M'MAHON

Turns Up in New York.

Tells of His Trip Across the Continent.

NEW YORK, May 4.—Since leaving Salem I have run against almost everything except prosperity. In the west we looked for prosperity to land in the east and arrive in our country some time in the near future. But in this country the people appear to be of the opinion that prosperity has already developed in the west and is coming this way. I asked a prominent business man here if times had improved any within the last year in this country? No, said he, it's worse now than it was two years ago and the devil of it is, it's getting worse every day. In Chicago, a prominent business man who deals in railroad supplies inquired as to conditions in the west. Upon being informed of the conditions existing in that country he gloomily shook his head and said, "If it were to do over again I would vote differently. Just before election I received numerous orders for goods, all of which were to be cancelled in the event of Bryan's election. I certainly thought that if McKinley was elected times would be better, but as soon as the election was over those were all cancelled I know but little about the money question, but I do know that the pre-election promises have not been kept. The president of a bank sized up the situation intelligently. We elected Mr. McKinley on the money question said he. There can be no prosperity until our laws provide for the retirement of the greenbacks, but President McKinley called congres together in extraordinary session to revise the tariff. Who in the devil cares anything about the tariff?

Salt Lake City is not enjoying prosperity, neither is Ogden. Idle men are on all corners and many magnificent business houses are empty. I saw Alex Ross, well known in Silverton and Woodburn. He has been in Salt Lake a year and in discussing the situation he said that practically there are three men for each job and everything going from bad to worse. Hon. Henry Lawrence, state chairman of the People's party, a former Republican and one of the most prominent business men in Utah, is of the same opinion. In discussing the political situation from a party stand point Mr. Lawrence said it is necessary for the People's party to line up and keep its organization intact. He is also of the opinion that the party will not again endorse Mr. Bryan on a Democratic platform. The money question, said Mr. Lawrence, is a great issue, but the last campaign proved that the government ownership of railroads and telegraphs is equally as great and the Populist party will support no man who does not come squarely before the people on this question.

The business men of Salt Lake are well acquainted with John C. Young, of whom they speak in the highest terms of praise. It appears that the last Oregon legislature was not the first battle ground that Mr. Young ever saw, for he was a leader in the reform element which took the city government of Salt Lake out of the hands of the Mormans. In those days such men carried their lives in one hand and a six-shooter conveniently close to the other.

There are many relics of Mormonism in Salt Lake. The old adobe structures of the early pioneers are scattered throughout the city, many of them being in a state of excellent preservation. The growth of polygamy is illustrated by these old buildings. The pioneer and his wife put up a modest adobe house in the middle of a lot. After awhile the husband took another wife, but even religious tenets and the admonishments of the elders could not preserve peace in a room where two women had to live with one man. As a result another adobe house was built on right; when wife No. 3 was taken an adobe house was built on left and so on until the lot was filled or the man died. The gentiles are very generally of the opinion that polygamy is still practiced throughout Utah, not by the younger generation, but by those who had a plurality of wives before the passage of the Edmunds' law. In fact, one Morman lady sought to defend polygamy by saying that "anyhow, when my husband is away from home I know where he is, and that is more than you gentiles know about your husbands when they are away for a month."

Denver is one of the nicest cities I ever saw, but the number of vacant business houses, together with the barber signs of shaves 5 cents, hair cut 10 cents, and hundred of idle laborers prove that it is not prospering. While I was in Denver they held a city election, the contest being between the regular Republicans and a combination of Populists and Bryan Democrats. It was a bitter fight, but the result was disastrous to the Republicans.

There is less life and more evidences of bankruptcy in Omaha than in any other town I ever saw, whole blocks of business houses are empty, factories are shut down and in many instances dismantled. Main thorough fares do not present as many signs of business activity as does Commercial street in Salem. Cobwebs stretch from lamp posts to street corners, and the people have a dejected hopeless appearance. Two failures of crops in Nebraska, and the present crisis have been Omaha's undoing.

Des Moines is in a better condition than Omaha, but her deserted streets and empty houses prove that she is not prosperous. Corn is selling for 13 cents, and since the hog cholera has exterminated the hogs and cattle are scarce the state is loaded down with feed and nothing to feed it to. As a result the farmers have to burn the stocks which cattle should eat and plow under the waste corn that is usually picked up by hogs. Most farmers have on hand a two year's crop of corn, very much of which is rotting in the cribs.

In concluding this article I want to say that from the Pacific to the Atlantic there is neither prosperity or confidence. More old bands are breaking than there are new ones being chartered, more factories are being dismantled than there are new ones being built, and more factories closed down than there are being started up. There is less work for the laborers now than there was a year ago, and while the poor are not growing poorer they are growing more numerous. During the five days I have been in this city eighteen men and women have committed suicide and three have been reported as starved to death. "Out of work—despondent," this is the most used of all the sterostyped head lines. While this dance of death goes on Tom Reed holds the house in his fist, the senate is tied by its rules so that the minority governs and the wild scramble for office goes on unabated. I am not surprised that there are anarchists in this city when a rich individual spends $10,000 in a single night for flowers with which to deck his festal hall, and rides on a Sunday morning with a coachman and footman in gorgous livery to a million dollar church. The only wonder is that there not more anarchists numbered among the forgotten millions.

L. H. M.

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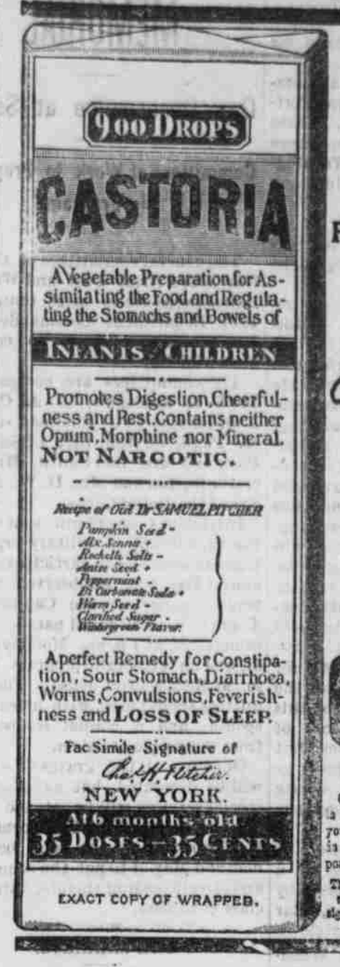

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