how can we express our admiration? Shall we lay the flattering unction to our souls that we are "mostly fools"? We must certainly do so if the gold standard carries a western state.

Let us, for once, think more of humanity than of party—be better patriots than partisans. The Good Lord, He knows that it can't be much harder for any one to "go Democratic" than it is for the writer, but if he ever so far forgets himself as to vote for the gold standard, may the Devil take him.

DAVID BURR CHASE,
Salem, Oregon, July 26, 1896.

Game Law.
In yesterday's JOURNAL in the state news, an item appeared giving the date as August 1, when the season was open for shooting chickens, grouse and pheasants. The law is as follows: Section 6. Every person who shall, within the state of Oregon, between the first day of December and the first day of September of the following year, take, kill, injure or destroy or have in possession, except for breeding purposes, or sell, or offer for sale, any grouse, pheasant, Mongolian pheasant, quail, or partridge, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor; provided, however, that it shall be unlawful to kill, injure or destroy any prairie chicken, except during the months of July, August and September of each year. It shall be unlawful within the state of Oregon to kill or destroy any ring-necked Mongolian pheasant, or any of the various kinds of pheasants imported into this state by the Hon. O. N. Denny, or any quail, bobwhite or pheasant in that portion of the state of Oregon lying east of the Cascade mountains.

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