

HARD TIMES AND RELIGION.

The Pacific Baptist for February 14 says: "To the increasing sorrow of many Christians the hard times have not been accompanied by any general revival of religion. If hard times will make people religious, why not make them harder? Give us an India famine or even a bubonic plague. We fear our Baptist brother is 'off.'"

The churches that are clamorous for a revival of real religion are respectfully referred to the Great Master and his Disciples as an example. They went about doing good, had not where to lay their heads, had all things in common, there was no man but as had abundance, want was not known, and the churches, if there were any, were on a spiritual, not a financial basis.

What has the church to do with hard times and economy? Will our Baptist brother stop to think? Will you under take to teach and apply the principles of political economy? In proportion as you succeed, you will become the government. Will you teach, believe, advocate and practice Christian Socialism as taught in the New Testament? In proportion as you succeed you will overthrow this government. See?

The safest ground for our Baptist brother to take is the ground Christ took, that the kingdom he came to establish was the spiritual kingdom. "The Kingdom of Heaven is within you," said the Great Master. Begging our theological friends' pardon, it don't depend on hard times.

GOOD WORK THWARTED.

To read the tenor of Mr. Crawford's resolutions one must rightly conclude that the Republican machine is ready to enact all the reforms that the Populists demand. They forget to put in a demand for a primary law so in the afternoon that was put in. If anyone had moved to add that the millennium be established on earth, the Senators would have conceded it.

But seriously speaking there is every indication that the members of this legislature on both sides are disposed to enact reform legislation. We believe there are honest men on both sides who realize that a new order of things in the way of legislation would be acceptable to the people.

The time is past when slacker men could come together and employ twice as many of their relatives and political strikers as clerks, pass a few laws to create fat places for politicians, put through all the jobs they wanted, jam what could not be passed into the general appropriation bill, and carry on a score of whitewashing investigations; and call that a legislature!

Evidence accumulates that this legislature is disposed to do good work for the people if it can get the chance. But the block is over the senatorship. The men who fought John H. Mitchell last spring now want him senator. They then fought him because he was a slyer man. He has either abandoned his principles or they have abandoned theirs. This is a political emergency that no one could foresee. When it has worked itself out fully we assume the legislature will come to its senses and relieve the people. The good they would do is thwarted and wild as with them unless they lay aside the senatorial intrigue, lay aside their personal interests and seriously take up the work for which their constituents sent them to Salem. The good intention of honest men should not be thwarted for any one's ambition.

THE REPUBLICAN DILEMMA.

Interest in the senate bill for an international monetary conference deepens as the discussion before the house committee on coinage continues. The free silver members of the committee fear the bill may be talked to death before the session ends.

Representative Quigg, of New York, announced that several New York men desired to be heard before a vote was taken and desired a postponement.

"Wouldn't you like to see it postponed until the 5th of March?" asked Hillborn of California.

Quigg admitted he would be pleased at such a result.

"Then you are not in favor of carrying out the Republican platform?" Hillborn said.

"I am in doubt as to the expediency of passing this bill at this time," replied Quigg. He added that the New York congressional delegation was practically unanimous in opposition to Fowler of the banking committee, continued his speech against bimetalism. The speech soon drifted into the channel of free coinage, and Cooper and Towne took part.

When Fowler came to the question of conference, he said that further agitation of the question of bimetalism would keep capital out of the country. A conference would result only in an exchange of opinions of individuals. The last campaign had a clear-cut fight for the gold standard against free silver.

"If bimetalism is an exploded theory, why did the Republican platform declare for it?" Cooper asked.

"The party has been evolving out of it," said Fowler, "but unfortunately at St. Louis it left one foot in the past."

Then Towne asked if Fowler did not believe that the Republican party had made a pledge to the American people to use its best efforts to secure international bimetalism. To this, Fowler replied that he did not know what bimetalism meant. Towne asked, as the word bimetalism did not occur in the platform, did Fowler think it pledged the party to secure international free coinage of silver?

There was much parrying on this point, Fowler insisting that bimetalism was an absurdity. Towne declared that if the people thought the party did not intend to carry out the platform pledge, they would sweep the party off the face of the earth for such "infamous deceit."

Quigg then spoke, addressing, he said, the Republican members of the committee. It was true that the party had at St. Louis made a promise to work for international bimetalism, but the promise had been ignored or affected by what had gone before and after these particular words. That promise should be construed by the Republicans who had been chosen by the people on that platform, not by those whose terms were about to expire. Mr. McKinley had already sent a courier to Europe, whose free silver views were pronounced, to secure information on the subject. This bill came from a senate which had defeated every Republican measure sent to it in this congress. While it was not compulsory on the president, it must have great weight. No one knew that conditions were more favorable to a bimetallic conference now than at the time of the last conference. Information had been secured by the president through diplomatic channels.

There was further discussion and finally the committee decided to take a vote on the bill on Saturday.

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CRETE.

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Emperor William's Adherence Is Especially Appreciated.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—A dispatch to the Herald from St. Petersburg says: Entire satisfaction is felt here at the result of the joint action of the powers in Crete, and Emperor William's warm adherence is much appreciated. Even England's action is praised by the Novoe Vremya. As a precautionary measure, serving as a caution to Greek to behave reasonably if the worst should come to them, the Russian squadron is ordered to remain off Piraeus. Its force of eight ships will be further strengthened by the addition of the battleship Imperator Nikolay II.

LONDON, Feb. 19.—Osmond Jeffs, an old employe of the Pacific Steam Navigation Company, who disappeared with £2000 belonging to the company, while en route to Mexico, via the United States, and was arrested in Liverpool last Monday, was sentenced today to five months' imprisonment at hard labor.

PARIS, Feb. 19.—A dispatch from Athens says King George is to take command in person of the northern army. He is reported to have said he preferred to die in battle than to be an exiled king, which would be his fate if he did not take the lead in the present crisis.

OAKLAND, Cal., Feb. 19.—Nine lives were saved by a parrot in Piedmont. The shrill screech of the bird aroused the Hume family from slumber to discover that their mansion on Piedmont avenue was in flames. George W. Hume, the well-known shipowner, was the first one alarmed. He and his son Edward got the ladies of the household safely out of doors. Edward tried to telephone to the fire department, but as he called he was compelled to leave the instrument, being driven out by smoke and flames.

The beautiful home, with much of its valuable contents, was totally destroyed. Within a short time after the fire was discovered, nothing was left but a blackened mass of wood and bricks. The Hume mansion was one of the oldest homes in Piedmont. It was built 23 years ago in the center of a 13-acre tract, much of which is beautifully cultivated. Captain Hume will rebuild. He carried \$25,000 insurance, but his loss is estimated at twice that figure.

ROME, Feb. 19.—A special from Larissa, Greece, says a thousand Macedonians crossed the frontier and joined the Greek forces.

BERLIN, Feb. 19.—It is learned the the proposal of the Germans to blockade Piraeus, port of Athens, in order to check the warlike career of Greece, was vetoed by Great Britain, and there is little prospect of its being adopted. This, with other information, tends to strengthen the belief that the great powers are not seriously opposing Greece.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST.

In South Carolina they declare in the primaries a choice for senator and recently the "boss" was defeated in that way.

Pennsylvania is also having a capital removal agitation. An effort is being made to have the capitol moved to Philadelphia.

The cashier who embezzled \$100,000 of the funds of the First National Bank of Lebanon, Pa., has been sentenced to ten years in state prison.

Governor Rogers favors continued fast on a free silver platform and expresses compassion for "honest and misguided people" who urge a middle of the road policy.

Mayor Swift thinks that Chicago's bonded debt of \$17,000,000 for 2,000,000 people is nothing to worry over so long as there are other cities which are so much worse off.

McKinley is said to have determined on the following appointments: John Hay, ambassador to England; Horace Porter, minister to France; William Osborne, of Boston, consul general at London; James T. Bogle, of Cincinnati, consul general at Liverpool; Perry Heath, of Indianapolis, consul general at Paris.

One of the great financiers of South Carolina has presented a bill in the legislature providing that when a man reaches the age of 24 years without having married he shall be required to pay a fine of \$10, and that the fine shall be doubled every year he remains unmarried. The beauty of this law lies in the fact that a man who reaches the fiftieth year of bachelorhood would have to pay over to the state a neat little sum. Figure on this proposition. It is quite amusing.

THE LEGISLATURE. Baker and Malheur—Will R. King (Peo.). Benton and Lincoln—Tolbert Carter (Rep.). Clackamas—Geo. C. Brownwell (Rep.). Clackamas and Marion—Alonzo Gester (Rep.). Clatsop—John H. Smith (Dem.). Columbia, Washington and Tillamook—G. W. Patterson (Rep.). Coos, Curry and Josephine—C. E. Harmon (Rep.). Crook, Klamath and Lake—B. Daly (Dem.). Douglas—A. W. Reed (Rep.). Gilliam, Sherman and Wasco—E. B. Dufur (Dem.). Grant, Harney and Morrow—A. W. Gowen (Rep.). Jackson—S. H. Holt (Peo.). Lane—J. D. Driver (Rep.). J. H. McClung (Rep.). Linn—S. A. Dawson (Rep.). A. J. Johnson (Rep.). Marion—W. H. Hobson (Rep.). L. Patterson (Rep.). Multnomah—Geo. W. Bates (Rep.). J. E. Haseltine (Mitch. Rep.). Donald MacKay (Rep.). Ben Selling (Rep.) and Taxpayers' League; Joseph Simon (Rep.). Polk—B. F. Mulkey (Rep.). Sherman and Wasco—John Mitchell (Rep.). Umatilla—A. R. Price (Rep.). Umatilla and Union—T. C. Taylor (Rep.). Union and Walla-walla—J. W. Wade (Peo.). Washington—S. Hughes (Rep.). Yamhill—J. F. Calbreath (Rep.). Holdovers elected in 1894. Candidates for president: A. J. Johnson, of Linn, I. L. Patterson, of Marion, and Joseph Simon, of Multnomah.

Baker—D. W. Younkum (Peo.). Benton—John Whitaker (Peo.). Benton and Lincoln—E. R. Lake (Rep.). Clackamas—W. S. Kruse (Peo.). Clatsop—J. H. Crawford (Dem.). N. J. Svindeth (Peo.). Columbia—Norman Merrill (Rep.). Coos—Thos. Buckman (Peo.). Coos and Curry—W. H. Noster (Peo.). Crook—R. E. Misner (Dem.). Douglas—M. Crawford (Rep.). J. T. Bridges (Rep.). Geo. W. Riddle (Rep.). Gilliam—J. E. David (Rep.). Grant and Harney—C. S. Dustin (Peo.). Jackson—G. F. Schmittlein (Peo.). J. J. Howser (Rep.). Nat Langell (Rep.). Josephine—Henry L. Benson (Rep.). Klamath and Lake—Virgil Conn (Rep.). Lane—L. Blyue (Dem.). D. G. Palm (Rep.). T. J. Vaughan (Rep.). Linn—John M. Somers (Rep.). Johnson S. Smith (Peo.). T. M. Munkers (Rep.). Malheur—L. W. Hope (Rep.). Marion—H. L. Barkley (Rep.). E. W. Chapman (Rep.). David Craig (Rep.). McKinley Mitchell (Rep.). J. N. Smith (Rep.). Morrow—J. N. Brown (Rep.). Multnomah—J. B. Bayer (Rep.). Jonathan Bourne, Jr. (Mitch. Rep.). Peo. James N. Davis (Rep.). Geo. H. Hill (Rep.) and Taxpayers' League; H. A. Hogue (Taxpayers' League) and Mitchell (Rep.). A. L. Maxwell (Rep.). D. L. Fovey (Rep.). W. E. Thomas (Mitch. Rep.). Henry Wagner (Mitch. Rep.). T. J. Lee (Dem.). J. A. Ventura (Rep.). Sherman and Wasco—B. S. Huntington (Rep.). F. N. Jones (Rep.). Tillamook and Yamhill—John Gill (Peo. and Union Bimetallic). Umatilla—E. J. Davis (Rep.). J. S. Givane (Rep.). W. T. Rigby (Rep.). Union—J. W. Mehlster (Rep.). F. S. Stanley (Rep.). Walla-walla—C. E. Jennings (Rep.). Washington—Harvey S. Hudson (Rep.). G. W. Marsh (Rep.). J. R. C. Thompson (Rep.). Yamhill—H. G. Guild (Union Bimetallic). O. C. Emery (Union Bimetallic).

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